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## Big Plans For KOA

Massive changes are planned for the KOA Holiday Campgrounds in Lillian promising a great new look with new management.

A presentation of the project's scope was given in mid-March by Robert Urias, Southeast Regional Project Manager for Kleban Properties. Urias spoke to over 100 people at The Lillian Community Club during a Civic and Legislative meeting. Kleban closed on the property last month.

Urias is in charge of the new renovations.

The current site features 10 acres of recreational space with 100 RV Sites, 17 cabins, Chubby's Restaurant, General Store & Office, fishing dock with 2 boat lifts, 100 ft. pool with hot tub and sauna, Clubhouse and 2 dog parks. Each RV site and cabin can connect to water, sewer, electric, cable TV and WIFI.

Urias said the new renovation plans will include a new entry, paved roads, renovate the current Chubby's Pizzeria, add a new marina restaurant with bait shop and new pier, an amphitheater with outside seating with a view of the bay, 30 new RV sites and new cabins including treehouse-style and at some later date possibly condominiums.

Urias said the total cost of the project will be around \$23 million.

See KOA, Continued on Page 2



*Kleban Properties purchased the KOA site in mid-March and are the new owners of the KOA Holiday in Lillian. Below is an artists rendition of a remodeled Chubby's Pizzeria in Lillian. Chubby's will remain under a proposed lease*



**See Full Map of  
Plans for KOA**

**Makeover - Page 9**

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*Above, proposed outdoor theater planned as part of the KOA renovation and construction planned by new owners Kleban Properties. Below is an image of proposed guest quarters in a unique tree-house style.*

**KOA, Continued from Page 1**

During the presentation, Urias gave a groundbreaking time frame of within eight months and a completion time-frame within 12 months thereafter. Some of the new construction will include dredging and possibly a shoreline barrier, filling of the ancient septic tanks and conversion to the current municipal system that serves the KOA area.

Urias assured those in attendance that all required approval on the renovations and roadwork will have the required permits and approval from Baldwin County.

Most of the current staff are staying including

the General Manager, Lanette Workman, and Assistant Manager Todd Robinson. Currently there are three openings for Maintenance and Ground Keeper.

The positions pay \$11.50 with free rent. Once the new renovations are completed, KOA campgrounds will employ over 50 people.

This is an exciting plan to give visitors more opportunities to experience the beauty of Perdido Bay and the amenities of KOA Campground.

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Pictured, above, Joy Miller, Maya Boyd, Jessi Dade, Rylee Mohler, Caite Parker, Delaney English, Kolie Williams, Chloe Pitard, Alyssa Morr ow. Pic-



tured with pillowcases: Braydon Hood, Violet Vanderpool, Stafford Arthur, Tristan Ridenour, Brandon Nolan, Bennett Tyler

## Elberta Peer Helpers Reach Goal One “Sweet” Dream at a Time

Members of Elberta Middle School Dreams. Our goal was to make at least 200 pillowcases for children in the hos-  
 FCCLA Peer Helpers and the Ad- 200 pillowcases for children in the hos-  
 vanced Teen Connections class have pital. Since winter break, students have  
 worked tirelessly on our Project Sweet put in almost 100 hours to make this  
 happen! On February 15, they dropped another pillowcase donation at the end  
 off 150 pillowcases to The Studer Fam- of March. Thank you to Ascend Perfor-  
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*The Perdido Grande Dames Red Hat Ladies Society enjoyed a delicious luncheon in their own exquisitely decorated room at Pedro's Mexican Restaurant when they celebrated their Mardi Gras party on March 8. We welcomed Tonda Adams to our group; along with special guest, Marge Dullard, Vickey Massey's 90-year-old mother. Hostesses Deborah Donin and Sandra Jurries had a special door prize for each lady. Birthday girls Judy Wargo and Waynette Brown received beautiful Murano glass flowers. The 17 ladies who were there had a wonderful time!*

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## Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

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Nancy's favorite things are shopping, eating out, hanging out with cousins, and taking care of her dog, Tiki.

She's one tough lady.

She's undergone three leg surgeries then helps take care of her parents! Her current job is sweeping and cleaning at the Lillian Bait and Tackle shop.

