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LASAR Observes 20th Anniversary of Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In the middle of the north section of the Lillian swamp near Seminole in 2000, a small aircraft crashed around 9:15 p.m. on a rainy, foggy night. The passengers survived with only minor injuries but found themselves in swampy, thick foliage unable to walk to safety. Using his cell phone, the pilot called for help.

The Baldwin County Sheriff Department, Seminole Volunteer Fire Department and Lillian Volunteer Fire Department immediately responded to the general area but could not reach them. Rescuers tried to drive, boat and walk into the swamp, only to get bogged down in several feet of muddy water, leading to them needing to be rescued themselves. With the pilot's cell phone dying and the darkness of the night deepening, a rescue team and helicopter out of Naval Air Station Pensacola was called. After several attempts, they were able reach the survivors and fly them to safety.

Listening to the emergency radio chatter that night were Ray Hogans and Mike Reeves. They immediately knew this area, which includes the Lillian swamp complex encompassing almost 3,000 acres and bay/bayou shorelines over 80 miles long, needed a more robust specialized search and rescue service. They began discussing the issue with others in the Lillian area and found there were many who agreed.

On Feb. 1, 2001, 25 people met at the old Lillian Community Club and started the process to register the Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) unit as a 501c3 nonprofit corporation.

The mission of the unit was to foster, develop and promote activities pertaining to search and rescue in Baldwin County. LASAR was created to work jointly and support other state and federal search and rescue agencies with specialized training and equipment. On May 3, 2001, the state of Alabama approved the articles of incorporation for LASAR as a nonprofit organization.

LASAR immediately applied to the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads (AARS) and was soon deemed a qualifying agency. LASAR is still going strong with 37 active members and 12 honorary members who still support the unit but have



As Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) noted their 20th year, the organization hosted the quarterly meeting for Alabama Association of Rescue Squads (AARS) at the Lillian Community Club on Feb. 20. AARS is currently made up of 111 rescue units with over 3,000 members throughout the state. Additional photos from LASAR are on Page 20.

moved away. LASAR member Billy Slavey was named 2018 Rescuer of the Year by AARS.

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, LASAR hosted the quarterly AARS general membership meeting on Feb. 20. AARS and many state and county dignitaries took this opportunity to honor LASAR for reaching this milestone.

One of the first fundraising focuses for LASAR was for a building to house the rolling stock and offices. On Sept. 8, 2007, a ceremony was held to dedicate the LASAR building on Barclay Street. The building was dedicated in memory of D. Stephen Kuntz who attended that first meeting. Cmdr. Kuntz was the first financial contributor to LASAR and after his death in 2004, his LASAR call sign of "10" was permanently transferred to LASAR command out of respect.

Over the years LASAR has trained many search and rescue units and local citizens in a variety of CPR, ATV, tactical tracking for missing persons, emergency vehicle operation, public safety diving and many other courses.

One that stands out to many members was a two-week course taught to select US Naval Sea Cadet Corp members from around the U.S. LASAR hosted the cadets for orientation training, search and rescue training in rough terrain, flight

training at NAS Whiting Field, medical training at Pensacola State College, field CPR and first aid certifications and repelling training. This training was conducted for many years until funding for the cadet program was reduced.

LASAR also focuses on community with programs at OWA during the Community Safety Day, supporting the Optimist Club children's fishing rodeo with medical support teams, working with Tate High School ROTC squads to provide medical support for their interstate ball tournament, assisting FEMA at hurricane distribution centers and many other programs.

One special community program that brings a smile to LASAR members was the Grand Isle Louisiana children's Christmas party. You may wonder why LASAR would be going to Grand Isle.

After delivering collected hurricane supplies following Hurricane Katrina, members realized there was barely a house standing on Grand Isle. The adults there were focused on rebuilding, but the kids were still hoping for a grand Christmas. LASAR members coordinated with Lillian churches that in turn contacted the churches in Grand Isle. Every child was asked what they

■ LASAR, continued on Page 20

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 is in this

issue of *The Lillian* on Page 19 and will also be available for download on the newspaper's web site. To access the paper online, go to www.lilliancommunityclub.com then click on 'The Lillian' link at the top of the page.

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

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New Pastor Welcomed at Shepherd of the Bay

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church officially welcomed Rev. Tim Sowers and his wife, Kim, on Sunday Feb. 7, with a reception after church services.

Additional information about the church and the pastor can be found on the church’s new website at <https://shepherdofthebaylutheranchurch.com>. The site shows current service times, latest news,

the latest video sermon and latest newsletter.

A Facebook page is also available at <https://www.facebook.com/shepherdofthebay>.

Easter service will be April 4 with one service at 9 a.m. followed by a brunch. All are welcome to join. Masks are optional. The church hopes to resume hosting an Easter sunrise service again in 2022.



Kim and Rev. Tim Sowers

Advent Thrift Shop Reopening with Spring Items

Volunteers at the Advent Thrift Shop will reopen on Tuesday, March 2, at 10 a.m. with spring clothing for women, men and children including petite sizes which will be displayed

in a special section.

The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Donations are accepted during business hours.

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.

February Book Sale a Success

The library had a great February book sale! The sale books are ones that were not checked out of our library for over five years. We have to make room for all the newer donated books so we offer these for you to purchase.

We have two sales a year, in February and August, to help the library with monthly bills as we are a full donation library. Once the February book sale is over, we will continue to have fiction and non-fiction hardback books for \$1 each

and paperback books for 50 cents each.

We hope everyone has received our membership post card. We thank those who have filled it out and mailed it back to the library.

We are open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

We welcome all patrons and encourage anyone to stop by for a tour. We have computers and a fax/copier/printer for public use and always welcome volunteers.

Thank you always for your support and patronage.



Lillian Perdido Bay Library
By Betty Bovat

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St. Benedict Catholic School principal Dr. Kathy McCool, right, welcomed Alabama Secretary of State John H. Merrill to campus in January. His visit was in recognition of the school’s 100th anniversary.

Alabama Secretary of State Notes St. Benedict School’s Centennial

Alabama Secretary of State John H. Merrill visited St. Benedict School in Elberta in January to recognize and celebrate the school’s centennial anniversary.

“This is a truly momentous occasion for St. Benedict Catholic School and its 100th graduating class. As we celebrate the school’s rich history and revel in the outstanding accomplishments of the many alumni that have walked before you, go confidently towards the future. St. Benedict has helped you build a robust academic foundation and steadfast moral compass that will enable you to achieve great things, as long as you always hold these gifts close to your heart,” said Merrill as he addressed the upcoming St. Benedict eighth grade graduates.

During a campus tour, Merrill discussed the aspects of public service, the importance of voting and the role that young people can play in shaping the future through civic engagement and participation.

