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## Annual Community Thanksgiving Service to Note Alabama Bicentennial

This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, Nov. 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and participating churches, the service will begin at 4 p.m. and will commemorate the bicentennial of Alabama.

Pastors from nearly all Lillian churches will take part in the 45 minute service in the sanctuary.

The congregation will then move to Immaculate Mary Hall where choirs from St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bay-side Baptist Church, Mount Marriah Baptist Church, Lillian First Baptist Church, Divine Revelation Deliverance Center, Lillian Fellowship and Lillian United Methodist Church will perform.

Donations of non-perishable food will be received as the community food drive concludes that day. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

St. Joseph Catholic Church was the first church in Lillian, erected in 1929. It has been the home of several congregations while their churches were being built, including Lillian United Methodist, Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran, Episcopal Church of the Advent and Lillian Fellowship.



*The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17. In observance of the Alabama Bicentennial, it will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Participating in last year's service were, from left, Pastor Tom Harris, Bayside Baptist Church; Rev. Calvin Bartl, Eternal Life Christian and Missionary Alliance Church; Rev. Dean Conkel, Lillian Fellowship; Bishop Booker T. Washington, Divine Revelation Deliverance Church; Marvin Showers, Mt. Marriah Choir Director; Rev. Mark McDonald, Vicar Episcopal Church of the Advent; Rev. Josh Thompson, First Baptist Church of Lillian; Dr. Melvin Whitehurst; Rev. Daniel Randall, Lillian United Methodist Church; President Jeff Keener, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and Larry Washington.*

## Price Legg Named Grand Marshal of Annual Christmas Parade



*Price Legg, left, has been named grand marshal of Lillian's Bicentennial Christmas Parade which is slated for Dec. 14. Judy Wargo serves as parade chairman for the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.*

By Judy Wargo

The date for the annual Christmas Parade this year falls on the 200th anniversary of Alabama becoming the 22nd state. The celebrations have been combined and Price Legg, chairman of the Lillian Bicentennial Committee, will be the parade grand marshal.

The parade is sponsored by the Optimist Club and Legg is an active member and the perfect choice to lead the bicentennial observance. His ancestors were settlers in Alabama before statehood.

He is a charter member of The Order of First Families of the Alabama Territory, a former president of the Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution and he served as president of The Society War of 1812 in the State of Alabama.

Legg was born in Birmingham and graduated from the University of Alabama in 1961.

He served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in France. After he left military service, he began work-

ing at the Birmingham Credit Union. This was the beginning of a long and distinguished career that eventually led to becoming an officer at Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Mutual Insurance Group.

His work for CUNA made it possible for him and his wife, Jean, to travel all over the country, and following retirement, Legg became a member of several organizations' boards of directors which allowed them to continue traveling.

A friend told them about Lillian and the Leggs purchased property on Perdido Bay in 1992 that is still their home.

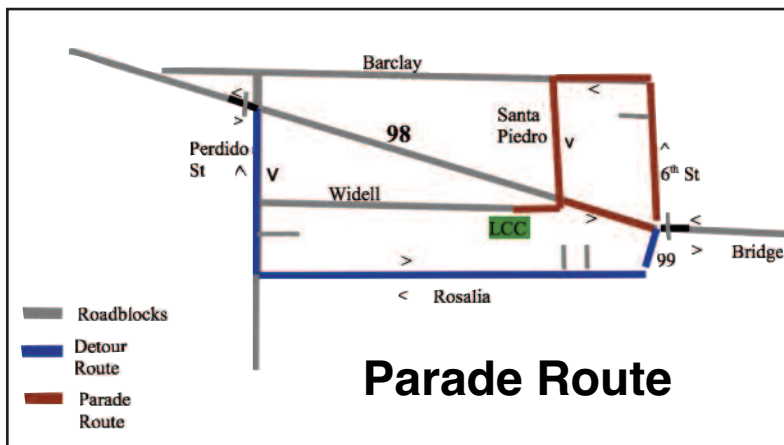
He was appointed to the Baldwin County Historical Development Commission in 2017 and accepted their invitation to lead the bicentennial celebration in Lillian. This included the placement of two historical markers erected in Lillian this past year.

The Optimist Club is proud to have Legg lead our Christmas Bicentennial Parade this year.

### Parade Kicks Off at 1 p.m. Dec. 14

The annual Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. All organizations, churches, businesses and individuals who would like to be in the parade should contact Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206 or by email at paulwargo3@gmail.com.

The parade is sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. Assembly will begin around noon in front of the Lillian Community Club, and refreshments will be offered by the Optimists at the club before the parade. For those wanting to watch the parade, the route will be the same as previous years. There will be no rain date.







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# Annual Food Drive Set for Nov. 12-17 Concludes with Community Thanksgiving Service

The 34th Annual Community Food Drive will be held in Lillian from Tuesday, Nov. 12, through Sunday, Nov. 17.

The food drive benefits Ecumenical Ministries in Foley and is also being held in conjunction with this year's Community Thanksgiving Service as Alabama notes its bicentennial year.

Non-perishable food donations may be dropped off at the Lillian United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall between 9 a.m. and noon on Tuesday, Nov. 12, through Friday,

## Baldwin County Heritage Museum Hosting Exhibit

The Baldwin County Heritage Museum 7th Annual Exhibit, "WWI & WWII - Memories of Baldwin County" opened Oct. 16 and will close Dec. 14.

The exhibit, endorsed by the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and supported by a grant from the Alabama Bicentennial Commission Foundation, pays tribute to Baldwin County's men, women, places and activities during the war years.

Using artifacts and information



# BBQ & Blues Rescheduled for Nov. 2

The 18th Annual BBQ and Blues has been rescheduled to Saturday, Nov. 2. Inclement weather led to the event being delayed from the original Oct. 19 date.

Hosted by the Episcopal Church of the Advent, the day includes good music, great food, a silent auction and local arts and crafts vendors.

The event begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. and is located on County Road 99, one and a half blocks south of the traffic light at US Highway 98.

As a special treat this year, straight from New Orleans, Ted Hefko and the Thousandairs will provide a delightful musical experience.

Nov. 15.

Donations can also be made by placing non-perishable items by your mailbox or at the end of your driveway by 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16. Youth members from the Lillian United Methodist Church will be picking up donations and delivering them to the Food Pantry that day.

Donations may also be made at the Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov. 17. Details on the Thanksgiving service appear on Page 1.

gathered from individuals, newspapers and other media, the exhibit provides a historical connection of the wars' impact on Baldwin County by focusing on the military personnel who served in both wars, the top secret project "Operation Ivory Soap," the German mission "Operation Drumbeat" in the Gulf of Mexico and the outer landing fields for the Navy.

Admission is free.

The museum is located at 25521 U.S. Hwy 98 in Elberta.

For more information, call 251-986-8375; email bchm@gulftel.com; or go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BCHeritageM>.

Tiny's Smokehouse will provide delicious BBQ and sides, women of the church will have a bake sale and there will also be grilled hot dogs. The men of the church will have beverages available.

Entertainment for children includes a bouncy house and face painting.

Raffle tickets will be available for \$20 with a chance to win \$500, \$300 or \$200.

The parish hall will be filled with an array of items for bid at a silent auction. The auction will end at 2 p.m. and you do not have to be present to win. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Profits allow the church to provide grants to local charities and organizations.