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I then called my internet provider, gave her the ACP information that was provided in the email and "Voila!" I had my discount registered.

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She got me down to a fairly reasonable price and then hit me with the Affordable Connectivity Program, an independent not-for-profit designated by the FCC. If you qualify, your inter-



### Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

the local channels!

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There is also a plan to get a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer. Hooray for my internet/cable representative! She saved me \$30 per month just by giving me that one suggestion. Yep, there are some people who take their jobs seriously. I'm happy I found one.

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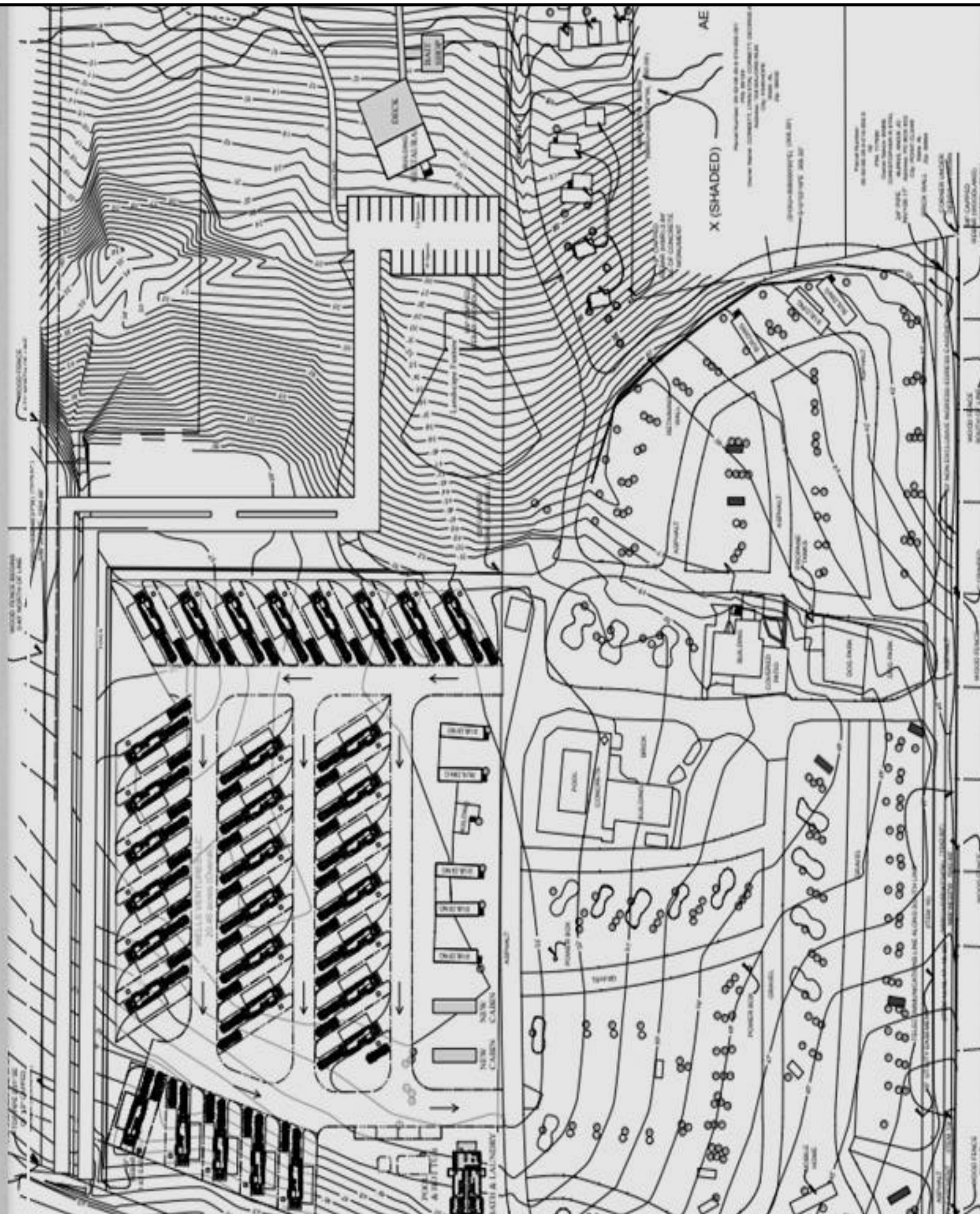
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Regionally, the south has the high-

est prevalence rate of inactivity accord-



## Health Corner

By Donna Chetta, RN

ing to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2022. Alabama is one of the seven states listed as being the least active

You may be wondering how you go from being inactive to adopting a more active lifestyle.

