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Mark Beyerl, kneeling center, poses with members of FDNY EMS Station 57 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Beyerl is a member of the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department and volunteered to go to New York to assist. At right is a picture he posted online while he works the front lines. Additional LVFD information is on Page 10.



Beyerl Volunteers with EMS in NYC

By Goretti Lysek, LVFD

During these troubling times, we have also been aware of all the heroic and selfless acts of people around the country. Lillian Volunteer Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to spotlight our very own hero, Mark Beyerl. He is not only a LVFD volunteer and president of our board, he also works for Medstar, the local ambulance service.

When New York Governor Andrew Cuomo called out for additional medical assistance to help the overworked and burdened medical staff in New York City, Beyerl didn't hesitate to volunteer.

He and three other Medstar workers from Baldwin County lined up with fourteen other ambulances and headed north to New York on March 29.

He keeps us updated via Facebook on some of the problems and obstacles, but knowing Mark, he will keep going.

The following is part of a post he made on April 15 that describes his day: *Well, it's day 18 of the deployment*

and things are settling into a rhythm. Wake up at 0630 with the sun, get ready, board the bus at 0800, arrive at the staging area at 0830, check off the truck, eat, get radios, and get briefed. At 1000, hit the road and spend the next 12 hours running calls. The numbers vary...5-8 and sometimes more. At 2130, I go fuel up and at 2200, we head back to Fort Totten. After putting the truck to bed and turning in our run reports, we get on the bus for the hotel about 2300. Clean up, decompress, talk to family and turn off the light about 0030.

Repeat / Repeat / Repeat

We have the supplies we need and we damn sure have the support of the FDNY and the NYPD. And AMR has done great with the structure and logistics. Are there glitches, sure. There always will be. However, we have what we need for this mission!

We at LVFD miss him very much and pray he comes home to us safely very soon.

LUMM Help By Paying It Forward

COVID-19 has created problems throughout America including Lillian. These problems are serious and require creativity from all of us and the Lillian United Methodist Men are trying to do their part.

The annual car show is their largest fundraiser with proceeds providing assistance to 25 non-profit organizations. Originally scheduled in March, the car show has been rescheduled to Saturday, Oct. 24, and hopefully that date is able to hold.

In the meantime many of these organizations have asked for assistance, primarily with food. LUMM contacted all show sponsors, pre-registered entrants who had paid their fee and businesses who had donated prizes for permission to use the funds they had paid in advance for those organizations that had requested assistance.

Every single phone call resulted in the same response: "Use the funds to provide assistance where needed."

Those receiving assistance from LUMM included Family Promise, Mary's Shelter, Council on Aging, Feed the Gulf Coast, The Lighthouse, and Jack Strupe, a Korean War vet needing a handicap ramp.

Family Promise is a residential program for homeless families. It is located at 15765 State Highway 59, Foley. They can be reached at (251) 947-564.

Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast is a

home for homeless pregnant women who choose life for their unborn child. It is located at 14001 Boros Road, Elberta. Contact them at 251-986-6200 or online at marysshelter-gulfcoast.org.

Council on Aging is a conduit for any problem the elderly might have. The LUMM assistance helped supply food to elderly shut-ins. The Council on Aging is located at 22251 Palmer Street, Robertsdale.

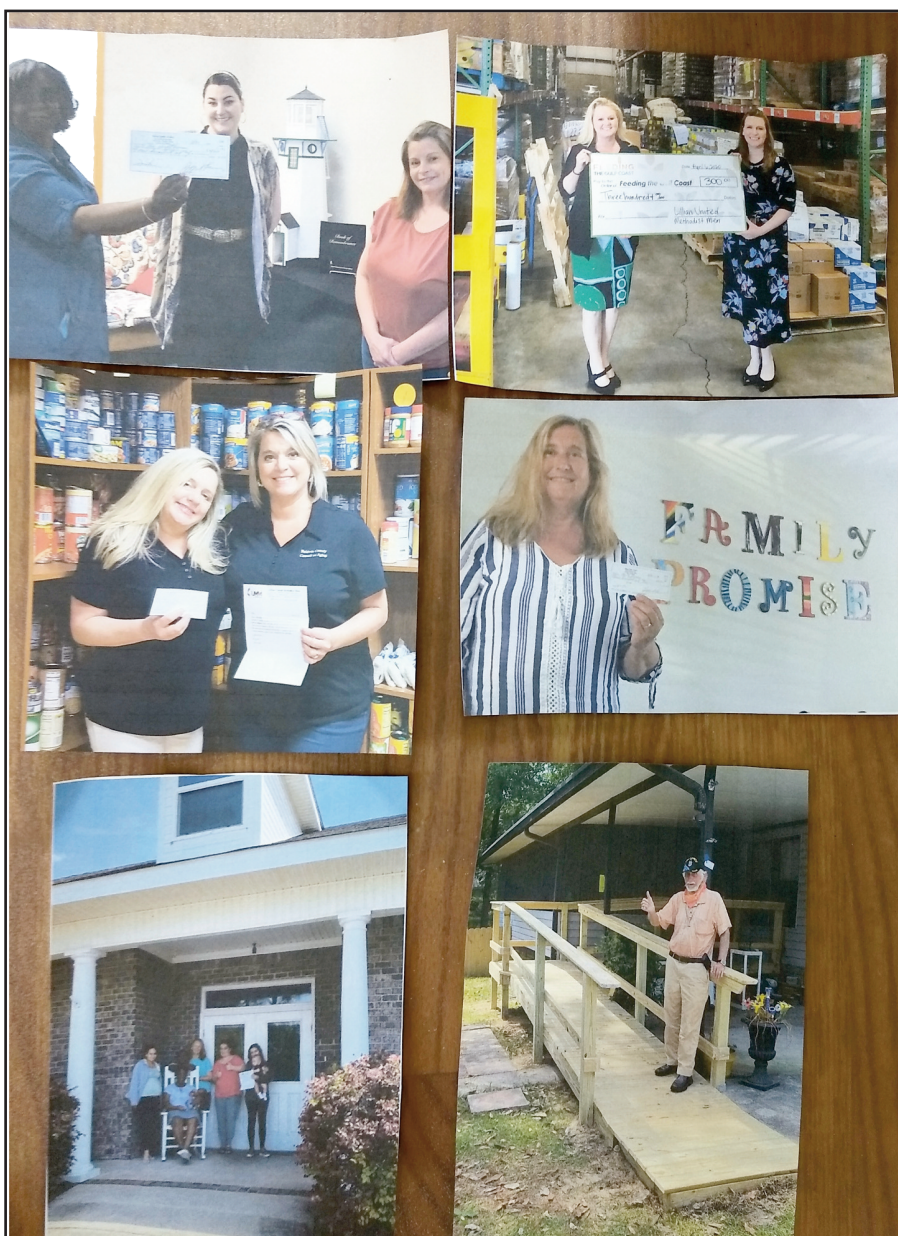
Due to the COVID-19 virus, and concern for the seniors, general public and employees, the Baldwin County Commission has suspended all face-to-face contact at the Council on Aging.

