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*The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will again be working on the "Streets of Red, White and Blue" flag program. Area residents and businesses can participate in the fundraiser with club members placing a flag in yards over five holidays each year.*

## Put Your Patriotism on Display

By Sally McKinney

For approximately 10 years, the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has been working on the "Streets of Red, White and Blue" flag program. This is a community-wide program that provides American flags to residents and businesses to display five times a year.

For a yearly fee of \$40 per flag, club members will install a 3 x 5-foot American flag on a 10-foot pole in front yards or in front of businesses before Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day. Flags fly three days before the holiday and three days after. The fee includes replacement of soiled,

damaged or stolen flags at no additional cost.

Proceeds from the program are used to help bring out the best in kids. Some of the programs include essay and oratorical contests, Christmas and Easter parties and a fishing rodeo. When schools open up completely again, members of the club will resume reading to kindergarten and first grade students, tutoring in math and mentoring in the Elberta schools on a weekly basis.

Those interested in participating should contact Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, Attn: Dodd Bouchillon, P.O. Box 87, Lillian, AL 36549. Or call him at 256-280-6346.

## Johnson Beach Remembrance Day To Be Held May 1

The Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce and Gulf Islands National Seashore staff announced the annual Rosamond Johnson Beach Day celebration will take place at Johnson Beach in the Gulf Islands National Seashore at 10 a.m. May 1. The annual event had to be canceled in 2020 due to Covid restrictions.

At a recent planning meeting between the Perdido Key Area Chamber Foundation, the National Park Service, and Escambia County District 2, the history of the annual event was discussed. Plans for a downsized 2021 event and the future of the event was solidified. "This is the right event for the right reasons," said Darrell Echols, Gulf Islands National Seashore chief.

After enlisting in the US Army at age 15, Johnson died in combat two years later on the Korean Peninsula. While engaged with the enemy on July 26, 1950, Private Johnson carried two wounded soldiers to safety. He was fatally wounded while attempting to save a third wounded man. On August 21, 1950, Rosamond was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he sustained while saving his fellow soldiers.

Erin Wilmer, chair of the Chamber's Military Affairs Council said, "The story of the selfless bravery of Private Johnson and the history of this beach is a story worthy of national attention and we hope to see the event grow exponentially over the years."

At the time of Johnson's death, Pensacola beaches were racially segregated. The Sunset Riding Club, Inc. leased a county-owned recreational area in 1950 for the sole use of bathing and recreational facilities for African-Americans.

In honor of his ultimate sacrifice, and in recognition

as the first Escambia County resident to die in the Korean Conflict, the recreational area became known as Rosamond Johnson Beach. The area became part of Gulf Islands National Seashore in 1971, and the name was retained. Today, a monument and exhibit honor Private Johnson and his service.

For the past decade, the Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce has invited the Johnson family, local and national dignitaries and the public to the beach to honor the memory of this local hero. Perdido Key Chamber President Dana Pagador said, "Johnson Beach is an iconic treasure to Perdido Key's residents and visitors. Sharing this story is solidly in the mission of the chamber foundation."

In honor of the sacrifice paid by Johnson and his family, the National Park Service waives entrance fees to the Johnson Beach area from 9 a.m. to noon on the day of the annual commemoration ceremony.

Johnson Beach is one of the most popular beach recreation areas of the Gulf Islands National Seashore and is open daily from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 1 through Oct. 1 and 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Nov. 1 through Feb. 28.



Rosamond Johnson

## After 25 Years, The Lillian Newspaper Gets a Makeover

Welcome to the new look and feel of *The Lillian*! As I shared in our previous issue, we had to find a new place to get printed and what you're looking at right now is the debut edition printed in Monroeville.

Being printed at a different facility meant we had to change the actual size and shape of our pages but you'll find what's inside has stayed consistent.

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From the  
Managing  
Editor  
By Janel Smith

and volunteers to submit articles, columns, photos and organization updates.

*The Lillian* is overseen by the Lillian Action Committee and the entire group thanks you for your support and patience as we get adjusted to a new layout and a new

schedule. It's been a lot of work behind the scenes getting everything ready but we look forward to carrying on our tradition of being your free monthly small town publication. We will continue to be available at the same locations from Foley into Pensacola and online.



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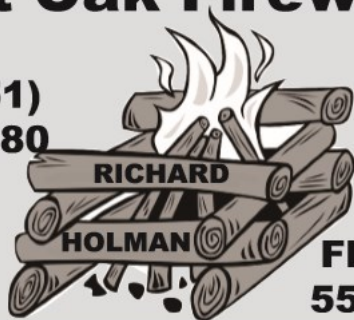
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## Optimist Club Resuming Normal Meetings in May at LCC

By Sally McKinney

The theme of one of the April meetings of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay was "Back to Normal." Due to the Corona Virus, the organization has been meeting in person at the Lillian United Methodist Church, on Zoom and Facebook live. Now the members want to get back to those wonderful, famous Optimist breakfasts and some state of "normalcy."

Beginning in May, club mem-

bers will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays at the Lillian Community Club.

The breakfast of biscuits and gravy, eggs, grits, baked beans and other goodies will again be on the buffet. Members pay \$5 but guests are always free.

Members encourage men and women who have not experienced the breakfast or heard about what the Optimist Club is all about to visit at any time.

After breakfast, club business will be addressed, followed by an informative program.

Although the meetings will now be "back to normal," they will also remain available on Zoom and live on Facebook.



## Lillian American Legion Post Nominates, Elects Officers

At the April meeting, the Legionnaires acknowledged the contribution of spouses Sharon Farrow, Sandy Fuller, Susie Harrison and Lynn Ochs. Certificates of appreciation were sent to say thank you. The spouses are very important to the success of Post 48 by contributing to the ham dinners and desserts.

