



# The Lillian

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## First Christmas in the Park Should Be Magical

Santa's on his way! It will be a magical time when Lillian Recreational Park is transformed into a winter wonderland at the first-ever Christmas in the Park celebration. The free community celebration and tree lighting kicks off Saturday, Dec. 7. The fun will begin at 3 p.m. with family-friendly activities and hot chocolate with Santa. Music will begin at 5 p.m. and the lighting of the park's trees, including the 20-foot Christmas Wonderland Tree, will be at 6 p.m.

The children's area will feature games and activities like Pin the Nose on Rudolph, ornament making and face painting. There will even be 'snowballs' for snowball fights. Price

Pecan Farm is providing a mailbox for children to drop off their letters to Santa, and he will be able to take them with him after the event.

Area churches will sing carols and lead the community sing-along from the park's new bandshell which will also serve as Santa's station during his visit to the park. After the official launching of the lights, they will be lit nightly through Dec. 31.

Lillian Recreational Park will become a holiday wonderland, with luminaries along the walking path, lights, displays, trees, decorations, and the wonderland tree which will serve as the centerpiece.

There will be photo opportunities at every turn and admission is free.

"The response to Christmas in the Park has been absolutely fantastic," said Lucy Smith, LRP and Christmas in the Park volunteer. "We are beyond excited. This is going to be so much fun! We can't thank the community enough for

all their support - for donating trees and decorations and for volunteering to help us set up.

"We are also extremely grateful to all the sponsors and donors who have stepped up and provided financial support. We couldn't do this without them. This may be the first-ever, but based on the excitement we're seeing, the reactions we're getting, we know that Christmas in the Park will become an annual tradition. Every

year we will add more and more lights, displays and activities."

Corporate sponsors of this year's Christmas in the Park are Brown Helicopter and United Bank as Angel Sponsors, Chevron, Lillian Express Mart Shell and Swift Supply as Silver

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If you would like to get a "sneak peek" of the park before the community celebration, there will be a preview party on Friday, Dec. 6.

The preview party will feature food, fun, entertainment and drawings for prizes such as dinner at Jackson's Steakhouse in Pensacola. Tickets are \$20 and are available from committee members or by calling the park at 962-2129.

## Lillian Christmas Parade Set for Dec. 14

The annual Lillian Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m.

The parade is sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and will celebrate the Alabama Bicentennial as Dec. 14 is the 200th anniversary of Alabama statehood.

Grand marshal will be Price Legg, chairman of the Lillian Bicentennial committee.

The parade will follow the route from the Lillian Community Club to Highway 98, north



on Sixth Street to Barclay, turning west to Santa Piedro and back south to LCC.

The parade will assemble around noon in front of the LCC. All organizations, churches, businesses, clubs and individuals who would like to

be in the parade should contact Judy Wargo by phone at 586-383-1206, or by email at paulwargo3@gmail.com.

There will be a reception with refreshments inside the club prior to the parade.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the parade or pick a good spot to watch the parade go by. The parade route map was published in last month's issue of *The Lillian* which can be viewed online. There will be no rain date should the weather not cooperate that day.

## Heritage Garden Dedication



Photos by Ken Stewart

The new Alabama Heritage Garden was dedicated at Lillian Recreational Park on Nov. 9. Focusing on our state's bicentennial and made possible through a grant from the Alabama Bicentennial Commission, the walkway features new historical placards and new plants. In the top photo, Price Legg, chairman of the Lillian Bicentennial Committee, places the final brick in the walkway.


In the middle photo, Monica Leonard addresses the crowd, while Lucy Smith describes the walkways in the bottom photo.



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Photo by Sally McKinney

Elizabeth Dupree was dressed for the occasion when she visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the 2018 Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

Kids Welcome to Have Breakfast with Santa

By Sally McKinney

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has made arrangements with Santa and Mrs. Claus to meet and greet boys and girls, infant to age 8, at the annual Breakfast with Santa at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, in the Lillian Community Club.

After the famous free Optimist Club breakfast for the children and their families, Santa will visit with them and present them with gifts.

Family members are welcome to take pictures of their children while they visit with the Jolly Old Elf.

This will be the third Christmas-sponsored program hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

The members organize the Annual Lillian Christmas Parade and provide transportation for Santa Claus to visit special needs classes in Foley and Elberta Schools.

He also distributes gifts to all the boys and girls, based on secret tips from their teachers so the gifts would be appropriate for age and abilities.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is dedicated to serving children in the Lillian-Elberta area. More than 30 programs are provided, including reading to kindergarten and first grade classes, math tutoring, mentoring, scholarships for graduating seniors, scholarships for the National Flight Academy, an easter egg hunt, donations to the schools for special projects and a fishing rodeo.

Meetings are held at 8 a.m. every Saturday. They include breakfast and programs of interest to the community. All are invited to attend. A guest breakfast is free.



McMillian to Speak at Bayside Baptist Church

Rev. Wayne McMillian will be speaking at Bayside Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 15, in the 10:30 a.m. service. He is a graduate of the University of Mobile and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, with advanced studies in cross cultural communication from Limuru, Kenya and Amman, Jordan.

He was a church planter with the International Mission Board for 10 years in Africa and served one term with the North American Mission Board in The Dakota Baptist Convention as a church planter.

McMillian has also been pastor of several area churches including FBC Satsuma, FBC Foley, FBC Monroeville, Mexia Baptist in Monroeville and Bower Memorial in Evergreen.

He is a humble man who loves God and desires to share his message.

The public is invited to attend on Dec. 15 at 33677 US Highway 98, Lillian.

For more information, please call Pastor Tom Harris at 251-256-0226.



McMillian

Church Also Plans Cantata

Bayside Baptist Church will host a Christmas Cantata at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. The church is at 33677 Hwy 98 in Lillian.

Optimists Ready For Busy December

This is an exciting month for the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. In addition to the regular meetings, the club has arranged for Santa Claus to visit Lillian to ride in the Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 14. He'll visit special needs classes in Foley and Elberta on Wednesday, Dec. 18, and bring gifts.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will rest up and meet with boys and girls and their families for the Breakfast with Santa on Saturday,

Dec. 21, in the Lillian Community Club.

Other events include the Dec. 7 program at 8 a.m. with Senior Trooper Tyler Kane of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Marine Patrol Division to speak on "Marine Theft and Derelict Vessels." On Dec. 14, Dr. Gaylon McCollough will provide information about "The Pledge of Allegiance."

There will be no meetings on Saturday, Dec. 21 or 28.



OCPB Names Randall as Optimist of the Year

This year's Optimist of the Year was awarded to Pastor Daniel Randall of the Lillian United Methodist Church. A number of members were considered for the honor, and with approximately 50 club projects per year, the competition was great.

"Pastor Dan received this award in recognition of what he has done for the community," said Optimist Club Past President Jeff Keener. "It is special to have a person who gives so much of his time to the service of others in their regular job, and then have them set an example for all of us to follow."