Employees are available to the public Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by phone at 251-972-8506, and by email to bdjohnson@baldwin-countyal.gov, until further notice.

LUMM provided money to Feeding the Gulf Coast for food. FGC purchases from the federal government and then resells the food to organizations, food banks, etc. They have a large network throughout the gulf coast including Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church in Lillian.

The Lighthouse is a shelter for abused women in Robertsdale and is a residential facility.

These organizations can still use additional help. For further information call Dick Erwin at 850-776-7132.



After having to postpone their annual car show, Lillian United Methodist Men asked all the businesses and entrants who had already paid they fees and sponsorships if their funds could be passed along to help area charities. The picture is a thank you from those receiving assistance from LUMM, including Family Promise, Mary's Shelter, Council on Aging, Feed the Gulf Coast, The Lighthouse, and Jack Strupe, a Korean War vet needing a handicap ramp.

The Lillian newspaper thanks all our advertisers and encourages everyone to support these local businesses! Please call ahead to confirm their hours and services offered at this time.



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Local Food Pantries Step Up During Pandemic

Food pantry volunteers in Lillian are on the job, even though many residents are not. Those in need because of the Covid-19 pandemic and others can still get needed food essentials from the food pantries at the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Joseph Catholic Church and Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church.

Due to the pandemic, those in need pull up in vehicles and volunteers load the bags on the seats, in the trunks and in beds of trucks.

The bags include items such as pasta, canned goods, butter, meat, potatoes and bread.

Those who recently stopped at St. Vincent DePaul Society also received spaghetti dinners and a box of candy.

The two pantries serve approximately 30 to 50 families each month.

Food is distributed at St. Joseph Immaculate Mary Hall from 9 to 11 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

Shepherd of the Bay serves from 9 to 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

For assistance during the month, contact the St. Vincent DePaul at 251-424-5789.



Photos by Sally McKinney
Shepherd of the Bay Food Pantry volunteers have served the community for many years to help feed those in need. They are especially necessary in these trying times when so many are out of work. From left are Don Bergland, Betty Larson, Kristy Newman, Charlotte Bailey and John Bailey.



Loading up a truck for three families at St. Vincent DePaul are from left, Harriet Shields, Tom Shields and John Alemany.



Volunteers of the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Joseph Catholic Church have been feeding families in need for many years. In the midst of the pandemic, they are still on the job. From left are Harriet Shields, Hannah Gale, John Alemany, Margaret Wilcox and Michael Wilcox. (They assured the photographer that they were smiling.)

Lillian Veterinary Hospital Welcomes Dr. Williams

After 25 years of dedication to the pets and families of Lillian, Dr. Susan Wells has turned over ownership of Lillian Veterinary Hospital to Dr. Elizabeth Williams.

Williams is a graduate of Auburn University and a seasoned veterinarian with over a decade in practice. The purchase was finalized in early April and both veterinarians have been working

together to adapt to the challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has presented.

Williams will be the primary veterinarian seeing patients and Wells will remain available for appointments on a limited basis.

The clinic is still treating patients with limited staff and hours. Call 251-962-2304 to be taken care of as quickly as possible.

Man's Death in Lillian Leads to Investigation

An investigation continues into the death of a man found unresponsive in Lillian on Friday, April 24.

According to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, first responders were called at approximately 7 a.m. to a home by Perdido Street and County Road 99.

A female at the location said the man had

been injured the day before but refused medical treatment. She woke up and found him unresponsive, according to deputies.

The injury may have been a factor in his death, but the department will continue their investigation.

The name of the deceased had not been released by press time.

Deadline Nearing for Scholarship

There is still time for Lillian high school seniors to submit their application for a \$500 scholarship being awarded by the Lillian Action Committee and the staff of *The Lillian* newspaper.

The newspaper is proud to announce the renewal of their tuition grant scholarship for a local student.

A grant of \$500 will be given to a student who will be continuing their education this fall at a trade school, two-year or four-year college or university. The newspaper hasn't given out a scholarship since 2016 and the staff is happy to be able to offer it again.

Eligible students must have a Lillian/36549 address on file at their high school and must be a 2020 high school graduate.

All applications must be mailed to *The Lillian*, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, and must be postmarked by May 15, 2020.

Entries received after that date will not be considered.

Committee members will verify the residency and graduation date of each candidate and all eligible applicants will then be entered in a drawing.

The name of one student will be drawn during July 4 events at the Lillian Community Club. All applicants are encouraged to attend the drawing.

The \$500 grant will then be paid directly to the school after the student has enrolled for the fall term.

The application form is to the right of this article and will also be available for download on the newspaper's web site.

To access the paper online, go to www.lilliancommunityclub.com then click on '*The Lillian*' link at the top of the page.

Any questions about the application may be emailed to lillianeditor@yahoo.com.

Doing Our Best In a Difficult Time

The Lillian Action Committee, the group that oversees *The Lillian* newspaper, had a heartfelt discussion about printing a paper this month, but really, the decision was an easy one. We felt our readers would still want to have a little piece of normal by having their monthly newspaper.

We understand that many folks aren't leaving their homes and others are nervous to pick up items that could have been touched by others. With that in mind, we opted to print fewer copies of our paper so they wouldn't go to waste and place them in the most high traffic racks at locations that would be the most convenient for pick up.

If you have friends or family that mentioned they haven't gotten a copy, please let them know that *The Lillian* can be found online as well. We've been putting our paper online for about 18 months. We're partnered with the Lillian Community Club in this endeavor, so go to lilliancommunityclub.com, then click on *The Lillian* newspaper link to find us.

It's hard to plan when your publication is only once a month and health and safety guidelines change frequently. Our advertisers aren't sure what information to put in their ads without it becoming incorrect over that month. And as a newspaper, we don't want to distribute wrong information in our news articles or advertisements. With that said, we

recommend that you call ahead to any type of business to find out what services they may be offering and what hours they may be able to assist you.

It's also difficult when we rely so heavily on local writers to help provide the news you see here each month.

Meetings of all types have halted and so we asked our local clubs to provide some history on their groups instead of the usual recaps of their monthly meetings.

We thought this would be a good opportunity for all of us to learn more about what these groups do and maybe spark some interest in joining when our restrictions are lifted.

We worked hard to keep our small town newspaper as normal as possible for you, but it may look and feel different than previous editions. Some of our most dedicated advertisers have opted out for now and we completely understand that decision. All we can do is support one another as best we can and hope we all come out of this an even better and stronger community.

Red Hats Meeting For Over 18 Years

The Perdido Grande Dames – Red Hat Ladies – get together once a month from October through May. We have been meeting on the second Tuesday of the month for over 18 years. Each month there are two hostesses who work together, picking a restaurant for us to enjoy lunch and a meeting.

