



# The Lillian

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## Recreational Park Receives Grant



Representatives of Baldwin Realtors presented the Lillian Recreational Park with a \$3,000 check in payment of the grant the park received from the the National Association of Realtors Placemaking Grant program. The program was designed to create new public spaces and destinations in a community. The new bandshell will allow the park to hold regular concerts and events and draw people from all over the area. It will also provide a unique, multi-use space for events like weddings, birthday parties and family reunions. Pictured are, from left, LRP board members Rhonda Morris, Lucy Smith, Judy Covert and Monica Leonard; Baldwin Realtors representatives Stephen Roberts, BR president, and Jennifer Foutch; and Wayne Smith, LRP board.

## Food, Fireworks Still Part of July 4 Plans

The 78th Annual July 4 Celebration at the Lillian Community Club will be quite a bit different than previous events due to the COVID-19 pandemic and gathering restrictions.

A flag raising by the American Legion Post 48 of Lillian will be held at 10:45 a.m.

Maj. Geoff's famous fried chicken will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., but only as take-out. The cost is \$10 per plate.

Fireworks will start at dark at the LCC and hot dogs and ice cream will be for sale



from 6 to 9 p.m.

There will be no silent auction, raffles or music this year.

LCC is located at 34148 Widell Avenue. Contact the LCC office at 251-962-3366 with any questions about the July 4 events.

## Optimist Club Stays Busy Making Masks



Photo by Sally McKinney

Members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay have been keeping busy during this time of isolation and self distancing. They have designed face masks for their friends and family. From left are Jane Foster, Joyce Poehlein, Jean Reed, Linda Warren and Ruth Henderson. They are hoping to get back to their regular activity of "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" real soon.

## LVFD donates outdated gear

By Anne-Marie Ozkosar, LVFD

Early in 2019, Lillian Fire and Rescue began replacing their turnout gear. Turnout gear is the clothing and equipment that firefighters wear when responding to fires and motor vehicle accidents. The cost of outfitting one firefighter in turnout gear, from helmets and boots, to air tanks and breathing equipment, is approximately \$10,000 per firefighter. Of that, the protective clothing itself costs approximately \$2,500. This clothing is rated for a period of 10 years; at which time, it expires and is no longer able to be utilized in the field during the performance of firefighter duties.

LVFD needed to replace all of their turnout gear clothing pieces, as the entire inventory expired by March 2020. We are very fortunate at LVFD to have the support of our county government. Through the use of tax funding, and generous donations from considerate community members, we are in a position to replace all of our expired turnout gear clothing pieces and provide each of our firefighters with up-to-date and in-code equipment to perform critical duties.

Much of the expired gear, while worn, was still in good condition. However, due to legal guidelines and insurance regulations, LVFD could not utilize any of the clothing pieces in response to an emergency. We began researching ways that we could utilize the gear and wanted to be able to extend its use by making it available to other organizations that may not be as fortunate.

We learned about an organization called AMEDICA USA (amedicausa.org). This group is a non-profit organization headed by retired Oregon firefighter and paramedic Neale Brown that operates in Guatemala. Their mission is to train and educate the firefighters of Guatemala in medical, firefighting and disaster relief. Guatemala is the most heavily hit nation in the world by natural disasters. Their need is great, but their resources are scarce. The firefighters in Guatemala are very limited in what they receive to outfit and train their departments. They depend heavily upon donations from organizations such as AMEDICA USA.

LVFD had about 20 full sets of turnout gear clothing that were passed along to firefighters in Guatemala. This included everything from helmets and gloves, to boots, jackets and pants. Guatemala firefighters are utilizing Vietnam-era jackets and pants and even World War II era helmets. Receiving this gear from 2009 and 2010 is very much appreciated.

LVFD, and we're sure, the entire Lillian community is humbled and grateful to help others. Not only did we find a way to extend the financial resources of our tax and donation dollars by donating the equipment, we shared the blessings of community and family that we at LVFD have been abundantly graced with.



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department was able to pass along some of their outdated gear to AMEDICA USA, a group that assists firefighters in Guatemala with training and resources.

Board meeting of the Lillian Action Committee will be held at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library at 2 p.m. on July 27, 2020. The public is invited.

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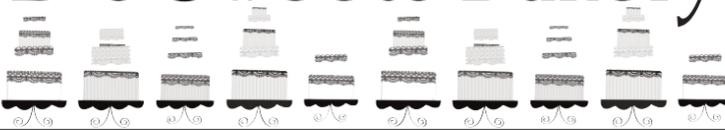
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## Primary Run-Off Election Slated for July 14

Governor Kay Ivey announced the Primary Runoff Election would be held on July 14, due to the concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Exercising my extraordinary powers under the Emergency Management Act, I am setting Alabama's Primary Runoff Election for July 14, 2020," said Ivey in March. "The ability to hold free and fair elections is an inherent right as citizens of the United States and the great state of Alabama, but the safety and well-being of Alabama citizens is paramount.

The Secretary of State is encouraging anyone who is concerned about contracting the virus or spreading the illness to vote absentee. For information regarding voter registration, locating a polling place, or how to obtain an absentee ballot, please contact the Secretary of State's website.

The Democratic primary run off ballot for

Baldwin County is between James Averhart and Kiani A. Gardner for United States Representative, 1st Congressional District.

The Republican primary run off ballot includes races between Jeff Sessions and Tommy Tuberville for United States Senator, Jerry Carl and Bill Hightower for U.S. Representative, 1st Congressional District, and Beth Kellum and Will Smith for Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2.

The last day to register to vote is June 29. Due to temporary closures at Baldwin County courthouses, you can register to vote online at [www.alabamavotes.gov](http://www.alabamavotes.gov).

The last day to request an absentee voting application is July 9. For more information on absentee voting, call 251-937-0379.

Precinct 28 includes Lillian, with voters going to the Lillian Community Club at 34148 Widell Ave.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Organizer Cancels 11th Annual Bunco Bash

I hope this article finds each of you safe and healthy. So far it has been a very crazy 2020.