At the April 19 meeting, nominations were presented by the nominations committee including James Wilis, commander; Robert Phoenix, first vice president; Bill Youngs, second vice president; Wayne Lavalley, adjutant; Lee Hoffman, finance officer; Linda Weaver-Melton, chaplain; and Dave Youngs, sergeant at arms. Members who were nominated and unopposed were elected at that meeting. Officer installations will be held at the May 17 meeting.

On April 22, James Harrison, commander, and Wayne Lavalley, adjutant, presented two awards at the JRROTC ceremony at Robertsedale High School. The military award was presented to Cadet Julianna Breau and the academic award went to Cadet Om Patel.

Post 48 would like to reaffirm that the medical closet is for all Lillian citizens and there is absolutely no charge. Many items are available for use, such as

walkers and hospital beds. The only requirement is the return of said items when no longer needed. Donations are accepted to assist in the maintenance of this valuable commodity.

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

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Lillian Community Club hall. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving. Or come have a cup of coffee and pick up an application on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. We'd like to meet you!

## First Responder Night Flicks on the Field Planned May 14

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce is inviting local residents to the Pensacola Greyhound Track, 951 Dog Track Road for the first annual First Responder Friday followed by Flicks on the Field. The event will be held May 14.

Those attending will be able to get up close and personal with first responders and their rescue and response equipment. Families are encouraged to take photos of their

kids posed in or with the vehicles and officers.

The Escambia County Sheriff will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs starting at 6 p.m.

The K-9 officers will show off their partners and the equestrian unit will be there with their horses.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will have their new boat on display and the Lillian Fire Department will have all types of rescue vehicles

present for photo opportunities.

Flicks on the Field free drive-in movie begins at 8 p.m. In honor of Military Appreciation Month, the movie is "Max," the story of a four-legged military hero.

Guests can enjoy the movie from the comfort of their vehicles or by bringing blankets and lawn chairs. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled.

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## Library Resuming Afternoon Hours Twice a Week

The Lillian Perdido Bay Library will be open more hours beginning Tuesday, May 4, and Thursday, May 6, from 4 to 6 p.m.

This increases our availability to 10 hours a week: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m; and Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. We are also a mask mandate until further notice.

The weather certainly ruined several activities planned last month including Market in the Park, during which we planned to donate books to kids. We plan to be at Market in the Park on May 15,

weather permitting. Please plan to attend. We will also have hardback and paperback books for sale, along with donation books.

We welcome all patrons of our library and encourage everyone that is new to the area to stop by for a tour. We are proud to have such a large supply of books, audios, DVDs, music CDs, and a separate western book room.

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## Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

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## Hooray For The Red, White and Blue and the Volunteers

Don't cha just love it when you drive down Highway 98 a couple of days before a national holiday and see the "Street of Red, White and Blue?" Isn't it great when you cruise or walk down your neighborhood street and see one lovely American flag after the other flowing in the breeze?

You probably know this, but I'll tell you anyway. You have the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay to thank for that proud, happy feeling you get.

About 10 years ago members of the club visited their Daphne Optimist buddies to learn how to do it.

We cut the poles, hammered the receivers and attached the little plastic thingies to hold the flags. Our 'class' being completed, we came home to start the fun. And it was fun.

Nothing like serving on a committee to get to know your fellow Optimists.

We designed a brochure, distributed it and today we have more than 150 homes and businesses that display Old Glory three days before a holiday and three days after Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day. And yes, we do leave them up after Labor Day to commemorate 9/11.

I won't lie to you. It's a difficult job for everyone.

Thanks to Mike Gale for heading up the program for the last several years.

It was his job, and now thanks to Dodd Bouchillon stepping up, his job, to keep track of the routes, the route managers, the flags and of course, the participants in the program.

The route managers step up to the plate, usually early in the morning to start installing the flags. We try to keep track of the receivers on the property, but especially in the commercial areas, it's sometimes quite a challenge.

The receivers are covered with a rubber cap, but due to mowing or no mowing, they just seem to disappear.

If the rain gods have been extra generous, and the grass mowers are on a different schedule than the flag planters, the grass has taken on a new life, covering up everything in sight.

Then out come the metal detectors. Thank God for those with the brains to invent such helpful tools.

The May installations aren't too bad, as the southern summer hasn't quite got-



### Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

ten up to speed, but oh, those June, July and September installations. Yikes! Showers are definitely needed after those projects.

Now, I'm not complaining or whining. I just thought you should know that although the "Streets of Red, White and Blue" are a good fundraiser for the Optimist Club so they can "bring out the best in kids," it ain't no easy project.

So, when your heart starts a'fluttering when you see Old Glory greeting you on our streets, remember the men and women of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and their helpers.

Perhaps you'd like a flag in front of your home or business to add to everyone's joy, just contact Dodd at 256-280-6346.

## Lillian Veterinary Clinic Officially Announces New Owner

Some current clients may have noticed there is a new doctor working in our clinic. We would like to officially introduce you to our new practice owner, Dr. Elizabeth Williams.

Dr. Williams, or Dr. Beth as we like to call her, took ownership of Lillian Veterinary Hospital in April 2020. She has made a positive impact on our clinic and has gotten us over several hurdles in relation to the pandemic since she has been here.

She has been working to boost staff morale and has taken steps to improve the overall quality of care of your pets. She has worked hard to implement and streamline curbside service protocols, our sanitation protocols and introduced a mask policy for staff and clients.

Dr. Beth graduated from Robertsdale High School in 2003. She then attended Auburn University to receive her bachelor's degree in animal science in 2007. In 2010 she became a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. She has been practicing for 11 years but has worked with animals in a clinic setting since she was 15. She has two dogs of her own, Squirt and Luna, two horses and 16 ducks.

She loves variety, so doesn't plan on specializing in any specific branches. But dermatology will always be familiar since the environment in this area tends to cause skin problems. Dr. Beth

also has a soft spot for animal dentistry and feels that pet dental health is often overlooked.

