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It's a Wrap Until Next December



Volunteers met again Jan. 2 at the Lillian Recreational Park to take down all of the lights and displays from Christmas in the Park. Organizers are already planning ahead for the next holiday display, slated to be lit on Dec. 4, 2021.



Changing the Landscape



Work continues on Phase 1 of the new development off of Spanish Cove Drive North in Lillian. Platted since the 1970s, the lots were sold to 68 Ventures in June 2020. Cunningham DeLaney Construction was hired to clear the land and put in the roads and utilities. The entire project includes 123 lots with 26 in Phase 1, 24 in Phase 2, 35 in Phase 3 and 38 in Phase 4.

Remembering Our Former Executive Editor

By Jacqueline Reid

Once in a while a person comes along who is an asset to the community; a person who is a pleasure to know. That former Lillian citizen was Floyd Replogle who died on Jan. 13 at age 93.

Floyd retired to Lillian around 1990. He was a civic-minded person who believed in giving back and give he did.

He was a member of the Lillian United Methodist Church, he served as president of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay from 1992-1993, and was a member of Lillian Masonic Lodge #925. He was also a member of the Lillian Community Club and headed the Civic and Legislative Committee.



Floyd Replogle

He was responsible for gathering Baldwin County politicians for "Meet the Candidates night" at election time and he was instrumental in getting the traffic light installed at County Road 99 and U.S. Highway 98, and served as president of the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. Floyd led a committee in the study of incorporation for Lillian. Although Lillian didn't become incorporated, the study did result in the much needed zoning.

Near and dear to my heart, he was also president of the Lillian Action Committee and executive editor of *The Lillian* from 1994 to 2014. At that time he moved to the Veranda in Pensacola.

As I spoke to people who knew Floyd, I heard what I already knew and that was he was a good and honorable man. You could be upset when you started talking to him and by the end of the conversation, you were calm and relaxed and he never judged you. He was alert and his intelligence was refreshing and to top it all off, he had a great sense of humor.

To sum it up, to know him was to like him. He was a good husband, father, friend, volunteer and citizen and his family can feel proud and know he filled those 93 years being special.

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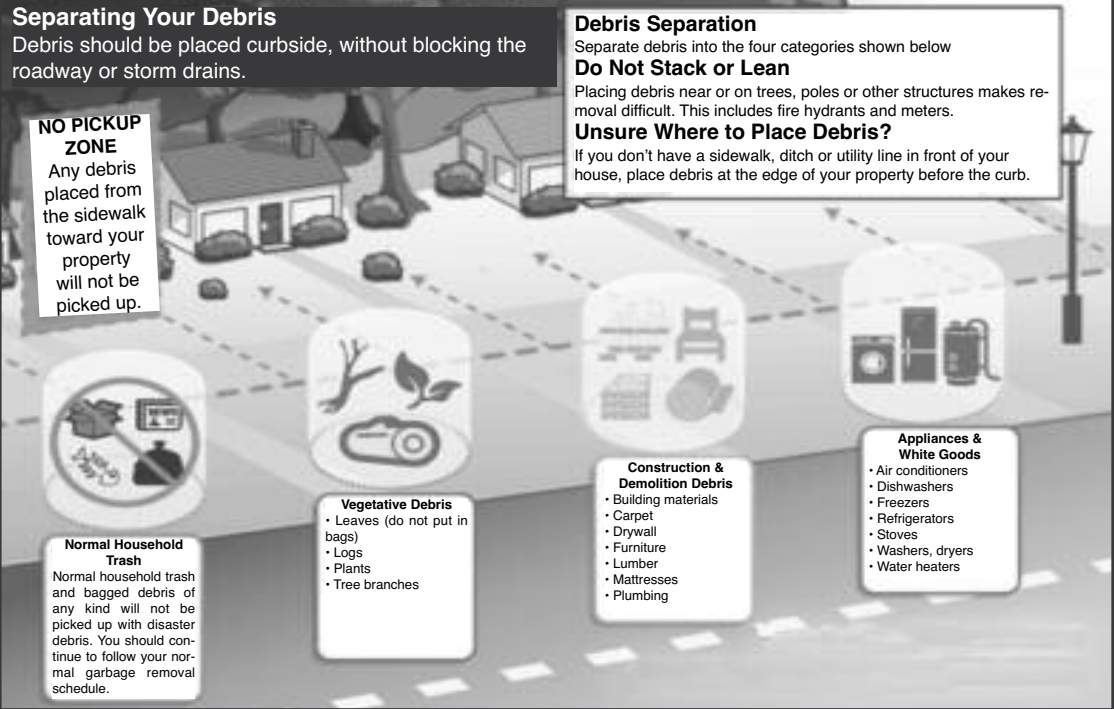
Normal Household Trash
Normal household trash and bagged debris of any kind will not be picked up with disaster debris. You should continue to follow your normal garbage removal schedule.

Vegetative Debris
• Leaves (do not put in bags)
• Logs
• Plants
• Tree branches

Construction & Demolition Debris
• Building materials
• Carpet
• Drywall
• Furniture
• Lumber
• Mattresses
• Plumbing

Appliances & White Goods
• Air conditioners
• Dishwashers
• Freezers
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• Stoves
• Washers, dryers
• Water heaters

Debris Separation
Separate debris into the four categories shown below
Do Not Stack or Lean
Placing debris near or on trees, poles or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.
Unsure Where to Place Debris?
If you don't have a sidewalk, ditch or utility line in front of your house, place debris at the edge of your property before the curb.



Final Debris Collection Routes Begin Feb. 1

Baldwin County Solid Waste issued a press release on Jan. 13 concerning storm debris collection. According to the release, the final collection routes for storm debris will begin on Feb. 1.

Baldwin County residents are asked to place all debris on the curb prior to that date.


Electronics and appliances will only be picked up between Feb. 1-14. These items must also be on the curb prior to Feb. 1.

Debris is not to be placed on or encroach

roadways where it could potentially create traffic or road hazards. Items should not be placed near power meters, fire hydrants or utility poles. Debris may also not be placed by drainage pipes or culverts or in ditches.

Residents can check for updated information online through the solid waste department's web site or Facebook page.

Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency has also been posting information as it becomes available.



Debris removal guidelines
In efforts to expedite the debris removal process, please follow these rules

Placing debris near or on trees, poles or other structures makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

Debris should be placed curbside

Debris should not block roadway

Debris separation
Please separate debris into the six categories, shown below.

