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Sally Slams Lillian

By Janel Smith

Sixteen certainly wasn't sweet as Hurricane Sally came roaring into our area on Sept. 16, also the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Ivan.

Hurricane Sally was the first hurricane to make landfall in Alabama since Ivan in 2004. Sally formed out of an area of disturbed weather first monitored over the Bahamas on Sept. 10. The system grew a broad area of low-pressure on Sept. 11, and was designated as a tropical depression. Early the next day, the depression made landfall near Miami and strengthened into Tropical Storm Sally that afternoon. On Sept. 14, data from a hurricane hunter aircraft showed Sally had rapidly intensified into a strong Category 1 hurricane and grew into a Category 2 hurricane that evening. An increase in wind shear and upwelling of colder waters weakened Sally back down to Category 1 on Sept. 15.

It unexpectedly reintensified, reaching Category 2 status again early on Sept. 16 before making landfall at peak intensity near Gulf Shores with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph.

The area between Mobile and Pensacola took the brunt of the storm with widespread wind damage, storm surge flooding and record amounts of rainfall. Several tornadoes also occurred as well.

The reintensification and sudden track to the east by Sally prior to landfall caught many by surprise. Additionally, its slow movement caused coastal areas between Mobile and Pensacola to be in the northern eyewall for hours.

Lillian United Methodist Men Continue with Car Show Fundraiser

Lillian is blessed to have so many churches with giving, caring people who do so much to serve their fellow man. Every church has individuals who do their best to serve those who are in need. Such is the case at the Lillian United Methodist Church. The Lillian United Methodist Women (LUMW) and Men (LUMM) are actively involved in facilitating the collective church mission of "Reaching Out With God's Love." The efforts are made possible by a number of other factors.

We are fortunate to have those individuals who provide financial support; the organizations can't function without that financial support and their giving is crucial to the success of the efforts. Another crucial factor are the fundraisers of each organization.

The primary fundraiser for LUMW is the semi-annual Trash-N-Treasure Sale and for the LUMM is the annual BBQ/Car Show. These two endeavors plus individual donations have enabled the church

to provide limited support to a number of organizations. Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 the March LUMW Trash-N-Treasure Sale and LUMM BBQ/Car Show was cancelled which reduced the collective finances.

The LUMW October Trash-N-Treasure Sale has been cancelled again but the LUMM will have the Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 24, and will be selling a "takeout only" meal for \$6 which includes

■ Fundraiser, continued on Page 2



Photos by Janel Smith

Widespread damage and devastation occurred throughout Lillian and the surrounding area when Hurricane Sally passed through in the early morning hours of Sept. 16. In the photo above, a yard was littered with debris from the structure and fallen trees. Below is the pool at Spanish Cove. Many residents are comparing this storm to Hurricane Ivan, which had hit exactly 16 years ago. Additional photos and storm-related information on Pages 17 and 20.



The 105-mph winds toppled trees and telephone poles and tore the roofs off some homes. The slow-moving soaker pounded our area with 2 feet of rain or more.

Thirty inches of rain fell in Orange Beach and in isolated areas of Florida, the National Weather Service said.

The U.S. Postal Service suspended service Sept. 15 at 60 locations in Alabama, including Lillian. As of press time for this edition, the Lillian Post Office was still closed.

Many businesses remain closed as efforts to restore power to our area continue.

As of Sept. 18, it was reported

that 77,157 area households were experiencing power outages due to Hurricane Sally.

South of U.S. Highway 98 there were 52,452 without power.

Power company employees, along with 750 other lineworkers from across the country, were working diligently to restore power as safely and quickly as possible.

More lineworkers were expected and by Sept. 19 more than 1,100 lineworkers would be working on outage restoration.

Due to the widespread damage, extended outages are expected in some areas.

Hurricane Ivan hit as a strong

Category 3 storm, and Alabama experienced the highest wind gust during Ivan. A sailboat anchored in Wolf Bay in Baldwin County recorded a wind gust of 145 mph.

The heaviest damage as Ivan made landfall on the U.S. coastline was observed in Baldwin County where the storm's eye (and eyewall) made landfall.

Ivan caused an estimated \$26.1 billion (equivalent to \$35 billion in 2019) in damage along its path, of which \$20.5 billion occurred in the United States.

Preliminary damage totals for Hurricane Sally are estimated to be at least \$5 billion.

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■ **Fundraiser, continued from Page 1**
a whopper size BBQ sandwich, chips, pickles, drink and cookie.

The meal will be available beginning at 10:30 a.m. and customers will not need to leave their cars to pick up the food.

The LUMW and LUMM are asking for support as we collectively overcome the difficulties encountered as a result of the pandemic.

Organizations receiving benefits from these fundraisers include but are not limited to The Lighthouse for Abused Women, South Baldwin Gideons, Pensacola Salvation Army, Baldwin County Sheriff's Boys Ranch, Kairios Prison Ministry, Baldwin County Council on Aging, Ecumenical Ministries, Repair Baldwin, Family Promise, BSA Troop 70 in Elberta, Gulf Coast BSA Council, Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast, Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, Feeding the Gulf Coast, Pensacola Waterfront Mission, Upper Room Ministries, St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Operation Christmas Child, Stegall Foundation for Seminary Students, Teen Challenge,

UMCOR relief, United Methodist Children's Home, Red Bird Methodist Mission and others.

One of the primary areas of support has been the Pensacola United Methodist Community Ministry District Mission Church (Richard's Memorial United Methodist Church) located in Brownsville.

In 2014 Rev. Daniel Randall brought the needs of the mission to the attention of the church groups.

At that time members were asked to provide and serve a monthly spaghetti dinner to about 125 people. Needs were being met but the pandemic has resulted in an increase in those seeking a daily hot meal. The groups now provide a spaghetti dinner once per week for upwards of 220 people.

