



The Lillian

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Lillian, AL 36549

Went to a Garden Party



Photo by Sally McKinney

Enjoying an evening with dinner and dancing at the March 7 Garden Party sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay were, from left, Nelson and Becky Beech, Colleen DeLille, Gillian and Mac Hughes and Pat and Allen Lukker. Additional photos on Pages 6 and 7.

Residents Can Enroll in Project Lifesaver

Many of our friends and family are dealing with serious problems, Alzheimer's, dementia, autism, Down syndrome or other cognitive conditions. It is difficult enough for them to deal with the everyday situation, but the other scary thing is, what if the loved one leaves home and gets lost?

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office has a solution. And the best part, it is free. It's called the Project Lifesaver Program. Baldwin County residents enrolled in the program wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal.

If the client goes missing, the caregiver notifies the sheriff's office or 911 and a trained emergency team of deputies responds to the wanderer's area. Most are

found a few miles from home and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes with this program. Recovery time for Project Lifesaver clients averages 30 minutes, 95% less time than standard operations.



Without effective procedures and equipment, searches may include multiple agencies, hundreds of officers and countless man hours and thousands of dollars and in some cases, a tragic outcome. Project Lifesaver solves those problems and gives caregivers the knowledge that they have taken one more step to help those who cannot help themselves.

To enroll your loved one in Project Lifesaver, call 251-972-8545 or email projectlifesaver@baldwincounty.al.gov.

Newspaper to Award \$500 Tuition Grant to 2020 Lillian Graduate

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 in this issue of *The Lillian* on Page 3 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. Questions about the application may be emailed to lillianeditor@yahoo.com.

The Meaning of Community During a Time of Distancing

What a strange and different world we have suddenly been thrust into.

It's hard to keep up with the fast-paced news and directions we are being given while at the same time trying to find some normalcy in this Coronavirus pandemic.

As a monthly community newspaper, we rely on so many of you to submit your news about club meetings, organization events, local happenings and other items of interest. When we were all suddenly directed to not participate and hold such meetings, I thought it would drastically change the content of this publication. But in the end, I had nothing to fear.

Many of you came through with what news you had to share and I am very appreciative. I know in the coming months as we come out of this situation, you will also share the resuming of community activities we are so looking forward to again.

What I have been most heartened by are the stories of neighbors helping neighbors, businesses adapting their practices and everyone thinking outside the box to see what needs to be done, what could make things better and how to accomplish it.

A great example of this is a short article on Page 9 about the Pelican Nest restaurant. How encouraging to see not only the staff overcoming their challenges, but locals understanding how important it is to keep supporting those places.

I am well aware that this isn't the only example of how the Lillian community is com-



ing together even though we should be 'social distancing.'

What I would like from our readers is to send those kinds of stories to us so our entire community can share in the kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness happening around our area.

Without knowing how long this will all go on, I think ahead and wonder what other changes are headed our way. But I also want to let our community know that *The Lillian* can be a form of togetherness - with your help, that is. Please email me your notes, stories, photos or thank you letters. It doesn't matter how small the gesture, or whether you were on the giving or receiving end. What is important is that while we are all living a more isolated life for now, that we stay connected as much as possible. This may be a different form of connection, but again, I'm thinking outside the box and I believe we would all enjoy reading positive things about our family, friends and neighbors.

So there you go, readers. You have an assignment and it's an easy one!

Simply email me at lillianeditor@yahoo.com or write down your information and mail it to *The Lillian*, PO Box 1088, Lillian 36549.

With your participation, I'm already looking forward to the next edition!

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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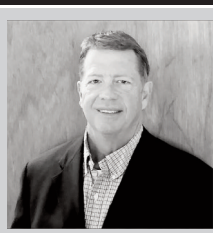
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Red Hats Meet in March



The Red Hat Ladies met March 10 at Perdido Breakfast Club. In attendance were, front row from left, Laurie Gatertig, Barbara Dixon, Elaine Cooley, Judy Wargo and Deborah Donin In back are Lorriane Standish, Sandra Jurries, Waynette Brown, Este Donnenwirth and Mary Margaret Ayres. Marcia Pocreva was not in the photo. Their next luncheon will be in April 14 with Sandra Jurries and Mary Margaret Ayres as hostesses. If you'd like to join, call Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206.

Lillian Women's Club Set Meeting in April

The Lillian Women's Club canceled their March meeting due to the Coronavirus situation.

The program for March was The Belles, and they have been rescheduled to the May meeting at the Spanish Cove Clubhouse on May 19.

The April meeting is set for Tuesday, April 21, at the Lillian Community Club at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship with lunch at noon. Reservations and payments for the next meeting are normally taken at the library, but it has closed. Members and attendees

should check with other members to see if the meeting will be held.

The program for April will be a silent auction and the public is invited. Any guest who does not wish to have lunch can come after 12:30 p.m. for the only the auction.

Easter Sunrise Service Planned at Bayside

The public is invited to an Easter Sunrise Service at Bayside Baptist Church at 7:30 a.m. April 12.

Afterwards, please feel free to stay for Sunday School which at 9:15 a.m. and their

Easter Cantata, "The Risen Savior," at 10:30 a.m.

Bayside Baptist Church is located at 33677 US Hwy. 98, Lillian. For more information, please call 251-256-0226.

Park Bench Dedication Planned for Doctor

Friends will gather in the Lillian Recreational Park at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, to honor retired Dr. James Pace.

A bench has been placed next to the walking path to commemorate his more than 30 years of service to the community.

All are invited to attend.



Pace

THANK YOU

To the wonderful people of this community,

We would like to express our appreciation for the cards, calls, flowers and visits during the time of our recent bereavement of the death of Richard McCoy.

Our special thanks go to Spanish Cove Security, Lillian Fire Department, Kindred Hospice, South Baldwin Hospital, local ambulance services and the Crazy Horse Cafe.

Thank you, everyone.
Jocelyn McCoy and Family

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The Lillian
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March 3 Primary Election Results

President

Republican	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
* Trump, Donald	96.22%	695,469	38,922
Uncommitted	2.27%	16,378	1,048
Weld, Bill	1.52%	10,962	668

Democratic

	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
* Biden, Joe	63.25%	286,065	7,321
Bloomberg, Michael	11.66%	52,750	1,516
Sanders, Bernie	16.56%	74,888	2,475
Warren, Elizabeth	5.71%	25,847	892

U.S. Senate

Republican	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
Byrne, Bradley	24.89%	178,302	22,818
Moore, Roy	7.15%	51,248	1,421
* Sessions, Jeff	31.65%	226,675	10,458
* Tuberville, Tommy	33.39%	239,173	5,019
Tommy Tuberville, Jeff Sessions headed to July 14 runoff in GOP race			
Democratic			
* Jones, Doug (Unopposed)			

State Amendment to appoint educators

	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
* No	75.13%	835,615	39,141
Yes	24.87%	276,592	11,452
Alabama votes against Amendment 1, keeps elected board of education			