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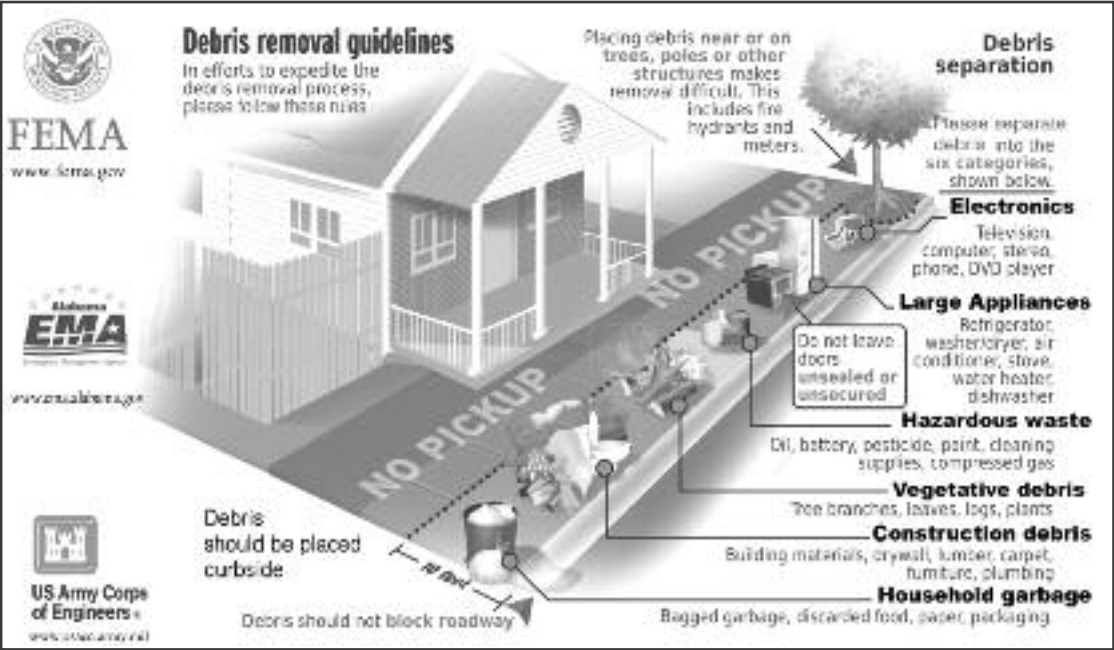
Large Appliances
Refrigerator, washer/dryer, air conditioner, stove, water heater, dishwasher

Hazardous waste
Oil, battery, pesticide, paint, cleaning supplies, compressed gas

Vegetative debris
Tree branches, leaves, logs, plants

Construction debris
Building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, plumbing

Household garbage
Bagged garbage, discarded food, paper, packaging



Easter Fundraiser Set for Masonic Lodge

Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 will be holding a Boston butt fundraiser prior to Easter Sunday, April 4.

Each butt will be 8 to 10 pounds in size and will be smoked with special rub for \$35 each. To purchase, contact any lodge member, call Jeff Keener at 251-210-9081 or go online.

The link to order online is

<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/bosbutpro>.
The meat will be available for pickup on Friday, April 2, after noon at the lodge at 12600 S. Perdido St. If you are unable to pick up, local delivery is available.
Fundraising activities like these are used to help support the charitable efforts of the lodge in the community.

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Next Legion Ham Dinner Set For Feb. 28

The American Legion Post 48 of Lillian hosted the first of their annual ham dinners last month. The dates for the next two meals are Feb. 28 and March 28.

Held at the Lillian Community Club, the meal is \$10 per person.

The menu includes ham with raisin sauce, green beans, yams, potatoes, salad, dessert and ice tea or coffee.

As in the past, inside dining is available as well as carryout.

As another option, drive-through service will be available this year due to COVID-19. Legion members will be providing directions for the drive-through and organizers ask for your patience.

The ham dinners are Post 48’s primary fundraiser, assisting the veteran’s group in building ramps for disabled veterans, maintaining the medical closet, sending high school students to Boys State and presenting the Veterans Day program.

Golf Outing to Benefit Heritage Museum

The 9th Annual Golf Scramble to benefit the Baldwin County Heritage Museum will be held Tuesday, Feb. 23, at GlenLakes Golf Club.

The golf course is on CR-20 east of the Foley Beach Express. Golfers are welcome to register or get more details with Tammy at bchm@gulftel.com or by calling the museum at (251) 986-8375.

The shotgun start will be at 8:30 a.m. with 18 holes of golf, raffles, silent auction and a sack lunch to round out the day. COVID guidelines will be followed.

The museum is located on US-98 a mile east of the stoplights in Elberta. It is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free.

The 5-acre site includes a church, school, general store, potato shed and “hidden” still in addition to the large museum. Camelias are blooming and the azalea walk will be pink in March.

The golf outing contributes to the daily maintenance of this property. It is not owned by the county, but is lovingly cared for by volunteers.

Lutheran Church Announces New Worship Time

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church will start a new worship time on Sunday, Feb. 7.

Service time will now be at 9 a.m. with fellowship after the service then Sunday Bible class.

All are welcome. Social distancing will be followed and masks will be available.

The church is also continuing weekly Bible studies at 9 a.m. each Wednesday in the fellowship hall.

Movies from the Bible collection

on Abraham and Joseph will be featured during Lent. Begining on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, the class will begin at 9 a.m. with a Lent service at 10 a.m. Rev. Timothy Sowers will lead off on Ash Wednesday as “Judas” and Rev. Wargo will present the “Silent Witness” of the familiar symbols of the Passion of Jesus including the thorns, robe, nails, shroud, and stone on the following Wednesdays. All are welcome to attend.

Masons Welcome New Member



Worshipful Master Richard Duggan, left, welcomes Brian Scott Foster, the newest member of the Lillian Masonic Lodge at the group’s Jan. 19 meeting.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



I was reading an article about the Cuban cockroaches in the U.S. in the January edition of *The Lillian*. Celeste Hadley-Champion was the author of this piece.

I just wanted to point out that frogs are not viviparous. They are an amphibian, so they lay eggs which

turns into a tadpole which turns into a frog. She compared them to elephants and humans, which are viviparous.

I am a biology major and this disturbed me a little bit so I just wanted to request a correction.

Christina Willis



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Additional fundraiser dinner will be held March 28





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The deadline for the March issue of *The Lillian* is Feb. 17.

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

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Recognizing Our
Park Visionaries

I was having a difficult time trying to figure out what to write about this month. Sure, I could complain about all the craziness going on in Washington, but I think we're all hearing enough about that these days.

I could talk about the Covid-19 pandemic and the craziness about where to get a vaccine, making an appointment and having it cancelled because of one goof up or another.

Nope, I wanted to write about something positive. I was going through my photos for the month and came across one of Lucy Smith at the undecorating of the Lillian Recreational Park. "That's it!" I said to myself.

I don't know Lucy and her husband, Wayne, very well. I had never met either of them until last year when I somehow got involved in the first Christmas in the Park. I was bowled over by the enthusiasm of the couple.

Lucy had everything organized and at each meeting she had the answers to the previous meeting's questions. Most of us had never done anything like this before.

Wayne had been busy forever figuring out how to construct the beautiful pole trees like we have all seen on TV, Facebook and magazines.

We all had our input, but believe me, it was Lucy and Wayne who took on the burdens of the event. And this year, OMG! They did it again. Only this year, it was a bit different. The blankety blank Corona Virus had



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

thrown everyone's plans into a tangle.

Never fear! Lucy and Wayne had everything under control. Once again their hard work paid off and we had a really special Christmas in the Park version 2.0.

In addition to being in charge of Christmas at the Park, Lucy and Wayne serve as secretary and treasurer, respectively, at the park all year. Thanks, guys, for all that you do for us.

I hope y'all had a chance to visit the park during the holidays. It was truly a testament to the Lillian community, people from all areas, working together for the community. I don't know what will be done next year, but until then, when you see Lucy and Wayne Smith, give them an elbow bump and say "Thanks, friends, for making this a special Christmas for us all, despite the craziness of politicians and viruses."



Lucy Smith



Wayne Smith



**Lillian Perdido Bay
Library Corner**
By Betty Bovat

Check Out the February Book Sale

Wow! How fast this first month of 2021 went!

I do hope by now that many Lillian residents have received the vaccine for COVID, but only if you want to. I was so happy to get an appointment to have the vaccine on Jan. 19, but I received a call the day before canceling my appointment.

