



# The Lillian

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## Changes Ahead For The Lillian Newspaper

As we've learned over this past year, life seems to be all about adapting and overcoming. And it seems those lessons will continue for *The Lillian*.

After our March issue was printed, we learned the print facility we have been using for years in



Opelika/Auburn will be closing. This issue currently in your hands will be the last one printed there and now our staff faces the challenges of moving forward.

First and foremost, this does NOT signal the end of your free, monthly community newspaper. Not at all. This newspaper is overseen by the Lillian Action Committee and when the group met after hearing about the printer's decision, all were in agreement that we will adapt and overcome. We are still gathering information, getting quotes and determining costs as we move forward. But rest assured, we are making decisions based on continuing to publish this newspaper.

Secondly, there will be some changes to the look of the newspaper. It may be a different size and shape, but we will still be relying on local columnists, organizations and businesses to help provide content and advertising. We are a newspaper for our community from our community. You'll find the same types of news and information in the pages, it may just look and feel a little different in the coming months.

Third, we still appreciate those who advertise with us. We couldn't do this without you, and we know that every one of those businesses who advertise in our pages understand the value and importance of keeping it local. Some of the ads may also look different because as we change the size of the pages, this means the size of the ads change as well. We don't plan to increase our advertising rates at this time, but every new print company we have contacted has warned of rising newsprint costs as well as transportation costs in getting it here. We're in this together, and we will do everything we can to keep our rates the same for as long as we are able.

And don't forget that this newspaper has been online since 2018. We are fortunate to have the Lillian Community Club help us by hosting our pages. Go to [lilliancommunityclub.com](http://lilliancommunityclub.com) and then click on The Lillian link. We will continue to put our pages online, but again, it will look different. You can find an entire year's worth of editions on the site.

You will still be able to pick up your copy at the same locations in Foley, Elberta, Lillian and Pensacola. Our racks will remain in the same locations but if you own a business and would like to have papers on hand for readers to pick up, let us know.

Adapt and overcome, growing pains, new normals - whatever you want to call this, please be patient as we begin a new format and routine.

The important thing to know is *The Lillian* has been a big part of our community for over 25 years and we're not going to let this hurdle get in the way.



*Perdido Bay Medical Group has opened in Lillian, offering family medical care through in-office appointments, housecalls and telehealth visits. Led by Dr. Daniel Spriggs, center, his staff also includes medical assistants Donyelle Smith, left, and Jade Ingrao.*

## Perdido Bay Medical Group Opens Practice

By Janel Smith

With the recent opening of Perdido Bay Medical Group, Lillian residents welcome another medical professional to our community.

Dr. Daniel Spriggs is now seeing patients in his office at 34463 US Highway 98, Suite G. The group currently includes Dr. Spriggs, two medical assistants and an office manager. Additional health care providers will be brought in as needed in the future. Care can be provided in the office, at home or via telehealth. For patients coming to the office, personal waiting areas are provided for everyone's safety.

"I began making housecalls in the Lillian area five to six years ago," said Spriggs. "I immediately noticed it was a fascinating place with an abundance of diversity and a wonderful mix of people. The bay is beautiful and the people are warm and welcoming. The opportunity came up to have an office in a great location and I chose to relocate to south Baldwin County."

"The residents of the area deserve good primary care without having to leave the area," he continued. "It is an opportunity to provide care in all settings at the same time. The Perdido Bay Medical Group is the culmination of years of experiences."

Spriggs went to elementary school in Ohio, high school and college in Michigan and medical school in Washington, D.C.

Trained as a family doctor, in his early days, he delivered a lot of babies, took care of babies and children and later specialized in adolescent medicine, starting a school clinic in a middle school.

He was also sports medicine doctor for many years, taking care of athletes of all ages, with some professional sporting events included. He was an educator with the University of South Alabama College of Medicine, teaching medical

students and residents, directing the Family Practice Residency there for several years.

He later specialized in typical adult medicine while in practice for a hospital in Mobile. While there, he focused in caring for special needs individuals, mainly those with intellectual impairments but also those with physical needs, mental illness and developmental issues.

And for the past 11 years, he has worked exclusively as a house call physician, specializing in caring for adults with multiple complex health problems. Many were elderly and received palliative care or hospice for terminal illness.

Combining all these areas of expertise into family medicine has been his goal. "I am unaffiliated with any practices or hospitals. I stopped taking care of hospital

patients about 15 years ago when hospitalists were invented. I realized I could not be in two places at the same time," he said.

He states the biggest challenge his practice faces is providing the best care possible while being 30 minutes or more from specialists and a hospital. But he is confident of his abilities to mitigate that issue.

According to Spriggs, three things allow him to provide care in a way that meets the needs of the community. First is his 35 years of experience in finding solutions.

Second is having an 'old school family doctor' mentality. The patient-doctor relationship is

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Board meeting of the Lillian Action Committee will be held at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library at 2 p.m. on April 26, 2021. The public is invited.



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## Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 at Lillian Park

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host the annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 3, at Lillian Recreational Park. Boys and girls ages one through 12 will meet at 10 a.m. in front of the pavilion to get instructions.

After the hunt, the Easter Bunny will be available for photos with individuals and families. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided for the families.



Children must be accompanied by an adult and everyone is asked to wear a mask when not able to social distance from others.

Area churches are donating the stuffed eggs. For information, contact Jean Reed at (931) 808-1043.

*Sam and CJ Cross enjoyed posing with the Easter Bunny in 2019. Mr. Bunny was disappointed he couldn't visit Lillian in 2020, but is anxious to see all his friends the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay invites to the spring party at the Lillian Recreation Park.*

## Arts and Crafts Festival to Benefit LVFD

Local artists will be sponsoring an arts and crafts festival in Lillian from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Lillian Community Club.