Dr. Kathy McCool, principal of St. Benedict said, “We were so very honored to have Secretary of State Merrill dedicate time to spend with our students. His natural ability to make learning about governmental processes and positions fun made a huge impact. They especially loved hearing about the various civic volunteer opportunities available in our state government. In fact, many of the

older students approached me afterwards saying they were excited about potentially becoming a page at the state capital.”

As Alabama’s 53rd Secretary of State, Merrill’s accomplishments include the implementation of the country’s most formidable voter identification law which helps protect the integrity of the voting process, the reduction of overhead and consolidation of redundant services resulting in millions of dollars of savings for Alabama taxpayers and the creation of innovative online resources that enable business owners to have their tax filings processed in a much more efficient manner.

Merrill has been an integral part of simplifying international child adoption processes.

Merrill was accompanied on campus by St. Benedict alumnus, the Honorable Judge of Probate Tim Russell (Baldwin County, retired) and his wife, retired St. Benedict teacher, Mrs. Sandy Russell.

Before leaving the school, Merrill told the students “If I can leave you with one piece of advice, it is to read. Read a lot. Read about anything you enjoy. Never stop. This is the single best tool for success.”

St. Benedict Catholic School is a fully accredited private school founded in 1921 and continues to serve pre-k through eighth grade students in south Baldwin County.

Next Legion Ham Dinner Set For March 28

The final of three ham dinners hosted by the American Legion Post 48 of Lillian will be held Sunday, 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.

Drive-through service will also be available 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 annual 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.

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

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Vaccine Mission
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It's a "long way to Tipperary" but it's also a long way to Bay Minette. However, the trip was worth it. So now comes "the rest of the story."

It all started with this blankety blank Covid-19. After months of worrying about whether I would get the darned thing, they came out with a couple of vaccines that would be available to everyone. Yay!

When I heard that they would be giving the vaccine in Robertsedale, I got on the phone and made my appointment. Got one for a Wednesday in January, but the Friday before the appointment I got a phone call that it was cancelled.

They said I could go to Daphne, but there were no appointments, just get in line and wait. I explained that no way was I going to drive at least 40 miles, get in line at some ungodly hour of the morning and then maybe be told they were out of vaccine.

I decided to wait. I heard the horror stories of friends getting to Daphne in the middle of the night and having to wait many hours to get the shot. Or worst case, no shot at all.

Meanwhile I heard you could make an appointment in Bay Minette. Sounded like a plan, so I called. Yep, I could get an appointment for Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. or I could go a week later to Fairhope. I opted for Bay Minette, a date just a couple of weeks away, but yes, 20 miles further. I also received my March 10 appointment for the second shot.

The whole time I expected to get a call that my appointment was cancelled. I heard about OWA distribution, but once again no appointments. Should I? Shouldn't I? Nope, I stuck with the plan and lo and behold! I got a text confirming my appointment. In fact, I got two of them a couple of days apart. We're on schedule.

On Wednesday I got on the road at 8:30 a.m. to give me plenty of time to get there. I took the back roads, having used them several times when I was on jury duty many years ago. All the way up I was worried that I'd get there and they'd say, "Sorry, no more vaccine."

Oops! Missed the road so I had to



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

circle the courthouse again, but no problem. A few miles up the road and there it was, the North Baldwin Infirmary and Fitness Center.

On went my mask and into the building I went. I needn't have worried. There were plenty of people to help me. #1 Get my temp taken. OK! #2 Fill out the form. Good news, nothing to prevent me from getting the vaccine. #3 A nice gentleman shows me to a chair outside the "vaccine" room. Sat there for about two seconds and was shown into the room. #4 In about another two seconds I had my coat off and a nice lady was jabbing my arm with little discomfort. Another lady gave me back my paperwork and (did I mention the guy was also good looking?) the nice gentlemen handed me a timer and showed me to the waiting room. #5 I read my book for 15 minutes and was sent on my way to my car. #6 By 11:30 a.m. my friend and I were seated at a table in Cracker Barrel in Foley, after making a stop at the Council on Aging in Robertsedale.

So what's my point? They are still taking appointments in Bay Minette, maybe even Fairhope, you'll find out when you call, 251-341-2819. Yes, it is about 55 miles to Bay Minette, but I felt that I would rather be driving for a few hours to and from rather than sitting in my car for several hours in a parking lot only to be told there was no more vaccine.

It's easy to get there the regular way, use the Beach Express to I-10; I-10 to Highway 59. Take 59 north to Bay Minette; turn right at the second traffic signal past Baldwin County High School. Drive maybe a half mile. There it is on the right. MapQuest says it will take one hour and one minute. Not bad for peace of mind.

Make your own decision. I'm happy I made the one I did. Good luck!

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Draw Down Benefits Mary's Shelter

After the Coronavirus cancelled an event last April and Hurricane Sally wiped out another in the fall, "Be My Valentine" to benefit Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast was a success, despite the cold and sometimes rainy weather.

The winner of the \$10,000 prize was Priscilla McDonough. More than 300 individuals purchased draw down tickets.

The draw down combined sponsors and individual ticket purchasers to help the Elberta home for homeless, pregnant women. The event included virtual and in-person excitement for the drawing of the \$10,000 prize. It also provided a video tour of the home and interviews of mothers and volunteers. Entertainer Shane Tucker provided musical entertainment.

Opened in 2006, Mary's Shelter has housed dozens of moms, their new babies and older children. The 24-hour facility provides a safe home as well as counseling to help the residents set goals for their future.

Volunteers help with transportation to doctor visits, jobs and classes to provide better job opportunities. Others help with babysitting and up-keep of the facility.

Sue, one of the volunteers, says, "At Mary's Shelter, I receive satisfaction that I can apply my skills, talents and interests to the lives of young women who are striving for a successful, independent life style." Those who are interested in volunteering may call 251-982-6200 or visit the website, maryssheltergulfcoast.org to sign up. Click on "Volunteer" on the left side of the page.



Norman and Jeanne Franz



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Red Hats Celebrate Valentine's Day



The Perdido Grand Dame Red Hats held their Valentine party at the Spanish Cove RV Clubhouse on Feb. 9. After lunch they played bingo followed by cherry dessert and Dutch apple pie. The next gathering will be March 9. Those interested in joining should call Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206. In attendance were, front from left, Lorraine Standish, Inga Petit, Este Donnenwirth, Dotti Mau and Diane Gilbert. In back are Priscilla Westgate, Mary Margaret Ayres, Judy Wargo, Barbara Dixon, Melissa Scott, Lorri Roit, Vickey Massey and Judith Wittig.