U.S. House

District 1, Republican

	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
* Carl, Jerry	38.71%	38,359	13,078
Castorani, John	1.48%	1,465	781
* Hightower, Bill	37.47%	37,133	16,203
Lambert, Wes	3.11%	3,084	1,616
Pringle, Chris	19.23%	19,053	7,282

District 1, Democratic

	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
* Averhart, James	40.35%	21,022	2,040
Collins, Rick	15.58%	8,119	2,126
* Gardner, Kiani	44.07%	22,962	6,158

Public Service Commission

President, Democratic

	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
* Casey, Laura	78.48%	253,962	8,178
Mardis, Robert	21.52%	69,650	1,255

President, Republican

	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
* Cavanaugh, Twinkle	73.81%	462,226	23,018
Litaker, Robin	26.19%	163,997	11,343

Supreme Court

Place 1, Republican

	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
* Shaw, Greg	58.38%	343,362	18,484
Ward, Cam	41.62%	244,827	12,494

Place 2, Republican

* Mendheim, Brad (Unopposed)

Civil Appeals

Place 2, Republican

	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
Bahakel, Phillip	33.97%	181,329	10,826
* Fridy, Matt	66.03%	352,424	17,999

Place 1, Republican

* Thompson, William (Unopposed)

Criminal Appeals

Place 1, Republican

	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
Hasting, Melvin	30.54%	170,195	9,439
* Windom, Mary	69.46%	387,069	22,169

Place 2, Republican

	Statewide Percent	Alabama	Baldwin County
Ganus, Jill	19.54%	104,455	5,439
* Kellum, Beth	43.37%	231,871	14,117
* Smith, Will	37.09%	198,282	10,456

State Board of Education

District 1, Republican

* Zeigler, Jackie (Unopposed)

District 1, Dem

* Holmes, Tom (Unopposed)

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Run Off Election is
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(Applicant MUST be a 2020 high school graduate)

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ADDRESS OF SCHOOL LISTED ABOVE

Grant will be paid directly and only to the above institution after the student has enrolled.

PLANNED MAJOR/COURSE OF STUDY

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE _____

Signature authorizes the Lillian Action Committee to verify residency and graduation records with schools.

The Lillian

Please submit your news articles, club notes, photos, etc. to lillianeditor@yahoo.com for our next issue!

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- Properly completed application MUST be returned and post-marked to *The Lillian* by May 15, 2020. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
- Application MUST be submitted by mail to *The Lillian* newspaper, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, AL 36549.
- Questions may be directed by email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com.
- All eligible applications will be placed in a drawing to win the \$500 tuition grant provided by Lillian Action Committee and The Lillian. The drawing will be held July 4 at the Lillian Community Club.



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The Lillian newspaper is a monthly paper. Advertisements may be dropped off at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library, mailed to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, Alabama 36549 or emailed to lillianeditor@yahoo.com.

Advertisement inquiries can be directed to Julie McManus at 703-217-2874 (cell). Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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.

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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 May issue of The Lillian is April 22.

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

Call Julie McManus at 703-217-2874 or email chewlatta@yahoo.com for advertising information.

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Take the Time for the Census

I had just decided what to write about this month and when I went out to get my mail, I was convinced I had chosen the correct subject, the 2020 Census.

Before I started to write, though, I went to the computer to submit my questionnaire. Easy peasy. It was a lot easier to do on line than to read the tiny print in the mailed form.

It took me no longer than five minutes to complete and as far as I'm concerned, no intrusive questions to answer: confirm name and address, age, sex and race. I was really tempted to put in "American," but figured that might not be accepted. Fortunately my kids bought me the Ancestry package last year for Christmas, so I knew where my ancestors came from. Well, I kinda knew before that, but they confirmed it.

I never knew any great-grandparents and our family really didn't talk too much about where we came from originally. It wasn't until I was an adult that I found out my mother's grandparents came from Germany. They didn't talk about that when I was a child during WWII.

The Census questionnaire wanted to know who lives at my address, do I rent or own, do I have a mortgage, is the address correct? If someone lives here with me, how is he or she related, age, and race. There is an opportunity to list up to 10 extras in the home. Nowhere does it ask if you are a citizen.

That's about it.

Now, the question is, why should we give them this information?

The Census Bureau takes all the information and compiles it for use by lawmakers, business owners, teachers and others to make critical decisions

The information helps determine where we need new schools, new clinics, new roads (US Hwy 98, please), and other services for families, older adults and children.

The census figures will help decide where federal funding is needed, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The results help in adjusting and redrawing electoral districts, based on population increases and decreases. Baldwin County is the fastest growing county in the state. I think we could use some help.

The 2020 Census will help offi-



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

cials make informed decisions about allocating billions of dollars of federal funding to communities across the nation for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs and other critical programs and services.

Businesses may use the data to make decisions such as where to open new stores, (no more Dollar Generals) restaurants (yes!), factories or offices and where to expand operations, recruit employees and which products and services to offer.

However, none of your personal information will be given to anyone, just the numbers in the various categories.

The Census takers take an oath to protect your personal information for life. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential.

According to Title 13 of the US Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home or your business, even to law enforcement agencies.

The Census takers will never ask you for your Social Security number, money or donations, anything on behalf of a political party or your bank or credit card numbers.

If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via email or phone contacts you via email or phone and asks for any of this information, it's a scam and you should not cooperate. If you suspect fraud, call 844-330-2020.

You can identify a true Census Taker because he or she will have an ID badge with their photograph, a US Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date. They may also be carrying Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo.

If you do not give the information online, by phone or by mail, a Census taker will come a knockin' at your door to get the information, probably in mid-May.

They don't make appointments, so they can come when you're napping, reading or watching your favorite TV show, so make it easy on yourself and do it now.

Did you hear me? DO IT NOW!!!!

School Announces Festival Cancellation

St. Benedict Catholic School announced via Facebook that the 42nd German Festival scheduled for April 25 was cancelled. "Our utmost concern is for safety and welfare of our attendees, students, families and friends of St. Benedict School," said SBCS spokesman Lindsay Newmann Schumacher. "We cannot thank you

enough for all of your support during the years and look forward to resuming this annual tradition in 2021."

Anyone that had purchased a raffle ticket, registered for the Raven Run, paid a vendor application or purchased a sponsorship will be contacted by committee chairs regarding refund information.

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Seeing The Beauty of Butterflies

Hello again, friends! What kind of book did the butterfly get for his birthday? Where the Wild ‘Wings’ Are!

A butterfly’s wings are its most important part since they enable it to move about to find food, shelter, a mate and anything else it needs to thrive. Its wings are very made of very thin layers of a protein material called chitin. Chitin is what our fingernails and hair are made of. Did you know that you are part butterfly? The chitin in a butterfly’s wing is very flexible, allowing it to fly.

Different species have different-shaped wings that make each fly in a different manner. Those with large wings flap and make long glides, while those with wide wings flutter and flit or move with short bursts. Those with long, thin wings fly the fastest, and those with short, triangular wings can zigzag and dart about quickly.

