



# The Lillian

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## LASAR Members Earn Awards

*Iburg, Whitmyer Recognized for Volunteer Service*

By Donna Johnson

Two members of the Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) unit received the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) for 2019.

The PVSA was created in 2003 to "recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity," according to the National Community Service website. The PVSA "honors volunteers who use their time and talents to solve some of the toughest challenges facing our nation."

Duane Whitmyer and Roger Iburg were presented their awards by former Alabama State Senator Bill Hightower and LASAR Unit Commander Ray Hogans during a LASAR monthly meeting. Both honorees were presented with a President's Volunteer Service Award pin, a certificate of achievement for over 500 hours of community service and a congratulatory letter signed by President Donald Trump.

Iburg was surprised and honored to have received the award. He said on every event or mission he has worked, he saw other LASAR members doing what he felt would entitle them to an award such as this. "It is humbling to know I was chosen and approved for this award. Not only is this an honor, but it is a strong motivation for continued future participation," he said.

Whitmyer, who also received the

2019 LASAR Member of the Year award, was also humbled by the accolades. "What I do for LASAR is not for praise or any award," he said. "I do it for all the training that I find useful in my life to help the people around me and my community. My plans are to continue to do what I can, as much as I can, for as long as I can. I want to see the LASAR unit be a big benefit to the area of Lillian and the surrounding community."

The entire LASAR unit congratulates both on being selected for these awards. More importantly, they earn thanks for always being there to assist and serve. Lillian is a better place because of people like them and all others quietly serving as volunteers of the community.

To join LASAR, attend a monthly meeting held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at LASAR headquarters, 34247 West Barclay Avenue in Lillian.



*The President's Volunteer Service Award Pin*



*Roger Iburg, above, is presented with his President's Volunteer Service Certificate by former State Senator Bill Hightower and LASAR Commander Ray Hogans.*

*Duane Whitmyer, at right, displays his 2019 LASAR Member of the Year Award and President's Volunteer Service Certificate.*



## New Tanker Truck Joins LVFD Fleet



*Lillian Volunteer Fire Department is proud to announce the addition of a new tanker truck (3717). In the planning stages for over a year, the new LVFD tanker has a capacity of 2,000 gallons of water while carrying five firefighters. It will be put into service as soon as some required equipment has been installed. It will be on display along with all other LVFD equipment when the department hosts an open house on Saturday, March 21. Additional fire department news on Page 6.*

## Homestead Exemption Help Available in Lillian

The Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's office has announced they will come to Lillian to assist property owner's with homestead exemption renewals. Staff will be on hand from 9 to 11 a.m. on Feb. 5 and 19, March 4 and 18 and April 1 and 15 at the Lillian Community Club.

Home owners must provide their driver's license, income tax returns and disability information.

Residents can avoid having to travel to their nearest revenue office by attending one of these sessions. For more information, contact the Foley satellite courthouse at 251-943-5061 or the main office in Bay Minette at 251-937-0245.

*See Page 2  
for local tax  
assistance  
information*

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**Board meeting of the Lillian Action Committee will be held at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library at 2 p.m. on April 20, 2020. The public is invited.**



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## Garden Party Dinner Dance Set for March 7

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host an evening of wonderful food, music, dancing and friendship on Saturday, March 7, at the Lillian Community Club. The Garden Party Dinner Dance will begin at 5 p.m.

The special menu will include seasonal spring salad with champagne vinaigrette dressing, apple sausage pork roulade, celeriac-garlic mashed potatoes, blistered green beans, bread and beverages.

A mouth-watering final course will be chocolate bread pudding with strawberry sauce. Also available will be a cash bar and music provided by a DJ (requests welcomed) for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 and music until 9 p.m.

Cost is \$25 a person and tickets must be purchased no later than Feb. 29 from any Optimist



*Char and Roger Kuhr tripped the light fantastic at the last special dinner hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.*

member. Table reservations are available so plan to bring your friends.

For more information, contact Sondra Wilkinson at 251-213-3734 or Carolyn Armstrong at 251-269-0484.

## AARP Offering Tax Assistance in Baldwin County

AARP Foundation will be providing tax aid in Baldwin County. The group helped over 1,600 elderly and low to moderate income Baldwin County households file their federal and state income taxes last year, realizing over \$1.3 million in refunds and refundable credits.

With the support of AARP and the IRS, they are available this year free-of-charge at the following locations, dates and times.

**Sites** are open Feb. 3 to April 15, with all locations closed for President's Day on Feb. 17

and Fat Tuesday on Feb. 25.

The group has announced three sites for assistance, including:

- Fairhope: Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse, 1100 Fairhope Ave., (251) 279-0251, fairhope@taxaide.net, first come, first served, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Orange Beach: Senior Center, 26251 Canal Road, (251) 981-3440, by appointment only, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Robertsdale: Council on Aging, 22251 Palmer St., (251) 972-8506 by appointment only, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Remember to bring your spouse (if filing jointly), Social Security cards for all, driver's licenses/IDs, last year's re-

turns, W-2s and 1099s, 1098s, 1095s, receipts for deductions, vehicle tag receipt, death certificate, power of attorney and divorce decree.

## AARP Tax Help Also Available Closer to Lillian

An AARP spokesperson also stated Lillian residents may meet with tax assistants at the West Florida Public Library Southwest Branch Library at 12248 Gulf Beach Highway at Bauer Road.

According to library staff, it is a first come; first served program. Clients must sign in when they arrive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, Feb. 3.

## Sno-Bird Club Sets February Meeting Dates

The WI Sno-bird Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 5 and 26, at the Orange Beach Event Center with coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting starting at 9 a.m.

Everyone who is in lower Alabama for the winter is welcome to attend.

Gatherings offer the chance to meet other Wisconsin snowbirds, learn about volunteer opportunities at the new zoo, Elberta's Baldwin County Heritage Museum and fundraising events. Meetings also feature speakers from surrounding communities.

Come to find out about day trips and sign up for activities.

Additional dates for the group include:

Feb 5: Meeting at OBEC  
Feb 8: Brat Fest at 11 a.m. at Orange Beach Community Center

Feb 8: Trivia night at 6 p.m. at OBEC

Feb 10: Singles group meets at 11:30 a.m. at Doc's in Orange Beach

Feb 11: 8 pin no-tap bowling fundraiser at 1 p.m. at Gulf Bowl in Foley

Feb 18: Golf scramble to benefit BCHM at 9 a.m. at GlenLakes, RSVP needed

Feb 19: Picnic at OBCC, RSVP needed

Feb 21: Low country boil at the new zoo, RSVP needed

Feb 26: Meeting at OBEC

Card players meet at the Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 on Hwy. 59 every Friday at 8:30 a.m. Golfers will have special rates at the GlenLakes Golf Course.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Kenn at 251-967-2463 or wissnobirds@yahoo.com.



## Variety of Programs Set for Optimist Club

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will offer a variety of speakers to their members and guests.

- On Feb. 1 Department of Veterans' Affairs Volunteer Coordinator for the Gulf Coast Michael Grey will discuss "Gulf Coast Veterans' Care Health System." Grey is coordinator for the Gulf Coast VA Clinics in Pensacola, Eglin and Panama City, Fla.

- Local resident David Rittenhouse, MBA, will speak on Feb. 8 about "Green Tyranny - How Malthusian Theory Drives Public Policy." The Malthus theory states that the population increase would outpace increases in the means of subsistence (i.e. food). Rittenhouse has been awarded two scientific patents and is the son of long-time member Roy Rittenhouse.

- Stan Fertig, Professor of Biological Sciences at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, will present "ECOLOGY - What is that?" at the Feb. 15 meeting.

- Winners of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Essay Contest will present their writing efforts on Feb. 22.