Tax deductible donations can be made through the church, please note LUMW or LUMM.

For further information please call Sara Laibe, LUMW president at 251-962-2320 or Dick Erwin, LUMM president at 850-776-7132.



The Lillian United Methodist Church will be hosting their annual car show fundraiser on Oct. 24 at the church. Organized by the church men's group, many local organizations receive support from this event. From left, Judy Covan, Dick Erwin, Arlene Miller, Rev. Daniel Randall, Alexis Mines, Betty Erwin, Joan Shuck and Evelyn Taylor.

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Lillian United Methodist Church 12770 S. Perdido Street



Fly In Fundraiser Set for Oct. 2-4 at Horak Field

By Sally McKinney

The Fly Boyz Remote Control Club of Elberta is hosting a “Fly In” on Oct. 2, 3 and 4 to benefit Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day, with the public invited on Saturday when food and drinks will be for sale. A 50/50 raffle will be held,

Austin Morris of Houston, Texas, has participated in the last two fly ins to benefit Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast. The event will be held October 2-4 at Horak Field in Elberta.

as well as pilot’s raffles.

The event is sponsored by Extreme Flight and will be held at Horak Field, 16429 County Road 95 in Elberta. For further information contact Marco Gaona at 941-544-3258 or by email at gaonafish@gmail.com.

Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast is a home for homeless pregnant

women who choose life for their unborn child.

It was opened in 2006 and is the only charitable organization that serves homeless pregnant women from five local counties, Mobile, Baldwin, Escambia in Alabama, Santa Rosa and Escambia in Florida. The women stay at the shelter before and after the birth of their babies and receive counseling and services to help them on a path to the future.

Community Support Continues Despite Cancellation of 2020 BBQ & Blues

By John Corbett

Lillian’s Advent Episcopal Church has been proud to annually host BBQ & Blues, one of the community’s largest events.

Folks get to hear super music, sample great food and support local arts and crafts vendors. The annual festival, normally held on the third weekend of October, has been canceled this year due to Covid-19. But there are still ways to participate.

Proceeds from BBQ & Blues have been always been used to enhance community causes. Grants have gone to the Lillian Perdido Bay Library, County Veterans’ Court, Lillian Recreational Park, local food bank, Mary’s Shelter, Wilmer Hall, Lillian Volunteer Fire Department and many more.

We plan to continue this tradition

even though we are unable to host an event this year.

You can help continue the outreach in two ways:

- We will host our annual raffle.

A \$20 ticket gives you a chance to win either \$500, \$300 or \$200. The drawing will be held after Sunday service on Oct. 18. You do not have to be present to win. The winner will be notified by phone.

Tickets can be ordered by mailing a check made payable to the church (12099 County Road 99, Lillian, 36549) or email your order to the church at churchoffice@adventlillian.org.

Tickets will also be available at the Advent Church office Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or call 251-961-2505. An ad on Page 16 also provides instructions

on purchasing raffle tickets.

• If you are a local merchant, you can make a sponsorship donation in any amount. It will be well advertised, put to a good cause and be tax deductible. Your support in prior

years has been much appreciated.

The silent auction that features a cornucopia of rare and one-of-a-kind items, live music and wonderful barbecue, will return for the 19th time next year.

Church Hosting Trunk or Treat

Lillian United Methodist Church will be hosting Trunk or Treat from 4 to 5 p.m. Oct. 31 at the church.

Vehicles will be spread out and individually packaged treats will be placed on tables providing separation between children and the vehicles. There will be a designated starting point and ending point so families can proceed in an orderly manner.

Children must stay with an adult and follow directions. All attending are asked to respect social distancing and wear a face mask if unable to maintain six feet of distance from others.

If you would like to participate with a vehicle or need additional information, call Joyce Ellison at 251-752-5062.

The church is located at 12770 S. Perdido Street in Lillian.



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Advertisement inquiries can be directed to Julie McManus at 703-217-2874 (cell). Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Letters are welcome but must be signed and include contact information should staff have any questions. No letters will be accepted regarding property owner associations' problems.

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Thank you for your articles and news items, but due to space limitations, some submissions may not be included in this issue. They will be included in a future issue when possible.

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:

- ~ Mail to P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, Alabama 36549
- ~ Fax: 251-961-3529
- ~ Email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com
- ~ Drop off at Lillian Perdido Bay Library (in yellow folder)

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We are also not responsible for the business practices of our advertisers.

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The deadline for the November issue of The Lillian is Oct. 21.

Send an email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com for information on articles.

Call Julie McManus at 703-217-2874 or email chewlatta@yahoo.com for advertising information.

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Mary's Shelter Still Needs Help

Years ago when I lived in Chicago hardly a week went by when there wasn't a major story about an abortion gone wrong. A woman would be found in an alley bleeding to death with a bloody coat hanger by her side. A body would be found in a dilapidated motel after "health care" people had left.

So when in 2006 I heard Fr. Edward Markley, OSB, the pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church at the time, announce that Mary's Shelter was opening in Elberta, I jumped at the chance to help. You can preach all day long against abortion, but unless you offer an alternative to these desperate women, they will go ahead with the unthinkable.

I went to the groundbreaking for the home at Frank and Boros Roads and took pictures and offered to send them to the newspapers. From that time on I was hooked because Mary's Shelter was the only place where homeless pregnant women could go to get help to give life to their unborn child.

At Mary's Shelter they could get away from families who disowned them, from abusive partners and those who just didn't want to take on the responsibilities a child would require. One call to Mary's Shelter and a mom-to-be and even her other children could find a safe home to make the hard decisions a pregnancy requires.

A program manager helps the residents set goals for their future and meets on a regular basis with each resident to review their progress. Some moms opt for adoption and that's OK, too. A grant

Grateful For Our Local Businesses

By Janel Smith

As we all work together to recover from Hurricane Sally, the staff of *The Lillian* and the Lillian Action Committee would like to give a shout out to our advertisers. We couldn't provide this free, monthly newspaper without their support.

