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Several new light displays were part of this year's Christmas in the Park at Lillian Recreational Park. Dozens of volunteers helped organize and set up in the weeks before the lights were officially lit on Dec. 5. Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand for the event and children were allowed to visit with them in the park's bandstand. A children's costume contest was held as well as an ugly sweater contest for adults. Lillian Pet Grooming provided a tractor and a surrey for a couple of new displays. The park was lit nightly through the new year. Additional Christmas in the Park information and photos are on Pages 14, 15 and 16.

Local Historian Shares More Information on Early Days of Lillian

By Janel Smith

In September 2019 we introduced readers to Curry Weber, a local historian who has a strong interest in early Lillian. Since that time, we have run a few more articles featuring what he has learned about this area.

After moving here a few years ago, he has been involved in area field digs and is now focused on uncovering details about early Lillian and the roads that connected Mobile to Pensacola.

In his quest to uncover more details, he had planned on giving a presentation to local residents this past spring, but COVID-19 changed that. He hoped to share what he has learned, thinking it could possibly spark someone to give him some information in return.

fascinating and this past June, we highlighted the British period (1763-

1781). In August, we covered the Spanish period (1781-1813) and a portion of the American period (1813-present) up to the Civil War.

This month, the final installment of Weber's findings will focus more on the Civil War and modern eras.

From the 1820s and beyond, records are pretty sparse with information on the Pensacola to Mobile road. As more settlers came to the area, farming and logging increased, railroads were built and better roads were constructed. Shorter ferries and some bridges made getting between the two cities much easier and the old road became less frequently used.

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Records from throughout the Civil War mention ferry crossings, some of which could refer to the one in modern-day Spanish Cove, but none mention it by name.

At the beginning of the Civil War, all of the roads and river crossings

were picketed by Confederate forces. This is confirmed in letters written by Michael and Edward Holmes while stationed at Camp Powell during the fall and winter of 1863. Camp Powell was a Confederate Calvary station on the Pensacola-Mobile road, just a couple of miles north of where Elberta Elementary School is located.

It was among a number of camps that provided military communications and a defensive network between the two cities. Their letters talk about the beauty of the bay and frequent fishing trips and also attest to the proximity of Confederate and Federal troops.

Most other references to Perdido Bay during the war relate to river crossings just north of the bay where modern Highway 90 now crosses.

Originally receiving a land grant on the West Perdido River in 1799, Francisco Suarez and his family continued to expand through the 1800s and into the early 1900s. The family is often mentioned in local newspapers of the time in connection with the community of Spring Bluff, roughly the area of modern-day Suarez Point.

The Lillian Post Office was established in 1884 and research from that era suggests a shift had occured possibly just after the Civil War, from the Pancha's Ferry Landing and roadway in today's Spanish Cove into one north, in Lillian, and another south, at Spring Bluff.

Moving forward, one of Weber's goals is to confirm the location of the Perdido stockade fort. He also hopes to locate the site of the Murray Ferry fortification which was described by British deserters in 1780.

In 1997, a large archeological

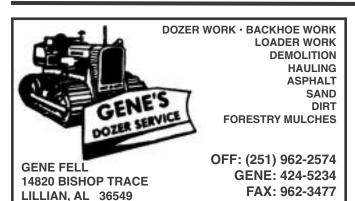
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Community Thanksgiving Service

This year's Community Thanksgiving Service in Lillian sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay was a little different. In order to maintain social distancing, members of the community drove into the pecan grove at Lillian United Methodist Church to hear words of Thanksgiving from area pastors. From left are Rev. Daniel Randall, pastor of Lillian United Methodist Church and also president of the Optimist Club; Rev. Tom Harris, Bayside Baptist Church; Rev. Brian Mack, New Mt. Marriah Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Dean Conkel, Lillian Fellowship Church and Rev. Tina Lockett, Episcopal Church of the Advent. Approximately 50 cars filled the grove to hear the message of "In All Circumstances Give Thanks."

Photo by Sally McKinney





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American Legion Planning Annual Ham Dinners

The American Legion Post 48 of Lillian will be hosting their annual ham dinners on the fourth Sunday over the next three months. The dates are Jan. 24, Feb. 28 and March 28.

Held at the Lillian Community Club, the meal is \$10 per person. The menu includes ham with raisin sauce, green beans, yams, potatoes, salad, dessert and ice tea or coffee.

As in the past, inside dining is available as well as carryout. As another option, drive-

through service will be available this year due to COVID-19. Legion members will be providing directions for the drive-through and organizers ask for your patience.

The ham dinners are Post 48's primary fundraiser, assisting the veteran's group in building ramps for disabled veterans, maintaining the medical closet, sending high school students to Boys State and presenting the Veterans Day program.

Stories Behind How Towns, Landmarks Were Named

Have you ever given much thought as to how local towns and landmarks were given their names? The Indian, Spanish, French and British influences are apparent and as Baldwin County further developed, the names of many early settlers were then used.

Using historical records and other sources, the following is a non-inclusive list of locations and how they came by their names.

- Bay Minette Canadian Phillipe Minette was among the first settlers of the Mobile colony in 1702. He later moved to the Tensaw River and the bay there was named for him. The community of Bay Minette moved to its present site when the railroad was built in the 1860s.
- Bon Secour Early French settlers referred to it as "good harbor" in their lan-
- Daphne The city was named for the many laurel trees in the area. According to Greek mythology, nymph Daphne was transformed into a laurel to escape Apollo.
- Elberta The town was founded as a home for German immigrants and was named for the Elberta peaches that grew on area farms.
- Elsanor A dentist from Chicago agreed to donate two acres of land and money for a community school if the school were named after his wife, Elsa Norton.
- Fairhope The Fairhope Industrial Association began mote the single-tax theory. family around 1840.

The association started the community as a single-tax colony in 1894. The name implied colonists had a fair hope of success in their new town.

- Foley Chicago businessman John Burton Foley first learned of Baldwin County and its potential on a train trip he made to President William McKinley's funeral in 1901. He purchased large timber acreage in the south of the county and the community was named for him.
- Fort Morgan Begun in 1819, the fort was named for Gen. Daniel Morgan, a Revolutionary War hero who led American troops at the Battle of Cowpens in North Carolina.
- Gulf Shores Incorporated in 1957, it was named for its location.
- Josephine Amos Ross owned land in that area prior to the Civil War and it was named after his daughter, Josephine.
- Lillian Appointed in 1884, William Thomas Kee was the first postmaster. The town is named for his daugh-
- Loxley Fred Loxley helped establish the town in the early 1900s.
- Magnolia Springs The community is near the former site of the Magnolia Plantation in an area with several springs.
- Malbis Jason Malbis began the community as a home for Greek immigrants in
- Miflin Property in that in Des Moines, Iowa, to pro- area was owned by the Miflin

- · Ono Island One legend claims that neither Alabama or Florida wanted to claim the island, believing it undesirable. Both sides would say "oh no" when asked to take responsibility and this led to the name.
- Oyster Bay The abundance of oysters resulted in the name.
- · Orange Beach Many kumquat groves were prominent but the county citrus industry was ruined in the 1920s by frosts and hurricanes.
- Perdido The town, river and beach earned their names from Perdido Bay. Ono Island behind the bay entrance in Orange Beach makes the pass hard to see from the gulf and early Spanish explorers called it "perdido," meaning lost.
- Point Clear Spanish explorers called it "Punta Clara" or Point Clear because it was easily found along Mobile
- · Robertsdale Dr. B. F. Roberts was an officer with the Southern Plantation Development Co., which established the town in 1905.
- Rosinton Tapping rosin from pine trees to make turpentine and other products was a big industry in the early 1900s.
- · Summerdale Eli Summer founded the community in 1904. Originally called Summerville, the name was changed when another town in Alabama had the same name.
- Weeks Bay Early resident N. Weeks purchased the bay and the land around it for \$100 in 1809. The waterway was also called Fish Bay.

