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• 2 whole egg yolks

• 3/4 cup sugar
• 1/4 cup flour
• 3 cups half-and-half
• 1 tsp vanilla extract
• 1/4 tsp salt

MERINGUE
• 3 whole egg whites
• 1/4 cup sugar

DIRECTIONS

- Add sugar, egg yolks, flour, salt and half-and-half to a sauce pot.
- Whisk consistently over a medium-high heat until mixture comes to a boil.
- Continue whisking for 2-3 minutes until nicely thickened and smooth.
- Remove from the heat, and add vanilla and 1.5 cups coconut. Stir well.
- Pour into baked pie crust.
- Prepare meringue by placing egg whites in a bowl.
- Beat with hand mixer on high until soft peaks begin to form.
- Gradually add sugar.
- Spread meringue over pie filling, sealing edges.
- Sprinkle top of pie with a little coconut. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes until lightly browned.
- Allow to cool on a rack at room temperature for one hour then transfer rack and pie to refrigerator.
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These mothers, daughters and widows had buried their dead, now they buried their hatred. The time for healing had come.

It was the first Memorial Day.

Have you ever wondered why Memorial Day is marked in May? Its date doesn't recall some historic battle, the start of some war or the signing of an armistice. So why May?

It's a very practical reason. It is a time when flowers bloom which could be used to decorate graves. There are those who remember when Memorial Day was called Decoration Day and cemeteries were filled with people kneeling to plant a flower, place a garland, unfurl a flag or say a prayer. Some still do.

Memorial Day is about remembering the fallen heroes and honoring their sacrifices on

our behalf.

Memorial Day is not the unofficial start of summer. It's a time to remember those who gave their lives so that we can enjoy all the freedoms they fought so hard for us to experience. Sadly, the true meaning of Memorial Day is mostly overlooked and sometimes forgotten.

John 15:13 says "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." More than 1,200,000 have given their life fighting for the price of America's freedom. These brave died fighting for something they believed was bigger than they were and they paid the ultimate price for our freedom.



To honor their sacrifice is not to glorify war. It would be nice if we lived in a world where all people desired peace and treated everyone with love and



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

respect. I long for the day when we never again would depend upon military might to enforce justice. But such a world does not yet exist. We do not know what dangers may yet await us. The need for a military force will more than likely never disappear until Christ returns.

Thankfully through time, young men, and sometimes young women, have been sacrificed in the cause of one noble ideal after another.

This coming Memorial Day on May 27, I want to encourage you to remember those who have served and made the sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today. Plan to participate in one of the area services of remembrance. At the very least, take some time to pause and say a prayer of thanks for all who have paid for your freedoms with their lives.

Always remember that our freedom is not free, and we are here today as a result of men and women who loved our country so much that they valued your freedoms over their own lives.

Optimists Announce May Speaker Schedule

The end of the school year is approaching, so many of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay projects slow down.

However, the famous Optimist breakfast is held every Saturday at 8 a.m. throughout

the year.

Guests are always welcome and eat free.

On May 4, Dr. Jay Savage, orthopedic surgeon at South Baldwin Regional Medical Center, will speak about

arthritis, joint pain and medical options for relief.

Certified master beekeeper Becka Hargraves will speak on the honey bees' decline and their impact on food crops and economy on May 11.

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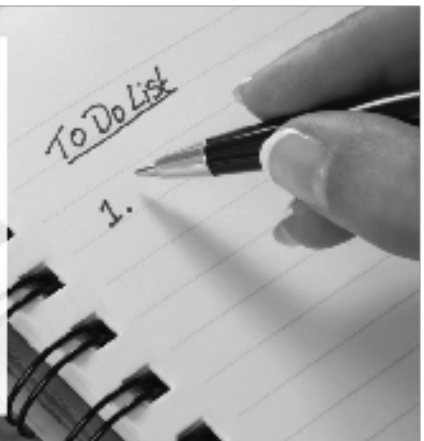
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Exploring IRAs

This will be my last article for this tax season so I wanted to leave you with some investing advice. Actually, I am talking about investing in your future by putting money into an Individual Retirement Account, more commonly known as an IRA. An IRA is a wonderful tool for you if you have some cold cash.