This year has been filled with one challenge after another for all of us and Sally hit just as we were on deadline for this issue. We were unable to make contact with most of our advertisers and it was decided to run everyone's most recent ad again this month.

We hope this decision doesn't upset any advertisers, we were only trying to help them keep their name in front of customers. We ask our readers to be understanding and call ahead to find out current hours and



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

researcher/writer searches across the nation for sources of funds for the home. Mary's Shelter was the first recipient of a grant from Impact 100 in Baldwin County.

Think of this: the home has the ability to house 10 women and their children, newborns and toddlers. They live there 24/7 with expenses like any other home, utilities, food, cleaning supplies, paper products, sheets and blankets and oh, yes, DIAPERS!

Although the shelter was incorporated in 2001 by members of St. Thomas by-the-Sea Catholic Church and with support of other local churches, it receives no funding from the Archdiocese of Mobile, Baldwin County or the state of Alabama. Women of all religions are welcome and are encouraged to continue in their own faith.

So now I get to the point. Mary's Shelter needs help. With the arrival of the Corona Virus, large fund-raising projects were put on hold. Although there are several avenues of donations, many of these donors are also having problems due to the pandemic.

Mary's Shelter needs your help more than ever. Don't just talk about how you are Pro-Life, do something about it. Give to Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast and think of the adorable babies whose lives you've saved. Call 251-986-6200 or visit www.maryssheltergulfcoast.org.

services offered at these establishments.

Our staff did our best to provide you the newspaper as usual and on time, despite all the challenges the storm presented.

There are a number of community events in October that were planned well before Sally showed up and we ran with the most current information we could get. We hope these things go on as scheduled but current circumstances may lead to changes. There were also some relief efforts that occurred after deadline, and we apologize for not having been able to include that information in this issue.

If you have storm related news to share for our next edition, please send it to lillianeditor@yahoo.com.

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LVFD Seeks New Board Members



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Goretty Lysek

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 100 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in September. This included 56 medical assistance, 16 public assists, 13 motor vehicle accidents, four brush fires, 8 structure fires, one water accident and two fire alarms.

As mentioned last month, Chief Nick Dewhurst has put together a training plan to incorporate Fire Fighter One class for all LVFD fire fighters along with several volunteers from Perdido Beach and Elberta fire departments.

Because of extensive materials in this course, the class

will be divided into four modules.

The first module began Sept. 15 and will end Oct. 17. The subjects in this class encompass fire dynamics, PPE, communications and building construction. Completion of the course should be around mid to late 2021.

Our fiscal year ended Sept. 30 and we are now going into our new year.

We will again be having our annual general membership meeting and election of the LVFD Board of Directors.

This meeting is open to all Lillian residents and we appreciate your attendance to vote in new board members and review the previous fiscal year.

At this time, we are looking for two new members for the board.

This is a great way to be involved in the community, give the board a new perspective in handling many of the decisions and objectives and help provide a positive direction for the future of the department.

You do not need any previous experience, just an open mind and a positive outlook.

This meeting is set for 7 p.m. Oct. 5 at Station 2, 11331 County Road 91.



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The 2020-21 fundraising letters were mailed at the end of September. Addresses were provided by Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's Office.

If you had a problem receiving your letter, call the fire station at 962-2696 and leave a message. Your donation is tax-deductible. We are requesting a donation of \$75 per household and \$150 per business.

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I may not be able to define what constitutes a good story, but I know one when I read it and this certainly qualifies.

- Don Parker radio host, Good Morning Pensacola WCOA



You ruined my plans for the day. I couldn't put it down!

- James Billie, Chief of the Seminole Indian Tribe

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of Lillian, Alabama

Come One, Come All!

The Spanish Cove annual Craft Fair will be held November 7 starting at 8 a.m. in the main clubhouse.

We have limited vendors due to Covid-19 restrictions, but they will be here to share their numerous crafts, art work and many miscellaneous wares. Shoppers will be required to wear masks and the vendors will be socially distant.

Come out and do your Christmas shopping. You will have so much to choose from - better than going to the mall!

The Craft Fair is sponsored by the POASC Activities Committee and admission is free. You can even enjoy a bag lunch at an affordable price. The Craft Fair is located in the main clubhouse on Clubhouse Drive. We will have both inside and outside vendors, come come early to get the best deals.

If you would like to be included as a vendor, the fee is \$5 for a six-foot table. Stop in or call Denise at the number below.

If you have any questions, please call
251-961-1130

Local Author Releases First Book

Lisa Kirkman, a resident of Pensacola, just across Perdido Bay from Lillian, has recently released her first book, "Meeting at Matthew Street."

She is president of The Kirkman Co., Inc., a promotional products advertising company which she founded in 1988 at age 26. She is also a professional musician and award-winning glass artist.

The suspense novel follows a clandestine group of people through actual historical events and highlights how they influence good over evil at critical times over the past 2,000 years.

While a seal printed on the book's cover describes it as a "page turning thriller novel," it's difficult to put it in a specific genre. Kirkman herself struggles with classifying it, stating, "I put thriller because it won't turn away non-Christians. Supernatural will turn off people who don't like science fiction. And historical will turn off people who hated school!"

After reading the book, you'll realize it's a combination of many categories and interests and you'll understand how the author has a hard time putting it into only one genre. Readers will also find Kirkman

craftily leaves the door open for the possibility of a sequel or a series.

Several of Kirkman's acquaintances who read her early drafts were worked in as characters toward the end of the book, including Stephen Zieman, Rev. Bryan Crittendon, Phil Kittell, Janice Floyd and Jill Grove.

The author will be on hand at the next Lillian Market in the Park on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Signed copies will be available, and area residents will have the opportunity to speak with Kirkman about her novel.