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Food Pantry Serving Lillian



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LASAR Closes Year with Awards

LASAR

By Donna Johnson

Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) closed out 2020 with their Christmas party on Dec. 12 for members and their families. Every-

one brought covered dishes and desserts and "dirty Santa" gifts were the laugh of the party.

LASAR is success-

ful not only because of its members, but because of the families who support the unit. It is a great time for parents, siblings and older children to work together on projects at the unit.

During the December meeting, Darrell Balsamo received the most dedicated member award and Dillon Santinelli received the outstanding member award. Both of these men work exhaustively for the unit, rarely missing a work detail call or an emergency callout. It is this level of dedication that makes LASAR successful volunteer organization.

Several LASAR members attended the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads (AARS) conference in Orange Beach in November. This annual conference is an opportunity LASAR building on Barclay Street.

for rescue squad members throughout the state to attend certification courses and meet to discuss common issues. LASAR was asked to provide

> their rescue boat, dive truck and ATVs in the conference hall for display and instruction opportunities.

Additional thank you's were given to those members who worked the FEMA Point of Distribution during Hurricane Sally recovery efforts. Several members helped with distributing supplies, traffic control, cleaning storm debris and other things neighbors do to help each other during a storm.

All LASAR members wish you and yours the best for 2021 and a reminder there are great volunteer organizations in our small community.

Think about volunteering this year and sharing your talent, skills or good company with your neighbors. If you are looking to join LASAR, come to our meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the



LASAR recently recognized two members for their service to the group. Dillon Santinelli, left, received the outstanding member award while Darrell Balsamo, center, was named most dedicated member. LASAR commander Ray Hogans presented the awards at their December meeting.

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Continuing Our Volunteer Ways

It's so nice when neighbors work together. In my neighborhood of Spanish Cove, neighbors are always helping each other. Sometimes, it's a bowl of soup when you're not feeling well. Other times a neighbor takes in your garbage container while you're out, trims your bushes because your trimmer is broken, mows your lawn because he/she knows you've had a bad week.

It's great, too, when community organizations work for the betterment of the residents. As a member of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, I've been aware of that for some time. This great organization concentrates on doing the best for kids. They host Christmas and Easter parties, a fishing rodeo and scholarships for high school seniors and even one to the National Flight Academy. They honor teachers and law enforcement officers.

In mid-December they delivered Christmas gifts to special needs boys and girls at the three Elberta Schools. It was a little different this year, as Covid-19 has curtailed some of the fun. Instead of bringing Santa to the schools, his elves brought the gifts to the schools for the teachers to hand out.

But it's not just the Optimist Club that does it. I just found out the two churches that provide food for the needy have worked together so food is available three weeks of each month. The Shepherd of Bay Lutheran Church will continue to distribute food on the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of each month. St. Joseph Catholic Church has changed its day from the first Tuesday to the third Tuesday. Distribution times at both locations is 9 to 11 a.m.

The week before Christmas the Optimist Club arranged to provide a variety of food to local families. The



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

Masonic Lodge provided the smoked turkeys and the Optimist Club and churches provided everything else to make this a happier Christmas for many.

I've mentioned two churches, but I'm sure the other seven are doing lots of good things for the community. Just being there for us to choose from is great!

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department was a large presence this Christmas. They provided transportation for Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Spanish Cove golf cart parade and at the Lillian Recreational Park's Christmas in the Park. I hope you have all taken a trip to the park to see the beautiful displays. The park is a beautiful asset for our community.

Let's not forget the benefits we get from the Lillian Community Club, the American Legion, Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR), the Lillian Women's Club and the Lillian Perdido Bay Library. Oops! I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Do you know what's great about these organizations? They exist because there are men and women in Lillian who are dedicated to the community. They volunteer, they don't get paid. They do it because they love the men, women and children who live here.

I know there are many out there who would be great assets to these organization. I know the organizations can't do everything they'd like to do on the scale that they used to do it, but we are still working for you. Do you think you could find some time to give back some of the love?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It was the most wonderful time of the year at the Lillian Recreational Park when the celebration began with their 2nd annual Christmas in the Park and the "Launching of the Lights." The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department delivered Santa and Mrs. Claus to hear children's Christmas wishes.

It was a magical evening filled with jingle bells, hot chocolate and the joyous sound of children laughing and folks mingling, all while practicing social distancing.

The following week, the park

hosted the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and their annual breakfast with Santa. Mrs. Claus joined in the fun while the elves handed out gifts, juice pouches and Christmas tree cakes.

All of the long hours and hard work to bring these events together is due to the dedicated group of energetic volunteers who have worked tirelessly and with passion for the enjoyment of our community. We wish to thank everyone involved.

We had a holly, jolly Christmas. Blessings to all in the New Year.

Doug and Nancy Scott

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Lillian Masonic Lodge delivered Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner to the residents of Mary's Shelter. The lodge has committed to make this an annual tradition and also has voted Mary's Shelter and their mission of serving homeless, pregnant mothers looking to transition their lives as one of its favorite charities. Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 partnered with its own women's support group and the Foley Eastern Star Chapter 142. Special thanks go to Cheryl Sutherland Richardson and Eric Parmer for their help in preparing food for these events. Making the delivery of food to the shelter were, from left, Cindy Stoner, Freida Harrison, Richard Duggan, Mike Blakenship, Rodger Stoner, Linda Falcon and Sherry Duggan.

Time for Financial Resolutions

Many of us probably felt that 2020 lasted a very long time. But now that 2021 is upon us, we can make a fresh start – and one way to do that is to make some New Year's resolutions.

Of course, you can make these resolutions for all parts of your life – physical, emotional, intellectual – but have you ever considered some financial resolutions?

Here are a few such resolutions to consider:

• Don't overreact to events. When the coronavirus pandemic hit in mid-February, the financial markets took a big hit. Many people, convinced that we were in for a prolonged slump, decided to take a "time out" and headed to the investment sidelines. But it didn't take long for the markets to rally, rewarding those patient investors who stayed the course.

Nothing is a certainty in the investment world, but the events of 2020 followed a familiar historical pattern: major crisis followed by market drop followed by strong recovery.

The lesson for investors? Don't overreact to today's news – because tomorrow may look quite different.

• Be prepared. At the beginning of 2020, nobody was anticipating a worldwide pandemic and its terrible consequences, both to individuals' health and to their economic wellbeing.

None of us can foretell the future, either, but we can be prepared, and one way to do so is by building an emergency fund. Ideally, such a fund should be kept in liquid, lowrisk vehicles and contain at least six months' worth of living expenses.

• Focus on moves you can control. In response to pandemic-related economic pressures, some employers cut their matching contributions to 401(k) plans in 2020. Will some future event cause another such reduction?

No one knows – and even if it happens, there's probably nothing



Financial Focus

By Jason M. Kozon of Edward Jones

you can do about it. Instead of worrying about things you can't control, focus on those you can.

When it comes to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, put in as much as you can afford this year, and if your salary goes up, increase your contribution.

• Recognize your ability to build savings. During the pandemic, the personal savings rate shot up, hitting a record of 33% in April, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economy Analysis. It fell over the next several months, but still remained about twice as high as the rate of the past few years.

Of course, much of this surge in Americans' proclivity to save money was due to our lack of options for spending it, as the coronavirus caused either complete or partial shutdowns in physical retail establishments, as well as dining and entertainment venues.

