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Christmas in the Park Begins Dec. 5

By Lucy Smith

Ugly sweaters and cute, costumed kids. More trees and lighted displays. A festive Jingle Bell Walk. These are just a few of the new features at this year's Christmas in the Park celebration and tree lighting. Christmas in the Park begins at the Lillian Recreational Park on Dec. 5 and runs through the month of December.

This year's celebration will necessarily be a little different from last year's inaugural event, but it will still be fun for everyone and a great opportunity for families to get together.

The ugly sweater contest is for adults (ages 18 and up) and the Christmas costume contest is for those under age 18. Prizes will be awarded. Participants can register that night or preregister on the Lillian Recreational Park's Facebook page.

One thing that didn't change this year is Santa. He'll be there and is bringing Mrs. Claus with him. Unfortunately, Rudolph has to stay home to get ready for his big journey on

Christmas Eve.

Santa will visit with children and families in a specially designed area. He has also promised to collect any letters in the Letters to Santa mailbox and take them back to the North Pole to read later. Children can drop their letters in the mailbox at the park now through Dec. 24. The form appears on Page 10 of this edition of *The Lillian*.

A new, festive Jingle Bell Walk will take place right after the tree lighting. And a new, physical Holiday Brick Walk will be on display, made up of personalized bricks purchased in honor or recognition of someone or purchased to support the park. The form to purchase a personalized brick is on Page 5.

This year's event will also feature new lights and displays, as well as a special new "hush-hush" element involving the Wonderland Tree which won't be revealed until the official "Launching of the Lights."

Colorful holiday face masks will be handed out at the contactless wel-



Volunteers have been busy at Lillian Recreational Park setting up displays similar to this one from last year's inaugural Christmas in the Park. Some new activities have been added to this year's event which will take place Dec. 5 at the park.

come and refreshment center. Children will also be given jingle bell bracelets and glow sticks for the Jingle Ball Walk.

Christmas in the Park officially opens at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, with contests beginning at 4:15. Santa will arrive at 4:45 and the "Launching of the Lights" will begin

around 5:30. The Jingle Bell Walk will follow immediately.

Lights will remain lit through the month of December. Admission to the park is free.

For more information, visit the Park's Facebook page, the website at LillianRecreationalPark.org or contact Lucy Smith at 719-494-7986.



Santa and Mrs. Claus Coming to Lillian

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host the Annual Breakfast with Santa at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Lillian Recreational Park. It will be a modified event without the breakfast. Santa and Mrs. Claus will attend to pass out gifts to boys and girls infant to eight years of age. Elizabeth Dupree was extremely happy last Christmas when she visited with Santa to tell him what special gifts she wanted. Boys and girls and their family members are urged to wear masks and to practice social distancing.

Photo by Sally McKinney

LVFD Santa Run Set for Dec. 12

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department 'Santa Run' will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Santa and his elves will driving around in fire trucks handing out goodies to the Lillian community.

Christmas Parade Cancelled

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has cancelled the 2020 Christmas Parade due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 restrictions and concern for club members being available to help direct the parade. The group plans to have a great parade again next year.

Long Line on Election Day



Photo by Janel Smith

The line stretched out to the street all day Nov. 3 as voters came to the Lillian Community Club to cast their ballots in Precinct 28. Additional election numbers are on Page 2.

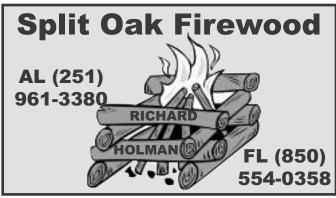
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Judge Shares Election Numbers with Optimist Club

Harry D'Olive Jr., Judge of Probate for Baldwin County, spoke at the Nov. 14 meeting of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

He compared the 2016 and 2020 elections and provided some details about the equipment used in the recent Nov. 3 general election.

Baldwin County	<u>2016</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total Precincts	47	51
Registered Voters	146,821	176,666
Total Ballots Cast	95,627	109,981
Percent Turnout	65.13%	61.85%
Straight Ticket Democrat	19.95%	18.92%
Straight Ticket Republican	80.05%	81.08%

- 523 poll workers in 2020 at a cost of \$93,290
- · 80 DS200 tabulators used
- 50 Express votes handicap access machines
- 155 electronic poll pads used
- 14.3 more people physically voting than before
- 20.3% more registered voters in 2020

Baldwin Co	untv To	otals	Proposed S	tate Amendment #	<u>#4</u>
		, , , ,		Total Votes	Percent
President			Yes	51,328	66.54
	Total Votes	Percent	No	25,816	33.46
Donald Trump (R)	83,055	76.5%			
Joe Biden (D)	24,344	22.4%	Proposed S	tate Amendment ‡	<u> 45</u>
Jo Jorgensen (LB)	1,221	1.1%	Yes	58,522	80.28
			No	14,378	19.72
Senate					
Tommy Tuberville (R)	79,737	73.6%	Proposed S	tate Amendment #	<u>#6</u>
Doug Jones (D)	28,656	26.4%	Yes	58,662	80.61
			No	14,113	19.39
Proposed State An	nendment #	<u>#1</u>			
Yes	73,032	84.49	Proposed Ba	ıldwin Co. Amendn	<u>1ent #1</u>
No	13,407	15.51	Yes	56,805	72.94
			No	21,074	27.06
Proposed State An	nendment #	<u>#2</u>	Proposed Ba	ıldwin Co. Amendn	<u>1ent #2</u>
Yes	39,970	51.88	Yes	38,041	44.31
No	37,074	48.12	No	47,810	55.69
			Proposed Ba	ıldwin Co. Amendn	<u>1ent #3</u>
Proposed State Amendment #3		Yes	58,849	74.69	
Yes	56,532	71.81	No	19,937	25.31
No	22,188	28.19	Proposed Ba	ıldwin Co. Amendn	<u>1ent #4</u>
Additional Baldwin Coun		be found	Yes	60,118	75.74
online at alabamavotes.g	•	J	No	19,257	24.26



Saturday, December 5

Lillian Recreational Park

Come kick off the Christmas season at the Christmas in the Park! Join us for some Christmas fun. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Participate in contests and activities and watch the lighting of the 20' Christmas Wonderland Tree.