This time of year, my time would normally be busy with preparation for our 11th Annual Bunco Bash to benefit "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer."

However it is with great regret that we have decided to cancel the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I want to thank all of you that have supported this event over the last 10 years, including all of our sponsors and attendees. Please rest assured that the fight for a cure is still ongoing and you can still donate to the American Cancer Society. We will be back next year, so save the date of Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021.

Again, thank you for your continued support of this event.

Kay Kay

### Take the Time to Submit Census Information

Starting in August, the US Census Bureau census takers will begin interviewing those who have not returned their census information either by mail or on the website.

It is important that every person living in the United States answer the few questions so that funds may be dispersed to the proper areas and Congressional redistricting will be done appropriately.

The Census Bureau takes all the information and compiles it for use by lawmakers, business owners, teachers and others to make critical decisions.

The information

helps determine where we need new schools, new clinics, new roads and other services for families, older adults and children.

The census figures will help decide where federal funding is needed, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The results help in adjusting and redrawing electoral districts, based on population increases and decreases.

The 2020 Census will help officials make informed decisions about allocating billions of dollars of federal funding to communities across the nation for hospitals,

fire departments, school lunch programs and other critical programs and services.

Businesses may use the data to make decisions such as where to open new stores, restaurants, factories or offices and where to expand operations, recruit employees and which products and services to offer.

It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form. If you haven't done it yet, please get it done now.

If you don't remember where you put the form that came in the mail, go to [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) and click on the "Respond" button. Be a member of the community who helps shape it for you and for those who are to come.

### First Baptist Church Hosting Bible School

First Baptist Church of Lillian will be hosting a Vacation Bible School from Aug. 10-14. Children age 3 through sixth grade are welcome from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Children will experience the Concrete and Cranes theme with Bible study and

special activities. The week of fun, food, and exciting learning opportunities is free of charge and open to everyone.

Call Paula Ledbetter at (251) 600-9488 or the church office at (251) 962-2180 for more information.

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## St. Benedict Donation



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*Leonard Kaiser and Tim and Sandy Russell presented a special donation to St. Benedict Catholic School Principal Dr. Kathy McCool for the school's campaign fund. Other donors include friends of the school, Jeanne and Norman Franz and Judie Flanigan (not pictured). Leonard Kaiser and Tim Russell are alumni and Sandy Russell is a former teacher at the school. Normally the Alumni and Friends Organization provides a graduation breakfast, but due to COVID-19 that event was not held.*

## Advent Thrift Shop Set to Reopen

With an abundance of caution, Advent Thrift Shop will reopen Thursday, July 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Business days and hours will initially be limited to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with a limit of six customers in the shop at a time.

A different system for donations has been implemented, with donations accepted only during business hours to a new area behind the building. Other thrift shops in the area have adopted this policy.

Masks will be required for customers and staff. The store will not provide masks, so customers and staff must bring their own. Like other businesses, the shop wants healthy customers and wants everyone to feel safe when at the store.

The store depends on the Lillian

community for donations and appreciates everyone's generosity.

The new donation area was built behind the gate. It is driver friendly, allowing you to donate from your vehicle when the shop is open.

This will hopefully eliminate pilfering, and improve our volunteer staff's ability to manage the items we sort.

Limiting donations to hours of business will also allow the staff to let the items sit untouched to reduce the possibility of spreading the virus. This is a safety precaution for the staff and customers. Their surveillance system is also operational.

The volunteer staff has been switching out clothing that was on the racks when the shop closed in March to summer items.

**Please submit your news articles, club notes, photos, etc. to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com) for our next issue!**



### Vacation Bible School

#### at First Baptist Church of Lillian

Look up- way up. That's where we're headed; where I-beams float effortlessly high overhead, carefully guided into place by powerful machinery; where steel and glass converge in a colossal design that appears to almost touch the sky. These magnificent structures were elaborately designed and intricately built. Yet they all began the same way- with concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes; and most importantly, a solid foundation.

This summer kids will learn that Jesus' love will provide a foundation that will last. Each day kids will make crafts, enjoy tasty snacks, sing cool songs, and learn about missions. It's Vacation Bible School time at First Baptist Church of Lillian! Children age 3 through grade 6 are admitted free from August 10th through the 14th from 5:30 p.m. till 8:30 p.m.

During this week children can experience Concrete and Cranes with Bible study and special activities planned just for them. This week of fun, food, and exciting learning opportunities is free of charge and open to everyone.

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The editorial board has the right to deny any articles or ads not suitable for this publication.

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We gladly accept news and information from the community. Please submit by:

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- ~ Email to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com)
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The deadline for the August issue of The Lillian is July 22.

Send an email to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com) for information on articles.

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## Finding Fun Close To Home

This has been a trying time for everyone. Physical distancing, masks, sanitizing. No church, no restaurants, no fun get togethers.

With everyone at home, maybe it's time to go to those places in Alabama and Florida that you've talked about, heard about, but just never got there. There are many outdoor venues that can be very special and provide lasting family memories.

Of course you know about the beaches. It's always a great time and even though there are crowds this time of the year, visitors are doing well with the distancing. I've been to Johnson Beach several times recently and have had no trouble finding a place for my visitors and all their "stuff." I don't like to sit in the sun too long, so I bring a book and a cushion and sit in the pavilion while my visitors play in the water. It's great people watching, too.

Have you visited any of our local parks? Blakely State Park in Spanish Fort was the scene of the last major battle of the Civil War. It is located on the Tensaw River Delta.

Fort Morgan on Mobile Bay was named for Revolutionary hero Daniel Morgan. It was involved in a variety of wars including WWII. Nearby you can hop the ferry and travel the bay to Dauphin Island for other sightseeing adventures such as Bellinger Gardens.

Fort Mims State Historical Site near Bay Minette was the site of a massacre during the Creek War when warring factions of the Creek Nation met during the War of 1812.