But if you did manage to boost your own personal savings when your spending was constrained, is it possible to remain a good saver when restrictions are lifted? Probably.

And the greater your savings, the greater your financial freedoms – including the freedom to invest and freedom from excessive debt. When we reach a post-pandemic world, see if you can continue saving more than you did in previous years – and use your savings wisely.

These aren't the only financial resolutions you can make – but following them may help you develop habits that could benefit you in 2021 and beyond.

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Tauris Hart has started duties as the new caretaker for Lillian Recreational Park. Responsible for grounds and facility maintenance, he was joined by his wife, April, in repairing the fence around the playground.

Lillian Park Welcomes New Caretaker

The Lillian Recreational Park is pleased to announce that Tauris Hart has been chosen as the park's new caretaker. Hart will be responsible for maintaining the facilities and grounds and will also serve as the contact for rental of the various athletic fields and meeting rooms.

He brings enthusiasm and a fresh approach to the caretaker position. A gardener himself, as well as an artist with small engine repair experience, he was eager to get started and began by repairing the fencing around the kiddie playground and helping remove the basketball court's collapsed fencing.

Juanita Dodd, LRP board president, said, "Tauris Hart's friendly outgoing nature, positive attitude, wide range of work experience and ability to work with people in many different situations make him a wonderful addition. He will be a great help as we continue to recover from Hurricane Sally and I have no doubt that he will soon know all our regular visitors by name."

Hart says he's excited to get to work.

When asked what excites him the most and what his first priority would

be, he said, "Helping the park recover from Sally. Getting everything back into working condition so people can come back and enjoy the park, knowing that we put a lot of effort into giving them a park to come back to. It's a project right now, but you will be able to see the benefits once it's done."

Hurricane Sally did a lot of damage in the park, especially to the press boxes, dugouts, trees and fencing. He will help oversee those repairs and said he is very much a people person. "I'm very approachable." He's looking forward to greeting park visitors and making sure the park is a place they enjoy visiting.

He and his wife, April, and daughter, Maddie, will live in the caretaker apartment in the park's main building.

April has worked as a caregiver for over 20 years. Maddie is 13 and is attending school virtually right now. The Harts are very family-oriented. During their free time, they enjoy spending time together and doing things as a family, including visits to the beach. They expect their son, Joshua, 19, to be a frequent visitor, especially to the basketball court.



Community Bulletin Board

- Jan. 7 Lillian Recreational Park meets the first Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. in the park conference room
- Jan. 11 LASAR meeting, 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, Barclay Street
- Jan. 12 & 26 Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m., second and fourth Tuesday of month
- Jan. 18 American Legion Post 48 meeting, 7 p.m. third Monday of each month, Lillian Community Club
- Jan. 19 St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, 9 to 11 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month, St. Joseph Catholic Church
- Jan. 24 American Legion Ham Dinner, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lillian Community Club, see ad on Page 3 for details
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Orally Speaking

By Richard Leverett, DMD

My Crown is Off. What Should I Do?

A permanent crown can come off for a number of reasons. The cement washes out, the tooth is broken inside the crown or the crown has aged and worn out. Here are some things to do until you can get to the dentist.

Examine the inside of the crown. In most instances, it is off due to a failure of the cement. You would see a fine white film inside. You have a few options. Temporary cement can be bought at a drugstore. It is a simple fix by following the directions. You should still contact your dentist to examine both the crown and tooth.

If you see chunks, it could be excessive cement. If the chunks are hard, it could be the tooth has broken off and it is difficult to place the crown back on. It may feel like it no longer fits and you should not put it back on.

If the crown is loose, you cold swallow or inhale it. If swallowed, it will pass. But if it is inhaled you have a severe problem. This is an absolute emergency and you should call 911 and go to the nearest emergency room to have a doctor remove the crown from your lung. You could choke to death.

If it is a back tooth, don't put it back on. Put it in a sandwich bag. Consume soft foods and fluids as near room temperature as you can. Brush your teeth normally with tepid water, avoiding that tooth. If it is a front tooth, you can use petroleum jelly, toothpaste or a small drop of denture adhesive to place it back on for cosmetic purposes. This is only if you are in public. Take it out when you are home. Do not eat or sleep with a loose crown, no matter where the tooth is located. Contact your dentist.

Under no circumstances should you use super glue. It is toxic to your teeth and body. The label states it is not for dental purposes. One reason is that it adheres instantly and the crown could be placed incorrectly. This is miserable and the dentist will have to cut the crown off and fabricate an expensive new one.

In any instance, contact a dentist immediately for an exam.

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Red Hats Hold Christmas Party



The Perdido Grande Dames Red Hats held their Christmas party at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church on Dec. 8. Waynette Brown and Barbara Dixon will be queens during the coming year. A dirty Santa gift exchange was fun and everyone got a second gift from Mary Margaret Ayres. The event ended with a reading of "The Legend of the Candy Cane." The group's next gathering will be Tuesday, Jan. 12, with Ruby Wellman and Priscilla Westgate hosting. If you are interested in joining, call Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206. In attendance were, front from left, Mary Margaret Ayres, Barbara Dixon, Este Donnerwirth, Dottie Mau and Priscilla Westgate. In back, Waynette Brown, Vickey Massey, Ruby Wellman, Lorri Roit, Kay Lett and Judith Wittig. Judy Wargo took the photo.

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- Baldwin County officers responded to a report of theft at 2:50 p.m. Nov. 23 in the 100 block of DeFuniak Loop, Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of domestic assault at 8:59 a.m. Nov. 24 in the 2100 block of Vasco Drive in Lillian.
- Officers responded to a theft report at 8:55 a.m. Nov. 25 in the 100 block of Horn Drive, Lillian
- A call for domestic physical assault occurred at 8:21 p.m. Nov. 26 in the 1600 block of Santa Cruz Drive in Lillian.
- Theft was reported at 4:27 p.m. Nov. 26 in the 12100 block of Fritz Court in Lillian.
- Officers responded to a verbal domestic assault report at 12:44 a.m. Nov. 29 in the 1900 block of Ridgewood Drive, Lillian.
- Domestic verbal assault was also reported in the 1300 block of Ridgewood Drive, Lillian, at 1 p.m. Dec. 4.
- Officers responded to a report of theft at 2:50 p.m. Dec. 10 in the 1900 block of Ridgewood Drive, Lillian.
- Commercial burglary was reported at 11 a.m. Dec. 11 in the 34400 block of Highway 98 in Lillian.
- Officers responded to a theft report at 9:50 a.m. Dec. 13 in the 33100 block of Zeena Drive in Lillian.
- Assault was reported at 2:45 p.m. Dec. 13 in the 33000 block of Collier Road, Lillian.
- Assault was reported again at 12:28 a.m. Dec. 16 in the 33000 block of Collier Road in Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of residential burglary at 10:07 p.m. Dec. 15 in the 1900 block of Ridgewood Drive, Lillian.



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Observing the Day of Epiphany

epiphany is one of those moments in life when something profound is revealed to you. For example, when Albert Einstein conceived the mathematical equation E=mc2, that was, to him, an epiphany. Something new was revealed. We have epiphanies all of the time. Each day we learn new things about ourselves and the world around us. Ours might not have as great an impact as perhaps Einstein's theory of relativity, but they are epiphanies - revelations - all the same.

Jan. 6 is the day the church marks as the Day of Epiphany. That is the day God revealed himself to the gentiles (non-Jewish people) of the world and the day the three wise men arrived to greet the baby Jesus.