As a fundraiser for the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, the event will showcase about 30 vendors, several food trucks and musical en-

tertainment. A fire truck will be on display for children to enjoy as well as a smoke room for demonstration. Two Old Guys will provide music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the festival will also feature a silent auction, raffles and a 50/50 drawing. For more information, email [firefundraise1@yahoo.com](mailto:firefundraise1@yahoo.com).

## Lutheran Church Announces Easter Services

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church will be observing Maundy Thursday on April 1 with a 9 a.m. Bible study, followed with a service at 10:15 a.m. with Holy Communion. Lunch will be served afterwards.

Good Friday service will be held at 10:15 a.m. April 2.

Easter Sunday service with Holy Communion is set for 9 a.m. April 3 with a potluck to follow.

## Fishing Rodeo for Kids Planned on April 24

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will be hosting their 20th annual Kids Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, April 24.

Girls and boys from ages 2 to 15 are welcome to participate from 9a.m. to noon at Schaff Pond, located at 32695 Bartel St., Elberta.



Awards will be given in several categories. Those attending should bring their own chairs, poles and bait. Some poles and bait will be

available.

Bass and crappie may be kept but catfish will be catch and release. The required permission forms will be on hand at the pond.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available. All children and teens must be accompanied by an adult and everyone will be asked to wear a mask when they are not able to be socially distant from others.

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## Lillian Action Committee, Newspaper Again Offering \$500 Scholarship

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

The group renewed the program last year after taking several years off. The award will be given to a student who will be continuing their education this fall at a trade school, two-

year or four-year college or university.

Eligible students must have a Lillian/36549 address on file at their high school and must be a 2021 high school graduate from an area school or home school.

All applications must be mailed to *The Lillian*, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, and must be submitted by May 15,

2021. Entries received after that date will not be considered.

Committee members will verify the residency and graduation date of each candidate and all eligible applicants will then be entered in a drawing.

The name of one student will be drawn during July 4 events at the Lillian Community Club. Should July 4 events be cancelled, the committee will draw the winner's name at their quarterly meeting in July.

The \$500 grant will then be paid

directly to the school after the student has enrolled for the fall term.

The application form appears below and will also be available for download on the newspaper's web site. To access the paper online, go to [www.lilliancommunityclub.com](http://www.lilliancommunityclub.com) then click on 'The Lillian' link at the top of the page.

Jameson Miller was the 2020 scholarship winner and he attended George Stone Technical College in Pensacola for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning program.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Food Pantry Thanks Donors, Community

I personally want to thank all the churches, organizations and people who donated non-perishable food items to Shepherd of the Bay's food pantry. The non-USDA room at the food pantry is filled. This food will help feed so many men, women and children. So far this year, we average 35 to 40 family units, or 80 to 100 people.

Please help spread the word that SOTB's food pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. No one goes away

without food. We are an equal opportunity provider. Thank you personally for what you the community do for our food pantry.

*Charlotte Bailey*



### LETTERS POLICY

*The Lillian* adheres to the following Letter to the Editor guidelines:

- All letters must be signed and have contact information should we have questions.
- No letters will be accepted regarding homeowner associations.
- Your submission must be legible and limited to 300 words or less.

#### Perdido Bay Residents

It is time to get mad!  
International Paper is using your bay as their treatment pond and saving millions. Look how turbid Perdido Bay has become. This is the 8,000 to 16,000 pounds per day of solids from the papermaking process which IP is not collecting. These solids are toxic and contain heavy metals and dioxin. The Florida environmental agencies allow the destruction of our bay to continue. In 1970, the paper mill was ordered to go to a "closed system". It didn't happen. The paper mill has never complied with state laws. For the past 30 years, the paper mill has been operating on a promise to clean up. IP's effluent has been continuously toxic since 2012. Currently, IP's permit has expired. Life in the bay has all but disappeared. Let your politicians know that this is unacceptable. Perdido Bay is not a dump. We must save our bay for future generations.

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- Properly completed application MUST be returned and postmarked to *The Lillian* by May 15, 2021. Applications received after this date will not be considered.
- Application MUST be submitted by mail to *The Lillian* newspaper, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, AL 36549.
- Submit a photo headshot by email to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com). The student's photo will appear in the newspaper as the winner is announced.
- Questions may be directed by email to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com).
- All eligible applications will be placed in a drawing to win the \$500 tuition grant provided by Lillian Action Committee and *The Lillian*.



# The Lillian

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### ADVERTISING INFORMATION

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

Available sizes for advertisements are:

- ~ Full page: 9.5" wide x 15" tall
- ~ Half page: 9.5" wide x 7.75" tall
- ~ 1/4 page: 4.75" wide x 7.75" tall
- ~ 1/8 page: 4.75" wide x 3.75" tall
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The Lillian is not responsible for the factual content of ads or articles submitted to us.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome but must be signed and include contact information should staff have any questions. No letters will be accepted regarding property owner associations' problems.

### POLICY

Thank you for your articles and news items, but due to space limitations, some submissions may not be included in this issue. They will be included in a future issue when possible.

The editorial board has the right to deny any articles or ads not suitable for this publication.

### ARTICLE OR OBITUARY INFORMATION

We gladly accept news and information from the community. Please submit by:

- ~ Mail to P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, Alabama 36549
- ~ Fax: 251-961-3529
- ~ Email to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com)
- ~ Drop off at Lillian Perdido Bay Library (in yellow folder)

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### DEADLINES AND CONTACTS

The deadline for the May issue of *The Lillian* is April 21.

Send an email to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com) for information on articles.

Call Julie McManus at 703-217-2874 or email [chewlatta@yahoo.com](mailto:chewlatta@yahoo.com) for advertising information.

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## Supporting Local Catholic Education

Yes, S'ter. No, S'ter. Walking to the "cloak room" reciting the "times tables." Wondering if nuns wear roller skates because they just seemed to glide across the floor. Being threatened that bad behavior will go on your "permanent record." Picking up stray pieces of paper or rubbish even though you didn't drop it. Walking in lines in silence to recess.

