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CHRISTMAS Parade

Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m.

By Judy Wargo

The annual Lillian Christmas Parade will start at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. The parade is sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and Grand Marshal will be Debbie Merritt, Governor of the Optimist Clubs in Alabama and Mississippi. This parade kicks off the 100th anniversary year of Optimist Clubs International.

The parade will assemble around noon in front of the Lillian Community Club.

All organizations, churches, businesses and individuals who wish to be in the parade should contact Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206 or paulwargo3@gmail.com. There will be a reception for participants inside the club before the parade.

Participants will include students from Elberta Elementary School who are building a float and walking in the parade, along with the band and the R.O.T.C. from Elberta High School.



Reileigh's Daybreak Café participated in the 2017 Lillian Christmas Parade sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. This year's parade will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.



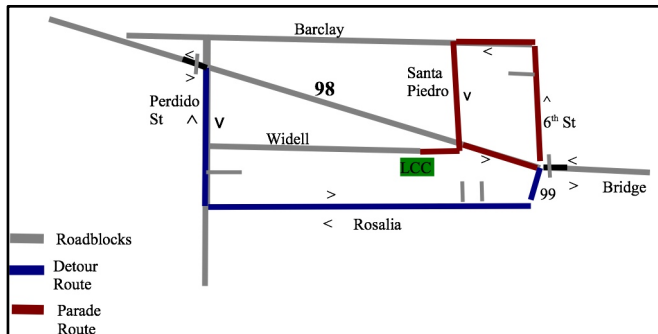
Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Santa Claus has confirmed his visit to Lillian for the annual Lillian Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 8, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

Parade participants will step out from the Community Club on Widell St. at 1 p.m. and go the usual route, US Hwy. 98 east to CR99, north to Barclay Avenue, west to Santa Piedro Street and south back to the Community Club.

After the parade the Elberta High School Band will perform (see story on Page 2).

Santa will also join the Optimist Club when they host the annual Breakfast with Santa at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Lillian Community Club.



Children Welcome for Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 15 at Community Club



Allison Charbonneau and Ryleigh Parkhurst participated in the 2017 Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. This year's event will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Lillian Community Club.

By Sally McKinney

Santa Claus will meet and greet boys and girls, infant to age eight, at the annual Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 15, at 8:30 a.m. in the Lillian Community Club.

After the famous free Optimist Club breakfast for the children and their families, Santa will visit with them and present them with gifts.

Family members are welcome to take pictures of their children while they visit with the Jolly Old Elf.

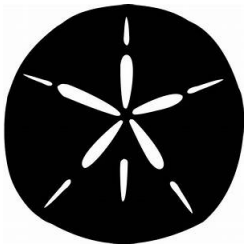
This will be the third Christmas-sponsored program hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. The members organize the Annual Lillian Christmas Parade and provide transportation for Santa Claus to visit special needs classes in Foley and Elberta Schools. He also distributes gifts to all the boys and girls, based on secret tips from their teachers so the

gifts would be appropriate for age and abilities.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is dedicated to serving children in the Lillian-Elberta area. More than 30 programs are provided, including reading to kindergarten and first grade classes, math tutoring, mentoring, scholarships for graduating seniors, scholarships for the National Flight Academy, an Easter egg hunt, donations to the schools for special projects and a fishing rodeo.

Meetings are held at 8 a.m. every Saturday. They include breakfast and programs of interest to the community, including the Alabama Bicentennial commemoration. All are invited to attend. A guest breakfast is free. The monthly Business After Hours is held for those who may not be able to attend the weekly meetings. It is also a social time to get to know each other.

Board meeting of the Lillian Action Committee will be held at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library at 2 p.m. on January 21, 2019. The public is invited.



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EHS Jazz Band Performing in Lillian after Parade

The Elberta High School Band will participate in the Lillian Christmas Parade and their jazz band will perform a Christmas concert immediately after the parade at the Lillian Community Club on Dec. 8. The Elberta High School Jazz Band concert is expected to start around 2:30 p.m.