This is a very familiar Bible story. But there are bits added to the story that are not in the Bible. For example, the Bible does not say the number of men or the country from which they came, though it was likely Babylon. What we do know is that "magi from the east came to Jerusalem." Magi is a word used to describe people who were magicians, astrologers and sorcerers.

When you think about it, these do not sound like very "wise" men. They were involved in things that were not pleasing to God. So, the question is this: how did these foreigners know to look for the Savior?

"What's an epiphany?" An The answer: they had God's word. Remember, the term magi was a word used in ancient Babylon. We know that the Jews had long before been taken to Babylon in exile. Among them was Daniel. What we know is that Daniel worked with other magi, or wise men, in Babylon. A faithful believer like Daniel would have definitely told his new friends about the coming Savior. And so years passed, but Daniel's message remained. These particular magi had heard the good news concerning the King of the Jews. It is obvious the wise men did not have all the facts. Their faith and understanding was limited. In fact, where do we find them looking for answers? They turn to the stars. Some would say they were turning to their astrology.

Notice how God used a star to pull the magi to see his glory revealed. In his own way, God used a special star to let these wise men know that a special king had been born. All the stars, planets and galaxies serve his purpose. At creation, God decreed a star be set in the sky for these magi. And in this, God fulfilled his own promises spoken by Isaiah: "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of vour dawn."

That was the wise men's epiphany. They were not biblical scholars, but they believed in the King of kings. God had revealed his



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grace to them. God would lead them to realize that gifts they were not the important message. It was not the gold, frankincense or the myrrh. No. Their greatest treasure was Jesus Christ, the light of the world. That treasure moved them to share their other treasures in worship to the Lord. I moved to Lillian in April of 2020. In this past year of pandemic, I have smiled at the gracious spirit of giving in this community. I have watched as you open up the treasures of your lives and offer them in service. You have given hands, feet and heart. It has been said, "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." God has proven that to us. He gave himself to us because he loves us. God's love is revealed in his Word. And his love is reflected in our lives as we worship him with our lives. God's grace leads us to be like the wise men. That means we can give and share out of our gratitude. The gifts we bring to our Lord come from our hearts. We give of ourselves because we know God first gave himself for us. Now that is a profound moment. That is an epiphany.

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 January go out to Heather Price, Becky Wiggins, Jake Fretwell, Bob Garcia, Dick Ayres, Joanne Matthews, Tay Randall, Caroline Canaday, Linda Sepac, Shirley Covert, Clarence Hardiman and Earl Paschke.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in January are Don and Adele Hartman - 40 years, Weldon and Ruby Dell Cox - 10 years and Jerry and MJ Rooks - 64 years.

If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, please email 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.

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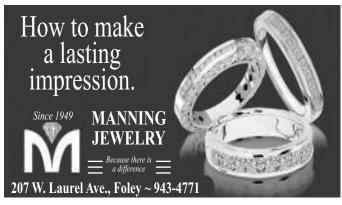
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Local Pair Part of Masonic Lodge History





The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Alabama made his first ever visit to Lillian on Dec. 18. Shelby Thomas Morrow Jr., at left in both photos, was at the Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 to recognize two Lillian members. In the photo at left, Morrow presented Vernon Lowe his 65th year pin. Lowe was the first Worshipful Master of Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 and has held an active position in the lodge until this year. In the photo at right, David Johnson, current treasurer, received his 50th year pin from Morrow.

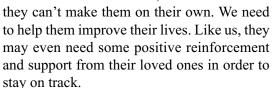
Consider Your Pets When Making Resolutions

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This is the time when everyone makes resolutions about improving their lives, but what about our pets? This is also the perfect time for them to have a resolution or two, but



Some pets struggle with being a little overweight. Luckily, there are a lot of different ways you can help your pet maintain a healthy weight.

You can start your pet on a higher quality food diet and begin measuring their food. You can also try getting your pet to exercise more. If your pet already exercises a fair amount, then you can try a new activity with your pet or take a new route when you go for a walk.

Although weight loss and exercise are popular resolutions among humans, animals can have a variety of resolutions. You could make a resolution to make sure you play with your pet more.

If you already play a lot, then you could resolve to clean out their old and tattered toys and buy them a new toy to encourage them to play and to stimulate their brains.

If you wanted to focus more on the thinking aspect, you could even work on teaching them a new trick.

Alternatively, you could work on safety

aspects of your pet's life. Taking steps to pet-proof your home by using childproof latches on cabinets and making sure that small items and toys that can be harmful are stowed

away where your pet can't reach them.

Another idea is to update your pet's ID tag and create an emergency response plan. This could include things like addresses and phone numbers of pet-friendly evacuation sites, veterinary records and some food and medicine.

You should also consider setting some money aside in an emergency savings account.

Wellness is another area you can work on to improve your pet's life. Sticking to a regular grooming schedule can contribute to keeping your pet happy and feeling loved.

If you haven't really had a great record of keeping up with giving your pet's medications and prevention on time, you could make a resolution for that.

Making sure your pet has at least one annual exam by a veterinarian and they are kept up to date on their vaccinations is an excellent way to keep your pet healthy for years to come.

We recommend modifying these suggestions so they fit your lifestyle. Finding a resolution for your pet that interests you helps you stay motivated to complete it.

Doing this gives both you and your pet your best chance at success and a happy and healthy new year.



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Church Hosting Bible Study



Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church invites all who are interested to attend a weekly Bible study each Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Pastor Timothy Sowers is using a new video series, "The Gospels: The Extraordinary Life of Jesus of Nazareth." Topics include the birth of Jesus, travels around the sea of Galilee, Holy Week and Easter and is hosted by Dave Stotts, who tells the story of Jesus from locations recorded in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. There are 18 episodes that dive into the history, archeology, geography and art surrounding the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. The content is designed for all ages.



Lillian Perdido Bay **Library Corner**

By Sarah Henkel

Happy New Year! We have to celebrate 2021 as we look forward to the vaccine for COVID-19.

The Lillian Perdido Bay Library is open (with a mask mandate) six hours a week - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The library is a donation library, no funds are received from the federal, county or state government. We are the hometown library, relying on your donations. We operate with volunteers and your help. This month you will be receiving a membership postcard to be filled out and returned to the library with your donation. We will certainly appreciate it.

We have an enormous assortment of children's books for all ages. For children not able to go to school, it could provide a way to help learn about new ideas.

This is a poem that I recently found:

- I will read on a boat.
- I will read with a goat,
- I will read on a train,
- I will read in the rain,
- I will read with a fox,
- I will read in a box,
- I will read with a mouse.
- I will read in a house.

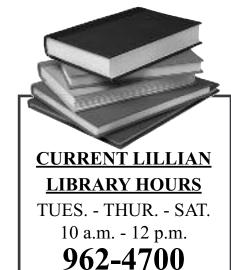
I will read here and there,

I will read anywhere,

I will read everywhere!

Maybe this poem will inspire more people to use the library. If you do not have a library card, we have a small form for you to fill out and you will receive your card to be able to take out books, large print books, non-fiction books, paperbacks, biographies, classics, DVDs, audios, music and children's books. The library card is free.

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Cuban Cockroaches in U.S.

How did the little green cockroach order the daily special?

I'll "Havanna" that, please.

Yes, there is a green cockroach. This little guy is the Cuban cockroach, Panchlora nivea, also known as the Green Banana cockroach. The color could vary from a pale yellowish-green to a bright apple green. The very front tip of its head is brown and the edge of the green where it meets the brown has a bright yellow stripe. At rest, it looks a lot like a brand-new spring leaf.

This small species can be found in Cuba, Mexico and the Gulf Coast states, but is most common in Texas. It is found in subtropical or tropical climates. This is a cockroach that breaks all kinds of rules — it is actually native to Cuba. German roaches aren't native to Germany. American roaches aren't native to America. Want to guess where they are originally from? Go ahead. I can wait.