Schedule of Activities

4:00 Opening
4:15 Children's costume contest
Adult ugly sweater contest
4:45 Santa arrives
5:30 "Launching of the Lights,"
including the 20' Christmas
Wonderland Tree
Jingle Bell Walk

Trees will be lit nightly through December 31. Free admission.

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Bayside Baptist Hosting Program



Bayside Baptist Church will be hosting a Christmas Choral Presentation at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. The program will include scripture readings, choral selections, congregational music and solos. The church is located at 33677 US Hwy 98 and is led by Pastor Tom Harris. Gene Davis is the music director.

Club Donates to Food Pantry

Perdido Grande Dames - Red Hat Ladies presented funds for the Food Pantry at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church on Nov. 11. Judy Wargo, center, presented a check to Food Pantry volunteers, from left, Don Berglund, Dolores Price, Louise Berglund and Andy Huddleston. All cash donations go to purchase food items.

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Hope you will join us!

Disaster Response Team Assists Local Church



Shepherd's Heart Disaster Ministry response team, in conjunction with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Southern District, led by Pastor Tim Brashier, provided hurricane tree and debris removal from Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church property and members' homes on Nov. 10 and 11. Lutherans from North Carolina, California, Alabama and Florida volunteered to help with recovery efforts. Pastor Tim, Joan Sowers and church members helped by working and feeding the volunteers. More pictures of the clean-up are on the church's Facebook page.

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Keeping the Christmas Spirit

I love Christmas! When the kids were young, I waited until Christmas Eve to put up the tree and place all the presents so they would have a real surprise on Christmas morning. As they got older, I was able to modify the program and take a couple of weeks to do the job.

Later on, we adopted sailors from Great Lakes for Christmas dinner. Our group sent buses to the naval base, picked up the new recruits who couldn't go home for the holiday and made them a part of our family for the day. Many of them invited us to their graduation after boot camp was completed in January or February. Situated on Lake Michigan, it was not a place you would choose to go in the winter, but we went every year to cheer on the "adopted" members of our family.

Many years ago I invited a few friends over to see my Christmas displays, a tree in every room. There was the beach tree, a bat in the bell tree, the Santa tree, the family tree with ornaments for each of the members of the McKinney family, the pan-tree (pantry) with child size fruits and veggies, the toilet tree (toiletry) with toothbrushes and other items complete with toilet paper garland. The main tree was in the living room with ornaments that marked special occasions and those we had purchased in the many different places we visited around the world.

That one visit turned into a yearly event we called the Festival of Lights, filling the house with friends from near and far.

As I got older, I reduced the display to just the main tree in the living room and the family tree. I replaced the trimming event with events in the community, mainly the Optimist Club visits to special needs classes in Foley and Elberta and of course, Breakfast with Santa. Last year the Christmas



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

in the Park event was added to the mix

What a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays, especially if you are far from family. You adopt the community and do whatever you can to help. And then came Covid-19, that blankety blank virus that has disrupted our lives in so many ways.

But never fear, our wonderful volunteers are trying to make this Christmas special, too. Nope, it won't be the same, but there are many who are giving their time and talents to make sure the children and adults have a 2020 Christmas they can remember fondly.

The fun begins on Saturday, Dec. 5, when the Second Annual Christmas in the Park takes place at the Lillian Recreational Park. Santa will be there and so will the wonderful light displays that wowed everyone last year. We'll have some new surprises, so be sure to plan on attending.

The next Saturday Santa will return to the park with gifts for boys and girls, replacing the usual Breakfast with Santa normally held in the Lillian Community Club. Attendees will receive tasty treats and Santa and Mrs. Claus and their elves will distribute age-appropriate gifts. There's more information on both events elsewhere in this issue.

No, the events won't be the same, but just know the community will not be forgotten. We will have a Merry Christmas, despite what the virus tries to do. And don't forget to wear your mask. Santa will be traveling throughout the world and he and Mrs. Claus don't want to bring any unwelcome "guests" to the boys and girls.

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Park Offers Volunteer Opportunities

The Lillian Recreational Park is a place where everyone is welcome. You're free to walk the trails, have a picnic or play with your dog off the leash in the dog run. You're free to play pickle ball or basketball, bring your children or grandchildren to the kiddie playground and free to volunteer for a committee or event.

- The Garden Committee would love your help once or twice a month. They volunteer between October and May. Whether it's weeding, transplanting or just picking up broken branches in the native azalea pine forest, you can choose the team or area you want to work.
- The Christmas in the Park Event Committee has been hard at work diligently lighting the park in anticipation of Santa's arrival. The lights and displays that the committee elves created this year will continue to be enjoyed by families through December.
- The Fundraising Committee is tasked to find ways to raise awareness and dollars to continue to improve the park and its amenities. Several grants built the bandstand and has afforded us the new shade structure and play apparatus in the kiddie playground. Those funds are most certainly welcome, but in truth don't cover the full amount of the cost. So we rely on the "Let's Make It Happen" Committee volunteers who put together the play structure in a day. They supplied the muscle and we supplied the after-dinner Advil. But we would also be remiss if we didn't give a huge shout out to Mike Bennett and Frankie Broz who supplied the machinery, sand, weed barrier and pellets to enhance the needed update to the playground.