According to Band Director Josh Cockrell, the full 80 member marching band will participate in the parade presented by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. The parade starts at 1 p.m. The jazz band will then treat the community to an afternoon of both Christmas and themed music.

No admission fee will be charged for the concert but the Optimist Club will take up a collection for the concert.

The EHS band is raising funds for the purchase of band uniforms. In their second year of existence, the cost of one band uniform is

\$350 to \$650. This exceeds the financial ability of many of the participating families.

“Once you hear the band play, you will understand that this is an outstanding group of student musicians,” said Optimist Club President Jeff Keener. “I am hoping we can make this concert a regular part of the holiday season.”

The Optimist Club sponsors the parade, Santa’s visit to the special needs children the week of Dec. 10 and Breakfast with Santa at the LCC on Dec. 15. The Christmas season is special with lots of examples of people giving back to the community.

The Optimist Club plans to offer hot dogs, chips, drinks and a variety of desserts at the concert.

For more information, contact Dan Armstrong at 251-550-8583 or Jeff Keener at 859-991-4619.

Meeting to Focus on Highway 98 Traffic

For many months the Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee and Lillian residents have been concerned about the traffic on US Highway 98 and especially at the intersection with Perdido Street.

In December all will have an opportunity to ask questions of a representative of the Alabama Department of Transportation. Local businesses that line Highway 98 will be invited to give their input and become a part of the solution.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, in the Lillian Community Club, 34148 Widell Avenue. All residents are invited to attend.

At the November meeting, the group listed several points of interest for the Lillian area.

Included are items under the purview of Baldwin County commissioners. The committee will be especially interested to hear ideas of the three who were recently elected, James Ball, Joe Davis and Billie Jo Underwood, as well as incumbent Skip Gruber.

Other speakers may include Baldwin County Sheriff, State Representatives and Senators.

Also on the list is the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). The Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the local,

intergovernmental transportation policy board for Santa Rosa and Escambia counties in Florida and part of Baldwin County, Alabama. The board is comprised of local government officials who make decisions regarding transportation at the regional level.

One of the projects provided by the TPO is the walking lane/bicycle path on County Road 99. The original plan was to extend the lane south to Country Road 91 and then north to US Highway 98.

Every month Lillian organizations get together to discuss the needs of the community and to receive other pertinent information. The Perdido Bay Water representative informed the committee that there is no plan to apply a water company logo on the Spanish Cove water tower because the side walls are not large enough to accommodate it.

In the mid-term election in November at the Lillian Community Club more than 2,600 ballots were cast. This includes all of Lillian and a small portion of Elberta.

Boys and girls who attend the Lillian Christmas parade are invited to visit the Lillian Perdido Bay Library after the parade to receive a free book.

**Civic and
Legislative
Committee**

By Sally
McKinney

Holiday Bake
Sale and Craft
Show Planned

The Lillian United Methodist Church will be hosting a bake sale and indoor/outdoor craft and vendor show from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

Home baked goodies will be available inside the church and many craft vendors will also be on hand.

The church is located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian.



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Local Food Pantry Requests Donations

By Charlotte Bailey

Shepherd of the Bay's Food Pantry started about six years ago, and about five years ago joined what was then known as "Feeding the Gulf Coast," but soon the name changed to "Feeding America."

In the beginning, about 30 families were served. It has grown since then and keeps growing. On average, they give out about 50 bags of staple foods.

A monthly required report to USDA of the Feed America program lists 128 individuals, 33 individuals over 60 and 28 children age 18 and under as recipients. This information helps not only the Feed America Warehouse stocked with donations from Publix, Rouse's, Piggly Wiggly, Walmart (just to name a few), but it also helps Shepherd of the Bay to keep food in stock.

There is paperwork to be completed by all who come to the food pantry, but since all they deal with is food assistance, the paperwork only asks for a name, address, phone number, and the breakdown of who is in the family (such as how many are in the family unit, how many are 60 and above, how many are 18 and under).

The group does not ask for proof of income and does not refuse anyone food.

Over the past years they have received donations of both cash and items and grants from the Lutheran Women Missionary League, and Lutheran Hour Ministries.