- On Feb. 29 Optimist Jane Foster will tell fellow Optimists about her life before moving to Lillian, another presentation in the "Let Me Introduce Myself" series.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay meets at 8 a.m. every Saturday in the Lillian Community Club. Guests are always welcome and partake in a free breakfast that includes eggs, sausage, baked beans, biscuits and gravy, grits and fruit.

The club follows their mission to "Bring Out the Best in Kids" by providing a variety of events and programs throughout the year. Some of these include reading to kinder-



*Photo by Sally McKinney*  
**Admiral Andy Wilkinson, US Navy, was a recent participant in the "Let Me Introduce Myself" series presented at the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay meetings.**

garten and first grade students, tutoring math and mentoring in the Elberta schools. Some school projects at Elberta Elementary, Middle and High Schools are funded by the club, as well as St. Benedict Catholic School.

Throughout the year special events are hosted by the club, including a fishing rodeo, Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with Santa.

They also fund Christmas gifts for special needs children in Foley and Elberta, provide turkeys and workers for the ARC Thanksgiving dinner for special needs children and adults, provide more than 500 meals for the Special Olympics and Christmas dinners for needy families.

The Christmas Parade is also hosted by the club. Funding for these programs and projects comes from the annual Mullet Festival, "Streets of Red, White and Blue" Flag Program and the July Fashion Show.

## Events Planned to Benefit Mary's Shelter

Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast has two special events coming up to benefit homeless, pregnant women who choose life for their child.

Randy Albright, named "Johnny Cash of Catholic Music" by the National Catholic Register, will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church in Orange Beach. The singer-songwriter's scripturally based performance has been described as a theology of Mary in



*Albright*

song and dialogue.

Tickets are complimentary but space is limited, so reserve tickets today by calling Judie Flanigan at 251-554-4889 or go online to <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/rabc>.

The second event is April Showers for the Babies and will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Hall in Foley.

The program includes a style show, silent auction, luncheon and live auction.

Tickets are \$35 per person or \$240 for a reserved table of eight.

To purchase tickets contact Judie Flanigan, 251-554-4889 or go online to <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/asftb> and click on 'Events.'

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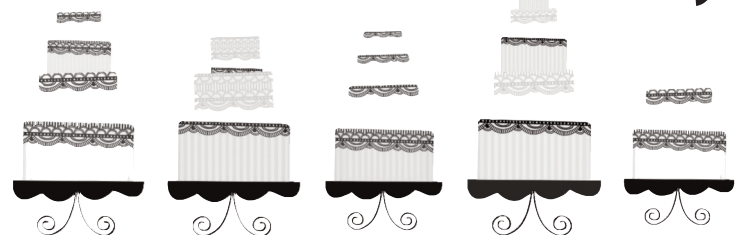
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## A Great Debut for Christmas in the Park

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and the New Year will bring you much joy and happiness.

I had a really special Christmas this year. My daughter Kathy and her husband drove down for a visit before Christmas. Kathy loves to join me and my Optimist crew when we visit the special needs classes in Foley and Elberta. She usually times her visit so she can participate in Breakfast with Santa, too. She lives in the Chicago suburbs, but do you know what? She can't find anything like our Lillian celebrations there.

The weekend before Christmas we all drove north so that I could surprise my son and some of his family from Florida while they visited in the northern climes. Wow! Were they surprised! They know that Mom has chosen the warmer temps of Lillian over the 'yuck' of a Chicago winter.

After that celebration, daughter Peggy and grandson Scott drove me back home where they enjoyed a southern week of winter.

Being with family is such a joy. It really wasn't much of a sacrifice to brave the northern winter. As it turned out, it wasn't bad at all, temps in the 40s and 50s and NO SNOW!!!

So I got back to normal at home and one day noticed a large envelope on the outside of my mailbox. I thought it was something a friend had dropped off for one of my projects. No, it was a photo of my husband, Denny, when he was still working at All State Insurance Company as head of their ride sharing program.

The envelope also included a three-page hand-written letter from my daughter's best friend throughout elementary, junior high and high schools. She and her husband are



**Just a  
Thought  
or Two**  
By Sally  
McKinney

downsizing and she found the picture.

Karen spent a lot of time at our house and she was like a member of the family. She ate with us, stayed overnight, went on camping trips and yearly vacations. In the letter she listed a variety of ways that we made her feel like part of our family.

I won't go into all the details, but I can tell you the letter brought quite a few tears to my eyes. She said, "I've always been glad to be your daughter by another Mother."

It's funny, we never thought we were doing anything special. We always enjoyed her company no matter what we were doing. I never thought about it. It was just something we did for her and others who teamed up with our kids — made them feel at home.

It made me feel so good that she appreciated that and that she remembered all the crazy things we did. I'll bet you there are many of you who have "children by another Mother" that you remember and who really appreciate what you did for them. I'll bet you even changed some of their lives for the better.

There are many opportunities for you to continue affecting the lives of others. No, no more going on crazy trips or leading Camp Fire Girls groups or coaching softball. Just look around. I'll bet you can find other ways to help others, not just kids. All we have to do is open our eyes and ears and then say, "Yes."

I won't tell you where to find them. You know who and where they are.

## 90th Birthday Surprise



Friends and family of Berdine Rittenhouse recently gathered to celebrate her 90th birthday. The plans were secretly executed by her son, Dave.

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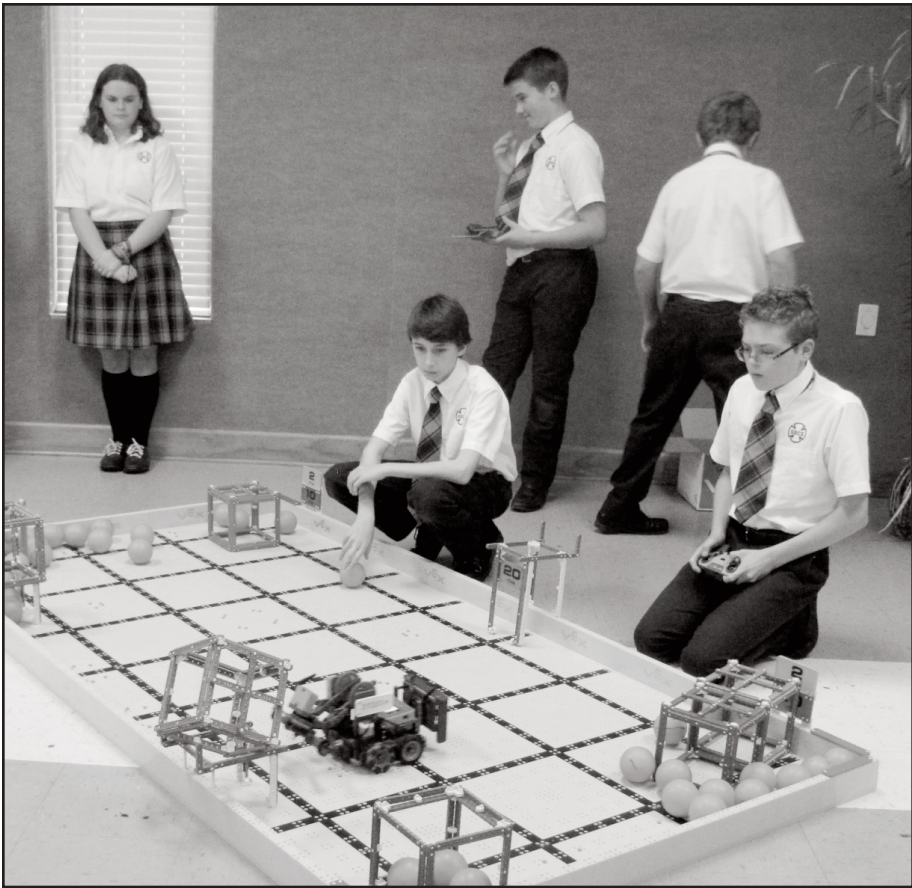
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Students in the St. Benedict Catholic School STEM Program showed their robot expertise at a recent meeting of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church Parish Hall. The boys' team took first place in a recent competition in Foley that consisted of more than 40 teams. In February they will be competing at Auburn University at the state level and in Ohio in March for national honors.

