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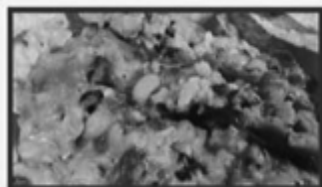
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- 3 whole garlic cloves, finely chopped

- 30 oz canned black-eyed peas
- 1/2 cup roasted red pepper, drained and finely chopped
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 375 degrees
Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add Conecuh and saute for 5-10 minutes, until nicely browned. Remove Conecuh to drain on a paper towel. Add a little olive oil to skillet if needed. Add onions, jalapeno, and garlic to hot skillet. Reduce heat to medium and cook until softened, 8 minutes. Remove from heat. Add drained black eyed peas to a large bowl. Using a fork, mash peas up, but leave some chunks. Add roasted red peppers, sour cream, hot sauce, salt and black pepper to peas. Mix until combined. Add Conecuh, onion mixture, and 1 cup of the cheddar cheese. Mix until combined. Spray a baking dish with non stick cooking spray. Add dip and spread out evenly. Top with remaining 1 cup of cheddar cheese. Bake for 35 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve with fritos or tortilla chips.



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15 Years Ago: Fire Destroyed Community Club

Editor's Note: Several months ago, we received many photos from this event and decided to run them on the 15th anniversary of the devastating blaze. We are also including portions of articles that ran in our newspaper in 1994.

Reprinted from The Lillian February 1994 edition by Jacqueline Reid

January 7, 2004 will be a date that few people in Lillian will ever forget. It marked the day that the central meeting place, the hub of Lillian, was destroyed by fire.

The club's security alarm company called manager Tom Reid at 1 a.m. to inform him that the alarm had gone off and a deputy from the sheriff's office was dispatched. Reid met the deputy at LCC at 1:10 a.m. when smoke was detected coming from an old, unused fan vent on the roof. The Lillian fire department was called at that time.

Reid shut off the main electrical switch as requested by one of the firemen. Shortly after, Reid, Mike Reeves, a director on the LCC board and a firefighter, entered into the lounge area where fire was detected in the ceiling area.

Soon after that the fire spread throughout the entire building, taking with it more than just inventory. There was also memorabilia and old records that can never be replaced. Memories are the

only things the fire couldn't destroy.

Other fire departments that responded to the blaze were Elberta, Perdido Beach, Foley, Josephine in Alabama and Pensacola Naval Air Station, Innerarity Point, Bellview and Mrytle Grove in Pensacola

The fire marshall and insurance investigator report that the cause of the fire was an electrical short.

What comes now is the slow, one step at a time process of clearing and rebuilding.

Many of the area's population were affected by this event. The hall was used by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, AARP, Lillian Action Committee, Lillian Women's Club, American Legion Post #48, Perdido Squares, Lillian Civic and Legislation. The Masons, Lutheran Church, United Methodist Church and the American Legion put on the Sunday dinners. The hall was also used as a place where residents could come to be informed of matters that concerned Lillian, such as political forums, zoning, sewage, bay pollution and many other informational discussions and it also served as voting place for District 3.



Photos provided by Wilma Spivey



LCC today

The Optimist's Mullet Festival, Health Fair and children's Christmas party, Optimist's women's Christmas parade and occasional special dinners, the Elks Lodge #2108 of Pensacola had their Hands Across The Border (an anti-drug event), and many private parties booked the hall. The LCC also had its weekly, monthly and annual events, such as Saturday night bingo, darts and pool tournaments, BYOW (bring your own wieners), lounge bingo, bands,

board meeting, general membership meeting, birthday bash, steak night, July 4th, Oktober Fest and New Year's Eve.

The community has been gracious and understanding in allowing the dislocated events to be housed in other facilities in the area. The community club's Saturday night bingo will be held at the VFW in Elberta and the club's office relocated to the Lillian Recreational

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From February 2004 issue
The American and Alabama flags survived the January 7, 2004, fire that destroyed the Lillian Community Club. The flags, flying high above the gutted building, represent the spirit of rebuilding efforts.

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Park office, American Legion dinner will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, Optimist Club will meet at the Lillian United Methodist Church, Mason's dinner at the Mason Lodge, Methodist dinner at the Methodist Church and the District 3 voting poll will be held at the Lillian United Methodist Church.