American roaches are from Africa. German roaches are from Southeastern Asia.

It is believed that P. nivea spread from Cuba to the United States with shipments of bananas by mistake. The Cuban Cockroach can also be purchased as a pet in the United States. They can be found in California, and most of the gulf coast states except Mississippi. Mississippi seems like an odd choice for being left out, especially since there were huge banana docks (actual sites where bananas were imported from other countries) in Gulfport for many years. Maybe the seagulls ate them all?

This tiny species is mostly an outside pest. It is teeny tiny, with the "larger" female being up to an inch long. The males are half her size. A nymph is even smaller and would fit with room to spare on a penny.

This little emerald beauty has long, transparent wings. It is attracted to light.



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion

Those long, transparent wings make them strong flyers. The Cuban Cockroach can be found in trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants, piles of lumber, piles of leaves and mulch. It is not considered a pest due to its inability to develop and reproduce indoors except in highly controlled environments. Outside, they can be considered a pest in areas where firewood or leaf piles are kept. The only known agricultural threat is to banana plants when populations rise.

Here is another rule the Cuban cockroach breaks - they are a viviparous species. Viviparous is a fancy word for the species developing inside the mother's body. Elephants, humans and frogs are viviparous. Most roaches are born via oviparity, or out of eggs laid outside the mother's body. Chickens, lizards and German roaches reproduce by laying eggs. Most roaches develop from ootheca, or eggs sacs, that the roach mother deposits in secure areas.

Female Cuban cockroaches give birth to an average of 30 tiny brown nymphs at one time. Not 30 eggs, but 30 living, wriggling little roaches. The nymphs are burrowers and do not climb. The eggs develop within the abdominal cavity of the female. The eggs remain within the female for about two months before their live birth. Their total life span is about 20 months.

Why did the Cuban cockroach leave the party? Because he was a pest!

If you had turkey for Christmas, hopefully you saved the bones and made broth, picked the bones and put the

Adventures in **Eating**

By Ken Sanders

picked meat in with the broth. You are now ready to make turkey soup, just what the doctor ordered for a cold January meal.

Turkey Soup

Turkey meat

1 tbs. butter

- 1 very small poblano pepper, deseeded, deveined and diced fine
 - 1 large stalk celery, diced fine
 - 1 small onion, diced fine
 - 1 bay leaf

1 ½ cup noodles

Turkey broth

2 carrots, shredded or julienne

½ cucumber, shredded or julienne (do not used seed portion)

- 1 generous tsp. chicken soup base
- 1 ½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 generous tsp. Shrimp Basket brand hot pepper sauce (or other flavorful hot sauce)
 - 1 egg, whipped
 - 3 or 4 green onions, sliced fine
 - ½ tsp. salt
 - ½ tsp. fresh ground pepper

Melt butter until hot, add salt and pepper, diced celery, poblano and onion and fry, stirring until vegetables cooked.

Add all other ingredients except egg, green onions, cucumber and noodles. Bring to a boil and add noodles.

After 4 minutes, add cucumber and cook for another 4 to 5 minutes (until noodles are done). Stir in egg and serve topped with green onion.

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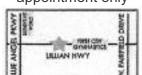
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Remember 7-Ups For This New Year

Happy New Year! Despite the darkness in the world, the light of Christ shines brightly, and we have a new year with new opportunities. It is a time of hope, of planning, of vision-casting, and of course, it is a time for resolutions.

- I like a list of resolutions prepared by Rev. Walter Schoedel. He calls them 7-Ups for the new year and they include:
- 1 Wake up Begin the day with the Lord. It is His day. Rejoice in it.
- 2 Dress up Put on a smile. It improves your looks. It says something about your attitude.
- 3 Shut up Watch your tongue. Don't gossip. Say nice things. Learn to listen.
- 4 Stand up Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good.
- 5 Look up Open your eyes to the Lord. After all, He is your only Sayior.
- 6 Reach up Spend time in prayer with your adorations, confessions, thanksgivings and supplications to the Lord.
- 7 Lift up Be available to help those in need by serving, supporting and sharing.

If you're going to make new year's resolutions this year, let me suggest Rev. Schoedel's list.

We think why do we bother to make New Year's resolutions in the first place? Why do we feel this need each January to set new goals?



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

Maybe it is because resolutions help us to identify our priorities. They answer the question of how do I want to invest my time, energy, money and talents in this new year? The new year reminds us that time is passing. It is up to each of us to maximize the potential of every moment. The coming of the new year forces us to face the question of what will be my priorities this year?

God wants something better for us in this new year than we have experienced in the past. He has called us blessed, chosen, holy, blameless, adopted sons and daughters of God. A new year is also a good time to give other people a new chance and to expect the best from them, realizing that with a little help and trust from you, they could be different. Give people a chance to begin over again with you. You and I are to forgive those who have sinned against us. If we cannot even forgive each other, how can we ever hope to experience the unconditional love and forgiveness of God? God is giving each of us in this new year the ability to go out and live as blessed, chosen, holy, blameless, adopted sons and daughters of God and to pass that blessing on to everyone we meet.

Please submit your news articles, club notes, event updates, photos, etc. to lillianeditor@yahoo.com for our next issue!

What You Should Know About Capital Gains and Losses

Because it is still too early to talk about tax changes for 2020, I thought it might be useful to tell you about capital gains and losses (CG&L). In the old days, we thought only the rich had to worry about the tax consequences of CG&L, but not so anymore. In fact, most of us at one time or another have had CG&L on our tax returns.

A capital transaction occurs when a person sells or otherwise disposes of a capital asset. A capital asset is defined as property you own that is not inventory, accounts or notes receivable, depreciable property or real estate used in a trade or business and a number of other items used as part of a trade or business.

For most of us, a capital asset is the home we live in, stocks, bonds, or mutual funds we have, our vehicles and generally other property we own. A capital asset may also be something we created like a musical composition or a copyright in a musical work if the creator chooses to treat it as a capital asset.

Oftentimes, a capital transaction occurs even when you have nothing to do with it. Mutual fund companies will sell holdings and distribute gains to their shareholders in the form of capital gain distributions. They will send you a 1099 DIV for you to claim capital gains.

A gain or loss occurs when you

sell a capital asset for more or less than you paid to purchase or create it. An easy example is when you buy Tesla stock for \$350 a share and then sell it for \$500 a share. You will have a capital gain of \$150 for each share you sell. If you bought 100 shares for \$35,000 and sold 50 shares for \$25,000, you have a capital gain of \$7,500. You still own 50 shares, so these are not counted until you sell

There are some provisions in the tax code where you are exempt from capital gains tax when you sell a capital asset – one covers your personal residence, as long as a married couple does not realize more than \$500,000 profit (\$250,000 for a single person), then no capital gain tax is assessed if you lived in the home for 2 of the last 5 years from the date of sale.

But if you sell land or a rental property at a profit, you must pay tax on the gain.

Capital gains tax rates vary based the time you held the asset, the type of asset and your other income. If you sell a collectible or qualified small business stock held for more than one year, the tax rate is 28%; unrecaptured 1250 gain on depreciable property held for a year or more is 25%. The other tax rates for property held more than one year are 20%, 15% or 0%, depending on your other taxable income.

The most wonderful number for 2020 is 0% when taxable income is no more than \$80,000 for married filing jointly (MFJ), \$40,000 for single (S) or married filing separately (MFS), \$53,600 for head of household (HOH) and \$2,650 for estates and trusts (E/T).