The first step is to get committed to your own health and self-care. That means taking time out for yourself and your busy schedule to get up and move.

The second step is to get creative on how you will include more physical activity into your daily routine.

You will never have enough time so you must make time. Breaking down physical activity throughout the day into 10-20 minute increments is an easy way to fit more activity into your daily routine.

If you are having trouble staying on track, enlist support from your friends and family or identify someone as your accountability partner with whom you can track your progress.

I know from experience that accountability partners are a great way to keep you going on the days you don't feel like exercising.

You won't always be motivated to exercise so you have to have a strategy for overcoming those days of inactivity.

A great way to get started in becoming more active is to get connected with local people who are committed to staying healthy and identify local recreational resources.

Remember to check with your health care provider before starting any new exercise program. For more information on becoming more physically active visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

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## Legion Gives a Shoutout to Ham Dinner Patrons

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## Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavalley,  
Adjutant

The following are areas your contribution helps accomplish: 1) Support two students from Robertsdale High School for Alabama Boys State Program. 2) Assist Veterans with wheelchair ramps, 3) present the Veteran's Day program, 4) Support the Medical Closet, 5) Legion Baseball which is coming back to Lillian in 2022, 6) Recognize two students from the JROTC program.

Post 48 here in Lillian's membership is at 99.15 percent we need one more member whether you be a new one, old member who has been missing for a few years or even someone who has not renewed from last year to get to that converted 100%

The American Legion is your voice in Congress, they need membership numbers when they go in front of the VA and all concerned. Membership has been declining with the last of our WWII, Korean and a good majority of our Vietnam Vets, going on to that great commander in the sky. This is your chance to be heard.

**MEDICAL CLOSET:** Post 48 would like to reaffirm to the Lillian Community that the Medical

Closet is for all Lillian citizens and there is absolutely no charge. Many items are available for use, such as walkers, hospital beds, toilet items and walkers. The only requirement is the return of said items when no longer needed. Donations are accepted to assist in the maintenance of this valuable commodity.

The focus has been and always will be on service to the community and support of our veterans. The four pillars of the American Legion are: Fostering a strong national security, taking care of Veterans, mentoring the youth of our nation, and promoting patriotism and honor.

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

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 pm in the Lillian Community Club Hall. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving.

*Winners of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Essay Contest recently visited the club to read their entries. Pictured are First Place Winner Connor Welsh and Third Place Winner Ella Thorjessen. Not pictured is Second Place Winner Jesse Dade. Connor attends Elberta High School; Jesse and Ella are Elberta Middle School.*



## Need To Borrow Medical Supplies?

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Individuals willing to donate items can call and Legion members will pick them up.



## Bayside Baptist Lists Easter Services

Everyone is invited to celebrate Easter with Bayside Baptist Church. We will be having a Good Friday service on Friday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m..

Come and share in the meaning of the cross, as we celebrate the victory of what the cross represents.

Then on Easter join us as we observe the Lord's Supper during the Sunday morning service at 10:30 am. Our 20 voice Choir will present the Cantata "Cornerstone" at 6:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday evening.

Bayside Baptist Church is located at 33677 Hwy 98, Lillian, AL, 36549.

For more information, you may call Greg Brown at 812-371-2323.

## Shepherd of The Bay Easter Services

John writes, "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 JOHN 4:10). There is no greater love to be found anywhere than in Christ's death on the cross for us.

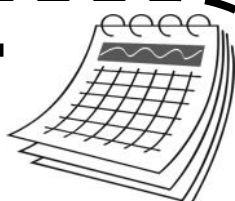
And it is our joy to share this Good News with others. The congregation of Shepherd of The Bay Lutheran Church and Pastor Timothy Sowers invite you to join us for Holy Week Services at: Shepherd of The Bay Lutheran Church, 12851 Perdido Street, Lillian.