Our membership postcards have gone out. Did you receive yours yet? We certainly appreciate everyone that becomes a member by paying their dues.

If you are a new member and do not have a library card, please let us know and within minutes, you will have a library card to check out books or anything we have available in the library. The card is free.

The library is having a giant book sale this entire month.

We offer many non-fiction books and hardback books at 2 for \$1; paperbacks at 2 for \$.50 or 10 for \$1. We also have children's books and audios.

It's difficult to explain the extent of what we will have available for

sale so please visit the library and find many books you know you would like. We also have "fill a bag" option for \$3.

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LASAR executive officers for 2021 include, from left, Ray Hogans, unit commander; John Wade, deputy commander; and Mike Kovacs, treasurer. Debbie Lindsay, not pictured, will continue as secretary.

LASAR Officers Stay in Place for 2021

Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) members have re-elected the 2020 executive officers to serve again in 2021.

Ray Hogans will continue as unit commander.

He has served for eight consecutive years as commander and 14 years in the position since LASAR started in 2001.

John Wade will continue in his role as deputy commander using his expertise as dive captain to lead specialized teams during call-outs.

Mike Kovacs will continue as treasurer using his past experience maintaining the boat and land equipment to ensure all teams have enough funds on hand to maintain our equipment. Debbie Lindsay will continue as secretary.

Other 2021 officers will be Darrell Balsamo Sr. as boat captain, Dillon Santinelli as land captain, Letty Rodriquez as operations captain and Kevin Brandenburg as maintenance captain.

LASAR will host the first quarter meeting of the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads (AARS) on Feb.

20 at the Lillian Community Club. AARS includes 111 rescue units throughout the state with over 3,000 members. The meeting will give members an opportunity to learn about new laws and regulations, COVID mitigation procedures and vaccine updates and an opportunity to discuss statewide training and drill opportunities.

State and local emergency management leaders are expected to attend and speak. Upcoming local events will be ATV training and a dive trip.

If you are interested in participating or joining LASAR, attend one of our meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the LASAR building on Barclay Street in Lillian.

You can also call 251-961-3333 to leave a voice message and an officer will call you back.

LASAR

By Donna Johnson

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 and grandkids.

Happy birthday wishes in February go out to Jennifer Canaday, Trisha Gingras, Joyce Sheldon, Doris Green, Ed Dowd, Bob Taylor, Nicole Fehn, Evelyn Duckworth, Tom Ryborski, Ken Robinson, Lois Mitchell, John Flynn, Melodye Barnhart, MJ Rooks, James Covert, Sonny Keigley, Barbara Jennings, Jim Baxter, Carolyn Libby and Char Kuhr.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in February are Ken and Diane Robinson, Marvin and Judy Cain (52 years) and Sam and Josephine Roberts (45 years).

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, please send it by 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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SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

- Baldwin County officers responded to a report of domestic verbal abuse at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 4 in the 300 block of Cove Bayou Circle, Lillian.

- Officers responded to a domestic assault report at 8:59 p.m. Jan. 7 in the 2700 block of Pine Ridge Drive, Lillian.

- Theft was reported at 8:13 p.m. Jan. 11 in the 700 block of Buena Vista Drive, Lillian.

- Officers responded to a burglary

report at 11:50 a.m. Jan. 15 in the 33100 block of Zeena Drive in Lillian.

- Theft was reported at 3:10 p.m. Jan. 20 in the 34400 block of West Barclay Avenue in Lillian.

- Officers responded to a report of assault at 6:23 p.m. Jan. 20 in the 12700 block of Sixth Street, Lillian.

- Officers responded to a report of assault without a weapon at 8:07 a.m. Jan. 21 in the 32600 block of Hwy. 98, Lillian.

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Grande Dames Welcome 2021



The Perdido Grande Dames Red Hats held their new year celebration at the home of Ruby Wellman. Assisting with the meal were Priscilla Westgate and Brenda Salayi. Their next gathering will be Tuesday, Feb. 9, with a Valentine theme hosted by Sandra Jurries and Diane Singleton. In attendance were, front, from left, Mary Margaret Ayres, Barbara Dixon, Lorri Roit and Este Donnenwirth. In the back, Ruby Wellman, Karen Brady, Priscilla Westgate, Vickey Massey and Judy Wargo. Not pictured were Inge Petit and Brenda Salayi. Those interested in joining should call Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206.

Pet Dental Health is Important

February is National Pet Dental Health month. While not an immensely popular topic, dental health is just as important for our pets as it is for us. Dental problems can cause or be caused by other health problems. Your pet should have a yearly veterinary exam, including a dental exam, to ensure that they are healthy and to check for any signs of developing problems.

Ask your veterinarian for recommendations on dental products, treats or dental-specific diets you are considering for your pet. They may even have some in stock that you can take home that day.

Regularly brushing your pet’s teeth is the most effective way to keep their teeth healthy between dental cleanings and may even reduce the frequency that your pet needs to have dental cleanings performed. Your pet may not tolerate having their teeth brushed every day, but you should attempt to brush them at least a few times a week.

When you start brushing their teeth, take small steps and work your way towards brushing the entire mouth. Make sure to reward your pet for being so patient with you. If they let you brush more teeth than they did the last time, give them a special treat.

If you notice any problems such as bad breath, broken or loose teeth, extra teeth or retained baby teeth, teeth that are discolored or covered in tartar, abnormal chewing, drooling, dropping of food, a reduced appetite, pain in or around the mouth, bleeding from the mouth, or swelling in the areas surrounding the mouth, then you should bring your pet in for a dental exam as soon as possible.



If left untreated, these issues can develop into a more severe problem such as infections with other organs like the liver and heart. Be careful when examining your pet’s mouth. If they are in pain, they may try to bite you.

If your pet has any dental issues, the veterinarian may recommend a dental cleaning. The morning of your pet’s dental procedure, they should not be given any food or water.

Your pet will be tranquilized and placed under anesthesia. When your pet is anesthetized, our team may take radiographs (x-rays) of their mouth to assess any damage there may be under the gumline not visible to the naked eye.

This is a good time for them to also perform a more thorough exam of the oral cavity and create a treatment plan. At this point, the dental cleaning itself will take place.

This consists of removing the plaque and tartar and polishing the teeth.

If any extractions or further treatments need to be done, they are usually performed by a veterinarian after the teeth have been cleaned.

This month, our clinic is providing a special discounted rate for dental cleanings.

All dental cleanings scheduled during February will receive a 10% discount off. Dental procedures should always be performed while the patient is under the effects of anesthesia by a veterinary professional. Contact us by calling our office at (251) 962-2304.



First Baptist Church

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

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Optimist Club Continues to Hold Meetings

Getting proficient at social distancing and mask wearing, members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay continue to meet. Some gather at Lillian United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. each Saturday. Others join in on Zoom.

January began with Dr. Elizabeth Williams speaking about pets and how to keep them happy and healthy. Dr. Williams is the veterinarian at Lillian Veterinary Hospital.

Next up was Karen Pate, vice president of Crystal Springs Foun-

dation, a 525-acre sanctuary that educates thousands of students each year. The foundation is devoted to environmental education and the preservation of Florida's natural environment. She is also involved in Water Ventures, a traveling science center. For information visit www.crystalspringsfoundation.org and www.waterventures.us.

Plans are being formulated to host the Annual Fishing Rodeo this year. It was cancelled last year because of the pandemic. More information will be coming as the

date nears.

O C P B members concentrate on "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." They have provided a variety of programs including college scholarships as well as a scholarship to the National Flight Academy on board NAS Pensacola, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas gifts to special needs kids, help with the Special Olympics in Fairhope and host essay and oratorical contests.