### St. Benedict Catholic School Noting 100th Anniversary With Events on Feb. 1

Two events are taking place on Saturday, Feb. 1, at St. Benedict Catholic School in Elberta. The first event relates to the school's 100th anniversary. Later the school will host an Open House for the community.

The school has been serving the community since 1921, inspiring spiritual growth, intellectual challenge, community service and compassion for others.

Graduating eighth grade students move on to local high schools, both public and private, and continue on the road to excellence, receiving top honors in the county as well as the state.

The school is seeking community input to help plan and grow for the next century.

The day will begin at 8 a.m. with Mass in St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, followed by an assembly, pre-

sentations and breakout sessions to discuss the future of the parish school. Topics will include mission, academic excellence, extracurricular activities and more.

The day will continue with an Open House from 1 to 3 p.m. Families with children entering PreK through grade 8 as well as others interested in learning more about the school are invited to tour the campus and visit classrooms.

Teachers and administrators, current parents and student ambassadors will be available to answer questions about academic programs and opportunities, student life and extracurricular activities as well as the application and admission process.

For more information contact Principal Dr. Kathy McCool, 251-986-8143 or by email at kmccools-bcs@gmail.com.

### Grand Dames Meet in Foley



The Perdido Grande Dames met Jan. 14 at the new Paula Dean restaurant in Foley. Posing with the Paula Dean cutout were, from left, Mary Margaret Ayres, Este Donnenwrith, Sandra Jurries, Lorriane Standish, Elaine Cooley, Barbara Dixon, Judy Wargo and Karen Brady. In front are Deborah Donin and newest member Laurie Gatertig.

## American Legion HAM DINNER

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Lillian Community Club

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## Nick Dosh Named LVFD Lieutenant

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 66 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in December which included 50 medical assistance, 3 public assists, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 4 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire, 1 appliance fire, 2 fire alarms/cancelled and 1 miscellaneous. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer give us a call at 962-2696 and leave a message. We will return your call.

LVFD had a very busy 2019, ending up with 883 calls for the year. This was an increase of 50 calls from 2018. The calls have been steadily increasing each year, which is another reason we were grateful for so many new recruits in 2019.

There was a lot of excitement early in January when the brand new tanker truck (3717) rolled into the



## Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

Lillian fire station. The new truck carries 2,000 gallons of water and is able to carry five firefighters. The tanker has been in planning for over a year and it's finally here. It is currently being outfitted with required equipment before being put in service. Don't forget to check it out in our Open House next month.

In addition to new recruits, we also had several changes in leadership. Unfortunately, one of our newer lieutenants, Jeff Gleason, decided to move back to his hometown in Texas. He was a great asset to the department and did a wonderful job in his short time as lieutenant and he will be missed by all at LVFD. However, on a good note, Chief Nick Dewhurst

promoted a new lieutenant, Nick Dosh, to take his place. Dosh has been with the department for nearly two years and has proven to be a wise choice for the position. We know you will be a great addition to our leaders.

The holidays may be over, but LVFD is now working on our next fun day for the community. Yes, it's that time again for the LVFD Open House. This year it will be held on Saturday, March 21, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. As usual, we will have lots of goodies to eat and plenty of fun activities for the kids. Last year was a great success and we are sure this year will be even better. We will give you more information on the open house in next month's article.

## Majesty Speaks at UDC Meeting



Mary Beth Majesty of Lillian presented a program to the Charles S. Stewart Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy at their Jan. 13 meeting. She spoke on the Constitution of the Confederate States of America. Reports were given about chapter member activities including visiting William F. Green State Veteran's home, riding in the Veteran's Day Parade in Foley, celebrating Alabama Day on Dec. 14, delivering Christmas cards and candy to veterans and the report on the Children of the Confederacy chapter. UDC President General Nelma Crutcher suggested reading "The Courageous Caroline" by Josephine Turner about the life of UDC founder Caroline Meriwether Goodlet.

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The 2019-20 fundraising letters were mailed at the end of October. The addresses were provided by the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's Office.

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Local Pharmacist Speaks to Group

The Lillian Women’s Club met Jan. 21 at the Lillian Community Club.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and the devotion presented by Rosemary Boccard, the ladies enjoyed a brunch luncheon provided by Sally Island Catering.

Madeline Hatcher and Janis Byars attended as guests and the club was delighted Byars decided to become a member.

Joanne Matthews had a birthday and was honored by our rendition of “Happy Birthday.”

Stacy Davis, a pharmacist from Lillian Pharmacy, gave the presentation. She had helpful suggestions to help everyone manage their medications, including keeping a record of all medicines, correct storage and understanding information on the labels.

Reports were given by the secretary, treasurer and cheer fund chairman. The cheer fund allows for sending cards to members for various occasions. Cindy Causey won the 50/50 drawing and donated the money to the cheer fund.

Door prizes were won by Phyllis Green, Carol Burnett and Marlene Fuller.

The February meeting will be a Mardi Gras celebration with an in-

Women’s Club  
By Judy Deeter

d o o r parade, s o s o m e great floats are expected. A silent auction will be held as a fund-raiser in April and area women are invited to come and shop.

You will need to make reservations for lunch at the Lillian library by April 16.



At the most recent meeting of the Lillian Women’s Club, Stacy Davis from Lillian Pharmacy presented a program on the interaction of prescriptions with over-the-counter medications.

Commissioner Addresses County Topics

County Commissioner Skip Gruber spoke about county issues at a recent meeting of the Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee meeting.

He said it is extremely important that the community reply to the 2020 US Census when information is distributed. Population numbers affect the drawing of congressional lines and if enough do not respond, Alabama could lose a representative.

The official census kick off will be April 1.

This will be the first census that will offer options to respond online or by phone, in addition to the option to respond on a paper form as with previous censuses.

- Residents who see problems with roads in the area should call the Highway Department to report them. Call 251-972-8530 Monday to Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- A new boat launch will be open soon on County Road 4 near the toll booth on the Beach Expressway. Commissioner Gruber said he expects work to begin soon on improvements to the Lillian Boat Launch. Restore funds will be used to correct problems there.

- The Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) has given authorization to extend the paved shoulder on County Road 99 south to approximately Carrier Drive.

- A new four-way stop will be located at Barkley Avenue and 6th

Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee  
By Sally McKinney

Street in Lillian. There has also been a request to open up 3rd Street to provide better access and safety.

- Since it is not practical to place a traffic signal at Perdido Street and US Highway 98 because of the curve and hill, it was suggested that a light be installed at CR 91 and Hwy 98 to help slow down traffic as it enters Lillian. Gruber said the Highway Department is also looking at the intersection of CR 93 and Hwy 98 due to the heavy truck traffic in the area.

- Alabama Power and CSX Railroad are working together to make the mega site in Bay Minette more attractive. Electric lines and a railroad spur will be added to the 280-plus acre plant site.

- In other discussion, Perdido Bay Water is looking to place a new well in the north area of Lillian in order to extend service to lower income families on CR 93.

- The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department has purchased a new 2,000 gallon pumper tank. It is not in service yet, as it needs to be outfitted with a variety of equipment.

- The Lillian Community Club is in the process of updating the air conditioning and heating equipment in the hall area to match the improvements in the bar area.