Dr. Beth said, "Apparently, since I could talk, I've been proclaiming this is what I've wanted to do. We have always had animals and my grandparents have always given us grandkids opportunities to raise farm animals and nurse/treat them. This instilled and encouraged an even greater work ethic and love for animals."

Her goals include moving away from curbside service and opening the clinic back up to the public in the next couple of months.

She also is a strong advocate for the human-animal bond, and she would like for us to work together to embrace and encourage it.

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## As Calls Increase, Volunteers Still Needed for Fire Department

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 87 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in March including 43 medical assistance, 8 public assists, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 9 brush fires, 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire, 14 fire alarms/investigations, 2 aircraft stand bys and 3 water rescues.

As you can see, we are still experiencing a large volume of calls. We would like to encourage anyone looking for an opportunity to enrich their lives by helping others to check out the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department. You don't need any experience. At least 85% of our calls are medi-

cally related and all training will be given. Don't worry about age! As long as you have no problems with mobility and are in good medical shape, we would love to talk to you. My husband and I are both in our late 60s and have been volunteering for more than three years. It has been a great experience for us and we love helping out the community. So give us a call at 251-962-9626 and we can set up an interview and answer any questions you may have.

Last month I informed you of the grants LVFD received for the LUCAS device and for new MSA G1 SCBA. We also received another grant for much need-

ed extrication equipment and tools which were delivered to LVFD in March. This equipment is essential for helping remove people trapped in vehicles.

As I also mentioned last month, many of our volunteers were in the process of taking the Fire Fighters 1 course and we are now happy to announce they have completed the second module. Hopefully, the third module will begin in the next few months. After all four modules have been completed, there will be a Hazmat course which all volunteers will attend.

It was National Public Safety Communicators week during March and the

## Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

LVFD would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our 911 dispatchers. We thank them for all their hard work providing the fire departments, police and medical crews with critical information as we rush out to all emergency calls. Thank you for all you do - especially our Baldwin County 911 dispatchers.

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## CHIT CHAT

Chit Chat is a column for you. Take this opportunity to have fun with birthdays and anniversaries.

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dall, Charles Bingle and Tracy Brown.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in May are Ron and Pat Morris (1965), Bruce and Virginia Allen (1971), Tracy and Waynette Brown (1990), Traci and Shannon Price (2000), Celeste and Richard Champion (2005) and Jennifer and Chuck Canaday (2008).

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

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*The Perdido Grande Dames Red Hats met for their April gathering at Sonny's Bar B Que in Pensacola. Hostess Waynette Brown did a great job with arrangements, including treats for the 15 members who attended and a birthday gift for Enge Petit. The next gathering will be a pool party and lunch at Barbara Dixon's home on Tuesday, May 11. This will be the group's last meeting until fall. In attendance for their April 13 meeting were, front from left, Diane Gilbert, Dottie Mau, Barbara Dixon, Enge Petit, Priscilla Westgate and Lorraine Standish. In back, Vickie Massey, Waynette Brown, Deborah Donin, Cheryl Hatfield, Kay Lett, Lorri Roit, Melissa Scott, Sandra Jurries and Judy Wargo. In the photo at right, the Red Hat ladies gave a check to the Baldwin County Youth Orchestra at their recent concert at Lillian United Methodist Church.*



## Finding an Answer for Unexpected Bone Loss

By Ruth Ginn

**Editor's note:** Lillian resident Ruth Ginn, age 88, submitted an article about her experience with osteoporosis. Knowing it can be a common ailment for older people, she wanted to share some information in the hopes of helping others.

This year I learned for the first time that I had a body part I had never heard of before. We all have four parathyroid glands that sit on the back of the thyroid glands and regulate calcium in the body. When they work normally, the calcium we ingest gets put into the bones. Should a parathyroid gland develop a tumor, it begins taking calcium out of the bones and dumping it into the blood. Some calcium in the blood is normal, but high levels indicate a possible problem.

In February 2020, I had a yearly physical with some blood work. The blood work results showed Ca with an H, meaning high, next to it. I had no idea what Ca stood for and assumed it wasn't important since the doctor hadn't mentioned it.

Then Covid-19 came along and my husband's health began to suffer. My daughter, a physician, came down to help with his medical care. She asked about my health and I said I was fine but showed her a copy of my blood work. Her response was, "This isn't good, we'll have to take care of it soon." Unfortunately we didn't since my husband's health worsened and he died in July.

After his death, my daughter insisted I see a different doctor. Dr. Kish McLeod took me on as a patient and ordered a bone scan. He told me I had osteoporosis and referred me to

Joshua Wing, a skilled orthopedic nurse practitioner. He ordered some additional blood work. I spoke with my daughter about his suggestions and she went to my appointment with me, concerned about the calcium level in my blood. She said I might have a parathyroid gland taking calcium out of my bones, causing the osteoporosis. After discussing this, they agreed I should see an endocrinologist. An appointment was set with Dr. Mamish at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola.

Dr. Mamish said I definitely had a parathyroid problem and that I was lucky in that two of the best parathyroid surgeons worked at Tampa General Hospital. These surgeons had developed a new way to remove the diseased glands by working through a small hole in the neck. They also use nuclear medicine to locate the glands.

In April I had the outpatient surgery to remove the two diseased parathyroid glands. Dr. Lopez, the surgeon, met with me before and after the surgery and also spoke with my daughter. I was allowed to return home the next day and took lots of calcium for three weeks. Both Drs. Mamish and Lopez say it won't be long until I'm back to normal. God is good.

## CORRECTION

In an article about Blessed to Blessings boxes in our last issue, we mistakenly listed MaMaw's in Elsanor. This is incorrect, there is not a blessing box at that location. Updated information can be found on the Blessed to Blessings Boxes for Baldwin page on Facebook.