His list of accomplishments includes serving as chair of projects including Breakfast with Santa, Halloween Trunk or Treat and the Mullet Toss. He was also was an active participant in the ecumenical Thanksgiving service, Santa's visit to the special needs classrooms, Christmas gift baskets; the flag program and the Lillian Christmas parade.

Randall chaired the Breakfast with Santa event, which saw the club serve breakfast to 325, while distributing gifts to 170 children. His commitment to the project runs all year and his ability to secure gifts is impressive. When Santa was unable to participate in the special needs Christmas program, he stepped in and was a hit with 111 children in Elberta and Foley.

Trunk or treat is held each year at

his church. The club serves hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks, while many members fill their car trunks with candies to distribute. Randall and his wife, Tay, are on hand to share a Halloween story that encourages youth to be their best.

The Mullet Toss is one of the highlights of the annual Mullet Festival which raises over \$35,000 for the club each year. The toss has grown over the past three years while he has served as activity chairman. He has recruited help from non-members and set-up, registration, measuring, record keeping, awards and the awards presentation are all handled by Randall.

The flag program is the second largest fundraiser of the year. Flags are set out five times a year in support of our military and to honor our country. Randall, his wife and son handle a route for the flags with 10 flags visible along Perdido Street on the church property.

Much of what this honoree has done during the year goes without recognition, from working the kitchen crew, helping during the deja vu sale and fashion show, driving the church bus to outings or for one of the Junior Optimist Clubs, providing the invocation prayer before meetings to leading members in singing the Sunshine Son. He also assists with his church youth group that also helps with OCPB programs.

He was born in Eight Mile, Ala., on Oct. 10, 1972. At 16 and a sophomore in high school, he surrendered to the call of ministry. He graduated from Vigor High School in May 1991, where he played football for the back-to-back state 6A champion team.

Randall earned a bachelor's degree, majoring in religion, from Huntingdon College in Montgomery in May 1995. On Jan. 1, 1995, during his senior year, he was appointed to his first charge, the Lee Circuit in Lee County. In May 1998 he received his master's of divinity degree from Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

He was ordained an elder in 2000. He served Lee Circuit from January 1995 to June 2001, Ashford UMC from June 2001 to June 2005, First UMC of Grand Bay from June 2005 to June 2011 and Lillian UMC from July 2011 to present. His prior ministry experience involved serving as youth minister of Eight Mile UMC, Trinity UMC in Phenix City and St. James UMC in Montgomery.

He is married to Tay Granger Randall. They met while at Huntingdon and wed in June 1996, following his first year in seminary. They have a son, Dan, born in 1999.

Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is one of the most involved organizations in the community and currently ranks as the largest Optimist Club in



Daniel Randall, pastor of the Lillian United Methodist Church, has been named Optimist of the Year.

Alabama and Mississippi with 115 members. Pastor Dan helped recruit a number of new members this year and also took credit for sponsoring his first member.

The OCPB conducts over 50 projects that benefit youth each year. These projects range from serving 590 participants lunch at the Baldwin County Special Olympics, awarding over \$15,000 to non-profits serving children in our county, hosting the county-wide Baldwin County law enforcement recognition breakfast, the Lillian Christmas parade and supporting the My Community Mentor Junior Optimist Club and the Elberta High School Junior Optimist Club.

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# Alabama and Lillian Proud

I know many of you are native Alabamians, maybe some even born and raised in Lillian, but I'll bet most of the population of this little bit of paradise is from somewhere else.

Y'all (oops!) probably know I'm a Yankee from Chicago. We moved here in 1992 and never regretted it. Oh, sure, I still rattle on about what a beautiful city Chicago is and the adventures over the years, mostly about horrible winters, but Lillian is now my home and I'm proud of it.

Why am I proud today? It's because when Price Legg brought us all together to discuss the Alabama Bicentennial, we all jumped in with both feet, whether we were born here or migrated to the south to discover our fair "city."

Representatives from the community met on a regular basis and as chairman of the Lillian Bicentennial Committee, Price listened to all our ideas, helped us refine them and procured help from elsewhere when we needed it.

Recently the Lillian Recreational Park dedicated the Alabama Heritage Garden, made possible from a grant from the Alabama Bicentennial Commission. It features four educational markers depicting different facets of the history of Lillian.

In May two historic markers were placed in Lillian; one at the boat launch and one in front of the original St. Joseph Catholic Church on Santa Piedro Street and US Hwy. 98.

The one at the boat launch gives information about Perdido Bay and the history of the bridge. The other gives information about the church and the town of Lillian.



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

As a part of the Bicentennial celebration the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay began a quarterly Bicentennial Program Series that featured topics such as Historic Blakely Park, Fort Mims, Selma during the Civil War, Historical Prospective of the Old Circuit Riders and the Wade Hall Traveling Postcard Exhibit.

The annual Lillian United Methodist Church Car Show had a Bicentennial theme and presented a special trophy to the owner of the oldest car that is still operating, a 1928 Studebaker Terminator.

The Optimist Club Easter Egg Hunt and Fashion Show both featured Bicentennial themes, as well as the recent Community Thanksgiving Service.

There may be others; please forgive me for not mentioning them. Word has it that Lillian had more Bicentennial events than any other community in Baldwin County. Go, Lillian!

And now comes the finale, the annual Christmas Parade on, wait for it, Saturday, Dec. 14, exactly 200 years after Alabama became a state! How neat is that?

If you have not participated in any other event, or even if you have, this is your last opportunity to say, "Happy Birthday, Alabama!" The parade steps off at 1 p.m. Let's make this the best ever parade to celebrate our home state, whether adopted or not.

# Shining Star Recognized at St. Benedict



Photo by Sally McKinney

The 8th Annual St. Benedict Catholic School PTO recently held a draw down, auctions and other festivities at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Hall. Marlene Dekok, left, was awarded the "Shining Star Award" by Principal Dr. Kathy McCool. Dekok has been a member of the St. Benedict School staff for 8 years, serving as extended day and substitute teacher and as a pre K-3 aide. Kristy Reilly and Kay Calvert shared a \$5,000 draw down grand prize.

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As mentioned last month, we enlisted three new firefighters and we are happy to announce we have four more recruits. Martie Clarke was a career firefighter in Georgia for 22 years and reached assistant chief before retiring. He has been with us for a couple of months and has been on a majority of the calls. Dylan Morse comes from Birmingham. He started helping at his local department at age 16. He has been an EMT for the last three years and is now working in the emergency department at Baptist Hospital. Jakeup Cole is still in high school and was recommended by another firefighter. He has been with us for a month and has turned out to be hard working and a credit to the department. Megan Blanchard is not new to the department - her father was a volunteer many years ago and she used to accompany him when she was a small child. She currently works at a local veterinary hospital. Not only have we been blessed to have so many recruits recently, it's

also wonderful to have young people in the department. Please join us in welcoming them all to the LVFD family.