CHIT CHAT

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

Happy birthday wishes in March go out to Jean Legg, Gail Keigley, Edward Heiner, Edi Langlois, Elaine Grounds, Marcia Allen, Rita Roth, Joan Rugg, Bill Weaver, Bob Davidson, Tootsie Farrell, Sarah Wigton, Ted Bennett, Lynn Corker, Cliff Ledbetter, Patricia Heiner, Don Hartman, Inez Parker, Jerry Skates, Julie Moore, Dee Woodford, Louise Greenley, Joanne Bold, Ron Morris, Church Townsend, Ed Rugg, Jim Avera, Jean Bartlett, Christine Clark, Joe Keller, Jana Widener, Brooks Foster and Kelly Varret.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in March are William and Sara Laibe, John and Peggy Blalock, Joanna and Brooks Foster (2 years), Bob and Sharon Linda (17 years), Richard and Carolyn Holt (58 years), Dennis and Linda Roach (46 years), Jim and Mary Morris (49 years) and Jim and Blanch Crandall (60 years).

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The Mouse By Joseph Oakley

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Who Was St. Patrick?

Soon it will be March 17 when we may wish to be Irish for a day to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. So who was St. Patrick, the famous saint for whom we wear our green clothes one day of the year?

Patrick was born in Britain, around late 500 A.D. At 16 he was taken by Irish raiders away from the village of his family and into slavery in Ireland. He spent six bleak years there as a sheep and goat herdsman, during which he turned from furor at his capture to his faith in God.

Years later Patrick wrote in his book, “Confessio,” that these six years as a slave were critical to his spiritual transformation. He explained the Lord had mercy on his youth and ignorance, and afforded him the opportunity to be forgiven his sins and convert to Christianity. While in captivity, he worked as a shepherd and strengthened his relationship with God through prayer, eventually giving him a compassionate heart of God.

After Patrick’s return to Britain, he wrote his book and shared his dream in which someone named Victorius delivered him a letter headed “The Voice of the Irish.” As Patrick read it, he seemed to hear a certain company of Irish people crying out with one voice: “We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.” “Deeply moved,” Patrick said, “I could read no more.” He felt moved to return to Ireland as a call from God.

Because of his limited formal education, he was reluctant for a long time to respond to this call from God. On the eve of his return to Ireland he had doubts of his fitness for the task. Once in the field, however, his hesitations vanished. Utterly confident in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptizing and confirming with untiring energy. In diplomatic fashion, he brought gifts to kings and



Moving Forward

By Rev. Tina Lockett
Church of the Advent

other leaders but accepted none from anyone.

Careful to deal fairly with non-Christian people in Ireland, he lived constantly in danger of being killed. He was a most humble-minded man, pouring forth a continuous praise of thanks to his Maker for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshipped “idols and unclean things” had become “the people of God.”

The phenomenal success of Patrick’s mission is not however, the full measure of his personality. Since his writings have come to be better understood, it is increasingly recognized that despite their occasional confusion and inaccurate language, they mirror a truth and a simplicity of the rarest quality. Not since St. Augustine of Hippo had any religious person bared his soul as much as Patrick did in his writings.

Before the end of the 7th century, Patrick had become a legendary figure. One legend would have it that he drove the snakes of Ireland into the sea to their destruction. Patrick himself wrote that he raised over 30 people from the dead, some of whom were said to have been deceased for many years.

He also reportedly prayed for the provision of food for hungry sailors traveling by land through a desolate area, and a herd of swine miraculously appeared.

So, who was St. Patrick? Brave, strong, fearless, yet also humble, and kind. A man who forgave his capture, heard the Lord and responded to the call. May we seek to listen to the Lord’s voice the way St. Patrick did.

Pork Tenderloin Roast

When someone mentions pork for a meal, the usual first thoughts are spareribs, pork chops or bacon. Almost never does one think of pork tenderloin. Admittedly, pork tenderloin is not beef tenderloin. That being said, pork tenderloin is much more affordable, often less expensive than spareribs or chops and properly prepared, can be a delicious main course meal. It goes great with roasted red potatoes, carrots and broccoli.

Pork tenderloin roast

- 1½ to 2 pound pork tenderloin
- ½ cup Italian salad dressing
- Marinate tenderloin overnight in dressing (a quart freezer bag works well)
- 2 T olive oil
- 1 tsp each salt and freshly ground pepper

Adventures in Eating

By Ken Sanders

Sprinkle and rub in salt and pepper all sides

Brown/sear meat in olive oil all sides

1 tsp each basil, thyme, sage, parsley

1 large clove garlic, chopped fine

Mix all above and rub onto meat

Preheat oven to 425 degrees

Wrap meat in foil and drizzle with 1/8 lb butter with 8-10 drops of orange extract onto meat before sealing

Cook approx. 10 minutes.

Unwrap foil and slice for serving. Drizzle gravy left in foil over slices and serve.



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Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 gathered on Feb. 16 and held a ceremony to recognize Cliff Collier achieving Master Mason status. Standing in front, from left, are Jack Gravely, Tommy Danner, Earl Thompson, Scott Croxford, Mike Blankenship, B.J. Bonta, Dan Brantley, Cliff Collier, David Wells, Bill Hall, Dean Gray, David Johnson, Randy Smith, Jim Baker, Brian McDonald and Joe Taylor. In back are Richard Duggan and Bruce Garrison.

Cliff Collier Achieves Master Mason Status

Lillian resident Cliff Collier achieved Master Mason status at a ceremony conducted on Feb. 16 at Lillian Masonic Lodge #925. The ceremony was overseen by the Scottish Rite Degree Team of Mobile.

An outstanding showing of Master Masons from the region came out to witness the ceremony and share in the fellowship of raising a new “brother” in masonry.

Master Mason is the third and final of the Blue Lodge degrees and makes a candidate a Master Mason and a full member of the fraternity.

For skilled Craftsmen, this degree marks a person’s progress from an apprentice to a journeyman.

Collier began his journey several months ago as he earned the first of the three degrees in Freemasonry.

The first degree is Entered Apprentice. Like all Masonic ceremonies, it is solemn and a meaningful event.

Collier, the owner of the Car Barn, passed the second degree of Fellow Craft in July 2020. Joe Taylor served as his instructor and said, “The second ceremony exposes a brother to more of the symbolism and philosophy of the fraternity. For skilled Craftsmen, this degree would have marked a person’s progress from an apprentice to a journeyman.”

According to Lillian Lodge Worshipful Master Richard Duggan, “By being raised to the degree of Master Mason, brother Collier is entitled to full membership in the fraternity, enjoying both the rights and benefits of Master Mason. He now has the ability to visit lodges throughout the world. In doing this, he will meet men who would otherwise not be known to him. I look forward to Cliff becoming an active member of our fraternity.”

Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

Homestead Exemptions Can Be Done Online

Property owners wanting to renew their homestead exemption for over 65 years of age or disability should go to the Baldwin County web site.

Under Alabama law, a homestead exemption is a tax deduction a property owner may be entitled to if he or she owns a single-family residence and occupies it as his/her primary residence on the first day of the tax year (Oct. 1).

Application should be made by Dec. 31.

To apply, go to baldwincountyal.gov and click on ‘Revenue.’ There will be three blue boxes under Revenue Commissioner Teddy Faust’s picture. Click on ‘Homestead Exemption Renewal.’