These are just some of my memories after 13 plus years in Catholic schools.

Those of you who attended Catholic school probably relate. Others have probably heard the stories.

Catholic schools have changed in some ways, but they still provide outstanding education for boys and girls whose parents want them to get that little bit extra, inspiring young lives to pray, serve and lead.

We are very fortunate to have St. Benedict Catholic School in Elberta. They have been providing a caring and engaging Catholic-Christian education in the Benedictine tradition for 100 years.

You may be familiar with some of the alums, former Probate Judge Tim Russell, Foley Mayor Ralph Hellmich, Alfred M. Neumann, Jr., MD, and Father Paul Zoghby, pastor at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Foley.

Although the Benedictine Order of nuns who began the school is no longer serving in the community, the school has a staff of dedicated men and women who seek to provide high quality education with a Christian base to all students of any religion. Just recently the school was named Best Private School in Baldwin County and Best Pre-School in Baldwin County.

The standards are high and the staff and students strive each day to meet them.

The school has small class sizes serving students of all faiths in PreK3 to Grade 8.

The student-teacher ratio is 12:1 while Alabama public schools is 18:1. St. Benedict is blessed with counselors and school resource teachers for reading and math.

The vast curriculum includes all the favorites, reading, writing and arithmetic, as well as the newbie STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.) The Robotics group has even won state awards in the past.

Approximately 30% of the students are non-Catholic. The tuition is

## Lillian Women's Club Disbands

The Lillian Women's Club was organized in 1961 with Lillian Williams as the group's first president. The club would have celebrated 60 years, but has not met in over a year due to Covid-19. Club officers and members have voted to disband.

LWC would like to thank the Lillian Perdido Bay Library, Lillian Fire Department, Baldwin County Mu-



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

affordable and financial aid is available. Plus the students learn in a loving and nurturing environment.

As the pandemic has affected many sections of our community, St. Benedict has not been exempt. Fundraising efforts have been curtailed in a variety of ways, so I am asking you now to help keep this top-notch Christian school continue into the future, providing quality education to boys and girls of all faiths.

Want to learn more about St. Benedict? Go online to [www.saint-benedict.net](http://www.saint-benedict.net). Call the school at 251-986-8143 to arrange for the staff to give you the "Grand Tour."

You have an opportunity to help out at the 48th Annual German Festival on April 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Due to Covid, a modified event is scheduled, but you can still participate in the raffle, German food, bake sale and more.

An on-line raffle is available at [www.saintbenedict.net](http://www.saintbenedict.net), just click on the German Festival information. Tickets are \$100 each with prizes of \$7,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000.

Yep, I know \$100 is a lot of money, but I'll bet you can find three friends who will contribute \$25 each. If your ticket is pulled, each could pocket \$1,750, \$500 or \$250. Not a bad return on a \$25 investment in children.

Plan a special meal for that day and stop by the St. Bartholomew Parish Hall to pick up your yummy lunch from 10 a.m. to 2:30. In-person and curbside pickup will be available and of course, with Covid safety protocols. Choose German sausage with or without sauerkraut for \$6. Add potato salad for \$3 and a canned drink for \$1. Homemade German desserts will be available until sold out. Face masks and social distancing required.

If you don't want to participate in either the raffle or the food, any size donation will be greatly appreciated. Private schools are an important part of our communities.

We are fortunate to have one as a neighbor.

Let's all help St. Benedict to continue on its path of sending our young 'uns on to pray, serve and lead us into a better tomorrow.

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## Grand Dame Red Hats Celebrate St. Patrick's Day



The Perdido Grand Dame Red Hats held their St. Patrick's Day party at the Spanish Cove RV Clubhouse on March 9. Hostesses Vickey Massey and Lorri Roit shared a Red Hatter survival kit and Red Hat word search. The organization voted to give \$50 to the Baldwin County Youth Orchestra fundraiser concert on March 28. The group's next gathering will be Tuesday, April 13. If you are interested in joining, call Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206. In attendance were, front, from left, Mary Margaret Ayres, Barbara Dixon, Melissa Scott, Ruby Wellman and Lorri Roit. In back, Waynette Brown, Sandra Jurries, Diane Gilbert, Priscilla Westgate, Dotti Mau, Este Donnenwirth, Inga Petit, Judy Wargo and Vickey Massey. Not pictured was Lorraine Standish.

## Our Eternal Home in Heaven

I have the honor of celebrating the lives of those who pass from there temporal lives to their eternal life in heaven. It is a sacred but heavy responsibility walking beside a family as they "travel through the valley of the shadow of death."

Every funeral makes us contemplate the reality of Christ's revelation about eternal life that follows our earthly experience. As Jesus completed His earthly ministry, He prepared the disciples for His departure. He told them with clarity, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will live after death."

Jesus demonstrated the validity of His astonishing statement by calling forth Lazarus from the dead. Shortly after transferring Lazarus from the dead to the living, humanity's Savior paints a beautiful picture of heaven by describing our future home as "mansions" where Christ-followers dwell with our fabulous Father forever. In John 14:2-3, Jesus promised, "In my Father's house there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am you may be also."

I believe in heaven for three reasons. First, our feelings tell us there is more life beyond this life. This world is only a tiny appetizer and the big main course is coming. Solomon explained, "God has set eternity in our hearts." (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

Second, fairness tells us there is a heaven. It is hard to imagine that Adolf Hitler, a hate-filled killer, and Corrie ten Boom, a love-filled rescuer, share the same eternal destiny. Jesus declares, "The King will say to those on his right hand: Come and inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Then He will say to those on his left hand: Depart from Me into



### The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matthew 25:34, 41)

Lastly, faith compels us to agree with David, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever." (Psalm 23:6) Ultimately, Jesus said it, I believe it and that settles it. Friend, Heaven is real. But what does it look like? God's word reveals a splendid description of heaven in Revelation 21. "I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband." Heaven is indescribably beautiful like a breath-taking bride. Nothing we could ever imagine will come close to the splendor of heaven.