No matter how they move, butterflies are incredible fliers, and some migrate over 3,000 miles to spend the winter in a warmer place. The well-known Monarch butterfly flies to Mexico from North America before the autumn chill arrives. Those living east of the Rocky Mountains fly the longest, traveling over 2,000 miles to get to the same spot in Central America. Some scientists believe they find their way by using the position of the sun as a compass, while others think they detect changes in light waves filtered through the clouds. Whatever chart they use, millions of butterflies make the journey south every year, and their offspring make their way north again the following spring.

Every adult butterfly is covered with millions of tiny scales that help it to control its body temperature. The order of Lepidoptera gets its name from Greek words for scale and wing. A butterfly’s scales help it escape from a predator’s grip since they rub off easily without harming the butterfly. These scales give butterflies their beautiful colors. The scales also help the butterfly regulate its body temperature.

Scales enable vivid or distinct patterns which help the butterfly protect itself by disguise, camouflage and mimicry. Monarch butterflies use their bright color to advertise their toxicity to predators. The Viceroy butterfly, which looks similar to a Monarch butterfly, uses mimicry to scare off potential predators. This behavior is beneficial to both types of butterflies because it leads to less butterflies being eaten.

Did you know the state of Alabama officially recognizes two butterflies? The first is the Monarch butterfly, which is our state insect. In 1989, our state decided to recognize the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail as our state butterfly. All you Auburn fans



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion

out there will be pleased for sure. The female Eastern Tiger Swallowtail mimics the Poisonous Pipevine Swallowtail butterfly, which is very toxic and apparently tastes extremely foul to predators.

And yes, our tax dollars have also gone to crowning an official state agricultural insect. In 2015, she was crowned, but she’s has always been the reigning royalty – the Queen Honeybee. Alabama loves its insects, that’s for sure!

Back to butterflies - camouflage is a butterfly’s ability to blend into certain locations or backgrounds because of the color, pattern or texture of their wings. Coloration blends in with a background or disruptive coloration. Patterns like stripes or spots that disrupt the outline of the butterfly can confuse predators. A good example in our area is the Grey Hairstreak. This is a mostly grey butterfly with just little bits of orange on the fringes of the wings. In a tree, it would look like tree bark with a bit of sunlight on it.

Disguise has got to be one of the most interesting traits of butterflies. Some butterflies have evolved to look like other natural objects such as twigs, leaves, or even bird poop, which allows them hide in plain sight. The Eastern Comma butterfly looks like a jagged piece of a dried leaf. It has bumpy, scalloped shaped wings with irregular patterns of dark brown and dark purple – exactly like a water stained leaf.

Camouflage and disguise are not only used by butterflies in their adult stages, they are also used in caterpillar and chrysalis (cocoon) stages to protect against predators. The Viceroy butterfly mimics the Monarch butterfly, yes, but it’s caterpillars and chrysalises have disguises that make them look like bird poop. The Monarch, who as a butterfly relies on its bright coloration to deter predators, starts its life as light, green-striped caterpillars that blend in with milkweed leaves who then form green chrysalises that nearly disappear amongst milkweed foliage.

Now you are ready to go out this spring and watch the butterflies. You never know when a chalky pile of white birdie poo-poo will be a beautiful butterfly. But don’t risk poking it, all right? A butterfly’s beauty is one to be savored from afar.

Do you know which insect is the ruler of the insect world? The Monarch, of course!



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Garden Party Raises Funds for Optimist Club

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay hosted a Garden Party on March 7 to raise funds for their community projects. The evening featured a gourmet meal and music for dancing. The funds will help pay for projects such as college scholarships for high school seniors, a scholarship to the National Flight Academy, Christmas gifts for special needs classes and Breakfast with Santa.



Hank and Jana Graves



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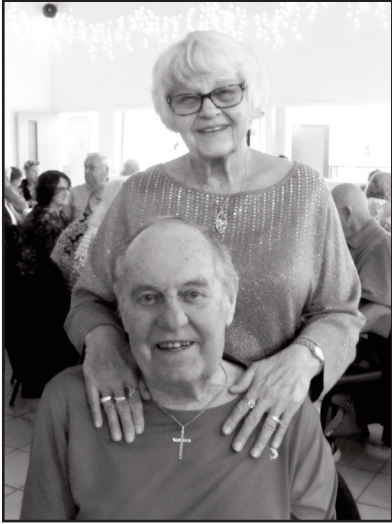
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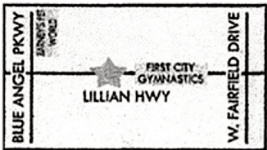
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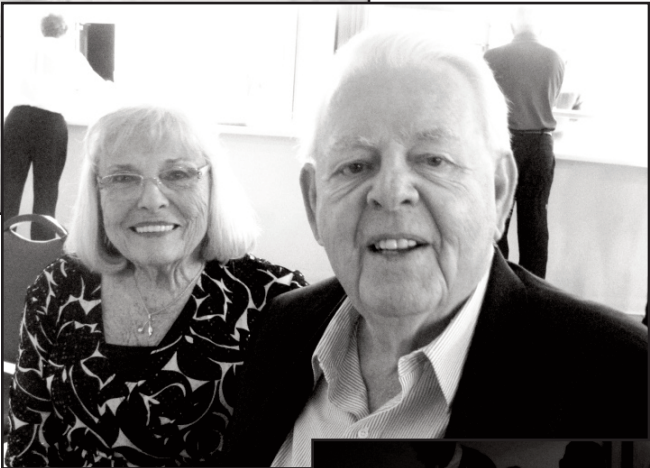
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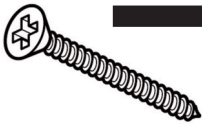
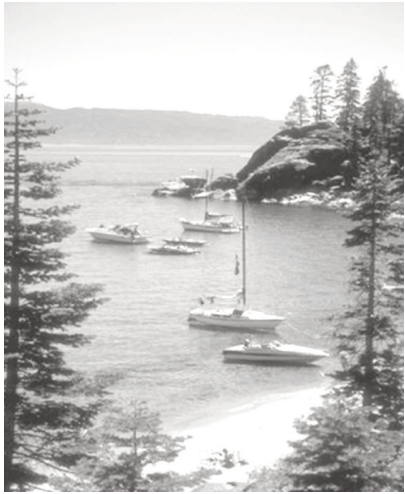
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Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

Local Legion Post 48 Shares History

Legion Post 48 says, “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!” We had a hugely successful two months of ham dinners for our annual fundraiser. Unfortunately we chose to cancel the third monthly dinner in March due to the widespread Coronavirus concerns.

Your contributions help us with four programs: supporting two students from Elberta High School for the Alabama Boys State program, assisting veterans with wheelchair ramps, presenting the Veteran’s Day program and supporting the medical closet.

The post had the honor of participating in the Elberta Mardi Gras parade last month.

A little history for our readers is in order. Post 48 began with an Application for Post on March 23, 1988. It was approved with the recommendation that the charter be issued on May 19, 1989, with 19 charter members. They were Ernest Beader, Cecil Bray, Swanson Brown, Robert Burkhart, Gordon Clinton, Oronzo Calaizzo, Allan Fountain, Donald French, Emory Jones, Raymond Kelly, Frederick Ketterer, M.L. Melville, Daniel Morey, Van Pace, Clyde Ramsey, John Salter, Stanley Smith, William Turner and Herbert Wanzer.