Lillian Recreational Park News

By Monica Leonard

- The Market in the Park Committee that normally hosts the monthly markets had an abbreviated year due to Covid-19. With Governor Kay Ivey's mandate, Hurricane Sally and individual concerns regarding gatherings, our July and November markets were socially distanced and were much-needed outdoor activities for the whole family. Volunteers helped vendors and sellers set up their tents, carry purchases for shoppers and help collect electronic recyclables.
- Our Planning Committee has big ideas and big plans. They work with the fundraising committee to prioritize the vision. They have great ideas but have to coordinate those fun concepts with mandatory maintenance projects. It's more fun to design a dog run/park than to schedule a monthly maintenance visit for the mower that also needs tires. Scheduling some Music in the Park is much more desirable than scheduling necessary repairs that are inevitable.

We have loved the various teams using the ball fields this year but want to apologize to our neighbors for the inconvenience of the stadium lights being askew after Hurricane Sally. Many of these issues are discussed at our monthly board meetings. The public is welcome to attend on the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. in the main building conference room.

We are confident the best is yet to come. So won't you come join us?



Lillian Perdido Bay **Library Corner**

By Betty Bovat

Library Announces Holiday Hours

Each year I have to remark on how fast the year has gone by. Well it's time to say it again!

I am really looking forward for this 2020 year to end. As you well know, the hurricanes found us, COVID-19 appeared with mask mandates and social distancing and restaurants, dancehalls and so many businesses closed for most of this year. Those things have caused so much distress, stress and heartaches. I have great hopes when vaccines become available to everyone, we will

be on the track for the way our world used to be. We all should have faith and hope for a better future.

The Lillian library temporary open hours remain at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to

Due to no patrons, we will NOT be open on Thursdays from 4 to 6

We will be closed on Dec. 24, 25 and 26 for a Christmas holiday.

Merry Christmas to all Lillian

Masonic Lodge Treats Mary's Shelter

Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 used the Thanksgiving holiday as a time to show support for the workers of Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast for their tremendous work throughout the year. Lodge members along with members of the local Eastern Star prepared Thanksgiving dinner for the staff and clients of Mary's Shelter.

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Be a part of Christmas in the Park on a more personalized level and, when Christmas is over, leave your mark on the Park!

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Have You Redeemed the Christmas Gift?

One of the most popular Christmas gifts are gift cards. Some 39.2 percent of shoppers will purchase a department store gift card for friends and family, followed by 33.4 percent of shoppers opting for a restaurant gift card. Surprisingly the Journal of State Taxation estimates the typical American home has an average of \$300 in unredeemed gift cards lying around. These cards are often misplaced, accidentally thrown out or only partially redeemed. According to this report, between 2005 and 2011 \$41 billion in gift cards went unused. That is amazing! What good is a gift card that is never used? What good is God's gift of his Son if you have not opened your heart to His love?

God has come down in Jesus Christ. God humbled himself on our behalf. Humanity has been lifted and salvation has come near. Where the horizontal and vertical intersect, there is the cross of Jesus Christ. A famous artist painted a picture of the Nativity. In this painting, across the crib falls the shadow of the cross. Salvation is God's eternal plan for humanity. That is why He has come down. That is why we have been lifted. Heaven and earth have intersected at the cross of Calvary. We are the recipients of the greatest gift of all.

The God of all creation has become the babe of Bethlehem. The babe of Bethlehem became the Lamb of Calvary. Because of the Divine drama of which the stable of Bethle-



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

hem was only a part, our salvation has been made possible. It was in our behalf that God humbled Himself. and the salvation that He offers is free to all who will receive it. There is no material gift that we can offer the Christ child in return for what God has done for us. When we try to offer something material to God, or something derived from our own accomplishment, God must smile with appreciation and understanding, but the gift He offers us is totally, unconditionally free. There are no strings attached. There is only one gift we can offer Him in return. That is to receive the gift that He offers us.

God has humbled Himself and come down in Jesus Christ. Humanity has been lifted up. Salvation has drawn nigh. All we must do is receive it joyfully and make it our own. Do not let the season, your life or your joy be unused like the gift card lost in your drawer.

Live redeemed and this Christmas receive the fullness of what Christ has done. I pray you have redeemed this sacred gift. Will your meek soul receive him still? If so, the dear Christ will enter in.



Community Bulletin Board

Nov. 7 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. in the park conference room

Dec. 5 - Christmas in the Park, Lillian Recreational Park, begins at 4 p.m. Santa arrives at 4:45 p.m. and lights will go on at 5:30 p.m. See story on Page 1 for more details

Dec. 8 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9 to 11 a.m.

Dec. 12 - Santa Run, sponsored by the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, Santa on a fire truck will be riding around town from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 12 - Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, Lillian Recreational Park, 10 a.m.