Over in Pensacola you might want to visit Fort Pickens on Pensacola Beach. The fort was completed



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

in 1834 and was one of the few forts in the South that remained in Union hands throughout the American Civil War.

In 1992 "Wall South," a permanent replica of the National Vietnam Memorial, was unveiled at what is now Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park. It is located at 200 S. 10th Avenue in Pensacola.

Have you been to OWA yet? Located at CR20 and the Beach Expressway, OWA offers a 23-ride amusement park, a variety of eating establishments and of course, souvenir shops. When the kids come to visit, don't worry about spending a lot of money for you to go in the park. There is a non-rider fee of \$5. Regular entrance fee is \$22.99 for the adventuresome this summer. They are also planning a special three-day Independence Day event with fireworks.

Most area restaurants are observing the distancing rules and sanitizing. Several have outside spaces for dining. I noticed one in Foley recently that is adding an outside area.

The Blue Angels are planning a four-day performance July 8 to 11 at Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key. Final plans will be announced June 26 by the Santa Rosa Island Authority.

Before going to any of these places, please check out their websites to make sure they are still open. And have a great time!

## CSS Kicks Off Annual REACH Program

Catholic Social Services of Baldwin County has begun their annual REACH program (Reaching Educational Achievement for Children). Each year CSS provides backpacks for students filled with supplies they will need and which parents or caregivers cannot afford.

Last year 322 backpacks were presented to students who would not have had the supplies they need, such as pencils, pens, folders, glue, crayons, note books, earphones, scissors and other items.

Sponsor a child for a donation of \$25 or give what you can. Make checks payable to Catholic Social Services and send them to P.O. Box 870, Robertsdale, 36567.

It is not certain what the new school year will look like due to the pandemic, but whether students sit at desks in a classroom or at the kitchen table, they will need these supplies.

CSS will begin to see parents on July 27 to give out the supplies.

## Shepherd of the Bay Welcomes Visiting Pastor

Pastor Paul Leigeber with Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church has received and accepted a call to Union City and Dyersburg, Tenn., churches. He will serve in a dual parish role as pastor with his wife, Kara.

We wish Pastor Leigeber all the best in his new calling to serve the Lord.

Shepherd of the Bay continues to serve the Lillian community through visiting pastors filling in during this pastoral vacancy.

Pastor Timothy E. Sowers has agreed to fill in as visiting pastor from Trinity Lutheran Church in

Cantonment, Fla. He had a distinguished career as a U.S. Army Chaplain and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2013 after 22 years of active service. Rev. Sowers and his wife, Kim, led his first service in Lillian on June 14.

If you are looking for a church home or are simply curious, please come to see what you are missing and hear the word of God. Sunday service has been moved to 8:30 a.m. to allow him to serve both the Lillian community at Shepherd of the Bay and his congregation at Trinity Lutheran Church.

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## Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

### Library Now Offering Saturday Hours

We opened the library in May and June from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays and have decided to open it on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, starting in July. We hope this will give patrons who can't come in during the week a time to use the library.

We do have a book deposit/drop off box on the porch for everyone's use if our open hours are not convenient. We'd like to remind everyone that we do not fine patrons for overdue books, but we do encourage everyone to return what they have borrowed. We would like everything returned so others may enjoy those items.

The computer lab will also be open for one person at a time, for a

maximum of 30 minutes.

- We also have Baldwin and Escambia County restaurant coupon books on sale at \$15 per book.

- The library has an extensive supply of books and we now have many 2019 and 2020 copyrighted books.

- We are planning our annual grand August book sale, so keep this in mind.

- NO BOOK DONATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** We will let area residents know when we will begin collecting donations again.

Thank you always for your support and patronage. We truly do appreciate each and every one of you, and we feel so fortunate to be able to provide services to our community.



## Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

Post 48 wishes everyone a happy Independence Day on July 4. Even though a lot of activities have been cancelled this year, we hope you enjoy those activities that are available.

Post 48 would like to encourage all 1983 Legionnaires (those in the American Legion that do not have a home post) to consider joining with us.

For more information please contact Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant, by email to legionpost48@aol.com or stop by the Legion building any Wednesday between 9 and 11 a.m. Post 48 would be honored to have you as part of our membership.

Post 48 is an active Legion post whose activities include the assistance and support of veterans in the Lillian area. We also focus on the "4 Pillars" of the American Legion, including:

- Pillar I: Veterans affairs and rehabilitation such as constructing

wheelchair ramps for local veterans in need, as well as maintaining a well-stocked medical lending closet (both for veterans and the community at large).

Pillar II: National security such as supporting Junior ROTC Cadets by recognizing their achievements and providing certificates and medals to acknowledge them.

Pillar III: Americanism such as sponsoring students from Robertsdale High School to attend the Alabama Boys State Program and

Pillar IV: Children and youth such as sponsoring a boys' baseball team in the area.

Many members drop by the American Legion Building 48 on Wednesday mornings. The building is located next door to the Lillian Community Club, adjacent to the POW/MIA flag. Drop by and join us – we would like to meet you!

To our veterans and their families: Thank you for all you do!

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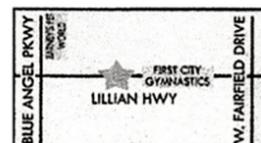
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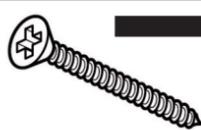
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There are sections for plastics, aluminum cans and cardboard/newspapers. Please break down boxes to conserve space. If an item is not in one these three categories, it CANNOT be dropped off.

Acceptable items: newspapers and inserts, magazines, envelopes, cardboard, phone books, office and school papers, brown paper bags, boxboard (cereal, cake, cracker boxes), plastics #1-7, plastic milk jugs, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and lids, pet food cans, dry pet food bags, aluminum foil baking pans, balls of tin foil, foil pie tins, tin and steel cans and lids, metal pots, pans and cookies sheets.