The pantry just received a grant from Lutheran Hour which will keep them going for a few more months. Just like the donations of non-perishable food items that people leave at the church, all are important and much appreciated.

The food pantry has grown enough that they are asking not only the Lillian community, but also Elberta residents and any church, organization or individual to help keep the food pantry open. Please call the church at 251-962-7682 or email shepherdofthebay@gmail.com if you want to help.

Shepherd of the Bay is an "Equal Opportunity Provider" and refuses no one. The food pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m.



Recent monthly reports filed by Shepherd of the Bay Food Pantry show that volunteers like those pictured work to provide assistance to about 130 individuals.

GCNNCA Sets Quarterly Meeting

The Gulf Coast Navy Nurse Corps Association (GCNNCA) will hold their quarterly chapter membership meeting with Christmas luncheon on Dec. 7, from noon to 2 p.m. at Jackson's Steak House, 400 South Palafox, downtown Pensacola. The Commanding Officer from the Naval Hospital is the scheduled guest speaker.

All former, active duty, reserve and retired Navy nurses are invited to attend. You need not be a chapter member to attend, however, attendees may consider joining the local chapter.

Door prizes will be awarded. Santa may even be there to add that special touch.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the group's "Toys for Tots" project. A gift exchange will also occur, so bring a wrapped, \$20 gift (if you are participating). RSVPs are required to Susie McCord at 850-776-2123 or Vicki Coyle at 251-942-6382 or email vcioyle@gulftel.com or vcioyle@pensacolastate.edu no later than Dec. 5. This is to ensure appropriate seating arrangements.

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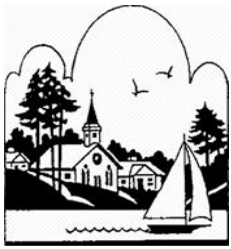
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- ~ Fax: 251-961-3529
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Give of Yourself This Holiday Season

'Tis the season to be jolly, but it's also the season to do good for friends, neighbors and even those whom you've never met.

No, I'm not saying you should give money to everyone who asks, but surely there are organizations which have touched your heart at some point in your life.

Churches, of course, can always use some extra cash. Many of them have food banks which run pretty low at holiday time.

Just recently we gave to Ecumenical Ministries in Foley. That's a yearly thing, but this year at the beginning of November, the shelves were empty. They and Catholic Social Services in Robertsdale are collecting toys for young children and appropriate items for the older ones, like headphones, jewelry, jeans, shirts, wallets and purses. They are also collecting money to purchase turkeys for families.

Don't forget "Toys for Tots." A couple of little toys probably wouldn't break the bank. There's a box at the Lillian Community Club for donations.

How about the Salvation Army? A dollar or two in the red bucket surely wouldn't strain your wallet. Do you remember them coming to our aid



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally
McKinney

after Hurricane Ivan? Payback time or pay ahead, as we know one of these years we won't be dodging the bullet.

I'm not familiar with all of the veteran's organizations, but I'm sure they could use some help, taking care of our veterans who have offered their lives so we may live free. Check with the American Legion Post 48 in Lillian. I'm sure they can help.

Is there a single man or woman in your neighborhood who could use a little cheer during the holidays? A plate of cookies or an invitation to dinner would probably be appreciated.

These are just a few of the ways you can give someone a Merry Christmas and when you do that, your Christmas will be merrier, too.

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Dr. Lipscomb has traveled on several occasions with the International Mission Board on medical missions to Thailand, India, Kenya and numerous other countries, working with local missionaries.

While working and volunteering

his services, he has experienced the joy of witnessing many locals accept Christ.

On a trip to Thailand, approximately 120 people were led to the Lord.

Bayside Baptist is located at 33677 U.S. Hwy. 98 in Lillian.



Dr. Lipscomb

Christmas Concert Planned

Bayside Baptist Church will host a Christmas choral presentation at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. The evening will include Scripture readings, choral selections, congregational

music and solos.

Church pastor is Tom Harris and the music director is Gene Davis. The church is located at 33677 U.S. Highway 98 in Lillian.



