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LASAR Hosts Drill for Several Agencies

While driving over the Lillian bridge one early Saturday morning, you notice a small plane flying low and erratic in the distance. You slow down and wonder what the pilot is thinking when suddenly the plane seems to disappear into the wooded area toward Blue Angel Recreation Park. Pulling off the road, you call 911 to report what you have seen.

This was the real-world scenario for the South Alabama Rescue Search and Recovery (SARSAR) multi-agency drill held Saturday, Feb. 22.

Hosted by Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR), this multi-agency drill included participants from the US Coast Guard, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol, US National Reserve Corps, Lillian Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD), Orange Beach Fire and Rescue, Daphne Search and Rescue, Perdido Beach Fire Department, Escambia Search and Rescue (ESAR) and civilian volunteers.



One of several boat teams prepare to deploy as part of the LASAR-hosted emergency drill on Feb. 22. Additional photos and information on Pages 12 and 13.

911 was informed of a simulated small plane crash with missing and injured passengers about 6:30 a.m. in the Lillian Perdido Bay area. Emergency units from South Alabama and Escambia County, Florida, were requested to respond and began moving to the command and staging area at the Lillian Boat Launch. Six hours and 40 minutes later, all injured passengers and plane debris were located and re-

sponding teams were heading back to their home locations.

First on scene were LVFD and LASAR based in Lillian.

The boat launch was soon filled with emergency vehicles and boats from these units. The first safety and mission briefing was at 8 a.m. Nine units were on site and given search assignments and areas. By 8:45, more than 140 personnel, ranging in

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Annual Fishing Rodeo Open to Area Youth

Young anglers are invited to attend the annual Fishing Rodeo sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, at Schaff's Pond in Lillian.

The event is open to girls and boys ages two to 15. Awards are given in a variety of categories. Door prizes will also be presented.

Participants are asked to bring their own poles and bait, however, a few poles and bait will be available.

Catch and release when possible is recommended. The required permission forms will be available at the pond.

Schaff's Pond is located on Bartel Road, west of County Road 93. From Lillian, travel west on US Highway 98, turn north on CR93 for one mile. Go west on Bartel Road four tenths of a mile. The pond is on the right.

A free hot dog lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for participants and their families.

Fire Department Hosting Open House March 21

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, March 21, for the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department Open House at 12655 Santa Piedro Street.

This is a great opportunity for the community to get together to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. This also gives the new Fire Chief Nick Dewhurst the opportunity to introduce himself and listen to what you like and any ideas for improvement.

This year we have a lot of new recruits and officers that would like to meet with you. Remember, this is

your department too. There will be plenty to do for you and the kids. Everything is free, however, donations would be appreciated. Festivities run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event includes a free lunch of pulled pork and hot dogs, fire trucks on display for photos, a smoke house for the kids to teach what to do in case of a fire, a bouncy house, blood mobile to donate, entertainment by Curtis Cantrell and so much more. Bring a friend and don't forget to introduce yourselves.



Photo by Sally McKinney

Korben Brooks waits for Joe Durante to measure his catch at the 2019 Fishing Rodeo hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

The Lillian Offering \$500 Tuition Grant

Lillian high school seniors encouraged to apply

The Lillian Action Committee and the staff of *The Lillian* newspaper have announced the return of their tuition grant scholarship for a Lillian high school senior.

Last awarded in 2016, the group has renewed the program and \$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.

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.

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 23 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.



Primary Election

March 3, 2020

Polling Places:

Precinct 28

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*Additional primary election
information on Page 4*

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Souper Suppers Planned

Mary Stenzel and Harriet Shields helped serve the many varieties of soups during the St. Joseph Catholic Church Souper Suppers hosted during Lent last year. The parish will be hosting the suppers at 5:30 p.m. on the four Wednesdays in March and April 1. Participants are welcome to bring a pot of soup to share.

Homestead Exemption Help Available in Lillian

The Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner’s office has announced they will come to Lillian to assist property owners with homestead exemption renewals. Staff will be on hand from 9 to 11 a.m. on March 4 and 18 and April 1 and 15 at the Lillian Community Club. Home owners must provide their driver’s license, income tax returns and disability information.

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

Tickets Still Available for Garden Party Evening

By Sally McKinney

There is still time to get your tickets for the Garden Party Dinner Dance hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay on Saturday, March 7, in the Lillian Community Club.

Chef Dan Armstrong has planned a scrumptious meal of seasonal spring salad with champagne vinaigrette dressing, apple sausage pork roulade, celeriac-garlic mashed potatoes, blistered green beans, bread and beverages.

A mouth-watering final course will be chocolate bread pudding with strawberry sauce.

There will also be a cash bar and the music will be provided by a DJ who will play your requests for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 and music until 9 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and tickets must be purchased no later than Feb. 29 from any Optimist Club member.

Table reservations are available so plan to bring your friends.

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



The dance floor was never empty at last year’s Dinner Dance hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. This year’s Garden Party Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 7, in the Lillian Community Club will feature delicious food and wonderful music for singing, dancing and listening.

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Friends of Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast met recently to finalize plans for "April Showers for the Babies," a benefit for the home for homeless pregnant women who choose life for their child. In front from left are Judie Flanigan, Sissy Flanigan, Donna Blizzard, Mary's Shelter Executive Director Kay Trattles, Sue Moreno and Mary Ann Moore. In back are Rosemary Reichstetter and Elena Lundy.

April Shower to Benefit Mary's Shelter

By Sally McKinney

Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast will benefit from "April Showers for the Babies" on Thursday, April 2, at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Hall. The event will include a luncheon, style show and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$240 for a reserved table for eight.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Judie Flanigan, 251-554-4889, or go online to <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/asftb>.

Mary's Shelter is a home for homeless pregnant women who choose life for their unborn child. The staff supports the women before and after the birth of the child.

The facility is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The executive director oversees all aspects of operating the home and a program

manager helps the residents set goals for their future and meets with each resident on a regular basis to review progress. The staff also includes an administrative assistant and a grant researcher and writer, as well as a resident adviser.

In addition to a volunteer Board of Directors, the home has a cadre of volunteers who help with all aspects of the program, from rocking babies and driving moms to doctor appointments, to preparing mailings and performing upkeep on the facility. Visit www.maryssheltgulfcoast.org for more information about the home that serves Baldwin and Escambia counties in Alabama as well as Santa Rosa and Escambia counties in Florida.

Homeless pregnant women should call 251-986-6200.

AARP Offering Local Tax Assistance

AARP Foundation will be providing tax aid in Baldwin County.

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

Sites are open until April 15. The group has three locations for assistance, including:

- Fairhope: Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse, 1100 Fairhope Ave., (251) 279-0251, fairhope@tax-aide.net, first come, first served, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Orange Beach: Senior Center, 26251 Canal Road, (251) 981-3440, by appointment only, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Robertsdale: Council on Aging,

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

Lillian residents can also get help outside of Baldwin County. Tax assistants will be at the West Florida Public Library Southwest Branch Library at 12248 Gulf Beach Highway at Bauer Road.

According to library staff, it is a first come; first served program. Clients must sign in when they arrive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Bring your spouse (if filing jointly), Social Security cards, driver's licenses/IDs, last year's returns, W-2s and 1099s, 1098s, 1095s, receipts for deductions, vehicle tag receipt, death certificate, power of attorney and divorce decree.

Free Day Scheduled at Eastfork Landfill

The Baldwin Eastfork Landfill is having a free day on March 7 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The landfill is located at 17917 CC Road, Elberta.

Accepted items include yard debris, rubbish and construction debris.

They will take anything except household garbage (including wood, metal, appliances, furniture and hazardous waste like paint, oil, fertilizers and insecticides). Call 251-972-6878 for more information.

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



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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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The deadline for the April issue of The Lillian is March 18.

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

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What to Know Before You Go To The Polls

March is a pretty busy month most years. It's the beginning of daylight savings time. Sometimes it's the end of Mardi Gras. Don't forget the wearin' o' the green for St. Patrick's Day. It's always March Madness and some of us celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, sometimes even Easter.

And then, every four years we have Super Tuesday. No it doesn't have anything to do with football or even baseball or basketball. It has everything to do with how our country will be run for the following four years.

Now, I'm not going to tell you how to vote, heaven forbid! I am going to tell you to get yourself down to the Lillian Community Club on March 3 to cast a vote for your favorite candidates. This is an important year because we, the citizens of the United States of America, have a privilege that many countries do not have. We get to choose who our leaders will be.

Thanks to Lee Hoffman, our polling place guru, those who are in line at 7 a.m. and are on their way to work will have an opportunity to go to the head of the line. Although most employers give wiggle room on punctuality on Election Day, Lee felt we could assist employees by getting them in and out in a timely manner. Thanks, Lee, good job, as usual.

Remember, polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Don't forget to bring your photo ID in to the polling place with you. It doesn't do you any good sitting somewhere in the car.

So here's your homework for the test on Super Tuesday, March 3:

If you are going to vote in the Democratic Primary, you will have to choose one of 14 candidates for President of the United States, plus the delegates to the Democratic Convention who support that candidate. If you mark the 'Uncommitted' spot, you must vote for the uncommitted delegates.

In addition to President, you may also vote for United States Representative in the First Congressional District and for President of the Public Service Commission.

There are no other candidates for other positions on the Democratic Ballot, probably because they are running unopposed.