The 15% rate applies if income is no more than \$496,600 (MFJ), \$248,300 (MFS), \$469,050 (HOH), \$441,450 (S) and \$13,150 (E/T). For income over these limits, the capital gains tax rate is 20%.

There are downsides. Although gains on the sale of a person's household furnishings, personal residence (over the exclusion amounts) or automobile are taxable as capital gains, losses are not deductible unless the property was held for the production of income.

For other capital transactions, the gains and losses in each category are netted together.

Short-term gains and losses (held less than one year) combine first, then they are netted with long-term netted transactions. If the end result is a capital loss, it is limited to \$3,000 deduction against ordinary income for the current year.

Any remaining loss is carried to future tax years, where it is netted or until it is used up as an ordinary income deduction.

If a spouse dies, the surviving



Let's Talk **Taxes** By Carol **Kovacs** CPA, EA

spouse does not inherit any capital loss carryover of the deceased spouse except in the year of death. After that, the now single taxpayer may only use 50% of the carryover amount as his/her own.

I confess, I have oversimplified CG&L and hope this information has been helpful in understanding this relatively complex topic.

If you have any specific questions on this topic or others you would like addressed in future columns, my email is carolpkovacs@aol.com. Use "Let's Talk Taxes" in the subject line.

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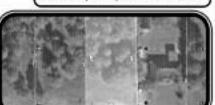


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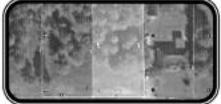
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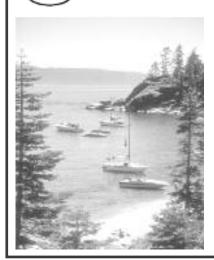
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Christmas in the Park Keeps Holiday Spirit Going in Lillian

The Christmas spirit was on full display at the Lillian Recreational Park's 2020 Christmas in the Park celebration. The celebration, which kicked off Dec. 5 and ran through Jan. 1, featured several new exhibits and a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Rev. Daniel Randall helped emcee the event which included a fun children's Christmas costume contest and a full-fledged ugly sweater contest for the adults, and concluded with a jingle bell walk around the newly lit trees.

"The event was so much fun! Everyone had such a good time. We loved seeing all the smiles on people's faces and hearing all the oohs and aahs when County Commissioner Skip Gruber helped Santa launch the lights," said Lucy Smith, Lillian Recreational Park board member and Christmas in the Park volunteer.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, which counted traffic at the event, estimated that over 1,000 people visited Christmas in the Park on opening weekend alone. Hundreds more families enjoyed the lights throughout the month.

"Of course, none of this would have been possible without our incredible sponsors. They provide the financial support to purchase the lights, supplies and displays we needed," Smith said.

She also expressed thanks to several local businesses and groups, stating, "We are especially grateful to our Angel Sponsor, Brown Helicopter and our Silver Bell sponsor, Chevron. We also appreciate the tremendous support of our Reindeer sponsors Baldwin County Sewer Service and Moore Fasteners and Snowflake sponsors Busy Bee Storage, Dollar General, Lillian Pet Grooming, The Lillian and TK's Tree & Landscaping Services. This year's Elf sponsors were Elberta Hardware, Dr. Dan Kammer of Kammer Chiropractic, Lillian Community Club, Lillian Family Dentistry, Lillian Mason Lodge #925, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, Perdido Auto Spa and

Lillian Recreational Park News

By Lucy Smith

Spanish Cove Garden Club."

Also assisting was the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department. They helped put up the large Wonderland Tree and gave Santa and Mrs. Claus a ride to the festivities, with lights flashing and sirens blaring, delighting kids young and old. Volunteers from LASAR helped with parking.

The tree team of volunteers, headed by Wayne Smith, spent several days installing the trees and lighted displays and making sure they remained lit during inclement weather.

This year's team included Michael Andrews, Ben Blevins, Don Canerdy, Larry Evanson, Laura Grubbs, Lewis Grubbs, Joe Hardy, Jorja Hardy, Walter Kowalski, Joe Leonard, Buster Massey, Janel Smith, Wayne Smith, Ken Steely and Jeff Zapp.

Christmas in the Park committee members were Karen Brady, Nancy Briggs, Pat Canerdy, Dianne Evanson, Laura Grubbs, Kit Hamilton, Elsie Sosenko-Kirby, Monica Leonard, Debbie Lindsay, Vickey Massey, Sally McKinney, JoAnn Monroe, Glenda Parliman, Belinda Peterson, Sharon Raymond, Vicki Rosner, Doug Scott, Nancy Scott, Janel Smith, Lucy Smith, Mary Speck, Carol Steely, Judy Wargo, Paul Wargo, Lynn Wilson and Arleen Zapp.

Plans are already underway for the 2021 celebration. Next year's plans include more lights, more displays and reestablishment of the children's area and activities. Be sure to mark your calendar for the 2021 Christmas in the Park beginning on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Volunteers are always welcome, so if you would like to be involved in planning the next Christmas in the Park, contact Lucy Smith at 719-494-7986.

Covert Retires From Park Board

Following a long term of service and leadership, Judy Covert has retired from the Lillian Recreational Park Board of Directors. In over 20 years, Covert served in many capacities, most recently as treasurer.

She has provided years of outstanding service to the park. As one of the earliest board members, she provided leadership during the park's early days. She also helped establish several programs such as the early movies and market in the park programs. Always willing to volunteer, she worked in the concessions area, helped put together Christmas in the Park displays and helped however and whenever she could.

She serves on the park's garden committee and was instrumental with

Martha Broz in creating two flower gardens along the soccer field trail that she helps maintain to this day.

Juanita Dodd, board president, appreciates all of Covert's contributions, both as a board member and on a personal level. "Judy and I have planted trees and weeded flower beds together. She never complained and approached both with enthusiasm. The year she started Market in the Park we had more rainy Saturdays than any other day of the week, but she persisted and the next year was better. She has always been ready to help whether the need is painting the conference room or crocheting someone a prayer shawl. I'll miss her on the board, but still treasure her as a friend."

Kids of All Ages Enjoy the Park on Dec. 5



Adam and Everlee Liotino



Lilyanna and Scarlet Adams



Baldwin County Commissioner Skip Gruber was on hand to help Santa and Mrs. Claus flip the switch to turn the holiday lights on at Lillian Recreational Park.



Layla Hornbuckle



Bryson McKinney



Deanna and Rob Jewell with Delilah



Some of Santa's elves were on hand to help children visit with St. Nick and Mrs. Claus.



Alexandra and Avery



After the lights went on, kids gathered for a jingle bell walk.





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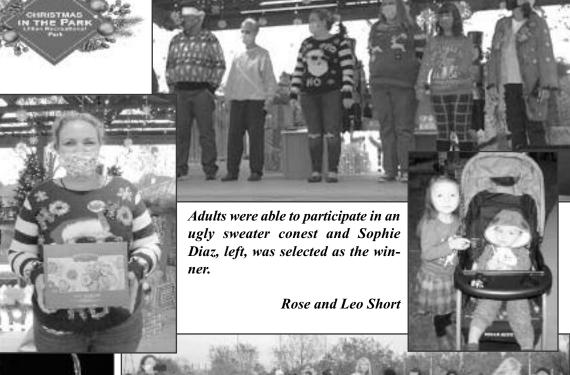
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Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived at the park in a Lillian Volunteer Fire Department truck then took a few moments at the nativity display before meeting with area kids.



Russ and Sonia Hedrick, Todd and Becky Gibson



Area children lined up to meet with Santa on the park bandstand

Lillian American **Legion Post 48**

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

Lillian hopes you had a very merry Christmas and extends their best wishes to everyone for a happy new year, and a better year in 2021.