Before Covid-19, they also read to kindergarten and first grade students at Elberta Elementary School and mentored and tutored students at Elberta Middle and High Schools.



Pate

Adventures in Eating

By Ken Sanders

Grilled Salmon

This has become our favorite way to cook salmon. The marinade doesn't overpower the taste of the salmon, but adds a layer of complexity to it. It goes wonderfully with the spinach salad featured in the June 2020 issue of *The Lillian*.

- 8 (4 oz.) salmon filets (or larger portions for hungry eaters)
- 1/2 cup peanut oil
- 4 T soy sauce
- 4 T balsamic vinegar
- 4 T green onions, chopped – dried chives work also
- 3 tsp. brown sugar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp. sesame oil
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Place salmon filets in a medium, non-porous glass dish. In a separate medium bowl, combine the peanut oil, soy sauce, vinegar, green onions, brown sugar, garlic, ginger, red pepper flakes, sesame oil and salt. Whisk together well, and pour over the fish. Cover and marinate the fish in the refrigerator for 4 to 6 hours, turning several times.

Prepare an outdoor grill with coals about 5 inches from the grate, and lightly oil the grate.

Grill the filets 5 inches from coals for 10 minutes per inch of thickness, measured at the thickest part, or until fish just flakes with a fork. Turn over halfway through cooking.

Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavalley, Adjutant

I am writing this article for *The Lillian* to be submitted before our first ham dinner with new drive-thru service offered during the pandemic. So I hope all has happened as planned and we had a great turn out and you all had a great time. A big thanks to everyone who attended the ham dinner

on Jan. 24.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for two more dinners on Sunday, Feb. 28, and Sunday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club hall. These are our fundraisers for the year and enable our organization to provide services through veteran's assistance.

At our February meeting, the post will present longevity pins and certificates to Legionnaires who have attained at least five years of continuous membership

in American Legion. Post 48 does this to show their thanks and gratitude. Pins are given in five-year increments.

The American Legion always needs assistance from area residents to keep our medical closet stocked. These items are loaned to the community free of charge.

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Park Looking Forward to Arbor Day

After losing many of our beautiful Bradford pear and pine trees at Lillian Recreational Park, we are looking forward to Arbor Day, a holiday which celebrates the role of trees in our lives and encourages us to plant trees.

Trees keep our air supply clean. One mature tree produces about 260 pounds of oxygen per year. Trees planted around our homes can reduce noise pollution from nearby roads, provide shade in summer and block cold winds in winter, help prevent soil erosion and can help make our backyard a tranquil, inviting place.

The United States was not the first country in the world to celebrate Arbor Day, but when Julius Sterling Morton established the first American Arbor Day on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska City, Neb., an estimated one million trees were planted across the state.

In 1885, Arbor Day holiday was established and was moved to April 22, which was Morton’s birthday.

Then in 1989 the official holiday was

moved to the last Friday in April which makes it April 30, 2021.

All states now have an official Arbor Day, usually at a time of year when weather conditions are best for planting trees. In Alabama we celebrate Arbor Day the last full week in February.

Many cities in Baldwin county are sponsoring tree give-away events on Arbor Day. The trees are bare root and should be planted immediately.

Baldwin Counter Master Gardeners will be on hand at Foley and Magnolia Springs to answer questions and give advice.

The events nearest Lillian are:

- Foley: Saturday, Feb. 27, 1 to 3 p.m. (outside) at Foley Farmers Market, 20801 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd 20) about one mile east of Hwy. 59
- Magnolia Springs: Saturday, Feb. 27, 8 to 11:30 a.m. (outside) at the fire station, 14809 Gates Ave., cross street is Hwy 49. It is three blocks south of Hwy. 98.
- Robertsdale: Saturday, Feb. 27, 9 to 11:00 a.m. (outside) the pavilion at Honey Bee Park, 22780 Hwy 59 North

Arrive early. Popular varieties go fast and sometimes trees are gone before the scheduled end.

Lillian Recreational Park News

By Juanita Dodd

Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid



“The most important thing in life is the loving memories of family and friends.” This quote came from a woman who appeared on a segment of ‘Forever Home’ on HGTV. Smart woman. She knows something most haven’t learned yet.

The word love is over-used. To truly love and be loved is the most precious gift one can give and receive. Love is misunderstood to most humans and the reason is stated in 1 Samuel 16:7, “For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearances but the Lord looketh on the heart.” Humans have to start doing what the Lord does. Surface appearances are just skin deep and aren’t worth much - it’s what’s underneath that counts.

FYI: There is a light bulb in Livermore, Calif., that has been glowing continuously since 1901. Shelby Electric Company in Ohio produced the bulb and it soon became apparent to the owners that if most families at the time could only afford one bulb and it lasted for many

years, the company wouldn’t be able to survive. So Shelby, GE and other bulb manufacturers met and decided upon “planned obsolescence.” In other words, they had to make a product that would fail after a certain amount of use to insure further production.

I finally understood why products break down sooner than we think they should. It’s a matter of supply and demand and the economy can’t survive without it. If no money is being made because no supply is needed, then no jobs would be available and no one could afford to buy anything.

A list of death stats: Hepatitis C causes 1.34 million deaths in the U.S. and 325 million per year worldwide while 250,000-500,000 live with it worldwide and 36,000 live in the U.S. Cancer deaths in 2018 reached 9.5 million worldwide and 600,000 were in the U.S. Heart attacks numbered 800,000 per year in U.S. with 1.5 million worldwide. Covid 19 has racked up 1.9 million deaths worldwide and 374,124 in the U.S. as of Jan. 8, 2021.

“Love works magic, it is the final purpose of the world story, the Amen of the universe.” - Novalis (aka Georg Philipp Friedrich Freicher von Hardenberg).

Happy Valentine’s Day!

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Stories Abound About Valentine’s Day Origins

The month of February means Valentine’s Day is here. What is the history of Valentine’s Day? When did we begin giving roses, chocolate and cards to the ones we love on Feb. 14? After investigating these questions, sadly I can say that much of what we know of this holiday is beautiful fiction.

Valentine’s Day originated as a feast to celebrate the beheading of a third-century Christian martyr, or perhaps two martyrs, or ten or more. History is uncertain of how many Valentines there may be. So how did we get from beheading to betrothing on Valentine’s Day?

One story is of a St. Valentine who was executed during the reign of Roman Emperor Claudius Gothicus in 270 A.D. at a time when Christians were persecuted.

According to one legend, a priest named Valentinus was arrested and put into the custody of a wealthy aristocrat on behalf of the emperor. Valentinus spoke to the aristocrat about how Christ lead pagans out of the shadows of darkness and into the light of truth and salvation. The aristocrat made a deal with Valentinus. If the priest could cure the aristocrat’s daughter of blindness, he would convert. Valentinus put his hands over the girl’s eyes and said: “Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten your handmaid, because you are God, the true light.”

Suddenly, the child could see, according to the medieval legend. The aristocrat and his whole family were baptized. Unfortunately when the emperor heard the news, he ordered them all to be executed.

Another St. Valentine was executed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. In this legend, an imprisoned Valentine sent the first “valentine” greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl - possibly his jailor’s daughter - who visited him while in prison. Before his death, he wrote her a letter signed, “From your Valentine,” an expression that we still use today.