Maundy Thursday April 14th: Divine Service with Holy Communion 9:00 am followed by Bible Study and a light lunch following..

Good Friday April 15th: Divine Service 9:00 am.

Easter Sunday April 17th: Divine Service with Holy Communion 9:00 am followed by a Brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

## Community Calendar



April 5 & 19 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge

April 5, 12, 19, 27 - AL-ANON meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church in the conference room

April 6, 13, 20 & 27 - 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.

April 9 at 8 AM- Optimist Club Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club as Paula Doty from Gulf Coast Kid's House shares about their service with the Child Advocacy Center located in Pensacola, FL. (No Reservation Needed)

April 10- Palm Sunday Celebration at 8 & 10 AM at the Lillian United Methodist Church located at 12770 S Perdido St, Lillian, AL 36549.

April 12 & 26 - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of the month

April 11 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street

April 14- Holy Week Tenebrae Service at 6:30 PM at the Lillian United Methodist Church located at 12770 S Perdido St, Lillian, AL 36549.

April 15- Holy Week Good Friday Service at 12 Noon at the Lillian United Methodist Church located at 12770 S Perdido St, Lillian, AL 36549.

April 16- Community Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 AM at the Lillian Recreational Park located at 33914 Widell Avenue, Lillian AL 36549. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and area churches. Hotdogs served following.

April 17- Easter Sunday Celebration at 8 & 10 AM at the Lillian United Methodist Church located at 12770 S Perdido St, Lillian, AL 36549.

April 18 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m., third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club

April 19 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., third Tuesday of each month, St. Joseph Catholic Church

April 23 at 8 AM - Respect for Law Recognition Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. We will be hosting all of Baldwin County's law enforcement departments, recognizing the various officers of the year in each department.

April 30 - Volunteer Fire Department open house,

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## Home is Where the Deductions are

As we wind down the 2021 tax season, I think it might be useful to explain the home office deduction. Many of you have worked at home during the pandemic and are wondering if this deduction might be available to you.

The home office deduction is available to qualifying self-employed taxpayers, independent contractors and those working in the gig economy. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed at the end of 2017 suspended the business use of home deduction from 2018 through 2025 for employees. Employees who receive a paycheck or a W-2 exclusively from an employer are not eligible for the deduction, even if they are currently working from home.

There are two basic requirements to qualify for the deduction. You need to use a portion of your home exclusively for conducting business on a regular basis, and it must be your principal place of business. The area used for business can be a room or other separately identifiable space. The space does not need to be marked off by a permanent partition, but it must not be

for both personal and business use. An exception applies when storing inventory for resale or if you use your home as a daycare facility.

Again, to claim the deduction, you must use part of your home for one of the following:

Exclusively and regularly as a principal place of business for a trade or business

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As a separate structure that's not attached to a home that is used exclusively and regularly in connection with a trade or business

On a regular basis for storage of inventory or product samples used in a trade or business of selling products at retail or wholesale

For rental use

As a daycare facility

The term "home" for purposes of this deduction:

Includes a house, apartment, condominium, mobile home, boat, or similar



### Let's Talk Taxes

By Carol Kovacs  
CPA, EA

property.

Deductible expenses for business use of home normally include the business portion of real estate taxes, mortgage interest, rent, casualty losses, utilities, insurance, depreciation, maintenance, and repairs.

In general, you may not deduct expenses for the parts of your home not used for business; for example, expenses for lawn care or painting a room not used for business. Also deductible are the furniture and equipment used in the office for the conduct of business.

There are two ways to claim the home office deduction – a simplified method or the more extensive detailed method. To use the simplified method, multiply the current rate of \$5 per square foot of the office space times the square footage used for business, up to a maximum of 300 square feet or

\$1,500. The regular method involves finding the percentage of the office space relative to the square footage of your home, and then using that ratio to determine how much of the expenses for maintaining are allocable to the office space.

This method also involves determining an appropriate amount of depreciation for the office space.

Use form 8829 to claim the expenses using either of these methods.

Taxpayers who use their home on a regular basis for providing daycare may be able to claim a deduction for part of the home even if it is used as the same space for any variety of nonbusiness purposes.