As we move into 2021, Post 48 starts the year with ham dinners on the fourth Sunday for three months. The dates are Jan. 24, Feb. 28 and March 28.

This year because of COVID-19 we are adding drive-thru services for the dinners. We ask for your patience and to follow the directions of the legionnaires for the drive-thru. We also plan to have seating indoors as well as regular take out as in years past. These dinners are Post 48's primary fundraiser for the year. The money raised provides the means for continued activities and donations such as building ramps for disabled veterans, maintaining the medical closet for the Lillian community, sending two mornings – we'd like to meet you.

high school students to Boys State and presenting the Veterans Day program. We hope everyone will continue to show support to the Post.

If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving, you are eligible for membership in the American Legion.

Membership applications may be picked up at the American Legion building next to the Lillian Community Club on Wednesday mornings between 9 and 11 a.m., from any member or at any American Legion meeting.

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Optimists Share Christmas Cheer

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay made some adjustments to their normal holiday events this year but were still able to bring joy and gifts to a number of area children for the holidays.

Breakfast with Santa was held this year at Lillian Recreational Park on Dec. 12.

Santa wasn't able to visit with special needs students in Elberta, so club members instead delivered gifts to the school.



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LVFD Closes Year With Holiday Activities

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 77 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in November which included 43 medical assistance, 9 public assists, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 8 brush fires, 4 structure fires, 2 fire alarm/investigations, 1 human rescue, 1 burn complaint, 1 watercraft fire and 1 assist with another agency.

As I am writing this article, we still do not have the total calls for 2020. But as of mid-December, we are up to 1,061 calls. I will give you the final count in our next article.

Although LVFD's main objective is to make emergency runs on medical and fire calls, we also pride ourselves on our contributions to the community, by going over and beyond our calling through additional activities. Even during the pandemic we have been able to bring a smile by providing some safe, fun and educational activities to take our minds off COVID-19, Hurricane Sally and the presidential election.

Here is a look back at 2020: At the beginning of the year, before the virus took hold, LVFD held a "Community Education Day." Dylan Morse and Anne-Marie Ozkosar gave an incredible class which focused on proper CPR, AED and first aid techniques. Students were tested and received their Heartsaver® CPR AED first aid certification for adult and pediatric patients.

As you may remember, LVFD received new turnout gear, which is the clothing firefighters wear when responding to fires. Then we had to figure out what to do with the gear we had on hand. Much of the gear was still in good condition. Anne-Marie Ozkosar, who is now our medical officer, researched various organizations, and came across AMEDICA USA. This non-profit organization operates in Guatemala.

Their mission is to train and educate the firefighters of Guatemala in medical, firefighting and disaster relief. Their need is great, but their resources are scarce. They depend heavily upon the generous donations they receive from organizations such as AMEDICA USA. LVFD had about 20 full sets of turnout gear clothing that we were able to pass along to our



Lillian Volunteer **Fire Department**

By Goretti Lysek

fellow firefighters in Guatemala.

Of course we can't forget the recovery after Hurricane Sally. Many LVFD department members were instrumental in ensuring the POD (Point of Distributions) was staffed and the community was further served by having MREs, ice, water and tarps passed out to those in need. During this time, we were able to serve 2,861 vehicles with more than 2,000 cases of water, 18,000 MREs, 1,000 tarps, 18 pallets of ice and 5,000 hot meals.

So many missed out on celebrations during the COVID-19 lockdown, but that didn't stop LVFD from noting several birthdays in the community.

Many LVFD members decorated apparatuses with birthday greetings and drove by with sirens and lights to show support and be with them during their birthdays.

We also tried to keep up tradition with several of our fun activities such

as Halloween and Christmas. Several department members went out during Halloween to two different locations. First they attended the United Methodist Church trunk or treat and then went on to give out candy to the children around Spanish Cove.

Our last fun activity was the Santa Run. Several department volunteers drove around in their firefighter sleigh to hand out goodies and wish everyone a merry Christmas.

Unfortunately some of Lillian's traditions had to be cancelled due to the pandemic such as the LVFD Open House and the Lillian Christmas parade, but we were more fortunate than most communities where we were still able to hang on to some traditions.

So now we reach the end of another year, and I'm sure we can all say it certainly wasn't our best one. However, let us all now look to the future for peace, love and joy in 2021.



To keep up community morale this year, the LVFD did drive-bys for those celebrating birthdays of any age. And below, Kristen Ellis and her children enjoyed the Santa Run tradition.



Firefighters Micheal Andrews, Alan Garrone and Lt. Nick Dosh handed out candy at United Methodist church for Halloween.

OBITUARIES

John G. Hagendorfer

John Gabriel "Gabe" Hagendorfer, 65, a lifelong resident of Elberta, died Dec. 15, 2020, at Mobile Infirmary.

He is survived by his sisters, Mary (Tom) Exum and Theresa Hagendorfer; his brother, Billy (Pat) Hagendorfer; brother-in-law Eugene Klein; sister-in-law Brenda Hagendorfer; many cousins; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was proceeded in death by his parents, Charles and Louise Hagendorfer; brothers, Charles and Joseph Hagendorfer; and sisters, Margaret Klein and Jean (George) Sands.

Gabe spent his life on the water shrimping and fishing, in the kitchen cooking up delicious cuisine, around the table playing pinochle, in the yard playing with his cats and dog Brandy, and in his garden tending to his vegetables. Gabe loved his family, his friends, his animals, his garden and the water. He was always willing to lend a hand wherever he could and never left a friend or neighbor in need.

Funeral services were held at St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church, Elberta, on Dec. 23, 2020. Memorial donations may be made to St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church.

Cason Funeral Service in Foley was in charge of arrangements.

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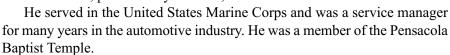
OBITUARIES

Buford Cook

Buford M. Cook, 83, Lillian, passed away Nov. 8, 2020. Cason Funeral Service in Foley is in charge of arrangements.

William Lyon

William E. Lyon, 90, a native of New Jersey and a resident of Lillian, passed away Nov. 15, 2020.



Survivors include his wife, Sandra Lyon; three children, William Lyon, Scott Lyon and Barbara Hochkeppel; and four grandchildren.

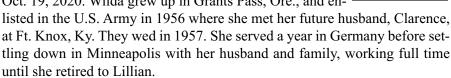
Mack Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Oscar Meads

James Oscar Meads Jr., 76, of Lillian, passed away Oct. 25, 2020. Cason Funeral Service, Foley, is in charge of arrangements.

Wilda Alliene Meldrum

Wilda Alliene (Lewman) Meldrum, 86, passed away Oct. 19, 2020. Wilda grew up in Grants Pass, Ore., and en-



Wilda was a trail blazer, joining the newly formed Women Army Corps. She started off as a private in 1956 sorting mail at Ft. Knox and at the end of her 25-year military career, she honorably retired as a Sargent First Class supporting multiple General Officers at the 88th ARCOM in St. Paul, Minn.

She loved being active and she was not one to sit around. She enjoyed going to Major League Baseball spring training camps, golfing, skiing, fishing, camping, boating, dancing, traveling and singing with the Bay Chords. She paid tribute to the military and her late husband by volunteering at the Pensacola Navy Museum every Sunday.

She is survived by her brother, Stanley Lewman; children, Diana (David) Garin and Douglas (Tracee) Meldrum; grandchildren, Kelly, Kristin, Rachel and Naomi; and great-grandchildren, Hadley and Matthew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Meldrum; a daughter, Lorraine; her parents, Florence (Wynant) Lewman and William S. Lewman; two brothers, Glenn and Alvie; and her sister, Carol.