As most of you may know, the firefighting community lost one of our own last month. Chief Dwain Bradshaw from the Escambia Fire Department was killed during a call to a motor vehicle accident. Another vehicle ran in to him while he was working the scene.

Many of our LVFD volunteers held a boot drive for his family. We would like to thank you all for donating.

We would also like to take the opportunity to mention going slow when approaching any accident. Be mindful of the emergency crew when approaching and passing the scene.

Training, as usual, has been the focus of the department over the last month. We would like to thank Laura




**Lillian Volunteer Fire Department**  
By Goretti Lysek

and Jim Ellis for providing our yearly CPR training. We also had several firefighters attend this year's Tanker Task Force. This started last year to develop skills and provide opportunities for area firefighters to practice working together in the event of a major fire. Unfortunately, the skills learned during last year's practice were put to the test not long after the training during the Pirate's Cantina restaurant fire in Lillian.

We would like to thank the Spanish Cove community for inviting LVFD for their annual Halloween night. It is always a wonderful sight to see all the children, and some adults, dress up and parade in their amazing costumes.

Christmas is right around the cor-

ner, and we will be participating in the usual fanfare of parades including the LVFD Santa Run at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 7, Spanish Cove's Christmas parade at 1 p.m. Dec. 7 and the Lillian Christmas parade at 1 p.m. Dec. 14.



*LVFD was on hand during trick or treating in Spanish Cove, letting local kids check out equipment.*

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As 2019 reaches its last month, I marvel at how fast time is racing by. It almost feels that if you blink too long, another month will have passed at breakneck speed. That old saying, "time and tide wait for no one," rings truer as each year rushes to an end.

Some notable highlights for LASAR during this past year include:

- Celebrating Billy Slavey being named the Alabama State Rescuer of the year. This was quite an accomplishment for Slavey and our small LASAR unit. Almost all other 94 squads in Alabama are from much larger cities with larger memberships.
- In March, Rick Damato and Erick Beck joined FEMA relief efforts to support those impacted in Lee County after a tornado. They stayed on-site for a week using LASAR's side-by-side 4-wheeler to assist rescuers and victims.
- Etowah County Search and Rescue joined the LASAR dive team in April for Dive and Tender Rescue Training. This joint training had a heavy focus on hands-on scenarios on land and in the waters of Perdido Bay and off Fort Pickens near Pensacola.
- Also in April, LASAR hosted the EMS training cruise with 39 members from various agencies around the region joining 25 members of LASAR for the five-day cruise that included seven training courses. This was a great opportunity for members from different agencies to meet each other, complete many required training courses and for family members to enjoy a fun vacation together.
- In June, four members of LASAR were certified as Public Certified Divers. Letty Rodriguez, Dillon Santinelli, Robin Lee and Baily Helms completed three weeks of

classroom and water training to gain their certification.

• LASAR also participated in several community events this year. In August, LASAR conducted a rappelling demonstration during the OWA Community Safety Day. In September, LASAR provided medical services during the Tate High School ROTC Megaball Tournament. LASAR also participated in supporting the Optimist Club fishing rodeo and attended the Buc-ees First Responder Day celebration.

• LASAR conducted training courses for local squads on tying knots for rescue, hands-on ATV training, emergency vehicle driver certification, dive equipment familiarization and other required FEMA and safety courses.

It has been a busy year for LASAR and even though it seems to have flown by, a lot has been accomplished with supporting FEMA and our communities with water and land rescues, joint missions with other squads, individual accomplishments and training activities. With a month still to go, LASAR members wish you and your families a blessed, merry Christmas and a wonderful new year. Bring on 2020 — we have our tennis shoes and water flippers on and are ready for the mad dash.

If you would like to participate in any LASAR training, join us at our next monthly meeting on the second Monday in January at 7 p.m. at LASAR headquarters, 34247 West Barclay Avenue in Lillian. There will not be a meeting in December due to the Christmas party.

## Prevention is Key with Pet Health

There are many preventatives available to purchase for your pet. From flea and tick prevention, heartworm prevention and a whole slew of vaccines, the costs can add up.

You can expect to spend around \$4,700 over the lifetime of your cat and around \$5,900 for your dog. That's roughly \$300- \$450 per year in preventatives alone.

Is it all necessary though? Who can actually afford to keep their pets up to date on prevention? The better question is, can you really afford not to? Owning an animal such as a dog or cat and deciding not to use preventatives is a gamble. You could end up with a perfectly healthy pet, even without the use of preventatives. However, there is a substantially higher chance that your pet will end up with at least one or two issues in their life that could have been prevented altogether.

The most common of these issues? Flea allergy dermatitis. This condition will not only leave your pet itchy and uncomfortable, but could eventually cause them to lose their hair and lower their immune system, which would make them more susceptible to infections. There is a myr-



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riad of ways to treat this condition, but your vet may have to try a few of them to figure out what will work best for your pet. Some treatment options include cytopoint injections, an ongoing prescription for apoquel, allergy injections and a series of medicated baths. These are only scratching the surface.

If your pet becomes infected, then it could even require hospitalization (around \$25 per day not including treatment) and even more injections. The average cost for a moderate case of flea Allergy dermatitis is around \$550 for a sixty-pound dog without hospitalization. Dogs can contract parvovirus, kennel cough and rabies if they are left unvaccinated and cats can get feline leukemia and distemper among other things. Any one of these diseases could end up costing a significant amount for initial treatment

• *Prevention, continued on Page 7*



Masonic Lodge Gearing up for Holiday

The Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 had one of its longest meetings of the year recently preparing for a busy holiday of service to others. Worshipful Master Richard Duggan chaired the meeting, attended by 17 brothers and six wives and catered by Pelican Nest. “Growing membership is one of the priority areas for the lodge this year,” said Duggan. “Electing Clifford Collier to receive the first degree of masonry and scheduling his initiation for Jan. 7 is exciting. The membership also accepted David Marks Johnson for plural membership with his home lodge in Wheaton, Ill.”

The lodge continues to emphasize its commitment to the community by making a \$250 donation to the Lillian Recreational Park for its Christmas in the Park event. The check was presented by Price Legg, treasurer of the Lillian Masonic Lodge 925, during the recent unveiling of the Heritage Bicentennial Garden at the park.

Past Master Harold Burr donated Christmas lights to the lodge for display to be part of the Christmas in the Park in early December.

The Lillian Lodge Christmas party is set for Dec. 17. The meeting is open to the general public and will be a silent auction and a “dirty Santa” game will be played. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$20. The dinner will be a potluck starting at 6:30 p.m. The lodge provides the meat, so plan to bring a covered dish to serve six to eight people.

“I am very excited our members want to be more visible in the community,” said Duggan. “We discussed

• *Prevention, continued from Page 6* alone and cause great suffering to your pet.