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Collier Becomes Newest Lodge Member

Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 initiated Cliff Collier on Jan. 7 as its newest member. Collier has been a resident of the community for the past 25 years and is owner of the Car Barn which recently moved from its Highway 98 location to 9717 County Road 91.

Collier is a board member of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and is active with the Frank Brown Song Writers Festival as well as the Perdido Bay Power Squadron, Am Vets and the Lillian Community Club.

“This is something that I have been interested in for a long time. I now have the time to commit to the organization and I am looking forward



Collier

Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

to this next chapter in my life,” Collier said.

He is married to Mary (Wilkerson) and the father of three girls, Denise, Brenda and Terry. He also is a proud grandfather of five and great-grandfather of one.

The Masonic Lodge has a strong history of community service in Lillian. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Joe Taylor, lodge secretary, at 251-753-5225 or 962-4301.

The group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 12600 South Perdido Street in Lillian at 6 p.m. The Pelican Nest now caters the meeting meals. The meals are \$8, but must be reserved in advance.

Know the Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s

Alzheimer’s is a brain disease that causes a gradual decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. According to the Alzheimer’s Association, there are ten warning signs of Alzheimer’s every person should know.

1) Memory loss that disrupts daily life. This kind of memory loss includes forgetting recently learned information, forgetting important dates or events, repeatedly asking the same questions or increasingly needing to rely on family or memory aids (such as reminder notes) for things you used to remember on your own.

2) Challenges in planning or solving problems. Some people with Alzheimer’s experience a decrease in their ability to develop a plan or work with numbers. They may have trouble following a recipe, keeping track of monthly bills or balancing their checkbook. They also may have difficulty concentrating.

3) Difficulty completing familiar or daily tasks. Examples of this might be difficulty driving to a familiar location, organizing a grocery list or remembering the rules of a favorite game.

4) Confusion with time or place. Persons with Alzheimer’s can lose track of dates, time and seasons. They may have trouble understanding something if it isn’t happening immediately. They also may forget where they are or how they got there.

5) Difficulty with spatial relationships. Spatial problems include difficulty with maintaining one’s balance, driving or judging distance. An example of spatial issues might be placing your coffee mug on the coaster and missing the coaster.

6) Difficulty finding the right words when speaking or writing. This symptom frequently manifests as difficulty following a conversation, losing one’s train of thought when speaking or misnaming a familiar object (such as calling a “wristwatch” a “hand clock.”)

7) Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps. Persons

with Alzheimer’s disease may put things in unusual

places, such as putting the television remote in the refrigerator. They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them.

8) Poor decision-making. Two common examples of this symptom are using poor judgment when handling money and paying less attention to personal hygiene.

9) Withdrawal from work or social activities. Persons living with Alzheimer’s may withdraw from hobbies, social clubs, church attendance and other engagements in which they previously participated.

10) Changes in mood and personality. Persons with Alzheimer’s disease can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful and/or anxious. They may become easily upset at home, with friends or anytime they’re out of their comfort zone. The individual with Alzheimer’s may accuse people of stealing, especially as the disease progresses.

It’s important to know that we sometimes experience age-related memory decline, such as momentarily forgetting someone’s name but remembering it later. Age-related memory decline is not Alzheimer’s disease. But if you or a loved one are experiencing any of the ten warning signs of Alzheimer’s listed above, you should schedule an appointment with your doctor to discuss them.

For those persons on Medicare, the Medicare Wellness Exam now includes a memory test. According to the nurse who administered it to me, less than five percent of persons who take the test score 100 percent.

The Other Side

By Jim Belcher

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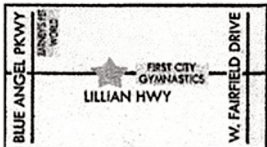
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## CSS Offering Senior Bags



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*Catholic Social Services of Baldwin County has begun a new program for low income 60+ senior citizens. CSS Director Phyllis Beam says men and women are given a Senior Bag that includes household cleaning products and other items like shampoo and soap. The bags recently included pantry items and a soft blanket for cool days. Seniors may get refills once a month by returning the bag to the office in Robertsdale. Seniors who are in need of food on a regular basis should call for an appointment to make arrangements to receive items from the food pantry. For more information call 251-947-2293.*

## Protect Your Data Exposure on Facebook

You may have already heard about this, but if not, you should know.

Data security researchers discovered an online database containing the names, phone numbers and Facebook IDs of 267 million Facebook users available for download on a hacker forum.

The database was not password protected and had been posted on Dec. 12, 2019. On Dec. 14, the researchers contacted the internet service provider that was hosting the database and the database was removed on Dec. 19.

Although it is unclear why or how the database was created, researchers warn that such information can be used for phishing or spam, especially via SMS.

Facebook users can maintain better control over what profile information is displayed by adjusting their account privacy settings. For example, users can:

- Go to settings and privacy in Facebook
- Click privacy shortcuts

- Click see more privacy settings
- Set all relevant fields to 'Friends' or 'Only me'
- Set "Do you want search engines outside of Facebook to link to your profile?" to 'No'

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You should be on the lookout for phishing emails, which may appear to come from a familiar source or use personal information. Be wary of emails or phone calls with urgent requests for help

and/or secrecy. Also be aware of emails from unfamiliar sources that contain links or attachments that you were not expecting. Do not click on these links, as they could be embedded with malware.

Be diligent on monitoring any suspicious activity to your accounts. When receiving suspicious e-mails from someone in your contacts, call that person and ask if they sent it. If they say no, inform them their account has been compromised.

If you have any questions you would like answered in this column please email them to [mouse@pc-s4u.com](mailto:mouse@pc-s4u.com).



### The Mouse

By Joseph Oakley

## Spanish Cove's Cove Wide

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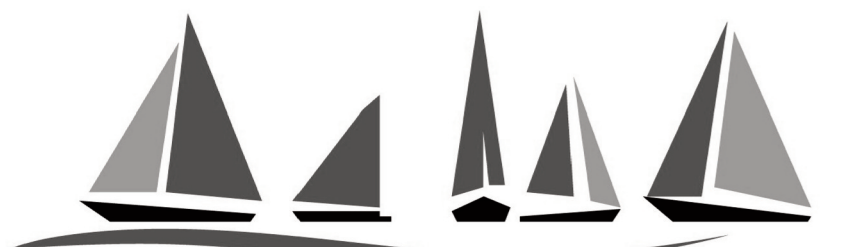
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## Tax Changes Include Simpler Senior Form

Here we are at the start of tax processing season – the IRS began processing 2019 tax returns on Jan. 27 and there are a few surprises this year.

Congress, at the last minute, made some changes for the better.

I'll start with some of these before giving you a few basics for 2019.

- There is a new form just for seniors – Form 1040-SR. You must be 65 or older to use the new, simplified version. It has a larger font size and better color contrast. You can also claim the standard deduction or itemize deductions and there are no income limits or restrictions on the types of income reported.

- The penalty for having no health insurance has been eliminated and the expense threshold has been reduced once more to 7.5% of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for claiming medical expenses.

- The cancellation of debt is not taxable for personal home foreclosures up to \$2 million and the deduction for Mortgage Insurance Premiums (PMI) is again allowed for itemizing deductions.

- The "above-the-line" deduction tuition expense is back for those high-income taxpayers who pay tuition but cannot use other education deductions. This deduction is either \$4,000 or \$2,000, depending on income.

- For those of you who may be subject to mandatory Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) on your retirement or Individual Retirement Accounts in 2020, the age requirement has been changed from 70-1/2 to 72. This change does not apply to those already taking RMDs. And for tax year 2020, the 70-1/2 age limitation for contributing to an IRA has also been eliminated.