You can find additional information in Publication 587, Business Use of Home (Including Use by Daycare Providers) and Form 8829, Expenses for Business Use of Your Home

I hope you found this information interesting and helpful.

If you have any specific questions or areas of interest that you would like addressed in future columns (leave out your personal information), my email is carolpkovacs@aol.com. Use "Let's Talk Taxes" as the subject line.

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## Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

Someone asked me why I jump around from one subject to another. When I first started this column in 1997 it was called Lillian News and its purpose was mostly to report what was going on at The Lillian Community Club. But I often threw in other topics, especially if there wasn't much LCC news to write about. When LCC started placing their ad-of-events, I decided to rename my column.

My sister was visiting one day while I contemplated on a new title. She said, "you always write bits of this and pieces of that, why don't you call it Bits and Pieces?" Now you know the rest of the story as Paul Harvey used to say.

In March, five-hundred million dollars' worth of new electric luxury cars caught fire on a freighter ship off the coast of Portugal. The ship and cars were destroyed. The purported cause was that it started in one of the car batteries. If I had an electric car, this information would make me nervous.

While on the subject of electric vehicles (EV), I thought that I'd do some research. Let's start with how it will affect the wallet. The cost of an EV is 10 to 15 percent more than a gasoline run car, but that percentage is growing and expected to continue this trend for some time. If the battery cost comes down, the price of the EV should follow.

The electric used in the car should cost \$14 per kilowatt to fully charge the vehicle. You can travel about two hundred fifty to three hundred miles on a full charge.

You will need to install a charging station. You cannot plug into a regular outlet. Home chargers can cost from \$500 to \$700 plus an additional high price to have it wired. The cost of the chargers is expected to gradually come down in price.

The first home charger my granddaughter had installed only gave three miles per one hour of charge. She eventually had to upgrade. Her new one gets 20 miles per one hour charge. There are faster ones but the price tag rises with the convenience.

Most public chargers are "Level 2" and charging is slow. The cost of a

charge can be \$20 to \$25. Faster public charging stations are starting to become available and can add two hundred miles in about 20 minutes. On a recent trip, I saw that some gas-line stations had a section of chargers. I never saw a sign informing travelers where these were located, but maybe in the future locations will be advertised. You have to plan these stops on your travel schedule.

At the moment an EV buyer may receive a federal tax incentive. For the more expensive models, this could amount to as much as \$7,500. However, Congress is working on increasing this amount.

Of course, there has to be a negative somewhere. Many states have jacked up their registration fee on the EV to make up for the loss of the gasoline tax.

The lifespan of the lithium-ion battery should last 10 years or 100,000 miles, but degrades faster with over-charging, excessive charging, running down the battery too far and warm climates.

If the battery has to be replaced while under warranty (8 years or 100,000 miles) it won't cost anything. After that, it could cost you anywhere up to \$20,000.

Lithium is a natural resource found in the earth, often in briny underground ponds.

We're told that lithium batteries will only be toxic if disposed of in large quantities. Lithium is also highly flammable and has to be kept in a vacuum.

We are being told that 80% of the battery can be recycled and eventually there will be specific drop off areas for bad batteries. If the batteries are only toxic if collected in mass, doesn't this go against their own warning information?

Many countries will ban the sale of gas or diesel vehicles by 2030 - 2040. I'm trying to hang on to my old car. With a fixed income, I don't need a car payment. How many of us will be able to afford the EV when we'll be forced to buy one? In my opinion, the verdict is still out. When governments and special interest groups want something, the public often does not get the right or full information.

And is the push toward EV the third reason for the historic rise in gasoline prices? You should know what the other two reasons are.

"To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe." Marilyn vos Savant.