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 63 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in October including 31 medical assistance, 15 public assists, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 5 fire alarms, 2 investigations and 2 miscellaneous.

We are looking for caring Lillian residents to help us with non-emergency paperwork and calls as well as medical and fire assistance.

If you give us the time, we will provide the training. Call 962-2696 and leave a message. We will return your call.

Just as a reminder, LVFD compiled their own 2019 calendar showing an array of pictures of all the volunteers and apparatus.

This would make a great present for your neighbor or family at Christmas. These are on sale for only \$15. We will be happy to deliver, just call 215-962-2696.

Halloween was another great gathering in the neighborhood. Thank you Spanish Cove for inviting LVFD for the annual Halloween at the Spanish Cove clubhouse.

We supplied the children with firefighter helmets, game books and pencils. All the children looked amazing in their outfits and enjoyed being photographed in the engine and

brush truck.
Don't forget the LVFD Santa Run on Dec. 15. We will be parading all the LVFD apparatus through the streets of Lillian between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Santa will be joining us and handing out plenty of apples and oranges for kiddies of all ages.

We will also be joining the Optimist Club in their annual Christmas Parade Dec. 8.


LVFD participated in a lot of training last month. Several of our volunteers joined with 22 other fire departments from Baldwin County Tanker Task Force to practice large water distribution during major disasters.

We thank Perdido Beach Fire Department for inviting Lillian, Josephine and Elberta for a demonstration on their ladder truck which will be used for all local fire departments. We also joined our resources in working with tankers and dump tanks.

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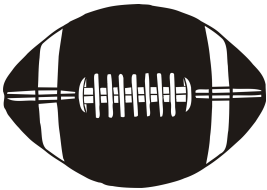


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Lillian Resident Publishes Book

By Sally McKinney

“Everyone has a book in them,” says children’s author Ruth Becker. The Lillian resident has just released her first one, “Taylor’s Toes,” dedicated to her grandchildren, Taylor, Caedmon, Thymian and Tatiana.

Her inspiration came from her first grandson when he was just two years old. Like most of us when we are with a new child, we marvel at its pudgy cheeks, its tiny toes and its button nose. She also observed his delight as he experienced his world with his five senses, laughing as the dog licked his toes and kissed his nose.

“I couldn’t resist as I imagined what was happening for him, so my pen began to record,” she says.

After years of observation of her grandchildren, the words connected, she found an excellent illustrator, Elaine Woodward, who made the words come alive and in April this year, “Taylor’s Toes” became a reality.

Ruth spent her early years in the northeast, but in 1979 she and her husband, Jack, and their son, Jonathan, moved to the Pensacola area where Jack took a position at Liberty Bible College.

They moved to Lillian in 1988.

With her degrees in Elementary Education (BS) and Post-Secondary Education (MSEd) from the University of West Hartford, Ruth joined the teaching staff at Pensacola Junior

College, now Pensacola State College.

There she taught Critical Reading Skills, College Prep Reading and Language Arts.

As President of the statewide office of the Florida Developmental Education Association (FDEA), Ruth advocated for accessible college education.

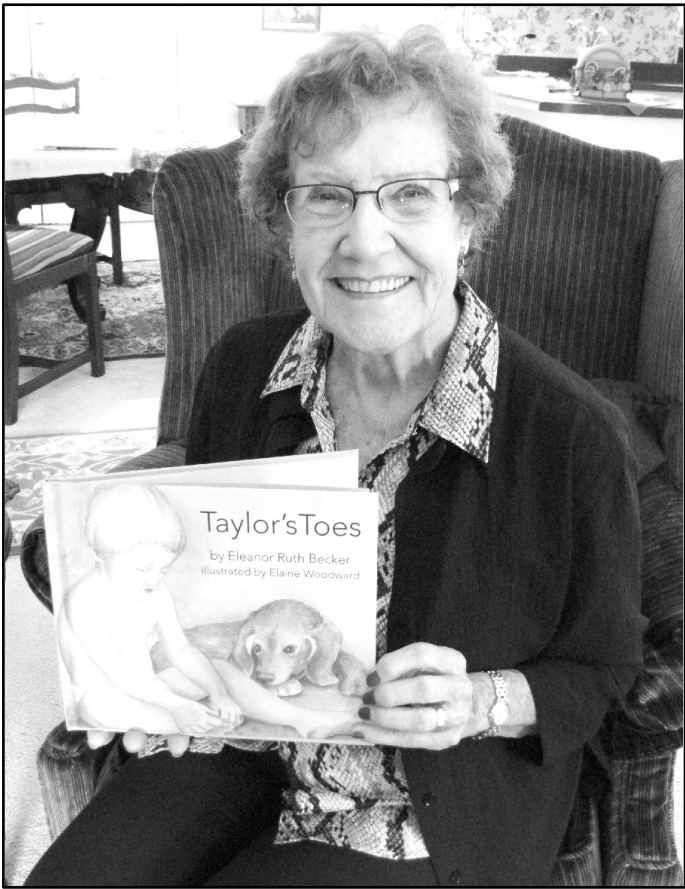
She also served at the Reading Chair for the National Developmental Education Association (NDEA).