The Republican Ballot is longer



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

because there are multiple candidates running for the positions. In addition to voting for President of the United States and delegates, both at-large statewide and Congressional District, there are candidates for US Representative in the First Congressional District, US Senator, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, President Public Service Commission and Baldwin County Board of Education District 8.

As far as the Board of Education vote is concerned, not all voters in Lillian District 28 will vote. The receipt printed by the tablet when checking in will tell which voters are eligible to vote. All of Lillian is not in District 8.

Both ballots will include a proposed statewide amendment to the Alabama Constitution. The amendment proposes to change the name of the State Board of Education to the Alabama Commission on Elementary and Secondary Education. It would change the name of the State Superintendent of Education to the Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education.

If passed, the Governor would appoint members of the commission and the commission would appoint the secretary, both subject to confirmation by the Senate.

The amendment would also authorize the Governor to appoint a team of local educators and other officials to advise the commission on matters relating to the functioning and duties of the newly-named commission.

If necessary, there will be a run-off election on Tuesday, March 31. Remember, if you vote a party on Primary Day, you must vote the same party on run-off day. No crossover voting is allowed. Nationwide elections are on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

If you have any questions, go to www.baldwincountyal.gov, click on "Probate" and then "Elections." Alabamavotes.gov also has information.

Remember, if you don't vote, you lose your right to complain. So, see y'all at the polls on Tuesday, March 3.

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Sunday, March 8**

Rummage Sale at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church

By Sally McKinney

Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast will be holding a Rummage Sale beginning Friday, Feb. 28. The event will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Immaculate Mary Hall. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will include clothing and household items. Mary’s Shelter in Elberta has been helping homeless pregnant women since 2006. Pregnant women who are experiencing an unwanted or unplanned pregnancy and who choose life for their unborn child call the shelter and receive an immediate welcome to the home. Some arrive alone; others with small children. The facility is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Staff members help residents set goals for their futur and meet with residents on a regular basis to review progress. Many of the moms earn a GED, while some attend college classes and work at area businesses. After the baby is born, the moms continue progressing to their goals and eventually leave Mary’s Shelter to a new life with their child/children. The shelter has needs just as every household does, such as electricity, water, food, diapers, and household items like cleaning items, bathroom supplies and linens. The home can accommodate approximately 10 moms and their children, so do the math. The sales will provide funds to help the moms and their children to achieve a happy, productive life.



Optimist Stan Fertig gave the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay a lesson on ecology at a recent meeting.

Optimists Announce March Programs

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay speaker list is shorter than usual this month because of two special events. The month begins on March 7 with members visiting with winners of the club’s Oratorical Contest and hearing how participants approach the topic, “Just iMagine* a World Without Boundaries.” iMagine* is the Alabama-Mississippi District theme for the year. It continues with “Kids-the Bridge to Our Future.” On March 14 Mike Johnson of Johnson Communications in Pensacola will speak on “Home Security and How It Has Changed.” The month finishes with the Annual Fishing Rodeo on March 21. Optimists will be gathering at Schaff’s Pond to help boys and girls experience the thrill of the catch. There will be no speaker on March 28, as that is the day of the Lillian United Methodist Church Annual Car Show and Rummage Sale and many of members volunteer for this event. The German Sausage Festival in Elberta is also scheduled that day. The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay meets at 8 a.m. every Saturday in the Lillian Community Club. Guests are always welcome and eat free.

How Virus Risks and Threats are Detected

Antivirus software generally works the same, so for this information, I will refer to Norton Security, now Norton 360. Norton uses several techniques to monitor and protect your devices from viruses, spyware, adware and other security risks. The most common method is signature-based threat detection. Each time you run a virus scan, Norton obtains the virus definitions and performs a scan. It compares the contents of the files against the known signatures to identify threats. Norton also uses heuristic detection to protect your device from threats for which signatures are unknown. The following features in Norton continually protect your device:

- Auto-protect options let you customize the protection of your computer. The auto-protect feature monitors your computer for any unusual symptoms that might indicate an active security risk, loads into memory when Windows or MAC OS X starts, providing constant protection while



The Mouse
By Joseph Oakley

you work and checks for viruses, spyware and other risks every time you use programs on your computer. It also checks every time you insert any removable media, access the Internet or use document

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Learning More About Impact 100 Membership Socials Set in Baldwin County

Impact 100 Baldwin County is hosting two membership socials for women who are interested in learning more about Impact 100 Baldwin County in March.

The socials are open to any woman interested in learning about Impact membership and the power of collective giving. It will also provide prospective members an opportunity to meet other women who share a common goal of making a difference in Baldwin County. Any woman interested in learning more about Impact 100 is welcome. Advance registration is not required.

These information-sharing socials will feature one of Impact’s grant recipients, provide an overview of the concept of collective giving where a woman’s contribution is multiplied by all the other members, and talk about how women working together make a difference in Baldwin County. These events will also be an evening of networking and social-

izing with other like-minded women.

Since its establishment in 2008, Impact 100 Baldwin County has distributed over \$3.6 million in grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Baldwin County. These grants are funded by pooling the \$1,000 donations of each of the members.

The goal is to reach 500 members each year, allowing Impact 100 to give five \$100,000 grants – one in each of the focus areas.

Grants are awarded in five focus areas: arts, culture and recreation; education; environment and preservation; family; and health and wellness.

Nonprofits can apply in any of these categories. Impact 100 members volunteer to serve on committees to review, evaluate the grants and select two finalists in each category. The entire membership votes to determine the winners. Last year, the five grant recipients re-



ceived grants of \$101,000 each.

Upcoming membership socials will be:

- Tuesday, March 3, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Home Design Center, 11746 Foley Beach Express, Foley
- Tuesday, March 17, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at M & F Casuals, 380 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope

Impact 100’s mission is to improve the lives of Baldwin County residents by awarding high-impact grants to local nonprofits working to improve the Baldwin County community.

The Impact membership drive will conclude March 31. For additional information on Impact 100 Baldwin County, visit their web site at www.Impact100BaldwinCounty.org.

Group Hosting Grant Application Workshop

Non-profit agencies and organizations that serve Baldwin County are welcome to learn more about applying for a \$100,000 grant from Impact 100 Baldwin County. A free grant application workshop is set for March 17 at the Baldwin County Central Annex, 2251 Palmer Ave., Robertsdale.

The workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. with a sign-in and refreshments followed by workshop sessions from 9 a.m. to noon.

The presentation includes detailed explanations of the selection process and requirements, a review of focus area designations, discussion of the application process, developing a project budget, presenting required financial statements and connecting to their visioning resource to help your agency think big.

Grants are awarded in five categories: arts, culture and recreation; education; environment and preservation; family; health and wellness.

Agencies wanting to attend this workshop should register by going to www.Impact100BaldwinCounty.org.

Other dates of importance include:

- April 21: Impact 100 Baldwin County will announce the number and dollar amounts to be awarded this year.
- May 5: Applicants must adhere to this deadline for submitting a letter of intent.
- June 2: Applicants must meet this deadline for submitting their grant application.

Local Robotics Team Competing at State Tourney

The robotics team from St. Benedict Catholic School is competing this month in a statewide competition against 59 other middle school teams from Alabama in the VEX IQ State Invitational Tournament.

The SBCS team won an earlier competition and is underwritten in part by SCORE, REC Foundation, Hellmich Electric Inc., EMC Baldwin and St. Benedict supporters. The sponsors have assisted in the purchase of robots, a competition field and numerous registration fees.

The team is coached by Greg Tucker, SBCS Middle School teacher, and STEM coordinator.

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Observing Catholic School Week



Photo by Sally McKinney

St. Benedict Catholic School recently celebrated Catholic School Week by inviting friends and staff to discuss the strengths of the school and how to move on to greater achievement. Topics for discussion included Catholic identity and mission, academic excellence in elementary and middle schools, extracurricular activities, marketing and enrollment, development and centennial and facilities and grounds. Participating in the Catholic identity and mission program were, seated from left, Gabrielle Smith, Susanne Roman, Carrie McDonough and Joyce Gaar. Standing are Penelope Taylor, Mackenzie Taylor, Justin Faulk, Erin Faulk and Jeff Keener. The school will celebrate its centennial in the 2020-2021 school year.



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavalley, Adjutant

Show Your Support of the Legion at Their Final Ham Dinner for 2020

Please remember to join us for the final ham dinner of the year scheduled on Sunday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and the ham dinners are the only fundraisers held by Post 48 American Legion. Monies are used for Lillian Little League, Boys State, Veterans Day, Memorial Day and ramps for veterans using walkers or wheelchairs. We appreciate the Lillian community's support.

Along with the arrival of new residents in Lillian, the snowbirds have returned. As a result, there are questions regarding the Medical Closet maintained by the American Legion Post 48.

One frequently asked question is about the cost. The answer is very simple - there is NO cost for any requested item. The other question is, "Is this available only to veterans?" Again, the answer is very simple NO. These items can be used by any member of the Lillian community. Our medical closet contains many items including wheelchairs, hospital beds, raised stools, shower stools, canes, etc.

The individuals to contact are Bill Burns at 251-962-4993 and Dar-

rel Ochs at 251-961-1291. We are very fortunate to have this much needed service and we invite everyone to use it.

If you are a veteran, please stop by our membership table at the ham dinner on March 22 and join our great organization. For a minimum yearly cost, it helps our community and veterans of every war. Isn't it time for you to get involved? Don't wait, now is the time for all veterans to support an organization that works to help you. The focus has always been and always will be on service to the community and support of our veterans.