Copies of her book can also be found on Amazon.com, and an ad on Page 5 provides further information.

As owner of her speciality advertising company, Kirkman also provides an "I am Praus" bumper sticker with her book.

Not sure what that means?

You'll need to read the book to find out.



Kirkman



Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

Library Adding Thursday Hours

The Lillian library remains open two hours every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The library board has decided to open on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. beginning Oct. 8. This will be a trial for the month to see how many patrons use these two additional hours.

We are only accepting donations of magazines dated 2020 at this time. We are NOT accepting donations of books or other items for now.

The library continues with a mask mandate and will supply a mask to any patron who comes in without one. Everyone should do their part in complying with the Ala-

bama mandate.

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



CURRENT LIBRARY HOURS

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10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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**See the form on Page 4**



Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay (OCPB) had a successful Mullet Festival on Labor Day. Thanks to sponsors, partakers of the famous fish dinner and purchasers of t-shirts and raffle tickets, donations exceeded \$16,000. One of the faithful sponsors is Greer's CashSaver on Lillian Highway in Pensacola. From left are OCPB 2020-21 President Daniel Randall, Greer's Manager John Spurlock, OCPB current President Dan Armstrong and Past President Jeff Keener. Photos from the event are on Pages 8, 9 and 10.

## Optimist Club Praises Community

Jeff Keener, chairman of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Foundation and this year's Mullet Festival, wishes to thank the many local residents who made the 34th Annual Mullet Festival a huge success.

"Earlier in the year, things looked bleak," said Keener. "The pandemic greatly affected what the Optimist Club was able to do this year. For the Mullet Festival, we lost the silent auction, de ja vu sale, raffle, fun run and walk and our breakfast. Earlier in the year, we lost revenue from the Pirates Cove fundraiser, Fashion Show and more."

In organizing the festival this year, the focus was on what the Optimist Club could do versus what it didn't. The pre-orders for lunch resulted in 165 orders. Keener said, "We served 205 lunches, including the walk-up. The OCPB did have to cease walk-up sales to ensure that each of the pre-orders were filled. Optimist Club member Matthew Kennedy provided two of his hand-crafted knives for a raffle. Jane Foster and Dodd Bouchillon won the raffle held at the Sept. 12 club meeting. These two efforts resulted in approximately \$4,430 being raised."

The success of the event was driven largely by sponsorship revenue realized this year. Ruth Ginn provided a \$2,000 sponsorship to honor her husband, Bob, who passed away in July.

Sponsorship revenue will be approximately \$16,000. Dick Erwin and his crew of helpers made this

year's sponsorship revenue one of the best ever.

Harvey Byars and Robert Kirby of Two Old Guys performed at this year's festival, entertaining outside from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This entire event was a success due to the many volunteers who deserve thanks for all they did, including:

General manager and order coordinator – Jeff Keener

Lunch coordinator – Lee Hoffman

Side dish prep - Liz Whitehurst and Kathy Partin

Cookie makers – Betty Erwin (chair), Jean Reed, Joyce Poehlein, Martha Smith, Frances Gardner, Priscilla Westgate and Dan Armstrong

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Take out meal leaders - Brian & Angie Doege

Runners for take out meals – Brianna Doege, Leeanne Martin, Shannon Widener and Madison Hart

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Dishwashers – Henry Gryzb, Dan Armstrong and Joe Taylor

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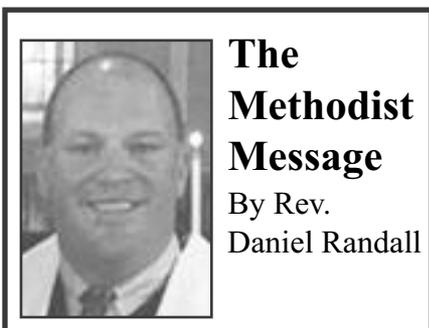
Who is playing on the strings of your heart? With what wisdom are you filling your minds? The quality of our lives depends upon the source of our wisdom. Are we influenced and led by the wisdom that comes down

from heaven, or the message that is earthly, unspiritual and of the devil?

You and I become what we focus our minds on, what we expose ourselves to. Hours of listening to inspirational messages will engender a pure, peace-loving, considerate personality. Hours of exposure to trash-talking lyrics or degrading images on television will diminish our souls and arouse hostility or selfish ambition.

Did you know that medical studies have shown people who worship regularly, practice daily devotion and have spiritual values recover more quickly from illness and live longer?

To what do you expose your life? In the hands of the master, our lives can produce a symphony of peace and kindness, a harvest of righteousness. Our service is not so much dependent on us as it is on God. How tempted are we to think that wealth will bring us happiness? We



**The Methodist Message**  
By Rev. Daniel Randall

teach our children to save their money, but not their souls.

A social worker told about a young boy in an urban ghetto who had been struck by a car and had not received proper medical attention. His legs were twisted and lame. Even though it was outside her area of responsibility, she took the boy to an orthopedist, who performed surgery on his legs. Two years later, the boy walked into her office without crutches.

His recovery was complete. The two embraced. She said to herself, "If I accomplish nothing else in my life, I have made a real difference with at least this one!" She paused in telling this story, and then went on. "This was

all several years ago. Where do you think that boy is today?" Her listeners suggested that he might be a school-teacher, a physician, a social worker or a successful businessman. With tears of emotion, she responded, "No, he's in the penitentiary for one of the foulest crimes a human can commit. I was instrumental in teaching him how to walk again, but there was no one to teach him where to walk."

This is what happens when we teach our children that competition is more important than compassion; that charisma produces more influence than character. If young people are going to learn about the values of honesty, sincerity, kindness, peacemaking and forgiveness, it is going to be from you.

James speaks of the wisdom that is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. It is the wisdom that is spoken around us daily: that who we are de-

pends on what we have, that happiness consists in having more, that our human worth is defined by our net worth. There is nothing new about this way of living. It has been the nature of men and women since history began. Only a few are able to see through the delusion. Some of you will realize the falseness of this path. I hope that all of you will.