Ruth has edited several college textbooks and she has written several poems, one of which was selected for inclusion in a National Anthology of Poetry.

She is retired now and preparing to publish her second children’s book next year.

With the Christmas season just around the corner, Ruth suggests gifting a child a book.

For a copy of “Taylor’s Toes,” contact her at jerbecker@earthlink.net.



Ruth Becker with a copy of "Taylor's Toes," her first children's book.

Grand Dame Red Hats

By Este Donnenwirth

The high-spirited Red Hat ladies, Judy Wargo, Este Donnenwirth, Pat Bonner, Barbara Dixon and Elaine Cooley, made their day productive, relaxing and enjoyable. The table at Peng Garden in Foley was filled with violet and pink presents for each member.

Since Thanksgiving was in the air, Este hosted a game to see who could quickly make 10 words out of thanksgiving.

Elaine, proving she is still very sharp and fast, did it and won. Barbara won the next game by having the most jewelry on. It pays to dress up and be glamorous!

Judy informed us of the coming activities for us to join including the community Thanksgiving service, the Christmas parade (Este, Barbara and Elaine will ride in the convertible), Red Hats Christmas luncheon on Dec. 11 and the Gulf Shores floral seminar luncheon in February.

As Christmas is a season for giving, the group agreed to donate \$50 to Mary’s Shelter, Elberta High School Band and Shepherd of the Bay food pantry.

We gave birthday gifts to Marcia Little Procreva, and to those who had birthdays during the summer - Jo Martin, Lorraine Standish Donin and Judy Wargo.

We are looking forward to an exciting Christmas Red Hat lunch on Dec. 11 at the Wolf Bay Lodge on Gulf Beach Highway to be hosted by Pat Bonner and Renee McGrail.



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Lillian Recreational
Park News

By Janet Lewis

This has been a banner year for the park. Thanks to all of our Park Partners who have donated money, we have been able to correct the restroom plumbing problems and add a raised concrete pad to make entry into the restrooms handicapped accessible.

With the sponsorship of the many local businesses to cover costs of Movies in the Park, Lucy Smith has accomplished what we had hoped many years ago to do when we purchased the movie equipment. The expansion of Market in the Park has brought in many more vendors thanks to the hard work of Monica Leonard. She has also started a program for walkers who meet at the park weather permitting each weekday morning or evening with special topics presented in the conference room. The enthusiasm of the pickleball players has resulted in their forming the LRP Pickleball Club and pledging to help the park with additional funds to resurface the basketball court. Only one of the three courts that were marked off inside the basketball court has a surface safe enough to play on at this time. Club members Jorja Hardy and Pat Pagan took the gold in the Battle at the Beach regional pickleball tournament held in Gulf Shores Nov. 2-4. I also want to mention Carol Steely who is the go-to person to contact for anyone wishing to join the Garden Volunteers who will be

working on the gardens that border the walking trail starting on Dec. 4. She will be working with board member Juanita Dodd who oversees the gardens and new plantings.