If you cannot attend the dinner, membership applications may be picked up at the American Legion Building next to the Lillian Community Club on Wednesday mornings between 9 and 11 a.m. Come by and have a cup of coffee with us on Wednesdays - we'd like to meet you. You can also get an application from any current member.

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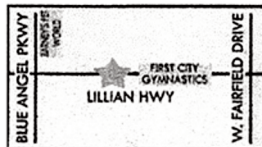
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Lillian Women's Club members, from left, Judy Deeter, Janis Byers, Kathy Brown, Vada Hammen, Pat Morris and Terry Danson observed Mardi Gras at their recent meeting.

LWC Notes Mardi Gras

It's Mardi Gras time in LA! Lillian, Alabama, that is.
The Lillian Women's Club held their celebration on Feb. 18 with a "really" mini parade at the Lillian Community Club. The winners for the best Mardi Gras look were Janis Byers and Pat Morris. The tables were decorated with beautiful Mardi Gras items set up by Cindy Causey and Elosie Sosenko-Kirby.
The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance led by Mary Hall and a devotional by Louise Hawley regarding a few "Words of Wisdom" and a blessing. The luncheon of beef stroganoff, salad and cakes was wonderful and catered by Sally Island Catering.
The business portion of the meeting consisted of the secretary's and treasurer's reports. The cheer fund

Women's Club

By Judy Deeter

report was given by Terry Danson in the absence of Wilma Spivey. The theme for the March meeting will be St. Patrick's Day.
Our 50/50 giveaway was won by Barbara Boykins and door prize winners were Pat Morris, Jean Courtney and Madeline Hatcher. The club also honored Imogene Harbour for her February birthday.
On April 21 the club will hold their annual silent auction. This is the group's primary fundraiser and will be open to the community.
Those who would like to attend the luncheon and the silent auction should make reservations and pay by April 16 at the Lillian library. Please pay by check.



Judy Deeter, left, admires the Mardi Gras float made by Mary Hall and Joanne Matthews.

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Flea and Craft Market Returning to Park in March

It’s springtime at the park. Beautiful azaleas are in bloom, Elberta High School Warriors are playing baseball and softball and the much-anticipated Flea and Craft Market is starting again on March 21 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Vendors, it’s time to sign up and reserve a space. Contact Monica Leonard at 703-622-0055 for the vendor guidelines and application or log on to our website at www.lillianrecreationalpark.org. and download the forms.

We are putting an emphasis toward the flea market this March as it’s time to clear out your garages, closets and sheds.

If you’re handy and like to do

Broz Retires from Park Board

Frankie Broz, long-time park supporter and board member, recently retired from the Lillian Recreational Park Board of Directors.

Broz, whose term expired in December, has been an integral part of the park’s board for many years. He helped bring organized sports to the park, helped arrange for music in the park and has helped make many improvements possible.

“Frankie has been an avid park supporter for years and we really appreciate all the time, commitment and knowledge he selflessly gave in order to make the park what it is today. Even though he will no longer be on the board, we are grateful that he will continue to help us with our recycling programs, run the concession stand during Movies in the Park and help

Lillian Recreational Park News

By Monica Leonard

some repair work, the park will be selling some of our previously used equipment such as power washers, backpack sprayer, a John Deere reel mower, tools and so much more.

Proceeds from the sale of these items will be donated to the park. If you would like to know more about the reel mower, contact Frankie Broz at 251-942-6026.

As in the past, we will continue to recycle your electronics (no TVs, though) and we will collect aluminum cans as well. The Wacked Out Weiner food truck will be there for all of us working up an appetite. Come see us at the LRP tent and find out about coming events and/or learn about volunteer opportunities.



Never fear, Frankie Broz’s smiling face and famous hamburgers will continue at the Lillian Recreational Park concession stand.

us with projects like improving the parking lot,” said Juanita Dodd, LRP President. “We are very grateful for the countless hours Frankie has dedicated to the park and I want to thank him on behalf of the LRP board and the community. The park wouldn’t be what it is today without Frankie’s efforts and leadership.”

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 March Birthday PISCES: Jean Legg, Gail Keigley, Edward Heiner, Edi Langlois, Elaine Grounds, Marcia Allen, Rita Roth, Joan Rugg, Mary Covington, Bill Weaver, Bob Davidson, Tootsie Farrell, Sarah Wiston, Ted Bennett, Lynn Corker and Cliff Ledbetter.

Happy March Birthday ARIES: Patricia Heiner, Don Hartman, Inez Parker, Jerry Skates, Julie Moore, Dee Woodford, Louise Greenley, Joanne Bold, Ron Morris, Chuck Townsend, Ed Rugg, Jim Avera, Jean Bartlett, Christine Clark, Joe Keller, Jana Widener and Kelly Varret.

Happy March Wedding Anniversary: Richard and Carolyn Holt - #57, Bob and Sharoyne Linde - #16, William and Sara Laibe, Dennis and Linda Roach - #45, Bill and Bonnie Castella - #51, John and Peggy Blalock, Jim and Mary Morris - #48 and Jim and Blanch Crandall - #59.

Sometimes we all need a hug -

Connie Synco, Wilma Spivey, Gretchen Hatten, Gwen Furi, Sondra and Andy Wilkinson and Jocelyn McCoy on the loss of her husband Dick. Please let us know if you know of someone who needs to be on this list.

Any information you want added or deleted from Chit Chat, send to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian 36549 or place in the yellow folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library. The deadline for the April issue of The Lillian is March 18. Don’t forget to set your clock ahead on March 8.

The Lillian Advertising and Article Deadlines

Issue Month	Deadline
April 2020	March 18
May 2020	April 22
June 2020	May 19
July 2020	June 17
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Enjoy the Bill and Mary Dodd Native Azalea Garden at LRP

Lillian Recreational Park is home of a rare treasure – a garden dedicated to azaleas that are native to the eastern United States. In springtime many native plant lovers travel to Little River Canyon in northeast Alabama or the Smokey Mountains to see these lovely plants in bloom. Mobile Botanical Gardens in Mobile and Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga., both have extensive collections of native azaleas. We are blessed to have a collection in Lillian that you can see without having to travel or pay an entry fee.

It started in 2002 when Bill Dodd was asked to help Master Gardeners Jaylene Brown, Alice Brown and Jan Sanders revitalize the azalea beds around the soccer field. Bill had grown up on Tom Dodd Nursery in Semmes, then served 25 years in the US Army. He had recently moved to Lillian after retiring as Superintendent of Parks for the city of Mobile.

As he looked around the park, he noticed a group of pine trees along the south side. His wife Mary was sick and he would not be able to make his usual spring trip to the North Carolina mountains to see the native azaleas bloom. He got permission to use that area of pine trees for a native azalea garden.

Mary passed away in 2005 and the garden gave him purpose. When that space was filled, he planted more pine trees, then more native azaleas

Lillian Recreational Park News

By Juanita Dodd

and more companion plants. I entered the picture in 2008 when my family moved to Lillian. Alice, Jaylene and Jan encouraged me and I earned my Alabama Master Gardener certification in 2011.

After my husband, Bill Jr., passed away in 2016, I became dad's assistant. Over the years many Master Gardeners and volunteers have helped care for this special garden.

Native azaleas are usually described as shrubs, although in the wild some species grow 15 to 20 feet tall.



They are bare in winter and the flowers appear before the leaves in the early spring. Along the park's walking trail under the pine trees, the plants appear dead. Then one day blossoms suddenly appear, just in time to feed the hummingbirds on their way north. Leaves follow a week or two later.

While most native azaleas bloom in March through May, the swamp azalea and sweet azalea bloom in June and the plum leaf azalea blooms in July.

Come by to take a look. Be our guest. Take pictures, but please leave the flowers for others to enjoy.

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- March 3 - Primary election voting open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Lillian Community Club
- March 3 & 17 - Lillian Recreational Park garden volunteers meet the first and third Tuesday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the park
- March 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 & 31 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, every Saturday and Tuesday at 7 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church
- March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 - Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church
- March 3 & 17 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meetings first and third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Contact Joe Taylor at 251-962-4301 or Jim Covert at 251-962-7354
- March 4 & 18 - Homestead extension renewal assistance with Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's staff, 9 to 11 a.m., Lillian Community Club
- March 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Souper Suppers at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 5:30 p.m., bring a pot of soup to share
- March 5 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. in the park conference room
- March 7 - Free day at Baldwin Eastfork Landfill, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 17917 CC Road, Elberta
- March 7 & 14 - Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Saturday breakfast and meeting, 8 a.m. at Lillian Community Club
- March 9 - Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee meeting on second Monday of each month, 8:30 a.m., open to public, Lillian Community Club
- March 9 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
- March 12 - Gulf Coast Classic Car Club meeting, 6 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Gulf Bowl Bowling Alley, 2881 S. Juniper Street, Foley
- March 15 - Sunday Night Songfest, 6 p.m., third Sunday of each month, Bayside Baptist Church
- March 16 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- March 17 - Lillian Women's Club meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept. through May, 11:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club
- March 21 - Spanish Cove yard sales, beginning at 8 a.m.
- March 21 - Craft and Flea Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Lillian Recreational Park
- March 21 - Fishing Rodeo hosted by Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, for ages 2 to 15, starts at 9 a.m., Schaff's Pond, see Page 1
- March 21 - Lillian Volunteer Fire Department open house, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 12655 Santa Piedro St.
- March 22 - American Legion Ham Dinner fundraiser, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lillian Community Club
- March 26 - 28 - Trash and Treasure rummage sale, Lillian United Methodist Church
- March 28 - 16th Annual Car Show & BBQ, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., corner of Perdido Street and Hwy. 98, see details on Page 5

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it wasn't smoke.