Be sure to make your reservation for heaven by following Jesus' instructions in John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus' startling statement of being humanity's singular Savior is not an invitation to a debate but a declaration of ultimate reality.

You will live forever. Eternity is too long to be wrong. Get it right by choosing to follow Jesus. Make Jesus your personal way, truth and life. That happens when you humbly turn from your sin and choose to make Jesus your personal Savior to follow every day and in every way. Then let the reality and splendor of heaven motivate you to share the amazing good news that Jesus is the Resurrected Savior who invites everyone to follow Him now and forever.

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## Blessed to Blessings Box Now Available in Lillian

People in need near Lillian can now take advantage of free food in the Blessed to Blessings box located at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The box is located at the west entrance to the church parking lot.

Started by Lori Keelin, the first box was located in Robertsdale. The idea has caught on and several others have popped up all over the county.

Here's how it works. The boxes are placed in easily accessible locations and filled with non-perishable food and basic hygiene items. Those in need can come and take the items they need and miraculously other items appear, donated by loving community participants who place items in the box.

Other area locations include:

- Bay Minette: First Presbyterian Church, 18200 Hwy. 104 W
- Elberta: Elberta Pharmacy, 24980 State St.
- Elsanor: MaMaw's
- Gulf Shores: Dr. Wayne Martin, 245 Clubhouse Dr.; White Have Insurance, 2201 Oyster Bay Lane; Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, 308 E. 22nd Ave.
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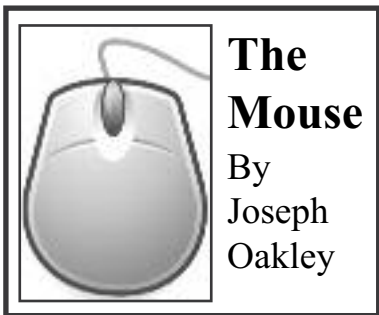


*A Blessed to Blessing box has been placed in Lillian in the parking lot of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Those in need of non-perishable food and other staples can stop by and take items they need. And those wishing to donate can simply place items in the box. A list of suggested donations is at right.*

## Suggested Items to Donate

- Boxes of PopTarts
- Regular size containers of peanut butter
- Small containers of jelly
- Nuts
- Medium jars of spaghetti sauce
- Any kind of pasta, including spaghetti
- Ramen
- Mac and cheese or easy stovetop meals
- Apple juice or any drinks that do not need refrigeration
- Instant grits, oatmeal
- Boxed cereal
- Small containers of powdered milk
- Boxed scalloped or au-gratin potatoes
- Canned tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage, sardines, Spam
- Jar gravy or gravy packets
- Dried peas, butter beans, rice
- Cans of chili, soup that would be popular with children
- Canned vegetables, corn, peas, potatoes
- Chips, crackers, cookies, mild salsa
- Smaller sizes of condiments like ketchup, mustard, salt and pepper
- Jerky
- Dried or canned fruit
- Jarred baby food, dry formula
- Band-aids, ointment, soap, deodorant, sunscreen, any small toiletries, feminine hygiene items, toothpaste, travel size shaving cream, razors, sanitizing lotion/wipes
- Baby wipes, diapers

## Connecting Your Phone to Windows 10



**The Mouse**  
By Joseph Oakley

Windows 10 has a default app called Your Phone. This app allows you to add/connect your Android device with Windows 10. Once connected, you will be able to send text messages, view notifications of your Android phone and see the last 25 images on your Android phone from your PC.

Connecting your Android phone with Windows 10 using Your Phone is easy. Launch the Your Phone app from the Start menu. If the app is not in the start menu, download it from the Microsoft Store. Click the get started button to continue. You will be asked to

log in with your Microsoft account as well as your phone number. Microsoft will text you the link of the companion app that needs to be installed on your cell phone.

Once you get the message, click the link to install the app (Your Phone Companion) on your phone. Once installed, launch the Your Phone Companion app. You need to log in with your Microsoft account to connect your Android phone with Windows 10 PC.

Tap the 'My PC is ready' link since you have logged in with your Microsoft account on your PC.

To see the images, click the photos menu. The images you see here are stored on your phone. You can copy them to your PC by dragging them to file explorer or right-click and select 'Save As.'

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## Start Planning for Health Care Costs

If you're close to retirement, you'll have several financial issues to consider. But you'll want to pay attention to one of the most important of these issues: health care costs. How can you prepare yourself for these expenses?

First, get an early start on estimating health care costs. More than two-thirds of those planning to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their health and long-term care costs will be in retirement, according to an Edward Jones study. And some people don't worry much about these costs, which may be considerable, thinking that Medicare will pay for most of them.

While Medicare does cover many medical expenses, it also has its own costs. You probably won't pay a premium for Part A (inpatient/hospital coverage), since you likely had this cost deducted from your paycheck when you were working. But if you are hospitalized, you'll have to pay deductibles and coinsurance (the percentage of costs you pay after you've paid your deductible). Part B (doctor's visits) requires a premium, deducted from your Social Security checks, and you must pay an out-of-pocket deductible. After you meet this deductible for the year, you typically pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for most doctor's services. And when you enroll in Part D (prescription drug plan), you will likely also have to pay a monthly premium, an annual deductible and coinsurance or copays.

To help pay for the Medicare deductible, coinsurance and copayments, you may want to get supplemental insurance, known as Medigap. Premiums for Medigap vary, depending on the plan you choose.

As an alternative to original Medicare, you could select Medicare Advantage (sometimes called Part C). Medicare Advantage plans are offered by private companies approved by Medicare, but the benefits



**Financial Focus**  
By Jason M. Kozon of Edward Jones

and costs vary by plan. These plans generally will incorporate Medicare Parts A and B and will provide additional medical coverage, such as prescription drugs.