There are two main types of IRAs that I want to cover. The first is the Traditional IRA. If you meet the requirements, you can save some tax dollars and maybe increase your refund. It's easy and you have until April 15 to set one up for the previous tax year. Just go to the bank or call your financial representative and tell them you want to set up a Traditional IRA.

If you are under 50, you can invest \$5,500 in the IRA and reduce your income by that amount. If you are 50 or over, you can invest \$6,500. Here are the requirements: You have to have earned at least that amount by working at a job or by being self-employed; there are income limits if you and your spouse are covered by a retirement plan at work (I'll list them below); and you must be younger than 70-1/2.

Of course, this does not mean that you can save for retirement and not pay the tax man later. When you start taking distributions from your IRA, and once you reach 70-1/2, then the distribution will be taxable as ordinary income, but hopefully at a lower tax rate than when you first earned the money you invested in your IRA.

For example, if you are in the 10% tax bracket, you save \$100 for every \$1,000 you invest; in the 15% bracket, \$150; and in the 22% bracket, \$220. If you and your spouse both invest \$6,500 and you are in the 22% tax bracket, you can save \$2,860 in taxes.

Wouldn't it be nice to save money while you are in the 22% tax bracket and pay tax on that money when you are in the 10% tax bracket! And you can invest in an IRA every year. There is a 10% penalty if you take any money from your IRA before age 59-1/2, so be careful not to invest money you will need before you retire.

Let's talk about my favorite, the Roth IRA, named after the senator who first came up with this retirement plan. There is no age restriction and you also have until April 15 to set one up for the previous year. The Roth IRA gives you the tax



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By Carol Kovacs
CPA, EA

benefit later because all distributions are non-taxable if you have met the requirements, and you can leave the Roth IRA to your children or other beneficiaries and they will never have to pay tax on that inheritance.

This is a great benefit over the Traditional IRAs that are taxed as ordinary income to whoever takes the money. So you do not get a tax benefit immediately when you invest in a Roth, but the money can grow over the years and be completely tax free. You can convert a Traditional IRA to a Roth, but will pay tax on the money when you convert.

For the Roth to be tax free, you must be 59-1/2 or older when taking the distribution unless the distribution is made because of death or disability, and the Roth must have been established and held for at least 5 years by you or your beneficiary. The first contribution starts the holding period and any withdrawals prior to the five years is considered withdrawal of the initial investment. Any amounts over that are subject to being treated as ordinary income with a 10% penalty.

So the choice between IRAs is made by deciding whether you need the tax break now or later. Whatever you decide, remember that you are investing in your future and maybe in the future of your spouse, children or grandchildren. It's a good investment if you have the cash.

- Traditional IRA income limits (subject to yearly adjustments):
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- Roth IRA income limits (subject to yearly adjustments): MFJ or QW \$189,000-\$199,000; Single or HOH \$120,000-\$135,000; MFS \$0-\$10,000.

I hope this information has been helpful. If you have any specific questions or areas of interest you would like addressed in future columns (leave out your personal information), my email is carolpkovacs@aol.com. Use "Let's Talk Taxes" as the Subject. Think Tax Savings for 2019!

The Lillian

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<u>Issue Month</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Delivered</u>
June 2019	May 21	May 31
July 2019	June 19	June 27
August 2019	July 17	July 25
September 2019	August 21	August 29

What Can You Do With Your Tax Refund?

We’ve passed the tax-filing deadline. For many of us, this means it’s that time of year when we get our biggest financial windfall – a tax refund. If you have recently received a refund, or are expecting to get one in the next few weeks, what should you do with it?

Of course, you could just spend the money on something you want, but if you’d like to maximize the financial benefits from your refund, you might want to consider other options, including the following:

- Invest the money. In 2018, the average tax refund was about \$2,700. For this year, it might be somewhat lower, due to changes in the tax laws and the failure of taxpayers to adjust their withholdings in response. However, if you were to receive in the neighborhood of \$2,700, you’d be almost halfway to the annual IRA contribution limit, which, in 2019, is \$6,000. (If you’re 50 or older, you can put in up to \$7,000). If you have already “maxed out” on your IRA, you could use your refund to fill in gaps you may have in other parts of your investment portfolio.