# Never Get Over the Cross of Christ

The Cross for me is a reminder of who I am and Whose I am. The Christian faith is not a set of rules for successful living. It is no philosophy or self-help theory. It is a declaration of God's mighty acts in history, centering around a cross and an empty tomb. Isaac Watts great hymn: "When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride." The entertainer Dale Evans, wife of Roy Rogers, was fond of saying, "I looked for my pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow but found it at the foot of the cross." The cross of Christ is the greatest purest expression of love the world has ever known. When Jesus spoke of his pending crucifixion in Luke 9:22 He said, "The Son of Man MUST undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Jesus was drawn toward the cross because it was his destiny. He was the only person in history born for the purpose of dying. John 3:16 proclaims, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life." God built this world on a moral foundation. When God's moral laws are violated, somebody always pays for it. Since Jesus was the only sinless person in history, he alone was free from indictment for his own sin. Therefore, he was a worthy offering or sacrifice for the sins of all humanity past, present and future. As God in human form, He was great enough and good enough to be a sacrifice for the sins of all humanity. Our salvation has been paid for in the shed blood of Jesus. Therefore, we can know forgiveness and a relationship with God. All this was done because God loves us. Once we accept Christ as Lord and Savior we make him Lord and not just Savior of our lives by taking up our cross and following where Jesus leads. In Luke 9:23, Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." This does not mean to simply endure whatever is thrust upon us by what some people call fate or bad luck. A cross is an unforced, voluntary obligation. It means to offer some costly witness or ministry because our gratitude compels us. What compels us is gratitude and grace - not



## The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

guilt. To be a Christian is to be dominated by gratitude and wonderfully obsessed by grace. If you ever really understand that Jesus' agony on the cross was for you personally, you can never get over it. You should NEVER get over it! You will spend the rest of your days trying to say thank you in appropriate ways. Garrison Keillor in one of his unique radio broadcasts talked about a Thanksgiving he experienced in rural Minnesota. The whole family gathered around this huge table, creaking under the weight of a turkey-centered feast. "Then", said Keillor, "someone made the mistake of calling on Uncle John to say the blessing. They should have known that Uncle John couldn't pray without talking about the cross and crying. Nothing makes the rest of us more uncomfortable than standing around listening to a grown man cry. We stared at the floor and shifted from one foot to another." Then Garrison Keillor added this inci-

sive observation that cuts to the quick: "All of us knew that Jesus had died on the Cross, but Uncle John had never gotten over it." God forbid that any of us should ever get over it. I pray that you have allowed the Cross of Christ to transform your life as you receive the love God has for you. I pray that that loving sacrifice has motivated you to take up your cross and follow Jesus out of eternal gratitude. I close with the words to a beautiful song by Darlene Joyce Zschech titled, "Thank You for the Cross Lord". "Thank you for the cross, Lord, thank you for the price You paid, bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came and gave amazing grace. Thank you for this love, Lord, thank you for the nail-pierced hands, you washed me in Your cleansing flow for now all I know is your forgiveness and embrace. Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne, Crown You now with many crowns, you reign victorious, High, and lifted up, Jesus Son of God, The Darling of Heaven crucified, Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb." Indeed, Worthy is the Lamb of God, Jesus, who on the cross meant for us, gave His life, and died our death so we could share in the victory of the resurrection. I pray you know this victory and know this peace.

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### Holy Week Services

April 14, Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30 p.m.,

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April 17, Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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## Lillian Volunteer Fire Department Gears for Membership Meeting

By Goretty Lysek

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 87 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in February: 55 Medical Assistance; 2 Public Assists; 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents/Clean up; 1 Structure Fire; 5 Brush Fire; 6 Cancelled en route; 7 False Alarm/Miscellaneous; and 7 Aircraft Stand By.

Over the last couple of years many functions were cancelled due to Covid and the fire department was no exception.

In 2020 we had everything ready to go for our annual "Open House" and at the last minute had to cancel and of course, 2021 was a no go also. Well we are now very happy to inform you this year we are going full speed ahead with our 'Open House'. It will be held Saturday, April 30th from 1000-1400 at Santa Piedro Street. As usual we will have many attractions: children's smoke house; Water spraying for kids; doll house demo; and bunk out drill. Of course we will also have free hot dogs

and burgers; drinks and chips. In addition we will be entertained by the amazing songs and music from the very talented Curtis Cantrell. Our focus this year will be recruiting new members to the fire department. We will have two stations - a fire and EMS table. So if you have been thinking about joining please drop by our recruiting area.

There will many attractions for all the family so please bring the kids and

come visit with your neighbors and members of the fire department. Looking forward to seeing ya'll.