**Bits and Pieces**

By Jackie Reid

**Football dominated my life** last month. Both of my high school grandsons are heavy into the sport and while I visited I went to four games and their school was victorious in all four. I understand their parents sit at the very top of the bleachers so they can get a better look at what is happening on the entire gridiron. However, these old legs of mine did not understand one bit. They kept screaming at me to stop putting them through the torture and boy, did they protest. The games were fun to watch except when one or the other boy was involved in a tackle. I do worry about my babies, but I won't tell them that.

A few years ago, my attention turned to college football. Roll Tide! My daughter and my friends are big college football fans too, except that my friends are super-fans of another Alabama team I won't mention. Last year I invited them to my house to watch these two rival teams play each other and we had a nice evening. We are friends after all.

**After the big knee protest in the NFL**, I stopped watching NFL football, even though my daughter told me that no one on our team did that disrespectful thing. They are making millions and living high on the hog and they think they are oppressed? They have no idea what real oppression is because even a person on welfare would look rich to someone in another country who lives in a hovel with no running water, sometimes starving and certainly no access to medical help.

Original knee instigator, former San Francisco 49er

Colin Kaepernick apparently is being shunned. It took the NFL a heck of long time to stand their ground. The majority of football fans are also patriots. Don't mess with our country. You live here and gain here and if you don't like us, leave and live in another country without your money and see how fast it takes for you to whimper back.

**November 11 is Veterans Day.** You want to know why we are free?

Salute our Stars and Stripes and also our soldiers and veterans. Americans are becoming complacent and our young people have no idea what freedom really is because they've always had it.

And don't forget to be thankful for all you have and the wonderful people in your life.

On November 28 ask to strengthen your faith and your common sense. Just saying.

"He who loves not his country can love nothing." - Lord Byron



Southern Fox Festival to Benefit Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast

The Southern Fox Festival hosted at the Veranda at the Preserve in Elberta will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, with proceeds to benefit Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast.

The day begins at 9 a.m. at Soldier Creek Golf Course with a four-person scramble shotgun start golf tournament. Tickets are \$65 per person and include lunch and a beverage ticket. Smokey B’s BBQ will provide the food for the event. To sign up call 986-TOFF (8633).

The Fall Festival begins at 1 p.m. and includes a harvest market, arts and crafts, food trucks, kids zone and live music from local bands. The family friendly event is free, but donations will be accepted. Food may

be purchased at the food trucks which include Bleu’s Burgers, Greens n Grains and Gourmet Waffle Bar and Bakery and the unique Foam Coffee Cart.

At 6 p.m. the big bands take the stage for listening and dancing. Bonfires and other special events are planned.

A special vine planting will take place in the afternoon. The vines will eventually provide Muscadine grapes to be used at Southern Fox Winery. A descendant of the Woerner farming family, event organizer Blake Woerner Higgins recalls the many times she and her dad picked the grapes in their backyard and ate them straight from the buckets.

Known for their special turf, the Woerners turned some of their acreage in Elberta into a golf course. Blake quickly found she didn’t have the ‘golf gene,’ but she wanted to continue the Woerner legacy, being an integral part of the Elberta landscape.

She studied Muscadines and found they were called southern fox grapes with female varieties named ‘Higgins,’ her married name. Blake decided she wanted to start a winery and have a venue for weddings, family events and a yearly festival. Attendees at the Southern Fox Fall Festival will have an opportunity to participate in the planting.


This year the festival benefits



**Infants like Ezra and their mothers are assisted at Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast.**

Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast, a home for homeless pregnant women and their children providing help to get their lives back on track. For more information, go to [www.maryssheltergulfcoast.org](http://www.maryssheltergulfcoast.org).

### Concert planned at Bayside Baptist



*The Southern Plainsmen from Louisiana will be appearing at Bayside Baptist Church on Saturday, Nov. 16. The public is welcome to attend the 6 p.m. concert at 33677 US Hwy 98 in Lillian. A love offering will be taken. The group has received many awards including being named Gospel Group of the Year in 2011 and 2015. They were inducted into the North Louisiana Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2011 and named Gospel Gold Artists of the Year in 2011, 2012 and 2013. For more information, call 251-256-0226.*

### OPTIMIST CLUB

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay begins their month with a program on Saturday, Nov. 2, by Stuart Shelby, owner of Down South Wildlife Removal. Rumor has it he will be bringing some examples of wildlife he has removed in the area.

- On Nov. 9, Optimist Bob Pocreva will talk about his motorcycle trip on the Alaskan Highway.
- Jason Beaman, warning coordination meteorologist of the National Weather Service in Mobile, will visit the group on Nov. 16.
- Teacher of the Year Awards will be presented to Elberta teachers on Nov. 23.

There will be no meeting on Nov. 30. Guests are always welcome to attend the 8 a.m. weekly meetings at the Lillian Community Club.

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## Joining Optimist Club is a Decision You Won't Regret

On Oct. 1 the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay began its 35th year to "Bring Out the Best in Kids." You are familiar with many of the projects and programs they have established over the years because I keep reminding you.

For those of you who don't know, here's a partial list: ARC Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Baskets to Needy Families, Christmas Gifts to Special Needs Classes, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Educators of the Year Awards, Essay and Oratorical Contests, Fishing Rodeo, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, Citizen of the Year Award, Mentoring, Reading and Math Tutoring at Elberta Schools, Scholarships to Graduating Seniors, Fish and Hot Dog Dinners to 500+ Participants in Special Olympics and Trunk or Treat.

These programs are funded primarily by the Annual Mullet Festival on Labor Day, the "Streets of Red, White and Blue," Flag Program and the July Fashion Show. We thank you for helping us financially in our mission.

Now I'm asking for something else. We need you to join us in our projects. We need men and women to check in participants in some of our programs, to read at the schools, to become mentors and tutors. We need you to help cook for some of the projects. We need you to wrap Christmas presents and to help distribute the gifts.

We need you to help choose the scholarship winners and to judge the essay and oratorical contests. We need you to work on the fundraisers so we have the funds to provide the programs and projects.

Oh, wait, it's not just work. We meet every Saturday morning to visit with our friends, eat the best breakfast in Lillian and listen to speakers who keep us informed about programs and actions in the county. We've been known to welcome working dogs and friendly alligators to our meetings when their owners are guest speakers. Once a month we



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

meet at local restaurants to socialize.

Here's the Optimist Creed that we pronounce at every meeting:

Promise Yourself:

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Aren't those the tenets you have tried to follow all your life? Aren't they the lessons you have taught your children, grandchildren and great-grandsons?

Don't you think it's time for you to join your friends and neighbors to teach them to the children in our area, some of whom don't get them from their families? Believe me, when you see the smiles on the faces, feel the hugs from the kids, you'll wonder why you didn't join sooner.

Join us at 8 a.m. on Saturday in the Lillian Community Club to see/hear what we're all about. No charge to guests and you'll love, love, love the biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, grits and whatever else our member cooks dream up.

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THANK YOUS

Thanks to all the first responders and others who helped when I was involved in a serious wreck on Hwy 98 on Aug. 31.

I would like to thank all the Bay-side Baptist Church members who helped me during this terrible time and my recuperation. Thanks to my neighbors, the Blackies and Davis' who helped me with many errands and daily activities. Thanks to the Pelican Nest and the Dog Shack for being close by and helping me.

There are others I would like to thank, but in the rush to the hospital, I never got your names. God bless all of you. Thank you!