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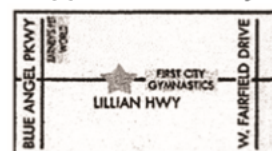
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## Orally Speaking

By Richard Leverett, DMD

### How Do We Get Cavities?

A simple definition for a cavity is the space created by intrusion of the tooth enamel. A space can be caused by a physical intrusion such as an accident that causes trauma, resulting in loss of tooth structure.

An example of this is if you bite down on a hard piece of candy and broke your tooth. This would certainly create space.

Most of the time a cavity is formed from a bacterial intrusion on the enamel.

Any carbohydrate that remains on the enamel is consumed by bacteria that secrete acid as a byproduct.

This acid is what erodes the enamel away.

If the acid remains over a

period, the enamel will dissolve to a point where a cavity forms.

Those that consume a lot of sugary drinks have a higher rate of cavities due to the amount of increased carbohydrates and subsequent acid production.

If a person eats lemon slices, the bacteria are completely bypassed and the acid from the lemon will erode the enamel.

A good rule of thumb is to brush your teeth after meals and snacks. This does not allow the buildup of acid on the enamel.

Practicing good oral hygiene and seeing your dentist for routine exams and cleanings can ensure the bacteria are held at bay.

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*Winners of this year's essay contest sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay were front, from left, Hartley Gunderson, Riley Anne Pugh and Avery Pickle. With them are club members Ruth Henderson, essay contest chairman, and OCPB president Daniel Randall.*

## Essay, Oratorical Contest Winners Named

By Sally McKinney

Although the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has had to adjust some of its events in the past year, they participated in two annual events hosted by Optimist International, the essay and oratorical contests.

This year's winners of the essay contest are Elberta Middle School students Hartley Gunderson, gold; Riley Anne Pugh, silver and Avery Pickle, bronze. Gunderson went

on to the district competition. This year's theme was "Reaching Your Dreams by Choosing Optimism."

The 2021 oratorical contest winners are Ashton Haygood, gold; Analeigh Behrendsen, silver and Mia Edwards, bronze. Haygood placed third in the district competition. The theme was "Healing the World with Optimism." All are students at Elberta High School.



*Recognizing the winners of the oratorical contest were from left, Daryl Reed, oratorical contest chairman, winners Ashton Haygood, Analeigh Behrendsen and Mia Edwards and Daniel Randall, club president.*



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## 'Walk and Roll' Across Alabama

How would you like to be able to tell people that you walked and rolled your way across Alabama this summer? Even if it sounds like an impossible feat, it may be easier than you think.

The Lillian Recreational Park's new "Walk and Roll Across Alabama" challenge has something for everyone. Whether you want to walk, roll, or even skip your way across the state, the challenge is designed so anyone of any ability can participate and at your own pace. If you prefer to participate with a friend or family members, there's also a "team" category so teams can work their way across the state together.

The "Walk and Roll Across America" challenge is meant to inspire and encourage people to get out and walk the park's beautiful walking trail, and then virtually walk across the state, visiting various points of interest along the way. And because it's a virtual challenge, participants can do it at whatever time fits their schedule and from any location.

Organizers Lynn Wilson and Lori Craddy explained why they are enthusiastic about the new program. "Walking has become my happy place and I was so glad to find out that the park was looking to start a walking program. I love it when I can get others walking and interested in what it

can do for their health and well-being. The challenge of walking across Alabama intrigued me as I am a new resident of Alabama and can't wait to find more about the area and to take part in the challenge," said Craddy.

"We are excited about our Walk and Roll Across Alabama challenge. What a fun way to get people out walking and to learn about Alabama landmarks along the way," Wilson said.

At the completion of the challenge, participants will be invited to an event at the park where they will receive a special commemorative T-shirt celebrating their accomplishment. As Wilson encouraged, "Grab a friend or walk alone and enjoy the journey. It is sure to be rewarding



## Lillian Recreational Park

By Lucy Smith

and fun."

The Walk and Roll Across Alabama program will run from May 1 through Labor Day. Participants may register via the park's Facebook page any time during the challenge. There is no cost to participate.

The program is open to anyone, but please check with your doctor before joining this or any exercise program. For more information about the Walk and Roll Across Alabama challenge, visit the park's website at [LillianRecreational-Park.org](http://LillianRecreational-Park.org), or Facebook page.

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## Easter Bunny at Lillian Recreational Park for Egg Hunt

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Lillian Recreational Park last month. More than 150 boys and girls and their families enjoyed the sunny day in the park while gathering the approximately 3,000 plastic eggs filled with surprises that the Easter Bunny laid out. After the hunt, the families were treated to a hot dog lunch.

Every one of the Lillian churches donated the eggs. Thanks to them, the Lillian Recreational Park and Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) for helping to make this a memorable community event for all.



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## Learning Lessons from Julian of Norwich

Perhaps you have heard this phrase, "but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." This phrase originated with Julian of Norwich, a Roman Catholic nun who lived in the late 1370's.

Julian lived as a particular kind of nun, an anchoress, a woman who has as a young woman set herself apart for God and lives isolated in a cell.

This means she literally lived in isolation in a small room with three little windows – one to receive food, water and other daily needs, one facing into the church building so she could participate in services and one facing the outside so that on limited occasions she would pray for people from the local town and villages.

As a nun, Julian was unique in another way. Upon entering her solitary cell, she knew she needed a deeper love for God so she asked God for three things.

First, a stronger understanding of Christ's passion. Second, a sickness which would take her near death to allow her to experience all that a body and soul experience in death but without actual

death - so that she might learn to live more mindful of God. And third, three "wounds" - absolute contrition, kind compassion and steadfast longing toward God.

Her unusual prayers were answered in a way. Julian did become deathly ill. Everyone around her despaired of her life. The last rites were administered to her.

