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For the Love of Libraries

By Sarah Henkel

Jocelyn "Jocy" McCoy has always been a stalwart supporter and very visible member of the Lillian Perdido Bay Library. From its inception in 1989 during a Women's Club meeting, Jocy has been a vocal proponent for the library and has given her time and talent to its success over the years. Jocy recently "retired" from her volunteer position after serving for over 26 years, and even though she's retired, she still plans to patronize the library as often as she can and will continue as one of its biggest cheerleaders.

When Jocy learned that a library was going to be established in Lillian, she was very enthusiastic. When asked why she was so excited about a library for the community, she responded, "Libraries have always been a big part of my life." She went on to say that in her hometown of Whiting, Ind., Standard Oil Refinery had donated a small library. Jocy said there was a children's section downstairs and the adult section was upstairs.

She remembers attending the children's story hour from "the time I was little until I don't know when." She mentioned when she was 13 she was assigned a research paper to write for school. Her eyes lit up at this point and she chuckled, "I was so thrilled that I was allowed to go up to the adult section to work on my paper." She included she worked at her high school library.

After she and her husband Dick moved to the Lillian area, Jocy worked as a special education aide at Foley Middle school during the late 1980s,



After volunteering for over 26 years, Jocelyn McCoy has retired from the Lillian Perdido Bay Library. A lifelong supporter of local libraries, she reflects on her experiences and the history of the library. Additional photos on Page 14.

and when the original middle school moved to the old high school in Foley, she was asked to help set up the library there. She said it seems her whole life she was involved with libraries in one way or another.

Jocy was very involved with the development of the Lillian library. She worked with other community members trying to find a place to build the library. According to her, once the land had been

donated by a resident of Lillian, there was a time limit established for when the library would need to be finished. If the time limit was not met, "we would have to cancel the library."

Jocy said after working her job at Foley Middle School all day, "I went up and down Highway 59 stopping at every trailer location I could find trying to talk them into giving us a building we could use."

When she was reminded by one of the other members that a building committee was started for that purpose, Jocy insisted, "I always felt an urgency to get things done. There was a time limit on development or the property would be lost."

Eventually, a building that was no longer being used was donated by the Baptist Church.

Jocy said the fundraising committee used advertising signs, sponsored dinners, and went to local festivals as ways of raising money for the library.

Money was also donated by the Champion Paper Company while other community members made generous donations in order to complete the building. And of course, many citizens of Lillian volunteered their time and efforts during the entire process. "The community was fantastic throughout," she said.

Once the physical needs of the library had been met, it was time for books. Jocy said she and Evelyn Fisher agreed to take donated books into their homes. "People dropped off boxes and boxes of books on my front porch. I only had a two bedroom house at the time, so when Dick's sister from south Florida and her husband planned a visit, I needed

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Thammes Honored with Quilt of Valor

By Pat Shaw-Lochner

On July 4, Lillian resident Charles Henry Thammes, fondly known as CH, was presented a Quilt of Valor honoring his service in the Army Air Force.

Sharon Hopkins, a neighbor in Spanish Cove, created the beautiful quilt and presented it to him. She was representing the Covington County Quilting Guild of Andalusia. She founded the guild in 2004 as owner of a quilt shop in Andalusia.

Quilts of Valor is a national organization whose mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comfort-

Lillian resident Charles Henry Thammes recently accepted a Quilt of Valor in recognition of his Army Air Force service. Quilts of Valor is a national organization providing quilts for veterans, and this one was made by Sharon Hopkins, also of Lillian.

ing and healing quilts. CH's name will be added to the national register.

At age 86, he has many interesting and captivating memories which he loves to share. He was born Nov. 19, 1933, in the Pensacola area and attended schools in Pensacola. At age 16 he was the youngest licensed pilot in Florida. He received his pilot training after school and on weekends.

He joined the Army Air Force in 1954. He served in the far east, including Korea and Japan to Australia. In 1963 he graduated from the University of Miami and accepted an aero engineer position at the Space Center. He worked with the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs until they ended. Later he worked at NAS Pensacola on HELO control systems. He retired from that position and has been a resident of Lillian for the last 20 years.

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Elberta Senior Wins National Scholarship

Henry Arthur, a rising senior at Elberta High School, was awarded a scholarship for a recent essay he wrote about Baldwin County Public Schools' response to the COVID-19 school closures and meaningful instruction he received, despite not being in a traditional classroom setting.



Arthur

IvyPanda.com asked students to "evaluate the contributions of technology to education." Arthur's work placed first out of 1,085 submissions. The essay contest is an annual event with the winner receiving a \$1,500 scholarship. To see the announcement, visit <https://ivypanda.com/blog/winner-announcement-essay-writing-contest-scholarship-2020/>.