The big push of Valentine’s Day to emphasize romance came many years later by the medieval poet Geoffrey Chaucer. In the 1370’s, Chaucer wrote a poem called “Parliament of

Fowls” that contains this line: “For this was on Saint Valentine’s Day ,

when every bird comes there to choose his mate.” Chaucer chose to link Feb. 14 with St. Valentine and mating season of birds and courtly love for other creatures including human creatures.

By the 1400’s, nobles inspired by Chaucer had begun writing poems known as “valentines” to their love interests. It was at this point that stories began to appear linking St. Valentine to romance.

While it seems the exchange of “valentines” is more the result of secular custom rather than the memory of any of the many St. Valentines, and the celebration has been further paganized with hearts, chocolates and roses, there is a Christian message that should be remembered. The love of the Lord is a sacrificial, self-less and unconditional love. Such is the love that each Christian is called to express in their own life, for God and neighbor.

Clearly one of the St. Valentines showed such a love, bearing witness to the faith in his dedication and the offering of his life. On this Valentine’s Day, look to the example of that saint.

First, receive the love that God has for you. Then offer your love to the Lord. Finally, love those given to your care and love those who are your neighbors. It is not too late to pledge this year to love yourself as God loves you, love your family and love your neighbors. And then thank them for loving you in return.

Never forget Jesus said, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down of one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:12-13). St. Valentine fulfilled this command and may we do the same.



Moving Forward

By Rev. Tina Lockett
Church of the Advent

Mary’s Shelter Hosting Valentine Drawdown

Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast will present “Be My Valentine,” an in-person and virtual drawdown extravaganza from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Meyer Park/Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. Tickets are \$100 each and the last ticket drawn wins \$10,000.

The event will be live streamed throughout with entertainment and interviews with some of the moms who have found a home at Mary’s Shelter. The Gulf Coast’s very own Elvis will be on hand to perform. To purchase tickets, go to [www.maryssheltergulf-](http://www.maryssheltergulf-coast.org)

www.maryssheltergulf-coast.org or call Judie Flanigan at 251-554-4889.

Mary’s Shelter is a home for homeless, pregnant women who choose life for their unborn child. The staff supports the women before and after the birth of the child. The facility is staffed 24 hours a day. The executive director oversees all aspects of operating the home. The program manager helps residents set goals for their future and meets with each resident on a regular basis to review progress. The staff also includes an administrative assistant and a grant researcher and writer, as well as

a resident adviser.

In addition to a volunteer board of directors, the home has volunteers who help with all aspects of the program, from rocking babies and driving moms to appointments, to preparing mailings and performing upkeep on the facility.

Mary’s Shelter is the only charitable organization in the five-county area of Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia counties in Alabama and Santa Rosa and Escambia counties in Florida that offers shelter and support to homeless, pregnant adult women, before and after the birth of their child.

Need To Borrow Medical Supplies?

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The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 86 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in December including 56 medical assistance, 9 public assists, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 4 brush fires, 5 structure fires, 5 fire alarms/investigation and 1 miscellaneous.

We reached an all-time high of 1,102 emergency calls in 2020. During 2019, we had a total of 883 calls.

Unfortunately, we have also seen a decline in new recruits to help cover the calls. And several of our firefighters aren't able to attend as many calls as before which has put a strain on the rest of the department. Chief Nick Dewhurst requested additional help on the Lillian Fire Rescue Facebook page . We received a few candidates which proved very promising.

However, we still need additional help, especially during weekday hours. If you are retired and still active, this may be a great opportunity to serve the community. We are looking for people to help run medical calls during the day. All training will be given to new recruits including additional weekly Tuesday training. If you are interested, please call us at 251-962-2696. If there's no response, leave a message and we will get back to you.

To ensure LVFD is fully staffed with volunteers in the future, it was our delight to show children from the Point Church Home School science

coop around the station and answer questions. Medstar also provided one of their new ambulances to give the children a peek inside. Heather, an EMT from Medstar, explained how the siren and radios work and advised them on what to do in case of an emergency by calling 911. Chief Dewhurst gave them information about the station. Firefighter Walter Moll showed them our brush truck and firefighter Michael Andrews showed off our new tanker 3717 and gave them an opportunity to hear the sirens and let them see him dressed in his gear. All the children were given a fire helmet to remember their day at the fire station. Hopefully, they will have fond memories and one day will become our fire fighters.

We would like to remind everyone to be very cautious when burning. We have had several calls on



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

fires getting out of control. Stay close to the fire and have a hose nearby. This includes burning in a burn bucket. With any amount of wind, it is very easy for sparks to set off a brush fire. If you have a large amount to burn, do so in manageable piles and add more as the pile goes down.



Firefighter Michael Andrews shows Engine 3716 to the children in the photo above. At left, firefighter Walter Moll explains a brush truck.



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Local Rainfall Stats from Past Years

By Ken Sanders
Below are the rainfall amounts for 2020 and the five previous years. The charts show rain amounts by month as well as the cumulative totals.
The information is collected from the electronic weather station located on North Bayou Road in Lillian.
During Hurricane Sally in September, 20.5 inches of rain fell in Lillian. At about 3 a.m. Sept. 16, the recorded rate of rain was 52.36 inches per hour.
According to the web site bestplaces.net, Baldwin County averages 66 inches of rain per year, while the U.S. average is 38 inches. Precipitation occurs 111 days per year on average in this area.

2015 Rainfall			2018 Rainfall		
Month	Inches	Total	Month	Inches	Total
January	4.40	4.40	January	4.13	4.13
February	4.02	8.82	February	9.59	13.72
March	1.99	10.41	March	2.11	15.83
April	10.83	21.24	April	3.71	19.54
May	3.18	24.42	May	3.15	22.69
June	4.30	28.72	June	4.67	27.36
July	5.35	34.07	July	9.11	36.47
August	3.85	37.92	August	5.61	42.08
September	6.69	44.61	September	14.24	56.32
October	7.13	51.74	October	1.80	58.12
November	8.01	60.65	November	5.76	63.88
December	11.00	71.65	December	14.66	78.54
Total equates to 1.95 million gallons of rain per acre and 44.67 gallons of rain per square foot			Total equates to 2.13 million gallons of rain per acre and 48.96 gallons of rain per square foot		

2016 Rainfall			2019 Rainfall		
Month	Inches	Total	Month	Inches	Total
January	4.79	4.79	January	2.31	2.31
February	7.35	12.14	February	2.18	4.49
March	11.60	23.74	March	6.87	9.05
April	7.43	31.17	April	2.64	9.51
May	3.49	34.66	May	1.98	11.49
June	4.65	39.31	June	6.68	18.17
July	4.15	43.46	July	7.36	25.53
August	11.82	55.28	August	7.10	32.63
September	4.06	59.34	September	0.42	33.05
October	0.0	59.34	October	7.17	40.22
November	1.08	60.42	November	1.46	41.68
December	9.36	69.78	December	5.46	47.14
Total equates to 1.89 million gallons of rain per acre and 43.5 gallons of rain per square foot			Total equates to 1.28 million gallons of rain per acre and 29.39 gallons of rain per square foot		

2017 Rainfall			2020 Rainfall		
Month	Inches	Total	Month	Inches	Total
January	11.65	11.65	January	6.85	6.85
February	4.63	16.28	February	4.50	11.35
March	2.73	19.46	March	0.60	11.95
April	3.63	23.09	April	3.69	15.64
May	9.20	32.29	May	3.72	19.36
June	17.50	49.79	June	8.83	28.19
July	6.35	56.14	July	10.46	38.65
August	18.57	74.71	August	7.63	46.28
September	1.53	76.24	September	26.69	72.97
October	14.06	90.30	October	3.47	76.44
November	0.45	90.75	November	1.76	78.20
December	2.82	93.57	December	4.52	82.72
Total equates to 2.54 million gallons of rain per acre and 58.33 gallons of rain per square foot			Total equates to 2.25 million gallons of rain per acre and 51.57 gallons of rain per square foot		

Optimists Plan Annual Oratorical Contest
This month, the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will be conducting their annual oratorical contest.
Since its start in 1928, the oratorical contest has become the longest running program sponsored by Optimist International.
This year's topic is "Healing the World with Optimism."
All students under age 19 from Elberta school, St. Benedict school and area home schools may apply.
Students will present a 4 to 5 minute speech and will be judged on time, poise, content, delivery, presentation and overall effectiveness.
Students will present their speeches in person or through Zoom.
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Remembering Larry Hadley, Our Leader and Role Model

Did you know there is such a thing as a “trigger warning?” The internet uses this phrase whenever discussing something difficult. This time around, I will be discussing something difficult – the passing of my father, Larry Hadley.