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Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

working with area churches to determine families that would benefit from us preparing and delivering Christmas meals for needy families. We will decide at the Dec. 3 meeting how many families we can help.”

Three brothers were recognized for their 50-plus years of service. Brother Jim Baker, Past Master Harold Burr and Past Master Vernon Lowe were presented with special aprons commemorating their years of service to the Lillian Lodge. Baker and Burr were also awarded lifetime memberships. Lowe, first Worshipful Master of Lillian Lodge 925, had previously received this honor.

Lillian Lodge Tyler, Brother Dan Brantley, was presented a new Tyler sword by Duggan.

The sword was purchased at the recently conducted Grand Lodge of Alabama meeting and will serve as a replacement for the one stolen from the lodge.

Brother Sam Jackson led a call for prayers and a moment of silence for fallen Escambia County firefighter Dwain Bradshaw, who lost his life while working Highway 112.

Before closing the meeting, Duggan mentioned the lodge now has a Facebook page. It was established by Brother Edison Lima Net.

The Lillian Lodge meets the first and third Tuesday each month. If you are interested in becoming a Mason, ask a member. Freemasonry philosophy makes good men better.

as a puppy or kitten, a rabies vaccination that is recognized and protective for three years is available.

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Information on Antibiotics

According to the Center of Disease Control (CDC), individuals need to understand some information relating to bacteria, viruses and antibiotics. Microbes are organisms too small for the eye to see and are found everywhere on Earth. There are many types of microbes: bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites. While most microbes are harmless and even beneficial to living organisms, some can cause disease among humans, animals and plants. These disease-causing microbes are called pathogens; sometimes they are referred to as germs or bugs.

All types of microbes have the ability to develop resistance to the drugs created to destroy them, becoming drug-resistant organisms.

Bacteria are single-celled organisms found all over the inside and outside of our bodies. Many bacteria are not harmful, in fact, some are actually helpful, including the majority of bacteria that live in our intestines. However, disease-causing bacteria can cause illnesses such as strep throat.


Viruses, on the other hand, are microbes that are even smaller than bacteria that cannot survive outside the body's cells. In other words, viruses must have live tissue to survive. Thus, viruses cause illness by invading healthy cells.

Antibiotics, also known as antimicrobial drugs, are drugs that fight infections caused by bacteria in both humans and animals. Antibiotics fight these infections either by destroying the bacteria or making it difficult for the bacteria to continue to grow and multiply. It is wise to remember that antibiotics do not have any effect on viruses.

The term 'antibiotic' originally referred to a natural compound that destroys bacteria, such as certain types of mold or chemicals produced by living organisms. Technically, the term 'antimicrobial' refers to both natural and synthetic compounds; however, many individuals use the word antibiotic to refer to both.

As alluded to in a previous comment, viral infections should not be treated with antibiotics.

Common infections caused by viruses include colds, flu, most sore throats and most coughs and bronchi-



**Health Issues**  
By Vicki S. Coyle  
RN, BSN, MSN,  
MSEd, MA, Ed.S.,  
CNOR

tis (chest colds), many sinuses infections and many ear infections.

You may wonder, if it is a virus, then why does my physician put me on antibiotics? Your physician may prescribe a type of antibiotic due to your personal medical history, such as a poor immune system. Always ask your physician if you are concerned about him/her prescribing an antibiotic.

Sometimes well-meaning parents insist that the pediatrician prescribe an antibiotic for their child due to an earache. Depending on the child's medical history, this in most cases would be inappropriate. One should remember that the use of antibiotics is the single most important factor leading to antibiotic resistance around the world. Simply using antibiotics creates resistance. Remember, these antibiotic drugs should only be utilized to manage infections.

As a health-aware individual, it is your responsibility to be part of the group that assists in slowing/stopping the spread of resistant bacteria. One can accomplish this (especially if you are a healthcare provider) by being a part of the antibiotic stewardship which is committed to always using antibiotics appropriately and safely and to only utilize antibiotics when they are needed to treat disease and to choose the right antibiotics and to administer them in the right way in every case.

Always remember, washing your hands with soap, water and friction for 20 seconds will remove most of the bacteria present. One can follow this with an alcohol-based sanitizer. However, if spores are present, sanitizers do not destroy them and must be washed off with appropriate hand-washing techniques. The next time you use a public bathroom, observe how many individuals leave the stall and do not wash their hands. Just rinsing your hands under running water only bathes the bacteria.

Remember, bacteria do not know how to add, but they sure know how to multiply! Wash those hands!

One Golden Ring?



*Invaders from outer space? New mining opportunity? To discover the real use for this mysterious ring of gold in the Lillian Recreational Park, attend the Christmas in the Park Christmas Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 7, and/or the Preview Party planned on Friday, Dec. 6.*



## CSS Provides Services With Expanded Facility

By Sally McKinney

After months of plaster dust and rearranging, Catholic Social Services of Baldwin County in Robertsedale is open for business in their newly remodeled facility. The thrift shop has been renamed “Second Hand Blessings” and has been enlarged to accommodate more gently used clothing, home decorations and furniture at affordable prices.

“To Be Options for Women,” a pregnancy support service for pregnant women or with young children up to the age of two years, has moved into the expanded building.

Catholic Social Services provides a variety of programs for Baldwin County families. Emergency services include food, clothing, rent and utilities aid. Help with prescriptions is available when needed.

Case management works intensively with clients to remove barriers to self-sufficiency. Project REACH serves low-income school-age children by providing school supplies and financial assistance for fees.

CSS is recognized by the US Board of Immigration Appeals (DHS) to provide legal assistance in immigrations matters regardless of their immigration status. As an



*Photo by Sally McKinney*  
**Archbishop Thomas Rodi, right, was on hand to bless the new Catholic Social Services of Baldwin County facility along with CSS Director Phyllis Beam.**

early responder, CSS staff and volunteers provide emergency assistance, information and referral services for disaster relief.

The foundation of the “To Be” program is based on Earn While You Learn prenatal/parenting classes. Clients are eligible to shop for baby supplies by taking the classes. The program also offers diapers, food, formula, carseats, pack-n-plays, high chairs, strollers and other items for small children. “To Be” employees are also registered carseat technicians. In addition, adoptions services are offered through a staff social worker.

## Macro or Not to Macro

Macro or not to macro, that is the question.

What is a macro? In computing, it is a single instruction that expands automatically into a set of instructions to perform a particular task.

The design of the macro was to simplify a task with a button or a set of key strokes. Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, Power Point and other Microsoft Office products allow the user to create macros.

One simple application is saving a document in two or more locations at once. This is the best way to solve that backup issue.

Creating the macro is different in each of Microsoft products. They are the same in Office 2010, 2013 and 2016.

In this example, I will use Microsoft Word 2010. First know where you want to save your file. If you

have a file that you constantly use, this is for you.