The furnace was checked and there something was found wrong. Eventually everyone left. The furnace serviceman arrived and found freon leaking inside the furnace which had gone through the vents inside the house.

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Lucy's Signature

LUCY'S CITRUS CHICKEN & PEACH GREEN SALAD WITH BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 6 cups mixed greens
- 1 whole peach, peeled, thinly sliced
- 1 whole red onion, roasted
- 1/2 cup blue cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup almonds, sliced, toasted

MARINADE

- 1/2 whole orange, the juice and zest
- 1/2 whole lemon, the juice and zest
- 1/8 cup olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1 T dijon mustard

VINAIGRETTE

- 1/2 whole orange, the juice and zest
- 1/2 whole lemon, the juice and zest
- 2 T balsamic vinegar or enough to equal 1/4 cup when mixed with citrus juice
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 2 T dijon mustard
- 1 T honey
- 1 dash salt and pepper to taste

PREPARATION

- Prepare chicken marinade: combine orange juice, lemon juice, olive oil, garlic, dijon, parsley, rosemary, salt and pepper in a bowl. Whisk until well combined.
- Pour marinade over chicken. Let marinate for 30 minutes up to 24 hours.
- Grill over medium high heat 10-12 minutes per side or until juices run clear and internal temperature reads 165 degrees. If using an oven, bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes or until juices run clear. Allow chicken to rest and then slice thinly.
- Roast onion: peel onion and cut into wedges. Toss wedges with 2 tsp olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour onto a baking sheet lined with foil. Roast at 400 degrees for 30-45 minutes or until nicely browned and softened. Remove from oven and cool.
- Prepare vinaigrette: add orange and lemon zest and juice to a measuring cup. Pour balsamic vinegar into cup with the zest and juice until equal to 1/4 cup. Pour liquid into a bowl and add dijon and honey, whisking well. Stream in olive oil, season with salt and pepper.
- Place mixed greens in a large bowl and toss with some vinaigrette. Plate the dressed greens and top with sliced grilled chicken, blue cheese, roasted onion, peaches and almonds. Drizzle with more vinaigrette.

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■ **LASAR, continued from Page 1**

age from teens to 70s, from various government and state agencies on land and water were searching a 60 square mile area of Perdido Bay south of the Lillian Bridge and shoreline. The search also included two fixed wing aircraft from the Civil Air Patrol and six search and dive operation boats.

Lieutenant Commander Trevor Blount of the US Coast Guard was Incident Commander, heading the search effort. “The exercise was created to enhance the interoperability of federal, state, local and volunteer agencies to build out and refine search and rescue capability in the coastal region,” Blount said. He indicated the USCG had limited resources and without the assistance of local units like those responding in the drill, it would be more difficult to respond to all emergencies. He also commented at the close of the drill that it was an outstanding effort by all units responding.

LASAR Unit Commander Ray Hogans was the Deputy Incident Commander for the exercise. The LASAR command bus acted as the main command and communications center for the drill. LASAR members manned the radios, receiving status updates from search teams every 20 minutes. Three LASAR boats were deployed along with their dive team. LASAR members were also the “injured passengers” for the drill and were secretly put in place before the



Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members gather for a briefing as they take part in a multi-agency mock drill at Lillian Boat Launch on Feb. 22. Approximately 10 members of CAP participated in land searches. Additional photos and information on Page 13.

search teams were deployed.

LASAR also supplied food, soft drinks and water for responders. Hogans said, “Drills like this one give us a chance to practice for a major event because it is not *if* but *when* something happens and we need to be ready.”

LVFD Assistant Chief Joe Jones deployed his team of about 18 members to search on the Lillian side of the bay. Their fire suppression and rescue boat #37 searched the bay and their engine and squad units assisted with land searches. Their team also set up a triage and medical tent in case a responder was injured.

US National Reserve Corp General Gregory Bone deployed his team of about 15 members to search on land using their command truck to reach the search area. He said

USNRC, which has over 10,000 members nationally, normally respond to natural emergencies like hurricanes. This drill scenario gave them an opportunity to train in skills they do not get to use often.

Civil Air Patrol Lieutenant Commander Havey Yarborough drove from Mississippi to participate. His team of about 10 local members participated in land searches that had them walking through thigh-high mud as they successfully searched for the plane. Yarborough commented it was amazing to get this many agencies working together so well on the first major drill.

Anne Marie Ozkosar, public information officer with the LVFD, said their 32 volunteers were excited to coordinate with the other groups and learn from this experience.

Orange Beach Fire and Rescue Chief Bruce Nelson led a team of about 10 members. This included their public safety dive team, their dive trailer, police boat and their fire-boat. They also brought the mass casualty incident trailer which is a county resource but is housed at their station.

Commander O.B. Pettit’s Escambia Search and Rescue unit was based on the Pensacola side at Blue Angel Recreation Park. Their group of over 50 members included K-9 teams, search drone, command and communications truck, medical team and 4-wheelers.

USCG Auxiliary arrived on site with their boat and crew to search to bay and shoreline.

John Cornelius, chaplain for the Etowah County Rescue Squad, and two other members drove from Gadsden to assist.

Park Manager Kiersten Wilson of the Florida Park Service was also on-site. The park service gave valuable support for the drill, allowing the use of parkland to stage aircraft debris and injured personnel.

National Disaster Response Agency Field Operations Supervisor Michael Ziolkowski and Field Operations Diver Tyler Giblin joined one of the LASAR boat crews in the search. They were in Foley training dogs to join their K-9 search teams when they heard about the drill. Being in the area, they said they just couldn’t miss a big drill like this one.

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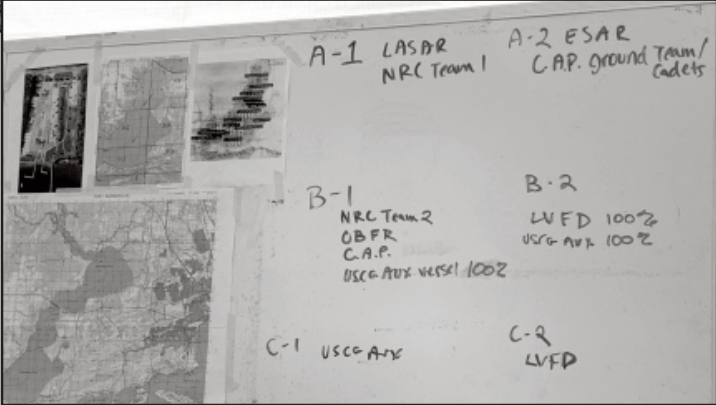
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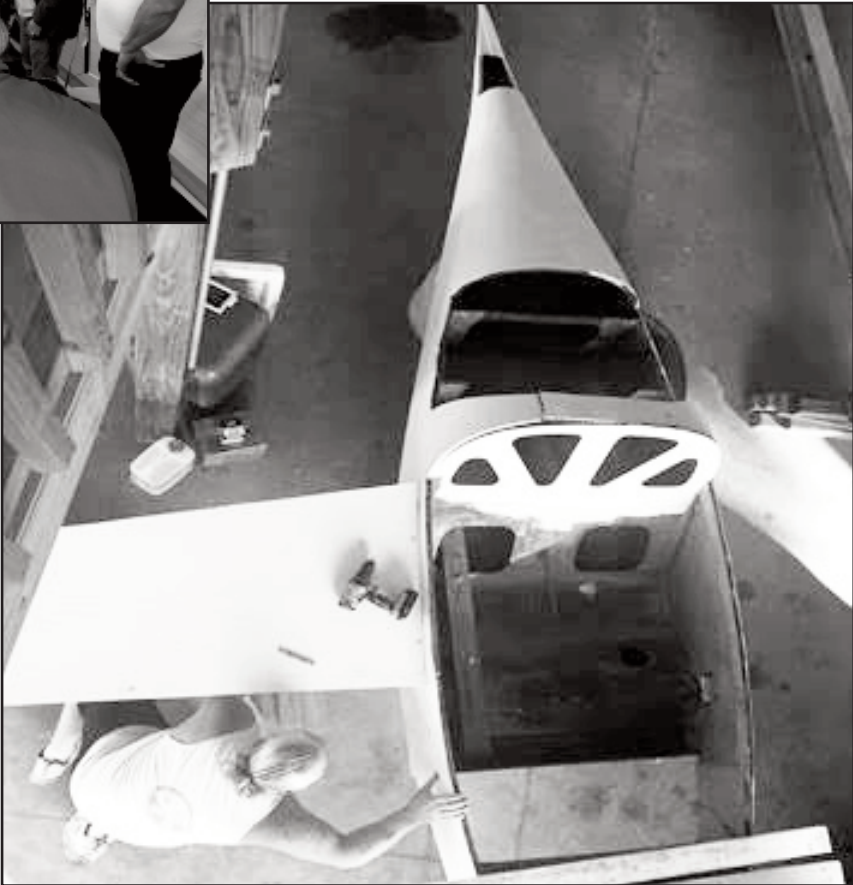
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A LASAR dive boat returns from a search mission. At right is the search plan which included maps and search sector assignments.



Participants listen to a briefing from Lieutenant Commander Trevor Blount of the US Coast Guard. In the photo below, an Escambia Search and Rescue K9 and member find a piece of the aircraft.



Preparation for the mock drill day included LASAR building an airplane fuselage as part of the disaster scenario.