Larry was one of the “Soldier’s Creek originals.” His mother’s family moved to Soldier Creek from Myrtle Grove, Fla., in the late 1960s. Evelyn often remarked that one of her proudest moments was when Dad stopped being known as “Evelyn’s son” and she started being known as “Larry’s mother.”

Daddy joined the Marine Corps on his 18th birthday. During his years in the Marine Corps, he held many positions. He was on the Presidential Honor Guard, guarded the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, was a drill sergeant and served three tours in Vietnam. He was stationed in Okinawa where he learned to speak limited Japanese from tea shop ladies. I always thought he was full of baloney until a Japanese exchange student stayed the weekend with us. Turns out it was true; he did speak understandable Japan-

ese – as if he were a tremendously formal grandma.

His last station as a Marine was where he met Cindy, his wife of more than 40 years. They had a whirlwind romance and got married quickly. The reason for a quick nuptial, I think, is Dad realized Mom was the best thing to happen to him. If you saw them together, you would see they were still very much in love with each other.

In the early 1990s, Larry moved his family from Garland, Texas, to Lillian. The summer of 1993 saw the opening of Hadley Termite & Pest Control, Inc. It had one employee to start - Larry. Cindy was there to keep receipts and deposits organized. Cindy is still keeping our receipts in order, though we are all better about turning them in than dad ever was. The second generation oversees the day-to-day stuff. Did you know that Ryan Madden has been at HT&PC for 20 years? He is truly one of the kindest people I know and has been an absolute rock during this terrible time.

Dad could charm the sparrows out of the trees. He convinced his brother, Bruce, and family to leave Garland

and move to Lillian. Together, they started another business, Hadley Construction Specialties, Inc.

Larry started the process of retiring in 2005. One of my proudest memories is Dad saying, “I am not the boss. I’m the father of the boss.” By 2010 his “work” schedule was full of fishing, golfing and music.

Music was his other true love. He grew up playing a lap steel guitar and the banjo. Dad learned to play dobro, a cross between a lap steel and a banjo but looks like a guitar with a metal face. He played that steel guitar with passion.

Let me share a few lessons from him - Always take the high road. Don’t sweat the small stuff (and it’s all small stuff). Give each other grace. Dad was the source of optimism and hope.

For anyone so inclined, our family is accepting donations to Champions for Autism in his name. This is a 501c3 charity raising money to open a school for autism in Baldwin County. Three

of his grandchildren are on the autism spectrum. The address is PO Box 243, Summerdale, 36580, or you can find it online at www.championsforautismal.org.



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To Love as Christ Loves

In the Gospel of John chapter 15:9-17, we read these words: “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.”

We are born totally self-centered and totally helpless. In order to survive we must make our needs known. If those needs are met, then we will probably grow to love those meeting our needs. But is that really love?

We say children have to be taught to hate, but isn’t that true of love as well? Think how difficult it is to teach a child to share. Is it really something that happens naturally? Is it something that comes from within? Or is it something we learn as children from our primary caregivers and others around us?

C.S. Lewis distinguished between need love and gift love. Need love should be self-evident. It is the most common kind of love in our world. I love you because you meet my needs. It might be that my self-esteem is boosted when I am with you or it might be simply my need to be loved. Most of us have a need for companionship. The person characterized by need love is grasping to get from others things or values he or she covets. Lewis contends many times when we say, “I love you,” what we really mean is “I need you, I want you. You have a value that I very much desire to make my own, no matter what the



The Methodist Message
By Rev. Daniel Randall

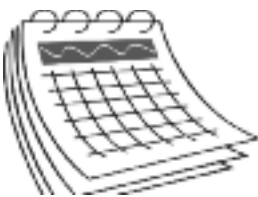
consequence may be to you.” Now contrast that with what Lewis calls gift love. This form of loving is born of fullness. The goal of gift love is to enrich and enhance the person we love rather than to extract value from them. Lewis concludes that God’s love is gift love, not need love. This, of course, is the meaning of agape love. Are we capable of agape love - that is, loving as God loves?

To a certain extent we are, but this does not happen naturally. For us to substitute gift love for need love, we must go to the source of love and the source of all love is God.

Later in his first epistle John writes, “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.” John continues, “Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Where does love come from? It comes from God. Then John adds, “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 4:7-11).

The ultimate personification of love is Jesus Christ. That is what love looks like and this love we receive as a gift is only experienced when we pass it on. What does it look like? It looks like a man hanging on a cross on our behalf. What does such love require of us? It requires us to move beyond need love to gift love. To look at others in need of God’s love and give it - not asking what they can do for us, but remembering what Christ has done for us. “This is my command,” Jesus said to his disciples, and also to us: “Love each other.”



Community Bulletin Board

- Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24 - Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church on Barclay Street, weigh-in at 10:30 a.m., meeting at 11 a.m.
- Feb. 4 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. in the park conference room
- Feb. 8 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
- Feb. 9 & 23 - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of month
- Feb. 15 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- Feb. 16 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month, St. Joseph Catholic Church
- Feb. 28 - American Legion Ham Dinner, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lillian Community Club, see ad on Page 3 for details

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

Orally Speaking

By Richard Leverett, DMD

Why Are My Teeth So Sensitive?

One of the number one questions I am asked in my practice is: Why are my teeth so sensitive? There are many reasons:

- Over-brushing - brushing your teeth too hard may wear down enamel or irritate the gum line, causing it to recede and expose the tooth’s sensitive roots. Using a hard toothbrush with an abrasive paste will also cause tooth sensitivity.
- Cracked teeth - a crack or chip in your tooth may expose the underlying dentin or may fill with bacteria from plaque, causing the nerve to become inflamed.
- Teeth grinding - over time, grinding or clenching your teeth can erode enamel and expose dentin. Your dentist can diagnose this and advise if a bite guard /splint is indicated. Grinding can also fracture teeth, fillings and crowns.
- Gum disease - gum disease leads to tooth decay which breaks down enamel. Gum disease can lead to infection which may attack the tooth’s roots or cause the gum line to recede.
- Tooth whitening - using products that contain peroxide or baking soda can aggravate exposed roots and dentin.
- Age - studies have shown that tooth sensitivity occurs most often between the

ages of 25-30, but can occur at any age.