It will ask for the account number for the owner. If the homestead account number is not known, call the Revenue Commission office at 251-972-6819 to get the information.

After entering the account number, information from the system will be available. Answer the questions, type in the name on the signature spot, hit submit and it will go directly to the commission office.

A confirmation code will be sent to show that it went through.

Applicants may also visit the Revenue Commission office in Foley, Fairhope, Roberts-dale or Bay Minette.

Hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary.

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Clarke Named Captain with LVFD

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 94 calls dispatched by 911 operators in January including 55 medical assistance, 14 public assists, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 10 brush fires, 1 structure fire, 7 fire alarm/investigations and 2 miscellaneous.

Please join us in congratulating Martie Clarke as our new LVFD captain. He has over 25 years experience in volunteer fire service. He received his fire certification from the Georgia Fire Academy, which in today's standard includes modules 1, 2 and 3. He is also certified in woodland fire control, pressurized container fire control, flammable liquid fire control, crash vehicle extraction and incident command 100, 200, 700 and 800. Clarke started off as a volunteer firefighter at the Cataula

Volunteer Fire Department in Harris County, Ga., 100 miles south of Atlanta. Because of his extensive skills and knowledge, he quickly progressed through the ranks of lieutenant, captain and assistant chief. He took a leave for about four years to assist his mother who had Alzheimer's.

He and his wife, Kathleen, moved to Lillian in September 2019 after she accepted a position in Pensacola. She was also recently elected secretary to the LVFD Board of Directors in September. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome some new recruits to LVFD - Joy Morton, Jenny Li, Tanner Jackson and Jonathan Ard. As men-



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

tioned last month, it has been difficult to find volunteers for weekdays, and so far Morton and Li have been able to help out during these hours.

If you happened to pass by the Lillian shopping plaza in mid-February and noticed a lot of firefighters, there was no need for alarm. It was LVFD conducting a drill with several of our mutual aid stations. It's been a while since we partnered up with our mutual aid, so Chief Nick Dewhurst arranged a drill to include our fire department neighbors to ensure we keep up our skills and work as one during an emergency.

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.

Martie Clarke has been elected captain for the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department while his wife, Kathleen, serves as LVFD board secretary. In the photo below, LVFD recently worked with other area departments for mutual aid training.



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Ladies Group Offers Donation



The Ladies of Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish presented Saint Benedict Catholic School with a grant from their recent Saint Margaret BBQ and bake sale. On hand for the presentation were, from left, Winnie Lindblom, Terri Russell, Diane Fiduccia, principal Dr. Kathy McCool, and Marcia Mortek. The \$5,000 gift was made to the Saint Benedict Saints annual fund. The school is preparing to celebrate its 100th year anniversary during the 2021-22 school year.

Park Seeking Your Feedback

Market in Park Resumes

We at the Lillian Recreational Park are excited about the improvements we have made in the last few years.

To highlight just a few: the bandstand, our recently updated kiddie playground and shade structure and the repairs to the main building and press boxes.

We are equally excited for the planning of future amenities and upgrades.

Our biggest challenge to the large projects is, of course, funding these projects.

Paving the parking lot or designing and building a splash pad are high dollar endeavors.

Getting donations and volunteers to turn the dog run into a dog park with agility features is less daunting.

Repairing or replacing our picnic tables and benches requires some handy folks who want to take on a project or two.

We invite you to give us your feedback as to what you may like to see happen at your park.

Would you like to see a container gardening class or a yoga class in the bandstand?

Or maybe sponsor a little free library or participate in the Market in the Park on Saturday, March 20, from 8 a.m. to noon?

It's back! Market in the Park will once again be held along the walking trail by the soccer field.

To be a vendor, you will need to have an application on file with us. You can find that on our website at www.lillianrecreationalpark.org, along with the vendor/seller guidelines.

Please stop by the LRP tent on market day and share your ideas.

We will have categories of projects big and small, and we would welcome your feedback.

Shop the local artists and sellers, bring your used electronics (no TVs) for us to recycle and support the park by shopping the items in the LRP tent.

Please enjoy the park often.

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Find the Path to Being Truly Happy

Jesus spoke in Matthew 5:3-10, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Truly unpacking these timeless truths will draw us closer to Christ and closer to lasting peace that no amount of money could ever secure.

In his book “Destination Happiness,” Marc Reklau asks, “Who do you think is happier - people who have won the lottery or people who have become paralyzed after an accident?”

You may be surprised at the answer. “Yes, the lottery winners were very happy, but not for very long,” Reklau continues. “After six months they went back to their previous levels of happiness.”

On the other hand, “accident victims were sad, very sad, but surprisingly after six months, they also went back to their previous levels of happiness.” Think about that for a moment. Six months later both had

returned to their previous state of happiness.

Our circumstances do not determine how satisfied we are with our lives. Something else much deeper makes the difference.

Jesus talked about happiness in a way that was just as foreign then as it is to us now. In the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Luke in the New Testament, Jesus made some unique and unusual statements about happiness which we know as the Beatitudes.

“Happy are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Happy are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Happy are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.”

We are more comfortable with the word ‘blessed’ than the word ‘happy’ in these circumstances - but the Greek word makarios, which most translators of the Bible translate as ‘blessed,’ is more appropriately translated as “happy or contented.”

How could Mother Teresa, working with dying people in the wretched slums of Calcutta, be blessed but happy? And yet people who knew her most intimately claimed that she radiated happiness and genuine con-



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

tentment.

The truth is the happiest people on earth are not those who pursue happiness, but those who seek God and serve others.

Happiness is not something that happens to you on the outside, but on the inside.

Happiness is not found in wealth, power, pleasure or a full belly. Some of the happiest people on earth are some of the poorest people on earth. And some of the richest people in terms of material goods are some of the most miserable.

We can have the most desperate of circumstances and still be happy, according to Jesus.

Happiness comes from a deeper source. Happiness is not dependent upon circumstances but on an inner certainty that we are loved, accepted and that we belong to God.

How sad it is to see so many people go through life without discovering this essential principle.

The teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount holds the complete answers to all of life’s restless and fruitless yearnings.

It contains the blueprint for successful human life with optimism, mental health and contentment.

This is why so many people today are unhappy, restless and discontented. It is why suicides are growing among young and old alike.

We have bought into the lie that happiness comes from having or possessing, from being surrounded with pretty, expensive things, from having a perfect healthy body and the list goes on. The path to true and lasting happiness is found in the teachings of Jesus.

It is found when our lives have surrendered to the way of holiness.

True happiness that lasts comes from living a holy and surrendered life. Give your life to Christ and look for people you can serve.

You will find a secret to life very few people ever find. You will have found the road to happiness.

Yes, it will lead to a cross, but it will also lead to a resurrection and an eternal life.