Meetings are for celebrating birthdays, having fun and enjoying each other's company. Dues are \$12

Perdido Grande Dames
By Judy Wargo

a year, and accumulated funds are donated to non-profit organizations at Christmas.

Last year's donation went to the Lillian Recreation Park.

New members are always welcome. Call Judy Wargo for more information at 586-383-1206.

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- Properly completed application MUST be returned and postmarked to *The Lillian* by May 15, 2020. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
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- Questions may be directed by email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com.
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THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome but must be signed and include contact information should staff have any questions. No letters will be accepted regarding property owner associations' problems.

POLICY

Thank you for your articles and news items, but due to space limitations, some submissions may not be included in this issue. They will be included in a future issue when possible.

The editorial board has the right to deny any articles or ads not suitable for this publication.

ARTICLE OR OBITUARY
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We gladly accept news and information from the community. Please submit by:

- ~ Mail to P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, Alabama 36549
- ~ Fax: 251-961-3529
- ~ Email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com
- ~ Drop off at Lillian Perdido Bay Library (in yellow folder)

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DEADLINES AND
CONTACTS

The deadline for the June issue of The Lillian is May 19.

Send an email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com for information on articles.

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Keep Looking
For the Positive

After watching Fr. James Singar-yar say Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church on March 29 on Zoom, I drove over to Lillian United Methodist Church. Pastor Dan Randall was overseeing the crowd as they arrived in their cars for the 9:30 a.m. drive-in worship.

I'm not good at remembering homilies for more than a couple of hours, but that day they seemed to hit me differently. Not surprisingly, both pastors had the same theme. In this trying time, we must keep Jesus in the forefront, asking Him to help us through these days of uncertainty.

I don't want to take anything away from Fr. James, but Pastor Dan's beginning words had meaning for me. He began by talking about the Sweet Sixteen that occurs in college basketball every March. March Madness it's called.

Now, being from Chicago, I'm a staunch Bears fan. I cheer for the north side Cubs and am happy when the Bulls shine. However, I don't usually watch the games, so when he began talking about how this season's basketball March Madness has been over shadowed by the Covid-19 March Madness, I had to smile.

At least now our favorite shows weren't put on hold in favor of basketball. But he hit the nail on the head. This is worse than having to watch five guys run up and down a court.

He quoted Jimmy Valvano, or as many knew him, "Coach V," basketball coach of North Carolina State University. In 1993 he gave an inspirational speech at the Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly (ESPY) Awards.

At the time he was terminally ill with cancer, but he told everyone in attendance that he had three rules.

Number 1 is laugh. You should laugh every day. Number 2 is think.



Just a
Thought
or Two
By Sally
McKinney

You should spend some time in thought. Number 3 is you should have your emotions moved to tears, it could be happiness or joy.

As Pastor Dan explained it, in this time of turmoil and uncertainty, learn to laugh, think deeply of your life, of others and priorities and experience your emotions.

In other words, don't dwell on the negative. Look at the positives in your life. Thank God for giving you family, friends, a beautiful place to live. Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative and as Coach V says, "Don't give up. Don't ever give up."

Hopefully, by the time you read this, all will be back to "normal." I'm thinking, though, perhaps our "normal" should change.

• After submitting my column, I had this experience and just wanted to share:

I was just leaving WalMart, chastising myself for spending too much money on food, when I'd rather be spending it at local restaurants. This pandemic has brought me back to cooking, although much of the stuff I cook is prepared and all I have to do is zap it in the microwave. I was in an "I feel sorry for myself" mood.

Then what to my wonder and surprise, four Blue Angels roared overhead, wings almost touching, racing to meet the rest of the team over at NAS, spewing clouds of white stuff from their jets.

And then I came to my senses. "This is the United States of America." This, too, will pass away. Thanks, Blue Angels, for getting me back on track.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

GRATITUDE

It's been an interesting several weeks to say the least. Many of us have been forced to change our lifestyles during this time. There have been many lessons learned from this Coronavirus. It certainly challenged us to slow down our everyday pace. It showed us that if we pull together as a community, we can survive anything.

We are grateful to all who continue to work - first responders, health care workers, grocery stores, hardware stores, gas stations, restaurants, utility workers and many other people and places that allowed us to continue meeting our needs. Many businesses and churches found innovative ways to create some sense of normalcy in our lives. There are even

drive-in church services.

We know everyone misses the fun events that we all enjoy, but necessary precautions had to take place. We are blessed to live in a community that puts everyone's health and safety concerns above all others.

While under a stressful situation we found most folks still kind and showing a smile (under their masks, of course).

We've seen neighbors and friends helping each other and the community coming together. Even the humorous social media posts have been entertaining.

We may not be able share space, but we can always share an encouraging smile and a friendly wave.

Blessings to all,
Doug and Nancy Scott

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Kay Trattles, standing left, director of Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast, and some residents of the home work on their annual Mother's Day appeal letters. If you are able to help in this time of need, please send a tax-deductible donation to Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast, P.O. Box 18, Elberta, 36530.

Optimists Donate to Mary's Shelter

Since 2006, Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast has been helping homeless pregnant women who choose life for their unborn child. The non-profit organization depends on donors to sustain the home and the services for the women and their unborn child, as well as older siblings.

When Covid-19 hit, fundraising events had to be cancelled. A call went out and the Optimist Club of

Perdido Bay answered. The organization sent a check for \$600, \$500 from the club and an extra \$100 from an anonymous donor, a member of the club.

Mary's Shelter has the same expenses of a regular home with children, utilities, food and cleaning products. In addition the home provides a variety of counseling services and staff. The home operates 24/7.

What is OneDrive?

OneDrive is a Microsoft cloud storage service that lets you store your personal files in one place, share them with others and get to them from any device connected to the Internet.

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To create a Microsoft account, go to www.onedrive.live.com. You can use your existing e-mail to create you Microsoft account.

If you log onto your computer in Windows 8 or Windows 10 with an e-mail username and password, you have a Microsoft Account.

Not only is OneDrive an internet storage location for data, it also has a full Microsoft Office suite and calendar.

There is a sharing feature, too. The limit for free storage is 5 gigabytes but you can purchase additional space if needed.

You might question the need to use this free feature. Because this is an internet (cloud) interface, you can access it from anywhere as long as



The Mouse

By Joseph Oakley

you have an internet connection. For example, you can keep a list of your medication there so it can be accessed in an emergency.

Group projects can be done in the OneDrive. There is a calendar, to-do list and address book for contacts.

I have set up some businesses with OneDrive so employees can communicate better and faster with each other. Productivity improved in most cases. Because OneDrive is not limited to a conventional computer, it is not limited to what handheld device you own.