The wisdom of the world is the path to envy, greed and selfish ambition. Listen to the voices of heavenly wisdom that whisper to us. Do not give your heart to that which does not satisfy your heart. Let's do an inventory of our values. What is of ultimate importance to you? Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). When we truly humble ourselves, God can perform His masterpiece in us. I pray you will humble yourself before Almighty God, place your life in His hands and allow him to use you as His instrument of grace and love.

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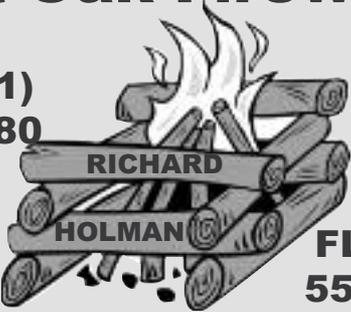


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## Financial Moves for Widows and Widowers

If you've recently become a widow or widower, you're obviously dealing with an enormous emotional burden, and coping with your grief can seem like a full-time struggle. Unfortunately, the business of life must go on - and the financial moves you make at this time can have a big impact on your life.

So, as you attend to your affairs, consider the following suggestions:

- Don't make hasty decisions. Even though you will need to make some moves in the near future, don't feel rushed into decisions that may prove to be ill-advised. For example, don't immediately sell your home or liquidate all your stocks.

- Consult with your estate planning professional. If you and your spouse created an estate plan involving a will, living trust or other documents, you'll want to consult with your estate planning professional to determine what steps should be taken to implement these arrangements.

- Address life insurance issues. If your spouse had a life insurance policy, you'll want to contact your insurance agent for help in navigating the paperwork necessary to receive the death benefit. Of course, some financial advisors also sell life insurance within the context of your overall financial strategy, so, if this is your situation, you'll want to speak with your advisor about how to handle the insurance proceeds.

- Apply for Social Security benefits. If you are 60 or older, you may be entitled to Social Security survivor benefits, along with a one-time death benefit. Contact your local Social Security office to stop the benefits your spouse received and apply for the new ones for yourself.

- Change the name on financial accounts. If you and your spouse had jointly held accounts with "right of survivorship," the assets will typically pass automatically to you, the surviving spouse. However, for legal purposes, it's still a good idea to retitle these assets in

your name. This usually only requires filling out some simple documents, which are available from your financial institutions - bank, credit union, investment firm, etc. But you also may need to change the beneficiary designations on accounts held only in your name, such as your 401(k). These designations are powerful and can even supersede instructions in your will or living trust.

- Go over bills and debts. Review all your bills, automatic payments and outstanding loans. If they are in your spouse's name, or in both your names, contact the merchant or financial services provider to change all correspondence and account information to your name only.

For any outstanding accounts in your spouse's name, you may need to notify the business that all payments will be handled by your spouse's estate, if you choose to go that route. You may need to provide these businesses with the contact information of your estate planning professional.

- Plan for your future. Once you've handled the immediate financial needs described above, you'll want to think about your own future. This means you may have to update your estate plans and insurance policies. You'll also want to consult with your financial advisor to see what changes, if any, you might need to make to your investment portfolio.

Only time can ease the pain of losing a spouse. But by taking care of the mundane matters of daily living, you can at least alleviate the feelings of being overwhelmed - and that, in itself, has value.



**Financial Focus**  
By Jason M. Kozon of Edward Jones

## Masons Attend District Conference



Attending a recent District Masonic Conference were, front from left, Matt Davis, past master of Howard lodge; Dean Gray, worshipful master of Sonora lodge; Gary Hawkins, worshipful master of Greeno lodge; Randy Smith, worshipful master of Foley lodge; Bruce Garrison, group 5 committee on work; Brian McDonald of Robertsdale lodge and Don White, past master of Robertsdale lodge. Second row, Connie O'Brien, Greeno lodge; Jim McGee, district lecturer; William Wells, Lillian lodge; David Johnson, Lillian lodge, and Rodger Stoner, Lillian and Foley lodge. Back row, Tommy Danner, district lecturer; Billy Jackson, RWSGWGL of Alabama; Richard Duggan, worshipful master of Lillian lodge and Robert Schaffer, Robertsdale.

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## Knowing Alabama's State Insect

Did you know the state insect of Alabama (yes, we have a state insect) is the monarch butterfly? Mississippi's state insect is the honeybee, and Florida's is the zebra longwing butterfly. In case you are ever on Jeopardy, now you know.

Back to the subject at hand, the monarch butterfly, *Danaus plexippus*, which in Greek means "sleepy transformation," due to its two-week long hibernation. The monarch butterfly is sometimes called the "milkweed butterfly" because its larvae eat the plant. In fact, milkweed is the only thing the larvae can eat. If you'd like to attract monarchs to your garden, you can plant milkweed.

Adult monarch butterflies possess two pairs of brilliant orange-red wings, featuring black veins and white spots along the edges. Males, who possess distinguishing black dots along the veins of their wings, are slightly bigger than females. The distinctive wing pattern warns predators that the butterflies are foul tasting and poisonous.

Adult female monarchs lay their eggs on the underside of milkweed leaves. These eggs hatch, depending on temperature, in three to twelve days. After they hatch, the larvae will feed almost exclusively on milkweed plant leaves for about two weeks. Fattening larvae become juicy, colorful, black, white and yellow striped caterpillars that are about two inches long.

When they have eaten, and the

time is right, the fat caterpillar will shed their outer skin and begin the transformation into a pupa (or chrysalis), a process which is completed in a matter of hours. The chrysalis resembles a waxy, jade vase dangling from the underside of a milkweed leaf or stem. The caterpillar completes the miraculous transformation into a beautiful adult butterfly in about two weeks.