The semi-annual General Membership Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held April 4th.

This meeting will be held at 11331 County Road 91S at 7 P.M. All Lillian residents are welcome to attend. The 2021-2022 fund-raising letters were mailed October 1st. The addresses for

the mailing were provided by the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioners Office.

If you have a problem receiving your letter, call the Fire Station (962-2696) and leave a message. Also, you can use the information below to send out your contribution.

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—**Philippians 1:6**

From unfinished home projects to unfinished educational degrees to unfinished books, a lot of us have started things that we have not finished. Yet God always finishes what He begins.

The Bible tells us that "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). And the Bible also says that Jesus is "the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). So when God starts something, He finishes it. That is good news.

But also notice that verse six of Philippians says that it is God, not you, who has begun a good work. Sometimes we will tell ourselves things like, "I want to be a good Christian. I will just read my Bible more and pray and try to be kind."

Of course, there is nothing wrong

with wanting to do those things. But we need to realize that it is God who is in charge. It is God who will change us. God will give us the desire to fulfill those promises, goals and dreams that He will give us. But, we need to ask for His help in our lives.

God does, in fact, want to do a good work in our lives. Several years ago, I found myself unemployed and at a very low point in my life.

I was convinced I would never find a new job, thinking I had made too many mistakes, thinking my best opportunities were gone.

For my birthday my mother found a coffee mug and gave it to me. The mug had a familiar verse from Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm, to give you a hope and a future".

This gift was very encouraging for me and this verse became a focus of my prayers.

In time I did obtain a new job but it

was not the best fit. Learning from that I job trusted God again and kept praying, seeking and trusting until He provide again. Each step took time, but each step God provided in His way and in His time. Not my time. God does have a great plan for your life, and it is better than the plan that you have for your own life.

So never be reluctant to commit your unknown future to a known God—and I might add, a loving God who has a good plan for your life.

Maybe you have tried to change your life on your own. You cannot change your life on your own any easier than someone who is drowning can save themselves. You need to call out to God for help. He is always willing to help.



## Moving Forward

By Rev.  
Tina Lockett

With Easter this month is a wonderful time to call out to God. Lillian has some wonderful churches. Visit one of them especially on Easter Sunday which is April 17. Prepare for God to begin a new work in your life this spring. If you ask, He will make a way when there seems to be no way.

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

Wednesday 5:30pm: Dinner All Ages

Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study in the Sanctuary

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

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

Youth and Kid's Activities in the Family Life Center

\* Free childcare is provided during all Bible Studies and services at our church

### Sunday Worship Opportunities

Sunday School (all ages) 9:15am

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Pastor: Josh Thompson

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## OBITUARIES

### Doris Luella Green

Doris Luella Green, age 91, a resident of Lillian, AL, passed away Thursday, March 10, 2022.

Preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Green and a son, Gordon R. Reynolds. She is survived by her children, son, Glenn A. Reynolds of Bon Aire, GA, daughter, Roxanne Luttrull of Cripple Creek, CO, daughter, Rhonda and spouse Michael May of Clovis, CA and son, Gregory B. Reynolds of Lillian, AL; eleven grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren and the father of the children, Burton A. Reynolds of Brandon, VT.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Lillian Search and Rescue, 34247 W. Barclay Ave. Lillian, AL 36549. 251-961-3333. Arrangements by Wolfe-Barview Funeral Homes.



### Donald "Bruce" Hadley

Donald "Bruce" Hadley, 69, passed away surrounded by family on Monday, February 21, 2022.

Born on October 2, 1952, in Pensacola, Bruce was the youngest child born to Alazairian Dewitt "AD" Hadley and Clarice "Evelyn" Montz Hadley. He grew up in Pensacola, graduating from Woodham High School in 1970. He went on to study engineering at Pensacola Junior College for two years.

Bruce Hadley married Loree Briese in St. Thomas, North Dakota on Valentine's Day 1975. Bruce and Loree raised three children; Shane, Ryan and Trisha in the Dallas area. While their children were growing up, Bruce loved watching his little "champion" (Trisha) play sports and cheer, relished teaching his sons baseball and was a coach many years and loved it.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing. They spent every vacation on Soldier Creek in Alabama, always dreaming of moving back to the creek one day.