One of the biggest accomplishments was the overhaul of the park's sprinkler system - pretty extensive when you consider it covers most of the 17 acres. The first part of the project started with the control box that governs the sprinklers for the major and minor league ball fields and the replacement of sprinklers in those fields. Fortunately Elberta High School, whose students use the fields for baseball and softball, reimbursed the park for that portion of the cost. They will resume use of the fields after the first of the new year.

On Oct. 31 we said goodbye to caretakers Elizabeth and Paul Snider, who served the park for 14 years. We will miss them, but we have a new caretaker, Jim Staton, and his wife, Brenda, and look forward to working with him for many years to come. He is a Navy veteran, has lived in Lillian for several years and has all the skills needed to keep the park in good running order. Say "hello" to Jim when you see him and welcome him.

We were not successful in winning a grant from Impact 100 of Alabama or from The Snook Foundation, but we are optimistic that new efforts for other grants will be successful and we will be able to carry out at least Phase I of the 3 Phase Plan. Our website will soon be active and the 3 Phase Plan will be outlined. Without monetary donations to the park, we could not continue to operate. We are so grateful to all who have made a contribution this year and in past years. I hope your interest in the park will continue and that you will use the park and all its facilities.

On behalf of the rest of the directors - Juanita Dodd, Judy Covert, Frankie Broz, Monica Leonard and Wayne Smith - I want to wish you all a very happy Christmas.



Visitors to Lillian Recreational Park were enjoying the Holiday Market and Open House on a recent Saturday. Howard and Dawna Hull stopped by the conference room where the park board provided a beautifully decorated space and Christmas goodies.



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Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Sally McKinney

What’s new at Lillian Perdido Bay Library? Well, not a whole lot, we just keep on keepin’ on, providing a variety of services to our patrons.

Well, I take that back. On Saturday, Dec. 8, after the Lillian Christmas parade we will be handing out free children’s books and Santa whispered to me the other day that there will be some for the adults, too.

We have a long list of books requested by our friends who use the library. The order has recently been sent in, so hopefully they will be on the shelves by the end of the month.

We continue to receive donated books in all genres, historical fiction, romance, mystery, inspirational, and of course, westerns. All the popular authors are featured in paperback, hard cover and large print. There are some pretty good new authors for you to check out, too.

We also have a large non-fiction area featuring a variety of interests, from World War II to cooking.

Check out our biography section, the classics and local lore, including Lillian.

Since many of our patrons travel during the holidays, our audio books become very popular. We also have many DVDs featuring movies, old and new, and TV programs.

Our computer room is very popular. Patrons use the computers to check on email, pay bills, make airline reservations, read the news and listen to music, something for everyone.

Our FAX machine gets a good

workout, too, not only sending important documents hither, thither and yon, but also making copies of Grandma’s recipes or just copying important documents for home filing.

Did you know that the Lillian Perdido Bay Library is a completely volunteer service?

No one is paid and the only time we purchase books is when we receive a donation that specifies books. We are so fortunate to have friends who buy books, read them and then donate them to us.

We’ll take the old ones, too, but please be sure they are free from mold, mildew and creepy crawly things before dropping them off.

Merry Christmas from your friends at the library:

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- and of course, me.

ARC Thanksgiving Dinner Still Going Strong After 43 Years

For 43 years Lillian resident Willie Nell Evans has provided a Thanksgiving dinner for special needs men, women and children of Baldwin County. It all started when she brought food to her daughter’s class in 1975.

Now her family and friends have taken the reins and recently served more than 300 special needs boys and girls, men and women of all ages, their teachers, friends and family members.

The meal featured many favorite dishes including stuffing, greens, turkey, ham, potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, corn bread, dessert and drinks.

Thanks to all who made this special event

possible. The list is long and includes the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, DJ Tony Nelson, the City of Foley, Cassebaum Farm in Lillian, and sponsors Cato’s of Foley, Elberta Co-Op and the Methodist Church of Gulf Shores.



A Thanksgiving turkey (aka Amy Wilborn of Foley High School staff) showed up at the Annual ARC Thanksgiving Dinner to greet the original organizer of the event, Willie Nell Evans.