- Pay insurance premiums. Let’s face it – nobody really likes paying insurance premiums. Yet, if you have anyone depending on you, you will certainly need life insurance, and possibly disability insurance as well. And if you want to help protect your financial resources later in life from threats such as an extended – and hugely expensive – stay in a nursing home, you also may want to consider long-term care insurance. Your tax refund could help pay for some of these premiums, boosting your cash flow during the months you would normally be making these payments.

- Contribute to a college fund. It’s never too soon to begin saving for college, which has grown increasingly expensive over the last several years. So, if you have young



Financial Focus
By Jason M. Kozon
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children, you may want to think about investing some or all of your refund into a college-savings account, such as a tax-advantaged 529 plan.

- Pay off debts. You might be able to use your refund to pay down some debts – or perhaps even pay off some of your smaller ones. The lower your monthly debt load, the more money you will have available to invest for the future. Keep in mind, though, that you might not want to look at all debts in the same way. For example, putting extra money toward your mortgage might help you pay it off faster, but you’ll also be funding an asset – namely, your house – that might not provide you with the same liquidity as you can get from investments such as stocks and bonds.

- Help build an emergency fund. By building an emergency fund containing six to 12 months’ worth of living expenses, you can help yourself avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for large, unplanned-for bills, such as a major car repair or an expensive dental procedure.

Your tax refund could help build such a fund, with the money ideally being placed in low-risk, liquid vehicles.

Clearly, you can help yourself make progress toward a number of your financial goals with your tax refund – so put it to good use.

• *This article was written by Edward Jones.*

What is Candida Auris?

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Candida auris (also called C. auris) is a fungus that causes serious infection. Patients with C. auris infection, their family members and other close contacts, public health officials, laboratory staff and healthcare workers can all stop this disease from spreading.

C. auris can cause bloodstream infection and even death, particularly in hospital and nursing home patients with serious other medical problems. More than one in three with invasive C. auris infection that affects the blood, heart or brain will die.

Candida auris is often resistant to medicine. Antifungal medicines commonly used to treat Candida infections often do not work for this disease process. Some C. auris infections have been resistant to all three types of antifungal medicines.

Discovered in 2009, it has spread quickly and has caused infections in more than a dozen countries. Because it is difficult to identify, C. auris can



Health Issues
By Vicki S. Coyle
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be misidentified as other types of fungi unless specialized laboratory technology is utilized.

Good hand hygiene (washing with soap, water and friction for at least 20 seconds) and good cleaning protocols are important since it can live on surfaces for several weeks.

Candida auris is still rare in the United States. The most common symptoms of invasive Candida infection are fever and chills that do not improve after antibiotic treatment for a suspected bacterial infection.

Since only a laboratory test can diagnose C. auris infection, it would be wise to discuss this with your healthcare provider or an infection disease specialist.



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In the girls division, Lindsey Sherwin took top honors with the most fish caught at 19, and the largest fish, a 24” catfish. In the boys division, Jacob Devers had the most fish with 25 and Jay Lightsey had the largest fish with a 23 ¾” catfish.

In the 2 to 6 age group, McKinley Moore caught six and Annabelle Kennedy caught two. Jayla Evans in the 7-9 age group caught four. First place in the 10-12 age group went to Kadie Dodge who caught eight and Lissa Pettis hooked six. Bailey Helms took second place in the 13-15 age group behind Lindsey Sherwin.

In the boys 2-6 age group, Tristen Stout caught nine and Noah Carroll hooked five. Jay Lightsey in the 7-9 age group hooked 13 and Joseph Price caught five. Seth Slavey was second in the 10-12 age group with 10, behind winner Jacob Devers. In the 13-15 age group, Eli Mashernow caught six.

Thanks to all the Optimist Club members who made this a fun event for boys and girls, parents and grandparents. Special thanks to Jeff Schaff who moves his horses out of the area so the Fishing Rodeo can continue to provide a special time for all.