When the butterfly finally emerges from the now transparent chrysalis, it inflates its wings with a pool of blood it has stored in its abdomen. When this is complete, the monarch expels any excess fluid and rests until its wings stiffen and dry. Then it flies away to start the cycle of life all over again.

Monarch butterflies are known for the incredible mass migration that brings millions of them to California and Mexico each winter. North American monarchs are the only butterflies that make such a massive journey - up to 3,000 miles. The insects must begin this journey each fall ahead of cold weather, which will kill them if they tarry too long.

Only monarchs born in late summer or early fall make the migration, and they make only one round trip. By the time next year's winter migration begins, several summer generations will have lived and died and it will be last year's migrators' great-grandchildren that make the trip. Yet somehow these new generations



**Know Your Critters**  
By Celeste Hadley-Champion

know the way, and follow the same routes their ancestors took - sometimes even returning to the same tree.

Most predators have learned that the monarch butterfly makes a poisonous snack. The toxins from the monarch's milkweed diet have given the butterfly this defense. In either the caterpillar or butterfly stage, the monarch needs no camouflage because it takes in toxins from the milkweed and is poisonous to predators. In fact, the viceroy butterfly, *Limnitis archippus*, is a look-alike to the monarch butterfly. But the viceroy isn't toxic to predators. Sneaky! It also has an extra black stripe on the bottom of its wings. It is easy to spot the difference in pictures, and not so easy if you are a bird flying overhead, looking for a quick snack.

It is unknown how far the monarchs travel on average per day, but one tagged monarch was recaptured 265 miles away from where it had been released the previous day. It takes the monarchs approximately two months to make the full trip, depending on the temperature and wind conditions. They travel far distances by flying very efficiently, taking ad-

vantage of air currents and actually soaring like many birds do. They also store up lots of energy for these long trips from the food they eat as caterpillars and the nectar they drink from flowers as adults.

After wintering in Mexico, the monarchs mate. By the end of March, they begin their journey north back to the U.S. and Canada. Each female will lay about 400 eggs on milkweed plants and then her life cycle will end. Only one to two percent of the caterpillars will survive, but those that do will become butterflies and continue their parents' northward migration. It can take as many as three or four generations to re-colonize their northern habitat range.

Each monarch that you see is a survivor, programmed from birth to one of the longest migrations in animal history.

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## Altar Society Officers



After a longer than usual summer hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the St. Joseph Altar Society met recently to elect officers for 2020-21. Shedding their masks for a minute were from left, treasurer Barbara Krouse, vice president Hannah Gale, president Harriet Shields and secretary Sally McKinney.



## Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavalley, Adjutant

We are reminding all members that 2021 dues are requested. If you have not renewed yet, please do not forget. We need you! Post 48 is at 55% membership after three months of 2021 membership.

With Covid-19 still limiting most legion functions, there has not been much news to report. Please stay safe during these difficult times, and if you need help or support, please contact your legion.

Post 48 activities include the assistance and support of veterans in the Lillian area. We focus on the "4 Pillars" of the American Legion.

**Pillar I - Veterans affairs and rehabilitation** - this includes constructing wheelchair ramps for local veterans in need, as well as maintaining a well-stocked medical lending closet for veterans and the community at large.

**Pillar II - National security** - supporting Junior ROTC cadets by recognizing their achievements and providing certificates and medals to acknowledge them.

**Pillar III - Americanism** - sponsoring students from Robertsdale High School to attend the Alabama Boys State Program

**Pillar IV - Children and youth** - sponsoring a boys baseball team in the local area.

Any veterans having a computer problem or those wishing to donate a computer can bring it to the Legion building any Wednesday morning.

Every Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m., many of our members drop by the American Legion Building 48 located next to the Lillian Community Club. Drop by and join us!

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

## 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 October go out to: Sally McKinney, Florence McLendon, Elsie Bailey, Barbara Parks, Ward Jensen, Stan Fertig, Jeylin Showers, Kailey Scott, Jean Dean, Diana Hartley, Judy Deeter, Frances Campbell, Mike Russell, Dave Westwood III, Darrell Williams, Karen Tobey, Bill Sepac, Ted Chapman, Marc Willard, Tom Canaday, Chuck Estes, Pat Kupferer, Marvin Cain, Bill Weaver, Jim Crandall, Terry Wanzer, Don Simmons, Barbara Gengerke, Freda Bass, Marsha Morrissey, Roland Kasper, Diane Willard, Paulette Joffrion, Bob Tobey, Mary Beth Majesty, Judy Cain, Roger Kuhr, Keith Brown and Jayke Pell.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in October are Ed and Faith Dowd - 23 years, David and Lois Mitchell - 12 years, Charlie and Wilma Spivey - 45 years, Earl and Helen Paschke - 62 years, Mike and Donna Cobb and Art and Joan Schuck.

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, please email the information to [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 November issue of The Lillian is Oct. 21.

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## Power Restoration Plans and Goals

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sally, many have been asking about how and when power will be restored.

Attempts to reach Riviera Utilities were not answered, but the following information was taken from their web site.

### Restoration Goals, Priorities

Our first goal in restoring power is safety - to the public and to our crews. This is accomplished by locating downed lines and damaged areas and making sure the power to that location is shut off.

Our next goal is to restore as many customers as soon as possible, in priority order. Repair work that will restore service to essential facilities or to many customers is done before work that will restore service to only one or two customers.

We learn of outages when customers phone us to say they have lost power, or one of our crews spots and reports an outage. During storms, widespread outages can occur across hundreds of square miles almost at once and the source may be difficult to find.

Once a damaged area is pinpointed, the equipment and personnel needed to make the repairs are determined. Crews are then dispatched to make the repairs.

Transmission lines get first priority because they serve large numbers of customers and large geographic areas.