Then a wonderful thing happened. Julian experienced what might be described as a near-death experience. At the crisis of her sickness, she receives fifteen "visions," or revelations. She reports that heaven opened to her and she beheld Christ in his glory, and she sees the meaning and power of his sufferings. She also sees Christ's mother, Mary, exalted and beloved.

At one point in her visions, Julian said, "In my folly, before this time I often wondered why, by the great foreseeing wisdom of God, the onset of sin was not prevented: for then, I thought, all should have been well. This impulse of thought was much to be avoided, but nevertheless I mourned and sorrowed because of it, without reason and discre-



### Moving Forward

By Rev.

Tina Lockett

tion. But Jesus, who in this vision informed me of all that is needed by me, answered with these words and said: 'It was necessary that there should be sin; but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.' These words were said most tenderly, showing no manner of blame to me nor to any who shall be saved."

What reassuring words Jesus gave to Julian of Norwich that even in a world of sin, all shall be well.

If we look to Jesus and know him as the one who died for our sins, then all shall be well.

Julian recovered from her illness and lived another 33 years. Soon after her recovery, Julian wrote a short book about her revelations. Twenty years after her visions, she added additional thoughts as to their meaning.

After the invention of the printing

press, this book was widely distributed. Centuries later, Christians are still reading about her visions.

Where do you go for solitary prayer? A place in your home? Your church building? Perhaps a place outside? Are you, like Julian of Norwich, asking God to answer your questions? Wherever you are and whatever you ask, God stands ready to receive you. Take the time to be with God, ask your questions and wait to see what he will bring to your life.

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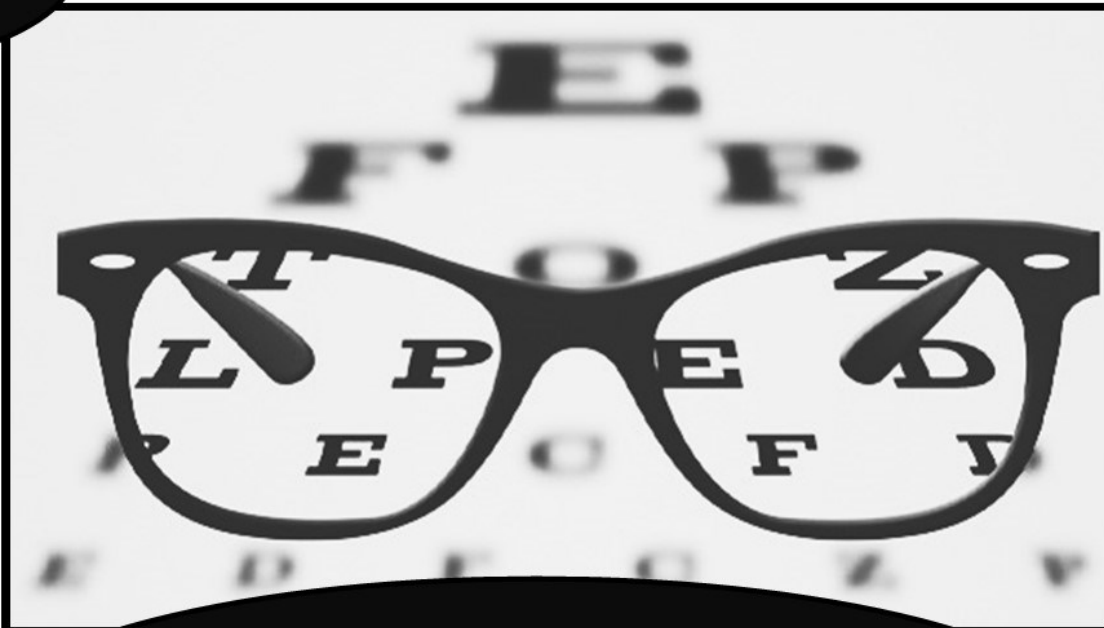
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## Lillian Students Earn \$1,000 Optimist Scholarships

By Sally McKinney

Each year the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay awards \$1,000 scholarships to local high school students. This year's recipients are seniors Molly O'Neal and Zachary "Zach" Paul, both Lillian residents and members of the first graduating class at Elberta High School.

Molly, the daughter of Sharon and Randy O'Neal, has attended the three Elberta schools, elementary, middle and high. She graduates with a 3.9 GPA and an ACT score of 20. The youngest of five children and the first to attend college, she has been accepted at Pensacola State. She hopes to attend law school in the future.

She has been a member of the National Honor Society for four years and a volunteer at the Elberta Sausage Festival.

Zach is also an Elberta three-school student and



Molly O'Neal

graduates with a 3.8 GPA and ACT score of 20. He is the son of April and Tim Paul. He has a younger brother, Jacob. Zach has been accepted at Coastal Alabama Aviation Center to become an aviation technician.

While in high school he participated in cross country, soccer, band, as a peer helper and a member of the yearbook staff. He also served with the Red Cross after Hurricane Sally to distribute essentials, meals and supplies. He has also volunteered at Lillian United Methodist Church after the hurricane, as well as past service to Ecumenical Ministries, Alabama Coastal Cleanup, Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation Rodeo and the Elberta Youth Soccer Program. He has been a member of the National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the National Society for High School Scholars.



Zachary Paul

Throughout high school I have enjoyed being a part of the National Honor Society and filming the varsity girls' soccer games. I have also tutored my peers in geometry.

After high school I plan to attend Pensacola State College to obtain my psychology degree. I will then attend a law school to pursue a career as an immigration lawyer. As I go to school, I plan to get a job as a paralegal to get a foot in the door with a law firm.

I am the youngest of five children, and we were all born and raised in Elberta. My parents are small business owners in the community, and I've spent a lot of time working for them in addition to my retail job.