Lindsey Sherwin



Jay Lightsey



Tim and Jayla Evans



Annabelle Kennedy

CHIT CHAT

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

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

Happy May Birthday TAURUS: Mark Smith, Connie Synco, Gwen Furio, Ben Williams, Earl Dickson, Nick Lichliter, Samantha Lichliter, Carmen Greene, Sharoyne Linde, David Michell, Wilma Spivey, Ruby Dell Cox, Lee Hoffman, Norman Taylor, James Eldred Jr., Jacob Paul, Lind Harrison, Jean O’Connor, Sandy Cowie, Sandra Lyon, Luellen Suttan and Donna Hinds.

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Happy May Wedding Anniversary: Traci and Shannon Price - #19, Chuck and Jennifer Canaday - #11, Richard and Celeste Champion - #14, Bruce and Virginia Allen - #48, Bo and Vi Burgenmeyer - #64, Frank and Liz Kaczan - #54, Jim and Mary Mullineaux - #32 and Ron and Pat Morris - #54.

Sometimes we all need a hug- Josephine Flynn, Anne Duncan, Gwen Furio.

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OBITUARIES

James Crull

James H . Crull, 71, of Lillian, passed away March 25, 2019.

John H. Morrison

John Henry Morrison Jr., 73, of Lillian, passed away March 28, 2019.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol Morrison of Lillian; two daughters, Monica Lynn Morrison Jones of Lillian and Melinda Carol Morrison Riffe (Noel) of Chesapeake, Virg., three grandchildren, John Bentley Jones, Karah Lynn Jones George and Kallie Melinda Jones; two sisters, Rhonda Morrison Wilson and Paula Sue Morrison Shuttlesworth; three great-grandchildren, Kason Lee George, Ava Karaline George and Mia Karlisle Jones; and many other relatives and friend.

Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes was in charge of arrangements.



Morrison

James J. Miller

James Joseph Miller, 45, a native of Pensacola and a resident of Foley, passed away March 14, 2019.

He attended Bayside Academy and the University of Montevallo, and was the owner and operator of Miller Home Inspection.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Miller; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Miller; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. James Darby and Mrs. Miriam Darby Flannagan.

Survivors include his wife, Amy "Fletch" Miller of Foley; his daughter, Ashley Fletcher of Johnson City, Tenn.; mother, Marilyn Miller of Lillian; a sister, Alecia (John) Shaughnessy of Castle Rock, Colo.; nephew, Rowan Shaughnessy; and other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life was held March 30 at Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Foley.

Memorials can be made to Ronald McDonald House, 1626 Springhill Ave., Mobile, Alabama, 36604.

Arrangements were handled by Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes, Foley.

Obituary information may be submitted by email at lillianeditor@yahoo.com to be included in our next issue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What a blessing!
I devour *The Lillian* the minute it comes out and read it from cover to cover. Always love Pastor Daniel's message and this past month, I made copies to go in all my Easter cards to our kids and friends.
Then there's our wonderful Sally McKinney. I actually counted last month and she had written eight articles, what a gem she is.
Also, Jackie (Reid) and I must have really prayed hard to find Janel Smith, our editor. There were two wonderful articles by her and what an excellent job she is doing. Again, a wonderful, excellent paper and it is appreciated greatly.
God's blessings,
Charlie and Wilma Spivey

I heard the government is going to remove the plaque from the Statue of Liberty that has Emma Lazarus' poem "Colossus," which contains the phrase "send me your huddled masses." It will be replaced by a 'No

Vacancy' sign.
No it isn't true, I made that up. But the President said on television "the country is full, no more room." If we are full and not taking in anymore immigrants, we should say so and not leave up an untrue message.
I wasn't aware that we are full. When I drive around Baldwin County, I see a lot of open space and I know that the large midwestern states like Montana and Wyoming are scarcely populated so there must be some more room if we really look for it.
The real question is - was that just a random act of lunacy or a message to his base?
I believe his spot-on delivery and well thought-out and planned message was directed at his nationalist base. What the rest of us think seems irrelevant. As long as we don't challenge this kind of statement, it will continue and get worse.
John Klinger

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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 Mark Smith at 601-508-0219 or by email at marksmith0824@yahoo.com

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: Tractor 58 International 301 Liberty, 2-way hitch attachment. Needs TLC. \$500 OBO. Call 251-986-3909

FOR SALE: Boat, 19.5 ft. fiberglass, 9.9 HP Mariner motor. Runs good. Trailer and cover. \$1,100. Call 251-986-3909

FOR SALE: Owner Financing! (No credit needed). Small lot, fenced with shed and concrete slab in Spanish Cove. Swimming, fishing, beach, tennis, fitness and clubhouses with activities. Great winter get-away, bring your RV and live there year-round! Only \$44,500 with 15% down. Call or text 850-712-7191.