In 1989 dues were \$15. Cora Mae Davis was president of the Lillian Community Club and became a Le-

gionnaire. They worked very hard with a limited membership and money to get up and running. Swanson Brown is the only surviving member of the original charter that we know of and he still is a member of this post.

In March 1991, bylaws were drafted by Commander Schacht and Adjutant Don Taylor. The Post became very active immediately. The LCC started steak dinners twice a month and Post 48 cooked and served to make money. They earned just \$2.50 from each steak sold. From there, they sponsored the Lillian Soccer League and sponsored a student for Boys State. In 1993, the ham dinners started – and have continued to this date. Also in 1993, the color guard began raising the colors for the 4th of July celebrations.

It is now 2020 and Post 48 continues to prosper. There are now 128 Legionnaires and our membership is at 94.2 % this year.

We now sponsor two boys to Boys State, build ramps for veterans free of charge, give awards to JN-ROTC students and maintain the lending closet. In addition, we contribute money to various organizations throughout the area on a yearly basis.

We have come a long way from our original and humble 19 Legionnaires. Post 48 is very appreciative for the support of this community.

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 April birthday ARIES: Jean Mill, Ron Parks, Dolores Price, Agnes Humble, Linda Aycock, Don Dieterman, Tudy Broz, Judy Covert, Bob Kupferes, Jeanne Keenan, Bill Duncan, Bernard Essip, Jack Bateman, Eldon Bass, Lila Sellers, Pat Morris, Dill Castella, Ken Sanders, Patricia Henderson, Marion Schillinger and Hadley Verret.

Happy April birthday TAURUS: Chuck Canaday, Cliff Yuettnr, Dave Danson, Johanna Martin,

Teresyta Rybarski and David Varret.

Happy April wedding anniversary: John and Jamie Pugh - #14, Carl and Bobbie Benoit - #13, Steve and Allyson Greer - #33, Bill and Linda Sepac - #13, Jim and Carol Peale - #58 and Dick and Mary Ayres - #57.

Sometimes we all need a hug- Wilma Spivey, Gretchen Hatten and Gwen Furio.

Any information you want added or deleted from Chit Chat, send to *The Lillian*, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, AL 36549. The deadline for the May issue of *The Lillian* is April 22.

Happy Easter.

St. Benedict Hosting STEM Summer Camp

St. Benedict Catholic School will be hosting a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Summer Camp June 8 – 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will include two classes for rising students in grades 3 through 5 and another for rising 6th through 8th graders. The cost will be \$199 per student.

Students will focus on robotics, coding, 3D design and printing and critical thinking skills.

Camp director and lead teacher is Greg Tucker, a retired software engi-

neer and math/engineering high school teacher. Tucker is the STEM Coordinator and robotics coach at SBSCS. Additional instructors are co-director Mary Lazzari, Cookie Krehling, Brittany Crawford, Jessica Owens and others. Please register online at www.SaintBenedict.net and click the events drop down menu.

For more information, contact Tucker at gtuckersbcs@gmail.com or Lazzari at mlazzarisbcs@gmail.com. You also can call the school’s main office at 251-986-8144.



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Lillian Restaurant Makes Adjustments to Keep Serving Area Customers

By Donna Johnson

Pelican Nest restaurant, located in the shopping center at 34463 Hwy. 98 in Lillian, has added curbside delivery as an option for their customers.

Anyone wanting to order but not wanting to dine inside can now pick up their food while waiting in their vehicle.

Bev Tolbert, co-owner of Pelican Nest, said orders should be placed by calling 251-961-0599.

The staff will prepare the order and bring it out to the customer’s vehicle. As we all try to maintain the new normal of social distancing, this is an option for local residents.

“We need to continue to patronize our small

businesses because we need them to still be in business when this is all over,” said Barbara Dixon Harris, a resident of Spanish Cove. She was picking up to-go meals for her and her husband and is thankful that our small community has Pelican Nest and Reileighs and wants to see them remain open after the coronavirus has passed.

Tolbert said Pelican Nest “will remain open as long as we can to serve our patrons. We want to be there for them as they have been for us. Our prayers are for our country and especially for those in Lillian. We will get through this if we all pull together.”

A Pelican Nest employee brings a food order out to a waiting customer in the parking lot.



Protecting Yourself From Common Scam Attempts

Have you ever received an email asking you to sign into your financial account, cloud services or online email? What about one saying you have a package waiting for delivery and you should open the attachment for details?

These are all recent phishing attempts that cybercrooks are using to gain access to your private information. Never enter personal info through an email link or open attachments without scanning them first.

Phishing is an online con game, and phishers are nothing more than tech-savvy con artists and identity thieves. They use spam, malicious websites, email messages and instant messages to trick people into divulging sensitive information.

It is smart to know the difference between real and fraudulent messages and how to spot some of the clues that a message may be a scam.

Here is a list of common phishing scams and ways to protect yourself.

Email phishing scams

An email phishing scam is a fraudulent email message that appears to be from a person or company known to the victim. It attempts to illegally gather personal and/or financial information. A phishing message typically includes at least one link to a fake website, designed to mimic the site of a legitimate business.

- Do not click any links or download any attachments in the suspicious email. Instead, open up your web browser and go to the website in


question by typing it into the URL bar.

- Be vigilant and pay attention. Phishers have been known to use real company logos to make their communications seem legitimate. They also use spoofed email addresses, which are similar to the actual company’s address. However, the address may be misspelled slightly or come from a spoofed domain.

Vishing scams

Vishing (voice or VoIP phishing) is the voice version of email phishing. It is a phone scam in which individuals are tricked or scared into handing over valuable information.

- Never give personal information over the phone. Hang up, look for the number of the company on



The Mouse

By Joseph Oakley

their website and call them directly to make sure it was a legitimate call.

- Never call the number the caller provides. When looking up the company website, make sure it is legitimate. Fake websites often contain misspellings and other telltale signs.

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Avoiding Trouble With the IRS

The IRS has some very useful information on its website (www.irs.gov) and I do encourage you to check it out, especially if you are wondering about the status of your refund. You can sign up for emails to keep up to date on new developments or get useful tax tips. Back in January the IRS issued tips on searching for a tax preparer. I know it's a little late for this, but there are some procrastinators out there who may benefit.

First, you should check the preparer's qualifications. The IRS has a directory of federal tax return preparers listed with their credentials and select qualifications. The directory is a searchable and sortable listing.

Second, check the preparer's history. You can check for disciplinary actions and the license status of credentialed preparers. There are also some organizations for specific types of preparers. For Enrolled Agents (certified to represent you before the IRS), go to the "Verify Enrolled Agent Status" page on IRS.gov. For Certified Public Accountants, check with the State Board of Accountancy and for attorneys, check with the State Bar Association.

Third, beware of preparers who will not sign your return, want to charge you a percentage of your refund for tax preparation or encourage you to sign a blank return.

Fourth, always make certain you understand and agree with the information the preparer is putting on your return. You, not the tax preparer, are responsible for the information entered on your tax return.