LCC held their general membership meeting at the Lillian United Methodist Church on Jan. 15. The word was a definite, "We will rebuild" and it was decided that a building committee and related committees will be set up for the organization of the rebuilding project.

Although LCC was insured, it will not cover the full cost of building and equipping a new facility. A rebuilding fund has been set up at Colonial Bank in Lillian for anyone caring to donate.

In the early 1940's, fundraisers such as the July 4th Picnic were held to earn enough money to buy a building where the residents of Lillian could meet for friendly get-togethers.

Michael and Barbara Schnatz moved to Lillian around 1936 and had donated the land for the purpose of constructing a place where everyone could meet.

Sometime in the 1940's, an old Navy barracks was bought for \$750, which served as the Lillian Community Club until around 1950 when a new building was erected. The barracks was donated to the Mt.

Mariah Church in Lillian. The cost today for a new building will be over a million dollars.

The first president of LCC was Steve Mohaupt and no one is quite sure how many presidents have followed, but after 60 years of existence, everyone knows it is quite a few.

Additions were made to the club several times over the years and along with the building growth came an increase of membership, from about 50 to nearly 1,000.

In the beginning members consisted of residents of Lillian who were mostly friends, neighbors and family. Everyone knew everyone and they volunteered together to build a club that they could all be proud of.

In the past 15 years, the membership changed to include people from all across the United States and Europe who spend their winters in Lillian.

Many in Lillian and its surrounding area have never given much thought about the club. It had always been there. It was always the main meeting place and it was expected to always be there on Widell Ave.

Since the fire, the majority of Lillian residents, members and non-members, realize how the community club affected them in so many ways.

From the ashes, The Lillian Community Club will rise again and maybe with it will come more volunteerism and pride in the Lillian hub.

Rebuilding Efforts Follow Demolition

Portions reprinted from The Lillian June 1994 edition

By Harry Thiel

With work on clearing the debris at the site of the Jan 7 Lillian Community Club fire nearly completed, the LCC board has moved ahead on plans to rebuild.

The site committee, headed by president Don Nabors and treasurer/project manager Jim Callahan, has reported that five contractors have submitted plans to design and build a new club building.

Each submitted preliminary drawings for a floor plan and facade for the structure, which will be approximately 12,500 square feet or 1,600 square feet more than the old building's 10,900 square feet.

"These firms indicated that a new building of this size could be built within the LCC's projected budget of \$700,000," Callahan said.

"One of the proposed features of the new building would be a centrally located kitchen that could serve the main hall, a lounge and the outside," Callahan said.

The new club will be of an attractive design that will be a show place and focal point for the community to be proud of.

Both Callahan and Nabors

expressed the hope that construction could start soon so that the club could move into its new home before the end of the year.

Meanwhile at the site of demolition, contractor Gene's Dozer Service, Inc. of Lillian had to bring the area back to natural grade after removing the concrete slab and footing.

On the first day, the right side of a track hoe operated by Joe Fell crashed through the floor into a hole and tipped over precariously on its side. Fell rode the hoe down and escaped uninjured. The hoe was later removed for repairs and a bulldozer and front end loader were brought in.

Throughout the operation, Gene's employees carefully separated metal from the other scrap. The metal will be sold for salvage with all monies to be given to the LCC rebuilding fund.

Grounds committee chairperson Earl Diamond reported he and his helper Bill Youngs had put the finishing touches on the 50 x 50 building so it can be used as the temporary hub for club activities.

Editor's note: A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new building in January 2005, and it was completed in May 2006.





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Mary's Shelter Continues To Help

By Sally McKinney

When Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast opened in 2006, the men and women who helped get it started had grandiose plans. They would provide a home for homeless pregnant women who choose life for their child and help them get back on their feet after the child is born.

Well, guess what? They have accomplished their goals and more and continue to provide a safe home for moms, their other children and of course, the newborns. More than 275 moms and 106 saved babies have passed through the doors of the Elberta home.

Women have come from as far away as Galveston, Texas, and Tupelo, Miss. In most cases the women are within a three-hour drive, but if they are farther away, Mary’s Shelter gets them on a Greyhound and picks them up.