With Bruce's training he made a living in construction as an engineer, lead man, foreman, superintendent and was part-owner of Gorman and Associates in Dallas, TX for 25 years.

In 2003, his dream of moving to Lillian became a reality when he and his wife moved there and started Hadley Construction Specialties with his brother, Larry Hadley.

He retired in December of 2020, when his health began to decline.

He handed the reigns to his son, Shane Hadley, who made him very proud to continue the family business.

Bruce told his family before he passed, he fulfilled all his life's dreams. A loving wife, Loree and three children, Shane, Ryan and Trisha. Watching his children go on to build families of their own with loving spouses, giving him precious grandchildren and great grandchildren that he loved and enjoyed so much.

As the owner of Hadley Construction Specialties, Bruce developed a reputation of honor, integrity and excellent work among his competition and his customers alike.

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He was loved by all who knew him, he will be missed tremendously. He leaves behind the love of his life, Loree Briese Hadley (Lillian, AL); two loving sons, Shane (Constance) Hadley (Mobile, AL), Ryan (Mandy) Hadley (Wylie, TX); a precious daughter, Trisha (Billy) Elkins (Homewood, AL); his dearest sweet sister, Judy (Wayne) Witterstaeter (Lillian AL); brother, Mike (Debra) Boitnott (Pensacola, FL) and sister-in-laws, Lana (Mike) Ell (Bismarck, ND), Cindy Hadley (Lillian, AL).

His many blessings were his eight grandchildren; Samantha Hadley, Nicholas (Jordan) Hadley, Rosalyn Hadley, Heath Hadley, William Elkins, Hadley Elkins, Emelia Elkins and Benjamin Campbell; his two great-grandchildren, Maverick and Delta Hadley along with many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.



### John W. Jacobs

John W. Jacobs, age 84, passed away on Feb. 23, 2022. He was preceded in death by his mother, Gladys Lyles, and his inlaws, Ralph and Amy Becker.

In 1954 he joined the Navy and served four years. In 1957 John married his soul mate, Jo Ann Becker, a union that lasted 64 years. Loving father of Kimberly A. Jacobs Harmeyer (Tony). A loving Grandfather of Christopher Ripple (Brandi) and Brandon Ripple, four great grandchildren, Cody, Mackenzie, Jonathan and Sydney.

John was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on Oct. 28, 1937 and resided in Lillian, Alabama. He was a purchasing agent in the chemical industry for 31 years until his retirement. He lived life so humbly, thinking of others before himself. His kindness, generosity, love and humor will be missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Cincinnati. Donations may be made in John's name to Lillian Fire Department, P.O. Box 132, Lillian, AL 36549.

### Judy "Jody" Ann Stuedeman

Joy "Jody" Ann Stuedeman, age 78, a resident of Lillian, AL passed away Monday, February 28, 2022.

Jody graduated from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She also received her master's degree and taught public and private school for 40 years. She was a member of Canterbury Methodist Church in Birmingham, AL and attended the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Lillian, AL.

Jody is survived by her husband of 58 years, Thomas R. Stuedeman; daughter, Amy Lynn Stuedeman both of Lillian, AL, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Memorial donations can be made to the Episcopal Church of the Advent or a charity of your choice

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## CHIT CHAT

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

Happy birthday wishes in April go out to Jean Miller, Ron Parks, Dolores

Price, Agnes Humble, Linda Aycock, Don Dieterman, Judy Broz, Judy Covert, Bob Kupferes, Jeanne Keenan, Bill Duncan, Bernard Essip, Jack Bateman, Eldon Bass, Lila Sellers, Pat Morris, Dill Castella, Patricia Henderson, Marion Schillinger, Hadley Verret, Chuck Canaday, Cliff Yuettnet,

Johanna Martin, Teresyta Rybarski, Wes David Verret, Katie McNeil.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in April are Jim and Carol Peale 1962, Dick and Mary Ayres 1963, John and Jamie Pugh 2006, Carl and Bobbie Benoit 2007, Bill and Linda Sepac 2007. If you would like to add or de-

lete information from the Chit Chat column, please email lillianeditor@yahoo.com, mail it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549.

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