Having stated these precautions, you might be interested in how some famous people got in trouble with the IRS. Here are a few examples listed in the "Tax Evasion Hall of Fame."

- Walter Anderson was an American entrepreneur who made his millions after the breakup of AT&T. He was convicted of the largest tax evasion scam in U.S. history for evading more than \$200 million in taxes. He was sentenced to nine years in prison.

- Richard Hatch of "Survivor" fame won \$1 million the first year of the reality TV show. He received a Form 1099-Misc for his winnings but failed to pay taxes on that and other earning from his celebrity status. He was convicted and received a combined prison sentence and fines/fees of more than \$300,000.

- Lil Wayne, a Grammy-winning rapper, had an IRS lien against him for more than \$12 million for back taxes. According to the IRS, he has paid only \$175,719 and still owes more than \$11 million.

- Ron Mix, former offensive lineman with the San Diego Chargers, faced a 3-year prison term and fines



Let's Talk Taxes
By Carol Kovacs
CPA, EA

of \$250,000 for listing referral fee payments as charitable donations.

- Actor Nicolas Cage owed the IRS more than \$6 million in unpaid taxes. He sued his money manager for fraud and negligence, claiming he followed his advice.

- Willie Nelson, who negotiated a settlement with the IRS, originally owed \$32 million in back taxes. It's believed he had bad advice from his accountant who hid money in bogus tax shelters. In the end, Nelson recorded "The IRS Tapes: Who'll Buy My Memories?" as part of the settlement to pay down his tax debt. The IRS only collected \$3.6 million from the album sales, but Nelson's career picked up and he was able to pay off his tax debt.

- Al Capone, the infamous Chicago gangster, was linked to murder, extortion and bootlegging and was brought down by a tax scandal. In 1931, Capone received an 11-year sentence for not paying \$215,000 in taxes on his illegal business activities.

- Paul Dugardas, a former attorney, received a 15-year prison term for helping clients evade taxes by creating a fraudulent tax shelter that had fake losses to reduce tax bills of the extremely wealthy. During its operation, the tax shelter generated more than \$7 billion in losses, creating \$1.6 billion in lost tax revenue.

- Wesley Snipes, an actor and director, received a 3-year prison sentence for willfully failing to file tax returns for six years, avoiding \$7 million in taxes. He reportedly was following his advisor's advice that he did not legally have to pay taxes.

- Martha Stewart was fined \$221,677 in New York taxes for the sale of her home in the Hamptons, in addition to her high-profile conviction for insider-trading.

Failing to file or pay taxes can have tough consequences for the taxpayer, not necessarily for the tax preparer or advisor. There is a fine line between legal tax avoidance techniques and tax evasion. Even though these examples may be extreme cases, it is still true that sometimes what you save from "stretching the truth" on your tax forms is not worth the trouble you may face later. As I have said many times: "It's often the mosquito bite that does you in, not the elephant that sits on your chest."

If you have any specific questions or areas of interest you would like addressed in future columns, my email is carolpkovacs@aol.com. Use "Let's Talk Taxes" as the subject.



Community Bulletin Board

Events may change as COVID-19 recommendations are updated so please check with the organizations involved for their latest information.

- April 1 & 15 - Homestead extension renewal assistance with Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's staff, 9 to 11 a.m., Lillian Community Club (if LCC has reopened)
- April 2 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. in the park conference room
- April 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, every Saturday and Tuesday at 7 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church
- April 7 & 21 - Lillian Recreational Park garden volunteers meet the first and third Tuesday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the park
- April 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church
- April 9 - Gulf Coast Classic Car Club meeting, 6 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Gulf Bowl Bowling Alley, 2881 S. Juniper Street, Foley
- April 12 - Easter Sunrise Service, 7:30 a.m., Bayside Baptist Church
- April 13 - Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee meeting on second Monday of each month, 8:30 a.m., open to public, Lillian Community Club
- April 13 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
- April 19 - Park bench dedication for Dr. James Pace, 2 p.m., Lillian Recreational Park
- April 19 - Sunday Night Songfest, 6 p.m., third Sunday of each month, Bayside Baptist Church
- April 20 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- April 21 - Lillian Women's Club meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept. through May, 11:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club

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LVFD Holds Community Education Day

Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 71 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in February including 49 medical assistance, 6 public assists, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 8 fire investigation/alarms and 1 miscellaneous.

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.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the LVFD Open House due to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Because of guidance from government officials and after consulting with several agencies, we made the determination to postpone our Open House until it can be rescheduled later this year. This wasn't an easy decision; however, our main priority is the safety and wellness of the community.

We would also like to remind everyone in the Lillian community that this virus is more detrimental to the elderly population and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart/lung disease or diabetes.

These patients would be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19.

In addition to the information you hear on the news regarding washing hands and social distancing, please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.

On a more positive note: On Sunday, March 1, LVFD gave their very first "Community Education Day." This class focused on proper CPR, AED and first aid techniques. Students were then tested and received their Heartsaver CPR AED First Aid certification for adult and pediatric patients through the American Heart Association.

Out of 16 students, there was a 100 percent pass rate. This class was taught by our EMS Officer, NREMT Dylan Morse with the help of our Public Information Officer Anne-Marie Ozkosar, who are both certified instructors through the AHA.

We are planning to do more of these community education days throughout the year.

If you or anyone you know are interested in participating in future

classes please email Morse at lvfdemsofficer37@gmail.com.

As usual LVFD has been going through a variety of training. You may have seen or read about the drill we had on February 22, a simulation of a plane crash in the bay, led by LASAR. This training involved partnering with multiple agencies and working as a team. Several members also completed training on multiple casualty incidents (MCI) and triage. Triage is a pre-hospital setting which manages and sorts patients according to an assessment of medical needs, prioritization and evacuation. This was four-hour training which included several fire departments, police officers and medical personnel. Hopefully, we will never have to put this training into action, but it is always better to be prepared.

During January, the department was happy to welcome new recruit Letty Rodriguez. She is also a volunteer at LASAR and EMT-trained, joining our department to further her knowledge in the medical and firefighting field and to bring those skills to the community. She has been a great addition to the department and we look forward to working with her and learning of her experiences with LASAR.

In the photo at right, Dylan Morse offers instruction in CPR procedures. Sixteen students took part in this first community education day sponsored by the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department.



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department
By Goretti Lysek



Participating in the Community Education Day on March 1 were Sherrie Wagner and Charles Painter Jr.



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Answering Membership Questions

In January, the Lillian Perdido Bay Library mailed its annual Association Membership postcards to residents of Lillian. Two frequently asked questions about membership are: “Do I have to have a library card in order to be an association member or can I just be part of the association?” and “Do I have to be an association member in order to use the library and get a card?” This article will answer those questions.

A brief history of the library will help answer the first question. The following is taken directly from notes, comments and recordings of events that took place before, during and after the establishment of the library. Anything in quotation marks is direct from those notes and records of the history. The library idea was “initiated by the Lillian Women’s Club in 1989 and the first meeting of the steering committee was August 1, 1990.”

The land was donated and the first building “60 x 30 came from First Baptist church.” The building had been used for Sunday school classes at the church and was “approximately 50 years old” as of 1992. Champion Paper contributed a large donation which helped cover the cost of renovations.