Distribution substations receive second priority because of their critical linking and switching function. If they are out of service, the system not only has the equivalent of a blocked intersection, we also lose our switching ability to reroute power around damaged areas.

High priority goes to public service and emergency service agencies like hospitals, police, fire, water pumping stations, communication facilities, and critical service to small groups or individuals.

Neighborhoods, businesses, industrial and agricultural facilities are the next priority. Our objectives are to get as many people back on as soon as possible, and to minimize economic losses to these customers.

The next priorities are single residences and small groups of customers on lines that extend outward from more densely networked areas. Delays

in restoring these lines, which serve the fewest customers, stem from the need to concentrate our efforts where we can get the largest number of customers back on line the fastest.

Sometimes customers may see lights come back on across the street or nearby, but remain without power themselves. One reason is that not all circuits are restored at once, and different parts of a neighborhood may be on different circuits. Another might be that the restored customer's service comes directly off a primary line, which is repaired first, while the customer without power is served off a secondary line. During major storms, some customers are unfortunately in areas that are temporarily inaccessible to our crews due to floods, trees fallen across roads, or where safety is an issue. Riviera Utilities works with other services to clear or restore these areas as quickly as possible so we can get to the damaged area and make repairs.

### Downed power lines

During storms and other severe weather, downed power lines can create hazards. Always treat a downed power line as if it were live and remember that ANY contact with a power line is potentially lethal.

Downed power lines are dangerous because they carry an electric current that can instantly cause injury or possibly death. Sometimes even a telephone line can be energized. For example, following a storm you notice a downed telephone line in your yard. While the telephone line typically is not energized, if it is touching a power line it could be extremely dangerous. Be aware of all downed lines and immediately report the problem to your local police, fire department or Riviera Utilities.

If you are in a vehicle that comes in contact with a downed power line, stay put and if you can, honk your horn and lower your window to alert passers-by. Caution them to stay away from the vehicle and ask them to call the power company and emergency officials to report the problem. If you must leave the vehicle, remove all loose items — handbags, loose clothing, etc.

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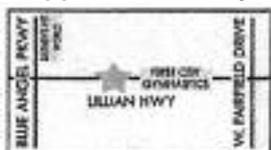
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## Adventures in Eating

By Ken Sanders

If you are worried about calories or cholesterol, stop reading right here. This is simple and easy to prepare dessert. Kids of all ages will love it.

### Snickers-Doodle Pie

- ¾ cup peanut butter
- ¾ cup butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 or 3 regular size Snicker candy bars

12 oz. Cool Whip or real whipped cream

1 prepared graham cracker pie crust

1 small chocolate bar or mini-chocolate chips

Combine butter, peanut butter and brown sugar in a microwave safe bowl. Microwave until melted and let cool. Chop candy bars and mix into peanut butter mixture. (I have found it is easier to freeze the candy bars, wrap them in an old towel and break up the bars onto small pieces with a kitchen mallet or hammer.)

Fold in whipped topping, saving a little for the top. Spread into pie crust. Garnish with the remaining whipped topping and a little bit of a grated chocolate bar or mini-chocolate chips. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

## Hurricane Sally Packed a Punch



The banks of Perdido Bay rose to the corner of Highway 98 and Route 99 by the Lillian Bridge. The waters in Peterson Branch, below, finally receded after flooding Route 99.



The Lillian Bridge was closed when high winds reached the area on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Additional photos on Page 20.



Piles of debris remained everywhere after the storm, including the sidewalk leading to the Spanish Cove pier.



Navigating area streets became a challenge due to downed power lines and fallen trees. Many trees were hung up on power lines.

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## That Was an Experience!

Grateful. Thankful. Blessed. Humbled. Amazed. Awestruck. All words I have used to describe how I felt after experiencing my first hurricane.

I think it's safe to say we were all surprised by the strength and unpredictability of this one. I had put up storm shutters the day before, but that was more to protect the new windows that had been installed a couple months ago. I didn't imagine what was to come, and I was thinking I would feel pretty stupid if I didn't cover them and one of them were damaged.

Fast forward to Tuesday night. I was keeping a close eye on local weather reports, and shortly before the power went out, forecasters were saying while Sally was still moving very slowly, she had lost some of her power and would probably be downgraded again to a tropical storm by the time it made landfall.

Now sitting in total blackness with heavy rain and winds outside, it seemed a good time to go to bed, feeling reassured the storm just had to pass over. But sleep wasn't going to happen.

The sounds and noise level kept increasing and I was convinced that sections of the roof had been lifted off the house. I was tempted to open a door to take a peek outside, but it was too dark and then I thought I might not be able to get the door shut again.

I grew up in Illinois, where it is said that you hear something like a freight train before a tornado hits. I was hearing jumbo jets landing in my backyard, and I didn't know how to interpret that.

I moved from room to room, thinking it might be quieter somewhere else. I was finally able to call my father, who had power and the latest news, which wasn't good. Sally had gone back up to a Category 2 and had Gulf Shores to Lillian to Pensacola in her sights.

I can't say I ever felt I was in danger, but I was concerned about the house and what I may have to deal with after Sally passed. I was happy and relieved to speak to my dad every 15 minutes or so, mostly to ease my mind.

I think we all started to peek outside

once  
a day -  
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wasn't good. The downed trees and power lines, the flooding and running water and the debris everywhere was incredible. I did a quick check of the house and all was well. One large limb snapped on a tree and tall pine tree from way behind the property was now laying over the fence. I was greatly relieved, and then my focus was getting out to check on my parents.

This was a whole other adventure. There was no way to get there with all the devastation and after trying a couple of different routes, I went back home. After waiting about an hour, I tried again with no luck. On the third try a few hours later, it was challenging, but I made it.

I'm still without power, like so many of you. It hasn't been horrible, but I keep anticipating the loud cheering and sighs of relief in my neighborhood when crews get power restored. I also wonder how my ears will deal with not hearing chainsaws and generators.