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## Lodge Elects Officers for 2020-21

### Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

The Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 elected officers for the 2020-21 year. Richard Duggan, Worshipful Master of the Lodge, was nominated and elected to serve a second consecutive term. This is the first time in lodge history that a person has served consecutive terms. A number of men have held the position of Worshipful Master two or more times, but never back to back.

The slate of officers includes Senior Warden, Jimmy Fox; Junior Warden, Bill Hall; Secretary, David Johnson; Treasurer, Price Legg; Senior Deacon, Mike Blankenship; Junior Deacon, Rodger Stoner; Tyler,

Edison R. Lima Neto; Senior Stewart, Joe Taylor; Junior Stewart, Jeff Keener; Chaplain, Jim Baker; Historian, Harold Burr; and Marshall, Vernon Lowe.

The Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about Freemasonry, please call Richard Duggan at 251-747-0601.



*Sam Jackson, left, recently completed the Fellow Craft degree for the Lillian Masonic Lodge and is congratulated by Richard Duggan, Worshipful Master.*

## Optimist Club Offers Split Meeting

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has implemented a guarded meeting format. Starting in June, the group had socially distanced the tables and restricted seating to abide by the recommendations of the CDC and local health department.

The group also utilized Zoom to continue online meetings that have been held since April.

This allows members to remain involved, but poses no health risk as the meetings are viewed in the comfort of your own home.

If someone doesn't wish to view on Zoom, the Optimist Club Facebook page now streams the service live. After the meeting is over, you are able to view the program.

State Representative Steve McMillen shared the impact of COVID-19 on the state budget and the legislative process. He shared that Alabama was in much better shape than many other states as a result of the stay-at-home order. He also said that opening up before Memorial Day weekend greatly assisted the state's economy.

The following week County Commissioner Skip Gruber updated members on what is happening in



### Optimist Club of Perdido Bay

By Jeff Keener

Baldwin County. The COVID-19 impact has been severe with a 22% decrease in revenues.

He said the economy is showing signs of improving with restaurants opening and recreation returning to the area. He felt a benefit was people flocking to our area to get out of the house and to take advantage of our beautiful state.

The current meeting format is similar to pre-pandemic meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation and Optimist Creed being recited. Without breakfast being served, the group has opted to meet in the Fellowship Hall of the Lillian United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. on Saturdays. Adding a weekly speaker back to the meetings has been well received.

If you have an interest in helping to improve the lives of young people, give the OCPB a call at 251-210-9081. The group is always looking for volunteers.

## Market in the Park Returns in July

Lillian Recreational Park will once again be hosting the Market in the Park. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 11, the second Saturday of the month, from 8am until noon.

We are excited to offer a craft and flea market for everyone's enjoyment. While it will be important for us to social distance, we will try to accommodate as many participants as possible using the utility and if necessary, the soccer field.

If you are interested in being a vendor/seller, please go to our website, [lillianrecreationalpark.org](http://lillianrecreationalpark.org), for the guidelines and application. Each participant must have an application on file with the park. For more information you may also contact us at [liliansparkcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:liliansparkcommittee@gmail.com).

### Lillian Recreational Park News

By Monica Leonard

The cost for a 10-foot x 10-foot space is still an unbelievable bargain at \$5, making it the best little deal in town.

Remember to bring your unwanted electronics for us to recycle, but TVs are not accepted. We will also take your aluminum cans to recycle.

We are all looking forward to having a fun day at a fun place and eating something fun from the Wacked Out Weiner food truck.

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### Adventures in Eating

By Ken Sanders

This is a very different spaghetti sauce.

I have no idea where my parents got the recipe, but it was always a treat to have it for dinner.

It is still a treat in our house today. Gallo brand salami is difficult to get locally so I buy it online, but any good dry, hard salami should do just as well.

As it freezes well, I usually make multiple batches and freeze the extra, which is good for an easy meal on another day.

- Spaghetti Sauce  
1/3 lb. dry hard salami diced fine (Gallo brand)  
4 T extra virgin olive oil  
1 large onion, diced fine  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 T celery leaves  
1 tsp. minced parsley  
1/2 tsp. each rosemary and thyme  
2 bay leaves  
1 can tomato sauce (15 oz.)  
Fry salami in olive oil until just starting to get crisp. Do not overcook. In the interest of healthy eating, drain off most of the excess oil at this point. Add all other ingredients and simmer 3 to 5 hours, stirring occasionally. Remove bay leaves prior to serving.

## CHIT CHAT

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

Happy birthday wishes in July go out to: Bobbie Benoit, Henry Wagner, Megan Hall, Weldon Cox, Sandy Pray, Jim Almand, Mary LaCoy, Evelyn Rice, Laura Leonard, Diane Burns, Bonnie Castella, Vernelle Younginger, David Woodford, Rebecca Grewe, Robert Grewe, Henry Kichler, Peggy Merchant, Stephen Duckworth, Virginia Cowie, Lorraine Harrison, Bonnie Estes, Emma Fell, Janet Akin, Alice Scram, Graydon

Bauer, David Gaines, Sondra Wilkinson, Jerry Rooks and Dick Erwin.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in July are Don and Paulette Joffrion - 56 years, Gerald and Gloria Jackson - 44 years, Bob and Pat Kupferers - 27 years and Eric and Martha Michelson.

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, please email [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com), mail it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549 or place a note in our yellow folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the August issue of The Lillian is July 22.

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## St. Benedict Hosts Special Graduation Event



*Photo by Sally McKinney*  
 St. Benedict Catholic School in Elberta hosted a special “self-distancing” graduation event this year. Prior to receiving their certificates of graduation, students posed with the special signs provided by the school. The 2020 graduates are Jimena Arellano, Brayden Barrett, Alicia Esparza, Westin Garrett, Alessandra Hernandez, Braxton Mills, Chloe Miodrag, Baylor Olive, Kalen Patel, Owen Pedraza, Sasha Prouty, Hailey Rockstall, Freddie Seibert and Zachary Taylor. Miss Hernandez received a four-year scholarship to St. Michael Catholic High School in Fairhope.