One mother had traveled to Georgia to get away from an abusive relative in Florida. While there she received information about Mary’s Shelter, she called and the next thing she knew, she was on a bus to Alabama.

If a pregnant woman in trouble is nearby, day or night, the goal is to have her at the home within an hour, getting her out of the cold and many times, danger.

There are no disqualifying factors, other children, drugs or alcohol addiction or mental problems. If a woman needs help, the staff will find the proper place. The children are always welcome.

The mom is housed with her older children in a comfortable room with beds, warm blankets, clean sheets and storage for clothing and toys. Each room has its own private bathroom.

If needed, the staff will contact Home of Grace and transfer the mom there for detox. When ready, she will return to Mary’s Shelter. The staff works with local resources to provide a plan for those who may have mental problems.

Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast is never full. There are 11 bedrooms with 11 bathrooms, but if all are in use, a space will be found to accommodate the newcomer(s). On arrival the new resident receives a welcome basket with toiletries and clothing, if needed.

“We make them comfortable and give them food and welcome them to the family,” says Interim Case Manager Nicole Burkle who has a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology.

“We will not leave them on the street,” says Executive Director Kay Trattles. Trattles has been director of

the shelter for two and a half years. Before that she served three years as development director.

The shelter abides by the moral and social traditions of the Catholic Church, but women of all faiths or no faith are welcome at Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast.

After a good night’s sleep the staff explains the rules, gets information about the pregnancy, and solicits ideas about goals, school and career. The program is 15 months, but the average stay is about 13, says Trattles.

The women also find out there is a sense of family in the home. Residents help each other by babysitting while another mom goes to a doctor appointment or a job interview, for instance. Some of the older children are enrolled in local schools and some go to day care.

All participate in the community meal. The women take turns cooking, although one resident has a culinary arts degree and steps in even when it isn’t her turn, to everyone’s delight.

At present two former residents are in a transition home in Lillian. They will stay there with their children until they are ready to move on. One of the transition residents was all set to move to the independent home when she was diagnosed with cervical cancer. The home supported her until she was able to move on with her goals.

The staff and residents are grateful for those who provide resources for Mary’s Shelter, such as South Baldwin Regional Medical Center, pregnancy resource centers, OB/GYN doctors, churches and other hospitals. Volunteers and community organizations, including Christian Service Center, Perdido Key United Methodist Church Redemption Store, Catholic Social Services and area food banks provide help when needed.

The home can always use more drivers to take women to visit doctors, jobs, food shopping and other necessary appointments. Most needed are diapers and household supplies such as cleaning products, paper towels and toilet paper.

Mary’s Shelter has expenses just like everyone else who has a home: electric, telephone and cable bills, food expenses, household repairs and maintenance. The Mary’s Shelter receives no funds from the state or other governmental agencies. It raises money with fundraisers and through the generosity of friends.

There are several ways to donate. The Guardian Angel program has been in existence since



Anita and her two boys, Christian, 5, and Jamarion, 3, and their sister, Za’khia, born Jan. 12, 2018, are currently in residence at Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast in Elberta. Anita was in an abusive relationship and finally was able to leave. She found Mary’s Shelter and has been making plans for the future. First, she is looking forward to getting her driver’s license, which she was never allowed to do. She is has gotten a job at McDonald’s. Next she wants to purchase a vehicle. Anita is working with the US Department of Agriculture to receive help in purchasing a home. She is also applying to Habitat for Humanity for their help.

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Santa Brings Gifts to Special Needs Classes

By Sally McKinney

Because there was no snow and landing a sleigh on the school roofs would be dangerous, members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay drove Santa Claus to Foley and Elberta to distribute 134 gifts to special needs classes.

In addition to this project, the club worked with Lillian United Methodist Church on the Trunk or Treat Halloween program, sponsored the Community Ecumenical Service, and helped at the Annual ARC Thanksgiving dinner.

On Dec. 15 they again brought Santa Claus to the Community Club to meet with children, providing breakfast for families and distributing hundreds of gifts.

The club recently distributed \$18,600 to area non-profits that serve area children. This spring college scholarships will be given to area graduating seniors and to middle school students to attend the National Flight Academy on board NAS Pensacola.