I am so grateful to receive this scholarship from the Optimist Club. Thank you to all the members for supporting my future education.

- Molly O'Neal

I am honored to be a recipient of the Optimist Scholarship. I have attended Elberta schools for 12 years, and I am excited to be a part of the first graduating class at Elberta High School.

While at Elberta High School, I have been involved in cross country, soccer, peer helpers, band and National Honor Society.

I have already begun my study to become an aviation maintenance technician. I will continue in this field of study at Coastal Alabama Community College upon graduation. There I will earn my certification in airframe and powerplant. I am considering continuing my education at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. My goal at this time is to work for a company such as ST Aerospace that handles aircraft maintenance for large corporations.

Thank you, Optimist Club for helping me to continue meeting my goals and furthering my education.

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## On Gifts and Giving

Well folks, we are at the end of the tax season, so this will be my last article for a while. I want to leave you with something useful, so I thought gifts and gifting might be a good topic.

A gift is a transfer of property, including money, or the use of or income from property without receiving something of at least equal value in return. A gift can be direct or indirect and the property can be real, personal, tangible or intangible. Gifts can include transfers of cash, property, digital assets like virtual currency, forgiven debts, property settlements from divorce, and low or no interest loans.



### Let's Talk Taxes

By Carol Kovacs  
CPA, EA

You can make gifts to a person, an organizational entity like a company or an association or to a legal entity like a trust. A gift to charity or a religious group is considered a donation and not a gift for tax purposes.

If you gift a property subject to a mortgage, the value of the gift is its fair market value (FMV) less the value of the mortgage. To be a completed gift, it must

have a "present value," meaning the gift must be available for use, possession or enjoyment when you give it, not at some time in the future.

A gift is generally not taxable to the person receiving it, but there may be tax implications for the person giving it. You can give your spouse who is a US citizen or resident any type of gift without tax implications. This is known as the unlimited marital deduction. There are some restrictions if you do not give a complete gift, one that is conditional upon some event. These are more complex situations usually involving legal assistance.

When you give a gift, you have to file a gift tax Form 709 if the gift is worth more than \$15,000. Everyone can give anyone a gift of \$15,000 or less every year. The annual gift exclusion has been \$15,000 for the last several years. Congress decides whether to change it or not. So if you and your spouse decide to give your son and daughter-in-law \$60,000, you would not have to file a gift tax return. But if you gave them \$75,000, one or both of you would have to file a gift tax return to account for the difference. Do not get excited about this. Just because you have to file a gift tax return does not mean you have to pay gift tax. The current exclusion amount from paying gift tax is \$11,580,000, meaning you can give that much away during and after your lifetime without paying gift tax. If you go above that amount, the tax is steep – 40%. Note that the gift and estate tax have become unified, meaning that you count lifetime gifts, and at your death the value of your owned, and your share of jointly owned assets, to determine whether you owe any estate tax to the IRS or to the state you live in if it has an estate tax. Neither Alabama or Florida has an estate or inheritance tax.

You may think you never have to worry about this but remember Congress can change the rules. The exclusion amount in 2000-2001 was \$675,000, then jumped to \$1 million, 2 million and 3.5 million. In 2010, it went away completely only to be reinstated in 2011 at 1 million. In 2013, the exclusion was 5.25 million and was doubled by legislators a few years after that, and also indexed for inflation. So here are a few pointers:

~ One good thing to remember, you can pay someone's medical bills or education expense, and these are not counted as gifts if you pay them directly to the medical provider or educational institution.

~ If you think the exclusion amount is likely to be reduced, then consider retaining the unused portion your spouse was entitled to if s/he has passed away. To do this, you have to timely file an Estate Tax Form 706 and determine the unused portion of the exclusion by determining the "Date-of-Death" FMV of your spouse's assets and the exclusion amount. On this form, you reserve the unused portion for yourself. It is good insurance to do this, especially if you win the mega-millions lottery or inherit a lot of money.

~ Talk with an attorney about whether to give your children your home, vacation home, property or put them on your investment accounts. At this time, there is a "step-up" in basis for assets given after death. No step-up occurs if you give these assets during your lifetime. As an example, if you gave your daughter the home you are living in, her cost basis in the home is what your cost basis was at the time of the gift. So if you paid \$100,000 for the home with improvements, her cost basis is \$100,000. Should she sell it for \$200,000, not having lived in it as her principal residence, she pays capital gains tax on \$100,000. If you left it to her in your will, the home would get the "step-up" in cost basis to the current FMV at the date of your death. If it were valued at \$200,000 and she sold it for \$200,000, there would be no tax due on the sale. One way to avoid this "donor's basis" of a gift is giving the home you are living in "subject to a life-estate," so it is not a completed gift. The step-up will still occur at the time of your death. Of course, a "step-up" increases the value of your estate for estate and gift tax purposes. Remember, though, Congress can change the rules, so keep up to date on what the legislators do.

~ Consider the loss of control when you give your property away. Once a gift is given, you cannot take it back without the consent of the person you gave it to. So if you give away the vacation home and the person receiving it decides to sell it, you no longer have any rights in the matter. This is true with investment and bank accounts that you want to have your children get automatically when you die. If this is the case, rather than joint accounts, establish "Payable on Death" (POD) or similar accounts. It is not just your children you have to consider; you must think about their spouses, significant others and other influences that may not be in your best interests. Life happens.

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## Adventures in Eating

By Ken Sanders

### Green Goddess Salad Dressing

This is one the more unique salad dressings. Don't let the anchovies put you off. They add to, not dominate, the delicious taste. This duplicates the recipe used by the Buggy Whip - Tractons restaurants in Los Angeles, unfortunately no longer in existence. A friend and I used to go there many years ago. We looked forward to their excellent prime rib as much as we did to the salad. Enjoy!