When you incorporate all the above, the annual out-of-pocket costs for traditional medical expenses likely will be about \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person - not insignificant, but certainly a number that can be addressed by careful planning.

But there's one more expense to keep in mind: long-term care. The average cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. And Medicare typically pays few of these expenses.

Clearly, between regular medical costs associated with Medicare or those not covered by it, and costs resulting from the possible need for long-term care, your health care bills can mount. To meet these costs, you need to plan ahead - and take action.

For example, it's essential that you incorporate health care expenses into your overall financial strategy. You can also work with a financial professional to run some "what-if" analyses to see if your strategy would be derailed by a potential long-term care stay. And the professional you work with may be able to suggest specific protection vehicles that can help you meet the costs of long-term care.

The best time to prepare for your health care costs during retirement is well before you retire. So, if you haven't already started, now is the time to do so. When it comes to paying for health care, the fewer surprises, the better.

### ■ Medical, continued from Page 1

important and is the thing most people desire in their primary care provider.

Third, he is willing to use technology to help manage information, improve communication and be more efficient. He believes technology doesn't have to make the relationship less personal, and he refuses to accept impersonal care as an option.

The office renovations were complicated by the Covid-19 pandemic and Hurricane Sally, but the practice opened its doors on March 3.

Spriggs and his wife, Sonya, designed and furnished the office and did most of the work on the remodel.

"We are proud of the facility. I am most thankful to my wife for her support and hard work leading up to this. It was a long, difficult, but exciting process and I am thankful," Spriggs said.

Perdido Bay Medical Group can be found online at [www.thepbmg.com](http://www.thepbmg.com) or by calling 251-961-0784. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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You may call the church office at 251-962-2180

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## Training Continues for Local Firefighters

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 86 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in February including 61 medical assistance, 6 public assists, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 3 brush fires, 3 structure fires and 5 fire alarms/investigations.

Some Lillian citizens have put together an event to benefit LVFD at the Lillian Recreation Park on Saturday April 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be many local vendors, food trucks, raffles, live entertainment and more. Please come and support your local fire department on this special day.

As mentioned last year, Chief Nick Dewhurst put together a training plan to incorporate Fire Fighter One class for all LVFD fire fighters plus several volunteers from Perdido Beach and Elberta departments. Because of the extensive materials in this course, classes were divided



**Lillian Volunteer Fire Department**  
By Goretty Lysek

into four modules. Module 1 was completed in October 2020, and we are now in the early stages of Module 2. Hopefully we have all modules completed by the end of the year or early next year. This is not an easy task for the volunteers. Not only do most of them have a full time job and spend most of their spare time volunteering at the department, they are now giving up Tuesday and Thursday nights to ensure they have all the skills to effectively fight structure and brush fires. The department and the community are extremely blessed to have such dedicated men and women.

We have been very fortunate to be awarded grants for essential equipment. Among

the items received was a LUCAS machine. Although we did buy one a couple of years back, we were presented with another device. Since Chief Dewhurst is usually first on scene, we agreed it would be beneficial for him to carry the second one in the chief vehicle. The LUCAS device helps provide high-quality and safer chest compressions. This enables us to eliminate fatigue and individual variation factors and there is no longer a need for switching CPR providers every two minutes. In addition to the LUCAS, LVFD was awarded a regional grant for new MSA G1 SCBA. Thank you Rosinton Fire for coordinating the grant and thank you Sunbelt for the great service.



Volunteer firefighters with the Lillian and Perdido Beach departments attended class together for recent Fire Fighter 1 (Module 2) training.

### Membership Registration Form 2020-2021

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The 2020-21 fundraising letters were mailed at the end of September. Addresses were provided by 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 and \$150 per business.

## First Baptist Church Holding Fundraiser

Lillian First Baptist Church will be smoking Boston butts for Memorial Day weekend and offering them for purchase. The cost is \$30 each. Orders must be in by May 15 by calling the church office at 251-962-2180 or by sending an email to lillianbap-

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## Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

what? Only 9% of that bill goes toward anything Covid-19 related. The bill was actually closer to \$2 trillion but they thought it would sound better if they said 1.9. They are politicians after all.

Some of the things included we just couldn't live without, like the \$100 million to build a tunnel under the bay in earthquake prone California. I think someone with at least half a brain pointed out the bad decision to do that, so now it will go to some other Golden State nonsense project. This time to a project that our billionaire tech folks in Silicon Valley benefit from. You know, the people who censure your political views on social media. Other things include millions to the Endowment of the Arts, several museums and the list goes on and on. Americans could have a huge barbecue party with all of the PORK.

It is estimated all legal American citizens could have received a check for \$52,000 and it would be more beneficial than putting us deeper in debt with nonsense. Remember, government does not have money. The money comes from us, the taxpayers and loans that probably won't even be paid off in a hundred years.

"All ambitions are lawful except those which climb upward on the miseries or credulities of mankind."  
- Joseph Conrad

Some of you Lillian newcomers may wonder why there is a caricature of me at the column heading. In the late 1990s, all of *The Lillian* columnists had a caricature portrait done of us by Bud Morris, a syndicated cartoonist from Dayton, Ohio. I am the last one from that time. Bud was a talented man and we were fortunate to have him volunteer his expertise to our newspaper.

What most people in the U.S. aren't aware of is when Congress pushes a bill with a specific name that Americans recognize and relate to, it isn't always what it seems. Then when a group of politicians don't vote for it, the opposing politicians cry that those who voted against the bill don't care about the American citizens. But here is why someone wouldn't vote for it - the bill is full of wasteful junk spending that us taxpayers have to pay for in the end.