On a weekly basis some members read to pre-K, kindergarten and first grade classes. Others tutor math and mentor students at the high school.

The club meets at 8 a.m. every Saturday in the Lillian Community Club. Breakfast is served, members are brought up to date on club projects and a program ends the morning event. Club members also get together monthly at a local restaurant to visit and get to know one another on a social basis.

Adults who want to “Bring Out the Best in Kids” are always welcome. Come as a guest, visit with your neighbors and find out how you can be a part of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.



Mary Coleman hands a gift to a young student.



Vincent receives a gift from Santa.



Yuri shows off his present from Santa.



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Kids Have Breakfast With Santa

By Sally McKinney

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has finished the Christmas season with Breakfast with Santa. The best cooks in Lillian fed the best breakfast in town to more than 200 children and their friends and families on Dec. 15. Gifts were given to boys and girls from infant to age 12.

Although members are taking time off for their friends and families during the holidays, they will be back

in force the first of the year, volunteering as readers, math tutors and mentors at the Elberta elementary and high schools.

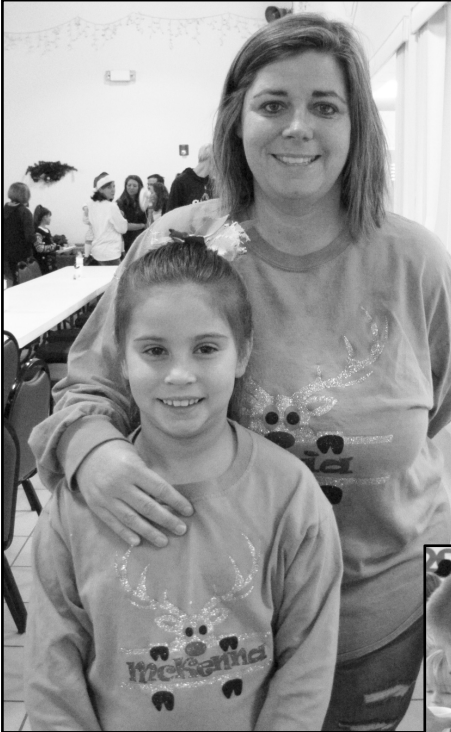
Then watch for news of the spring programs, a fishing rodeo and Easter egg hunt. They will also be conducting essay and oratorical contests, as well as searching for high school seniors to award scholarships and middle school students for scholarships to the National Flight Academy on board NAS Pensacola.



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Mediacom does not work like this, so I hung up and called Mediacom. I spoke with a legitimate tech, who provided the link for malware that Mediacom gives customers for free. He changed my password and the malware is installed.

I was believing the first guy until he started pushing me. This was a close call, I never had anything like that happen before. He sounded legit until he started getting impatient and offering payment plans.

Thank you to this customer for sharing your experience. I have to first say you will never get a telephone call from any major technical company regarding your computer.

There are so many counterfeit websites that look legitimate. The best way to determine if you are on a particular company or bank website is to identify the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) or address bar at the top of the browser you are using.

As an example my website/



The Mouse

By Joseph Oakley

domain is www.pc-s4u.com. The domain name of the location you are accessing should end with that domain name. The best way to know the company domain/website address is to look on the bill.

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Although it might seem fine to perform a search for a URL/company location, it is not the safest. If your browsers are not protected by an add-on for safe searching or a very good malware program that links to your browser, chances are you will get a fraudulent location.

Microsoft Edge browser is allowing Norton to install safe web search to the browser.

I am informing you of that because Microsoft Edge does not allow for any add-on extensions. Moreover Microsoft understands the need for safe browsing protection.

I hope you know you are smarter than your computer, that the computer is a tool and you are the master of that tool.

If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to mouse@pc-s4u.com.

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Happy New Year from all of us at the library. Thank you for your support in 2018. We really appreciate it.

First on the agenda this year is the Annual Meeting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23. This is when the president and corresponding secretary make their yearly reports and the treasurer presents the 2018 Audit and the 2019 Budget. On Feb. 13, at the regular board of directors meeting, officers will be elected for 2019. We can always use new volunteers to serve on the board and/or to work a two-hour shift once a week. It's a great way to meet people.