1 firm, ripe avocado, preferably a Hass or other good quality avocado, peeled and pitted

1 1/8 cup mayonnaise, Hellman's is definitely preferred

5 anchovy fillets, rinsed and chopped

2 Tablespoons chopped fresh, not dried chives

1 Tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 medium-large clove garlic, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

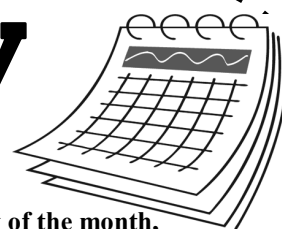
In a blender, combine the avocado, mayonnaise, anchovies, chives, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper. Process until smooth, then chill for 24 hours before serving. Best used on rough, chopped romaine lettuce with a few croutons. Nothing else is necessary. Use dressing sparingly and mix thoroughly.

## Route 99 Road Work



*The Baldwin County Highway Department has been working on Highway 99 in Lillian, widening the shoulder/bike path for an extension from Spanish Cove Drive South to Carrier Drive.*

## Community Calendar



May 6 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. in the park conference room

May 5, 12, 19, 26 - Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday in the First Baptist Church auditorium on Barclay Street, weigh-in starts at 10:30 a.m., meeting begins at 11 a.m.

May 8 & 22 - Optimist Club of Perdido Bay meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month, breakfast at 8:30 a.m. with meeting to follow, Lillian Community Club

May 10 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street

May 11 & 25 - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of the month

May 14 - First Responder Night and Flicks on the Field, details on Page 2

May 15 - Market in the Park, 8 a.m. to noon, Lillian Recreational Park

May 17 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7p.m., third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club

May 18 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., third Tuesday of each month, St. Joseph Catholic Church

*Please email meeting and event dates, times and locations  
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## OBITUARIES

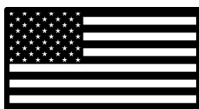
**Harry Durant Suarez Jr.**

Harry Durant Suarez Jr., 83, passed away on Dec. 30, 2020.

Harry was born Oct. 23, 1937, in Pensacola. He attended Pensacola High School and graduated from Sewanee Military School in 1955. He joined the U.S. Army in 1956 and served four years and remained a proud veteran. He earned a degree in physics from the University of Southern Mississippi.



Suarez



Harry had a successful career utilizing his degree and was employed by GE for many years at Stennis in Mississippi. He also ran and operated the much loved Dirty Harry's bar and restaurant in Olde Towne Slidell from 1976 to 1981. He eventually returned to his physics background and became a project manager with Lockheed Martin's Space Shuttle program in New Orleans for 15 years until his retirement.

Harry and his wife then moved to Pensacola to be close to family, and purchased land in Lillian, near the family's camp in Perdido Bay. They became loved residents in Lillian for over 20 years. Always willing to help anyone, Harry was an active member of the American Legion Post 48

and the Lillian Community Club. He was close with his neighbors, loved being with family, and was an avid fisherman.

In 2019, Harry was asked to take part and contribute essential ancestral information as Alabama noted its bicentennial. Spanish explorers colonized Perdido Bay, or "Lost Bay" in the 1600s. In 1780, the King of Spain gave land grants to the Suarez family, the oldest land title in Baldwin County. Harry helped present notable commemorations including a historical plaque at the Lillian Bridge dedicated to the Suarez ancestry and a documentary housed in the Baldwin County Heritage Museum.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Durant Suarez Sr. and Elizabeth Caro Suarez; a son, Marc Suarez; and a sister Beth Suarez.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet; sons, Michael Suarez, of Slidell and Chad Suarez; their mother, Eunice, of Sarasota, Fla.; a sister Ann (Shorty) Suarez, of Pensacola; a brother, Mickey (Rachel) Suarez, of Sewanee, Tenn.; a stepson, Russ (Karen) Howard; grandchildren, Robert and James of Birmingham, Ala.; a stepdaughter, Karen (Christopher) Dufour; granddaughter, Emily of New Orleans, Louisiana; grandchildren, Austin, Alex and Courtney; great-grandchild, Samantha; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A graveside service will be held at the family's private Old Spanish Cemetery in Lillian, which was recently listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register.

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## On The Lookout For The Ambush Bug

The fascinating thing about the bug world is that there is always something new to discover. There are bugs that eat sticks, bugs that look like sticks and bugs that hide waiting for the bugs that look like sticks.

Yes, indeed. While the ambush bug is most abundant in the tropical Americas and Asia, they are widespread throughout North America. There are 7,000 different species worldwide. They get their name

from their hunting style: ambush. When an unwary bug approaches close enough, the ambush bug snaps out with its front legs. The front legs are tremendously thickened and covered in spines that intertwine. Woe to the insect that gets within reach. When it erupts from hiding, the legs snap together, and the prey is captured.

Holding its snack in these pincer-like legs, it injects toxins into the prey to im-



### Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion

mobilize it. The poison not only paralyzes the critter, it also turns the bugs' insides into soup. The ambush bug uses a straw like beak to suck out the body fluids.

The ambush bug is small, under half an inch long, and its prey may be ten or more times their own size. Prey could be as large as a bumblebee, wasp or butterfly. Depending on the species, they can eat reptiles, birds, small mammals, and even people. Thank goodness the people eating ones are in South America and Asia.

Ambush bugs have an odd shape. Many are shaped like a fiddle. Around the sides of the body are bony ridges that stick up at an angle from its body like the Great Smoky Mountains. They have a short head and lack a distinct neck but do have a long beak carried back beneath the body.

They may be any color, often brightly colored with patterns that help them blend in with the flowers where they hide. They love to hide in flowers, especially those with yellow and white flower heads. The irregular body outline and beautiful patchwork of yellow and brown enables the

ambush bug to blend with the yellow and brown patterns of the goldenrod flower.

The life cycle of the ambush bug involves simple metamorphosis. Females will lay bunches of black, barrel-shaped eggs on plant stems and cover them in a frothy cement like coating.