Betty Davis

We would like to thank the community, family and friends for showing us love during this difficult time. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of calls, visits and money to help with funeral costs. A special shout out to the Pelican Nest for providing food for the family the day of the accident.

Sincerely,  
Johnny Beech



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department  
By Goretti Lysek

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 75 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in September including 50 medical assistance, 14 public assists, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 brush fire, 2 fire alarms, 1 miscellaneous and 2 water rescues. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer give us a call at 962-2696 and leave a message. We will return your call.

The annual general membership and election of the LVFD board of directors was held Oct. 7.

We are happy to announce we nominated and approved two new board members: Mike Cleveland, retired firefighter from Huntsville, and Chris Policelli, owner of Boot Camp

in Lillian. We would like to thank them for their dedication and service to the community.

On a sad note, Sandy Fuller, our treasurer, retired from the board of directors. She had been on the board for several years and will be missed. We thank her for all her dedication to the fire department.

Board member Anne-Marie Ozkosar will be taking over as treasurer.

LVFD recently enlisted three recruits to the department: Kerry Wilson, Gabby Kruse and Dale Carpenter.

Wilson has been with us for approximately one month and has demonstrated his dedication and

service to the community. Kruse just moved from Michigan and brings with her extensive medical and fire fighting experience. Carpenter is a surgical technician at South Baldwin Hospital and an Army vet. Please join us in welcoming them to the LVFD family.

Six EMTs from LVFD attended this year's EMS World Expo 2019 in New Orleans.

This convention gives paramedics, EMTs and police/firefighters throughout the country an opportunity to expand their skills. To ensure LVFD gives the best service to our community, we decided to hone our training to fit the needs of senior residents.

LVFD will be joining Perdido Beach Volunteer Fire Department in Fire Fighter 1 training.

This will be a great opportunity to provide extensive fire fighting training to our new recruits and should begin within the next few months.

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The 2019-20 fundraising letters were mailed at the end of October. The addresses were provided by the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's Office.

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Help Us  
Help Others



Observe Alabama's Bicentennial Thanksgiving with the annual Food Drive to benefit Ecumenical Ministries in Foley and a special Community Thanksgiving Service.



PLEASE DONATE! The Annual Food Drive will run from Tuesday, Nov. 12 through Sunday, Nov. 17.

HOW TO DONATE:

Non-perishable food items may be brought to the Lillian United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 12 through Friday, Nov. 15.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, you may leave non-perishable food by your mailbox or at the end of your driveway by 8:30 a.m. Youth from the church will pick up the donations and deliver them to the Food Pantry.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

The Food Drive is also held in conjunction with the Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and participating churches. A special service will celebrate Alabama's Bicentennial at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with music by participating churches. An offering of non-perishable food will be received and light refreshments will be provided afterward in the church hall.





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**LASAR Part of Community Safety Day**

Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) participated in the 2nd annual Community Safety Day to honor local first responders at The Park at OWA in August.

The purpose of the event was to allow local fire, rescue, police and other first responder units to show the community who they are and what they do. LASAR presented a rappelling demonstration, which is always a crowd pleaser as people watch the team set up their equipment and rapel from one of the OWA buildings. LASAR members also demonstrated their dive team equipment and allowed visitors to try on masks and breath through regulators.

Also in August, LASAR took part in the National Night Out in Elberta sponsored by the Elberta Police Department. LASAR brought their command bus, dive equipment and utility all-terrain vehicle and team members answered questions.

In September, LASAR provided medical services for the Tate High School megaball tournament that supports the ROTC program at the school. This game is a mixture of rugby and volleyball. The teams try to score goals by moving a six-foot ball up and down a soccer pitch. LASAR was onsite to provide medical first aid and stabilize injuries as needed.

In October, the LASAR dive team participated in another training dive at Morrison Springs, Fla. Training and practice dives are important to improve competency while diving and with other divers. Procedures are practiced and equipment is

**LASAR**

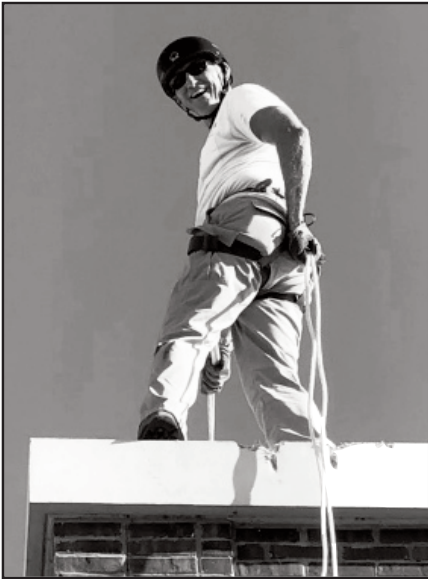
By Donna Johnson

checked out to improve efficiency and competency.

November will bring the end to LASAR's honor of holding the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads (AARS) trophy for Rescuer of the Year. Billy Slavey, land captain with LASAR, was given the honor last November for a rescue while he and his family were on a boating outing. Risking his own safety, he jumped on a rapidly sinking boat to rescue a family of six inexperienced swimmers.

This November AARS will hold its conference in Orange Beach to announce the new honoree as well as conduct training courses.

If you would like to participate in any LASAR training, join us during one of our monthly meetings the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at LASAR headquarters, 34247 West Barclay Avenue in Lillian.



*Steve Duckworth demonstrates the fun of rappelling at OWA's recent Community Safety Day.*



*The Perdido Grande Dames donated \$150 for "Christmas in the Park" to be held at Lillian Recreation Park on Dec. 7. The money will be used to help decorate the park for the new event. Accepting the donation is Janet Lewis, second from left, president of the park board, and Red Hat members, from left, Judy Wargo, Waynette Brown, Deborah Dolin and Pat Bonner.*

**Perdido Grande Dames Donate to Park**

The Perdido Grande Dames held their first gathering of the season Oct. 8 at Wolf Bay Lodge on Gulf Beach Hwy.

They celebrated the birthdays of Lorraine Standish Donin and Ruby Wellman.

The group decided to give \$150 to the Lillian Recreation Park and to participate in the Lillian Christmas Parade.

Those attending were Deborah Donin, Pat Bonner, Lorraine Standish Donin, Mary-Margaret Ayres, Ruby Wellman, Waynette Brown, Kathy Whitmyer and Judy Wargo.

The next meeting will be Nov. 12 with Pat Bonner and Ruby Wellman as hosts.

New members are welcome and if you would like to join, call Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206.





*Lillian Masonic Lodge Worshipful Master Richard Duggan, center, is surrounded by the Masonic Mountain Men. They presented a program on Masonry on Friday, Oct. 25, to the general public and conducted a Master Mason ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 26, restricted to current Master Masons.*

Masonic Mountain Men Perform  
Legendary Master Mason Degree

Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 joined an elite group of lodges in the country when the Masonic Mountain Men came to Lillian and performed its re-enactment of the Legendary Master Mason Degree on Saturday, Oct. 26. Lodge members from throughout the state attended the event, including the State of Alabama Worshipful Master Van Tidwell.

The group also conducted a general informational program on Friday night to educate non-Masons on what it means to be a Mason. Publicized as a secret organization, the group promotes itself as a leadership development and community service organization that works to improve the community by making good men better.

According to Lillian Lodge 925 Worshipful Master Richard Duggan, “Yes, the group has secrets, but it isn’t a secret society.”