Here are some of the other tax items:

- The standard deduction: It will be \$24,400 for those Married Filing Jointly (MFJ), \$18,350 for Heads of Household (HOH) and \$12,200 for Single or those Married Filing Separately (MFS). Seniors (age 65) will get an extra \$1,300 or \$1,650 tacked on to the deduction amounts, depending on your filing status.

- Dependent tax credit: The Child Tax Credit remains at \$2,000 per child under age 17 and \$1,400 of it will be refundable, meaning that you will get up to this amount as a refund, even if you do not owe or pay any tax. The Other Dependent Credit of \$500 remains in effect.

- Earned income credit: The maximum EIC is \$6,557 for MFJ taxpayers who have three or more qualifying children with earned income and AGI less than \$55,952. For any other filing status, the AGI is \$50,162. The EIC amounts and AGI limita-



**Let's Talk Taxes**  
By Carol Kovacs  
CPA, EA

tions decrease with fewer or no children.

- Alimony: There is no deduction for those paying it, or income for those receiving it, for any settlements after 2017.

- Real estate, state income and sales tax: The deduction for all three combined are capped at \$10,000. You still have the choice of either state income or sales tax as a deduction, but the cap applies.

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

- Employee and miscellaneous deductions subject to 2% AGI: These have been suspended until 2026. This means that unreimbursed employee expenses (job search expenses, union dues, etc.) are not deductible. However, they may still be deductible as your state's itemized deductions.

- Mileage rates for deductions: Use of your vehicle for business increases to 58 cents per mile, for charitable work stays at 14 cents, and for medical expenses in traveling for medical treatment or to pick up prescriptions increases to 20 cents.

- Tax brackets: There are seven tax brackets, and most are lower with percentages at 10, 12, 22, 24, 32, 35 and 37%. These are in effect until 2025.

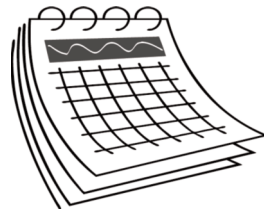
Dollar limits are: Singles - less than \$9,700, over \$9,700, over \$39,475, over \$84,200, over \$160,725, over \$204,100 and over \$510,300 respectively, and for MFS - less than \$19,400, over \$19,400, over \$78,950, over \$168,400, over \$321,450, over \$408,200 and over \$612,350 respectively.

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## Community Bulletin Board

- Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Saturday breakfast and meeting, 8 a.m. at Lillian Community Club
- Feb. 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 & 29 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, every Saturday and Tuesday at 7 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church
- Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church
- Feb. 4 & 18 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meetings first and third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Contact Joe Taylor at 251-962-4301 or Jim Covert at 251-962-7354
- Feb. 6 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. in the park conference room
- Feb. 10 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
- Feb. 10 - Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee meeting on second Monday of each month, 8:30 a.m., open to public, Lillian Community Club
- Feb. 13 - Gulf Coast Classic Car Club meeting, 6 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Gulf Bowl Bowling Alley, 2881 S. Juniper Street, Foley
- Feb. 16 - Sunday Night Songfest, 6 p.m., third Sunday of each month, Bayside Baptist Church
- Feb. 17 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- Feb. 18 - Lillian Women's Club meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept. through May, 11:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club
- Feb. 23 - American Legion Ham Dinner fundraiser, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lillian Community Club

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Jan. 26 Ham Dinner! Don't forget to place a reminder on your calendars for the remaining two dinners on Sunday, Feb. 23, and March 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club.

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

We host a recruitment table at our dinners, so if you are a veteran and want to join the American Legion, this is a great time to do it. If you know any veterans, please have them come to the ham dinner in February and join. All veterans who have served since Dec. 7, 1941, are eligible to be become Legion members.

Post 48 has been involved in numerous activities supporting veterans in the Lillian area including charity dinners at the Lillian Community Club to build up the Veteran's Assistance Fund, building wheelchair ramps for veterans that need them and maintaining a well-stocked and organized medical closet that is a source of durable equipment for the whole community.

In addition, the American Legion always needs assistance to keep our medical closet stocked. Items are loaned to the community free of

Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

charge. Anyone having medical equipment they no longer need may donate it by contacting Darrell Ochs at (251) 269-9084 or Glen Gandy at (251) 979-6005.

We continue to increase our involvement in community activities with an emphasis on supporting schools, the educational process and staying healthy through team building activities. Our efforts include refurbishing donated computers and providing them to local schools for use with learning programs, and sponsoring attendees at the Alabama Boys' State program. But we need your help and support.

Many of our members drop by the American Legion Building 48 every Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. The building is next door to the Lillian Community Club, where the POW/MIA flag is flying.

This is a time when volunteers may be building ramps, reworking computers, helping with the landscape or cleaning and restocking the medical closet. Why not drop by and join us?

Rescue Pup Still in Search of Forever Home

Brees was brought to us as a small puppy found on the side of the road. She was tired, hungry and covered in ticks. Our staff took pity on her and she found what we thought would be a temporary home in our kennel.

She has been here for over a year now. We searched the papers and the internet for anyone who could have lost her to no avail. Brees has not been able to find a forever home.

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Look for Changes in Retirement Plans

It might not have made the headlines, but a recently passed piece of legislation could affect the IRAs and 401(k)s of millions of Americans beginning in 2020.

So if you have either of these accounts, or if you run a business, you'll want to learn more.

The new laws, collectively called the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, include these noteworthy changes:

- Higher age for RMDs – Under current law, you must start taking withdrawals – known as required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan once you turn 70 ½. The new law pushes the date to start RMDs to 72, which means you can hold on to your retirement savings a bit longer.
- No age limit for traditional IRA contributions – Previously, you could

only contribute to your traditional IRA until you were 70 ½, but under the SECURE Act, you can now fund your traditional IRA for as long as you have taxable earned income.

- Limitation of “Stretch IRA” provisions – Under the old rules, beneficiaries were able to stretch taxable RMDs from a retirement account over his or her lifetime. Under the SECURE Act while spouse beneficiaries can still take advantage of this "stretch" distribution, most non-spouse beneficiaries will have to take all the RMDs by the end of the tenth year after the account owner passes away. Consequently, non-spouse beneficiaries who inherit an IRA or other retirement plan could have tax implications due to the need to take larger distributions in a shorter timeframe.
- No early withdrawal penalty for IRAs and 401(k)s when a new child arrives. Typically, you must pay a 10% penalty when you withdraw



Financial Focus

By Jason M. Kozon of Edward Jones

funds from your IRA or 401(k) before you reach 59 ½. But now, with the new rules, you can withdraw up to \$5,000 from your retirement plan without paying the early withdrawal penalty, as long as you take the money within one year of a child being born or an adoption becoming final.

Some provisions of the SECURE Act primarily affect business owners:

- Multi-employer retirement plans – Unrelated companies can now work together to offer employees a 401(k) plan with less administrative work, lower costs and fewer fiduciary responsibilities than indi-

vidual employers now encounter when offering their own retirement plans.

- Tax credit for automatic enrollment – The new law provides a tax credit of \$500 for some smaller employers who set up automatic enrollment in their retirement plans. And a tax credit for establishing a retirement plan has been increased from \$500 to \$5,000.
- Use of annuities in 401(k) plans – It will now be easier for employers to consider including annuities as an investment option within 401(k) plans. Previously, many businesses avoided offering annuities in these plans due to liability concerns related to the annuity provider, but the new rules should help reduce these concerns.

The SECURE Act is the most significant change to retirement savings system in over a decade. Contact your financial advisor, tax professional and estate planning attorney to assess the impact on your strategies.