The coating serves to adhere the eggs to the leaves and may offer protection from desiccation as well. The coating may help keep the moisture in the eggs and prevent them from drying out.

Baby ambush bugs or nymphs will look like miniature adults without wings. Nymphs will go through at least four molts as they increase in size. A molt, if you will remember, means the creature will shed its skin, exoskeleton or outer coating to grow larger. Crabs, snakes, spiders, birds, dogs, sheep all molt, too. Nymphs are just as competent at predation as adults. Eggs and adults can overwinter to the next spring; however, there is usually only one generation a year.

The ambush bug is a highly efficient, garden predator that probably buzzes around the flowers in your yard. Many gardeners consider this particular insect beneficial since its voracious appetite leads to less damage to their flowers by nuisance pests.

What do you get if you cross an ambush bug and a rose?

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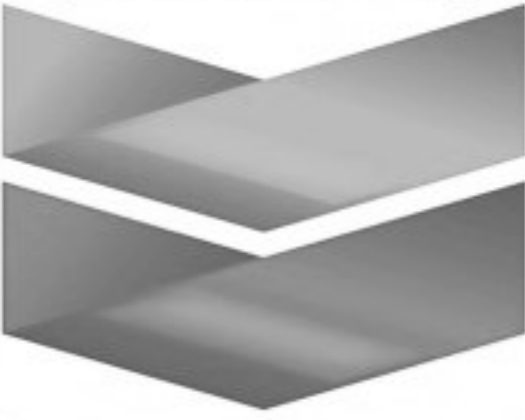
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## There Can Be Glory In Our Sufferings

The Apostle Paul declares in Romans chapter 5, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God."

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

How can we possibly glory in our sufferings? Sufferings hurt. Sufferings are inconvenient. Some of us spend our lives trying to avoid suffering. Yet our scars have made us who we are.

Monica Dickens, in her book "Miracles of Courage," tells a touching story about David, a 2-year old with leukemia, who was taken by his mother, Deborah, to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston to see Dr. John Truman who specializes in treating children with cancer and various blood diseases.

Dr. Truman's prognosis was devastat-

ing. "He has a 50-50 chance of surviving," he said. The countless clinic visits, the blood tests, the intravenous drugs, the fear and pain - the mother's ordeal can be almost as bad as the child's because she is forced to stand by, unable to take the pain upon herself. Young David never cried in the waiting room, and although his friends in the clinic had to hurt him and stick needles in him, he hustled in ahead of his mother with a smile, sure of the welcome he always got.

When he was three, David had to have a spinal tap, a painful procedure at any age. It was explained to him that, because he was sick, Dr. Truman had to do something to make him better.

"If it hurts, remember it's because he loves you," Deborah said. The procedure was horrendous. It took three nurses to hold David still, while he yelled and sobbed and struggled.

When it was almost over, the tiny boy, soaked in sweat and tears, looked up at the doctor and gasped lovingly, "Thank you, Dr. Tooman, for my hurting." He knew as painful as it was the doctor and the nurses were only trying to help him.

There are some hurts that you and I experience for which we will never be



### The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

able to find any good purpose.

There are experiences that this side of heaven will never make sense to us.

We will never be able to say "thanks for the hurting" in this life. But do not lose heart and do not give up. In Christ, our understanding and perspective will be opened and all of God's graces will be revealed. In faith we hold on to Paul's words in Roman 8:28 that proclaim, "We

know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Perhaps we will discover someday that God was seeking to do something wonderful in our lives despite the struggles.

When that day comes, we just might one day whisper to our Heavenly Father "Thank you for my hurting. Thank you for my scars. Thank you for taking my brokenness and making something blessed and beautiful. Thank you for taking that which the world meant for bad and making good in my eternal life. Thank you for the peace that you gave me during the storms of this life. Thank you for never leaving me or forsaking me."



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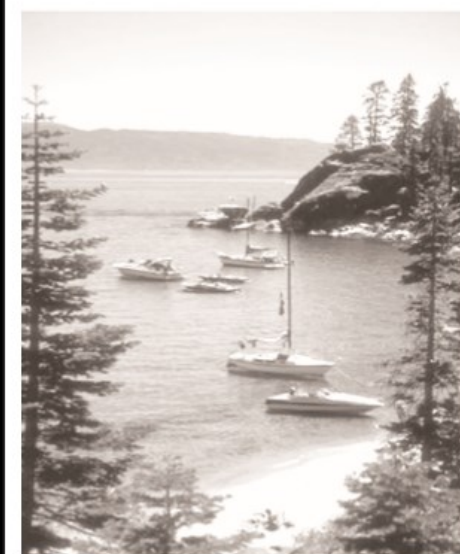
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A recorded version of each service will be available within two hours at [LillianUMC.org](http://LillianUMC.org). Select Worship Audio tab, then Worship Audio 2020 and then the desired worship service.

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## The Lillian

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# Deadline Approaching For \$500 Action Committee Scholarship for Lillian Graduate

The Lillian Action Committee and the staff of *The Lillian* newspaper have announced the availability of a \$500 tuition grant scholarship for a Lillian high school senior.

The group renewed the program last year after taking several years off. The award 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. Eligible students must have a Lillian/36549 address on file at their high school and must be a 2021 high school graduate from an area school or home school.

All applications must be mailed to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, and must be submitted by May 15, 2021. 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. Should July 4 events be cancelled, the committee will draw the winner's name at their quarterly meeting in July.

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 19 and will also be available for download on the newspaper's web site.

To access the paper online, go to [www.lilliancommunityclub.com](http://www.lilliancommunityclub.com) then click on 'The Lillian' link at the top of the page. Jameson Miller was the 2020 scholarship winner and he attended George Stone Technical College in Pensacola for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning program.

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