A recent example of this is the Covid-19 \$1.9 trillion bill. Guess

## CHIT CHAT

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

Happy birthday wishes in April go out to Jean Miller, Ron Parks, Dolores Price, Agnes Humble, Linda Aycock, Don Dieterman, Judy Covert, Bob Kupferes, Jeanne Keenan, Bill Duncan, Bernard Essip, Jack Bateman, Eldon Bass, Lila Sellers, Pat Morris, Dill Castella, Ken Sanders, Patricia Henderson, Marion Schillinger, Hadley Verret, Chuck Canaday, Cliff Yuettnner, Johanna Martin, Teresyta Rybarski, Wes

David Verret and David Danson.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in April are Jim and Carol Peale (1962), Dick and Mary Ayres (1963), Steve and Allyson Greer (1987), John and Jamie Pugh (2006), Carl and Bobbie Benoit (2007) and Bill and Linda Sepac (2007).

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

The deadline for the May issue of *The Lillian* is April 21.

**Please submit your news articles, club notes, event updates, photos, etc. to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com) for our next issue!**



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## Legion Presenting Awards to Students

First off, thank you to Lillian for your support of Post 48. Going into the ham dinners this year we really did not know what to expect, and it turned out we were only down 10-15% because of Covid-19, so we consider this a success!

We also had a lot of new Legionnaires working the dinners this year. We hope we got better as each dinner went by. Also, thank you to the Legionnaires and wives who worked and all who contributed those wonderful desserts.

Your contribution helps accomplish presenting two students in the JRROTC program with awards, supporting two students from Elberta High School for Alabama Boys State, assisting veterans with wheel chair ramps, presenting the Veteran's Day program and supporting the medical closet.

This month our post will be presenting awards to students in the JRROTC. The military award will be presented to Cadet Juliana Breau and the Academic award will go to Cadet Om Patel.

## Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavalley, Adjutant

The awards will be presented at Robertsdale High School on April 22.

Our post membership is down to 80%. If you have not renewed yet, please do not forget. And if you know of a local veteran who is not a member, please encourage him to join. Without their support the American Legion will cease to exist.

Post 48 maintains a medical closet for the community. You do not have to be a veteran to use our closet. There is absolutely no charge to use the equipment, although donations are accepted.

Every Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. many of our members drop by the American Legion Building 48 next to the Lillian Community Club.

This is a time when volunteers may be building ramps, reworking computers, helping with the landscape, or cleaning and restocking the medical closet. Or we might be just having a cup of coffee. Drop by and join us.



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## Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

## Library Giving Away Kids' Books at April 17 Market in the Park

The library has hardback and paperback books for sale all the time, at a slightly higher price than our big bag sale in February and August. The library is still open three days a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The library has an abundance of children's books for all ages. We plan to be at Market in the Park on Saturday, April 17, to donate a few of those books to the children at the

event. So parents, it's time to start planning to attend the "Market in the Park" on April 17.

We welcome all patrons and encourage anyone who has not visited the library to please stop by and go on a tour of our Lillian library.

It's larger than you may think. Other than books and check-out materials, we have computers and a fax/copier/printer for use.

## Chicken Marengo

Although the preparation time is about an hour, not including cooking, the wait and effort are well worth it. This dish has fantastic taste and a variety of texture as well as eye appeal.

6 slices bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces

2 broiler-fryer chickens cut up. As an option, use skinless and boneless thighs and breasts cut in bite sized pieces. This is easier to both prepare and eat.

- 2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 2 medium size onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3-4 oz. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 16 oz. cans stewed tomatoes
- 1/4 cup minced parsley
- Several drops or to taste hot sauce
- 1 cup croutons

## Adventures in Eating

By Ken Sanders

Fry bacon until almost crisp, remove from pan and dry on a paper towel. Leave fat in the pan.

Dry the chicken pieces and shake in a bag to coat with mixture of flour, salt and pepper. Save excess flour mixture. Brown chicken, several pieces at a time in bacon fat and place pieces in 12-cup shallow baking dish. Sauté onion and garlic in the same frying pan. Stir in saved flour mixture. Stir in tomatoes, parsley and hot sauce to boiling, stirring constantly. Spoon sauce mixture over chicken and bake in a 350 degree oven for 1 hour and 20 minutes with cover on baking dish. Uncover and sprinkle with bacon pieces and mushrooms and bake another 10 minutes. Just before serving, sprinkle on croutons. Serve over noodles.



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## Look for Jesus this Easter Season

Their Messiah had been crucified. The One they had followed was taken down from a shameful cross and laid in a tomb. The Teacher who had defended Mary of Bethany after she had broken open her expensive jar of perfume in worship. The Savior who had cast the seven demons out of Mary Magdalene, had been arrested, crucified and buried. And now, it was Sunday. "Toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb" (Matthew 28:1).

They and a few other women were waking up. They had work to do. Gathering their spices to anoint his body, they set off.

On their way to the tomb they discussed, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" (Mark 16:3). They had no idea how they would get a stone like that moved out of the way. But they were women who had walked with Jesus. And a stone standing in the way would not keep them from making their way toward him.

They kept walking with their spices, with their heartache, with each other, on a mission. That stone would be taken care of one way or another. When they arrived, they "found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus" (Luke 24:2-3). That impossibly heavy stone

had been moved. But there was another problem, one they could not have foreseen, the overwhelming heartbreak that turned out to be their salvation: Jesus was not there. Instead the women were met by angels. "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" the angels asked. "He is not here but has risen!" (Luke 24:5-6)

How many times have I looked for life in places where only the dead live?

Like many of us, I have stepped into caverns where the rich, powerful and popular preside looking for life and I find only death. And then the whisper comes, why are you looking for life here?

Look for Jesus. Nothing is life except the life he gives.

Of course, these women were actually looking for Jesus. They were just in the wrong place. They had misunderstood or maybe they had not heard all the way.

Perhaps they had forgotten. The angel stood to remind them: "Remember how Jesus told you that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful humans and be crucified and on the third day rise" (Luke 24:6-7). "And they remembered his words" (Luke 24:8). What words of the Savior have you forgotten? Which of his promises have you not believed? Return to God's word



**Moving Forward**  
By Rev. Tina Lockett  
*Church of the Advent*

and remember.