## Carter, Widener Earn Optimist Club Scholarships

By Sally McKinney

For many years the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has awarded scholarships to local high school seniors. This year two \$1,000 awards will be given to two Foley High School seniors, Micah Carter and Jana Widener.



Micah lives in Elberta and plans on attending Coastal Alabama Community College, majoring in accounting. While attending FHS, she was on the Future Farmers of American (FFA) Vet Science Team. She also

volunteered with the Foley Police Explorers, helping at local events such as school dances, rodeos and the hot air balloon festival.

Micah said she has always loved math and excelled in it. Her other interests include art, veterinary medicine, psychology and environmental issues. Her ultimate educational goal is to earn a bachelor’s degree in accounting and pursue a career in that field.

Jana lives in Lillian and plans on attending Coastal Alabama Community College, majoring in either cosmetology or psychology. While attending FHS, she participated in

cheerleading, yearbook, Link Crew and Art Club. She also earned the Congress of Future Medical Leaders Award of Excellence in 2019.

Jana said education has always been an important factor in her life, and has planned since an early age on attending college. She has been interested at different times in various subjects but is most interested in psychology and cosmetology. Her ultimate educational goal is either cosmetology, or earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology and pursuing a career in forensic psychology.



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The OCPB is working on plans to return to their Saturday morning meetings at the Lillian Community Club. Plans for their annual Fashion Show and Mullet Festival are on hold, pending State of Alabama guidelines.



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## Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

As a child, I was taught to wash my hands, and I was not allowed to slack in my duty. It was ingrained in my psyche since I can remember, well before public announcements on TV or school teachers began to press the importance of this simple act of hygiene to children because it was evident many parents were not doing the job. When I bring the subject up to friends in my age group, I am finding the same result and the same response, "Of course, it's only common sense."

When did that common sense disappear from the mainstream? I don't know, but it is obvious in all areas of life. Our group also commented on how often they see women walk out of a public restroom without visiting the sink and soap dispenser.

A few years ago my husband and I were leaving a local theater when we both made visits to the restrooms where I watched a young lady do what in my mind was the unthinkable.

When I got outside to find my husband, I spotted her at the refreshment counter with her date who just bought a bag of popcorn.

I wanted so badly to rush over there and whisper in the guy's ear, "If she sticks her hand in the popcorn,

don't eat it." I might have, too, if hubby hadn't have been moving me along toward the exit.

Our lives have changed because of COVID-19. Some take it too seriously and others don't take it seriously enough. We should all sit somewhere in the middle.

I'm older and this virus is a lot faster at grabbing us and progressing than the average flu bug, and it could be lethal to me or any of my friends I could possibly transmit it to.

So I wear a mask to public places and of course, we have to wear one at doctor appointments that seem to be becoming all too common to me. That reality seems to come with the wrinkles.

This virus has taken an unprecedented hold on bigger cities and more populated areas where many people fly in and out of from all over the world.

People in our part of the world get complacent because reports aren't as frequent. Some caution should be the norm for all of us, especially to certain citizens.

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• Officers responded to a report of assault at 7:21 p.m. June 8 in the 34700 block of Kee Avenue, Lillian.

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• Officers responded to a report of assault at 4:05 p.m. June 12 in the

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• Officers responded to a theft report at 6:29 p.m. June 12 in the 31800 block of Hagendorfer Road, Lillian.

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• Officers responded to an assault report at 10:29 p.m. June 18 in the 34700 block of Kee Avenue, Lillian.

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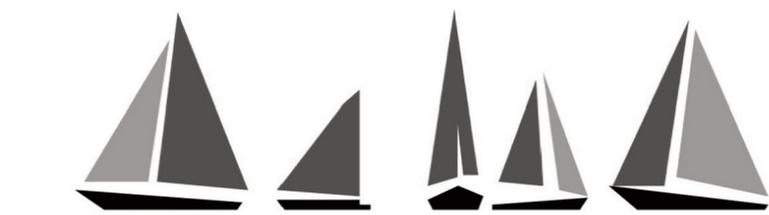
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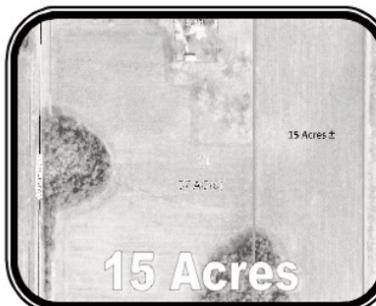
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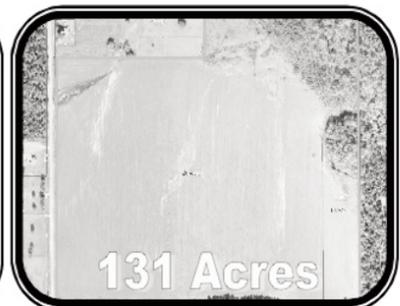
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## Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretta Lysek

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 98 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in May including 59 medical assistance, 18 public assists, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 brush fires, 1 structure fire, 2 vehicle fires and 13 fire investigations/alarms.

As you may have noticed on our call count, we have been experiencing a lot of emergency calls recently. Nearly 100 calls were logged in May, and it looks like we may exceed this number in June. Fortunately, we have had plenty of new recruits join the department over the last several months and we are grateful for the additional help.

We are also extremely pleased to welcome back Jeff Gleason. As you may remember, six months ago we said farewell to Jeff and his family as they decided to go back to their hometown in Texas. Fortunately for the department, the Gleason family realized how much they missed all

their friends and LVFD family and decided to come back. Because of his extensive firefighting experience, Gleason was promoted to lieutenant a few months before he left for Texas. Chief Nick Dewhurst and all the volunteers overwhelmingly voted him back to his old position. Welcome back, Lieutenant Gleason.