In Microsoft Word, click on the view tab, click on the drop down arrow on macros and click on record macro. In the next window you can rename the macro. There is an option to assign macro to a button or keyboard, however I am using keyboard.

Below the “assign macro to” there is a drop down arrow under “store macro in.” It should display the file name you are working on. If not, click on the drop down arrow and select the proper file name.

In the description block, give a brief description of your macro. Click on the keyboard and in this next window, select the key(s) you want to press for this macro to execute.

The first key has to be “Ctrl” then any other key(s) simultaneously. Do not use



### The Mouse By Joseph Oakley

“Ctrl+S” as that is already taken as a save function.

Click on assign, then close. Your pointer should look like a cassette tape. This means it is in the record mode. While in this mode, go through the steps that you would go through to save your file, repeat where you want to save the file until you have your desired locations.

When you are finished, click on the macros drop down arrow and click stop recording.

Now make a change in your document file and see save it using the macro key stroke you assigned. Look in your save location(s) to see that it worked.

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# Community Bulletin Board

- Dec. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 & 31 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, every Saturday and Tuesday at 7 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church
- Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 - Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Lillian United Methodist Church
- Dec. 3 & 17 - 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
- Dec. 5 - Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. in the park conference room
- Dec. 7 & 14 - Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Saturday breakfast and meeting, 8 a.m. at Lillian Community Club
- Dec. 7 - Christmas in the Park, Lillian Recreational Park, see ad below for details
- Dec. 9 - Lillian Civic and Legislative Committee meeting on second Monday of each month, 8:30 a.m., open to public, Lillian Community Club
- Dec. 12 - Gulf Coast Classic Car Club meeting, 6 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Gulf Bowl Bowling Alley, 2881 S. Juniper Street, Foley
- Dec. 14 - Lillian Christmas Parade, begins at 1 p.m.
- Dec. 15 - Sunday Night Songfest, 6 p.m., third Sunday of each month, Bayside Baptist Church
- Dec. 16 - American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- Dec. 17 - Lillian Women's Club meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept. through May, 11:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club
- Dec. 21 - Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay
- Dec. 22 - Christmas Cantata, 10:30 a.m., Bayside Baptist Church
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve candlelight communion, 4 and 6 p.m., Lillian United Methodist Church

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**Saturday, December 7**  
Lillian Recreational Park

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Impact 100 Selects Local Grant Winners

Impact 100 Baldwin County awarded five \$101,000 grants at their annual awards event held at the Daphne Civic Center on Nov. 4.

There are five categories which had two finalists in each. Those 10 organizations made a presentation to Impact 100 members at the event. Members then voted and the winners were announced later that evening.

This is the 12th year Impact 100 has awarded grants to nonprofits throughout Baldwin County.

This year’s winners were:

• **Arts & Culture category: Eastern Shore Repertory Theatre**

Project: Performing Arts Space  
The funds will create a new, inviting home for ESRT and to provide a rehearsal and small performance venue by transforming the gym of the Nicholson Center in Daphne into a black box theatre. ESRT recently moved to this venue with a five-year lease agreement with the city plus an option for five more years.

The transformation will include sound paneling on the walls, tracked black curtains that transverse the entire perimeter of the gym, full length mirrors on the walls, painting the gym walls black and painting the exterior of the building.

• **Environment, Preservation and Recreation category: Baldwin County Humane Society**

Project: Stray and Feral Cat Trap Neuter and Return  
The Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program is designed to help manage the growing number of free roaming and feral cats in the county. Through this program, BCHS will humanely trap, neuter and return the cats to their outdoor homes throughout the county.  
The cats will also be vaccinated for rabies and have an ear-tipped for identification which shows that they have received these services. The goals of this program

are to improve lives of homeless cats, reduce the number of homeless kittens and address the needs and concerns of Baldwin County citizens.

• **Education category: Baldwin County Education Coalition, Inc.**

Project: Literacy-building classroom libraries  
The focus of their project is to grow classroom libraries in every kindergarten through third grade class within all Baldwin County public schools. The target population will be the approximately 8,869 students in kindergarten through third grades enrolled in 22 elementary schools. Seventeen of these schools are designated Title 1, due to the large population of low-income students.

• **Family category: Prodissee Pantry**  
Project: It’s About Hunger

This is a current expansion project to make sure their program “Emergency Food and Hope” can maintain the ability to provide families in need with healthy foods, encouragement and information. Since moving to their present location in 2012, there has been a 50 percent increase in food requests and the need for facility upgrades, repairs and improvements is evident. The project will address a parking lot expansion, a technology upgrade and building improvements throughout the facility.

• **Health & Wellness category: Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation**

Project: Reaching and Equipping Baldwin County on Youth Mental Health  
The project involves two components. “Reaching” is a public awareness campaign that will educate the general public about mental health issues and reduce the stigma of mental illness. “Equipping” is a youth mental health first aid 8-hour training program. There is a need for a multi-dimensional approach to mental health issues facing young people and this program will be an important part of such an effort.




Impact 100 Baldwin County awarded over half a million dollars in grants at their annual award event in November. Five Baldwin County non-profit organizations were given \$101,000 each after the Impact 100 membership heard presentations from 10 grant finalists before voting in each category. Presenting the awards were Ann Rumley, left, Impact 100 president, and Sandy Stephan, right, grant co-chair. Holding their awards checks are Erin Langley, Eastern Shore Repertory Theatre; Terry Burkle, Baldwin County Education Coalition; Abby Pruet, Baldwin County Humane Society; Deann Servos, Prodissee Pantry; and Allison Moore, Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation.

THANK YOU

To my family of Lillian,  
This is Bette, your “hot dog lady.” I haven’t been around for the past year due to many reasons. I will be returning with my hot dog cart on Dec. 3, 4, 11, 17 and 18. Dec. 18 will be my last day.  
I want to thank everyone for the past 18 years who have been part of my hot dog family. We have had a lot of fun, loving times. I will miss you all.

I want to thank Andy’s Tire Shop when he let me set up. He was an amazing, fun man. I want to thank H&D Cycle Shop for letting me set up at their bike shop. Linda, Don and Heath are amazing people. I love them all. I will miss the fun times with them.  
Bless all of you and thank you again. I will always love my family of Lillian.  
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**What to Know About  
The Fall Webworm**

Do you know what one of the more common pests of pecan trees is? It is Hyphantria cunea, the fall webworm. Webworms are caterpillars that weave loose webbing around the tree's foliage while they munch on leaves, resulting in plant stress and leaf loss. Worldwide, more than 600 kinds of deciduous trees have been attacked. Leafy favorites of this critter include pecan, hickory, walnut, crabapple and persimmon trees. It is not considered an economic forest pest. On pecan trees, their nut production and quality can be reduced if severe infestations of webworms are not controlled.

Normally, the common name of an insect reflects their adult form. In the case of the fall webworm, the adult is the least impressive life stage. The adult moth has a wingspread of 1 - 1 1/4 inches and is often snowy white.