Mountain man regalia consists of a customized authentic handmade wool trade blanket capote, handmade elk hide moccasins and masonic apron, period-correct handmade osnaburg shirts, pants and a possible bag. All attire is produced to represent the actual dress from 1804 to 1840.

All members of the team confer the degrees in authentic attire. The educational aspects and authenticity of the regalia make the presentation

exciting, unique and inspirational. The MMM degrees are indicative of how Masonic forefathers would have performed degrees by starlight and campfire.

Strict research has been done from the time Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, under orders to find a way west by President Thomas Jefferson, set out to find a route to the Pacific Ocean in May 1804. Lewis and Clark were active Masons and conferred numerous degrees.

The Mountain Men gathered annually to trade their wares and often to confer degrees. They conferred many Masonic degrees prior to 1840 at the last rendezvous held at Horse Creek and the Green River near Daniel, Wyo.

Masons throughout the south have witnessed this unique degree team in Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana and Alabama.

The degree team is limited to 24 active members who must be past masters, be proficient in the adopted work and recommended, elected and accepted by unanimous vote of the degree team active members. Members are assigned a unique number for life with their credentials and a special MMM pin for lapel use outside of the ceremonial regalia. Members include several past grand masters, district deputy grand lecturers and usually one or more members are current grand lodge officers.

Three Die in Crash on Lillian Bridge

Two Alabama teens and a Florida man died in a crash on the Lillian Bridge on U.S. 98 in the early morning hours of Thursday, Oct. 10.

According to Florida Highway Patrol, the accident happened around 4:50 a.m. when a large flatbed truck hauling lumber and other supplies was struck head-on by a Chevy Impala on the bridge which connects Alabama and Florida over Perdido Bay.

The Impala was heading east from Alabama into Florida while the truck was heading west toward Alabama. As the Impala traveled the bridge, it crossed the center line into the westbound lane and crashed head-on into the truck, according to FHP.

The freight truck caught fire, and

the lumber fell onto the road, blocking both lanes. Fuel was also spilled onto the roadway.

The car was being driven by Russell Joseph Drummond, 19, of Elberta, and the passenger was Christian Coleton Beech, 19, of Lillian. Both were ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene.

Sheldon Ray Liddell, 48, of Pensacola, was driving the freight truck and also died at the scene.

The bridge remained closed to traffic for approximately 13 hours as crews cleaned up the scene.

After the debris was cleared away, the bridge and roadway were then inspected for safety before re-opening.



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The Spanish Cove annual Craft Fair  
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The Craft Fair is sponsored by the POASC Activities Committee and admission is free. You can even enjoy a light breakfast or have a light lunch at very affordable prices.

The Craft Fair is located in the main clubhouse on Clubhouse Drive. We will have both inside and outside vendors, come early to get the best deals.

If you have any questions, please call  
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E.T.  
Perdido Bay Oaks

My mother engaged Gloria Sims to sell her house in Lillian, AL. Gloria is simply one of the most amazing people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing and is by far the best realtor we've ever worked with. She has just the right balance of tough and sensitive to get the job done. She wasn't afraid to guide us to pass on offers she felt were not good enough or iffy, which is remarkable since as a realtor she earns nothing until the house is sold. No nonsense, caring, and wonderful sense of humor. "Now I'm going to sell your house" she told my mother from the outset and she did!

K.L.  
Bear Creek

We had another realtor for 3 months with no results - forgot to schedule showings, didn't advertise, scheduled a realtor roundhouse but didn't show up himself, told us where to price it then told us it was too high... We switched to Gloria 1 week before we moved and she had it under contract 3 days later, to someone who had been looking for a house like ours for months but had never heard about it, for more money than we expected. Melissa and Gloria are excellent

After watching the local Real Estate market, and Agent sales record for several months, I decided to put my home on the market. I choose Gloria Sims, REMAX Gulf Shores AL, to represent me and my home. My wife and I had one meeting at our home in Lillian AL with Ms Sims, and Ms Bouvier to view the property. One meeting at her office to fill out the forms, and the formal contract. The for sale sign was place in my yard on Friday, it was sold on Monday, 3 Days later. It was a pleasure meeting, and working with both of these Ladies. We highly recommend both of them to handle your Real Estate sales.

M.B.  
Spanish Cove

E.M.  
Perdido Bay Oaks II

This is the time of year that we pause and give thanks for all that we have in our lives. I am forever grateful for my family, friends, and clients that have become both. I am humbled and honored by the praise and responsibility bestowed upon me by our Lillian community. There are too many people to list, and not enough words to express my gratitude for the past year and excitement to serve you in the future.



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Giving Thanks

A man whose wife had left him was completely depressed. He had lost faith in himself, in other people, in God and he now found no joy in living. One rainy morning, this man went to a small restaurant for breakfast. Although several people were at the diner, no one was speaking to anyone else. He hunched over the counter, feeling hopeless.

In one of the booths was a young mother with a little girl. They had just been served their food when the little girl broke the silence by almost shouting, “Momma, why don’t we say our prayers here?” The waitress turned around and said, “Sure, honey, we can pray here. Will you say the prayer for us?” And she turned and looked at the rest of the people in the restaurant and said, “Bow your heads.”

Surprisingly, one by one, the heads went down. The little girl then bowed her head, folded her hands, and said, “God is great, God is good, and we thank him for our food. Amen.”

That prayer changed the entire atmosphere. People began to talk with one another. The waitress said, “We should do that every morning.” As the sad man knelt his head and listened to the innocent prayer, the warmth of God’s loving presence washed over him and suddenly, his whole demeanor started to improve. He started to thank God for all that he did have and stopped focusing on all that he didn’t have. He started to be grateful.

Living with a heart of sincere gratitude is the greatest life we can live, and we will experience the greatest peace when we learn to be thankful to God in all circumstances. Yet when it comes to giving thanks to our heavenly father, we fall short. The hymn “Now Thank We All Our God” by Lutheran pastor Martin Reinkard was written in 1637 during the Thirty Years War in Germany. A wall fortified the city of Eilenburg in which he was a pastor, so it became a haven for refugees.

But soon the city became too crowded, food supplies dwindled, a famine and a plague hit and Eilenburg became a giant morgue. In that year, over 6,000 people in the village, including his wife and all of his children, died. He alone conducted 4,500 funerals that year including his wife’s.

I am amazed that in the midst of catastrophic personal and social loss,



The Methodist Message

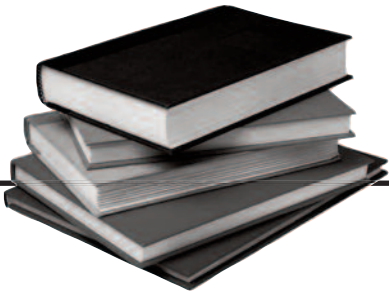
By Rev. Daniel Randall

Reinkard sat down and wrote the great hymn of thanksgiving.

In the book “A Window on the Mountain,” Winston Pierce tells of his high school reunion. A group of classmates were reminiscing about things and persons they were grateful for. One man mentioned he was thankful for Mrs. Wendt, for she had introduced him to Tennyson and the beauty of poetry. Acting on a suggestion, the man wrote a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Wendt and addressed it to the high school.