*Jeff Gleason has rejoined the LVFD after moving back to Lillian with his wife, Brittinie, and son, Judson.*

## Keeping Pets Calm During Fireworks Season

During the Independence Day holiday, famous for fireworks, you should keep a close eye on your pet. Animals are more sensitive to flashing lights and sounds than we are, and this can cause fear, anxiety and stress for them.

If you plan on going to an outside event where there will be fireworks, you should leave your pets at home, or if you must bring them with you, then keep them on a leash.

When pets are fearful, they will do almost anything to escape what is frightening them. We all want our pets to stay safe, but what can you do?

There are some medications and techniques available to help relieve anxiety. If they will be staying at home, background noise such as a radio or TV can help drown out the noise from fireworks.

You should also try giving them a safe place to hide if they do get frightened.

Medications can help to calm



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their anxiety for a short period of time. If you think your pet will require medication, then you should ask your veterinarian.

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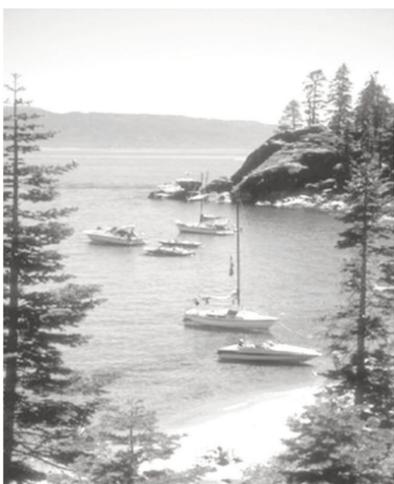


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## LASAR Hosts CPR Course

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The class was attended by 24 people and included teachers, boat captains, EMT personnel, US Coast Guard members, fire department team members, nurses, college students and those who were there "just in case" somebody needed their help in the future.

Kevin Brandenburg, Sara Slavey, John Wade, Becca Brandenburg and Ray Hogans conducted the course. All are LASAR members and AHA instructors. Slavey was instructing one of her first courses after becoming the youngest AMA instructor in the region. Becca Brandenburg brought her nursing background to the training, bringing practical real-world experience to the attendees. The other instructors were able to share their many years in fire

### LASAR

By Donna Johnson

and police rescue with the attendees. The AMA stresses "even if you don't remember all of the steps exactly, it is important for you to try. Any help, even if it isn't perfect, is better than no help at all."

There is a partnership between the training provided and those willing to use that training. No one knows if or when they may become a victim in need of CPR.

The reverse is also true, no one knows if or when they may need to perform CPR. Consider attending one of the LASAR or Lillian Volunteer Fire Department training courses in the next few months.

The next LASAR meeting is July 13. If you are interested in joining LASAR, you can attend the meeting at 7 p.m. at the LASAR building at the intersection of West Barclay Avenue and Santa Pedro Street in Lillian. We look forward to seeing you!



Taught by Kevin Brandenburg, Sara Slavey, John Wade, Becca Brandenburg and Ray Hogans, 24 area residents completed a Heartsaver CPR/AED course hosted by LASAR. In the photo below, Ray Hogans gives participants some close-up instruction.



## Honoring Mr. Andy

An active member of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, Andy Wilkinson volunteered for more than 10 years as a reader to kindergarten and first grade classes at Elberta Elementary School. Known by students as "Mr. Andy," Wilkinson passed away in May, and the Elberta school library will be named in his honor.

### The Lillian to Award Scholarship

The Lillian Action Committee and the staff of The Lillian newspaper will be awarding a tuition grant scholarship to one student in July.

Last awarded in 2016, the group has renewed the program and \$500 will be given to a student who will be continuing their education this fall at a trade school, two-year or four-year college or university.

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Proverbs 14:35 proclaims, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." In other words, the greatest nation will be one that serves the demands of righteousness, the nation that reaches for the highest values.

That's how our nation came into being. The founders of our republic did not organize a government and then try to decide what kind of government it would be and what it would try to do. The government did not come first. Values, ideals and principles came first.

After deciding upon those, they set up a government which would serve those ideals. Listen to these words from the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that

to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

Our founders began with certain ideals and values, and the government was established for the purpose of serving these ideals and values. They believed the source of all our highest values is God. He made us free people and placed in our hearts a longing to be free.

All our highest ideals and all our noblest intentions have come to us from God. When we are faithful to those ideals, we are exalted. When we falter, we are brought down.

Arnold Toynbee said, "Nations, cultures, and empires are never destroyed from the outside, but destroy themselves. Their self-destruction is always due to defects of character." That is a word we need to hear.

He is suggesting that the future of this or any nation is utterly dependent upon a national character. It is dependent upon the values we decide to pursue together.

In our Pledge of Allegiance we



### The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

say, "One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." That is our highest ideal. Notice that it says that the nation is "under God." Of course, every nation is under God's providence and judgment, whether we acknowledge that or not. Part of the greatness of our nation is that we do acknowledge it. How we honor and serve our nation must be shaped by that commitment.

With this conviction and passion, we say that God has our loyalty first. Abraham Lincoln believed it.

During the worst part of the Civil War, a person came to Lincoln and said, "I surely hope the Lord is on our side."

In his wisdom, Lincoln replied, "I am not at all concerned about that, for I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that both I and this nation should be on the Lord's side."

Lincoln loved this nation best because he loved righteousness even more.

That is the right kind of patriotism, because, above all else, it is righteousness that exalts a nation.

## Beware the Tawny Crazy Ant

Summertime is typically the season of the fire ant. In south Alabama, one would be hard-pressed to find a more numerous ant. One might even suppose that a fire ant is at the top of the ant food chain, but you would be wrong.

There is an imported ant that started showing up, first in Texas and is now migrating east. These ants are native to Argentina and Brazil. The blame for the spread of these ants can be solidly placed on the shoulder of humanity. This critter has hitchhiked in potted plants, railway cars, boxes and anything else that might be shipped in from South America.