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.

RV SITE FOR LEASE: Almost A Park Senior RV Park, 10351 Co. Rd. 83, Elberta. RV site available, by year lease. Large site, full hook ups, free laundry, US mailbox with key. 85 ft x 45 ft lot + small shed. \$220 per month plus power. Call 251-987-1195 or cell 251-752-0415. One site available.

Services

DIVERSIFIED CLEANING SERVICE - A+ rating w/ the Better Business Bureau (25 yrs). Residential, commercial, carpets, windows, pressure washing, etc. Serving Baldwin & Escambia Counties (Lic. 107840). Low overhead customer savings. For more info, text or call 850-712-7191.

PET SITTER: Dependable, responsible and loves all animals. Years of experience. Will provide pet references upon request. Call Susan at 850-281-5557 or 251-962-3523. I look forward to loving and taking care of your pets.

KNIFE SHARPENING SERVICE: Kitchen Cutlery, Pocketknives, Fillet/Skinning, Scissors & Tools. Free Pickup/Return. On Site or Greer's CashSaver 2nd Sat. each month. 850-572-5254 sharperknives4U@gmail.com

Need To Borrow Medical Supplies?

You can borrow medical supplies for free! Lillian American Legion Post #48 has a 'lending closet' that stocks many useful items, including wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, hospital beds, potty chairs, etc. Please contact Glen Gandy at 251-979-6005 or Darrell Ochs at 251-269-9084. Check here before you buy or rent. Donations may be dropped off at Twice Upon A Time thrift shop and the Lillian Community Club. THANK YOU! ~ Individuals who have items borrowed from the closet and no longer have a need, please call and return the items to the Legion. ~ Individuals willing to donate unused items can call and we will pick them up.

Egg Hunt Fun for Every Bunny

Dozens of boys and girls from infant to age 12 gathered at the Lillian Recreational Park the day before Easter to participate in the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

This year, in addition to the chocolate Easter Bunny prizes, some of the searchers found special Bicentennial eggs that entitled him or her to a special plaque with a Bicentennial two dollar bill to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Alabama statehood.

The Optimist Club meets at 8 a.m. every Saturday for breakfast and a program in the Lillian Community Club. Guests are always welcome.

In their effort to “Bring Out the Best in Kids,” the club sponsors a variety of programs for children in the Lillian/Elberta/Perdido Beach areas. More than 30 events are scheduled throughout the year.



Brooks and Boone Kirkland with the Easter Bunny



This year's Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay featured a special Bicentennial Egg that entitled recipients to a special plaque. Standing from left are Bicentennial Committee Chairman Price Legg, Lissa Pettis, Bicentennial Committee Member Betty Erwin and Katie Gaines. In front are Avery Brown, Walter Mueller, Mr. E. Bunny, Austin Ingram, Annabelle Kennedy and Jackson Gaines.



Collin and Chelsie Miller



Skye Krumm



Hunter Garcia

LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB

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LCC Banquet Facilities

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

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



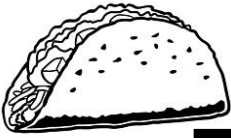
DARTS
TOURNAMENT
SATURDAYS 6 P.M.

LCC
Catfish
Dinner
\$10



Friday, May 10
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



Taco
Tuesdays



May 14 & 28 from 5-6:30pm

ALABAMA
200
BICENTENNIAL

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:

- Dakota Band - May 3
- Southern Star - May 5
- Big Jake - May 10
- Jay Hawkins - May 12
- Johnny Barbato - May 17
- T-Bird and the Fat Cats - May 19
- Southern Breeze - May 24
- Gary Story Band - May 31
- \$5.00 COVER CHARGE
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Check our web page for updates
to upcoming events.
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