The second building – donated in February 1994 – “had once been used

as a turpentine office” and had originally been donated to “the church to be used as a recreation building.”

The library opened its doors on Oct. 3, 1993. During construction of the library, “many organizations and volunteers contributed to the establishment of the library.” After additional work on the library, the second official opening date was Oct. 29, 1995.

The original name of the library was “the Perdido Bay Library Association, Inc.” and was chartered in December 1990 “for the purpose of construction and maintaining a library in the unincorporated town of Lillian, Alabama” whose population was about 5,000 at the time.

The library is run by a 10-member Board of Directors and staffing is completely volunteer. The library is a 501c (3) non-profit organization with donations and membership in the association as the chief sources of income.

So to answer the first question, you do not have to have a library card to be a member. The Association Membership was established as one source of income for the library. We receive zero local, state or federal dollars. Our association members and their contributions are fantastic and for them we are immensely grateful.

Lodge Providing Help to Members

Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

Meetings Suspended During Pandemic

The Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 trustees met in March to discuss how it might assist brothers through the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Worshipful Master Richard Duggan shared that trustees were meeting to develop a program to support brothers and their families through this difficult time.

“A committee was established to develop criteria for the consideration of providing assistance as a result of the coronavirus,” said Duggan. “Our membership is elderly and many are at serious risk based on their health condition.”

He continued, “We suspended all lodge meetings and programs until the coronavirus is under control. Our membership is highly susceptible based on their age and health condition. We will return to our normal meeting schedule after health officials lift restrictions and things return to normal in our community.”



Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Sarah Henkel

In June 2009, the Perdido Bay Library Association, Inc. requested a change of name and filed it with the Baldwin County Courthouse in Foley. The new name became Lillian Perdido Bay Library Association, Inc. Apparently there was some confusion about where the library was located because Lillian was not part of the name.

The answer to the second question is no, the library was established for the residents of Lillian. We offer a variety of services (computers, fax, copier, etc.) and they are offered to

anyone in our “user community.” In order to obtain a card, simply tell a volunteer you would like a library card and he/she will provide you with our application and your library card. The card is used to check out books, but is not required to use any of the other services offered. Membership in the association is optional to all card holders – not required!

We hope this clears up some of the confusion. We welcome all residents of Lillian (or surrounding areas) to obtain cards and make use of the best library in the area!

Library Announces Temporary Closure

The board of the Lillian Perdido Bay Library made the decision to temporarily close the library effective March 18. It was a difficult decision, but in the interest of public safety, the board felt it was a necessary choice. As part of this closure, donations will not be accepted and cannot be left at the library.

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The Difference Between Short- and Long-Term Investing

As you go through life, you'll have many financial goals. Fortunately, you don't need to achieve them all at the same time. But when you have a mix of short- and long-term goals, you will need to pursue some different investment strategies simultaneously.

Your short-term goals may depend somewhat on your stage in life. When you're starting out with your career and you're beginning to raise a family, you may have a goal of saving enough money for a down payment on a home. Later on, you may decide to travel the world for a year.

Because you know about how much money you'll need, and when you'll need it, you can choose the appropriate investments, with these characteristics:

Low risk – Above all else, you want the right amount of money to be there when it's time to use it. So, you'll need low-risk, high-stability investments. You won't see much growth from these types of invest-

ments, but you also won't be sweating every single market downturn in fear of not reaching your goal.

Liquidity – You won't want to worry about trying to find a market for your investment when it's time to sell it and then use the proceeds for your short-term goal. That's why you need to pick short-term vehicles that are highly liquid.

Now, moving on to longer-term goals, the situation can be quite a bit different.

Suppose you're saving and investing for a retirement that may be three or four decades away. For this goal, you have one overriding motivation: to end up with as much money as possible.

And since you have so many years until you need this money, you may be able to take on more risk than you could with the investments you counted on for your short-term needs.

This isn't to say you should be reckless, of course – you still need to pay attention to your individual risk

tolerance. Overall there's a big philosophical difference, in terms of risk, between investing for the long term versus short term.

When you're saving for a long-term goal, you may need to rely primarily on your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And within these accounts, you'll need a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments.

It's true that growth investments are volatile, with sometimes sharp price declines. But in exchange, you have the opportunity for greater growth potential.



Financial Focus
By Jason M. Kozon of Edward Jones

Once you do retire, you'll still have long-term goals. For one thing, even during retirement, you'll need your portfolio to have some growth potential to keep you ahead of inflation. And you'll also need to address perhaps the longest-term goal of all: leaving the type of legacy you desire for your loved ones.

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- Baldwin County officers responded to a report of assault at 9:53 p.m. Feb. 24 in the 2600 block of Pine Ridge Drive, Lillian.
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What Your Should Know About the Coronavirus Risk and Older Adults

Information provided by AARP

As the coronavirus spreads in the U.S. and across the globe, it's becoming more apparent that older adults and people with underlying health conditions are being hit hardest by the illness it causes. AARP asked Nancy Messonnier, M.D., an internist and director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, to give her most up-to-date insights on the coronavirus and how it's impacting older adults.

What's your best advice for people over 65 in dealing with the outbreak?

The greatest risk of infection is among those who are in close contact with people who have COVID-19. This includes family members and health care workers who care for people who are infected. If you're 65 and older and live where cases have been reported, take action to reduce your exposure. Know what's going on locally. Pay attention to recommendations from your local public health department. Also, make sure you have adequate supplies of routine medications, like medicine for blood pressure and diabetes, and household supplies in case you need to remain at home.

Should children, friends or caregivers stop or restrict visits to older people while this situation remains volatile?

This is when knowing what's going on locally is really important. What is appropriate for a community seeing local transmission won't necessarily be appropriate for a community where no transmission has occurred. Communities that have seen spread of the virus may encourage social distancing, with a goal of reducing face-to-face contact.

Should people limit or avoid routine trips to doctors' offices during this time?

Call your doctor's office and ask what strategies they're employing to protect patients. If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, call your health care provider, inform them of your symptoms, and follow their instructions. CDC is also providing guidance to health care facilities on steps they can take to prepare for coronavirus disease.

Will warmer weather cause the number of cases of COVID-19 to drop?

It is not yet known whether weather and temperature impact the spread of COVID-19. Some other viruses, like the common cold and flu, spread more during cold weather months, but that does not mean it is impossible to become sick with them during other months.

There is much more to learn about the transmissibility, severity and other characteristics of COVID-19. Investigations to find those answers are ongoing.

Is it true that older adults face an elevated risk from the virus?

Older people and people with underlying health conditions appear to be about twice as likely to develop serious outcomes versus otherwise younger, healthier people. CDC is particularly concerned about these people, given the growing number of cases in the United States.

Older adults experience a gradual deterioration of their immune system, making it harder for their body to fight off diseases and infection. Many are also more likely to have underlying conditions that hinder the body's ability to cope and recover from illness. People with health conditions like heart disease, lung disease and diabetes need to be especially careful

to avoid exposure to COVID-19.

What should older adults in assisted living or retirement communities do?