Because in the remembering we know where to find Jesus.

After Mary and the women heard about Jesus' resurrection, they shared the good news. The angels instructed, "But go, tell his disciples" (Mark 16:7).

The disciples finally came to the tomb, as heartbroken over the death of Jesus as the women were.

After Peter and John found the tomb empty, they went home. Mary remained.

Mary sat with her tears long enough to peer into the tomb and see something the men had not seen. Angels. They asked her why she was crying. She gave the most telling answer: "They have taken away my Lord" (John 20:13). Not the Lord, or the disciples' Lord, or Israel's Lord, but my Lord. Mary Magdalene was close enough to Jesus to tell the angels that Jesus was hers. And when another man, whom she thought was the gardener, asked her the same question, she begged him to help her find Jesus's body. Not the Lord, or the disciples' Lord,

or Israel's Lord, but my Lord. Then the gardener revealed himself as the risen Lord Jesus.

Many mornings I prayed the Lord would help me be a more effective goer and teller of this good news. We have been charged with sharing the gospel. These women were the first to go and tell. Are you going? Are you telling about the Savior?

This year on Easter, I pray we would take our unique place with Jesus - that we would rise out of bed a few minutes earlier to meet with him.

I pray we will not let immovable obstacles keep us from journeying toward him, but will trust him to take care of the impossible.

I pray we will stop looking for life among the dead, and find it in the person of Christ. And most of all, I pray we will share the good news.

You can be a one-of-a-kind, uniquely gifted disciple of Jesus. To whom will you go and tell the good news?

### The Lillian Advertising and Article Deadlines

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Elberta High School has returned to their 'home field' at Lillian Recreational Park for the 2021 season of baseball and softball. The *EHS Warriors* have 24 home games scheduled. Eleven of those games will be played in April. *Photos by Ken Stewart*



## Elberta High School 2020 Warrior Baseball Schedule

Home games played at Lillian Recreational Park

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| April 1  | Leflore (Area)     | 4, 6:30 p.m. | Away |
| April 2  | Daphne             | 12 p.m.      | Away |
| April 8  | Leflore (Area)     | 2:30 p.m.    | Home |
| April 3  | Murphy             | 2:30 p.m.    | Home |
| April 9  | Bayshore Christian | 5:30 p.m.    | Home |
| April 13 | Baker              | 6 p.m.       | Home |



## Elberta High School 2020 Warrior Softball Schedule

Home games played at Lillian Recreational Park

|           |                      |      |           |      |
|-----------|----------------------|------|-----------|------|
| April 2/3 | Warrior Classic      | V    | TBA       | Home |
| April 12  | Leflore              | V    | 5 p.m.    | Away |
| April 15  | BC Rain              | V    | 5 p.m.    | Away |
| April 13  | Fairhope             | JV/V | 5 p.m.    | Home |
| April 16  | Spanish Fort Tourney | V    | TBA       | Away |
| April 20  | Robertsdale          | JV/V | 4:30 p.m. | Home |
| April 30  | Area Tourney         | V    | TBA       | Home |

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|                                                |                                          |                                   |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| April 1<br>Maundy Thursday<br>Service - 5:30pm | April 2<br>Good Friday<br>Service - Noon | April 4<br>Easter Service<br>10am |
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## Orally Speaking

By Richard Leverett, DMD

### When To Take a Child to the Dentist

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## OBITUARIES

### Vernon Lowe

Vernon L. Lowe, 90, a native of Mississippi and a resident of Lillian, passed away March 12, 2021.

He served as a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Lillian, was an active Master Mason for 65 years as a member of the Azalea Lodge in Mobile and the Lillian Lodge and a member of the Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Lowe.

Survivors include his daughter, Cheryl (Russell) Dempsey of Lillian; two grandchildren, Kim (D.J.) Frank of Elberta and David Dempsey of Robertsdale; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Conner Frank and Teah and Chaz Dempsey; one great-great-grandchild, Meah Kelly; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were held on March 17 at First Baptist Church of Lillian. Interment followed in Pine Rest Memorial Park.

Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Elberta, was in charge of arrangements.



*Lowe*

### Masons Pay Tribute to Lowe's Service

Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 members expressed sadness at the loss of longtime Mason Vernon Lowe. Lowe, who passed away March 13 at his daughter's home in Lillian, served as a charter member and first Worshipful Master of the Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 in 1987.

The Worshipful Master of the Alabama Masonic Grand Lodge presented Lowe with his 65-year pin at a ceremony in December 2020. This was the first-time the Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama has visited the Lillian lodge.

Lowe had a distinguished career as a Mason. He was initiated on Oct. 3, 1955, as Master Mason (third degree mason). Having become an Entered Apprentice on Aug. 29, 1955, he was initiated as a Fellow Craft on Sept. 19, 1955. His early training occurred within the South Ann Street Lodge 898 in Mobile, now named Azalea Lodge. He also served in each leadership position while at there, including Master of the Lodge.

After Lowe moved to Lillian from Mobile, a small group of Masons got together in 1985-86 and discussed the possibility of establishing a lodge in Lillian. Lowe continued his membership in the Azalea Lodge while working to get the Lillian Lodge started.

Lowe also held a position of leadership in Lillian every year since the lodge was formed in 1987. His assignment this past year was ceremonial as he experienced health issues.

#### Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

When Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 was officially recognized in 1987, Lowe transferred his membership to Lillian. He was elected the first Worshipful Master of the lodge and served as the primary trainer of new applicants into Masonry in Lillian.

Masonry was important to him and showed in how he lived his life. According to Lowe, "Masonry is dedicated to the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God using the tools and implements of ancient architectural craftsmen symbolically in a system of instructions designed to build character and moral values in its members."

He had heart surgery last year and recovered. He then experienced Covid-19 and recovered. His final visit to the lodge was in December when he was presented his 65-year pin. He gave thanks to everyone who attended this ceremony in typical Vernon Lowe style. It was never about him.