I hope to accomplish that you know you are smarter than your computer, that the computer is a tool, and you are the master of that tool. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column please send them to mouse@pc-s4u.com

Until next month, safe computing.

LWC Suspends Meetings Until September

The board of the Lillian Women's Club made the decision to not have any meetings until September in order to keep everyone safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.

LWC was organized in 1961 and meets on the third Tuesday of the month September through May at the Lillian Community Club except for Christmas and our picnic in May.

Dues are \$20 per year and luncheons are \$11 paid in advance at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

September will be a reorganizational meeting. Current officers Mary Hall, Joanne Matthews, Judy Deeter

Lillian Women's Club

By Terry Danson

and Terry Danson will run the meeting but officers will be determined for the rest of the year. Please plan to come with ideas about programs and any other changes you would like to see. We need your help.

New members are also welcome in September. Members should hold on to the items for the silent auction that should have been held last month. The auction may be planned for October.

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If you are unable to attend, you can also watch the service via livestream on Facebook by going to Daniel Wade Randall's page.

A recorded version of each service will be available within two hours at LillianUMC.org. Select Worship Audio tab, then Worship Audio 2020 and then the desired worship service.

Rev. Daniel W. Randall

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Photos by Sally McKinney
Pastor Daniel Randall leads a service from the back of a pick-up truck as the Lillian United Methodist Church has started offering drive-in worship services.

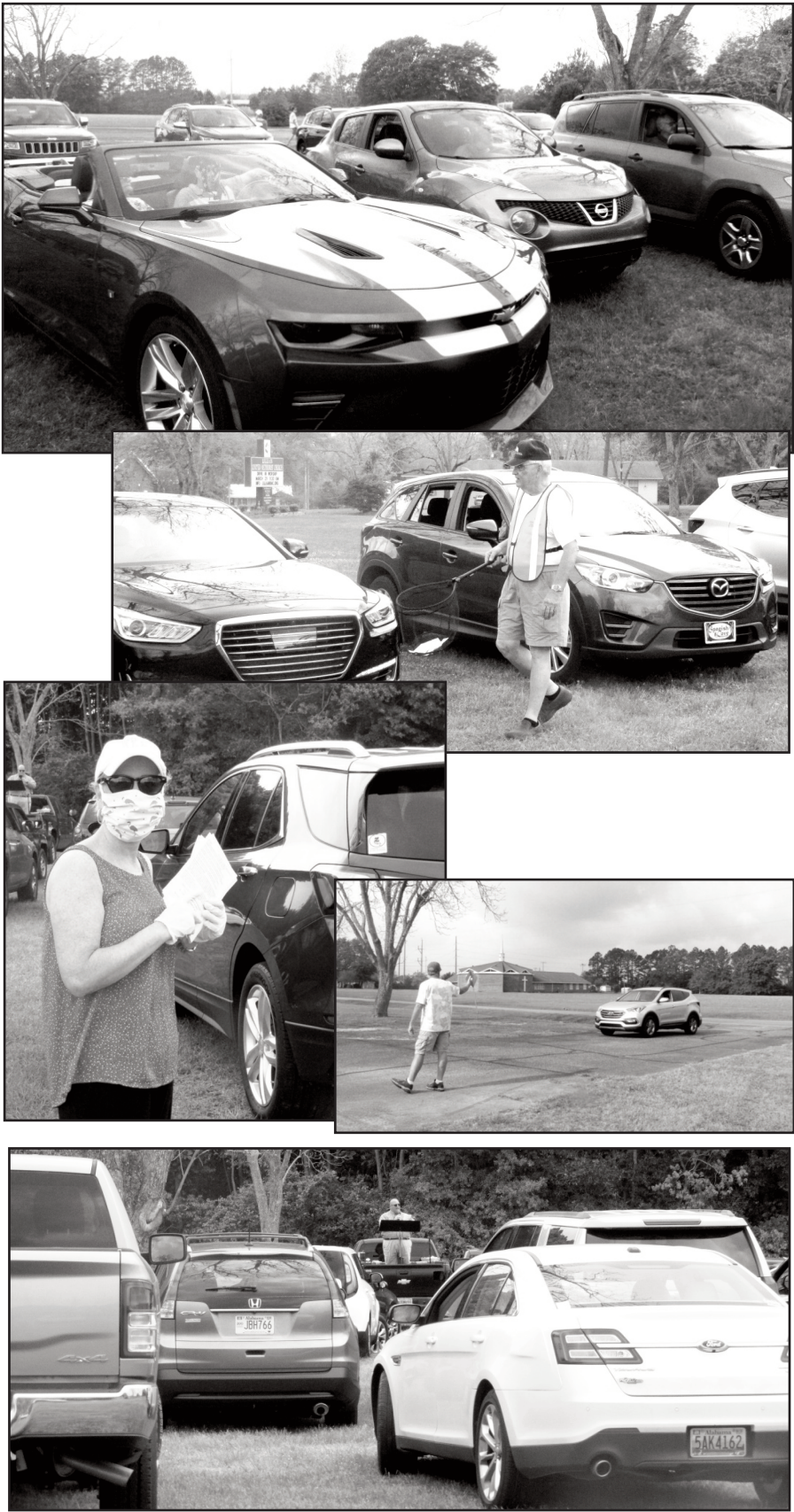
Church Adapts With Drive-In Services

The Lillian United Methodist Church began offering drive-in services on March 29 and will continue to do so until a normal schedule can resume and all are invited to attend. Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., attendees tune their radios to 104.9 FM to hear the message from Pastor Dan Randall, music and prayers. Approximately 100 cars were arranged in the area north of the church for the first service, and according to Randall, 122 vehicles with 206 people were on hand for Easter service.

Men from the congregation guide cars to parking places and women distribute programs, wearing face masks and plastic gloves.

For those unable to attend, a recorded version of each service is available later in the day on the church web site at www.LillianUMC.org.

According to their web site, the service can also watched in real time via livestreaming on the Facebook page of Daniel Wade Randall.



The Eternal Good News of Easter

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die."

Do you believe this? Nothing that has happened before, during and following this worldwide horrible pandemic erases the eternal good news of Easter. Jesus defeated sin and death, and we do not have to live in fear and anxiety.


My heart grieves for every family that has been effected by this horrific pandemic. People are dying and their loved ones are not able to be by their sides.

According to Worldometers.info, "Globally there have been 124,918 people who have died so far from the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak as of April 14, 2020. There are currently 1,979,853 confirmed cases in 210 of 251 countries and territories. The fatality rate is still being assessed."

The emotional impact will be felt for decades. People are thinking about the uncomfortable topic of their mortality. Google searches containing words like prayer, faith, after-life, Jesus and born-again have skyrocketed. This pandemic has forced everyone to consider big questions about life and death. COVID-19 has magnified our human frailty and the certainty of our mortality.