- You eat acidic foods - acidic foods such as tomato sauce, lemon, grapefruit, kiwi and pickles. Try avoiding these foods if you have sensitive teeth.
 - You are a mouth wash junkie - over-the-counter mouth washes and rinses contain alcohol and other chemicals that can cause sensitivity especially if your dentin is exposed. Try neutral fluoride rinses or skip the rinse and be more diligent about brushing and flossing.
 - You have excessive plaque - practice good oral hygiene and visit your dentist every six months or more if needed.
 - Recent dental work - it is common to experience sensitivity after a filling, extraction, root canal or any dental procedure. If the pain persists, schedule another appointment with your dentist.
- Tooth sensitivity is treatable. You may find using a toothpaste specifically for sensitive teeth helps, but they do not work for everyone. If your pain is extreme and persists, be sure to see your dentist. Only an office visit can determine the most likely cause of the pain and the best solution for your situation. There are many inexpensive treatments at your dentist’s disposal to stop the pain.

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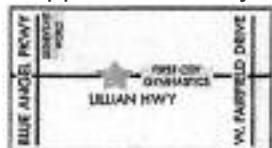
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OBITUARIES

Harold Burr

Harold Burr, 93, died on Dec. 29, 2020. Born in Kiowa, Kan., on June 12, 1927, Burr retired from the United States Army after 42 years of service in August 1972.



He was raised in the Milford (Ohio) Lodge #54 on Dec. 14, 1967, and became a third-degree Mason on March 14, 1968. He served as worshipful master of the Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 in 2006.

He was also a member of the Myrtle Grove Order of the Eastern Star and the Pensacola Chapter of OES #253 where he served as past worthy patron. He is survived by his wife, Donella Sue Burr of Pensacola.

Ottis “Leon” Gipson

Ottis “Leon” Gipson, 76, of Lillian, died on Jan. 12, 2021, at his home. He was born Nov. 9, 1944.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Ethel Gipson; two sisters, Barbara Jean Gipson Frances and Annette Gipson Clark.

Surviving are his loving significant other, Rita Mims; and siblings, Melvin Gipson and Vonnice Sue (Robert) Gipson Goodale.

Leon was never blessed with any biological children but is survived by children he loved deeply, Martina (Skyler) Wright, Angela (Michael) Henry, April Johnson; and grandchildren, Michaela Henry and Santino Johnson-Motes; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Leon owned Gipson Paint Company, and spent over 50 years as a commercial painter. He had a passion for fishing and the outdoors and loved spending time with his family and closest friends.

James Henry Gottler

James Henry (Jimmy) Gottler passed away Dec. 25, 2020. He was born Aug. 14, 1953, to John P. Gottler Sr. and Thelma Sheppard Gottler of Elberta.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Angela G. Etheridge Gottler; two daughters, Andrea G. Gottler Starkie of Loxley and Jamie L. Gottler Haislop (James) of Moyock, N.C.; five grandchildren, Olivia Starkie, Mitchell Starkie, Claire Haislop, Aiden Haislop and Sophia Haislop; a sister, Betty Gottler; sister-in-law, Angela B. Gottler; and dogs, Annie, Lulu and Mic-Mic.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Johnny Gottler.

Jimmy was a diesel mechanic by trade and worked in tractor and equipment repair and maintenance. He retired in December 2015 from the Baldwin County Commission, Silverhill Highway Department.

He enjoyed farming, raising cattle and rebuilding tractors with friends. He was active in St. Bartholomew’s Catholic Church in Elberta. Jimmy retired from active duty with the Elberta Volunteer Fire Department but continued to work at the Elberta Sausage Festivals. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to the community.

Services were held Jan. 3 at the Prince of Peace Catholic Cemetery, Elberta, with Rev. Stephen Martin presiding.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to St. Benedict’s Catholic School, 12786 S. Illinois St., Elberta, 36530, or to your favorite charity.

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

Vada Jean Hammen

Vada Jean (Gasaway) Hammen, 96, passed away Aug. 7, 2020, at home surrounded by family.

She was born in Ransom, Ill., to William “Bill” and Claudia (Greer) Gasaway. She attended and graduated from Ransom schools. She married Robert John Hammen on Sept. 20, 1941. They lived and raised their seven children in Wilmington. Vada busied herself with Cub Scouts, Brownies and volunteering at the church and schools and drove a school bus for 15 years. She loved art and taught classes at Joliet Junior College in Illinois for 12 years.



Hammen

She and her husband retired part-time in Brownsville, Texas, for eight years then fully retired for 12 more years. After her husband of 59 years passed and at the age of 80, Vada decided to move from Texas to Alabama to be closer to more family. She had been a resident of Lillian since 2004.

Vada established herself quickly in the art communities in Lillian, Foley and Daphne. She especially enjoyed a Plein Aire and a portrait group in Pensacola. Her paintings are still located in local galleries in the area.

Vada loved trying new recipes and was an avid reader but her passion for painting was the gift she gave to herself, family, friends and patrons. Her art hangs in homes and businesses throughout United States and overseas.

She is survived by her children, Jeanne(Elliott) Denny, Kathy (Ernie Wite-more) and Patty (Mike Poskin); 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Vada was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert; three sons, Bobby, Bill “Brick” and Donny “Sid”; and two grandsons, Doug Bengé and Josh Wrye.

OBITUARIES

Joel Higginbotham

Joel “Joey” Alan Higginbotham, 52, of Lillian, passed away at home on Dec. 31, 2020. He was born Sept. 14, 1968, in Birmingham.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Brittany, and his brother, Ronald Jeffery.

Surviving are his wife, Tracy Higginbotham; his sons, Joel Higginbotham and Rhett Higginbotham; a stepdaughter, Megan (Aaron) Davis; a grandson, Mack Higginbotham; a stepgranddaughter, Rylee Davis; his father, Kenneth (Elizabeth Ann) Higginbotham; his mother, Billie (Charley) Lightsey; a great aunt, Louise Waldrop; his pets, Slinky, Leah and Maggie; and other family and friends.

He was a caring Christian with a funny personality and a love for life and family. He never met a stranger nor turned away anyone that needed his help. He loved to fish and was an avid Auburn fan.

Services were held Jan. 9 at First Baptist Church of Lillian, officiated by Rev. Josh Thompson. Cason Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

Jeremy Wayne Metteer

Jeremy Wayne Metteer, 32, of Elberta, passed away on Jan. 9, 2021. He was born Nov. 4, 1988, in Pensacola, the son of Steve Metteer and Tina Metteer.

Jeremy was an intelligent, funny and kindhearted young man. He cherished his animals, enjoyed playing guitar, writing music, poetry, drawing, spending time outdoors and gardening. He loved his job, his employer Steven Brown, and co-workers at Spaires Inc. in Pensacola.

Jeremy is survived by his mother, Tina; his father, Steve; paternal grandfather, Don Metteer; uncles; aunts; cousins; and friends TJ, Cory and Travis. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Betty Metteer; great-grandma and grandpa Peel; great-grandma and grandpa Metteer; maternal grandfather, Dearn Harrell; maternal grandmother, Betty Nelson; grandfather, James Nelson; uncle, Louie Harrell; and friends, John Parker and Michael Fortune.

A celebration of life was held Jan. 17 in Lillian.

Mack Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Regina Caroline Clegg Seibert

Regina Caroline “Carol” Clegg Seibert passed away on Jan. 8, 2021.

She was born Dec. 20, 1939, in Enterprise, Miss., the seventh child born to Pascal and Lillie Mae Clegg.

Carol married Fred Seibert III in 1964 and the two were devoted to each other until he preceded her in death in 1998. After working at Scott Paper Company along with Fred, they moved their family to Elberta to return to the farm that Fred’s family had built over the years. Carol became his “right hand man,” managing the farm and household while Fred maintained his job at Scott.