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In January we will be preparing for the February Book Sale. Some of



Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Sally McKinney

your favorite authors will be available for great prices. Perhaps you wonder about where we get these sale books. Thanks to our patrons, books are donated to the library on a regular basis. Sometimes we already have the title, so we put one on sale. The sale goes on throughout February, so come back often.

Funds from this sale help pay the bills, electricity, the Book Systems computer service, repairs and maintenance for all the computers in the library and general maintenance.

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CHIT CHAT

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

Happy January Birthday CAPRICORN: Heather Price, David Moore, Dick Ayres, Bob Garcia, Nell Brandenburg, Joanne Matthews, Celia Avera, Clinton Ford, Tyra Simmons and Jake Fretwell.

Happy January Birthday AQUARIUS: Caroline Canaday, Linda Sepac, Samuel Roberts, Vic Deeter, Carolyn Scarboro, Iris Reddy, Tay Randall, Bill Lawson, Janice Spooner and Shirley Covert.

Happy January WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Don and Adele Hartman - #38, Henry and Rose Wagner - #66, Weldon and Ruby Dell Cox - #8, Jerry and MJ Rooks - #62, Jim and Helen Cavanagh, and Clinton and Ella Ford - #65.

Sometimes we all need a hug - Josephine Flynn.

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

The deadline for the February issue of The Lillian is Jan. 23.

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Brannan

Stephen Randall Brannan, 35, of Lillian, passed away Nov. 29, 2018. A memorial service was held Dec. 8 at Miflin Baptist Church. Cason Funeral Service, Foley, was in charge of arrangements.

Darden

Jimmie Sue Darden, 83, of Lillian passed away Dec. 12, 2018.

She loved to fish, cook for her family and was an avid Alabama football fan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Sue Bradford.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, James E. Darden of Lillian; a daughter, Patti D. (Eddie) Morris of McKenzie; a son, Mike (Cindy) Darden of League City, Texas; a brother, Jerry Bradford of Opelika; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.

Visitation was held on Dec. 16 at Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Elberta, with graveside services Dec. 17 at Alabama State Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery, Spanish Fort.



Darden

De Portales

Laura C. De Portales, 59, of Lillian, passed away Dec. 13, 2018. A memorial service was held Dec. 15 at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Foley.

Flores

Susan Flores passed away Dec. 6, 2018. She was born March 6, 1959, and is survived by her husband, Ron Flores; a son, Sean Flores; two grandchildren, Jude Young and Presley Young; and a brother, Howard Schwartz of Oklahoma.

She had many friends in the community including her Lillian First Baptist church family.

Susan loved life and lived it to the fullest. You couldn't keep her down. Everyone she met loved her. She lit up a room when she entered. A big smile came on your face the minute you saw her. She was an inspiration to us all.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 at the First Baptist Church of Lillian with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the First Baptist Church of Lillian.



Flores

Fogos

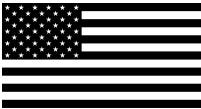
Patrick Francis Fogos, 63, of Lillian, passed away Nov. 18, 2018.

He was born in Jacksonville, Fla., July 27, 1955, to Michael and Victoria Fogos. He leaves behind his wife of 38 years, Kay Fogos; son, Marc Fogos, of Baton Rouge; daughter, Tanya Fogos, of Lillian; granddaughters Sayla and Ryleigh Fogos; his mother, Victoria Fogos, of Pensacola; sister, Beth Fogos of Pensacola; and neices and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Michael; brother, Michael Jr.; and sister, Anna.

Pat served in the U.S. Army as a biomedical repair technician and after being medically discharged, began his own electronic repair business in Lillian in 1989. He enjoyed the outdoors, particularly hunting and fishing. He will be missed by family and friends.

Services were held on Nov. 30 at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church with internment at Barrancas National Cemetery.

Cason Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.



Stewart

Donald Glenn Stewart, 87, of Foley and Bon Secour, passed away on Dec. 8, 2018, at a local hospital.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Joseph Donald Stewart and Robert Phillip Stewart.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, JoAnne D. Stewart of Foley; five sons, Mike Stewart of Foley, Albert John (Denise) Stewart of Lillian, Mark Allen (Shawnett) Stewart of Foley, Patrick Stewart of Foley, and Jake (Melissa) Stewart of Foley; four brothers, two sisters, nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 15, at St. John’s Catholic Church, Magnolia Springs. Interment was in St. John’s Catholic Cemetery.

Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes, Foley, was in charge of arrangements.

Fuller

Samuel C. Fuller Jr., 87, of Lillian, passed away Nov. 29, 2018.

He was born Aug. 26, 1931, to Lalla Robinson and Samuel Fuller. He was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

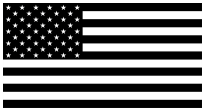
He is survived by his wife, Janice Avrill Fuller; son, Mark Fuller; daughter, Tracey Fuller; grandsons, Sam and Ben Fuller; stepsons, William and Rivers Patout; stepdaughter, Avrill Viator (Rick); six grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

Sam proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict on the U.S.S. Flying Fish - 229 from 1950 to 1954. He was employed by The Bemis Company for 35 years. Sam was a dedicated volunteer at the National Museum of Naval Aviation and Blue Angel practices for twelve years.

The family would like to thank Kindred Hospice, especially Dianne, for their assistance. Graveside services were held Dec. 10 at Barrancas National Cemetery. Cason Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.



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Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretti Lysek

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 62 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in November including 38 medical assistance, 11 public assists, two motor vehicle accidents, two brush fires, six alarms, one fire investigation and two miscellaneous calls.

We are looking for caring Lillian residents to help us with non-emergency paperwork and calls as well as medical and fire assistance. If you give us the time, we will provide the training. Call 962-2696 and leave a message. We will return your call.

LVFD had a great turnout for the Santa Run on Dec. 15. We handed out apples, oranges, and candy and treats for your four-legged friends. All of the volunteers had a wonderful time dressing up as Santa and elves and driving through the streets of Lillian in our fire engine sleigh.

After the Santa Run, we joined Spanish Cove in their Christmas parade. The LVFD pulled Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in the fire boat through the Cove. We ended up in the clubhouse and Santa and Mrs. Claus handed out gifts to all the children and a wonderful feast was set out for all. Thank you Spanish

Cove for allowing LVFD be a part of your Christmas celebration.

2018 has been a very busy and exciting year for LVFD. We started off the year with 13 volunteers and ended up the year with 26, a 100% increase. As of mid-December, we have a total of 810 calls and rising for the year. Consequently, we are always happy to enlist new volunteers to help with the frequent medical and fire calls.

Capt. L. Ellis and Lt. M. Beyerl, passed the national EMT exam in addition to passing the Training Instructor exam from Alabama Fire College. Chief J. Ellis has made training one of his top priorities and has provided opportunities for expanding our medical and fire fighting skills. Not only are the

volunteers provided fire/medical training every Tuesday, we have been given the opportunity on many occasions to participate in training outside of Lillian. We already have six volunteers ready to start EMT training at the local community college in January, which will give us a total of nine EMTs within the Lillian community. In addition, chief is planning to provide ‘Firefighter 1’ training to all volunteers mid-year 2019.

Since the open house at the fire house in February last year was such

a success, we are planning another one this year. So keep your calendars open for another open house in late February. The date will be given in The Lillian next month. Don’t forget we still have smoke detectors at the station on Santa Piedro Street at no cost. You can pick one up during the open house or drop by anytime. Please remember they only last 10 years.

The volunteers of LVFD have been honored to serve the Lillian community and wish everyone a happy and safe new year.



Volunteer firefighters gathered before the Santa Run on Dec. 15.

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The 2018-19 fundraising letters were mailed at the end of September. The addresses were provided by the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's Office. If you had a problem receiving your letter, call the fire station and leave a message. Your donation is tax-deductible. We are requesting a donation of \$75 per household or property unit and \$150 per business.

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By Jim Belcher

Phil accomplished something most of us older guys failed to do - he got airtime on SiriusXM's "Sixties on Six" satellite radio. Phil's a member of the baby boom generation who recently retired and now has time to chase his lifelong dream. I was tuned in the day disc jockey Pat St. John sent Phil's voice around the world.

When Phil told us he planned to pursue his dream, I began guessing what Phil's long-held dream might be. Did Phil plan to go back to school and earn a degree? Did he intend to run a marathon? Did he aspire to take up meditation? Did he hope to jet the globe, visiting places he'd dreamed about from behind his desk?