About a month later the man received a response. It was written in a feeble longhand and read as follows: “My dear Willie, I can’t tell you how much your letter meant to me. I am now in my nineties, living alone in a small room, cooking my own meals, lonely, and like the last leaf of fall lingering behind. You will be interested to know that I taught school for forty years and yours is the first letter of appreciation I ever received. It came on a blue, cold morning and it cheered me as nothing has for years. Willie, you have made more than my day. You made my life!”

Let us give thanks with a grateful heart for all that God has done, is doing and is yet to do in our lives. Let us express thanks to those who have impacted our lives.



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## Community Bulletin Board

Nov. 2 - Spanish Cove Annual Craft Fair, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Spanish Cove Clubhouse

Nov. 2, 9, 16 & 23 - Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Saturday breakfast and meeting, 8 a.m. at Lillian Community Club

Nov. 2 - 18th Annual BBQ & Blues, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Advent, rescheduled from Oct. 19, see details on Page 2

Nov. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 & 30 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, every Saturday and Tuesday at 7 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church

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

Nov. 5 & 19 - Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meetings first and third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Contact Joe Taylor at 251-962-4301 or Jim Covert at 251-962-7354

Nov. 7 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. in the park conference room

Nov. 9 - Alabama Heritage Garden dedication, 10 a.m., Lillian Recreational Park

Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day celebration, arrive by 10:45 a.m. for 11 a.m. program, Lillian Community Club

Nov. 11 - LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street

Nov. 11 - Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee meeting on second Monday of each month, 8:30 a.m., open to public, Lillian Community Club

Nov. 12, 13, 14, 15 - Annual Community Food Drive, donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lillian United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, see details on Page 2

Nov. 14 - Gulf Coast Classic Car Club meeting, 6 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Gulf Bowl Bowling Alley, 2881 S. Juniper Street, Foley

Nov. 16 - Holiday Market in the Park, 8 a.m. to noon, Lillian Recreational Park

Nov. 16 - Annual Community Food Drive pick up, please leave non-perishable food by mailbox or at end of driveway by 8:30 a.m. for pick up by Methodist Church youth, see details on Page 2

Nov. 16 - Southern Plainsmen concert, 6 p.m. Bayside Baptist Church

Nov. 17 - Alabama's Bicentennial Community Thanksgiving Service, 4 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, see details on Page 1

Nov. 17 - Sunday Night Songfest, 6 p.m., third Sunday of each month, Bayside Baptist Church

Nov. 18 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club

Nov. 19 - Lillian Women's Club meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept. through May, 11:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club

Nov. 23 & 24 - Annual Country Bazaar, St. John's Catholic Church in rural Magnolia Springs. From 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 23 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 24

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## Ribbon Cutting at Lillian Practice



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South Baldwin Medical Group held an open house and ribbon cutting on Oct. 24 to observe the retirement of Dr. James Pace, fifth from right in front row, and to welcome Dr. Edward Williams, fourth from left. Also on hand were office staff and area chamber of commerce members. Dr. Pace served as a physician in Lillian for 32 years. Also joining the practice is Wendy Vix, third from left, as a nurse practitioner.

## Community Veteran’s Day Celebration on Nov. 11

What is a veteran?  
A veteran, whether active duty, discharged, retired or reserve, is someone who, at one point in their lives wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America for an amount of ‘up to, and including, their lives.’

This is honor.  
And there are way too many people in this country today who do not understand that fact.

American Legion Post 48 invites veterans and their families from the Lillian community to a Veteran’s Day celebration.

It will be held at the Lillian Community Club on Monday, Nov. 11.

Please plan to arrive no later than 10:45 a.m. as the special program will begin at 11 a.m.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served along with beverages at no cost.

• Visit downtown Pensacola and enjoy Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of 10th Avenue and Romana Street. This is

directly on Main Street and is breathtaking.

• Please come and join us any Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. Our group would like to get to know you, so join us for a cup of coffee.

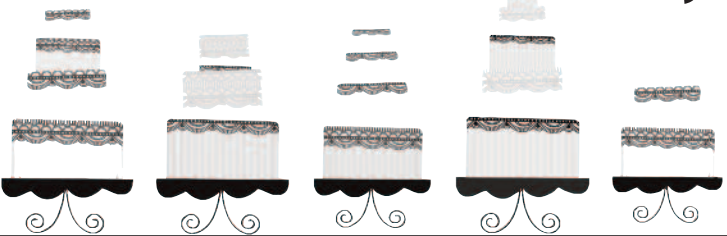
Meetings are held on

the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the LCC hall.

• American Legion Post 48 wants to wish the Lillian community a very happy Thanksgiving.

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## What Can Investors Learn from Veterans?

Each year, Veterans Day allows us to show our respect for the sacrifices that military veterans have made for our country.

But have you ever stopped to think about what lessons our veterans can teach us about how we conduct various aspects of our lives? For example, consider the following traits and how they might apply to your actions as an investor:

- Perseverance - Even veterans who have not served in armed combat had to persevere in challenging situations. The military life is not an easy one, as it often involves frequent moves, living in foreign countries, time away from loved ones and so on.

As an investor, in what ways do you need to show perseverance? For one thing, you'll need to stick it out even in the face of volatile markets and short-term losses. And you'll need the discipline to make investing a top priority throughout your life, even with all the other financial demands you face.

- Willingness to learn and adapt - Military veterans frequently need to learn new skills for their deployments. Furthermore, living as they often do in foreign countries, they must adapt to new cultures and customs. When you invest, you're learning new things, not only about changes in the economic environment



### Financial Focus

By Jason M. Kozon of Edward Jones

and new investment opportunities, but also about yourself, your risk tolerance, your investment preferences and your views about your ideal retirement lifestyle. Your ability to learn new investment behaviors and to adapt to changing circumstances can help determine your long-term success.

- Awareness of the big picture - All members of the military know that their individual duties, while perhaps highly specific, are nonetheless part of a much bigger picture, the security of their country. When you make an investment decision, it might seem relatively minor, but each move you make should contribute to your larger goals, college for your children (or grandchildren), a comfortable retirement, a legacy for your family or any other objective. And if you can keep in mind that your actions are all designed to help you

meet these types of goals, you will find it easier to stay focused on your long-term investment strategy and not overreact to negative events, such as market downturns.

- Sense of duty - It goes without saying that veterans and military personnel have felt, and still feel, a sense of duty. As an investor, you are trying to meet some personal goals, such as an enjoyable retirement lifestyle, but you, too, are acting with a sense of duty in some ways, because you're also investing to help your family. There are the obvious goals, like sending children to college or helping them start a business, but you're also making their lives easier by maintaining your financial independence throughout your life, freeing them of potential financial burdens. This can be seen quite clearly when you take steps, such as purchasing long-term care insurance, to protect yourself from the potentially catastrophic costs of an extended nursing home stay.

Military veterans have a lot to teach us in many activities of life, and investing is one of them. So on Veterans Day, do what you can to honor our veterans and follow their behaviors as you chart your own financial

## Halloween Observed at October Meeting

Lillian Women's Club met Oct. 15 at the Lillian Community Club. The meeting opened with Mary Hall, club president, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A humorous article was read by Jane Head, chaplain. The meal was prepared by Katy's Catering.

Kathy Dugan was a guest at the

meeting and joined the club. October birthdays were recognized.

Members played Halloween bingo designed for kindergarteners

and winners were Lois Croutharmel and Vada Hammen. A 50/50 drawing was won by Harriet Suarez and

door prizes were won by Wilma Spivey, Lois Croutharmel and Eugenia Courtney. A Halloween costume parade was held and those winners were Barbara Flynn, Marlene Fuller and Kathy Brown.