Carol was a devoted mother to her daughter, Joanna Childress (Vernon), and her son, Greg (Elisa). She also leaves behind three grandchildren, Joni Reece (Ben), Frederick Seibert IV and Lucy Grace Seibert. All attended St Benedict Catholic School in Elberta where Carol was an avid supporter by volunteering whenever she could.

A private graveside service was held at Swift Cemetery in Mifflin.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Benedict Catholic School, 12786 Illinois St., Elberta, 36530.

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

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Floyd Replogle

Floyd C. Replogle, 93, a resident of The Veranda of Pensacola and formerly of Lillian, passed away Jan. 13, 2021.

He was born June 8, 1927, in Anderson, Ind., to Rev. Walter R. and Linna Replogle. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, June Spear of Kissimmee; his first wife, Florence (Betty) Holt Replogle (54 years); and his second wife, Ethel Litzinger Replogle (17 years).

He was an Army veteran of WWII, a proud graduate of Auburn University and a well-known educator in Mobile. For many years he was active in Lillian. He was a member of the Lillian United Methodist Church, Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 and Lillian Community Club.

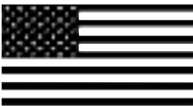
He served as executive editor of *The Lillian* newspaper from 1994-2014, as president of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay from 1992-1993 and as president of Lillian Action Committee and the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors.

He is survived by sons, Floyd (Ruth Ann) Replogle Jr., Michael Replogle and Chester (Karen) Replogle; a daughter, Rita (Peter) Blouke; stepdaughters, Marci (Jerry) Langford and Julie (Kathryn) Litzinger; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Lillian United Methodist Church Jan. 30 with Rev. Daniel Randall presiding. Memorial donations may be made to Lillian United Methodist Church or Pensacola Covenant Care Hospice.



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Examining a Few Tax Provisions

Here we are at the start of tax processing season. The IRS currently has a mail backlog of 5 million, so I strongly recommend you electronically file your tax return this year. Although it is not certain whether there will be more tax changes for 2020, we most certainly will have changes for 2021 with a Democratic president and Congress.

In addition to the 2020 changes, there are a couple of items to highlight.

The second stimulus Congress passed was signed into law on Dec. 27. For 2020, the stimulus payments will not be taxable to you. If for some reason you did not receive the full amount due, a reconciliation process on your tax form will provide for the payment(s) you should have received. If you received more than you should have, you will not have to pay it back. Of course, unemployment compensation received due to COVID will be taxable income to you, as is other unemployment compensation.

There are many tax provisions, but space is limited. Some of the main ones for 2020 are:

- **Standard deduction:** It will be \$24,800 for those married filing jointly (MFJ), \$18,650 for heads of household (HOH) and \$12,400 for single or those married filing separately (MFS). Seniors of age 65 and up will get an extra \$1,650 if single and \$1,300 for all others over 65 or

blind. The standard deduction for dependents who file a tax return is a minimum of \$1,100 or up to the amount earned if less than \$12,400.

- **Personal exemption:** These are suspended for all taxpayers until tax year 2026, however, the income level to claim a dependent is \$4,300 for 2020.

- **Tax rates:** There are still seven tax brackets in effect until 2025. Percentages are: 10, 12, 22, 24, 32, 35 and 37%.

- **Capital gains and qualified dividends tax rate:** The capital gains rate is 0% if taxable income is less than \$80,000 if MFJ; less than \$53,600 if HOH; and less than \$40,000 if single or MFS. The ranges for the 15% rate are less than \$496,600 if MFJ; less than \$469,050 if HOH; less than \$441,450 if single; and less than \$248,300 for MFS. The top rate of 20% is for all others not falling within the 0% or 15% capital gains rates. When adding the 3.8% surtax on investment-type income/gains, the overall rate for higher-income taxpayers will be 23.8%.

- **Charitable contributions.** You will be able to deduct an “above-the-line” deduction for up to \$300 of charitable cash, check or credit card contributions, even if you do not itemize deductions.

- **Discharged home mortgage debt and mortgage insurance premiums:** The cancellation of debt is not taxable for personal home foreclosures up to



Let's Talk Taxes
By Carol Kovacs
CPA, EA

\$2 million and the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums (PMI) is once again allowed for itemizing deductions.

- **Dependent tax credit:** The child tax credit remains at \$2,000 for each child under 17, of which up to \$1,400 will be refundable if your earned income is less than \$2,500, meaning that you will get up to this amount as a refund even if you do not owe or pay any tax. You may also claim a \$500 credit for each qualifying dependent not eligible for the child tax credit. The income for phase out of these credits is \$400,000 for MFJ and \$200,000 for any other filing status.

- **Earned income credit (EIC):** The maximum EIC is \$6,660 for taxpayers who have 3 or more qualifying children with earned income and AGI less than \$14,800. The phaseout range is \$25,220-\$56,844 for MFJ and \$19,330-\$50,954 for any other filing status. The EIC amounts and AGI limitations decrease with fewer or no children. The review of eligibility for EIC continues to be stringent, requiring tax preparers to review documents as proof of taxpayer's eligibility. You cannot claim EIC if

your filing status is MFS.

- **Personal energy property credit:** The lifetime credit of \$500 has been extended retroactively from 2017-2020 for qualified energy expenses for a taxpayer's principal residence, and is also available for solar electric property, solar water heaters, geothermal heat pumps, small wind turbines and fuel cell property. Generally, this credit for alternative energy equipment terminates for property placed in service after Dec. 31, 2021. The applicable percentage for 2020 is 26%, for 2021 it is 22%.

- **Medical expense deduction:** The expense threshold for deducting medical expenses as an itemized deduction is still 7.5% of adjusted gross income (AGI). The percentage will increase to 10% for 2021.

- **Real estate, state income and sales tax:** The deduction for all three combined remains capped at \$10,000. You still have the choice of either state income or sales tax as a deduction, but the cap applies.

- **Home mortgage interest:** New acquisition debt is still limited to \$750,000 but debt incurred before 12/15/17 is grandfathered at \$1 million. Home equity loans not specifically related to the purchase, construction or substantial improvement of a qualified home are not deductible.

- **Casualty and theft losses:** These are longer deductible unless in the case of a federally declared disaster. See December's issue of *The Lillian* for further detail.

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Non-smoking

RV CONVENIENCE SITES

(Pay in Lounge or Office)
Members: \$15/DAY
Guest: \$25/DAY
Located behind LCC



DARTS - SATURDAYS 6 P.M.



LCC Catfish Dinner ~ \$10

Friday, Feb. 12 5-6:30 P.M.

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

Trivia on Thursdays,

Feb. 4 & 18

6:30 P.M.

Come out and share your knowledge
Prizes will be given!



Karaoke

Feb. 25 • 6:30 pm



American Legion

Ham Dinner

Sunday, Feb. 28

11am-1pm \$10

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

LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday thru Thursday

11 A.M. - 10 P.M.

Friday and Saturday

11 A.M. - 11 P.M.

Bloody Mary Sundays

\$1.50 from 11-3

Jan. 1 - Open at 1 p.m.

BANDS:

Heartstrings - Feb. 5

Big Jake - Feb. 12

Jay Hawkins Duo - Feb. 14

Gary Story - Feb. 19

Front Stage - Feb. 21

Johnny Barbato - Feb. 26

Jimmy Smith - Feb. 28

\$5 COVER CHARGE FOR NON-MEMBERS WHEN IN THE HALL

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