I think I'm still a little numb at the magnitude of Hurricane Sally and all that she left in her wake. The days afterward have been a blur of cleaning up, checking in on others, helping where you can and adjusting to living without electricity. All this while still putting a newspaper together added to the endless list of challenges that 2020 has presented.

Unfortunately, we were right on deadline as Sally hit and I regret that we weren't able to have complete stories about recovery efforts and the agencies that stepped up to provide food, water and other essentials. I hope to focus on that in the next issue, so please email me at [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com). Maybe you would like to share your Sally experience, thank a friend or neighbor who stepped in to help or let readers know where more assistance can be found as we start this long road to recovery.



**From the  
Managing  
Editor**  
By Janel  
Smith

## Mary's Shelter Makes Donation

By Sally McKinney

Many organizations are donating clothing, food and other items to those affected by Hurricane Laura in Louisiana. Among the donors is Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast (MSGC), a home for homeless pregnant women who choose life for their unborn child.

"We are very fortunate to receive donations for our moms and babies," said Executive Director Kay Trattles. "Sometimes we are overwhelmed and we don't have enough storage space."

When Trattles and the staff at the home in Elberta heard that Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Gulf Shores was sending supplies, they searched the shelves and closets and found an abundance of diapers of all sizes and a supply of rice and beans.

"We are happy to be able to help others, when so many good people help us," she said.

Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast opened in 2006 to address the needs of women experiencing an unwanted or unplanned pregnancy.

MSGC is the only charitable organization in the five-county area of Mobile, Baldwin, Escambia, AL, Santa Rosa and Escambia, FL which

is able to offer shelter and support to homeless, pregnant adult women, before and after the birth of their child.

The shelter is overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors. The facility is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. During the work day, the executive director oversees all aspects of operating the home.

She is assisted by a program manager, who helps residents set goals for their future and meets with each resident on a regular basis to review their progress. An administrative assistant and a grant researcher and writer are also on staff.

A resident adviser is always on the premises. Many volunteers help with all aspects of the program, from rocking babies, to preparing mailings and performing upkeep on the facility.

For more information, visit [www.maryssheltergulfcoast.org](http://www.maryssheltergulfcoast.org), email [kaytrattles@maryssheltergulfcoast.org](mailto:kaytrattles@maryssheltergulfcoast.org) or call 251-986-6200.

• **Editor's note:** This story was written and submitted before Hurricane Sally struck our area. If you are able and willing to donate items for local hurricane relief, please check online for local agencies needing assistance.



Photo by Sally McKinney

Dozens of diapers and about 50 pounds of rice and beans donated by Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast were sent to Louisiana for Hurricane Laura relief. Executive Director Kay Trattles, left, met with Our Lady of the Gulf parishioners Buck Eller and Greg Filiatreault who were collecting the items at the church.

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## OBITUARIES

### Mary Jane Gill

Mary Jane Gill of Lillian passed away on Aug. 28, 2020.

She was born Nov. 29, 1937, in Dunbee, Mich. She graduated from Monroe High School in Monroe, Mich., in 1955, and worked a variety of jobs. She wed Ron Gill in 1983, and moved from Michigan to Lillian in 1997.

She is survived by a stepdaughter, Vivian Sanford; a stepniece, Rachel Remelt; and best friend and classmate Shirley Yoas.

She is remembered by neighbors and friends as a loving, helpful, person who was active in the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, the American Legion, and supported a variety of church activities

Burial was in Barrancas National Cemetery with her husband, who passed on Dec. 5, 2017. Donations to your favorite charity in her memory in lieu of flowers is appreciated

### Woodrow B. Lucy

Woodrow B. Lucy, 81, of Lillian, passed away Aug. 17, 2020.

Military services were held Aug. 27 at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola. Cason Funeral Service in Foley was in charge of arrangements.

## Installing Apps with Microsoft Edge

Yes, you can create a web app on the desktop that treats a webpage as an app-like experience.

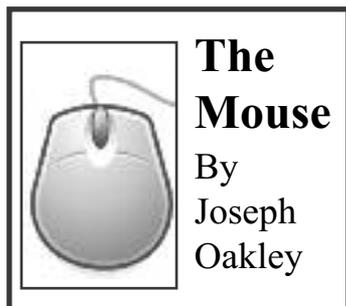
You can use any site you want as a web app from the new Edge, including YouTube, Pandora, Outlook.com or your most frequently visited web site.

To use web apps on Microsoft Edge:

- Open Edge and head to the site you want to use as an app. Then click the Settings button (three dots in the upper-right corner) and then go to Apps > Install.

- A window will appear with a suggested name for the app. You may over type it to change it to a name you prefer. Then click install.

That's it. A shortcut for the app will be created. It will launch to show you the app and will make an icon in the start menu. If you prefer to have the web app shortcut on the task bar, open the app then right click on the icon on the task bar then click pin to task bar from the menu. To create a shortcut on the desktop, navigate to the newly created app in start and it will show at the top under recently added apps



and also within the list of apps and programs in alphabetical order. Right click the app icon and from the menu, click on more. Select open file location. It will open the file location to the app and it should be highlighted. Right click it and click on copy, navigate to the desktop to right click, then click paste. Now the newly created app has a shortcut on the desktop.

Until next time, enjoy your created apps.

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

If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please email them to [mouse@pc-s4u.com](mailto:mouse@pc-s4u.com).

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## Hurricane Sally Shows No Mercy



*Photos by Janel Smith  
Winds of over 105 miles an hour from the Category 2 hurricane uprooted thousands of trees in the Lillian area and Baldwin County.*



*Waves and water had already swallowed up the piers at the Lillian boat launch by Tuesday afternoon. Additional photos on Page 17.*



*Recently resurfaced, the new golf cart path in Spanish Cove was destroyed by flooding.*

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