The next meeting will be Nov. 19 and the program will be on holiday arrangements. Guests are always welcome and reservations may be made at the Lillian Library before Nov. 14.

*Winners of the Halloween costume contest at a recent Lillian Women's Club meeting were from left, Kathy Brown, Marlene Fuller and Barbara Flynn.*

### Women's Club

By Judy Deeter



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14 ½ oz canned green peas, drained and rinsed

¾ cup elbow macaroni, cooked  
10 ½ oz can cream of celery soup  
10 ½ oz can cream of mushroom soup  
14 oz canned chicken broth  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
1 teaspoon black pepper  
Refrigerated or frozen pie crust

### PREPARATION

- In a large bowl combine vegetables, cooked elbow macaroni, cream of celery soup, cream of mushroom soup, chicken broth, salt, and pepper.
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- Pour filling into a greased 9x13 pan.
- Top with pie crust.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.



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Park to Dedicate Alabama Heritage Garden

The dedication of the Lillian Recreational Park’s new Alabama Heritage Garden is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the park at 33914 Widell.

The public is invited to join us for the dedication and to celebrate the history of our unique community.

The new Alabama Heritage Garden was established as a result of a grant from the Alabama Bicentennial Commission for four educational markers focusing on different facets of Lillian history. The garden’s new interpretive signs highlight the history of the Lillian area and give visitors the opportunity to learn about Lillian’s early settlers, early industry and commerce, early life in the Lillian area and Alabama’s native flowers. The garden’s native flowering

Lillian Recreational Park News

By Monica Leonard

perennials will offer a change of color for different seasons.

In addition to the markers, historical pavers have been added, creating a pathway through the garden. The pavers provide a chronological timeline of events and transform the triangle garden along the park’s walking trail into a walk through history.

The public is invited to attend the dedication. Refreshments will be served in the park’s conference room immediately following the ceremony.



Members of the Lillian Pickleball Club are ready to play whenever you are, including, from left, Don Canerdy, Wayne Smith, Jorja Hardy, Joe Hardy, Pat Pagan, Kathy O’Connor and Holland McCarthy.

Pickleball Lessons Offered at LRP

Easy to learn and easy to play, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America. Come find out what the excitement is all about at free pickleball lessons at the Lillian Recreational Park on Saturday mornings in November.

Players from the LRP Pickleball Club will offer free lessons at the park from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on Saturday through November. Depending upon the level of interest, lessons may continue through December. Equipment will be available for loan for those who want to try the game before purchasing their own racquet.

A great sport for most everyone, pickleball is a cross between badminton, tennis and ping pong. It is played on a court which resembles a small tennis court, but with a lower net. The lower net and design of the pickleball allows the game to be ac-

cessible to people of all ages and abilities, while still allowing more competitive players a good workout.

The courts were recently resurfaced and a windscreen installed. The windscreen, a gift from Pat Pagan, helps reduce wind gusts that affect the pickleball’s direction.

The players are of varying levels of ability. They get together to play a game, enjoy some laughs and camaraderie and get great exercise.

The courts are available for play daily until dusk. Lessons will be followed by open play from 9 a.m. until noon. Club members will also host open play on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until noon.

For more information, contact Jorja Hardy, 850-512-6363, or Holland McCarthy, 251-228-2523, or leave a message on the Lillian Recreational Park Facebook page.

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Road Tripping

Before any road trip, I plan, I map, I calculate speed, distance, and I practice loading the car. I ignore the naysayers because I know I can do it. Alone.

Now, after a year of planning, I gently squeeze ten dogs, twelve parrots, a sugar glider and a bearded dragon inside my car which gives me just enough room to be able to safely steer the car, with Sassy, my Pit, riding shotgun. And pulling behind my old Grand Marquis is a 6x12 trailer full of my favorite things. I'm heading west.

With a big smile on my face I head down the road. About half a block away from the house I hear a strange tinkling noise and pull over onto a dirt road. Sure enough the chains on the trailer hitch are dragging. If I go fast, will the chain start sparking and cause my gas tank to blow up? I call my son Ryan.

With a heat index of 105, he talks me into getting under the car, in my clean jeans and perfectly white button down shirt, to shorten the chains. My freshly washed hair is now dripping wet and my eyes are stinging from sweat.

Brushing off my backside, I scoot back into the car and slowly pull out, feeling brave and strong once again.

The bumps and bouncing of the car, not to mention the swaying back and forth from the weight of the trailer, is unnerving. I practice deep breathing. About two miles down the road my hands start to tingle and go numb. My phone rings. Ryan is checking on me.

I tell him I'm scared and the trailer is pulling me all over, the dogs are barking and birds are squawking and I think I'm hyperventilating.

He said tell me how you packed all the critters in the car. After a few minutes talking on speakerphone, I am feeling better.

"You can do this mom," he says. "By the time you go 2,754 miles,



Spilling Coffee  
By Pamela Vanden Bos

you'll be a pro." That statement freaked me out, but I continued. He told me when going up hills not to lug the car. Gear down. Going downhill saves on brakes. Gear down. So every time I come to any kind of an incline, I gear down and proceed. Yes, cars passed me but I expected this. I need to listen to the engine to make sure I'm not lugging my car.

Thank the Lord I only have four days of this. I'm on the expressway and almost to the interstate. All three of my kids have me on GPS so they can monitor me. I have AAA.

I have new brakes, calipers, rotors and tires. I had a complete tune up including an oil change. Everything is good. I only need to drive 688 miles a day. And I will be at my destination in 4 days. Just before my 65th birthday.

Oh man I'm feeling great. I got this. I've got the trip mapped out perfectly. My phone rings. It's my daughter.

I told her about the chain dragging fear, my hyperventilation episode and how finally I was doing really well.

I'm feeling confident. I giggle, laugh and say, "I'm really doing this Keelyn. I will see you in four days."

"I think you need to recalculate how long you'll be on the road."

"No way. I've done the math. I drive 688 miles a day and get 6 to 7 hours of sleep in truck stops. I let the dogs out to eat and potty twice a day, and at the same time I feed the birds. I have it all down pat. I will see you in four days!"

"Mom, I'm watching you. Your average speed is 41 miles per hour!"

CHIT CHAT

Chit Chat is your column. Brag a little, share a little, and have fun. Birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren, family visits.

Jackie Reid, Trisha Gingras and Sandy Pray, all of Lillian, enjoyed a family wedding in New England and visiting family, picking apples and eating the foods they can only get there.

We wish Dr. Radcliff Coyle and Dr. James Pace a great retirement.

Happy November Birthday SCORPIO: Price Legg, Dr. Radcliff Coyle, Martha Kreamer, Richard C. Holt, Steve Greer, Brandon Williams, Rosemary Boccard, Aubrey Verret, Mac McMorris, Gladys Morris, Annette Culpepper, Hannas Haylas, Bill Burns, Linda Andrews, Evelyn Duckworth, Bob Linde, Gerald Jackson and Gene Fell.

Happy November Birthday

SAGITTARIUS: Carolyn A. Holt, Vicki Coyle, Sue Dickson, Gail Steward, Allyson Greer, Peggy Bingle, Dick Rice, Jocelyn McCoy, Stan Armit, Jim Peale, Joan Fletcher and Rose Vargo.