Just what exactly is this terrible, horrible, no-good, low-down, very, very bad ant? It is the Tawny Crazy Ant, *Nylanderia fulva*. For the rest of this article, we are going to shorten their name to "tawnies." This little guy is about 1/8 inch

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By Celeste Hadley-Champion



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## OBITUARIES

### Edward Anderson Wilkinson Jr.

Rear Admiral (Retired) Edward Anderson (Andy) Wilkinson Jr., 86, passed away May 23, 2020, at his home in Perdido Beach with his wife, Sondra, and her daughter, Monica, by his side.

The son of a dentist and a school teacher (Dr. Edward A. Wilkinson Sr. and Mrs. Alice Moorer Wilkinson) from Selma, Andy grew up with two uncles in the Navy. Following in their footsteps, he graduated from the Naval Academy in 1955 and attended flight training in Pensacola. He had a distinguished career as a naval aviator and was an icon in the field of patrol aviation anti-submarine warfare. He possessed superb intellect, and his exceptional people skills and leadership abilities were acknowledged through command of two patrol squadrons and two major commands: Patrol Wing Five and Commander Patrol Wings Atlantic. Andy loved to teach and after receiving his master's degree in mechanical engineering from George Washington University, he spent two years as a professor at the Naval Academy teaching fluid mechanics and thermodynamics.

His last assignment was as Director of the Defense Mapping Agency, an organization of over 10,000 personnel where he directed the \$2 billion modernization program. Retired as a flag officer after 30 years, he was most proud of the strong friendships formed within the Navy community. Following his military retirement, he was hired by Intergraph Corp of Huntsville, where he worked for 20 years and retired as an executive vice president of their federal program in Reston, Va.

After graduation from USNA, Andy and Barbara Parker were married and moved to Pensacola, where he attended flight school and received his Wings of Gold in 1956. He and Barbara had four sons. Daryl, their oldest,

passed away in 1980. Barbara passed away in 1991 after 36 years of marriage. In 1993 Andy was introduced to Sondra Brown of Tampa and life began again.

He is survived by his wife of almost 26 years, Sondra; her two children, Rex and Monica; his sons, Dan (Kate), Andy III (Sherry) and David (Sue); a sister, Martha Reeves (Malory); a sister-in-law, Sandi Bro (Rob); a granddaughter, Morgan; and seven grandsons, Daryl, Drew, Nick, Trevor, Travis, Mason and Evan.

Andy was a wonderful "GDaddy" and relished spending time with the "GKids" whether it was attending their sporting events, playing board games, fishing, boating, kayaking, golfing, gardening or listening to them play guitar and sing.

Andy and Sondra relocated from northern Virginia to Perdido Beach in 1995. They quickly became active in the community with many volunteer activities, including the Lillian United Methodist Church where Andy held several positions on the church council, and the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

Andy loved working with youth. After serving as a math tutor in Virginia, he volunteered to become an OCPB reader for kindergarten and first grade at Elberta Elementary School. For more than 10 years he went each Tuesday morning and was known as "Mr. Andy."

He would have felt extremely honored to know that



the Elberta Elementary School Library is to be named for him.



Wilkinson

While serving as the OCPB president, Andy partnered with the National Flight Academy at Pensacola Naval Air Station to send area youth to the annual six-day deployment STEM camps. Due to his love of youth and aviation, the Optimist Club has established the Admiral Andy Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund that will be used annually to send a local youth to the National Flight Academy.

For many years, he was a member of the Order of Daedalians, a fraternal and professional order of American military aviators. He continued his membership through the Shangri La Pensacola chapter. He was a member of the Lillian American Legion Post 48, and was listed in "Who's Who in America in 2005."

An avid golfer until the last few years, Andy loved his outings with the Wild Bunch at Pensacola Naval Station. He lived as a devout and studious Christian.

Donations may be made to the scholarship fund established in his name at OCPB Foundation, PO Box 87, Lillian, 36549.

Memorial services will be held in Lillian at a future date and Andy will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with Barbara and Daryl.

### Senator's Tribute Honored Wilkinson

A special tribute by Alabama Senator Richard Shelby was made before the 109th Congress and written in the Congressional Record on June 30, 2005, on the occasion of Andy's retirement of 20 years from Integraph Corporation in Huntsville, and his 30 years of distinguished military service.

As stated in that tribute by Senator Shelby, "Andy is one of those rare individuals whose word is his bond, and whose actions, both personal and professional, are based on a bedrock of integrity. He has earned the confidence and respect of countless members of Congress, Senators and his colleagues."

Obituaries may be submitted to *The Lillian* by emailing the info to [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com) or dropping it off at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library. The information will be printed in the next issue of the newspaper.

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## Dean Holcomb

Dean Holcomb, 72, passed away June 3, 2020, at his home in Lillian.

Born Feb. 2, 1948, in Atlanta, Dean was the oldest of two children. Dean loved life around water, from scuba diving to cave diving to sailboat racing. Sailing was his lifelong passion that he mastered to almost perfection. He was a member of Pensacola Yacht Club, and a past member of Atlanta Inland Sailing Club, Lake Lanier Sailing Club and Southern Sailing Club. Dean was a handyman and generous friend who was always available to help. Dean was passionate about everything he got involved in, had a witty humor and a charming personality. He was preceded in death by his late wife, Joan; and his parents, Ed and Evelyn. Survivors include his wife, Dee; a sister, Constance (Connie) Sears; and his feline travel companion, Spot.

A funeral service was held at Mack Funeral Home in Robertsdale on June 7 with Rev. Daniel Randall officiating. A visitation followed by a memorial service was held at Flowery Branch Memorial Park South Funeral Home on June 10 with a burial service at Memorial Park South Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Cancer Society.

## Sally Jo Manders McCloud

Sally Jo Manders McCloud, 79, of Johns Creek, Ga., and formerly of Lillian, passed away June 3, 2020, in Alpharetta, Ga. No services are scheduled at this time.

She was born and raised in Seattle, Wash., to the late Richard Norman Manders and Edith Austin Manders.