The eternal good news of Easter is that despite the uncertainty of the world we live in, we do not have to be hopeless or live in fear of death. I am not sure if we know what chance any of us have in contracting COVID-19, but I am 100 percent sure that if you have confessed your sins and surrendered your life to Jesus you have a 100 percent certainty of meeting Jesus and spending eternity with Him.

One day your birth certificate will reach its expiration date. Like the repenting thief dying beside Jesus on the cross at Calvary, you will transition from Earth to Eternity. Jesus demonstrated His ultimate purpose



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

when he raised His friend Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus proclaimed, "I am the Resurrection and the Life; those who believe in Me will live, even if they die." This astonishing announcement received breath-taking validation as Jesus called forth Lazarus from his cave-like tomb after being dead for four days. The restoration of Lazarus provided a preview of coming attractions. Precisely as predicted, Jesus' bloody death on the cross was followed by history's most stunning event, the resurrection of humanity's Savior. Furthermore, Jesus promises to provide eternal life for all who faithfully follow Him. Following the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples encouraging them and telling them to gather in Jerusalem to await the gift of the Holy Spirit that would come upon them and empower them to live victorious lives.

In our world of disease, danger and death, we desperately need a good shepherd in Jesus to be our constant companion, guide and to remind us that the battle has already been won. Easter proclaims the message of unfailing hope that in Christ, there is more to life than our current existence and God's resurrection power will defeat the forces of evil and our ultimate enemy of death. There is more beyond the grave. There is a new world coming. There is a resurrection. There is hope for now and forever. I love the hymn 'Because He Lives' which reminds us all that, "Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone, Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives."

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 May go out to Gwen Furio, Connie Synco, Ben Williams, Nick Lichliter, Wilma Spivey, Earl Dickson, Lee Hoffman, Carmen Greene, Samantha Lichliter, Dylan Curl, Adele Hartman, Jerry Langford, Charlie Spivey, Tina Kociban, Jim Vargo, Karen Messerli, Dottie Weaver, Terry Armit, Bob Carmichael, Sharoyne Linde, Luellen Sutton, Ruby Dellcox, Jacob Paul, Lind Harrison, James Eldredge Jr., Norman Taylor, Sandy Cowie, Sandra Lyon, Donna Hinds, Jean Cham-

pagne, Blanch Crandall, Tracy Brown and Charles Bingle.


Celebrating wedding anniversaries in May are Traci and Shannon Price - 20 years, Jennifer and Chuck Canaday - 12 years, Celeste and Richard Champion, 15 years, Bruce and Virginia Allen - 49 years, Ron and Pat Morris - 55 years and Tracy and Waynette Brown, 30 years.


If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, mail it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549, send an email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com, or place a note in our yellow folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the June issue of *The Lillian* is May 19.

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Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

Meetings, Officer Elections Postponed

Like everything else in this great country right now, the American Legion Post 48 in Lillian has been shut down during the month of April per Governor Kay Ivey’s directive. We have also received a directive from our District 33 commander that there are to be no annual post meetings for officer elections until further notice. Officer elections for each post in Baldwin County are postponed. Current officers are to remain in their positions until further guidance is given by 33rd District Commander James Daniels. We will keep you updated when we have further news from our district commander. Normally this month the post awards two certificates and medals to Junior ROTC, but with the schools closed we do not know if this program or boys state will be awarded this year. Post 48 would also like to acknowledge the help of volunteers at the ham dinners we were able to have. They included Sandy Fuller, Sharon Farrow, Lynn Ochs and Suzy Harrison. We also thank all the volunteers who contributed desserts.

• Post 48 would like to reassure the Lillian community that the medical closet is for all Lillian residents 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 service. 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. Meetings are normally held on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Lillian Community Club hall. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving. Once we begin meeting again, please stop by - we’d like to meet you!

SHERIFF’S BLOTTER

- Baldwin County officers responded to a report of assault at 12:23 a.m. March 23 in the 33800 block of Rosalia Avenue, Lillian.
- Another assault report was responded to at 3:47 a.m. March 23 in the 33100 block of Zeena Drive, Lillian.
- Officers later responded to a stolen vehicle report at 7:14 a.m. March 23 in the 14100 block of CR 93, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of assault at 11:10 p.m. March 26 in the 33000 block of Gilley Road, Lillian.
- Officers responded to an assault report at 11:43 a.m. April 1 in the 13400 block of AL 59, Perdido Beach.
- Residential burglary was reported at 8:15 p.m. April 3 in the 12100 block of Fritz Court, Lillian.
- A report of assault was received at 2:16 a.m. April 7 in the 1800 block of Cisco Circle, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a burglary report at 5:15 p.m. April 16 in the 1600 block of Matias Drive, Lillian.
- Assault was reported at 9:01 p.m. April 20 in the 32000 block of W. Carrier Drive, Lillian.
- Residential burglary was reported at 10:59 p.m. April 20 in the 1600 block of Matias Drive, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of theft at 10:33 a.m. April 23 in the 33400 block of Woodlands Drive in Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of assault at 4:42 a.m. April 26 in the 13000 block of Fifth Street, Lillian.

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Looking Back at the Beginnings of Masonry in Lillian

Tracing the roots of the Lillian Masonic Lodge starts in April 1986 when Sam McLendon, Ray Wiggins and Bob Hearon met. The three Master Masons discussed that there were quite a few Lillian residents who had been active Masons prior to relocating. They agreed the next step was to survey the community. They started by asking friends and met at the Lillian Community Club.

The LCC meeting was a success and the group had great enthusiasm about creating a Masonic Lodge in Lillian. Forming a new lodge requires the sponsorship of another lodge, so the group approached Foley Masonic Lodge 766 and they voted to support the Lillian effort.

McLendon presented a letter to the Grand Lodge of Alabama on April 29, 1986. On the recommendation of the Grand Lodge, a local meeting was held with interested Masons, District Lecturer Brother Jim Casey, Assistant Director Brother Bill Richardson and officers and brothers of the Foley lodge. This meeting detailed the requirements and procedures for chartering a new lodge.

A minimum of seven, and preferably 25 demits had to be submitted to the Alabama Grand Lodge with a petition for Under Dispensation (UD) status. A demit is when a Master Mason transfers membership from one lodge to another. It was necessary to demonstrate proficiency in opening and closing a lodge and confer-

ring the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. These are the three degrees in achieving Master Mason status.

The vote to proceed was unanimous. James Baker, current brother and charter member, offered the use of the Lillian KOA recreation hall for a meeting place.

At the first meeting at the KOA on May 7, 1986, the slate of officers were selected. These included Worshipful Master Vernon Lowe, Senior Warden Michael B. Hart, Junior Warden Mabry C. Evers, Senior Deacon Rayford G. Wiggins, Junior Deacon Joseph C. Taylor, Secretary Frederick W. Duckworth, Treasurer Edmund K. Tryba, Senior Steward M. Sam McLendon, Junior Steward William F. Thrift, Tyler James M. Baker, Chaplain William B. Hearon and Marshal Ben Williams.