Happy November WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Cliff and Mary Collier - #45, Ron and Barbara Parks - #56, and Brannen and Megan Hall - #9.

Sometimes we all need a hug- Gwen Furio and Dick McCoy.

Any information you want added or deleted from Chit Chat, send to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian 36549 or place in the yellow folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

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### Impact 100 Baldwin County Grant Finalists



*Impact 100 Baldwin County's 10 grant finalists have been announced and on Nov. 4, five of the organizations will be awarded \$101,000 each. Representatives in attendance were, standing from left, Casi Callaway and J.J. Moody with Mobile Baykeeper; Diana Brewer with Weeks Bay Foundation; Megan Melvin and Allison Moore, with Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation; Tammy Kinney and June Taylor with Baldwin County Heritage Museum; and Dana Smith and Lori Hammond with Hope Center. Seated from the left are Erin Langley with Eastern Shore Repertory Theatre; Deann Servos with Prodissee Pantry; Yael Girard with Weeks Bay Foundation; Zac Wood and David Williams with Youth-Reach Gulf Coast; Terry Burkle with Baldwin County Education Coalition; and Abby Pruety with Baldwin County Humane Society.*

Why Don't We Help Ourselves?

I recently read an article stating that many persons in poor health are not motivated to get better. Entitled “Motivating the Unmotivated: How Can Unhealthy Behavior Be Changed in Those Unwilling to Change?” and published in Frontiers in Psychology, the article stated that “many individuals do not engage in health-promoting behaviors despite research showing that...three healthy behaviors (physical activity, a healthy diet, and not smoking) lead to an 11- to 14-year delay in all-cause mortality.”

The study cites data from the Centers for Disease Control finding that less than 10 percent of smokers want to stop smoking, 60 percent of smokers don't attempt to stop smoking and 30 percent feel no desire to exercise. These individuals don't respond to techniques, such as goal-setting and action planning, designed to affect change.

The article lit off a visceral

reaction in me because it struck at the heart of a broader question which has haunted me most of my life: Why are we unmotivated to change destructive behavior, health-related or otherwise, even when we know our behavior hurts us and those around us?

A former colleague who sometimes proofreads these columns before submission told me this column sounded judgmental.

I want readers to know judgment isn't my intention. God knows I lost the moral high ground years ago. And while my life remains flawed, the destructive behavior and dysfunction I've seen show me the importance of personal growth. So, no, it's not judgment I feel; it's bewilderment. I'm bewildered that so many have become so comfortable with a lack of health, be it physical, mental, spiritual or otherwise.

The clinical answer to my question is found in an article,

The Other Side  
By Jim Belcher

Self-Destructive Behavior: Causes, Traits and Types, by Jack Nolan. Nolan writes that destructive behavior is “a symptom of other underlying dysfunction or psychological disorders that a person may be experiencing,” two of the most common being emotional pain and trauma. Nolan says the behavior may be “intentional or subconscious, impulsive or planned.”

While Nolan's response may be clinically accurate, it leaves me still needing an answer at the emotional level. So maybe the ultimate answer, for me, is “there is no answer.” Those of us who want answers must learn to live with the ambiguity and discomfort of not knowing. Perhaps the best we can do is search our hearts and commit to being better persons, trusting in a merciful God who understands our frailties and loves us in spite of them.

block of County Road 93, Lillian.

- Officers responded to a report of assault at 8:35 p.m. Oct. 16 in the 13300 block of Cripple Creek Lane, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of theft at 10:39 a.m. Oct. 17 in the 9200 block of Emanuel Street in Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of residential burglary in the 100 block of Defuniak Loop in Lillian at 8:46 a.m. Oct. 20.

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- Officers responded at 4:20 p.m. Sept. 28 to a theft report in the 12700 block of St. Francis Street in Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of assault at 5:39 p.m. Sept. 28 in the 13800 block of CR 93, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a theft report at 2:44 p.m. Oct. 8 in the 32500 block of Arbor Ridge Circle, Lillian.
- Officers responded to an assault report at 8:16 p.m. Oct. 12 in the 13800 block of CR 93, Lillian.
- An assault report was responded to at 6:11 p.m. Oct. 13 in the 13100 block of Second Street in Lillian.
- Residential burglary was reported at 6:27 a.m. Oct. 16 in the 34800 block of Kee Avenue, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a theft report at 7:34 a.m. Oct. 16 in the 34700 block of Kee Avenue in Lillian.
- Theft was reported at 6:11 p.m. Oct. 16 in the 15200



Plans Continue for Christmas in the Park

Plans for Lillian’s first-ever Christmas in the Park on Dec. 7 are underway!

Organizers are excited about how well the plans are coming together and about the community’s overwhelming support of the event. Trees have been donated, volunteers recruited, Santa’s appearance has been confirmed and plans are underway for a myriad of activities the whole family can enjoy.

“The response to Christmas in the Park has been absolutely fantastic,” said Lucy Smith, Lillian Recreational Park and Christmas in the Park volunteer. “We’re going to have so much fun, but we would love to have additional sponsors and donors to help us with the cost of lights and displays. It’s amazing how many lights will be necessary for this festive event. The Christmas Wonderland tree, the centerpiece of the celebration, will take almost 3,000 feet of lights by itself!

“Since this is a first-year event, we’re starting from scratch. Every year we plan to add more and more lights and displays, but this year, we need to purchase all the basic supplies: lights, extension cords, etc. We’d also love to be able to purchase a snowman snow maker to help transform Santa’s Lillian home-away-from-home into a magical winter wonderland. Financial donations would be very much appreciated and will help us make something magical happen in Lillian this Christmas.”

To make it easy, a contribution form is included below this article.

During Christmas in the Park, the park will be transformed into a holiday wonderland, with luminaries along the walking path, lights, displays, trees, decorations and a 20-foot Christmas wonderland tree which will serve as the centerpiece for the entire celebration.

There will be caroling by area church choirs, hot chocolate with Santa in the park’s new bandshell, kids’ games, and a variety of other activities that will help create countless memories for young and old alike.

There will be family photo opportunities at every turn.

There are also many sponsorship opportunities available. Sponsor levels range from \$100 (Christmas Elf) to \$5,000 (Christmas Wonderland Sponsor).

The main sponsor, the Christmas Wonderland Sponsor, will have the opportunity to throw the switch and light the centerpiece tree.

Sponsor guidelines and levels are available on the park’s website, [www.LillianRecreationalPark.org](http://www.LillianRecreationalPark.org), or by contacting Lucy Smith by calling 719-494-7986.

Christmas in the Park will begin on Dec. 7 with the community tree lighting and a variety of events.

In the spirit of the season, Christmas in the Park lights will be lit every evening through Dec. 31.





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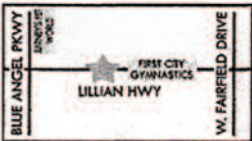
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OBITUARIES

Christian Coleton Beech

Christian Coleton Beech, 19, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019, from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident on Lillian Bridge.

Christian was born Nov. 3, 1999, in Foley, and was a lifelong resident of Lillian. He is survived by his father, Johnny Beech, of Lillian; three brothers, Jeremy (Denise) Beech of Johnson Creek, Wisc., Dustin Beech and John Beech of Lillian, Alabama; a sister, Leah Beech of Pensacola; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Cindy Carr Beech.

A memorial service will be held at a later time..