Dec. 14 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street

Dec. 20 - Christmas Concert, Bayside Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

Dec. 21 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club

Please email meeting and event dates, times and locations to lillianeditor@yahoo.com

SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

- Baldwin County officers responded to a report of domestic assault at 6:58 p.m. Oct. 19 in the 500 block of Elberta Loop in Lillian.
- Officers responded to an assault report at 10:43 p.m. Nov. 3 in the 12700 block of Sixth Street in Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of assault at 6:10 p.m. Nov. 4 in the 34100 block of Highway 98, Lillian.
- Assault was also reported at 7:54 a.m. Nov. 5 in the 33000 block
- of Collier Road, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a theft report at 10:27 a.m. Nov. 6 in the 33800 block of Highway 98, Lillian.
- Officers were called to a report of assault at 9:33 p.m. Nov. 7 in the 12100 block of County Road 99, Lillian.
- Domestic physical abuse was reported at 8:07 a.m. Nov. 9 in the 2200 block of Clubhouse Drive, Lillian.



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This year fire, tornadoes and hurricanes have devastated trees all over our country. If that wasn't bad enough, people panicked and set the chainsaw to many beautiful trees that still stood sturdy in their yards. I get it. Maybe next week or 60 years from now a tree could fall on their house. Many of the trees destroyed by man or nature were over 60 years old. However, do you know the importance of trees?

According to Steve Nix, a forestry expert with a bachelor's degree in Forest Resource Management from the University of Georgia and a former forest resources analyst for the state of Alabama, trees are important to our environment and to humans. The following are the reasons he states:

- Trees produce oxygen. Human life could not exist if there were no trees. A mature, leafy tree produces as much oxygen in a season as 10 people inhale in a year.
- Trees clean the soil and air. Phytoremediation is the scientific word for the absorption of dangerous chemicals and other pollutants that have entered the soil. Trees can either store harmful pollutants or actually change the pollutant into less harmful forms. Trees filter sewage and farm chemicals, reduce the effects of animal wastes, clean roadside spills and clean water runoff into streams. Trees also help cleanse the air by intercepting airborne particles, reducing heat and absorbing such pollutants as carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide. Trees remove this air pollution by lowering air temperature, through respiration, and by retaining particulates. The forest also acts as a giant filter that cleans the air we breathe.
- Trees control noise pollution. Trees muffle urban noise almost as effectively as stone walls. Trees, planted at strategic points in a neighborhood or around your house, can abate major noises from freeways and airports.
- Trees slow storm water runoff. One Colorado blue spruce, either



Bits and Pieces
By Jackie Reid

planted or growing wild, can intercept more than 1,000 gallons of water annually when fully grown. Underground water-holding aquifers are recharged with this slowing down of water runoff. Recharged aquifers counter drought.

- Trees are carbon sinks. A forest is a carbon storage area or a "sink" that can lock up as much carbon as it produces. This locking-up process "stores" carbon as wood so it is not available in the atmosphere as a greenhouse gas.
- Trees provide shade and cooling. Shade resulting in cooling is what a tree is best known for. Shade from trees reduces the need for air conditioning in summer. Studies have shown that parts of cities without cooling shade from trees can become "heat islands" with temperatures as much as 12 degrees higher than surrounding areas.
- Trees act as windbreaks. During windy and cold seasons, trees located on the windward side act as windbreaks. A windbreak can lower home heating bills up to 30 percent and have a significant effect on reducing snow drifts. A reduction in wind can also reduce the drying effect on soil and vegetation behind the windbreak and help keep precious topsoil in place.
- Trees fight soil erosion. Erosion control has always started with tree and grass planting projects. Tree roots bind the soil and their leaves break the force of wind and rain on soil. Trees fight soil erosion, conserve rainwater and reduce water runoff and sediment deposit after storms.

"Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees." - Old Testament Revelation 7:3



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

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

With the pandemic situation still up in the air, we hope we will be able to have our annual ham dinners for the community. These dinners are the Legion's fundraisers and provide money for our continued activities and donations.

The American Legion is currently working to host the ham dinners on Sunday, Jan. 24, Feb. 28 and March 28.

Your contributions help our group to support two students from Elberta High School for Alabama Boys State Program, assist veterans with wheelchair ramps, present the Veteran's Day program and support the medical closet.

Our focus has been and always will be on service to the community and support of our veterans.

Any veteran wishing to join or transfer to our post is welcome to stop by the Legion building on Wednesday mornings or email us at LegionPost48@AOL.com. We will get back to you.

Come and join us any Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. Let us get to know you and have a cup of coffee. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Lillian Community Club hall.



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To create a Microsoft account, you need your e-mail address and a password. If you have a Hotmail or Outlook.com account, that is your Microsoft account. You already have access to One Drive.

To create a Microsoft account go to www.onedrive.live.com. You can use your existing e-mail to create you Microsoft account.

If you log onto your computer in Windows 8 or Windows 10 with an e-mail username and password, you have a Microsoft Account.

Not only is OneDrive an internet storage location for data, it also has a full Microsoft Office suite and calendar.

There is a sharing feature. There is a limit for free storage of five gigabytes but you can purchase additional space if needed.

You might question the need to use this. I mention it because this is an internet (cloud) interface you can access from anywhere as long as you have an internet connection. For example, you can keep a list of your medications there so it can be accessed in an emergency.

Group projects can be done in One Drive. It comes with Microsoft



The Mouse By Joseph Oakley

Office (Word, Power Point Excel, One Note, Sway) and there is a calendar, task/ to-do-list, contacts/address book.

I have set up some businesses with One Drive so employees can communicate better and faster with each other. In most cases productivity improved.

Because One Drive is not limited to a conventional computer, it is not limited to what hand held device you own.

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

Until next month, safe computing.

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department reminds you to be sure your house numbers are visible from the street, especially after dark.