At the May 20 meeting, the name was determined to be Lillian Lodge. Regular meetings started June 3, 1986, and have continued until this day.

Prior to being officially recognized, the meetings were presided by Sam McClendon. The agenda consisted of providing updates on the UD status by the Grand Lodge, collecting demits, acquiring furniture and Masonic paraphernalia and practicing opening and closing and degree work proficiency.

During a meeting on Oct. 7, 1986, the by-laws formulated by a commit-

tee of William T. Hall, Willard L. Krueger, Donald M. French and William E. Thrift were submitted and approved as read without changes.

All equipment was handmade or donated by members. The KOA hall was no longer big enough to accommodate the group and meetings moved to the LCC. The first meeting at the LCC was reported as Dec. 2, 1986. Using the LCC required the group to move furniture and materials out of a storage shed for the meetings and then returning everything back into storage.

After satisfying requirements, Lillian Lodge No. 925 UD was instituted by the Grand Lodge of Alabama in an open ceremony at the LCC on Feb. 20, 1987. The first four candidates raised by this new lodge were Douglas R. Creighton Jr., Dale G. Reed, Myles M. Standish and James H. Arnold Jr.

Other significant accomplishments of the organization are as follows:

1. In April 1987, Lillian Lodge No. 925 formed the Lillian Masonic Temple Association Inc. to assume the financial responsibility and physical responsibility of constructing and maintaining the future temple

2. In November 1987, the lodge began serving dinner at the LCC on the first Sunday of every month. This provided a large part of the money needed to fund the building of the temple

Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

3. The Grand Lodge passed a motion at their annual meeting in November 1987 to issue a charter to the Lillian Lodge No. 925

4. In September 1990, the 925 Support Group made up primarily of wives of members was formed to support the lodge brothers morally and financially. The contributions of this group warrant its own accounting

5. Groundbreaking for the new building took place in September 1990

6. Although the building was used during construction, it was officially recognized as the new temple on April 21, 1992.

The Lillian and other area newspapers played a significant role in the history of the Lillian Lodge. An article from the May 1995 issue of The Lillian noted the dedication of the cornerstone and the building and included quotes from Vernon Lowe, chaplain at that time. Lowe served as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1987 when the group was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Alabama. He recently celebrated his 33rd year at the Lillian Masonic Lodge and has served over 50 years in Masonry.



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If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, give us a call at 962-2696 and leave a message. Or send us a message through our Lillian Fire Rescue Facebook page.

In these unprecedented times I'm sure there is a lot of anxiety and uncertainty within the community; however, LVFD would like to remind you we will continue to support and provide essential services throughout this pandemic.

The only change we have made on most of our calls is wearing personal protective equipment (PPE). To help keep the virus from spreading within the community, we would like to provide some information. COVID-19 is a respiratory condition caused by a corona virus. Some people are infected but don't notice any symptoms.

Most people will have mild symptoms and get better on their own. But about 1 in 6 will have severe problems, such as trouble breathing. The odds of more serious symptoms are higher if you're older or have another health condition like heart or lung disease, diabetes or asthma. The most common symptoms among people who have had COVID-19 include fever, cough, fatigue, lack of appetite, shortness of breath and possibly mucus/phlegm and body aches.

If you feel you have any of these symptoms, and especially if you have underlying conditions, contact your medical practitioner immediately. It is also imperative we all follow CDC directions for washing hands, avoiding close contact with others, and cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. We will all get through this if we all do our part.

We also want to thank all of you for your support during these difficult times. We'd like to especially thank T-bone Montgomery and his wife, Jo Jo, for providing pizza for our drill last month, the Army National guard for the box lunch, and the person that dropped off boxes of cookies to help keep up our morale. There's nothing

like food to keep a firefighter happy! LVFD has continued to keep up with essential training but with extra precautions put in to place due to the virus. To ensure the safety of volunteers, Chief Nick Dewhurst divided the classes in to two sessions to reduce the number of attendees.

Last month Lieutenant Nick Dosh built a makeshift house and provided us with an excellent presentation on how fires race through the structure and what preventive measures we should take to contain the fire.

One of the more effective ways is to close off the house by shutting doors so fire can't spread to other rooms. Although this does not stop the fire entirely, it does help to slow it down.

During the month of March and April, the department was happy to welcome two new recruits, Austin Kisner and Ryan Kammerer. We all look forward to working with them and really appreciate their help especially during these stressful times.

LVFD would also like to remind area residents that a burn ban is now in effect and will continue May 1 through Oct. 31.



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretty Lysek



Lieutenant Nick Dosh of LVFD demonstrates how fires race through a house with Chief Nick Dewhurst looking on during a recent training exercise. In the photo at left, the Army National Guard recently delivered a box lunch to the LVFD. From left are Tim Fletcher, Chief Nick Dewhurst, Letty Rodriguez, an Army National Guard representative, Kelvin Lysek and Captain Jim Fletcher.



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Some Things to Know About the CARES Act, Stimulus Payments

By now, most of you have received the economic impact payment from the IRS. There may be a few of you who haven't or who do not fully understand why you received the payment you did. It seems worth repeating a few of the most important provisions here.

Congress and the President passed three distinct laws related to the economic impact of the COVID-19 virus. The one that concerns most of us is the CARES Act, which provides relief to individuals, businesses, the health care industry and state and local governments. I am going to concentrate on this one and how it helps individuals.

First, 2019 tax returns do not have to be filed nor taxes paid until July 15, 2020. You probably shouldn't wait to file even if you will not pay until mid-July. Get it done now. It will be a busy time for everyone when we start to find normal again.

If you have filed your 2019 taxes, your individual payment was determined by your adjusted gross income (AGI) for 2019. If you have not filed taxes, the IRS will use your 2018 AGI to determine eligibility. If you haven't filed either but should have, file the year that ensures your eligibility for the payment.

Remember, AGI is your income before taking the standard deduction or itemized deductions. You will not be able to electronically file for 2018

but will have to mail that return, so the stimulus payment may take longer.

Single individuals whose AGI is \$75,000 or less receive the maximum amount of \$1,200. For an AGI between \$75,000 - \$99,000, the amount is reduced \$5 for every \$100 over \$75,000. There is no payment after \$99,000.

To give you an example of how this works, suppose your AGI was \$80,000 (\$5,000 over the minimum). Dividing that \$5,000 over by \$100 would equal 50, which is then multiplied by \$5 to arrive at \$250. Your stimulus check will be \$950.

The ranges for married filing jointly (MFJ) are \$150,000 - \$198,000 and for heads of household (HOH) \$112,500- \$136,000. Married couples will receive \$2,400 if your income is less than \$150,000. You will also receive \$500 for each qualifying dependent under age 17. For a married couple with two children, the payment will be completely phased out if the AGI exceeds \$218,000.