It is the larval stage that gives this guy his common name. This insect starts as an egg and undergoes complete metamorphosis: egg, larvae, pupae and adult. The eggs are small, yellow or light green, and will turn gray before hatching. Color changing eggs, cool!

When fall webworms hatch from eggs, they immediately spin a small silken web over the foliage on which they feed. Early on, the worms feed only on the leaf's upper surface; but as the size of the caterpillar increases, the whole leaf will be eaten. The more worms that emerge, the more the web grows to enclose more and more foliage. The nests of the fall webworms are easy to spot out on the ends of trees.

The caterpillars take about six weeks to mature. The trees may be covered with multiple nests, and leaves can be consumed aggressively. In some cases, defoliation may be extreme, but lasting damage to trees is rare. Sooner or later, the nests will break apart, dropping future moths to the ground where the pupae will overwinter in bark and debris. Adults will emerge in spring to mate and lay hundreds of eggs on the underside of



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leaves. The cycle begins anew.


Entomologists tell us that webworm outbreaks run in cycles. Some years outbreaks are severe, while in other years they are barely noticed. Weather, birds and the predatory insect population contribute to the variety of these outbreaks. Heavy, driving rains can flush the worms from the foliage early in the season, also reducing the level of damage to the trees. We'd had such a drought so webworms have been a little worse this year.

There is generally no harm in leaving these webs intact. They sure aren't pretty. Removing them quickly will restore beauty to the landscape and reduce future outbreaks. At the final stage of development, the caterpillars leave the web and crawl to a convenient hiding place, such as a thick patch of bark or the leaf litter at the tree base, where they pupate. Any removal needs to be done as soon as the first webs appear to try to catch as many webworms in the nest as possible.

Removal is pretty straightforward. Using a rake or long pole, simply pull down the webs and prune the infected section of tree. This pest can also be eliminated by tearing a hole in the delicate webbing to allow natural predators like yellow jackets, paper wasps and birds easier access to the caterpillars within. The webs are not predator-proof, and planting predator-attracting plants and flowers around susceptible trees may be enough to encourage webworm-eaters to take care of the problem without getting your hands dirty.

Do not try to burn the webs out as you can cause additional damage to the tree and possible personal injury.

Besides, you know what a fall webworm would do in a fire?  
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Thanksgiving Service Honors  
Bicentennial, Local Church History  
By Dick Erwin

The majority of Lillian’s churches joined together in a special community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and participating churches, pastors from most Lillian churches participated.

Attendees then moved to Immaculate Mary Hall where choirs from St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bayside Baptist Church, Mount Marriah Baptist Church, Lillian First Baptist Church, Divine Revelation Deliverance Center, Lillian Fellowship and Lillian United Methodist Church performed.

The service was part of Alabama’s Bicentennial celebration and included references to local church histories.

Some of those histories are included here, and I apologize in advance for any errors I may have made and encourage you to contact any of the pastors for details whether their information is included here or not.

As I talked with pastors about their church history, the single theme I gleaned from them was that the Holy Spirit inspired men and women to establish the ten churches within Lillian. Thanks to these people, we are blessed to have a community of Christians who attempt to adhere to His word, worship in multiple settings and involve themselves in a variety of Christian endeavors.

- **Bayside Baptist Church** began as a home Bible study in 2010 and was adopted as a mission of Foley’s Calvary Baptist Church. In September 2012, land was purchased and planning began on building the church. The church dedication was held on April 29, 2018. Bayside Baptist Church is scheduled to be the host of the 2020 community Thanksgiving service.
- **Divine Revelation Deliverance Center** - In March 2001, Bishop Booker T. Washington Jr. was in Germany when he received a vision from the Lord to establish the DRDC. In 2014 that vision became the foundation for DRDC which currently worships at the Lillian Masonic Lodge.
- **Eternal Life Church** was established in 1946 and was called the Lillian Gospel Tabernacle. The congregation held services in the Lillian School House until the Christian and Missionary Alliance provided funds to purchase a building which was loaded onto a wagon and transported to the 2.5 acre site donated by Tony Bartl who, with his wife, Martha, would serve the church until his passing in 2017 and her passing in 2019. The church was known as the Lillian Alliance Church until the 1980’s when the present sanctuary was built and the name changed to the Cornerstone Bible Church. The church served as a campus for Foley’s Genesis Church from 2005 until being renamed Eternal Life Church in 2012.



Photos by Sally McKinney

*Lillian pastors gathered in St. Joseph Catholic Church for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. From left are Rev. Tom Harris, Bayside Baptist Church; Rev. Daniel Randall, Lillian United Methodist Church; Dr. Melvin Whitehurst, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay; Fr. James Singarayar, HGN, St. Joseph Catholic Church; Rev. Bryan Mack, New Mt. Marriah Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Calvin Bartl, Eternal Life Christian and Missionary Alliance Church; Rev. Dean Conkel, Lillian Fellowship and Rev. Josh Thompson, First Baptist Church of Lillian.*

- **Lillian United Methodist Church** - You are invited to visit the church website and to find the history of the church. You will find the story of people establishing this church, dating to its 1979 origin at a coffee table on the Monday following a service at the First Methodist Church of Foley.
- **Lillian Fellowship** - In 2009 the church was organized as part of the Gulf Coast Presbytery in the Presbyterian Church in America. Initial worship services were held at the Lillian Recreational Park and then at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Chapel. In 2015 a church in Robertsedale was donated and moved to the existing property which was purchased in March 2015.
- **New Mount Marriah Baptist Church** - The church was established in a home in downtown Lillian in 1927 and built at its present location on land donated by Deacon John and Viola Phinezee in 1945. The church was constructed by the congregation that year and has served members for over 74 years. The longest serving pastor was Rev. J.E. Harris, who served for over 35 years and traveled from his home in Mobile three times per week.
- **St Joseph Catholic Church** - It was appropriate that this year’s community Thanksgiving service was hosted by our oldest Lillian church. The area around Perdido Bay was originally part of a Spanish land grant given to the Suarez family. The church is named for Joseph Suarez and in 1914 was a mission of Elberta’s St. Bartholomew Catholic Church of the Diocese of Mobile. In 1929 the Bishop of Mobile provided a lot and \$500 to build a chapel just off west Kee Avenue. The chapel was relocated to its present Highway 98 and Santa Piedro location in 1941 on land donated by the Michael Schnatz family. In 1967 the rectory was built. The present church was built in 1972/73 and dedicated on Nov. 4, 1973. The Narthex was added in 2012. Immaculate Mary

Hall was completed in 2000. The original church has served as a beginning chapel for Lillian United Methodist Church, Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, Episcopal Church of the Advent and Lillian Fellowship.