Right now, we still judge the general risk to the American public to be low. However, those who are older and medically fragile would be at higher risk if there was spread in a community. There are general, commonsense measures that we ask long-term care facilities to do to make sure to protect their residents, and they are the same things that we've been talking about—washing hands, identifying people who are sick early to make sure that they get appropriate medical care. And when somebody is sick, trying to keep them from infecting others.

Local coronavirus cancellations

The following is a list of cancellations and closures as of press time, and is not meant to be a comprehensive list of all organizations and businesses. More changes are expected as new guidelines and recommendations are given. Once restrictions are lifted and your group plans events, please submit that information to *The Lillian* newspaper by emailing lillianeditor@yahoo.com.

• AARP TAX HELP

All offices have suspended service.

• BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Spring Break Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10

• LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

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• LILLIAN MASONIC LODGE

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• LILLIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Car Show, Saturday, March 28 postponed to Saturday, Oct. 24

Trash & Treasure, March 28 cancelled, future date to be determined

• MARY'S SHELTER GULF COAST

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• OPTIMIST CLUB OF PERDIDO BAY

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Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11 cancelled

Respect for Law Day cancelled

• SPANISH COVE

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• ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH


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What is coronavirus disease 2019?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can I get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the world. Risk of infection from the virus that causes COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

The current list of global locations with cases of COVID-19 is available on CDC’s web page at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/locations-confirmed-cases.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath



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What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don’t go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Practical Tips for Caregivers

Information provided by AARP

In considering how to reduce a loved one’s exposure to the virus, the CDC advises:

- Contacting health care providers to obtain extra necessary medications and stocking up on over-the-counter drugs.
- Monitoring needed medical supplies related to a loved one’s condition or treatments (oxygen, incontinence, dialysis, wound care) and common supplies such as tissues and cough syrup.
- Purchasing enough nonperishable food items so you are prepared to stay home for some time.
- Those with a loved one in a care facility should monitor the situation, ask about the health of the other residents frequently and know the protocol if there is a coronavirus outbreak.

There are other preparation steps, too, that care-givers can take.

Backup plans

“This is a good time for families to take stock and revisit contingency plans and to identify family and friends to help with such activities as grocery shopping, [and] stockpiling essential items,” says Jennifer Wolff a professor of Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. “The virus is going to expose and exacerbate the fragile systems that are in place that primarily rely on family and other unpaid caregivers.”

Reduce exposure

Those who take care of loved ones in their home or are regular care providers to family members and friends outside the home have real concerns about exposing this vulnerable group to the virus.

“Even if the older adult stays home in a semi-quarantine situation, their caregivers — paid or unpaid — are still out in the community,” says Paula Lester, a geriatric medicine physician at NYU Winthrop Hospital. “The key is to use appropriate precautions.”

■ Caregivers, continued on Page 20

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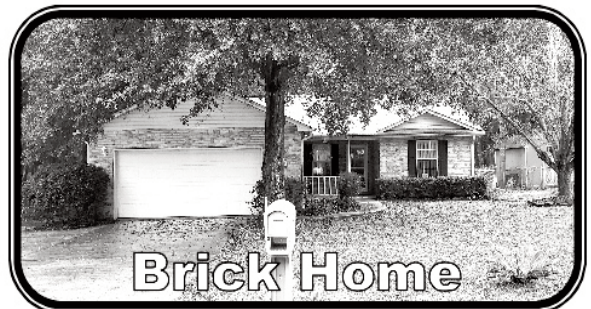
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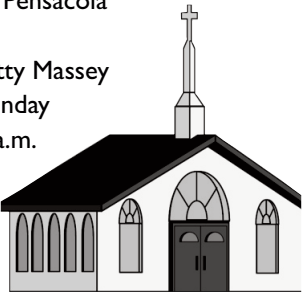
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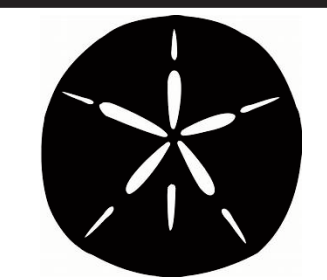
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Finding Fault or Following in Faith

Tragedy can strike so quickly and capriciously. While going about our everyday lives, in the blink of an eye, the world can be changed. We face terrorist attacks like Sept. 11, tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and now a pandemic. As a world we are now dealing with the Covid-19 virus and the uncertain nature it has brought to our everyday lives.

We are having to live at a distance from one another. The great sense of helplessness and lack of control is overwhelming. Like all tragic events, it brings out the best in some and the worst in others.

While many are hoarding for themselves, others are checking in on neighbors and making sure they have what they need. Sadly, people have ignorantly questioned whether God is punishing us and trying to get our attention.

God did not cause this tragedy or any of our suffering. The Bible states clearly in Lamentations 3:33, "That God does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone."

Yet many still ask why does God allow such awful things to happen? Jesus' disciples asked that question almost 2,000 years ago. They met a man one day who had been born blind and they were more focused on casting blame than meeting his needs. In the first century, most people believed that all suffering was the result of sin.

So the disciples asked Jesus, "Who sinned in this case, this blind man or his parents?" Jesus did not respond with a neat, simple answer to the problem of human suffering, nor will I. Never in this world will we understand all the mystery surrounding suffering. But with God's help we can gain some helpful insights.

According to Jesus, the blindness was not the result of the sin of either party. Even though God has warned us that in this world we reap what we

sow, the real shock comes when we realize that in the grace of Jesus Christ, we reap what we have not sown.

When God saw our situation was desperate, he visited our planet as the Godman named Jesus. Through his sacrificial death on the cross, he made it possible for people of faith to pass through death to a paradise called heaven. In addition, God promised to help us repair some of the damage here on earth.

God seeks to work with and through us, but seldom does God do our work for us. This is a free world and God does not usually contradict its natural laws.

Neither does God show favoritism. The Bible says that God allows his rain to fall on the just and the unjust alike. He loves all persons equally. While we understand that rationally, most of us still look for something that will give us an advantage. You can do all the religious exercises you want, but none of them will cause you to lead a charmed life or render you immune to heartbreak or tragedy.

God promises that His grace will be sufficient for all of our needs. God promises that nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from His love. And, no matter how bad something may be, God promises that if we share it with Him in faith, He will make it produce some good. Those are God's promises.

As for the answer to the question "why," it won't be given. Therefore, stop looking for it. Instead, Jesus would have us switch to a different question, a better question, a more faithful question. It is this one: How can God use me to meet a need during human suffering?

Jesus said the blind man would be a living demonstration of the power of God and that is exactly what God desires of us. Jesus healed him, and the story of that healing will be told

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lie and say they found malware on the victim's computer.

The criminal pretends to offer a solution by getting the user to install a type of remote desktop software. This allows the attacker access to the computer in order to install real malware. These scammers will often ask for a fee to "fix" the issue.

- If a person calls claiming to work for a specific, well-known company, look up the phone number online and tell them you will call them back.
- Never allow remote access to your computer.

Pop-up warning scams
Pop-ups occur when someone is browsing the internet and sees a small graphic or ad appear on their screen. Usually, pop-ups are related to the content being viewed and link to another website with similar content or related merchandise.