Finding Refuge in Storms

Jesus declares that we can, “Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Charles Wesley served as God’s foundational leader for the Methodist Church. He possessed an amazing gift for capturing God’s truth as a hymn writer. One day Charles was walking through a forest on a stormy day when lightening hit a tree near him. The burst of frightened a bird and it flew straight down to the pastor and tried to hide in the folds of his large coat.

Charles was so moved by the bird seeking refuge that he wrote one of his most famous hymns, “Jesus, Lover of My Soul.” He wrote, “Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high: Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.”

When the storms of life come, and they will, you do not have to hide out. The better response is to seek Jesus out.

The living word of the Lord proclaims, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in

trouble.” (Psalm 46:1) God is not distant and uncaring. He is as near as your breath and heartbeat. He is as near as a whispered prayer. He is not yesterday's refuge, but He operates in the right now.

Our gracious Savior offers His encouragement, comfort, power, peace and perspective not just in the sweet bye and bye but in the nasty now and now. Fly to the Lord in your storm and our protective Heavenly Father will cover you with His help, hope and healing .

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## Color Connection

Hello again, February! Season of Mardi Gras, ground hogs and valentines. Did you know that the bright red coloring has some odd origins?

Lots of types of red dyes are made from bugs. Anytime you see an ingredient list that includes carmine, cochineal extract or "natural" Red 4, you can be sure that there's a little powdered bug in there. This type of red dye comes from a scale insect called cochineal. The word cochineal originated from the ancient Aztec words 'nochtli' meaning cactus and 'eztli' meaning blood.

Up until 10 years ago, the FDA allowed cochineal to fall under the umbrella of "natural flavoring." It is, after all, completely organic. Many people are allergic to this compound, so now it is listed independently.

Dactylopius coccus, or scale bugs, are part of the order of Hemiptera. They are part of the "true bugs" group, which contains 50,000 to 80,000 different species.

If all bugs are insects, but not all insects are bugs, how can you tell them apart? The short answer is by their mouth parts. All true bugs suck - as in suck up fluids. They have specialized piercing/sucking mouth parts to slurp up everything from plant sap to blood.

The sucking part of a scale insect or other true bug - like a bedbug, for example - is called a 'proboscis.' The proboscis is basically a beaky, semi-rigid straw that is rooted to the face. Other insects can have proboscis' - like a bee or a butterfly. Butterflies mouthparts are more like a flexible garden hose, capable of rolling up and being stored inside the mouth.

Another way to tell a true bug from an insect is by looking at its development cycle. All true bugs go through incomplete metamorphosis, which means they hatch as nymphs from their egg. A nymph is a miniature version of the adult bug. Other insects, like a butterfly, go through complete metamorphosis. Complete metamorphosis means they start life as an egg, hatch into a grub, a worm or a caterpillar or some kind, form a cocoon of some type, and finally emerge fully adult.

Back to scale insects - the adult female scale insect has a soft body with no legs or limbs and is covered



## Know Your Critters

By Celeste  
Hadley-  
Champion

by, can you guess? That's right, a scale. The ladies live out their little lives in one place. They only have one chance to move about when they are nymphs. Can you imagine that? Stuck in one place, unable to move ever? Males are luckier - they have legs!

These little scale bugs are harvested from prickly pear cacti in Peru or the Canary Islands. These bugs will be dried in the sun, crushed and then soaked in alcohol to extract their beautiful red color. About one quarter of the scale bug's body contains the acid needed to create the dye, so it takes around 70,000 bugs to create one pound of dye.

The Aztec Indians of South America discovered this little guy's secret. When the Spanish conquest happened, the Conquistadors were amazed by the bright red face paint and clothing of the natives. The Spanish brought the dye, in compressed bars, across the ocean to Spain. This red dye was a richer, darker red than seen before in Europe.

In fact, the Spanish monarchy worked to keep the source of the red dye a secret. It became a trade staple of the Spanish economy for 300 years. If you were caught smuggling dye from the New World, you faced the death penalty. The dye was second in value only to silver.

The British Army has often been referred to as Redcoats because of their uniforms. The British bought the red dye from the Spaniards.

Hopefully this little history of the color red and the little scale insect will help you see the world with rose-colored glasses. You can now be extremely well red (read) on the subject. Since you red (read) the whole article just for the corny joke at the end, you will wait no longer.

What happened when the red Spanish ship crashed into the blue British ship?

The whole crew was marooned.

## CHIT CHAT

Chit Chat is your column. Brag a little, share a little, and have fun with birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren and family visits.

Happy February Birthday AQUARIUS: Trisha Gingras, Jennifer Canaday, Joyce Sheldon, Doris Green, Ed Dowd, Bob Taylor, Nicole Fehn, Evelyn Duckworth, Tom Rybarski and Ken Robinson.

Happy February Birthday PISCES: Lois Mitchell, John Flynn, Melodye Barnhart, M.J. Rooks, James Covert, Sonny Keigley, Barbara Jennings, Jim Baxter and Char Kuhr.

Happy February WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY: Ken and Diane Robinson, Vic and Judy Deeter - #21, Marvin and Judy Cain - #52, Sam and Josephine Roberts - #45 and David and Dee Woodford.

Sometimes we all need a hug- Julia Stephens, Gwen Furio and Dick McCoy. Please let us know if you know of someone who needs to be on this list.

Any information you want added or deleted from Chit Chat, send to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, AL 36549 or place in the yellow folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the March issue of The Lillian is Feb. 19.



## Local Kids Enjoyed Annual Optimist Breakfast with Santa, Mrs. Claus

**By Sally McKinney**  
The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay made arrangements with Santa and Mrs. Claus to meet and greet boys and girls, infant to age eight, at the annual Breakfast with Santa in the Lillian Community Club.

More than 125 boys and girls and their families enjoyed the famous free Optimist Club breakfast.

After the repast, the children received gifts appropriate to the age from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

This was the third Christmas-sponsored program hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

The members organized the Annual Lillian Christmas Parade and provided transportation for Santa Claus to visit special needs classes in Foley and Elberta Schools.

He also distributed gifts to all the boys and girls, based on secret tips from their teachers so the gifts would be appropriate.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is dedicated to serving chil-

dren in the Lillian-Elberta area. More than 30 programs are provided, including reading to kindergarten and first grade classes, math tutoring, mentoring, scholarships for graduating seniors, scholarships for the National Flight Academy, an Easter egg hunt, donations to the schools for special projects and a fishing rodeo.

Meetings are held at 8 a.m. every Saturday. They include breakfast and programs of interest to the community.

All are invited to attend. Guest breakfasts are free.



*Aurora, Jozalyn and Cecelia Hodges with Santa and Mrs. Claus*



*Emma, Sara and Duck Browning with Santa and Mrs. Claus*



*Optimist Club members assisted with the breakfast, including Beverly Woosley, above right, and Cyn McDermott, above.*



*Elizabeth Dupree*



*Charlie and Ryleigh Schwartz with Santa and Mrs. Claus*

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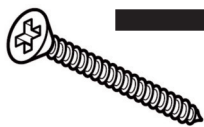
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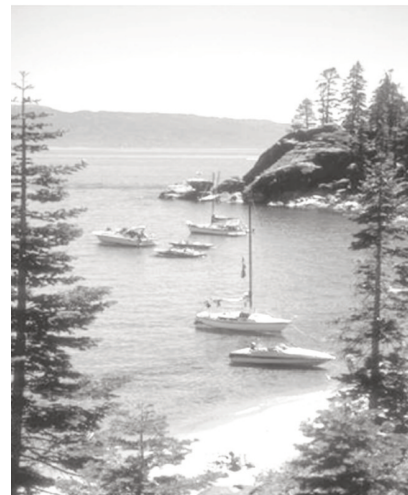