LASAR Drill Day an Impressive Event

Working in the newspaper business is always a learning experience. You get to meet fantastic people and see and do some things you wouldn't normally get to do. Attending the media briefing as part of LASAR's mock drill day on Feb. 22 was no exception.

I had no idea what to expect for an operation of this size, and I can't begin to tell you how impressed and fascinated I was with every aspect of the drill. I learned this was the first time the Lillian-based LASAR unit had ever planned and hosted a multi-agency training exercise. I learned what lengths our area agencies and volunteers go to for practice, education and being there when citizens need a hand, no matter the situation.

It was overwhelming in some ways to me as an outsider, but I appreciated how well things were coordinated and arranged. I'm sure things may have been different in an actual emergency, but not by much. Practice like this is invaluable to these groups and in turn, it is invaluable to the rest of us.

During this briefing and while touring the command center, I was amazed by the organization, professionalism and dedication of every



participant I met or observed. Then it occurred to me how much time and planning this event required. Ray Hogans, commander of LASAR, said they began planning about six months ago, keeping only a few key leaders in the loop so the majority of volunteers and participants wouldn't know what to expect.

A fuselage was created to make the scenario more realistic and a number of items were placed in or near Perdido Bay for the teams to find and report back on. This kept the command center extremely busy, as teams had to report in every 20 minutes with a situation report or any time they found a potential piece of evidence. Formal updates were written and were available for media, just as in a real disaster.

The search site was divided into six sectors and most had two agencies working together in their assigned area. The coordination between water, land, drone and aviation teams provided invaluable training.

Even though this was the first time LASAR had planned such a drill, given the scope and number of participants, it is apparent we are in good hands.

Space doesn't permit listing everyone who participated, but I am in awe of these incredible volunteers. No matter what agency they are part of, every single person that I met that day demonstrated how they go above and beyond to provide assistance in whatever way they can.

We are very fortunate to have these volunteers who willingly share their knowledge and skills, attend more training to improve or learn new procedures and are always on standby whenever a call goes out.

If you know any of the LASAR team members or anyone serving as a volunteer for other local first responder groups in this area, give them a big, heartfelt thanks.



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Pagel Named to Transportation Planning Committee

Lillian resident Tim Pagel has been appointed to the Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). The CAC is comprised of members of the general public who express an interest in transportation planning.

Pagel was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee. He is also a member of the committee who now will be reporting regularly on TPO projects, especially those that affect the Lillian community.

He said the CAC members review TPO plans, programs and projects. The TPO is presently working on a five-year long range plan for a transportation improvement program.

In addition, plans are moving forward to install a Flora-Bama ramp to slow down traffic at the popular venue on the border of Florida and



Tim Pagel

Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee

By Sally McKinney


Alabama. There is a cross walk at the location but heavy vehicular and walker traffic provide a safety hazard at peak times as patrons cross at the parking lot areas.

The Florida-Alabama TPO is the local, intergovernmental transportation policy board for Escambia and Santa Rosa counties in Florida and Orange Beach and the community of Lillian in Alabama. The board is comprised of local government officials who make decisions regarding transportation at a regional level.

The group is required by state and federal law to establish a cooperative, comprehensive and continuing planning process. The TPO also works to increase safety, security, accessibility, mobility and connectivity for people and goods.

The Civic and Legislative Committee is making plans to hold an information meeting in the near future to hear plans the TPO may have for Lillian.

The Lillian Committee, consisting of representatives of Lillian organizations, meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second Monday of the month to discuss community concerns and projects. The meetings are open to the public.



Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat


Our February book sale has been a big hit! We will continue the sale until March 1, so come on over to the library soon.

There are lots of books to choose from, including cookbooks, landscaping, home, health, western series, other non-fiction, paperbacks, romance, hardbacks, etc.

You can fill a bag of selections for just \$3 and we even have the bags for you.

We are continuing our search for volunteers to work in our library. If you are interested, please contact me at 850-529-0988.

I have recently been elected president of the Lillian Perdido Bay Library, so come on over, let’s get acquainted!



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Why are trees very forgiving? Because in spring they “turn over a new leaf”.

Spring is typically when large numbers of winged termites, known as “swarmers,” can emerge inside homes and outside all over porches, sidewalks and other structures.

When triggered by warmer temperatures and rainfall, the winged termites will emerge from the colony and fly.

The swarmers likely come from a nearby colony. If most of the insects are found outdoors, then the nest is likely somewhere close by, possibly near an old tree stump or landscape timbers.

If you find loads of swarmers indoors, then you may have an infestation around your home.

Termite swarmers simply die if they can’t escape your house. Swarmers are usually attracted to light and if inside, they tend to die around windows or doors.

Swarmers do not cause structural damage. They have a single goal in mind - to find someplace dark and cool to mate. Subterranean termites typically swarm

during the day, although Formosan termites (yes, sadly, they are in Lillian) swarm at night. Swarm flights are brief, and because swarmers are not good flyers, they are often blown around by the wind.

Winged termites do not normally fly very far; but if the wind is strong, swarmers can be carried great distances before reaching the ground.

What should you do if you have swarmers inside your home? The first thing is to confirm you have termites. Did you know many species of ants also produce winged adults?

Swarming termites and swarming ants look very similar. A swarming ant has three distinct body parts: head, abdomen and thorax.

Ants also have constricted or pinched waists where termites are one long, slender oval shape.

Termite swarmers have four wings of equal length. Ant swarmer front wings are longer than their rear pair of wings. All ants have “elbowed” antennae. Flying reproductive termites have straight antennae.

Common signs of infestation are mud tubes extending over foundation walls, support piers, sill plates, floor joists, etc.

The mud tubes are typically about the diameter of a pencil, but sometimes can be thicker. Termites construct tubes for shelter as they travel between their underground colonies and the structure.



**Know
Your
Critters**

By Celeste
Hadley-
Champion

To determine if an infestation is active, the tubes may be broken open and checked for the presence of small, creamy-white worker termites. If a tube happens to be vacant, it does not necessarily mean that the infestation is inactive; termites often abandon sections of tube while foraging elsewhere in the structure.

Termite-damaged wood is usually hollowed out along the grain, with bits of dried mud or soil lining the feeding galleries.

Wood damaged by moisture or other types of insects (such as carpenter ants) will not have this appearance.

Termites can bore tiny holes through plaster or drywall, accompanied by bits of soil around the margin. Rippled or sunken traces behind wall coverings can also be indicative of



termites tunneling underneath.

Protecting your home or business from termites requires a proper soil treatment with a liquid insecticide or the installation

of a baiting system.

There are some situations, due to our high water table and areas that frequently flood, where a bait system is better protection than a liquid applied termiticide.

When making an investment, whether it is a car, a house or a termite treatment program, make sure to read the warranty carefully. Ask questions and make sure that you understand the fine details of the coverage you are purchasing.

Termites cause billions of dollars in damage each year.

Termites are especially important when buying or selling a home since a termite inspection/infestation report, often called a WIR or a WDO, is normally a condition of sale.

If you have a termite warranty on your home, make sure your realtor is aware of it. Make sure to have a copy of your warranty. Ask your termite company if the warranty in place could be transferred to the potential buyers. Finding out the answers to these questions before there is an offer can prevent many termite-related problems from coming up in closing. Be proactive.

The internet is a great tool for researching treatment plans, but it's best to get your information from several sources.

Hey, do you know how trees access the internet?

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We have all been looking forward to spring arriving. This lovely season, however, will come with heartworm-carrying mosquitoes, fleas and even ticks. If left untreated, this can lead to discomfort, pain and even the untimely death of your best friend.

Heartworms are always fatal in cats and can be very expensive to treat in dogs. The average cost for treatment is between \$2,000 to \$5,000. This price includes drugs that kill heartworms, steroids, antihistamines and hospitalization. Heartworms are caused by tiny little worms called microfilaria that live inside the mouths of mosquitoes. When a mosquito is ingested by your dog, the microfilaria will migrate from your pet's digestive tract to his heart by way of the blood vessels. These worms can cause your pet to have leaky valves, a heart murmur, pulmonary hypertension, cardiomegaly and heart and kidney failure. Many people believe that their pet is safe if they are indoors. But your pet is not considered indoor-only unless it has also been trained to use the bathroom inside. And even if your pet truly does not ever leave the house, mosquitoes can still get inside your home. This leaves your pet exposed to them.

Fleas are probably the most common of the bunch. We all know they are frustrating to live with and expensive to get rid of. Not only do they bite you and make our pets go crazy from scratching, they can also cause further problems. If your pet eats a flea, they can become a host for tapeworms.

These are intestinal parasites

Wisconsin Club Continues Meetings

The WI Sno-bird Club will meet on Wednesday, March 4 and 11, at the Orange Beach Community Center with coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting starting at 9 a.m.

Everyone who has resided in Wisconsin is welcome to attend. We collect Boxtops for Education from General Mills cereals and Johnson & Johnson products, motel-size toiletries, empty printer ink cartridges and pop-top rings. There is also a puzzle and book exchange.

The group's upcoming schedule includes:

Wednesday, March 4 - meeting at OBCC

Thursday, March 5 - zoo fun day, RSVP required

Monday, March 9 - singles luncheon at Cactus Cantina, Orange Beach

which can cause your pet to be malnourished, organ failure and death if not treated.

Although ticks are more prevalent in the spring, they are a year-round problem. Ticks can be carried into your yard by wildlife. The worst part is, we usually don't even notice the ticks until they have already engorged themselves on the blood of our pets.