Below is Arthur's essay:

The Contributions of Technology to Education

The "old days" of education are dead. No longer is the pursuit of an education reliant on the presence of encyclopedias for research, pencils and paper for essay composition, or even a traditional classroom to allow students and teachers to interact. Today, educational opportunities are as vast as the Internet itself. Anything a student could possibly desire to learn about can be found somewhere within the complex sequences of ones and zeros that make up everything digital.

Since 2012, my school district in Baldwin County, Alabama has made considerable progress in applying technology within its schools. It was in 2012, in fact, that the Baldwin County Public School System began "providing every child in the system a digital device for educational in-

struction enhancement." There is not a single day that has gone by in my three years of high school where we have not used our laptops. Whether we are taking a quiz in math, writing an essay in literature, reading primary source documents in history, or transferring the results of a laboratory experiment into a spreadsheet in chemistry, nearly everything done within school is reliant on the presence of computers and a stable connection to the Internet.

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced schools across the country to close, my classes were able to continue unaffected. Video conferences allowed me to interact with my fellow students and teachers, and assignments were submitted electronically. Being a student taking multiple AP classes, I was initially worried that the AP tests which are administered at the end of the school year would be cancelled. My fears were all for naught, however, as the College Board announced that AP exams would be administered online this year. The first-ever round of online AP tests was a success with "more than 4.6 million AP exams... started over the 10 days of testing across 32 subjects." Despite an unfortunate ending to the school year, students all across the country were able to earn the college credit that they had been working toward all year. It has been extremely uplifting to watch as education has continued despite the hard times we have been faced with. None of this would have been possible without vast technological resources.

Coming from a rural Alabama town and a family who will not be able to contribute monetarily to my pursuit of a college education, there has always been a considerable amount of anxiety hanging over my head as to how I am

going to pay for college. My father, a man who paid his own way through college, has recounted to me how he had to search for hours through countless manuals and enormous books in order to find information about scholarships. With the Internet, I am able to "get scholarship information and opportunities at lightning speed." Technology has allowed me to easily and efficiently locate scholarships that match my interests and skills. Technology enables me to easily write essays, create videos, and compose music to apply to various scholarships in order to help pay for college. While the burden of having to pay for something as expensive as college still causes a good amount of stress, technology has helped to alleviate some of the uncertainty concerning the location of reputable scholarships.

In the words of Albert Einstein, "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think." An increasingly digitized world has produced increasingly effective resources for students to learn both inside and outside of school. I have always had a passion for foreign languages, for example, and I have numerous mobile applications on my phone which allow me to practice my language skills wherever I might be.

Technology allows me to connect daily with friends I have in El Salvador who I met while on a mission trip. Technology allows for students to learn in nontraditional ways which are in many cases more engaging and effective than a traditional classroom. By allowing students to take control of their education, technology has served to cultivate a love of learning among students across the world. It is exciting to think of what new technological advances will bring to education in the future.

First Baptist Church Cancels VBS

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the First Baptist Church of Lillian will not be hosting their 2020 summer Vacation Bible School.

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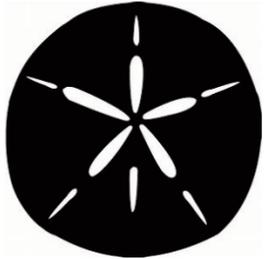
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qualifications. The Telephone Reassurance Service provides a weekday morning call to check on those living alone. The county's best kept secret is the Senior Treasures Gift Shop. Baldwin County residents, 55 and over, can place handmade crafts and artwork in the shop on consignment (20% fee). Of course, anyone can shop there for a variety of hand-made items.

The Council on Aging is open to the public. Appointments are highly encouraged in order to maintain social distancing guidelines. Employees are also available to the public by phone and email.

The facility is located in the Central Annex in Robertsdale, 22251 Palmer Street, just west of US Highway 59. It is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 251-972-8506. Visit www.baldwincountyal.gov and click on Departments, then Council on Aging.

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*Tommy Tuberville	61%	333,890	18,482
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* James Averhart	57%	15,764	1,045
Kiana Gardner	43%	12,019	3,218
<u>US House, District 1, Republican</u>			
* Jerry Carl	52%	44,294	16,159
Bill Hightower	48%	40,411	16,632
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Living In Our COVID World

Let me say it right up front: I hate COVID-19!!! Whew! That made me feel better for about two seconds. Masks, social distancing, no fun stuff like dinners at the Lillian Community Club, large group picnics, regular church services.

I know wearing a mask is good for me and everyone I meet, to keep my mouth and nose covered, but it is so uncomfortable. I have a variety of styles, ties in the back of my head, elastic that goes around my head, elastic over my ears.

They tell you to keep it over your nose. Yikes! Does my breath smell that bad to everyone when I'm not wearing a mask? I swear I brush my teeth every morning.

Have you gone into a store, restaurant, doctor's office and can't imagine what anyone is saying to you? Is "Huh!" your most used word? Are you aggravated when you get to your bank to find it is closed and the drive-through has at least five cars in each lane?