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Feb. 17	Jackson	Home	JV 4:00 / V 6:00
Feb. 20	Central (FL)	Home	JV 4:00 / V 6:00
Feb. 21	Foley	Away	JV 4:30 / V 6:30
Feb. 24	Monroe County	Away	JV 4:00 / V 6:00
Feb. 25	Orange Beach	Away	JV 4:00 & 6:00
Feb. 28	St. Michaels	Home	V 4:30 & 6:30
March 2	Citronelle	Away	JV 4:00 / V 6:00
March 3	Leflore	Home	V 4:30 / 6:30
March 5	St. Luke's	Away	V 3:00
March 6	Central (FL)	Away	JV 4:00 / V 6:00
March 10	Bayshore	Home	V 5:30
March 12	Murphy	Home	JV 4:30 / V 6:30
March 13	Excel	Away	V 5:00 / 7:00
March 16	Robertsdale	Away (Loxley)	JV 5:30
March 19	St. Michael's	Away	V 4:30 / 6:30
March 20	Bayshore	Away	V 5:30
March 21	Orange Beach	Home	JV 12:00 / 2:00
March 26	Cottage Hill	Home	V TBD
March 27	Cottage Hill	Away	V TBD / TBD
March 31	Hillcrest – Evergreen	Home	V 4:00 / 6:00
April 2	JU Blacksher	Away	V TBD
April 3	JU Blacksher	Home	V TBD / TBD
April 6	Monroe County	Away	V 4:00 / 6:00
April 7	Leflore	Away	V 4:00 / 6:00
April 13	Gulf Shores	Home	V 5:00 / 7:00

Elberta High School  
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Feb. 14/15	Robertsdale Tourney	Robertsdale	JV TBD
Feb. 17	Bayshore-Christian	Home	V 6:00
Feb. 18	UMS-Wright	Mobile	V 5:00
Feb. 20	St. Paul's Episcopal	Home	JV 5:00/6:30
Feb. 28	WS Neal	East Brewton	JV/V 5:00
March 2	Gulf Shores	Home	JV/V 5:00
March 3	Gulf Shores	Home	JV 4:00
March 3	UMS-Wright	Home	V 5:30
March 5	Orange Beach	Orange Beach	JV 5:00/6:30
March 6/7	TR Miller Tourney	Brewton	V TBD
March 10	Pensacola Catholic	Home	V 5:00
March 10	Tipton Rosemark Acad	Home	V 7:00
March 12	Bayshore Christian	Loxley	V 5:30
March 13	WS Neal	Home	JV/V 5:00
March 16-18	Gulf Shores Tourney	GS Sportsplex	JV/V TBD
March 24	Cherokee County	Foley	V 4:00
March 24	Foley	Foley	V 6:00
March 26	Orange Beach	Home	JV 4:00
March 24	Cottage Hill	Home	V 5:30
March 27/28	Warrior Classic	Home	V TBD
March 31	JU Blacksher	Uriah	JV/V 4:00
April 2	JU Blacksher	Home	JV/V 4:00
April 3/4	Baldwin Co. Tourney	Bay Minette	JV/V TBD
April 13	Cottage Hill	Mobile	V 5:00
April 14	Chickasaw	Chickasaw	V 5:00
April 16	Chickasaw	Home	V 5:00
April 20	Gulf Shores	GS Sportsplex	JV/V 5:00
April 21	St. Paul's Episcopal	Mobile	V 5:00
April 27	Area 1-2A Tourney begins		TBD
May 7	2A Regionals begin	GS Sportsplex	TBD
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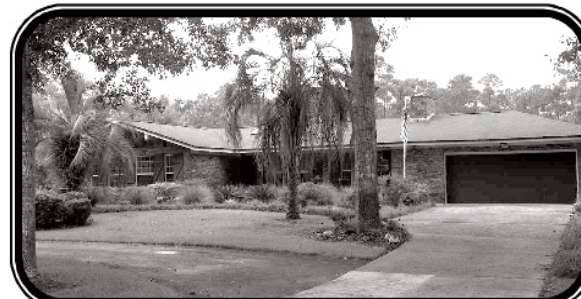
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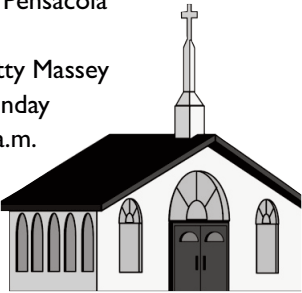
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Daily Mass at 8 a.m. (Tues. through Friday)  
Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m.  
Confession from 4 to 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

**SHEPHERD OF THE BAY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
12851 Perdido Street, Lillian  
251-962-7682 Pastor Paul Leigeber  
Bible study at 9 a.m.  
Sunday worship at 10 a.m.  
Fellowship at 11:10 a.m.

**WESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
1111 N. 57th Avenue, Pensacola  
251-367-1988  
Pastors David and Betty Massey  
Communion every Sunday  
Sunday service at 11 a.m.



***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 Glen Gandy at 251-979-6005 or Darrell Ochs at 251-269-9084. 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.







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Make physical activity a priority and commit to moving more today!

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Heart disease and stroke may be prevented by understanding your numbers.

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Color the Weather! Each Month, Too!

Be sure to color the weather for WKRG & John Noder for additional chance to win!

One coloring contest winner at each store will receive Hearts, Flowers & Candy!

We will highlight all coloring artists and each store will select a winner on Saturday, Feb 22nd.

*Lucy's Signature*




**LUCY'S GRILLED PORK CHOPS**

4 pork chops  
**RUB**  
1 tsp kosher salt  
1/2 tsp black pepper  
1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes  
1 tsp garlic powder  
1 tsp onion powder  
1/2 tsp dried Italian seasoning

**PREPARATION**

- Mix all the rub ingredients together in a bowl.
- Pat both sides of pork chop dry with a paper towel.
- Liberally sprinkle the rub on both sides of chops. Allow to rest at room temperature for 30 minutes.
- Grill chops for 6-8 minutes on each side until internal temperature reaches 145 degrees.
- Allow to rest 5 minutes before serving.



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OBITUARIES

Julia Benton

Julia Benton, formerly of Lillian, passed away Jan. 2, 2020. Services were held Jan. 8 at Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel in Pensacola. Burial was in Barrancas National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 91 Radford Blvd., Building 191, Pensacola, 32508.

Gary Paul Hewitt

Gary Paul Hewitt, 74, of Lillian, passed away Dec. 29, 2019. Military interment will be held at a later date with arrangements by Cason Funeral Service, Foley.

Mark McKenzie

Mark McKenzie, 62, of Lillian, passed away Dec. 5, 2019. A private memorial service was held. Cason Funeral Service, Foley, was in charge of arrangements.

Tom Pittman

Thomas Walton Pittman of Lillian passed away Jan. 20, 2020. Services will be held at a later date with Cason Funeral Home, Foley, in charge of arrangements.