Ticks are not only a nuisance because of their blood-sucking habits, but they carry diseases such as Lyme disease and Rocky-Mountain Spotted Fever which can be transferred to our pets.

Ticks can cause kidney-related problems, arthritis, fever, swelling and even lameness.

After knowing all of this, nobody should want their pets to suffer. Our clinic recommends a few different products for the prevention of these parasites.

For dogs, we recommend ProHeart 12 and Bravecto. ProHeart 12 is an injectable heartworm prevention that lasts for an entire year. Bravecto is a tasty chewable flea and tick prevention which lasts for three months per dose.

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Wednesday, March 11 - meeting at OBCC

Wednesday, March 18 - 8:30 a.m. breakfast at The Diner, 2420 E. 2nd Street, Gulf Shores

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Wednesday, April 1 - 8:30 a.m. breakfast at The Diner

Wednesday, April 8 - 8:30 a.m. breakfast at The Diner


Sunday, April 12 - Easter Dinner with social at 12:30 p.m., meal at 2 p.m., RSVP required

Card players meet at the Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 on Hwy. 59 every Friday at 8:30 a.m. through the end of March. For more information or to RSVP, contact Kenn at 251-967-2463 or by email at wissnobirds@yahoo.com.

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Alabama Tax Law Information

Around this time, I usually write about changes to tax law in Alabama. There are not many changes this year, so let me highlight a few interesting provisions - some new, some not.

Alabama has launched the nation’s first selfie verification system, “eID,” to protect taxpayers from fraud. IDEMIA eID is a smartphone app that uses selfies and your valid Alabama state ID to verify your identity. It confirms that your ID is authentic by checking with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, the state agency responsible for issuing licenses in Alabama. You can verify that any Alabama return filed on your behalf is legitimate, and you will also receive your refund in less than the normal 90 days. The eID app is free. For more information, visit the Department of Revenue’s website at www.revenue.alabama.gov.

New this year is the First-Time and Second-Chance Homebuyers (FTSC) Act, effective Jan. 1, 2019 through March 28, 2023. If you haven’t used this option, it is too late for your 2019 taxes. But you can still take advantage of this if you are planning a first-time purchase of a home or have not owned a home in

the last 10 years. Of course, you have to be an Alabama resident and open a First Time Homeowner’s Savings Account. If you are a single taxpayer, you may deposit up to \$5,000 a year; married taxpayers filing joint returns may deposit up to \$10,000 a year. You deduct the amount you deposit during the year from your gross income on your Alabama tax return for that year. When you purchase the home, you can use the amount in your FTSC account, including any interest earned, as a down payment and/or for settlement costs. Any money in the account after March 28, 2023, will be taxable income to you. It’s a good deal because with Alabama tax rates generally between 4 to 5 percent, a married couple can save up to \$500 in Alabama taxes. Participating banks include Bancorp-South and Trustmark National Bank. You may check with other banks to see if they offer this account. Make certain the account is labeled “First Home Buyers” to avoid any hassle.

Last on my list is taking credit in Alabama for taxes paid to other states for gambling winnings.

All income, whether earned in Alabama or not, is taxable in Alabama. So you



Let’s
Talk
Taxes
By Carol
Kovacs
CPA, EA

need to take a credit to avoid double taxation, especially when the other state has already collected the taxes on your winnings like Mississippi does. You must complete Alabama Schedule CR and attach a copy of the other state’s return or W-2Gs if the taxing state does not allow a return to be filed for gambling winnings. Remember whenever there is a possibility of double taxation, Alabama allows a credit on your tax return for payments made to other states.

Make sure to check Alabama’s newly updated website for downloadable forms, fill-in forms, instructions and up-to-date information on Alabama taxes and the “where’s my refund” query.

I hope this information is helpful. 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.

Protect Yourself Against Long Term Care Costs

If you’re fortunate, you’ll live independently and in good health throughout your retirement years. However, if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as a stay in a nursing home, would you be financially prepared?

To answer this question, you may want to evaluate two variables: your likelihood of needing long-term care and the cost of such care. Consider the following:

Someone turning age 65 today has an almost 70% chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company.

Clearly, these numbers are worth thinking about. If you needed several years of long-term care, the expense could seriously erode your savings and investments. And keep in mind that Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of long-term care costs. Therefore, you may want to evaluate the following options for meeting these expenses:

- Self-insure – You could “self-insure” against long-term care expenses by designating

some of your investment portfolio for this purpose. However, as the above numbers suggest, you’d likely have to put away a lot of money before you felt you were truly protected. This could be especially difficult, given the need to save and invest for the other expenses associated with retirement.

- Long-term care insurance – When you purchase long-term care insurance, you are essentially transferring the risk of paying for long-term care from yourself to an insurance company. Some policies pay long-term care costs for a set number of years, while others cover you for life. You can also choose optional features, such as benefits that increase with inflation. And most long-term care policies have a waiting period between 0 and 90 days, or longer, before benefits kick in. You’ll want to



Financial
Focus
By Jason M.
Kozon of
Edward Jones

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

LVFD Keeps Focused on Training

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 68 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in January including 47 medical assistance, 9 public assists, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 structure fire, 2 brush fires, 5 fire investigation and 2 miscellaneous. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, give us a call at 962-2696 and leave a message. We will return your call.

As you see on the front page, LVFD will be having their annual Open House on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We will have lots of goodies to eat and plenty of fun activities for the kids and of course my favorite, amazing songs and music from the talented Curtis Cantrell. Last year was a great success and we are sure this year will be even better.

As usual, LVFD has been going through a variety of training. In most

of our training, we have the pleasure of joining forces with our sister station from Perdido Beach.

This ensures we are all getting the same information and gives us the opportunity to work side-by-side to enhance our teamwork skills when it comes to live emergencies. During February, we had several external instructors teach their field of expertise. First we had CJ Amerson and crew from Loxley Fire Department provide us with instructions on forced entry through a steel door.

This is imperative when firefighters need to get into a building through locked steel doors.

We also had an LZ class instructed by Medstar's Air Flight medic, Mr. Lamar. We always call air care when there is an emergency and the patient requires immediate medical attention. A lot of information needs to be relayed to the flight

Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

medic to safely land the helicopter. This includes stopping traffic, providing information on where to land, what lights are required and turned off, potential hazards and how to safely approach the helicopter.

As you well know, training is imperative to any successful organization and we greatly appreciate the opportunities afforded us to help improve our individual skills and promote a successful department.

Again we would request that you would check your house numbers and ensure they are well placed and clearly marked at the entrance of your home.

Also check to see if it's clearly visible at night. This makes it easier for us to get to you without delay.

A Little Faith Goes a Long Way

By Rev. Daniel Randall

In Luke 17:1-4, Jesus tells his disciples, "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So, watch yourselves. If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive them." So overwhelmed by this statement, the disciples made a request of him, "Increase our faith!" They knew to do what Jesus was expecting of them required more faith than they had on their own. The truth is, they did not need more faith, they needed a little unwavering faith in Jesus.

First, it takes true unwavering faith in Jesus Christ to not be a stumbling block to others. Jesus says it is a serious matter if we stumble, but it's much more serious if we cause someone else to stumble. So, as Christ says, we need to watch ourselves. We are not only responsible for our own

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Janice Renee Fell

Janice “Renee” (Hinson) Fell, 69, of Lillian, went to be with the Lord Jan. 26, 2020. She loved the Lord and was a loving wife to her husband, the late Joe Fell, for 40 years. She was also a loving mother to her six children, and her grandchildren brought her joy.

Born July 27, 1950, she also had a great love for animals, including her three birds and three dogs. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting and making gumpaste flowers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Clarence Fell; father, Frank Howard Hinson; mother, Doris Ann Hinson; grandson, Jonathan Lassiter; and son, Jerry Buford Lassiter.

She is survived by her sons, Jason (Tina) Lassiter and Danny Fell; daughters, Stephanie (Chad) Porter, Mandy (Matt) Hayles and Heather Fell; grandchildren, Caleb, Dalton and Wyatt Lassiter, Alivia Porter and Matthew and William Hayles; a brother, Michael Hinson; and a sister, Brenda Hinson.

Visitation and services were held Jan. 31 at Eastern Gate Memorial Funeral Home. Internment was at Old Spanish Cemetery in Lillian.



Fell

Ronald L. Tapper

Ronald L. Tapper, 67, of Lillian, passed away Jan. 7, 2020. Cason Funeral Service, Foley, was in charge of arrangements. A memorial service was set for a later date.

James F. Westgate

James “Jim” F. Westgate, 85, of Lillian, passed away Jan. 26, 2020, after a short illness.

Celebration of life services were held at Lillian United Methodist Church on Feb. 23, 2020.

Jim was born and raised in Bridgewater, Mass. He worked for 42 years doing overhead line construction work, working up to crew chief for several years. He loved being outdoors, camping, RVing, fishing, boating, target shooting and hand loading, which was his main interest. He also enjoyed his time as a private pilot and work at Adventureland Amusement Park for two years in Des Moines, Iowa.