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Lillian American Legion Post 48
By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

Thank you to all veterans and their families as well as the Lillian community for participating in the American Legion Post 48 Veterans Day celebration.

The American Legion Post 48 wants to wish the Lillian Community a very safe and happy holiday season.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 includes a provision to open on-base commissary, exchange and MWR privileges to stateside Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war and those with service-connected disabilities and their caregiver spouses.

The 2019 COLA for military retired pay, survivor benefit plan annuities, Social Security checks and VA disability and survivor benefits will be 2.8 percent.

The current TRICARE Dental Program will end Dec. 31, 2018, and will be replaced by the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program.

In early November the VA published a final rule in the Federal Register that will establish a three year look-back period when determining eligibility for income based benefits, including pension with aid and attendance.

The new rule went into effect on Oct.18, 2018. It will make several changes, such as increasing the amount of net worth a veteran can have to qualify for pension, and expanding the definition of custodial care to allow veterans to deduct medical expenses for dementia care and third party providers.

All veterans in the Lillian area are invited to join Post 48 and become a part of the largest veteran organization in the United States.

The focus has been and always will be on service to the community and support of our veterans. 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., from any member or at any American Legion meeting.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the LCC. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving, or come by and have a cup of coffee with us on Wednesdays – we’d like to meet you.



Lillian American Legion Post 48 hosted a Veteran's Day ceremony at Lillian Community Club on Nov. 11.



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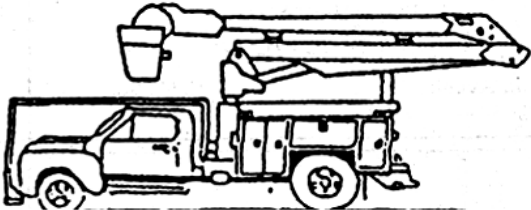
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Let's Talk Taxes

By Carol
Kovacs
CPA, EA

Hi folks, I'm back to give you more exciting information about taxes! Don't glaze over yet. I will get into the meat of the 2018 changes in a future article.

This time I want to talk about the IRS notices and letters that may give you nightmares. The most common are the dreaded CP2501 or CP2000. There is very little difference between these notices except that the CP2000 may come first and not follow the CP2501. Also, the CP2501 may not provide the detail that the CP2000 usually does.

These notices come from the AUR (Automated Underreported Units) and there are seven in the U.S. They issued over 3 million notices in 2017. Neither notice initiates an audit or examination. They are the result of the mismatch of information that you reported on your tax return from information that third parties report about you to the IRS. It could be interest income or a pension distribution that you forgot to report or, most commonly, stock trades which have a different cost basis than what the IRS has on file.

So what do you do when you get one of these notices? The first thing is not to panic and write a check for whatever the IRS says you owe. The IRS has lots of easy-to-access information on how to respond to a notice.

There is a YouTube video and a publication 5181 that provides most of the information you need. Both can be viewed through www.IRS.gov, then type CP2000 in the search box. But here are the basics:

~ Review the notice carefully. There will be columns telling you what you reported on your return and what information the IRS received from third parties.

~ Reply to the notice. After you review the proposed changes, decide if you agree or disagree. If you disagree, check the box "I disagree" and provide the IRS additional

information to clear up each discrepancy to show that your tax return information was correct. With the additional information, the problem will usually go away. Most often, you do not need to file an amended return unless you failed to include some deductions or business expenses in the original return.

~ Make certain to reply by the deadline given. You usually have 30 days to respond. If you are unable to meet the deadline, call the telephone number on the notice to explain to a representative why you need additional time. There is usually no problem in getting extra time.

~ If you agree with the changes proposed by the IRS, note that you agree with the changes, sign the notice and provide payment for the amount owed. If you filed a joint return, both taxpayers need to sign.

~ If you send in documentation to support tax return entries, do not send original documents. Attach copies of any original documents to the notice and return in the envelope provided. If you're unable to provide documents to verify an amount, explain how you determined the amount. Always keep a complete set of all the paperwork you send to the IRS.