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What Investors Can Learn From A Challenging 2020

Now that we’re several weeks removed from 2020, it’s a good time to reflect on such a momentous year. We can think about developments in the social and political spheres, but we also learned – or perhaps re-learned – some valuable lessons about investing.

Here are four of them:

- A long-term perspective is essential. Volatility in the financial markets is nothing new, but even so, 2020 was one for the books. Of course, the COVID-19 outbreak was the driving force behind most of the wild price swings.
- Soon after the pandemic’s effects were first felt, the S&P 500, a common index of U.S. large-cap stocks, fell 34% but gained 67% by the end of the year. Consequently, investors who stuck with their investment portfolios and kept their eyes on their long-term goals, rather than on shocking headlines, ended up doing well. And while 2020 was obviously

an unusual year, the long-term approach will always be valuable to investors.

- Investment opportunities are always available. The pandemic drove down the prices of many stocks – but it didn’t necessarily harm the long-term fundamentals of these companies. In other words, they may still have had strong management, still produced desirable products and services, and still had good prospects for growth.
- In short, they may still have been good investment opportunities – and when their prices were depressed, they may also have been “bargains” for smart investors.
- And this is the case with virtually any market downturn – some high-quality stocks will be available at favorable prices.
- Diversification pays off. Bond prices often move in a different direction from stocks. So, during a period of volatility when stock prices are

falling, such as we saw in the weeks after the pandemic hit in March, the presence of bonds in your portfolio can lessen the impact of the downturn and stabilize your overall returns. And this, in essence, is the value of maintaining a balanced and diversified portfolio.

Keep in mind, though, that diversification can’t guarantee profits or prevent all losses.

- The market looks ahead. The pandemic-driven market plunge may have been stunning, but it made a kind of intrinsic sense – after all, the sudden arrival of a pandemic that threatened lives, closed businesses and cost millions of jobs doesn’t sound like a positive event for the financial markets.
- But the strong rally that followed the initial drop and continued into 2021 has surprised many people. After all, the pandemic’s effects were felt throughout the rest of 2020, and are still being felt now, so why did



Financial Focus
By Jason M. Kozon of Edward Jones

stock prices rise?

The answer is pretty straightforward: The financial markets always look ahead, not behind.

And for a variety of reasons – including widespread vaccinations, anticipated economic stimulus measures from Congress and the Biden administration, and the Federal Reserve’s continued steps to keep interest rates low – the markets are anticipating much stronger economic growth, possibly starting in the second half of 2021.

All of us are probably glad to have 2020 behind us. Yet, the year taught us some investment lessons that we can put to work in 2021 – and beyond.

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Honey Bee Swarms Coming Soon

By Christel Hixson

It’s the time of year for honey bee colonies here in the southeast to begin building up population and for their annual cycle of reproduction via swarming. Swarming means reproduction and the main goal of every colony, whether it is living in a hollow tree, in a beekeeper’s stack of hive boxes or in a new, old or abandoned structure.

Spring is an exciting and busy time for beekeepers. Although we do not have much of a winter here, honey bee colonies do slow down their foraging activities as there are fewer blooming flowers for them to gather nectar and pollen.

The queen, therefore, does not lay as many eggs. As daytime temperatures begin to slowly climb, beekeepers start seeing more flight activity outside hives.

Foraging bees begin transporting more and more pollen in their pollen baskets. Yes, honey bees have little built-in baskets on their hind legs for transporting pollen back to their hive to feed developing larvae in the brood nest. This is a sure sign that spring is right around the corner.

As exciting as it may be to observe a colony in the act of swarming and settling on a tree branch or catching that swarm and successfully getting it into a hive box, beekeepers usually do not want to see their own hives swarm.

That’s because roughly half the colony will leave with the “mother” queen and the other half is left behind with a queen cell from which a new, young queen will soon emerge. This usually happens when the beekeeper least needs it to as spring buds are getting ready to burst open. For this reason, beekeepers are almost as busy as the bees implementing techniques to prevent their colonies from swarming. However, as hard as they may try, bees can still outmaneuver beekeepers and swarm anyway.

This is where you, as part of the community and hopefully, as one who appreciates the fascinating and necessary existence of these creatures, will call a local beekeeper, county extension agent or local beekeeping club if you ever spot a colony of bees clustered somewhere they should not be.

Beekeepers who are interested in retrieving swarms usually put their names and contact information on a swarm removal list with their club. They will gladly collect swarms if easily accessible from a tree limb or structure but often will charge a fee, especially if a colony has moved permanently into a gap in a building or soffit or behind the wall of a building.



When swarms take up residence in such places, it often requires a lot more time, effort and expertise to remove them safely and completely so that no trace of comb or scent is left behind to attract a future swarm.

A few good things to know about swarms is that when they are in that cluster and are on a tree limb, shrub or maybe a fencepost, this is usually a temporary resting place.

Clusters can range from just a small fist-size ball of bees to a much larger one, maybe two to three times the size of a football.

Then the swarm begins complex decision-making that helps them locate and then travel to their new home. The swarm can fly away within a few hours or the following day.

These swarms are generally docile as they have no home yet to defend. It is still best to stay on the side of caution and keep a reasonable distance away. If possible, it is helpful to snap a photo of the swarm to send to the beekeeper so he or she can confirm it is a honey bee swarm and bring the correct size box and equipment in order to successfully capture it.

If possible, try to observe the beekeeper collecting the swarm. You might be surprised at how easily it can often be done. It may even trigger your curiosity enough that you think about becoming a beekeeper. This would be wonderful as there can never be enough beekeepers in the world.

The Baldwin County Beekeepers Association website includes a list of local beekeepers to contact for removing swarms. Go to www.baldwinbees.com. Or contact me at 251-269-5642 with any beekeeping questions. I have been keeping honey bees for six years and am currently working toward receiving my master beekeeping certification with the Alabama Master Beekeepers.

• Christel Hixson has been a beekeeper for six years at Hillcrest Farm in Elberta.

SHERIFF’S BLOTTER

- Baldwin County officers responded to a report of theft at 12:12 a.m. Jan. 25 in the 1900 block of Santa Anna Drive, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of theft at 3:47 p.m. Jan. 30 in the 1400 block of Ridgewood Drive, Lillian.
- A theft report was filed at 3:07 p.m. Jan. 31 in the 1200 block of Pensacola Drive, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of theft at 4:05 p.m. Feb. 4 in the 12700 block of Seventh Street, Lillian.
- Officers responded to an assault report at 4:13 p.m. Feb. 10 in the

- 10200 block of Palao Drive in Lillian.
- Officers reported to an assault report at 9:03 a.m. Feb. 15 in the 12900 block of Santa Barbara Street, Lillian.
 - Assault was reported at 7:53 p.m. Feb. 15 in the 9200 block of Bayview Drive, Lillian.