Prime Rib Roast

This is our "always" Christmas dinner along with ham and all of the other fixings. We usually have 12 to 15 people for dinner and the prime rib is always the star.

Prime rib roast, bone in $-4 \frac{1}{2}$ to 12 pounds

Flour

Salt & pepper to taste

Remove roast from refrigerator two to four hours before cooking. Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Put roast in a shallow roasting pan, fat side up. Sprinkle with a little flour and rub lightly into fat. Season with salt and pepper. Put roast in hot oven and bake according to weight, about 5 minutes per pound. For a 4 ½ to 5

Adventures in Eating

By Ken Sanders

pound roast bake 25 to 30 minutes, for an 8 to 9 pound roast cook for 40 to 45 minutes and for an 11 to 12 pound roast, 55 to 60 minutes. When cooking time is finished, turn off oven.

Keep roast in oven until oven is lukewarm, about 2 hours. Do not open the door at any time during this two hours. This method of cooking prime rib will insure a crunchy brown outside and the internal heat will be suitable for serving juicy, medium rare beef for as long as 4 hours. Serves 3 or 4 people per pound.

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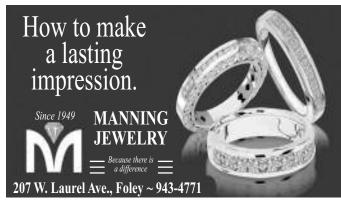








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Tax Laws and Hurricane Relief

As I write this article, Joe Biden has the electoral votes to be the 46th president of the United States. The Senatorial race awaits the Georgia count, and the Democrats have control of the House. So what does all this mean for our 2020 taxes? I do not have a clue, but it's highly probable Congress will institute changes in the tax code. We can only wait to see what will happen.

My first article of the season usually lists the IRS top twelve tax scams. The list has not changed much, so I'm not repeating it. Two scams are worth mentioning, however. There is a new text scam to trick people into disclosing bank account information under the guise of receiving a \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment (EIP). The text asks you to respond with your bank account information for a direct deposit of the EIP. You may also receive telephone calls stating your social security is in jeopardy. Do not respond to either of these scams. Always be leery of unsolicited requests for personal information.

If the CARES Act provisions remain in effect, two are important to remember. I noted these in my May 2020 article, but they are worth repeating. These relate to retirement accounts.

If you have been affected by COVID-19, the CARES Act allowed the withdrawal up to \$100,000 from retirement accounts in 2020 without the 10% penalty for those under the age 59-1/2. This rule applies to individuals or family members (spouse or dependent) who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have had adverse financial consequences as a result of COVID-19. Withdrawals will still be taxable, but the taxes can be spread out over three years. If the money is not paid back within the three years, it becomes a loan and may be subject to other requirements. The IRS will require some proof that you have been affected by COVID

The CARES Act also temporarily increased the allowed loan limit from qualified retirement plans to \$100,000 and delayed repayment dates for some outstanding loans by one year. Remember to check out all the details with your company to ensure this is the best option for you.

Now to Hurricane Sally and disaster relief. It is good to have before and after pictures if you thought to do so. When tax law changed in 2018, disaster relief in the form of casualty losses was restricted for individuals in "federally-declared disaster areas." Hurricane Sally hit our area and Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia counties were declared federal disaster areas, eligible for both individual and public assistance from FEMA and the IRS. The type of

FEMA designation by county determines the type of relief available (public or individual or both).

For individuals, either administrative or tax relief or both are available to disaster victims. Ten other counties bordering our three were also declared disaster areas, but only for public assistance. Public assistance involves grants for debris clean-up, road and utility repairs and similar assistance. Individual assistance involves grants for temporary housing, house repairs or replacement. There is a grant application on the FEMA website for those who

may qualify.

There are four general areas of disaster relief to claim losses on either 2020 or 2019 tax returns:



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By Carol
Kovacs
CPA, EA

- Administrative relief applies to the grant of additional time to file and pay tax due or estimated taxes, waives or abates interest and penalties for late filing or payment, waives fees to obtain prior year tax returns and provides additional time to contribute to a retirement plan. The IRS has also extended the time to file 2019 tax returns for those on extension from Oct. 15 to Jan. 15.
- Tax relief means claiming casualty losses on tax returns.
- Safe harbor provisions provide guidance on how to assess the amount of damage to your property and restore it. Safe harbor methods that may be used for determining the change in fair market value (FMV) of personal-use residential property include:
- Estimated repair cost the lesser of two repair estimates prepared by independent, licensed contractors, subject to a limitation of \$20,00 or less.
- De minimis method a good faith estimate of the cost of repairs \$5,000 or less.
- Insurance estimated loss the estimated loss proposal by your insurance company.
- Contractor safe harbor a binding contract with an independent and licensed contractor, setting forth an itemized cost of restoration.
- Disaster loan appraisal prepared to obtain a loan of federal funds.

How can you deduct a casualty loss on your tax return?

The IRS definition is: "A casualty is the damage, destruction or loss of property resulting from an identifiable event that is sudden, unexpected, or unusual." To determine the amount of loss, you subtract the FMV of the property after the loss from the FMV before the loss, or use the adjusted basis (cost + improvements), whichever is lower, less any expected insurance proceeds. You can determine FMV through hiring a competent appraiser or by using the reasonable cost of repairs to restore the property to its condition before the casualty, but you can never use more than the adjusted basis of the property before the loss.

If you claim a loss on personal belongings, the purchase cost must be reduced by 10% for every year of use prior to the loss, or you can claim a de minimis of \$5,000 or less. You must have records and a methodology for determining value.