If you provided an account for direct deposit or debit when you filed your taxes, you will receive the payment into that account. If not, the IRS has developed a web-based portal for you to add or change your bank account for the deposit. Check the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Social Security or Railroad Retirement (RRB) recipients who do not

file tax returns will receive the payment by direct deposit in the same account as their social security or RRB payments. You do not have to do anything.

Any employee who was furloughed or part of a layoff is eligible for state unemployment. The amount a person will receive for unemployment over four months will be the amount the state would already provide plus \$600 per week through July 31, 2020.

If an employee is already unemployed due to COVID-19, the \$600 weekly additional payment will be paid retroactively. Self-employed individuals, independent contractors and "gig workers" are eligible for unemployment under this program.

The IRS has also moved the deadline for making your allowable IRA or Health Savings Account (HSA) contributions to July 15.

Typically, you'd have to pay a 10% penalty on early withdrawals from IRAs, 401(k)s and similar retirement accounts. The CARES Act also allows for qualifying individuals to withdraw up to \$100,000 from their retirement accounts in 2020 for COVID-19-related purposes without the 10% penalty.

This rule applies to individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have family (spouse or dependent) who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have adverse fi-



Let's Talk Taxes
By Carol Kovacs
CPA, EA

nancial consequences in relation to COVID-19. Withdrawals will still be taxable, but the taxes can be spread over three years. If the money is not paid back within three years, it becomes a loan and may be subject to other requirements. You might want to avoid taking early withdrawals if you can to keep your retirement accounts intact.

The CARES Act also temporarily increases the allowed loan limit from qualified plans, from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and delays repayment dates for some outstanding loans by one year. Remember to check out all the details.

The required minimum distributions (RMD) from IRAs have been waived for 2020. If you do not need the RMD you have already received, talk with your account administrator about rolling the money over (returning the full amount, including any money withheld for taxes) within the 60-day limitation period. If you turned 72 this year and are required to take withdrawals from your IRA and 401(k), the CARES Act waives this requirement for you as well.



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Optimist Club Remains Strong After 35 Years in Lillian

Few organizations in our area are as active as the local Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. Officially recognized by Optimist International on June 1, 1985, John Crawford served as its first president. A total of 44 charter members registered within the first month of the club's formation. George "Tag" McPherson and Bob Donnenwirth are the remaining founding members.

The current leadership of the OCPB includes Dan Armstrong, president; Leland Blough, vice president; Carolyn Armstrong, vice president; Sally McKinney, secretary; Jeff Keener, treasurer; Linda Warren, Joe Durante, Tom Rocque, Betty Erwin, Judy Wargo, directors; Cliff Collier and Sondra Wilkinson, special advisors; and Past President Admiral Andy Wilkinson.

Bob Donnenwirth also has the distinction of bringing the 100th member to the club last year when he sponsored his wife, Estelita, to join. According to him, some of the members wanted to create a club that was more than just social. He said, "We met at 7 a.m. every Saturday for breakfast and had a good time socializing, but the consensus was to create a working club that focused on improving the community."

"We didn't always agree on things, but we did when it came to doing something good for the community. Looking back over the past 35 years, I think that our club has succeeded in mixing the needs of our members to socialize, but also help to meet some of the needs in the community."

This combination of "good works and socialization" has set the stage for the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay to become the largest Optimist Club in Alabama and Mississippi. Current membership stands at 111.

The topic of membership isn't complete until you mention Mike Russell. He served as lieutenant governor, president and as a member of the board for years. He has personally sponsored 118 members. He is still part of the club today, but not as active as he once was. Jeff Keener and Cliff Collier are the most active in membership with 15 or more.

The first OCPB program was the awarding of an annual college scholarship, funding a \$500 scholarship through its weekly \$2 breakfast. This tradition continues today, with visitors eating for free. The menu is scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, biscuits and gravy, fruit and drinks. The coffee is always good, but milk and orange juice are also offered.

This year OCPB will award \$3,000 in scholarships to local high school students. One is restricted to a vocational student seeking a career after high school, one for a traditional college student and the third is a law enforcement scholarship awarded to a member of the law enforcement community, their children or someone pursuing that profession.

In 2000, OCPB began one of its most successful programs, the "Reading Program" at Elberta Elementary School. Club members read to pre-k through third grade classes. It is very rewarding for the members and the kids are appreciative.

In the last three years, OCPB has established Junior Optimist Club programs with My Community Mentors and their Executive Director Louis Pope. Elberta High School coordinators are Laura Alms and Eugenia Robinson and St. Benedict Catholic School coordinates with Dr. Kathy McCool, principal. Cyn McDermott, Linda Warren, Angie Doege, Rhonda Morris and Elizabeth Whitehurst help coordinate these programs from the club.

The list of impactful programs offered by OCPB include the youth appreciation breakfast, Trunk or Treat with the Lillian United Methodist Church, ARC community Thanksgiving luncheon (Willie Nell Evans, Elizabeth Whitehurst and Peggy Pope), Lillian Christmas parade (Judy and Paul Wargo), special needs visit from Santa (Sondra Wilkinson), breakfast with Santa (Pastor Daniel Randall), Easter egg hunt (Dick and Betty Erwin and Jane Foster), Baldwin County law enforcement recognition breakfast (Bob Wilters), Baldwin County Special Olympics (Lee Hoffman), End Distracted Driving (Dan Armstrong), OCPB scholarship awards (Jim Shepherd) and a lot more.

The OCPB hosts several annual fundraisers. The largest is the Mullet Festival, now in its 33rd year. Each year on Labor Day, OCPB rents out the Lillian Community Club for this event. The fun run and walk start the day which also includes breakfast, lunch, a silent auction, a trash and treasure sale, entertainment and more. Sponsors and a raffle make up the largest funding efforts which generate over \$35,000.

The fashion show, flag program and several dinner dances also help to fund OCPB.

One of the most significant parts of OCPB history is its relationship with the Optimist Club of Lillian, a women's counterpart to the OCPB.

On June 30, 2011, the women's club merged with the OCPB. A number of the most significant projects actually got their start under the guidance of the Lillian Club.

The women's club was originally sponsored in 1990 by the OCPB. Lynne Kline served as the first women's club president. Sally McKinney was the first female member of the OCPB as she was recruited to handle the weekly club newsletter (Grits & Bits), a function she still fulfills today.

Another accomplishment was the creation of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Foundation. This entity allows individuals and companies to receive a tax deduction for their support of Optimist programs. It was officially recognized as a 501 (c) 3

non-profit on July 18, 2019. Jeff Keener, Sally McKinney, Admiral Andy Wilkinson, Price Legg and Richard Sullivan sit on the foundation board.

For the past two years, the group has achieved the highest rating from Optimist International, Distinguished Club Status. This is based on club growth, local programming and participation in zone (Baldwin County) and district (State of Alabama and Mississippi) Optimist activities.