I could see Phil snapping selfies in front of the Eiffel Tower and the Great Wall of China. Better yet, maybe Phil regretted not spending enough time with the kids; maybe Phil's dream was to devote himself to family.

If these were your guesses, too, sorry! Phil's ambition ran in a different direction.

I couldn't believe my ears when Phil announced to the world - or at least to SiriusXM listeners - that his lifelong dream was to drink fifty beers in all fifty states.

"OK, that's doable," I mused. "That's only one beer per state." But, no, I misunderstood what Phil said.

Phil's goal was to drink fifty beers in *each* of our fifty states. Before I could do the math, Pat St. John did it for me. "Fifty beers times fifty states," Pat intoned, "equals 2,500 beers."

In high school I knew good old boys who could almost down that

many on Saturday night. Same thing for my college fraternity brothers. But we cut those kids slack - they were young; their prefrontal lobes weren't developed.

We baby boomers, like Phil, should know better. We're older; we've been around the block a time or two. We've seen people die from liver cirrhosis. We've known people with Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome, commonly known as "wet brain," a condition brought on by a thiamin deficiency in the brain; alcohol interferes with the brain's ability to absorb thiamin.

A 2015 report from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that 15.1 million adults 18 years of age and older (6.2 percent of the age bracket) had an "alcohol use disorder." Additional research published in the journal *Addiction* stated that drinking alcoholic beverages of any kind raises the risk for several types of cancer, including mouth, throat, esophageal, liver, colorectal and female breast cancer.

More recently, a 2016 report on the effects of alcohol consumption warned that "the dangers of alcohol greatly outweigh any potential beneficial effects." The researchers looked at 28 million people worldwide and determined "there is no safe level of alcohol." Published in *Lancet*, the report stated that 2.8 million people die each year as a direct or indirect result of drinking alcohol. In 2016, "drinking alcohol was the seventh leading risk factor for premature death and disease."


As for Phil and his two minutes of fame on SiriusXM, maybe the satellite network will update us on Phil's health and DUI violations.

Phil could be the first guy to get a DUI in all fifty states. My advice to Phil would be, "Phil, before you go chasing your dream, make sure your burial policy is paid up."

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Lillian Recreational Park News

By Monica Leonard

Hello, 2019, we are so excited you are here!

The Elberta High School Warriors’ baseball and softball games are set to begin in early February.

The Lillian Recreational Park serves as the home field for the Warriors, so look for the latest schedules and updates on the park’s

Facebook page and the recreational park's soon-to-be launched website, www.LillianRecreationalPark.org.

Our Markets in the Park will begin again in the spring and will be the third Saturday of each month from March through November. Find the latest information each month on our Facebook page and website.

Movies and Music in the Park will debut again in April and continue through the fall. This year, the movies will be on the first Friday of the month. The free movies will be preceded by music and pre-movie activities beginning at 6 p.m.

Our walking group meets morning and/or afternoons Monday, Wednesday and Friday and meets monthly the first Monday of the month in the conference room at 6 p.m.

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As a relative newcomer to Lillian, I was looking forward to attending the December meeting of the Civic and Legislative Committee. Representatives from the Alabama Department of Transportation were giving a presentation on Highway 98 traffic and I was interested to see what they had to say and to get a better feel of what community members are concerned about. I was there in my role as managing editor of the newspaper, but also as someone who frequently drives around town.

For a small town, I'm sometimes surprised by the amount of traffic flowing through Lillian, but I shouldn't be.

I've been caught many times at the Highway 98 and Perdido Street intersection and as I wait to turn on to Highway 98, I sometimes curse myself for my decision. And I've thought maybe a stoplight there would be nice.

But after hearing the ALDOT information, I better understand why a traffic light wouldn't be a good idea.

When on Perdido Street, it can be hard to see the traffic up the hill and around the curves. So when I am on 98 approaching Perdido Street, I realized that I would have trouble seeing a stoplight in a timely manner coming from either direction.