Jim loved his Lillian Methodist church and Optimist of Perdido Bay families. He was the unofficial weekly greeter and was always looking for hugs. He was a former member of the Old Colony Sportsman Club in Pembroke, Mass., and Styx River shooting club in Robertsdale, and a current member of the Pensacola Rifle and Pistol Club.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Maude Ellis; grandfather, Thomas Ellis; mother, Emmeline Hope Westgate Copeland Squires; a daughter, Laurie Marie Westgate Maddox Gilbert; a brother, Kenneth Copeland; and sisters, Sylvia Copeland Silver, Lani Copeland, Karen Copeland Simmons and Gail Copeland Perry.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Priscilla D. Head Westgate; a sister, Dorothy Raposa of Lakeville, Mass.; two daughters, Mary-Jane Westgate Strickland (Joseph) of Berkeley Mass., and Suzanne L. Westgate Heikkila (Leonard) of Middleborough Mass.; a son, James F. Westgate Jr., of South Sutton, N.H.; two granddaughters; five grandsons; five great-granddaughters; three great-grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

Jim’s quick wit, humor and hugs will be missed. He never met a stranger, was down to earth and a real people person.

Donations may be made to the Lillian United Methodist Church’s “Good Neighbor Fund” at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, or Southern Hospice Care at 101 Villa Dr., Daphne, 36526.

Carolyn Belle Van Damme

Carolyn Belle Van Damme, age 80, of Lillian, passed away on Feb. 14, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Marie Austin, and her maternal grandparents, Albert and Florie Munson, who raised her in Lillian.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Richard Van Damme of Lillian.; two sons, Dale Van Damme of Lillian and David (Anna) Van Damme of Elberta; one grandson, Brandon Van Damme; one great-grandson, Ryan Van Damme; one great-granddaughter, Isabelle; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held Feb. 19. Interment was in Spanish Cove Community Cemetery. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Foley, was in charge of arrangements.

Richard Harry McCoy

Richard Harry “Dick” McCoy, age 90, passed away at home on Jan. 30, 2020. His beloved wife of 65 years, Jocelyn McCoy, was at home with him when he passed.

Dick was born in Hammond, Ind., to Lynn and Doris (McKay) McCoy. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Carolyn Eggebrecht Gordon, of Bradenton, Fla.

He graduated from Gary, Ind., Edison High School and worked as a foreman in the steel mills. He was also the manager of Crown Rentals of Crown Point, Ind. Upon moving to Lillian, Dick worked at Country Motors of Lillian.

He was a former treasurer of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, former head of the Spanish Cove Neighborhood Watch and volunteered at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library. He also served on numerous committees in Spanish Cove and Lillian. At one time, he started a Koffee Klatch in Spanish Cove. He was a veteran of the US Army and the Marine Reserves and a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Jocelyn; four children, Jim (Maria Muskus McCoy) of Noblesville, Ind., Holly (Steve, deceased) Shepperd of Gainesville, Mo., Michelle (Jim) Newbeck of Griffith, Ind., and Nancy (Mark) Leslie of Livonia, Mich.; three grandchildren, Stefanie (Matt) Fliter of Perrysburg, Ohio, Denise Roznowski of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Aaron (Tiffany Miller) McCoy of Noblesville, Ind.; three step-grandchildren, Jim (Keeley) Newbeck of Grand Rapids, Mich., Samantha Newbeck of Portage, Ind., and Karolla Breda of Indianapolis, Ind.; and numerous great-grandchildren.

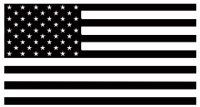
Dick was the life of the party and will be greatly missed by his numerous friends gathered over the course of his long and beautiful life.

Graveside services were held at Barrancas Cemetery with the Rev. Marvin Allison presiding.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lillian Perdido Bay Library.



McCoy



Faith, continued from Page 18

behavior; we are also responsible for the example that we set for others. Do you understand how much character and how much humility that requires?

The Apostle Paul’s words in Philippians 2:3 echo this to everyone who claims to be a Christian, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.”

Second, it takes true unwavering faith in Jesus Christ to forgive those who repent their sin against you. Jesus is saying that even if others sin against you, you must forgive them. Again, we need to see how important forgiveness was to Jesus. He died so that we could be forgiven.

Forgiveness is at the very center of the gospel, and yet there are many followers of Christ who seem to be capable of nearly every other Christian virtue but being able to forgive.



Jesus told his disciples not to cause another person to sin. Then he taught them about forgiving others, no matter how many times others sinned against them. And it was in response to these two simple teachings that the apostles made this

earnest plea, “Increase our faith!”

It’s as if the disciples looked at each other, shook their heads and said, “It’s not possible, Lord. We don’t have it in us to love people like that.” The disciples sound sort of like us. Years ago, a young man was arrested and convicted of burglary in New York City. How did the police catch him? As he began his burglary of an apartment, he noticed a statue of Jesus. He could not stand this figure watching him, so he turned it around. In the process he left fingerprints on the statue.



I think the apostles couldn’t stand Jesus looking at them. They knew they were going to fail him. And so, they asked for an extra dose of faith.

The truth is, more faith was not their real need. What they needed was to put the faith fully in Him and then put action behind their faith. Only a tiny bit of faith is enough to accomplish seemingly impossible things. What they needed was for Christ to live in their hearts. What they needed was obedience to Christ’s teachings. Then they would move mountains and God would be forever glorified.



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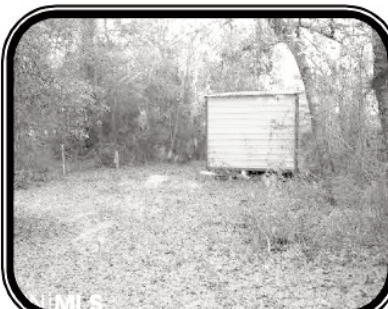
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Red Hats Gather in Foley



Submitted photo
The Red Hat Ladies met Feb. 11 at Oui Oui Paris, a new restaurant in Foley for a Valentine’s luncheon. In attendance were, back row from left, Marcia Pocreva, Barbara Dixon, Laurie Gatertig, Mary Margaret Ayres, Diane Singleton, Sandra Jurries, Ruby Wellman, Waynette Brown and Nonnie Johnson. In front are Elaine Cooley, Judy Wargo, Lorriane Standish, Este Donnenwirth and Deborah Donin. Their next meeting will be March 10. If you would like to join the fun, contact Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206.

48th Annual German Fest Slated for April 25

The 48th Annual St. Benedict Catholic School German Fest is set for Saturday, April 25, on the SBCS and St. Barthlomew campus.

The event supports Catholic elementary school education. It starts with the Raven Run & Walk at 8 a.m. and includes many activities throughout the day.

Entertainment is provided by students and professional groups while you enjoy German food including brats, beer sauerkraut and pastries. Vendors and arts and craft tents will be featured. Children’s activities are plentiful and ensures the event is family oriented.

A highlight is the reverse raffle where \$20,000 is awarded to the winner. Each raffle ticket is \$100 and may be purchased online at www.saintbenedict.net/events (German Fest). The winner doesn’t have to be present on April 25 at 5 p.m. to win the grand prize, but the nine lesser prizes require attendance. The raffle also provides ticket purchasers the option to share the grand prize if you are in the final two tickets remaining.

For more information or to register for the Raven Run, become a vendor, purchase a raffle ticket or make a donation, please give SBCS a call at 251-986-8144.

CMS Updates Hospital Star Ratings
South Baldwin Facility Earns 5 Star Designation

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released updated Medicare overall hospital quality star ratings on its Hospital Compare website.

South Baldwin Regional Medical Center was the only area hospital to receive a 5-star rating, the highest a facility can receive.

The ratings were first published in July 2016, when CMS, along with key stakeholders, developed the methodology to calculate and display overall hospital-level quality using a star rating system. This was done to make it easier to use and understand the information posted on Hospital Compare, a website designed for consumers to use along with their healthcare provider to make decisions on where to receive care.

“This multi-year journey is a credit to the dedication and collaborative efforts of the entire South Baldwin Regional Medical Center team,” said Dr. Craig Brown, chief of staff for SBRMC. “This is no easy task with less than three percent of hospitals in the state of Alabama receiving the 5-star designation. The entire team is to be commended.”

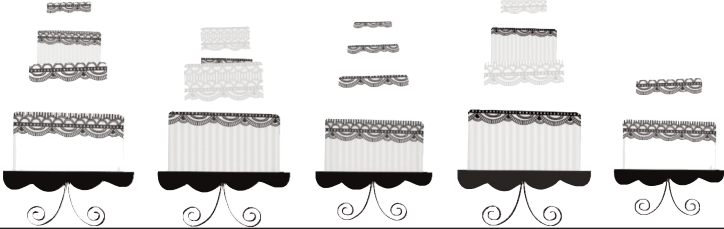
Several standards were improved at the hospital for it to move from 3-star to 5-star. Timeliness of care was improved through the facility’s 30-minute ER service pledge and the admissions process was made more efficient. Through a collaborative effort with non-hospital health care providers and long term care facilities, re-admission rates have decreased. And hourly rounding on patients by hospital staff and offering bed-side shift reports have increased the satisfaction of patients.

“The program is great in that it makes it easier for the consumer to make informed decisions regarding the hospital they choose for care,” said Daniel McKinney, CEO of South Baldwin Regional Medical Center. “The high quality care SBRMC offers is a team effort between the entire hospital staff and our physicians and I could not be more proud of the way our patients are cared for.”

Hospital Compare presents information on more than 50 quality measures at over 5,000 hospitals and scores are updated on a bi-annual basis on their website. Quality measures are related to mortality, safety of care, readmissions, patient experience, effectiveness of care, timeliness of care and efficient use of medical imaging for common conditions that hospitals treat.