~ I recommend you send the paperwork via certified mail, return receipt requested, and not fax your information. This will give you proof of it being sent and received in a timely manner.

~ If you feel overwhelmed by the notices, seek professional help. By all means, do whatever you feel comfortable with, but never ignore the notices. The problem will not go away unless you face it head-on. I will not go into the detail of what happens if you fail to respond, but recognize it usually involves statutory notices of deficiency, liens, levies, appeals, tax court and more nightmares.

I hope this information has been helpful.

If you have any specific questions or areas of interest you would like addressed in future columns (leave out your personal information), my email is carolpkovacs@aol.com. Use "Let's Talk Taxes" in the subject line. Until next time

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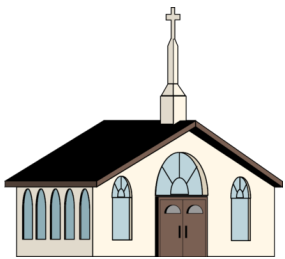
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This could have allowed the attackers to take over Facebook accounts and see everything in a victim's profile.

Facebook has fixed this issue and informed law enforcement, and although it is not known when cyber criminals first discovered it, the vulnerability had been live for fourteen months.

Facebook does not know if the affected accounts were misused or if user information was actually accessed.

Updated information has come out since the breach was first announced. A spokesperson stated that Facebook login, which allows users to access other popular sites with their Facebook profile, was also affected by this vulnerability. This means the attackers potentially had access to affected user's accounts



The Mouse

By Joseph Oakley

on sites that use the Facebook login feature.


Check your vulnerability by contacting your friends by telephone to see if any fraudulent activity was sent to them with your account information, and pass this along.

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

If you have any questions you would like answered in this column please send them to mouse@pc-s4u.com or call 251-961-1495.

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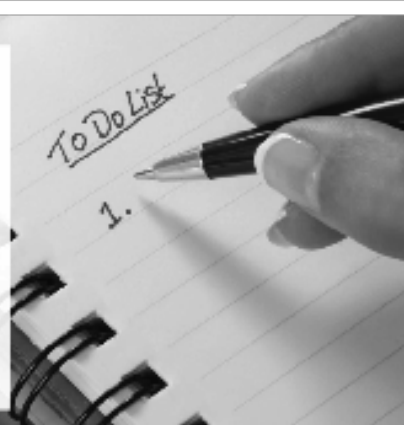
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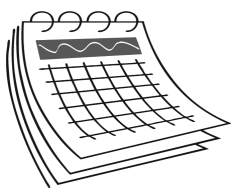


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Dec. 4 & 18 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meetings first and third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Contact Joe Taylor at 251-962-4301 or Jim Covert at 251-962-7354

Dec. 4 & 18 - Garden volunteers meeting for walking trail gardens clean up, 9-11 a.m., Lillian Recreational Park

Dec. 5, 12, 19 & 26 - Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church

Dec. 6 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at park conference room

Dec. 8 - Santa's Sweet Shop bake sale and craft show, 8a.m. to 3 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church

Dec. 8 - Optimist Club Annual Christmas Parade, 1 p.m., Elberta High School Jazz Band concert to follow parade at LCC

Dec. 10 - Community meeting concerning Highway 98 traffic, 8:30 a.m., LCC

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

Dec. 13 - Gulf Coast Classic Car Club meeting, 6 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Gulf Bowl Bowling Alley, 2881 S. Juniper Street, Fole

Dec. 15 - Lillian Volunteer Fire Department's Santa Run, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 15 - Children's Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club

Dec. 16 - Guest speaker Dr. Geoff Lipscomb, 10:30 a.m., Bayside Baptist Church

Dec. 16- Sunday Night Songfest, 6 p.m., third Sunday of each month, Bayside Baptist Church


Dec. 16- Christmas choral presentation, 6 p.m., Bayide Baptist Church, Lillian

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

Dec. 18 - Lillian Women's Club meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept. through May, 11:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club

Dec. 21 - Gulf Coast Classic Car Club "Cruisin," 5-8:30 p.m. third Friday of each month, Sonic, Foley

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve candlelight services, 4 & 6 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church



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