After all of this, there are two major limitations to deducting the casualty loss. First, you must itemize deductions on your tax return and second, your loss must exceed 10% of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) + \$100. If your property was totally destroyed, these limitations may not be a problem for you.

Losses can be claimed using Form 4684 for personal-use property. IRS Publication 547 details requirements and how to adjust your property basis to account for changes.

If you are eligible for a casualty loss on your tax return, decide to claim it either in 2020 or 2019, whichever year provides the greatest tax benefit. If you decide 2019 is the better year, you will have to file an amended return.

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

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Orally Speaking

By Richard Leverett, DMD

Can Dentures Cause Oral Cancer?

Dentures that don't fit properly can trap alcohol, tobacco and viruses between the dentures and gums. This will create a platform of long-term irritation, inflammation and possibly infection. Inflammation is the body's response to an irritation and a poorly fitting denture can cause this.

Do dentures alone cause oral cancer? According to the Centers for Disease Control, probably not. Even though ill-fitting dentures have been mentioned as a cause of oral cancer in the past, recent studies have not established a link to an increase in oral cancer and individuals who have dentures that don't fit well.

William Lydiatt, M.D., director of head and neck cancer surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, reported, "Poor oral hygiene over 30-40 years can be a cause of oral cancer. This is due to chronic inflammation. Dentures that do not fit well can contribute to this inflammation, but the dentures themselves do not cause oral cancer."

If you wear dentures, they will not cause oral cancer.

To decrease the development of oral cancer, there are several things you can do:

- Do not use tobacco in any form
- Refrain from heavy alcohol consumption
- Clean your dentures daily as well as gently brushing your gums
- On a regular basis, have your dentist check the fit and examine your gums.

If you follow this plan, you will not need to be concerned with your dentures contributing to the development of oral cancer.

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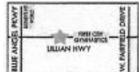
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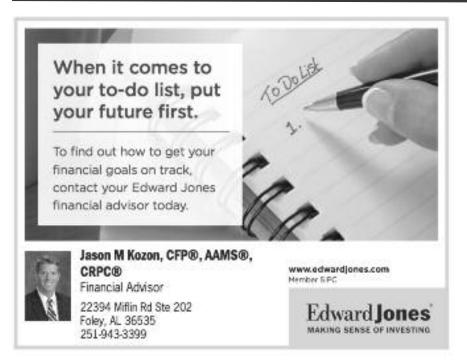
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2020 Teaches Investment Lessons

As the year draws to a close, it's fair to say we've all learned something about the social, political, physical and environmental forces that have affected everyone. And, in some ways, our lives will be changed, perhaps permanently. But as an investor, what lessons can you learn from 2020?

Here are some to consider:

The markets look ahead. Here's something many investors discovered in 2020: Investment prices don't always move in the same direction as the overall economy. This might not have seemed apparent right after the COVID-19 pandemic struck in mid-February, as the overall economy and the stock market took big hits. But just about five weeks later, the markets began a rally that lasted several months. During this time, the economy also recovered somewhat, but still remains on weak footing.

What can explain this discrepancy between the markets and ecoactivity? Essentially, economic numbers, such as the unemployment rate and gross domestic product (GDP), reflect what's happening today, but the markets are always looking toward tomorrow, which means they are anticipating a stronger economic recovery and the results that come with it, such as greater corporate earnings in 2021. No one can say for sure what the future holds, but you can usually know the market's opinion by its perform-

Opportunities will always exist for investors. Although the coronavirus seems unprecedented, the equity markets have rebounded from many crises before it. From war to global financial meltdowns, the market has seen it all. But even at the height of these events, when the markets might be most affected, individual segments or industries can do well.

For example, in the current envi-



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ronment, when many people have been forced to work and shop from home, and get their entertainment online, it's probably not surprising that some parts of the technology sector have seen their economic activity grow, along with their stock prices. Here's the key point: Investment opportunities always exist, especially in times of market stress - and smart investors will find them and incorporate them into their portfolios in a way that's appropriate for their goals and risk tolerance.

Patience and discipline can pay dividends. As mentioned above, the stock market dropped sharply in the weeks immediately following the pandemic, but then gained steadily for months afterward. Investors who tried to "cut losses" and exited the market likely did so at the wrong time and missed out on the beginning of the upturn.

Unfortunately, this is not uncommon - investors who overreact to market declines often find themselves on the investment sidelines just when a new rally begins. Rather than being reactive in this way, you may be better off sticking with a long-term investment strategy, and buying and selling investments only when it makes sense for your situation, such as when you need to diversify your portfolio.

For many reasons, it's unlikely that we'll see anything exactly like 2020 again. But some of the investment lessons we learned are applicable in every year - so keep them in mind for 2021 and beyond.

St. Benedict Holds Virtual Fundraisers

Saint Benedict Catholic School recently concluded its first ever virtual fundraising event. Draw Down 2020 sold tickets online and at the six supporting parish offices and held a live event online with a goal of raising \$30,000.

The event normally includes dinner, dancing, live auction, silent auction and a raffle. This year a computer program selected the numbers and leaders of the Parent Teacher Organization supplied the manpower.

Tickets were \$75 each and insurance was offered for another \$25 donation. With insurance, a ticket drawn in the first 100 was re-entered into the drawing.

The highlight of the evening was having the final two ticket holders agreeing to split the \$5,000 grand prize so each left with \$2,500. Fr. Paul Zoghby, from Saint Margaret of Scotland, was one of the two grand

prize winners. He also won \$100 as the 100th number drawn.