Last year, OCPB took credit for playing a large role in the re-introduction of the Optimist movement in Orange Beach and Gulf Shores,



**Optimist Club
of Perdido Bay**
By Jeff Keener

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Scenes from Lillian



Dozens of boat trailers and trucks were lined up Saturday, April 25 at the Lillian Boat Launch. It was a beautiful day and boating is a safe and fun activity during these days of Coronavirus social distancing.



Crews have been busy converting the Shell gas station and store over to a Circle K property in Lillian. Located on Highway 98, it is expected to reopen in early May.



Fire destroyed the home of Tonda Adams at 1220 Chagrin Drive in Spanish Cove the evening of April 22. According to on-line posts, she and her son along with their pets made it out safely.



Joy and Ben Blevins, at left, took advantage of a beautiful day to walk their dog, Louie, around Lillian Recreational Park. Louise Brown, right, is a regular at the park, getting in her daily exercise on the walking trail.



Jack and Amelia Trawick are staying with grandparents during the Covid-19 pandemic and found Lillian Recreational Park is a great place to ride their scooters.

Need To Borrow Medical Supplies?

You can borrow medical supplies for free! Lillian American Legion Post #48 has a 'lending closet' that stocks many useful items, including wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, hospital beds, potty chairs, etc. Please contact Bill Burns at 251-962-4993 or Darrel Ochs at 251-961-1291. Check here before you buy or rent. Donations may be dropped off at Twice Upon A Time thrift shop and the Lillian Community Club. THANK YOU! ~ Individuals who have items borrowed from the closet and no longer have a need, please call and return the items to the Legion. ~ Individuals willing to donate unused items can call and we will pick them up.

OBITUARIES

Margarete Elise Bohling

Margarete Elise Bohling, 93, of Perdido Beach passed away on April 11, 2020. She was born and raised in Berlin, Germany.

Her husband, George, was a soldier in World War II. They met in 1948, married and lived most of their married life in upstate New York and retired to Alabama in the late 1970s. She was a licensed practical nurse, working in New York and Pensacola.



Bohling

She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include two daughters, Doreen Tobin of Lenhartsville, Penn., and Yvonne Ambrose of Perdido Beach; one son, Reinhard (Linda) Bohling of Jacksonville, Fla.; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Baldwin County Animal Shelter or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Elberta, is in charge of arrangements.

Andy Pipkins Sr.

Andy J. Pipkins Sr., 65, of Lillian, passed away March 9, 2020. A private memorial service will be held. A memorial book may be signed online at www.casonfuneralservice.com.

Cason Funeral Service, Foley, is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries may be submitted to *The Lillian* by emailing the info to lillianeditor@yahoo.com or by dropping it off at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library. The information will be printed in the next issue of the newspaper.

Keeping The Faith



Photos by Sally McKinney



Lillian churches are making adjustments to how and when their services are held during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Miscellaneous

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Grateful to Those Still Volunteering

For several weeks now, residents of Lillian – as all Alabamians – have been asked to stay home to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. For many of us, the challenge becomes, “What can I do with my time that will be beneficial?”

The volunteers at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library are no exception. The solution there is the volunteers are still volunteering. But not in their usual way, and not just the volunteers who dedicate their time to the daily running of the library.

Under the capable management of our board president Betty Bovat, a number of projects have been completed at the library. Some things had been talked about for a while, but we couldn’t find the time to accomplish them. Now we have the time, and much is being done. Not all of these jobs were performed by our volunteers, but they are jobs which have been completed very well and in a relatively short period of time.

She was able to hire a carpet cleaner, Kwik Dry, recommended by one of our volunteers. They did a wonderful job, were very professional and reasonably priced. Since the carpets were clean and fresh, some of the volunteers took time to clean woodwork, the computer lab, dust shelves and any other housework-type job we thought of.

Next, two of our “outside” volunteers, John Wade and Wade Dorman,

built a new set of stairs at the entrance. The old stairs had started to crack and the stringers had begun to show some rot and wear. The stairs now are beautiful, sturdy and ready for use. We will wait a bit to paint them since they’re made of salt-treated lumber. The new stairs are a major improvement to our library.

The front door has been painted inside and out and the framing and areas around the front door also have been painted. The side door to the left of the handicapped parking has been washed along with the railing and the sides of the building near that door.

Weeding and mulching of the flowerbeds and hedge areas have been done with the help of Frank Hill who is also our lawn person. He mows regularly, does some trimming and any other odd jobs that need to be done with our yard.

And by the way, who is trimming the hedges? We are grateful for your help, but let us know so we can thank you personally. You are doing a terrific job!

Also, you may have noticed that the tree in front has been removed by Tony Kickler. He not only removed the tree, but removed the debris and ground the stump. The branches were infected with mistletoe and were dying and becoming dangerous. At some point we will landscape that area for a fresher look.



Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Sarah Henkel

Florence McLendon continues to manage the finances for the library, pay the bills, work with our bank on budgeting and money matters which keep us functional.

So as you can see, we have been busy. We hope that once we’ve reopened, many of you will visit the li-

brary and see the improvements.

We’re so very grateful to all who have helped and we’re always looking for community people seeking a volunteer opportunity. This library was founded 26 years ago and built through community volunteers. That legacy obviously continues today!

Library Announces Limited Hours, Limited Services For Now

The Lillian Perdido Bay Library will be open for limited hours and with extra precautions in place beginning Tuesday, May 5.

The library will be open from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays only until further notice.

This opening is only for checking in and out of books.

The computer room remains closed at this time, and patrons will not be allowed to bring their own laptops inside the building.

Wifi access is available for those sitting in their vehicles in the parking lot.

Should patrons need a copy or fax, the library volunteer on duty will take care of it.

The library board asks that those coming to use the library will

show respect and understanding of social distancing.

For that reason, only 2 to 3 people will be allowed in the library at a time and a line will be formed for guests to enter as others leave.

It is up to each patron to determine if they want to wear a mask and gloves.

Donations of books and magazines are still not being accepted at this time.

DO NOT leave your books or other items at the library until the staff is ready to begin accepting donations again.

Please remember the library is run completely by volunteers who are willing to come in to allow patrons to get books during this time of isolation.

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Sorry **WE REMAIN CLOSED**

Due to a public health order from Governor Kay Ivey, the Lillian Community Club has been closed since March 19.

We thank you for your understanding.

We hope to open as soon as possible -please watch our Facebook page for updates.

THANK YOU!

The Lillian Community Club would like to take this opportunity to offer heartfelt thanks to all those working through the Coronavirus pandemic.

We truly appreciate all health care workers, first responders, law enforcement, truck drivers, retail and restaurant employees, farmers, volunteers, front line workers and others doing their part to help keep our area as safe and healthy as possible! We are grateful for all you do!