*Attending the Community Thanksgiving Service and enjoying the fellowship afterwards in the church hall were John and Barbara Klinger in the photo above, Rev. Bryan and Caroline Macklin the photo below and Linda Warren, Cyn McDermott and Bob Henson in the bottom photo.*



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Christmas - When Love Was Born

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No wonder the price was so low! A manger is incomplete without the Christ child. That’s the centerpiece, the most important part. That’s what Christmas is about.

It’s a wondrous story about shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one

another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger.

Once they had seen him, they spread what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed.

This truly is the greatest story ever told. When they laid the first transatlantic cable across the bed of the Atlantic Ocean to Europe they wondered what should be the first message sent over this cable to see if it is working. Finally, they chose these words spoken first by the angels: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Christmas began in the heart of God.

“Love came down at Christmas,” wrote the poet, and it’s true God’s love came down to us in the manger of Bethlehem. Christmas began in the heart of God. When we reflect on the manger we see God has come to us in the flesh, He is the word made flesh. The New Testament teaches us that the very nature of God is love. In the glow of Christmas, we know ourselves to be loved and we are led to love others. Christmas began in the heart of God.

It is no accident that Christmas comes at the darkest time of the



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

year. We don’t know the date when Jesus was actually born, so when the date was set for Christmas, it was to symbolize the words of Isaiah that the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. Christmas represents hope. There is no finer symbol of hope than the birth of a child. This baby born in Bethlehem represented humanity’s most profound hope.

Christmas is the best news this world has ever received. An angel had the privilege of announcing the news to the shepherds. History was certainly being shaped as Mary held her newborn son in her arms - not only the history of the world, but your history and my history. This baby changed everything. Have you allowed Jesus to change your life?

My greatest prayer for you this Christmas is that you have allowed love to be born in you through a relationship with Jesus Christ. He came to give Himself for you. Receive this amazing gift, be changed and give yourself to Jesus this Christmas and every day of your forever.

CHIT CHAT

Chit Chat is your column.

Brag a little, share a little, and have fun with birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, grandchildren and family visits.

Happy December Birthday SAGITARIUS: Shannon Price, Juanita Hubacker, Stan Everett, Dan Randall, Vernon Lowe, Lois Russell, Dorothy Jones, Marcy Carmichael, Joanne Kish, David Brown, John Morton, Jim Westgate, Tom Pittman, Dennis Roach, Charles Farrow, Ernest Hasselback, Gary Birchard, Sue Eldred, David Ives, Jessica Curl and Laurel Hixson.

Happy December Birthday CAPRICORN: Jackie Reid, Carole Hayden, Ken Miller, Steven Stork, Don Joffrion, Priscilla Westgate, Bob Walter, Bob Donnenwirth, Glenda Rundall, Gene O’Connor, John Frank, Bill Krueger, Cheryl Hoffman, Bob Johnson and Lois Lindt.

Happy December Wedding Anniversary: Al and Stella Hart - #44, Bruce and Nelda Clements, Bob and Judy Bailey and Walter and Patricia Colburn - #69.

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

To add or delete information from Chit Chat, send it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian 36549 or place in the yellow folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library. The deadline for the January 2020 issue of The Lillian is Dec. 18. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday. Enjoy all of the season’s activities, but please, don’t drink and drive.



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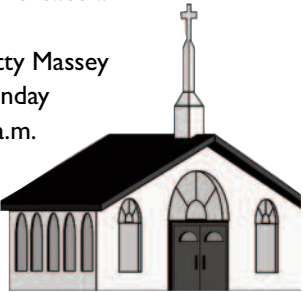
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Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Sarah Henkel

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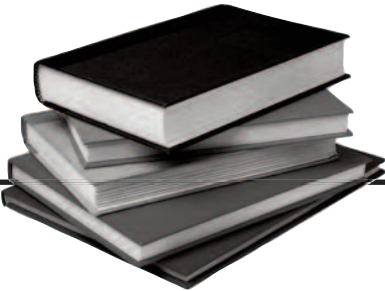
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Individual \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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# What's for Christmas Dinner?

We're sure to have all of the ingredients for favorite eats & drinks! Shop and save **EVERYDAY** at your local Greer's!

Merry Christmas to you and your family from all of us at Greer's.

## MAGICAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Greer's has partnered with WKRG again this year to support The Magical Christmas Toy Drive! Last year over 25,000 toys were donated, bringing moments of magic to many local children.

The *Toy Drive*  
is underway!  
Please donate!

## 10 Caring Gifts

Shop your local Greer's during the holidays and support the annual 10 Caring Gifts Food Drive. Fox 10 News is teaming with Greer's and Volunteers of America for the annual holiday food drive.



**MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT**  
Greer's and other local businesses will team up with Local 15 to help fulfill the needs of local charities during the holiday season! We invite you to join us as we care together during the holidays.

### Color to Win!

#### December Kids' Coloring Contest

**Win a \$650 Christmas Stocking filled with toys, games & goodies!**

One coloring contest winner at each store.

**Prizes awarded on Saturday, December 21!**

**Pick up coloring sheets at your local Greer's!**



**Color the Weather!**  
Each Month, Too!

Be sure to color the weather for WKRG & John Nodar for additional chance to win!



Congrats to some of our 2018  
Coloring Contest Winners!

*Lucy's Signature*

### LUCY'S COCONUT CREAM MERINGUE PIE

#### INGREDIENTS

1 whole deep dish pie crust, frozen, baked



#### FILLING:

1 cup flaked coconut, sweetened, plus a little more for topping  
2 whole egg yolks  
¾ cup sugar  
¼ cup flour

2 cups half-and-half  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
¼ teaspoon salt

#### MERINGUE:

3 whole egg whites  
¼ cup sugar

#### PREPARATION

- Bake pie crust according to package instructions. Allow baked pie crust to cool.
- For the filling: Add sugar, egg yolks, flour, salt, and half and half to a sauce pot. Whisk constantly over medium high heat until mixture comes to a gentle boil. Continue whisking for 2-3 minutes until nicely thickened and smooth. Remove from the heat, and add vanilla and 1 cup coconut. Stir well. Pour into baked and cooled pie crust.
- For the meringue: Place egg whites in a bowl. Beat with a hand mixer on high for a couple minutes until soft peaks begin to form. Gradually add sugar. Spread meringue over filled crust, sealing edges.
- Sprinkle the top of the pie with a little coconut. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes until lightly browned.
- Allow to cool before serving. Store in the refrigerator.



FIND LUCY'S RECIPES ONLINE AT [GREERS.COM/RECIPES](http://GREERS.COM/RECIPES) ~ WATCH LUCY PREPARING HER RECIPES ON STUDIO 10 EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 9AM



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#### Store Hours

Sun.-Thur. 7am to 9pm  
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OBITUARIES

Russell Joseph Drummond

Russell Joseph Drummond, 19, of Lillian, died Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019, from injuries sustained in a car accident on the Lillian bridge.