I don't know what the answer is,



From the
Managing
Editor

By Janel Smith

but it seemed to me that ALDOT wants to hear from us. I heard some people at the meeting complain this was the same information they heard a year ago. That may be, but what I took from the meeting is that everything is still in the proposal stage and we need to speak up and offer feedback to their ideas.

It was also obvious that enforcement of traffic laws would be beneficial to keeping our roads safer, but that falls to local law authorities, not the transportation department.

If you attended this meeting, I hope you turned in written feedback on the comment form they provided. Talking over others during the meeting, interrupting or verbally offering ideas to ALDOT staff as you were leaving probably isn't the most effective way to make progress.

If you weren't at the meeting, please refer to the article and comment form on Page 9.

Lillian residents will be the ones most impacted so it's up to us to be part of the decision-making process.

Celebrating Alabama's Bicentennial

Governor Kay Ivey launched the year of Alabama's bicentennial at the Alabama State Capitol on Dec. 14, saying it will be a year to celebrate and educate.

"We have an opportunity in front of us, and just as Alabamians have done for the past 199 years, we will make the most of that opportunity," Governor Ivey said. "Alabama is defined by its people. It's that simple. As we near our state's bicentennial, we recognize that our story of success is told by our people. And that is who we are celebrating: the Alabamians who got us here, all the men and women across our state today and the future generations of Alabamians who will help take us to even greater heights."

Children from Pell City's Eden Elementary joined Ivey and Alabama Senator Arthur Orr, Chairman of the Alabama Bicentennial Committee, in previewing some of the more than 400 Bicentennial events that will take place before the bicentennial's culmination on December 14, 2019, in Montgomery.

Two hundred schools across the state have been selected as Alabama Bicentennial Schools and are putting on bicentennial projects.

Planned events include

everything from celebrating the 50th anniversary of Alabama's role in landing a man on the moon to revealing a replica that will show modern Alabamians for the first time what the state's first



capitol looked like in Old Cahawba.

There will be a release of a U.S. Postal Service Alabama Bicentennial forever stamp, special concerts throughout the state, a Native American Bicentennial event in Moundville, the opening of Huntsville's newly renovated Constitution Village, a tour involving Alabama's most important documents, events honoring Alabama veterans and the culmination of the year-long celebration in Montgomery with the dedication of the Bicentennial Park in front of the Capitol.

Additional information can be found online at www.alabama200.org, the state's bicentennial website

LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

34148 Widell Avenue, Lillian, Alabama 36549

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 A.M. until 11 A.M. (251) 962-3366 & Lounge (251) 962-3966

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LCC Officers & Board of Directors

- Vacant - President
- Elmer Covert - Vice President
- Lee Hoffman - Treasurer
- Kevin Richardson - Secretary
- Melodye Barnhart
- David Bergsland
- Randy Stapler
- Joelle Pagel
- Jennifer Waid
- Steve Duckworth

LCC Banquet Facilities

BEST RATES IN THE AREA!
The Grand Hall accommodates up to 250 people
State-of-the-Art Full Kitchen
Non-smoking



RV CONVENIENCE SITES

(Paid in Advance in Lounge)
Members: \$10/DAY
Guest: \$20/DAY
Located behind LCC



DARTS
TOURNAMENT
SATURDAYS 6 P.M.

LCC Catfish Dinner \$10 Friday, Jan. 11 ~ 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Catfish, french fries, grits, baked beans, hush puppies, coleslaw, dessert and coffee or tea
MUSIC: Big Jake in the Lounge



American
Legion
Ham Dinners
\$10 per plate
Sunday, Jan. 27
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Thank You

to all who helped work on the Christmas float, who donated their time and great food for the Christmas party, that decorated and helped to make the New Year's Eve celebration a memorable time.

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
Jan. 1 - Open at 1 P.M.



BANDS:

- Doc Johnson - Jan. 4
- Southern Star - Jan. 6
- Big Jake - Jan. 11
- Dakota - Jan. 13
- Southern Breeze - Jan. 18
- Rock Bottom Duo - Jan. 20
- Johnny Barbato - Jan. 25
- T-Bird and the Fat Cats - Jan. 25
- \$5.00 COVER CHARGE FOR NON-MEMBERS WHEN IN THE HALL

Check our web page for updates to upcoming events.

Also, please like us on our Facebook page.

www.LillianCommunityClub.com

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