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| Wednesday | Prayer and Bible Study 6:00pm |

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Orally Speaking

By Richard Leverett, DMD

Listerine History

All mouth washes are not created equal. The first one that comes to mind is the good old standby, Listerine.

It was concocted by Dr. Joseph Lister, a field surgeon for Union forces during the Civil War. Having very rudimentary sterilization techniques, the medical instruments were soaked in whiskey between patients.

Often in remote places, the army could not get enough supply of whiskey to an area of conflict and it had to be retained for the sole purpose of surgical disinfectant.

Dr. Lister enjoyed

whiskey and thought using it for a surgical soak was a waste and having to choose how to use it was a dilemma.

He put his medical mind to find a solution and invented Listerine, which is short for Lister rinse. The actual formula has not changed much since the original portion was created in an army field hospital tent with common ingredients.

The main ingredient was thymol, which is the portion that burns when you use it.

How it moved from the surgical soaking tray to the mouth is buried in history.

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**Elberta High School 2020 Warrior Baseball Schedule**

Home games played at Lillian Recreational Park

|          |                    |              |                   |
|----------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| March 2  | Robertsdale        | 5 p.m.       | Away              |
| March 3  | Orange Beach       | 5 p.m.       | Away              |
| March 4  | Bayside Academy    | 6:30 p.m.    | Away              |
| March 9  | BC Rain (Area)     | 5 p.m.       | Home              |
| March 12 | BC Rain (Area)     | 5 p.m.       | Away              |
| March 15 | Ethel, Tahlequah   | 4:30, 7 p.m. | Home (GS Classic) |
| March 16 | Cushing            | 7 p.m.       | Home (GS Classic) |
| March 17 | Father Ryan        | 4:30 p.m.    | Home (GS Classic) |
| March 18 | Gulf Shore Classic | TBA          | GS Sportplex      |
| March 19 | Excel              | 6:30 p.m.    | Home (Sr. Night)  |
| March 22 | Bayshore           | 5:30 p.m.    | Away (Loxley)     |
| March 23 | St. Paul's         | 7 p.m.       | Away              |
| March 25 | Daphne             | 6 p.m.       | Home              |
| March 29 | Baldwin County     | 7 p.m.       | Home              |
| 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              |
| April 15 | BC Rain (Area)     | 4:30 p.m.    | Home              |



**Elberta High School 2020 Warrior Softball Schedule**

Home games played at Lillian Recreational Park

|             |                      |      |           |      |
|-------------|----------------------|------|-----------|------|
| March 1     | Gulf Shores          | JV/V | 5 p.m.    | Home |
| March 4     | Orange Beach         | V    | 4 p.m.    | Home |
| March 5     | St. Michael's        | V    | 5 p.m.    | Home |
| March 8     | Spanish Fort         | JV   | 5 p.m.    | Home |
| March 9     | Daphne               | V    | 6 p.m.    | Away |
| March 11    | Fairhope             | JV/V | 5 p.m.    | Away |
| March 15/16 | Gulf Shores Tourney  | V    | TBA       | Away |
| March 18    | St. Michael's        | V    | 5 p.m.    | Away |
| March 19/20 | Fairhope Tourney     | JV   | TBA       | Away |
| March 22    | Daphne               | JV   | 6 p.m.    | Home |
| March 25    | BCHS                 | JV/V | 5 p.m.    | Away |
| March 30    | Spanish Fort         | JV/V | 5 p.m.    | Away |
| 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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Some Helpful Provisions for Alabama State Taxes

It’s time to talk about Alabama taxes. Again, there are no major changes this year, so I am highlighting a few provisions that may be helpful to you.

First, check whether you have to file an Alabama tax return. If you are single and your gross income is less than \$4,000, head of household under \$7,700, married filing jointly under \$10,500 and married filing separately under \$5,250, you do not have to file. In gross income, you do not count Social Security or retirements from the federal government or military. Also, Defined Benefit Retirement Plans 414(j), which are retirement plans that your employer or a union established and paid for you, are also not included as Alabama gross income.

Alabama did not suspend miscellaneous deductions that went away at the federal level until 2026. You can take some employee expenses not reimbursed by your employer, union dues, small tools, uniform maintenance, travel, transportation or meal expenses for your job. Also, other expenses like tax preparation fees, safe deposit rental, certain legal and accounting fees, IRA custodial fees and financial management or advisory fees are still itemized deductions in Alabama. These expenses are subject to a 2% adjusted gross income (AGI) threshold before they can be claimed.

Alabama also allows us to deduct casualty losses due to theft, vandalism, fire, storm and car, boat and

other accidents or similar causes. Of course, these losses are still limited to amounts over 10% of your AGI less \$100. Remember, Hurricane Sally was declared a federal disaster and “changes in fair market value” due to the disaster are deductible at both the federal level and in Alabama, without meeting the 10% AGI threshold.

You can deduct expenses to retrofit/upgrade your home to resist wind or flood damage. You may deduct from gross income the lesser of 50 percent of the cost or \$3,000 to upgrade your home. You must have a certification as prescribed under Chapter 31D, Title 27, Code of Alabama 1975 or the Alabama Residential and Energy Codes Board, so make certain you select a reputable company to make these changes.

For those of you who are uninsured or underinsured for a specific loss, you can make deposits to a catastrophe savings account to prepare for such a loss. You deduct from Alabama gross income the amount of your deposits for the year. The deduction is \$2,000 if your insurance deductible is equal to or less than \$1,000. If the deductible is greater than \$1,000, the amount of your deduction from your Alabama gross income is the lesser of \$15,000 or twice the amount of the insurance deductible. If you choose not to obtain insurance for a specific loss, then the deduction is the lesser of \$250,000 or the value of your legal residence. If

you have a mortgage on your property, your mortgager will not allow you to self-insure.

New for 2019 was the First-Time and Second-Chance Homebuyers (FTSC) Act, effective Jan. 1, 2019, through March 28, 2023. You can take advantage of this if you are planning a first-time purchase of a home or have not owned a home in the last 10 years. Of course, you have to be an Alabama resident and open a first time homeowner’s savings account as part of your plan to buy a home in Alabama.

If you are a single taxpayer, you may deposit up to \$5,000 a year; married taxpayers filing joint returns may deposit up to \$10,000 a year. You deduct the amount you deposit during the year from your gross income on your Alabama tax return for that year. When you purchase the home, you can use the amount in your FTSC account, including any interest earned, as a down payment and/or for settlement costs. Any money in the account after March 28, 2023, will be taxable income to you.

It’s a good deal because with Alabama tax rates generally between 4-5%, a married couple can save up to \$500 in Alabama taxes. You need to check with your bank to see if your branch offers this account. Make certain the account is labeled “first home buyers” to avoid any hassle.