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world with over 3 million Freemasons in North America. As Lowe used to say, "The organization has secrets, but isn't a secret organization. Masonry's single purpose is to make good men better." He exemplified that in his lifetime of service at his church, lodge and community.

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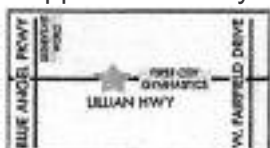
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## Know the Risks When Starting Your Small Business

Because of Covid-19 and the general economy, many folks have been thinking about changing jobs or careers. It may have crossed your mind that it would be a good time to start your own business, be your own boss and choose your own hours.

Starting a business can be simple or complicated, depending on what you envision for your business. I suggest you always start small. It is much easier to upgrade than to downsize. You may decide later it was not a good decision at all, and if you keep it simple at the outset, it is easier to disengage. So let's talk about some basics involved in starting your own business.

First, think about the type of business entity you think will work best for you and whether you will hire employees. You also have to think about what risks you are taking by operating a business and where you will get the money for start-up and for daily operations until it starts to make a profit.

Most people have some skill or a hobby they feel could become profitable, and that is always a good place to start. You need to start a business doing something that you like or love to do. If you still have a job, start on a small scale, part-time. You can always expand if you find you have the right fit.

There are basically four types of business entities to consider – sole proprietorship, partnership, S Corpo-

ration or C Corporation. If you are worried about liability, you also can form a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The IRS considers the LLC a disregarded entity and will treat it as a sole proprietorship or a partnership, depending on the number of "members" owning the business.

Based on the type of entity you choose, you may have to register it with the IRS, the state, and the local governments where you plan to do business. So if you start out simply with a sole proprietorship, there will be a lot less paperwork, annual filings and fees than if you start with any other business organization.

Focusing on the sole proprietorship as a starting point, it has the advantage of simplicity and low administrative cost. However, it will not provide liability protection. To get limited liability protection, start a single-member LLC. However, if you provide a personal service, it is possible that the LLC may not protect you from all negligence claims. In this case, it might be safer to get liability insurance.

The key attributes of a sole proprietorship include the following positives and negatives:

- Only one level of tax is imposed.
- The owner can employ his children under 18 and save on employment taxes.
- Deducting a home office reduces the net profit of the business.

- The owner can hire his/her spouse and provide medical insurance to the spouse and family.

- All business income is subject to self-employment (SE) tax.

- Contributions to retirement plans for the owner are not business deductions and therefore are included in income subject to SE tax. However, the owner may be able to contribute more to his/her retirement account through establishing a SEP (Simplified Employee Pension).

- Fringe benefits for the owner are not allowed as a business expense. The owner may qualify for self-employed health insurance deduction, but it is not a deduction that will reduce SE tax.

- Unless you conduct your business like a business, the IRS may consider your activity a hobby and not allow any business expenses to reduce your taxable income.

This means keeping good records, having a separate business checking account, charging business expenses clearly separated from personal expenses and carefully accounting for all business income.

Do some serious research before you hang out your shingle. Consider who will be involved in your business, what type of business organization works best for you and what the state and local requirements are for conducting your business. Also seriously consider your risk factors. Check the library and bookstores for



**Let's Talk Taxes**  
By Carol Kovacs  
CPA, EA

reference material and talk to others who are operating a business to see what might be in store for you and look for good software to help with the recordkeeping. There are many IRS publications for the new business owner including Pub 334, tax guide for small business; Pub 535, business expenses; Pub 583, starting a business and keeping records; and Pub 3402, taxation of limited liability companies. Good luck and much success in your new venture!

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any specific questions or areas of interest you would like addressed in future columns, my email is [carolpkovacs@aol.com](mailto:carolpkovacs@aol.com). Use "Let's Talk Taxes" as the Subject.

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## Community Calendar

- April 1 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. in the park conference room
- April 3 - Easter Egg Hunt for ages 1-12, 10 a.m., Lillian Recreational Park, details on Page 2
- April 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church on Barclay Street, weigh-in at 10:30 a.m., meeting begins at 11 a.m.
- April 12 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
- April 13 & 27 - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of month
- April 17 - Arts and Crafts Festival to benefit Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, 9am to 4 p.m., Lillian Community Club
- April 17 - Market in the Park, 8 a.m. to noon, Lillian Recreational Park
- April 19 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- April 20 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month, St. Joseph Catholic Church
- April 24 - Fishing Rodeo for kids ages 2-15, 9a.m. to noon, Schaff Pond, sponsored by Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, details on Page 2

Please email meeting and event dates, times and locations to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com)

## Members Assist with Vaccine Clinics in Mobile

The Mobile Civic Center and the Mobile Cruise Terminal were turned into drive-thru vaccination centers by the Mobile County Health Department (MCHD) to administer Covid-19 vaccinations. Six large-scale vaccination events were scheduled during the first quarter of 2021.

Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) joined the Mobile Sheriff and Police Departments as well as the National Reserve Corp to support MCHD during those events.



Twelve LASAR members helped at each event with patient check-in, verification of eligibility and paperwork, coordinating walk-in and vehicle queues and final checkout.

Commander Ray Hogans said, "The MCHD staff were great people to work with. They took extreme care to make sure LASAR and other support people were safe and well trained for jobs assigned." He also said the LASAR team members present were able to get their vaccinations.

• Rope training is scheduled for April 10. This course will cover knot

## LASAR

By Donna Johnson

rigging and high angle rescue training for all LASAR members. Radio communication training is also scheduled for April 10. This course will cover radio use during mission and non-mission operations.

Boat, diver and another large SAR joint training event are being planned for May or June.



Twelve Lower Alabama Search and Rescue members helped with recent Covid-19 vaccination clinics in Mobile, assisting sheriff and police departments as well as the National Reserve Corps.

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