Military honors and a celebration of life will be held at a later date in Pensacola.

Wilda will be laid to rest next to husband at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola.

Loretta Hamelin Roy

Loretta Hamelin Roy passed away Oct. 26, 2020.

Born in New York on Jan. 25,1941, to Julian Hamelin and Veronica Birden, she moved to Torrington, Conn. She graduated from Torrington High School in 1958 and married Robert in August 1958. They moved to Norfolk, Virg., and then Key West, Fla., while Robert served in the U.S. Navy.

They moved back to Torrington to start a family and later moved to Avon. They decided to travel cross country and to Alaska in an RV and later settled in Lillian.

She was preceded in death by her son, James Robert; and her stepbrother, William Birden.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; her dog, Lucky; a daughter, Deborah (Ed) Incillo; sons, Fred Roy of Canton, Conn., and Rick Roy of Barkhamsted, Conn.; four grandchildren, Christopher and Joseph Incillo, Jayna Roy and Luke Roy; a great-grandson, Noah; and siblings, Nancy Raykata, Joyce Millard, Raymond Birden, John Birden and Darlene Alfano.

She enjoyed knitting, crochet and quilting.

Loretta and Robert spent winters in Lillian and summers in Otis, Mass., where she spent time with her children and grandchildren. Mack Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. There will be no calling hours and a memorial will be at the convenience of the family. All memorial contributions can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Jill Ruiz

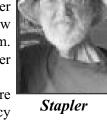
Jill Ruiz, 81, passed away in 2020. She was born in Hartford, Conn. and died in 2020 at almost 81 years of age.

She spent many hours and more than a few dollars decorating the Spanish Cove clubhouse for each season and occasion. She served on the activities committee.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; two daughters; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four sisters.

Randy Bruce Stapler

Randy Bruce Stapler, 64, passed away on Nov. 26, 2020. He was born Dec. 8, 1955, the son of Betty Gail Stapler and Joseph "Norman" Stapler. Randy grew up in New Hope, Alabama, surrounded by family who treasured him. He loved to sail and found his way to the Gulf Coast after serving his country in the U.S. Army.



He was preceded in death by his father. Surviving are his mother, Betty; his wife, Mary Ann; his sister, Nancy (John) Cooper; his nieces, Heather, Karen and Little Savannah; and his aunts, Barbara (Dan) Long and Reba (Travis) Mayhall.

He was a kind and gentle man and will be greatly missed.

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Jim Dufer

Jim (Jay) Dufer was born in Lexington, Ky., on Dec. 22, 1942. Upon his 1963 graduation from the University of Oklahoma, he joined the U.S. Marines and fought in the Vietnam War. Following Viet Nam, he continued to serve in a variety of federal government endeavors until his 1997 retirement.

Jay moved to Lillian in 2003 where he became an active member of the Lillian United Methodist Church. He would do anything asked of him; his assistance with the semi-annual trash or treasure sale and annual car show were invaluable. During the summers Jay resided with friends in Hamilton, Mich.; those friends included his sweetheart, Alma Lohman, and family.

Jay was diagnosed with cancer in early November of this year. He was admitted to and received care from Diversicare of Foley until his passing on Nov. 28, 2020. Arrangements for a celebration of his life are pending at this time

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Seeking Health Information May Lead to Scams

Cybercriminals are using concerns about the coronavirus to launch phishing attacks and it's important to learn to identify and protect yourself against such attacks.

While Covid-19 is capturing attention around the world, cybercriminals are capitalizing on the public's desire to learn more about the outbreak.

There are reports of phishing scams attempting to steal personal information or to infect your devices with malware, and ads that peddle false information or scam products.

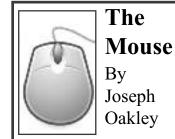
In one example, an email used the logo of the CDC Health Alert Network claiming to provide a list of local active infections. Recipients were instructed to click on a link in the email to access the list. Recipients were then asked to enter their email login credentials, which were then stolen.

What Should You Do?

• If you are looking for in-

formation on the coronavirus, visit known reputable websites like the U.S. Center for Disease Control or the World Health Organization.

- Be on the lookout for phishing emails, which may appear to come from a trusted source. Remember, you can look at the sender's details specifically the part of the email address after the '@' symbol in the 'From' line to see if it looks legitimate.
- Be wary of emails or phone calls offering unexpected or unprompted information. Also be aware of emails from unfamiliar sources that contain links or attachments. Do not click on these links, as they could be embedded with malware.
- Although social media companies like Facebook are cracking down on ads spreading coronavirus conspiracies and fake cures, some ads may make it past their review process. Remember, it's best to seek information on the disease from official



sources like those mentioned above.

• Finally, to protect your devices against malware like the types that can come from a phishing attack, ensure that protection is installed on all your devices.

Until next time, protect yourself and your devices from Coronavirus and other viruses.

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 send them to mouse@pc-s4u.com

Until next month, safe computing.

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study at Bronson Field produced evidence of a British period presence or at the very least shows a lot of interaction between the British and Spanish from 1781-1813.

While it has been more difficult to find concrete sources of information from recent decades, Weber has uncovered other pieces that help lead to the conclusion that this area is rich with historical mysteries yet to be discovered.

A couple of references suggest that a French customs house on Perdido Bay may have been located in or near Spanish Cove. For nearly 100 years the Spanish would sell goods and produce to the French at Mobile. In 1720, the French threatened to close the customs house due to low profits however, the Spanish then offered to pay the custom agent's salary to keep it open.

In 1814, prior to the attack on Fort Bowyer, the British commander in Pensacola shared the plans to attack Americans at Mobile Point with the Spanish governor. The governor confessed to Father James Coleman, the parish priest at Pensacola who in turn told his friend John Innerarity. Owning holdings in Mobile and valuable property at Bon Secour, Innerarity sent a man named McVoy to ride to Fort Bowyer to warn the American commander that the British were on their way. Given that the shortest route to Mobile Point from Pensacola at that time was here in Lillian, it's likely we had a southern version of Paul Revere passing right through the modern-day streets of Spanish Cove.

These three articles have provided a great deal of history and knowledge of our community but Weber would like to find more.

You may be able to help him with this project. If you have any knowledge, stories, maps or documents that pertain to the ferry landing in Lillian or about what is now Highway 98 in town, please contact him.

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Non-smoking

RV CONVENIENCE SITES

(Pay in Lounge or Office)
Members: \$15/DAY
Guest: \$25/DAY
Located behind LCC





LCC Catfish Dinner ~ \$10 Friday, Jan. 15 5-6:30 P.M.

Catfish, french fries, grits, hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert and coffee or tea. MUSIC: Big Jake in the Lounge

Trivia on Thursdays, Jan. 7 & 21 6 P.M.



Come out and share your knowledge! Prizes will be given!

Ham

American Legion
Ham Dinner
Sunday, Jan. 24
11am-1pm \$10

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

LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday thru Thursday 11 A.M. - 10 P.M. Friday and Saturday

11 A.M. - 11 P.M.

Sunday

Bloody Mary \$1.50

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BANDS:

Johnny Barbato - Jan. 3
Knee Deep - Jan. 8
Jimmy Smith - Jan. 10
Big Jake - Jan. 15
Robert Broom - Jan. 17
Johnny Barbato - Jan. 22
Back to the Future - Jan. 24
Southern Star - Jan. 29
Jeri Trio - Jan. 31
\$5 COVER CHARGE FOR NON-MEMBERS WHEN IN THE HALL

Check our web page for updates to upcoming events. Please like us on our Facebook page. www.LillianCommunityClub.com Prepared by Sandy Fuller