When called with the news of his winning \$2,600, Zoghby quickly said, "I would like to donate my winnings to the school." PTO leaders and SBCS staff were ecstatic.

This year's event was split into two programs. Draw Down 2020 was held Nov. 13, raising \$25,225.80. The silent auction concludes on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

Approximately 45 items are up for bid. The top bidders will be declared the winner. Bidders are required to register to receive an entry ticket.

Saint Benedict also conducted a "Spirit Night" at Wolf Bay Restaurant on Nov. 17. The restaurant donated 10% on meals purchased and 100% of proceeds from a garage sale and bake sale. The school received more than \$12,000 through three Spirit Nights.

Tips for Winter Weather Pet Safety

It's getting later in the year, and we all know what that means. The holidays are coming up, and the weather is getting colder. While we will waste no time in bundling up with a blanket or a coat, we must remember our pets are also affected by the weather. If it is 32 degrees or colder outside, then no pet should be left outdoors or they could get too cold and become sick.

Some symptoms that may indicate your pet is too cold are trembling, sleepiness, slowed breathing, mobility issues, dry skin, numbness and illness. If you must take your pet for a walk, try to go for shorter walks and have them wear a sweater to fend off the cold. You should also wipe off their paw pads when they come inside to help them get warmed up even quicker.

Some feral cats or other wild animals may decide to hide in your wheel wells or under your car to keep warm, so make sure you make plenty of noise to scare them off before you drive away.

Speaking of vehicles, antifreeze is a popular product used to prevent freezing of pipes and your vehicles. Antifreeze has a very sweet flavor which animals love to lick up. Antifreeze poisoning can affect the



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Signs that your pet may have antifreeze poisoning are vomiting, excess thirst, incoordination, increased urination, seizures and panting or heaving breathing.

You can prevent antifreeze poisoning by checking your vehicle regularly for signs of leakage, keeping your antifreeze put away where animals can't access it and disposing of it properly. Propylene glycol, an antifreeze alternative, carries a much smaller risk of poison and is generally recognized by the FDA as being safe to use in food.

If you believe your pet may have antifreeze poisoning then you should call the pet poison control hotline on 1-888-426-4435. If you think your pet may have gotten too cold and you are worried, we can always have one of our doctors give them a thorough exam. Please call us at (251) 962-2304 to schedule an appointment today.



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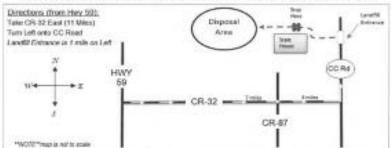
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LVFD Answers **Record Number** of Calls in 2020

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 104 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in October including 63 medical assistance, 9 public assists, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 3 brush fires, 4 structure fires, 9 fire alarms/investigations, 1 human rescue, 4 burn complaints and 3 miscellaneous.

What a year it has been. Between Hurricane Sally and COVID, we have experienced twists, turns, ups and downs that would beat any roller coaster ride at OWA. But even with everything going on this year, there are still some things that never change - the wonderful, supportive and caring people of the Lillian community.



Lillian Volunteer **Fire Department**

By Goretti Lysek

neighbor helping neighbor, especially after Hurricane Sally, LVFD would not have been able to attend to the growing number of calls. So we would like to take this opportunity to give a shout-out to the community of Lillian for all their help and support.

LVFD will definitely hit an alltime record this year with calls exceeding well over 1,000.

Training is still a vital necessity at the department. We are happy to announce the first module of the Fire Fighter 1 class has been completed and the second module will begin mid-January. We are also providing refresher training on medical emer-

The burn ban ended Nov. 1, how-If it wasn't for the actions of ever, we would like to remind every-

one to be very cautious when burning. We have had several calls on fires getting out of control. So please stay close to the fire and have a hose close by. This includes burning in a burn bucket. With any amount of wind, it is very easy for sparks to set off a brush fire. In addition, if you have a large amount to burn, please do so in manageable piles, and add more as the pile goes down.

The LVFD 'Santa Run' will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Santa and his elves will be driving around on our fire trucks handing out goodies to the Lillian community.

LVFD wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and happy New

The 2020-21 fundraising letters were mailed at the end of September 2020. The addresses were provided by the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's Office.

If you had a problem receiving your letter, call the fire station at 962-2696 and leave a message. Your donation is tax-deductible. We are requesting a donation of \$75 per household or property unit and \$150 per business.

CHIT CHAT

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

Happy birthday wishes in December go out to Shannon Price, Juanita Hubacker, Stan Everett, Lois Price, Vernon Lowe, Dan Randall, Laurel Hixson, David Ives, Sue Eldred, Gary Birchard, Ernest Hasselback, Charles Farrow, Dennis Roach, John Morton, David Brown, Lois Russell, Dorothy Jones, Marcy Carmichael, Joanne Kish, Eleanor Stewart, Ken Miller, Carole Hayden, Don Joffrion, Stephen Stork, Bill Krueger, Cheryl Hoffman, Bob Johnson, Lois Lindt, Jackie Reid, Priscilla Westgate, Bob Walter, Bob Donnenwirth, Gene O'Connor and Richard Libby.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in December are Al and Stella Hart - 45 years, Richard and Carolyn Libby - 2 years and Bruce and Nelda Clements.

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

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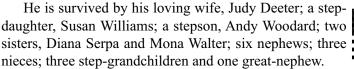
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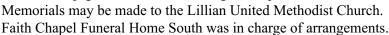
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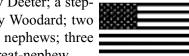
Victor "Vic" Raymond Deeter, 88, of Lillian, passed away Oct. 31, 2020.