He was born Dec. 26, 1999, in Kennesaw, Ga., but raised in Lillian. Russell was a coach for the Special Olympics for about five years for swimming, track and speed skating. He was a three-time mullet toss winner in his age category. Russell was well known in Lillian and will be missed by many.

He was a loving dad, brother and son and a loyal friend. He is survived by his mother, Charlotte Drummond, his father and stepfather, Ronald Drummond, Dwayne Carroll, his sisters Nikki Drummond, Tabitha Bryant and brother Ronald Drummond. A celebration of life was held Nov. 24 at the Lillian Community Club.

Jean Lehman

Jean E. Lehman, 89, of Lillian, passed away Oct. 2, 2019.

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

William F. Johnston

William “Bill” F. Johnston passed away Oct. 9, 2019, after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Jackie Johnston; three children, Denise Haas (Dave), Donna Odell (Rob) and William “Buck” Johnston (Michele). He was beloved “Poppie” to 8 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

He retired from a 20-year career in the United States Navy and a second career with the Escambia County Sheriff’s Department in Pensacola. Bill also volunteered for many years at the Innerarity Fire Department.

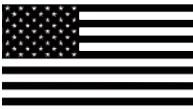
He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He loved to travel, especially on cruises, enjoyed listening to good old country music, keeping current on political issues, watching football and serving in his church and community.

Bill had a passion for people, and touched countless lives through his service, good nature, sense of humor and deep sense of personal regard and commitment towards others.

Services were held Nov. 4 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lillian. Eastern Gate Memorial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Johnston



Charles Strempel

Charles Richard Strempel, 79, of Lillian, passed away Nov. 12, 2019.

He was an active member of the Warrington Elks Lodge and a longtime parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mary Strempel; three sisters, Mary, GERALDEAN and Frances; and three brothers, Robert, Edward and Thomas.

Surviving are his wife, Jeannie Strempel, Lillian; children, Kathleen Strempel McCullough, Edward Strempel, James Strempel, Melissa Mackey, Kenneth Mackey and Dana Monroe; grandchildren, Sam McCullough IV, Ben McCullough, Ava Strempel and Austin Strempel; brothers, James Strempel, Joseph Strempel and Richard Strempel; brother-in-law, William Brown; nieces, nephews and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Services were held Nov. 16 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment followed at Prince of Peace Cemetery. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes, Foley, was in charge of arrangements.



Strempel

Red Hat Ladies Meet



The Red Hat Ladies held a luncheon meeting Nov. 12 at Pedro’s restaurant in Perdido Key. In attendance were, back row from left, Pat Bonnet, Deborah Donin, Mary Margaret Ayers, Barb Dixon, Kathy Whitmyer and Waynette Brown. In front are Marcia Pocreva, Elaine Cooley, Lorraine Standish and Judy Wargo. The next meeting will be Dec. 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Ruby Tuesday’s in Foley. If you want to attend, contact Judy Wargo at 586-383-1306.

Club Members Learn About Pet Health

The Lillian Women’s Club met Nov. 19 at the Lillian Community Club.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the devotion and prayer, all members enjoyed a luncheon prepared by Joyce Herman Catering.

Guests included Lou Rhodes and Barbara Koehler. Kayla Strickland from the Lillian Veterinary Hospital brought a kitten to tempt everyone to adopt a pet.

She shared information about keeping pets healthy and the importance of spaying and neutering cats and dogs.

The Baldwin County Humane Society has a program to help keep the population of feral cats under control.

Vouchers are offered by the humane society to assist with the cost of spaying and neutering.

The club will have a Christmas party at the Gift Horse in Foley on

Women’s Club  
By Judy Deeter



Kayla Strickland with Lillian Veterinary Hospital spoke at a recent Women’s Club meeting.

Dec. 17. Santa will be visiting that day, and reservations are due by Dec. 10 at the Lillian Library.

Guests are always welcome.

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 30’ motorhome. Like brand new, only 7,000 miles on 450 Ford engine. Fully loaded, 16’ electric awning, complete towing pkg., sleeps 8, queen bed and much more! Located in Foley, have photos. Call or text 850-712-7191.

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**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.



Legion Post 48 Observes Veterans Day

Thank you to all veterans and their families as well as the Lillian community for participating in the American Legion Post 48 Veterans Day celebration.

Veterans and their families enjoyed seeing the post color guard along with a small program before enjoying a lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings prepared by our post 48 members. American Legion Post 48 wants to wish the Lillian a very safe and happy holiday season.

The American Legion is currently working on ham dinners for Sunday, Jan. 26, Feb. 23 and March 22. These dinners are the legion's fundraisers and provide money for continued activities and donations.

Over the past year you may have heard a great deal about the Legion Act.

President Trump's signing of the historical legislation (also known as the Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act) opened our

doors to an estimated 4.2 million wartime veterans who were not previously eligible to join the American Legion.

So if you are one of these 4.2 million wartime veterans or know someone who is, please stop by the American Legion building located next to the Lillian Community Club building.

All veterans in the Lillian area are invited to join Post 48 and become a part of the largest veteran organization in the United States. The focus has been and always will be on service to the community and support of our veterans. Membership appli-

cations may be picked up at the

American Legion building on Wednesdays between 9 and 11 a.m., from any member, or at any American Legion meeting.

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the LCC.

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



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant



Photos by Janel Smith  
Members of the American Legion Post 48 color guard stand at attention during the group's Veterans Day celebration at the Lillian Community Club on Nov. 11. Legion member Harry White, in the photo at left, was the featured speaker for the event, with Post Commander Jim Harrison and Chaplain Jeannie Sibid also participating.

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

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DART TOURNAMENT SATURDAYS 7 P.M.



Christmas Party

for members  
December 13 in the hall

Main dish will be provided

Sign up sheet in the bar for side dishes to share  
Food will be served in the hall 5:30-7pm  
Music by Big Jake in the lounge 7-10pm



SEC Championship Game  
Dec. 7

Come on out and cheer on your favorite team!

New Year's Eve

Tickets on sale at the bar ~ \$20 per person (no refunds)  
Music by T-Bird & the Fat Cats 8pm to 12:30am  
Doors open at 7pm  
Hors d'oeuvres and a champagne toast at midnight



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

BANDS:

- Jeri Trio - Dec. 1
- Cosmic Ballet - Dec. 6
- Rock Bottom w/ Rick Carter - Dec. 8
- Big Jake - Dec. 13
- Jay Hawkins - Dec. 15
- Southern Breeze - Dec. 20
- Gypsy Perl Duo - Dec. 22
- Johnny Barbato - Dec. 27
- Stan & Don Duo - Dec. 29
- \$5 COVER CHARGE FOR NON-MEMBERS WHEN IN THE HALL

DECEMBER HOURS

December 24: 11-8  
December 25: Closed  
December 31: 11-1  
January 1: Open at 1

Check our web page for updates to upcoming events. Also, please like us on our Facebook page.  
www.LillianCommunityClub.com  
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