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Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

You don’t recognize patterns and movements taking place today if you don’t know the history of yesterday. The real history, not the one made up by the left to include people that never were there or events that never happened the way they want to tell it. You can’t learn anything from that and perhaps that’s exactly what the left wants.

Movements don’t take place overnight. It can take decades to put in place the coup d’état that the factions aim for. They start by stirring up the youth, making them believe that certain people are bad and that they can make a difference to their country if they pushed these people around. Lenin and Hitler were great at getting the pot stirred, how else could they have found it so easy to murder millions without ever firing one shot themselves?

It starts by pushing individuals around, yelling and screaming at them, not letting them speak their views and it escalates to destroying their property and finally physically hurting the individuals. They get away with it because, like in this country now, the news media turns a blind eye because they’re in bed with the left and the regular Joe either

doesn’t realize what is going on or he doesn’t want to get involved.

The left is power hungry, they are crazed with it and they will do anything and everything to gain it back. Their obsession is dangerous and also embarrassing. But their preoccupation with their selfish wants is blinding them to the fact that they are not the only ones with their eyes on the prize.

Minnesota congresswoman Ilhan Omar and Michigan congresswoman Rashida Tlaib haven’t shown a like for this country or its people and definitely not for the Jewish. They would like to get sharia law implemented in the U.S. Why would any woman want such a law?

Now, think about this, the FBI has recently found two Islamic terrorist training camps in our country. They are not there to pray, at least not for anything good. There are large pockets of Islam Muslims scattered across this country and Europe. My question is, if you hate a people and their countries and think they are evil, why would you live among them? We have a Muslim population of 3.45 million and growing and at least 300 in political office. Just saying.

Get your nose out of your phone and social media and pay attention to what’s really going on in the world. And for pity’s sake, use some common sense.

FYI: Did you know that there are 340,000 people around the world who are over 100 years of age? The majority are not in the United States. Does that surprise you, especially you vegans? Actually, of that number, not

many are. Researchers are still trying to figure out the why as there doesn’t seem to be a common denominator. The regions where this centenarian phenomenon occurs don’t have any commonalities with one another, not food or lifestyles.

It was a pleasure to see surviving Tuskegee Airman, 100 year-old retired Brig. Gen. Charles McGee, being honored at the State of the Union address. He looked sharp in full uniform.

Did you know that in 1704 young girls from Paris, France, were brought to Mobile Bay on the ship Pelican as brides for the settlers? I hope that they all wanted to make that journey because it certainly had to change their lives drastically. It wasn’t the first time young women were transported from France to marry settlers. About 800 young French women were sent to New France (Quebec) to help populate the settlement from 1663 to 1673. They were called the King’s daughters (filles du Roi) as part of a program sponsored by King Louis XIV of France.

There are good people in this world. It just seems like you really have to look harder these days to find them. A young couple who were returning to California on a flight from Colorado where they just adopted a baby was surprised by the other passengers who threw them an impromptu baby shower to celebrate the adoption. These things do happen and they are a true blessing every time.

“People who are kind to the cruel will be cruel to the kind.”
Until next month....

■ **Protect, continued from Page 17** shop around for a policy that offers the combination of features you think best meet your needs. Also, you’ll want an insurer that has demonstrated strength and stability, as measured by independent rating agencies. Here’s one final point to keep in mind: Long-term care premiums get more expensive as you get older, so if you’re interested in this type of coverage, don’t wait too long to compare policies.

• **Hybrid policy** – A “hybrid” policy, such as life insurance with a long-term care/chronic illness rider, combines long-term care benefits with those offered by a traditional life insurance policy. So, if you were to buy a hybrid policy and you never needed long-term care, your policy would pay a death benefit to the beneficiary you’ve named. Conversely, if you ever do need long-term care, your policy will pay benefits toward those expenses. And the amount of money available for long-term care can exceed the death benefit significantly. Hybrid policies can vary greatly in several ways, so, again, you’ll need to do some research before choosing appropriate coverage.

Ultimately, you may decide you’re willing to take the chance of never needing any type of long-term care.

But if you think that’s a risk you’d rather not take, then explore all your coverage options carefully. There’s no one right answer for everyone – but there’s almost certainly one for you.



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• Email antivirus scan with Norton automatically configures your email program (Microsoft Outlook, Windows Live Mail, MAC Mail) for protection against viruses and other threats. You can

configure email antivirus scan to scan all incoming and outgoing messages. This feature does not work if your SMTP or POP3 email port is an SSL-encrypted email port. Norton supports all email programs that use non-SSL POP3 and SMTP communication protocols.

• Intrusion prevention scans all network traffic that enters and exits your computer and compares this information against a set of attack signatures. It protects your computer against most common Internet attacks, monitors all applications that are installed on your computer and blocks the malicious websites from accessing your computer.

• Exploit prevention protects the applications and files that are prone to attacks. It provides zero-day exploit protection and prevents external attackers from performing malicious actions on your computer.

These features are standard with Norton Security Antivirus

now Norton 360. I do not stand by Norton to be a total malware protection program, but I stand by Norton for being the best antivirus protection program.

I have always recommended Secure Anywhere by Webroot for malware and other intrusions that are harmful but do not register as a virus. This is not to be confused with Secure Anywhere Internet Security by Webroot.

Check your antivirus program for the coverage it provides in protection against threats.

Until next time, stay protected. Treat your computer to the best safety you can provide.

I hope to accomplish that you know you are smarter than your computer, that the computer is a tool and you are the master of that tool.

If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please email them to mouse@pc-s4u.com

Until next month, safe computing.



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Optimist Club Selects Essay Winners



Photo by Sally McKinney

Each year the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay participates in the Optimist International Essay Contest. The theme this year was “Is Optimism the Key to Achieving the Dreams you iMagine?” This year’s winners are Bethany Dewhurst, first place; Madi Jensen, second place and Kloe Ernst, third place. Bethany and Kloe live in Lillian and Madi lives in Elberta. Pictured are Madi Jensen and her mom, Tracy. Madi is an eighth grade student at Elberta Middle School. She is optimistic about her future and expects to become a pediatrician. The other winners were not able to attend the Feb. 22 Optimist Club meeting.

Warriors Rained Out



Photo by Ken Stewart

Heavy rains caused the cancellation of Elberta High School baseball and softball games on Feb. 20 at the Lillian Recreational Park.

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Masons Honor Past Masters, Spouses

Lodge brothers at the Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 paid respect to their Past Masters of the lodge and their widows on Feb. 18 in a private ceremony at the lodge.

“I was honored to have an opportunity to formally recognize the men who have led this lodge in the past,” said Worshipful Master Richard Duggan. “It was important that we carry on the tradition of honoring these men and their wives because they have meant so much to Masonry in our area. It was especially nice to have the wives participate as we want them to understand how much we appreciate what they do for us, the lodge and our community.”

The ceremony began by recognizing the widows of past masters, including Florence McClendon, Evelyn Duckworth and Lorraine Standish.

The program then recognized the wives of past masters of the Lodge and the women that attended. Each was presented with a rose to symbolize the love and appreciation the lodge has for its extended family.

A short business meeting was held and included scheduling the upcoming induction ceremony for a Baldwin County candidate. The lodge also voted to underwrite the annual dues of their active military members, while the maintenance committee was charged with determining a paint color for the main dining room.

Dinner is now part of the twice monthly meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month, catered by the Pelican Nest.

For additional information on Lillian Masonic Lodge 925, please contact Joe Taylor at 251- 962-4301.

Lillian Masonic Lodge honored past masters and their spouses in a recent private ceremony. Recognized were, in the photo at right, Florence McClendon and Evelyn Duckworth, whose late husbands were past masters of the group.

Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener



Serving as past masters of the Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 include, front, from left, Mike Blankenship, Harold Burr and Bill Hall. In the second row are Mike Russell and Jim Covert. In back, Price Legg and Joe Taylor. Gary Sturgeon was unavailable for the photo.

SBRMC Adds 3D Mammography

South Baldwin Regional Medical Center has added a second breast tomosynthesis, commonly called 3D mammography, for breast cancer screening in Gulf Shores.

A breast tomosynthesis scan produces a high-definition, three-dimensional view of the breast tissue that helps detect breast cancer in its earliest stages.

Residents now have the convenience of scheduling their 3D mammogram at either The Women’s Imaging Center in Foley or the Imaging Center in Gulf Shores.

Performed in the same way as traditional mammography, this type is beneficial for women with dense breast tissue because it provides a clearer picture, reducing the risk of a false positive.

“These new technologies enable us to improve the experience for our patients by providing them with the industry’s fastest and most comfortable mammogram, but more importantly, it allows us to do so while providing high quality 3D images. This gives our local radiologists and other physicians the best tools for providing accurate reporting and treatment,” said Tammy Homan, director of radiology.

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LCC Catfish Dinner ~ \$10

Friday, March 13 5-6 P.M.

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



American Legion

Ham Dinner

Sunday, March 22

11am-1pm \$10

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

Homestead taxes will be at

LCC on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15
9 to 11 AM

LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday thru Thursday

11 A.M. - 10 P.M.

Friday and Saturday

11 A.M. - 11 P.M.

Sunday

Bloody Mary \$1.50

BANDS:

Jeri Trio - March 1
Knee Deep - March 6
T-Bone & Mac - March 8
Big Jake - March 13
Stan & John - March 15
Beach Billy’s - March 20
Robert Broom - March 22
Selma Boys - March 27
Gypsy Pearl - March 29
\$5 COVER CHARGE FOR NON-MEMBERS WHEN IN THE HALL

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