Last on my list of reminders is taking credit in Alabama for taxes



Let’s  
Talk  
Taxes  
By Carol  
Kovacs  
CPA, EA

paid to other states for gambling winnings. All income, whether earned in Alabama or not, is taxable in Alabama. So you need to take a credit to avoid double taxation, especially when the other state has already collected the taxes on your winnings like Mississippi may do.

You must complete Alabama Schedule CR and attach a copy of the other state’s return or W-2Gs if the taxing state does not allow a return to be filed for gambling winnings. So remember whenever there is a possibility of double taxation, Alabama allows a credit on your tax return for payments made to other states.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any specific questions or areas of interest you would like addressed in future columns, my email is carolpkovacs@aol.com. Use “Let’s Talk Taxes” as the subject.

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Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

A big thank you to everyone who attended our ham dinners in January and February.

Please remember to join us for the final ham dinner of the year on Sunday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and the ham dinners are the only fundraisers held by Post 48 American Legion.

We normally prepare 50 meals for takeout but with the addition of the drive through option, we made up about 100 takeouts.

Our attendance was down a little, with about 40 people who chose to eat indoors at the Lillian Community Club.

We have seating for over 60, so if you thought we would be crowded, we were not. The tables are spaced well apart with lots of social distancing.

These funds are used for Lillian Little League, Boys State, Veterans Day, Memorial Day and ramps for veterans.

We appreciate the Lillian community's support.

Are you a registered user of the online American Legion web resources, such as MyLegion.org, Baseball.legion.org, Legiontown.org or Legion.org?

Are you tired of having to log in each time with your user name and

password as you access the individual sites? Good news - a single sign-on is now here. To access the single sign-on, you must re-register, set up a new password and most importantly, confirm the new response email.

At the February meeting, the post presented longevity award pins and certificates to Legionnaires with at least five years of continuous membership in American Legion.

We honored one member for reaching 35 years of continuous membership.

If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving, you are eligible for membership in the American Legion.

Membership applications may be picked up at the American Legion building next to the Lillian Community Club on Wednesday mornings between 9 to 11 a.m., from any member or at any American Legion meeting.

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club.

Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving. Or come have a cup of coffee on Wednesdays – we'd like to meet you.

OBITUARIES

Phillip Jerome Bowers

Phillip Jerome Bowers, 76, of Lillian, passed away Jan. 10, 2021. Cason Funeral Service in Foley is in charge of arrangements.

Kermit Joseph Broussard

Kermit Joseph Broussard, 71, of Elberta, passed away Feb. 12, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Janice Broussard; sons, Robert (LeVenja) Nieman, of Cocoa, Fla., Tracy (Yvonne) Broussard, of Odenton, Md., and Shaun (Eugenia) Broussard, of Elberta; sisters, Laura (John) Brown, of Lillian, and Cindy Schell, of Melbourne, Fla.; brothers, Kernie (Mary) Broussard, of Lafayette, La., and Fred Broussard, of Lillian; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held Feb. 16 in Gilley Memorial Cemetery, Lillian. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ralph Hyatt

Ralph Hyatt, 93, of Lillian, passed away Feb. 16, 2021.

He retired as a Sgt. Major from the United States Marine Corps. Surviving are his sons, Ralph III and Thomas Hyatt; a daughter-in-law, Kelly Hyatt; and grandchildren, Laura, Thomas, Claire and Kelsey. He is also survived by his wife, Wilma Hyatt; and her children, Susan, Sheryl and Dennis.

He requested no services and wanted his ashes spread on the Lockard family ranch in Warrensburg.

As a 30-year Marine, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Semper Fi Fund. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Elberta, was in charge of arrangements.

Lavinia Marrow

Lavinia Marrow, 66, of Lillian, passed away Jan. 9, 2021. Cason Funeral Service in Foley is in charge of arrangements.

Travis Rawls Jr.

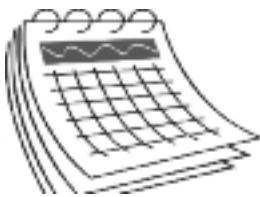
Travis Rawls Jr., 41, of Elberta, passed away Jan. 20, 2021.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Coast Guard. He is survived by his mother, Teresa Barnhill Rawls; his father, Edward T. Rawls Sr.; children, Kitana Rawls, Leonna Rawls and James Rawls; a brother, Stephen T. Rawls; his fiancé, Kristen Ruel; and a host of aunts and uncles.

A committal service with military honors will be held at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spanish Fort. Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Obituaries may be submitted to *The Lillian* by emailing [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com) or by dropping it off at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

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



Community Calendar

- March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 - 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.
  - March 4 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. in the park conference room
  - March 8 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
  - March 9 & 23 - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of month
  - March 15 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
  - March 16 - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month, St. Joseph Catholic Church
  - March 20 - Market in the Park, 8 a.m. to noon, Lillian Recreational Park
  - March 28 - American Legion Ham Dinner, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lillian Community Club, see ad on Page 4 for details
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Bits and Pieces  
By Jackie Reid

At one time the public was told to subscribe to cable TV and by paying them a monthly fee, you not only receive more channels but you wouldn't have to be bothered by commercials. There are some people who say that's not true and that there were always commercials. Maybe the doubters are too young to remember because there are an awful lot of cable subscribers who remember the statement "no commercials." The companies wanted to justify why we should pay for television viewing after years of free broadcasting.

Eventually we were offered different packages of 75 channels and up. How many of you watch all of those channels? I know that I only watch about ten stations, but I'm paying for 125.

During an hour program I counted nine to ten commercials every ten minutes. As if that's not bad enough, even though I have re-subscribed to the lowest program choice, the company has increased my bill to almost where it was before I chose the cheaper package. From 1995-2005, cable bills increased three times faster than the inflation rate. How can they

justify this increase? I'm sure they'll make up some story.

Maybe it won't matter because cable/satellite viewing may be slowly dying with the onslaught of alternative ways to receive programming. Covid hasn't helped the cable case because show productions are slow or non-existent during these hard times. Time will tell.

Commercials reflect the direction where society is headed or already there. Kids on ads and TV programs show precocious youth who sass their parents and even destroy their property without punishment or reprimand. And worse, the unruly children get their way after their display of disrespect.

Are you going to be swayed to buy underwear after seeing a woman in panties and bra bouncing around in front of her window for all the neighbors to see? How about buying perfume after you see a woman slinking toward the camera with a snobby expression? Some younger women might, especially if they don't see anything wrong or ridiculous about the vision.

Most reality shows make it seem it is acceptable for young people to jump in bed with anyone and everyone they might be attracted to.

I certainly wouldn't want to go back to Victorian times, but maybe we should hold on to some of the better decisions and morals from earlier eras.