Born in 1932, Vic retired from the United States Navy as a commander. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing and was a skilled carpenter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Elizabeth Deeter; a brother, Bernard Deeter; and a sister, Camille Wilson.







Robert Alexander Kaechele

Robert Alexander "Lex" Kaechele passed away Nov. 9, 2020 after a brief illness.

Lex was born June 20, 1943, the fifth of ten children born to Johnny and Thelma Pilgrim Kaechele of Miflin.

He was a much loved and amazing husband, brother, brother-in-law, paw paw, uncle and true friend to many. He generously shared his knowledge of mechanics (especially tractors), farming and building. His grin was genuine and will be long remembered.



Deeter

Kaechele

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; stepson, James (Lee Ann) Casaday; their son, Tyler Casaday; and the entire Kaechele family.

A graveside service was held in Lay Cemetery in Miflin on Nov. 13. Memorial gifts can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or a charity of your choice. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Elberta, was in charge of arrangements.

Katherine Regan-Manlove

Katherine S. Regan-Manlove, 59, of Lillian, passed away Oct. 24, 2020. Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley..



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Grande Dames Christmas Donations



Perdido Grande Dames Red Hat Ladies held their fall gathering at Perdido Breakfast Club and decided to give their annual Christmas gifts to the Food Pantry at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, the Lillian Library and Mary's Shelter. Their Christmas party will be held at noon Dec. 8 in the fellowship room at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran. Those interested in joining the group can contact Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206. Members pictured from left are Karen Brady, Sandra Jurries, Judy Wargo and Waynette Brown.

Classified Ads

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

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Obituaries may be submitted to The Lillian by emailing lillianeditor@yahoo.com or by dropping it off at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The information will be printed in the next issue of the newspaper.

Impact 100 Awards Five \$90,000 Grants to Baldwin County Organizations

At its recent Annual Grant Awards, Impact 100

Baldwin County awarded \$450,000 to area nonprofit agencies. Each of the five received \$90,000 grants across Impact's five focus areas: Arts & Culture; Education: Environment Profile Profile



ucation; Environment, Preservation and Recreation; Family; and Health and Wellness.

With the need greater than ever this year, the five nonprofit organizations were selected from a highly competitive field of applicants. Given the pandemic, Impact 100 Baldwin County pivoted quickly. Social distancing and other safety measures did not interfere with the rigorous review process which included virtual site visits, detailed financial analysis and in-depth discussions within the respective focus areas. The ten finalists made 5-minute presentations about their projects which were videotaped and uploaded for members to view before voting. Ballots were submitted, counted and the recipients announced in a virtual awards celebration that livestreamed on Facebook.

The 2020 grant recipients are:

Arts, Culture and Recreation Eastern Shore Art Center

A center for the visual arts, ESAC presents over 25 exhibits per year and educates people in the visual arts. Impact's funding would allow them to revamp the entry way to the ESAC Academy thereby reducing potential accidents. They would also revamp Studio 2 creating a better experience for students and introducing arts instruction though a virtual learning platform.

Education

Exploreum Science Center

The Exploreum is an interactive science center in Mobile with hands-on educational experiences that reflect the most current research in STEM ed-

ucation. The grant would fund outreach programs providing on-site or virtual science education to schools and other locations in Baldwin County in order to inspire students' interest in science studies and STEM-related careers.

Environment and Preservation Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo Foundation

The zoo creates experiences that connect people and communities to wildlife in order to inspire personal responsibility for the natural world. Grant funds would be used to purchase audio/communication equipment for the zoo's three new presentation areas: Main Event, Amphitheater and Swamp Stages. This will enhance their educational endeavors

Family

Family Promise of Baldwin County

Family Promise focuses on initiatives that strengthen and enhance the lives of homeless children and families. Impact's funding will provide housing assistance for the first month's rent to move homeless families out of shelters quickly. In addition, funds will cover a new roof and repaving the driveway at their Summerdale Day Center.

Health and Wellness Hope Center

Hope Center, a ministry of 3Circle Church, offers low cost marriage, family and individual counseling by licensed professionals to residents who have no health insurance or are under-insured. The grant allows them to convert existing medical space which will expand capacity from one room

to 2,000 square feet comprising multiple rooms

with five dedicated to patient counseling.

This is the 13th year Impact 100 Baldwin County has awarded grants to nonprofits with programs in our county. Since its inception in 2008, Impact 100 Baldwin County has awarded 43 grants totaling \$4 million. Impact 100 is an all-volunteer philanthropic organization comprised of women coming together to make high-impact grants to im-

prove the lives of people in Baldwin County.

Craft Fair Includes Holiday Film at Dusk

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Pensacola Greyhound Park.

The craft fair will be followed by a special holiday edition of Flicks on the Field free drive-in movie.

The festivities begin at noon with unique handmade or locally-sourced crafts and holiday goods in a festive outdoor setting. Interested vendors should contact the chamber to register. "To celebrate and promote Shop Local Saturday, there will be no charge for vendors to participate," said Dana Pagador, CEO of the Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce. "We understand the financial challenges small businesses have faced in the last several months. We want to give these businesses an opportunity to participate in hopes they will attract some new con-

sumers and make up some lost revenue."

The featured film will be "Elf" and will begin at dusk. Guests will be able to watch from the comfort and safety of their vehicles by tuning via FM radio. Concessions will be available on site.

For more information or to register as a vendor, please contact the chamber at 850-492-4660 or send an email to Lori@PerdidoChamber.com.

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