Malicious pop-ups can be terribly intrusive, making it difficult for the user to close the pop-up window.



The Methodist Message
By Rev. Daniel Randall

throughout history until Christ returns. Perhaps millions of people have been brought closer to Christ as they read of this poor blind man whose sight was restored.

When a heartbreak, an accident, an illness or a death comes, let this be our question: "Heavenly Father, what use can you make of my hard times?"

If we share our hard times with God, He will make something useful and creative out of every tragedy that darkens our lives. If life breaks your heart or health or takes your finances, you can whimper and whine and demand an explanation. But no explanation will be given. People of faith place their sorrows on the altar and ask God to use them. Then even our heartaches and sorrows serve God's purposes and declare God's praises. And in the process, our own hearts are strangely comforted, and we shine Christ light in a dark and difficult time.

Please continue to pray for one another through these challenging times.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Mae Santa Cruz

Dorothy “Dotsie” Mae Santa Cruz, 88, of Lillian, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2020, with her loving family by her side.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, an avid reader, devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur P. and Dolly Lewis; three brothers, Chester Lewis, Charles “Tiny” Lewis and Clarence “Butch” Lewis; a sister, Debbie Lewis; and one granddaughter, Raven Santa Cruz.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, John H. Santa Cruz; children, Sheila Emmert of Mobile, John Harry Santa Cruz Jr. of Foley, Paulette Maurin of Daphne, Christopher (Melody) Santa Cruz of Foley, Michael L. (Jennifer) Santa Cruz of Elberta, Daniel Santa Cruz of Foley and David Santa Cruz of Elberta; 18 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Shirley Davis of Hampton, Va., Barbara Ann Piggott of Wilmer, Ala., and Elaine Saucier of Satsuma, Ala.; nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Private family services were held. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Foley, was in charge of arrangements.

Rosetta Regina Werner

Rosetta Regina Werner, 74, of Elberta, passed away March 7, 2020.

She was a lifelong resident of Baldwin County and was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas A. Werner.

She is survived by a son, Thomas J. (Jan) Werner of Elberta; two daughters, Gale (Roger) Woerner of Elberta, and Tracy Mixon of Orange Beach; three brothers, Reginald Gilley of Foley, Gaylon Gilley of Lillian, and Danny Gilley of Elberta; three sisters, Betty Ford of Lillian, Annette Fickling of Mifflin, and Vermel Kichler of Elberta; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and numerous other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 11 at Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home in Foley. Interment followed at Elberta Public Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Elberta Public Library.



Werner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An article in a recent Health Alert magazine caught my attention. “Memory Loss” was the title and Dr. Mary Newport wrote about coconut oil helping curb memory loss.

Her article is online (“Ketones and Coconut Oil”) and her book is available for sale on Amazon.

It is amazing what it did for her husband, and I found it to be very interesting information.

F. McLendon

Jacqueline Reid’s recent rant in “The Lillian” would have been funny if it weren’t so sad. She says that “the left” is suppressing her right to self-expression in ways similar to the Third Reich, but can’t explain how she has just taken up most of a page of the local paper with her hate-filled diatribe and, apparently, isn’t behind barbed wire just yet. Possibly what she views as “suppression” is other Americans disagreeing with her.

As, yes, I do. Regarding “Islam Muslims” (rather like saying “Jesus Christians”?) and their inherent evilness, I remember being a child living off base with my family in Morocco (my father was career Air Force).

It was such a treat when Mohammed would invite me into their small house behind ours and make mint tea for us both. And so heart-breaking when Fatima knelt on our kitchen floor, rocking her newborn and wailing to my mother, “Oh, madame! Baby sick! Baby sick!” and my mother’s helplessness as the baby died.

And the joy when, a year later, little Hamou was born and did not die. Our family still has the faded photo of Hamou and my baby brother Tommy on a blanket in the sun in the back yard.

Yes, terrifying people. I don’t know how we survived it.

I’d recommend Ms. Reid take a page from her own handbook and get her nose out of the media. She might take herself out of her comfort zone and, I dunno, go to a Sunday service at a nearby Universalist Unitarian church. Or find some ecumenical event to attend in downtown Pensacola. And listen to someone with a different viewpoint, and note that nobody is rounding up anybody and putting them behind barbed wire.

Becky Thacker

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Stay home

While many restaurants, bars and retail stores are closed, in accordance with local, state and national guidelines, supermarkets are still bustling with people, though some are offering hours just for older people.

Lester advises that older people skip trips to the market if possible, to avoid exposure. Also, if you are doing shopping or other errands for those who need assistance, don't bring the goods into their home and stick around afterward. "Help them, but help them in a way that still protects them and yourself," she recommends. "Leave [items] at the front door, or make online orders for them."

Reschedule wellness appointments

Carla Perissinotto, the associate chief for geriatric clinical programs at the University of California, San Francisco, suggests looking ahead for any regular medical appointments on your loved one's schedule. "Look at what can be canceled that is not essential," she says, "because health care environments are where the most sick people are right now."

If an appointment is necessary, she advises using a telephone or video-based system with the doctor, if available.

Keep germs away

Thorough handwashing with soap and water is critical. In addition to washing hands after eating and using the restroom, "everyone who enters the house should wash their hands" immediately, Lester emphasizes.

"There are a lot of unknowns about how long [the virus] can stay on surfaces," says Perissinotto. She is advising patients

to be mindful about wiping down all items that are used frequently — like door handles, remote controls, cellphones and, if you drive, the steering wheel and doorhandles.

"You don't have to get fancy products," Perissinotto says. "You can make a diluted solution with bleach [and water] to clean countertops."

Combat boredom

"Social isolation is already a huge problem for many older adults and for family caregivers," observes David L. Roth, director of the Johns Hopkins Center on Aging and Health. "The current emphasis on social distancing is only going to make these matters worse. It will be important for caregivers to maintain or even increase contact with others by phone, video chat and online communications — but not in person."

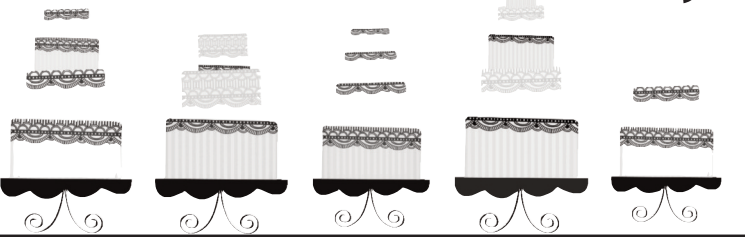
"Video chats are better at connection than just a phone call, as actually seeing someone can help" combat isolation and feelings of loneliness, Perissinotto notes.

Be present

For those who care for a loved one at home — often juggling caregiving, work commitments and kids activities — this may be time to hunker down and spend some quality time with your family.

"In some ways this is causing us all to slow down and be present with things we do enjoy — completing those craft projects we have started, reconnecting with old friends by phone or video, writing letters, or thanking those in your community or family during this time," says Perissinotto. "And in a world with all this chatter, sitting in silence for a period may actually be welcomed."

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