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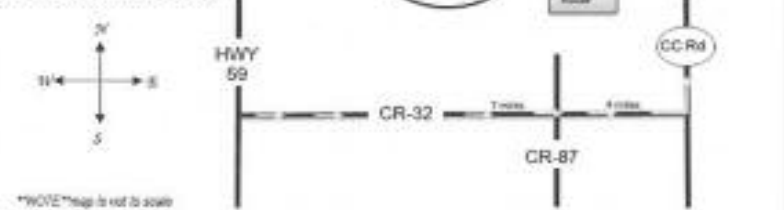
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Pets May Also Be Suffering From Seasonal Allergies

March is here! This means that spring is right around the corner. For animals and humans alike, springtime equals allergies. Your pet can have an allergy to any number of substances, including grass, weed, and tree pollens, dust, dust mites and even the common flea.

An allergy is a lifelong condition that cannot necessarily be cured, but with your veterinarian’s help it can usually be managed. If left untreated, these allergies will not only make your pet miserable, but could even cause a secondary infection, making matters much worse.

One common way your pet may react to an allergen is by scratching

their feet, face, face or ears. Because they have been scratching themselves, they may also develop reddened skin or a red tinge to their fur. In addition, you may also notice some hair loss, scabbing, crusting or bumps on the skin. If a secondary infection develops, some of the symptoms may be similar to an allergic reaction like scabbing, crusting, bumps and redness. You may also notice an odor or thickened skin.

Of course, there are things that you can do to prevent your pet from developing a reaction to these common allergens. This includes vacuuming regularly, bathing your pet with a mild pet shampoo and keeping

all your pets up-to-date on their flea and tick prevention. In addition, you can wipe them down with a cool, damp rag after coming in from outside in an attempt to remove any allergens your pet may have picked up outside. By using a combination of all of these measures, you can give your pet their best chance at avoiding a reaction.

Even when you take every preventative step you can, your pet can still develop a reaction. In these cases, your pet will require medical intervention to get through the season comfortably, especially if they develop a secondary infection. Your veterinarian may recommend regu-



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larly scheduled medicated baths, sprays, mousse or pads. They may even prescribe a medication or injection to combat itchiness. If your pet does develop a secondary infection, it may require treatment with antibiotics.

Always ask your veterinarian before attempting to treat an allergic reaction. If you would like to set up an appointment to have your pet examined or tested for a possible allergic reaction, please give us a call at (251) 962-2304.

Mistaken Identity Common With Spiders, Species

Mimicry is an important adaptation for survival in the animal kingdom. Ismenius tiger butterflies are toxic to predators, so tiger butterflies mimic their coloring because tiger butterflies are not toxic and do in fact make a tasty snack.

What if your entire species had a bad case of mistaken identity? Daddy long legs spiders, also known as huntsmen or harvesters, are not spiders at all. They are more like second cousins twice removed. They belong to their own family called opiliones. It is sometimes mistaken for a large brown recluse.

The harvestman does not have fangs, are not venomous and do not bite. The urban myth about daddy long legs being the most poisonous spider on earth but their mouths are too small to bite people is utter

baloney. None of the known species of harvestmen has venom glands; their chelicerae are not hollowed fangs. Their mandibles are far too small for humans to feel any kind of sensation should they even try.

The opiliones are an order of arachnids with over 6,650 species of harvestmen discovered worldwide. Representatives of this order can be found on all continents except Antarctica.

Well-preserved fossils have been found in the 400-million-year-old rhynie cherts of Scotland. The rhynie chert contains exceptionally preserved plant, fungus, lichen and animal material preserved in place by an overlying volcanic deposit. Chert, by the way, is a fancy word for a hard, fine-grained, rock deposit. There are also samples preserved in 305-mil-

lion-year-old rocks in France. The French fossils have a surprisingly modern body shape. The shape means that their basic body form developed very early on, and little has changed since that time.

How can a person tell the difference between a spider and their second cousin twice removed? Huntsmen can be easily distinguished from long-legged spiders by their fused broad abdomen that looks like one big oval.

They also have a single pair of eyes in the middle of the cephalothorax. Spiders have a distinct abdomen that is separated from the cephalothorax by a constriction – like an hourglass, and they have three to four pairs of eyes.

Other differences include the fact that opiliones have no silk glands and therefore do not build webs.



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legs after eating by drawing each leg in turn through their jaws, like a weird version of dental floss.

Many species of harvestmen easily tolerate members of their own species, with aggregations of many individuals often found at protected sites near water. Individual adults will huddle together on cold nights to keep warm.

Gregarious behavior is likely a strategy against climatic odds, but also against predators, combining the effect of scent secretions, and reducing the probability of any one individual being eaten.

Harvestmen are well camouflaged in their habitat and some species are able to spray a pungent scent from a gland between their first pairs of legs.

Perhaps the most bewildering form of defense against a predator is self-amputation.

A harvestman will remove one of its own legs (not from the critical second pair, however) to distract a predator.

The removed leg can twitch for up to an hour, allowing the harvestman time to escape. Sadly, the leg cannot grow back so it is a costly form of self-protection.

Their eight long, spindly legs do more than help them to escape or travel. The second pair of legs acts like antennae and are very sensitive. They also help a harvestman capture prey, smell surroundings, and even breathe (through holes on their legs called spiracles). If the second pair of legs is lost, the harvestman will die.

Harvestmen are nocturnal and are usually seen roaming forest floors and stone walls, but sometimes are found indoors in dark places like garages, cellars and basements.

The next time you look up into the corner of the garage and see a mass of spindly legs – don’t give in to arachnophobia. Remember they might not even be spiders at all.

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wanted and LASAR and the churches here collected donations for Santa's delivery. Not only did Santa make the delivery on time with a gift for every child, but the families were able to enjoy a BBQ dinner.

'Neighbors helping neighbors' is the unofficial motto for LASAR. This is best realized when LASAR is called out to help search for a missing child or elder who has wandered off and can't find their way back home.

Sometimes this takes LASAR members on foot or ATV through the back woods or swampy areas of Baldwin County.

Other times they are called out to search by boat in the bay or gulf waters for a fisherman or casual boater who has gotten lost. And there are times members are asked to dive those same waters for a missing person so family members of the victims may have closure and know their loved one has been found.

LASAR has worked hard to fulfill its mission to serve Baldwin County with whatever support is needed.

During Hurricane Ivan, the 911 services were greatly limited due to storm damage and LASAR was asked to fill that role. 911 calls were redirected to the LASAR building and members staffed the temporary call center around the clock for many days.

LASAR has had 20 years of commitment to the community, building a reputation of dependability and reliability. This is just the beginning and we look forward to many more.



Ray Hogans, commander of LASAR, addressed the crowd when LASAR held a dedication for their new building on Barclay Street on Sept. 8, 2007.



A dive boat returns from a search mission as part of a drill hosted by LASAR in February 2020. In the lower left photo, drill participants listened to a briefing from Lieutenant Commander Trevor Blount of the US Coast Guard. Below is the LASAR mobile command center.



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MUSIC: Big Jake in the Lounge

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Come out and share your knowledge
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