Beech

Joshua Scott Buker

Joshua Scott Buker, 53, of Lillian, passed away Oct. 17, 2019.

Born April 20, 1966, in Providence, R.I., to Elaine Marie and John Earl Buker, he is survived by his mother and a brother, Nathan Paul Buker.

Joshua held a bachelor’s degree in applied psychology from Anchorage Pacific University and worked for a number of years as a counselor at a youth detention facility in Anchorage. He later became a computer and IT technician after earning several Microsoft certifications. He also developed Buker PXE, an application he made freely available that enabled users to run a Windows interface to control multiple devices with disparate operating systems over a network.

He also had a passion for food and was trained in his teens by a chef. He was also passionate about music, loving progressive rock, funk, avante garde, electronic and punk rock. He loved the outdoors and had many adventures in Alaska. He had fascination for the mysteries of the world and amassed books concerning UFOs and other subjects on the edge of public discussion. He was a tinkerer, a thinker, conversationalist and wordsmith of considerable potency.

After four years of coping with the effects of procedures and treatments for throat cancer, he succumbed to severe lung infection.

Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Foley, is in charge of arrangements.



Buker

Hy Mark Hollowell

Hy Mark Hollowell, 53, of Lillian, passed away Sept. 16, 2019.

A private memorial service was held with Cason Funeral Service, Foley, in charge of arrangements.

Florin Wrye White Jr.

Florin Wrye White Jr., 81, of Lillian, passed away with his family at his side on Sept. 25, 2019.

He was born June 8, 1938, in Tuscaloosa. A retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, he served his country in the skies, on dusty airstrips on six continents and at sea on the USS Kitty Hawk. After an enlistment as an infantryman in the Alabama Army National Guard, he went on to a long Air Force career that included gunship squadron commander, master navigator, air commando and bushfighter.

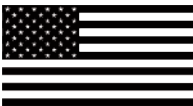
His decorations included the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. In retirement, Florin enjoyed spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren (when he wasn’t dominating Sudoku puzzles).

Florin graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in political science and put it to use as a counterinsurgency and unconventional warfare expert.

He was preceded in death by his father, Florin; mother, Sarah (née MacDonald); and brothers, William and Donald.

Survivors include his wife, Martha (née Caton); daughter, Kathryn Maloney (Laron) of Cedartown, Ga.; sons, Florin III (Traci) of Gulf Breeze, Fla., and Richard of Oklahoma City, Okla.; grandchildren, Kalen Maloney and Larah Maloney of Cedartown, Rylie and Joshua of Gulf Breeze and Christin (Jason) Mossing of Cantonment, Fla.; great-grandchildren, Cali and Alex; and devoted dog, Beau.

A memorial service was held Oct. 7 at Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel in Pensacola with Chaplain Ken Griffin officiating. Committal service followed at Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, with full military honors.



Margaret Ruth Henson

Margaret Ruth Henson, 91, passed away Sept. 22, 2019, in Lillian.

She was a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., and was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was a loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother. Margaret loved playing bridge with her friends in Spanish Cove.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Robert F. Henson III, Lillian; a daughter, Cynthia (Paul) McDermott, Lillian; a son, Robert F. (Anne) Henson IV, Birmingham; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Sept. 25 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian. Private interment was held at Prince of Peace Catholic Cemetery. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Elberta, was in charge of arrangements.



Henson

Frederick C. Wiggins

Frederick C. Wiggins Jr., 41, of Lillian, passed away Oct. 6, 2019.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cason Funeral Service, Foley, is in charge of arrangements.

Classified Ads

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

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Miscellaneous

**FOR SALE: 2017 Jayco Redhawk Class C Motorhome. Like new, less than 4,000 miles on 440 Ford engine. Sleeps 8 with many extras incl. 16 ft. electric awning, large slide-out (living and dining area), all extra accessories incl. Retails 94k, trade in 74k. Reduced to \$58,000. Make offer. Must sell! 850-712-7191**

**RV SITE FOR LEASE: Almost A Park Senior RV Park, 10351 Co. Rd. 83, Elberta. Only one site available, must sign year lease. Large site, full hook ups, free laundry, mailbox with key. 85 ft x 45 ft lot plus shed. \$225 per month plus power. Lots of trees and flowers, seniors only. 251-987-1195 or 251-752-0415.**

**FOR RENT: Fully furnished home for rent on Perdido Bay, Florida side, by the week, month or season. Located one mile from the Lillian Bridge. Credit check and background check required, non-refundable fee. Call 419-576-7385.**

**FOR SALE: Spear gun, magnum sawed off. New elastics and string. \$120. Call 251-978-2734.**

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**it off at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library.**  
**The information will be printed in the next issue of the newspaper.**



## Three Area Junior Optimist Clubs Organized

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has been working this past year to bring the youth of the area into the Optimist family. This past year they have organized three Junior Optimist Clubs (JOI). The latest is the St. Benedict Catholic School JOI Club.

Thirty four boys and girls in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades voted recently to form the club, as members of the Perdido Bay club cheered them on.



After the vote was taken, they elected eighth grade student Sasha Prouty as president; and seventh graders Madeline Taylor, vice president; Risa Redditt, secretary and Lauren Wood, treasurer.

Optimist Club advisors Cyn McDermott and Linda Warren will help the group establish bylaws and the election of sub-committees.

The group is looking forward to participation in Elberta holiday festivities. The clubs established earlier this year are My Community Mentors and Elberta High School JOI Clubs.



*The Lillian and Elberta communities will be seeing a lot of the St. Benedict JOI Club, pictured above as they volunteer at various events.*

*St. Benedict Catholic School JOI Club elected officers recently. From left are Principal Dr. Kathy McCool, Treasurer Lauren Wood, President Sasha Prouty, Secretary Risa Redditt, Vice President Madeline Taylor and Optimist Club of Perdido Bay President Dan Armstrong.*

# LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

**34148 Widell Avenue •• Lillian, Alabama 36549**


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### LCC Officers & Board of Directors

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### LCC Banquet Facilities

**BEST RATES IN THE AREA!**  
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**Guest: \$20/DAY**  
Located behind LCC



**DART TOURNAMENT**  
**SATURDAYS 7 P.M.**



**LCC Catfish Dinner ~ \$10**  
**Friday, Nov. 15 5-6:30 P.M.**

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

## VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

**November 11**  
**Flag presentation**  
**at 11 A.M.**

**Hamburgers, hot dogs and soda will be served.**  
**Open to the public at 10:30 A.M. in the hall**



**Farewell Send Off for Jaylene & Raymond Brown**  
**Saturday, Nov. 16 6-11 P.M. LCC**

**Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share for our appreciation.**

**Gathering 6-7 P.M.**

**Music by Hwy 95A 7-11 P.M. All invited!**

## LOUNGE HOURS

**Sunday thru Thursday**  
**11 A.M. - 10 P.M.**

**Friday and Saturday**  
**11 A.M. - 11 P.M.**

**Sunday**

**Bloody Mary \$1.50**  
**Thanksgiving hours**  
**2-11 P.M.**

### BANDS:

Beach Billys - Nov. 1  
Robert Broom - Nov. 3  
Gear Heads - Nov. 8  
Jay Hawkins - Nov. 10  
Big Jake - Nov. 15  
Cliff & Friends - Nov. 17  
Dakota - Nov. 22  
Gary Story - Nov. 24  
Johnny Barbatos - Nov. 29  
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