SHERIFF’S BLOTTER

- Baldwin County officers responded at 9:42 a.m. Dec. 22 to an assault report in the 34500 block of US Hwy. 98 in Lillian.
- At 10:20 a.m. Dec. 23 assault was reported in the 33600 block of Sunset Drive in Lillian.
- Theft was reported at 6:15 p.m. Dec. 23 in the 2800 block of Panama Circle, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of assault at 6:06 p.m. Dec. 25 in the 9700 block of Soldier Creek Road in Lillian.
- Auto burglary was reported at 7:13 a.m. Dec. 26 in the 34500 block of US Hwy. 98, Lillian.
- Officers responded to an assault report at 9:20 p.m. Dec. 26 in the 9700 block of North Bayou Road, Lillian.
- Theft was reported at 12:54 a.m. Jan. 3 in the 33000 block of Gilley Road in Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of theft at 4:54 p.m. Jan. 3 in the 34400 block of US Hwy. 98 in Lillian.
- Assault was reported in the 13300 block of Azalea Street at 3:08 p.m. Jan. 5 in Lillian.
- Officers responded to an assault report at 4:35 p.m. Jan. 5 in the 17000 block of S. McKenzie Street in Perdido Beach.
- Theft was reported at 7:01 a.m. Jan. 8 in the 12100 block of Hand Avenue, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of assault at 9:48 p.m. Jan. 9 in the 13100 block of CR 93, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of theft at 9:19 a.m. Jan. 13 in the 11600 block of CR 99, Lillian.
- Residential burglary was reported at 11:16 a.m. Jan. 14 in the 27800 block of Doc McDuffie Road in Perdido Beach.
- Officers responded to an assault report at 9:40 a.m. Jan. 23 in the 12500 block of Wilsey Lane, Lillian.

Some Things to Know About The Lillian

• We owe a huge thanks to our advertisers. We wouldn’t be in existence without them and they all understand the value of promoting their goods and services to local residents. They also understand the importance of supporting other local, small-town businesses, including this publication. As a reader, we hope when you visit or call these advertisers you mention you saw their ad in *The Lillian* and thank them for supporting our local paper. They will appreciate the feedback and as a small-town, we all need to support one another.

• We also wouldn’t be here without our readers. We appreciate hearing your feedback and when we hear about racks needing to be restocked, we know you’re picking up the free copies we place all around Foley, Elberta, Lillian and Pensacola.

• We rely solely on locals to provide most of our content, so keep your organization news, photos, columns and pieces on upcoming events coming. While we encourage everyone to submit their news, please understand that when those items come in after deadline or due to space limitations, we can’t get everything in. There’s only so much space available and to give everyone an opportunity to be included, it’s important to keep your submission to less than 600 words. And when sending in a photo, please include everyone’s names. We all love to see pictures of our loved ones and friends in the paper and we want to be sure everyone is identified.

• For many years the Lillian Action Committee awarded scholarships to local students and we are proud to announce we are renewing that program. More information will be published next month, but we are proud to be awarding \$500 to a graduating high school student from Lillian as they continue their education at a junior college, 4-year university or technical school.



From the  
Managing  
Editor  
By Janel Smith

• Did you know you can read *The Lillian* online? I always let people know that when they mention papers not being available and they seem surprised and pleased this is an option. I know many of you prefer the actual newspaper in your hands (believe me, I feel the same) but if you can’t find a copy or need to refer to an older issue, just go online. We are fortunate to have our pages linked to the Lillian Community Club web site, so we can be found by going to [www.lilliancommunityclub.com](http://www.lilliancommunityclub.com), then clicking on *The Lillian* link at the top of the page.

• We also offer subscriptions! Many of our snowbirds and others that have moved from the area take advantage of this and receive their copy by mail. If this is of interest to you, we run a subscription form every month on Page 4.

• *The Lillian* is overseen by the Lillian Action Committee. This dedicated group knows the value of a local newspaper and worked hard to get this publication up and running over 24 years ago. If you have an interest in joining the committee, we meet four times a year and meeting times are printed in the paper. Our next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

Classified Ads

Do you have something to sell or a business to promote? Consider advertising in The Lillian classifieds! \$9 a month for 35-40 words. Discounts offered for ads running 3, 6 or 12 months. Must adhere to our classified ad format and no pictures. Ads also appear in our on-line edition of the paper. Contact Julie McManus at 703-217-2874 or by email at [chewlatta@yahoo.com](mailto:chewlatta@yahoo.com)

Miscellaneous

**RV SITE FOR LEASE:** Almost A Park Senior RV Park, 10351 Co. Rd. 83, Elberta. Only one site available, must sign year lease. Large site, full hook ups, free laundry, mailbox with key. 85 ft x 45 ft lot plus shed. \$225 per month plus power. Lots of trees and flowers, seniors only. 251-987-1195 or 251-752-0415.

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Obituaries may be submitted to *The Lillian* by emailing the information to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



# Recreational Park Board Thanks Lewis for Years of Service, Leadership

**By Monica Leonard**  
The Lillian Recreational Park Board of Directors want to acknowledge Janet Lewis, board president since 2010, and thank her for leadership and dedication to the park.

She will be retiring from the board this month.

She served as a board member before being elected president and guided the park through many changes over the past decade.

Her attention to detail and her fairness in park related issues has always been at the forefront of her leadership role. She has a wealth of knowledge concerning the Lillian Recreational Park’s history.

We are so appreciative of her time, energy and commitment that she so willingly gave.



Janet Lewis

### LILLIAN RECREATIONAL PARK PARK PARTNERS DONATION FORM

**Yes, I'm ready to have some fun and want to become a Park Partner!**  
*I'd like to learn how I can become involved with the park. Please contact me.*

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*Mail to Lillian Recreational Park, P.O. Box 865, Lillian, AL 36549. You may also use your PayPal account. Visit our Facebook page to learn more about upcoming events and activities.*



## Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Sarah Henkel

### 2020 Lillian Perdido Bay Library Association Membership and Gift Donation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of membership:  
Individual \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to Lillian Perdido Bay Library Association, P.O. Box 237, Lillian, AL 36549*

# Stock Up on Great Books at Library’s Fill a Bag Sale

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Thanks to a donation of over 200 music CDs, area residents can come in and purchase their favorite music for just 10¢ per CD. All types of music are available: country (classic and current), holiday, pop, Celtic, Christian, contemporary, 1960s and beyond and more.

We will also be offering our semi-annual bag sale during the month of February, so come in for great books.

Put as much into a bag as you can and fill as many bags as you like for just \$3 per bag! There is a wide variety of non-fiction books for sale including cookbooks, diet/health, business, investment, self-help, home improvement, landscaping, hobbies and exercise. Our fiction selection covers many authors in hardcover and paperback.

We depend on book donations to stock our shelves and financial donations to help operate the library. When we need space to house new books, we offer sales like this to share great titles with our readers and to raise funds for the library.

# LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

## 34148 Widell Avenue • Lillian, Alabama 36549

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 A.M. until 11 A.M. • (251) 962-3366 & Lounge (251) 962-3966**  
**Email: [lillianlcc@gulftel.com](mailto:lillianlcc@gulftel.com)**

### LCC Officers & Board of Directors

David Bergsland - President  
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**Guest: \$20/DAY**  
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### DART TOURNAMENT

SATURDAYS 7 P.M.



### LCC Catfish Dinner ~ \$10

**Friday, Feb. 14 5-6 P.M.**

**Catfish, french fries, grits, hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert and coffee or tea.**  
**MUSIC: Big Jake in the Lounge**



### American Legion Ham Dinner

**Sunday, Feb. 23 11am-1pm \$10**

*Ham with raisin sauce, green beans, yams, potatoes, salad, rolls, dessert and iced tea or coffee*

### Homestead taxes will be at LCC on the following dates:

**Wednesday, Feb. 5 & 19, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15**  
**9 to 11 AM**

### LOUNGE HOURS

**Sunday thru Thursday 11 A.M. - 10 P.M.**  
**Friday and Saturday 11 A.M. - 11 P.M.**  
**Sunday Bloody Mary \$1.50**

### BANDS:

Cliff & Friends - Feb. 2  
Knee Deep - Feb. 7  
Jay Hawkins - Feb. 9  
Big Jake - Feb. 14  
Rock Bottom - Feb. 16  
FL Yard Dogs - Feb. 21  
Gypsy Pearl - Feb. 23  
Suthern Breeze - Feb. 28  
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Prepared by Sandy Fuller