She graduated from West Seattle High School prior to marrying and living in 7 different states and 2 foreign countries. She married Ernest Richard McCloud on April 9, 1960, in Long Beach, Cali., and had 3 beautiful children.

After raising her family, she was employed by the Department of Defense at Submarine Base, Bangor, Wash., in their security department. She retired Dec. 31, 1999, and took the time to enjoy her favorite activities of gardening, reading and traveling.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her loving husband and children.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.crowellbrothers.com](http://www.crowellbrothers.com). Crowell Brothers Funeral Homes in Peachtree, Ga., is in charge of arrangements.

## George Walter Schaff Jr.

George Walter Schaff Jr., age 85, a resident of Elberta, passed away May 29, 2020.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and was proud to be in partnership in Schaff Farms with his late wife and son.

He is survived by four daughters, Eva Marie (William) Bensinger of Oswego, Ill., Evelyn Mary (Stephen) Duckworth and Georgette Elizabeth (Michael) Tacheny, both of Lillian, and Megan Georgeanne Schaff-Edwards of Elberta; a son, Geoffrey George (Carole) Schaff of Elberta; nine grandchildren, Mitch (Aubrey), Hayley, Rebecca, Marissa, Collin, Justin, Kolby, Emi and Kody; a great-granddaughter, Ava Frances; two brothers, John Schaff and Joey Schaff, both of Elberta; two sisters, Kathy Odom of Elberta and Helen Williams of Ozark, Ala.; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home in Foley was in charge of arrangements.

A private Mass of Christian burial was held with interment following at Prince of Peace Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lillian.

## Doug Smith

Douglas Gene Smith, 50, of Lillian, and formerly of Kewanee, Ill., passed away June 3, 2020.

He was born July 30, 1969, to Charles and Nancy (Draminski) Smith. He graduated from Kewanee High School in 1987 and earned his associate's degree from Black Hawk College East Campus in 1989.

He wed Janel Eisenbarth on Aug. 11, 1990. He began his career with Illinois Department of Corrections in November 1990, retiring in 2019.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Colton, of Atkinson, Ill.; a grandson, Wyatt, of Kewanee, Ill.; his parents, of Kewanee; two brothers, Nat (Melissa) of Kewanee and Jason (Kim) of Bloomington, Ill.; a sister, Missy (Lee) Monroe, of Kewanee; father- and mother-in-law, Joe and Georgia Eisenbarth, Lillian; sisters-in-law, Joni (Ron) Nelson of Jacksonville, Fla., Jane (Steve) Berlinski and Julie Eisenbarth, both of Kewanee; 17 nieces and nephews; 14 great-nieces and great-nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and neighborhood friends.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A celebration of life will be held in Illinois once pandemic restrictions are lifted.



Holcomb



Schaff

## OBITUARIES

### Sadie Elizabeth Gilley Resmondo

Sadie Elizabeth "Bibba" Gilley Resmondo, 92, passed away May 22, 2020. Funeral services were held at Eternal Life Church in Lillian on June 2. Cason Funeral Service in Foley was in charge of arrangements.

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long, reddish-brown ant which is covered in tiny hairs.

Why is it called a crazy ant? Most types of ants, you recall, search for food or forage along chemical trails laid down by other ants. It is the world's longest game of follow the leader. Crazy ants also forage, but they tend to move in quick, erratic, unpredictable patterns. They are still following the trail; it's just more of a break dance than a line dance. Their unusual stride gained them the nickname crazy ants.

What makes tawnies more powerful than fire ants? Is it because the sting is worse? The answer is no. The tawny's sting is not as painful as a fire ant's. Tawnies do not have stingers. In place of a stinger, worker ants possess an acidopore on the end of the abdomen, which can excrete chemicals for defense or attack. They are capable of biting. If you are bitten, they cause a minor pain that quickly fades, unless you are allergic to ant stings.

What makes a tawny the most powerful ant is that it produces its own formic acid and then bathes in its homemade goodness. People use formic acid to preserve food, since it has antibacterial properties. Formic acid is the antidote to the fire ant's venom. Tawnies also can spray the chemical at their foes. Science thinks this is the first example of an insect being able to neutralize another insect's venom, and that's why the

tawny crazy ant is at the top of the ant foodchain.

Tawnies' numbers are increasing exponentially. They are overtaking fire ants, who are their primary competitors in many locations. Tawnies are also known for swarming into any available opening to nest. Unlike other ants, they do not build centralized nests or mounds and do not emerge from the nest through a single, central opening. They can nest outdoors or indoors, under a variety of objects like soil, flowerpots, pavement or even electrical devices.

Tawny crazy ants are attracted to electrical wires and can do a lot of damage, swarming devices in such numbers that they can cause short cir-

cuits. They have ruined computers, pumps at sewage pumping stations, traffic lights, and have caused fire alarms to go off all over Texas.

They are social insects. Their colonies have been known to develop huge, super colonies consisting of hundreds to thousands of workers and numerous queens. Ant colonies with multiple queens are called polygyne colonies.

Tawnies eat almost anything; they are omnivorous. Worker ants consume other insects and other small vertebrates for protein. Tawny workers are attracted to nectar bearing plants including damaged or over-ripe fruits. Tawnies have also been known to "farm" certain types

of insects like aphids or mealybugs. When these farm bugs are stimulated by tawnies, the bugs secrete a sugary liquid called honeydew. The insects that the tawnies "farm" need lots of moisture, so an area infested with tawnies may have lots and lots of wilted vegetation as the sap is harvested.

Tawnies aggressively protect their homes. Since their numbers can reach the thousands, imagine how you would feel if you stepped outside to be swarmed by hundreds of the long-legged, tiny, brown ants who will sting you and it will hurt.

What do you call an ant from overseas?

Import-ant!

## On the Big Screen



Photo by Ken Stewart

Some of those attending the first ever drive-in movie at Lillian Recreational Park on Friday, June 19, chose to sit outside of their cars, while others, like 14-year-old Kali Torstrup, watched and listened to the classic film "Hoosiers" from the back seat.

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