Do you hate it when you go to your favorite drive-through eating establishment, order your favorite "meal" and then when you get it home, it just isn't the same?

Does it drive you crazy when someone says "Hi!" and you can't tell who they are by just looking in their eyes?

Are you sick and tired of social distancing and really missing those



Just a Thought or Two
By Sally McKinney

hugs from friends?

Well, join the club. I guess this will go on for some time. If it's driving me crazy because of these minor inconveniences, think about the men and women who have either lost their jobs or have been furloughed.

Think of the moms and dads who are fortunate enough to have jobs, but are stressing over how to manage their lives with children at home and no Vacation Bible School or summer camps to keep them occupied.

What are these parents going to do when school begins and the children have to learn in their "virtual classrooms" at home? Do they feel capable of helping a struggling child?

I've asked enough questions. Sorry, I don't have the answers. I guess we'll just have to take some deep breaths behind those masks and hope and pray that a cure or vaccine is found soon. Yes, I'll be wearing my mask in public places. I may hate it, but it's better to be safe than sorry, as the old saying goes, and if it helps to make others feel more safe, then I guess I can survive it.

This, too, will pass away, hopefully sooner than later. Stay safe. Yes, and wear your mask.



Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner
By Betty Bovat

Annual Book Sale Is On In August

Can you guess what's coming up in August at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library? We are having our annual book sale! There will be books in all categories, such as hardbacks, softbacks and paperbacks. We have books on subjects like landscaping, gardening, drawing, cookbooks, cars, Christian, romance and books for all ages.

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Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 held an officer installation and service on July 7. In attendance were, front, from left, Edison Lima Neto, Mike Blankenship, Price Legg, Joe Taylor, Jim Baker and Vernon Lowe. Second row, Rodger Stoner, Bill Hall, David Johnson and Jeff Keener. Back row, Richard Duggan.

Masons Install Officers, Committee Chairs

July was a busy time for the brothers at Lillian Masonic Lodge 925. An officer installation dinner and service was conducted on July 7. Richard Duggan will again serve as Worshipful Master. This is the first time in the local lodge's history that a brother has served two consecutive terms as Worshipful Master, the top position.

Committee chairs were also named at the meeting including lodge trustees, Mike Blankenship; by-law review, Joe Taylor; finance, Jeff Keener; building maintenance, Joe Taylor; events, Mike Blankenship and website, Jeff Keener.

Cliff Collier and Sam Jackson have passed through the Fellow Craft degree, the second step toward their achieving Master Mason status.

As part of the renovation, Mike Blankenship was recognized for his work in updating the hall with a thorough cleaning and repainting. Several other members helped.

To better serve the membership, a first-aid kit was purchased and mounted. The lodge purchased a defibrillator (AED) several months ago and now has several brothers trained on using the device and in providing CPR. These efforts were part of the

Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

overall goal of making the lodge a safer place for its members.

The lodge began meeting again in-person in June. A catered dinner is included in both meetings held the first and third Tuesday of the month. Wives and friends are encouraged to participate in the 6:30 p.m. dinner, while the formal meetings are restricted to the membership. To receive more information on becoming a Mason, please call Richard Duggan at 251-747-0601.



Sam Jackson, left, and Cliff Collier progressed through the Fellow Craft Master degree as they work toward Master Mason status.

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- Baldwin County officers responded to an auto burglary report at 8:12 p.m. June 21 in the 13300 block of Cripple Creek Lane, Lillian.
- Officers responded to an assault report at 6:41 p.m. June 23 in the 9700 block of North Bayou Road in Lillian.
- Officers responded to a report of theft at 9:01 a.m. June 29 in the 10300 block of Park Avenue, Perdido Beach.
- Officers responded to a theft report at 4:42 a.m. June 30 in the 200 block of DeFuniak Loop in Lillian.
- Theft was reported at 7:38 a.m. July 2 in the 34000 block of US 98, Lillian.
- Residential burglary was reported at 2:55 p.m. July 2 in the 1600 block of Matias Drive, Lillian.
- Officers responded to an assault report at 4:09 p.m. July 2 in the 9000 block of Soldier Creek Road, Lillian.
- Burglary was reported at 10:50 a.m. July 8 in the 33500 block of

Rosalia Avenue, Lillian.

- Officers responded to a report of burglary at 5:32 p.m. July 18 in the 12500 block of CR6, Lillian.
- Officers were called to the 300 block of Buena Vista Drive, Lillian at 7:02 p.m. July 19 for a domestic/verbal situation.
- Officers responded to a domestic/physical report at 6:17 p.m. July 20 in the 300 block of Buena Vista Drive, Lillian.
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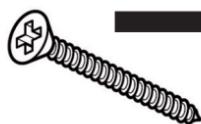
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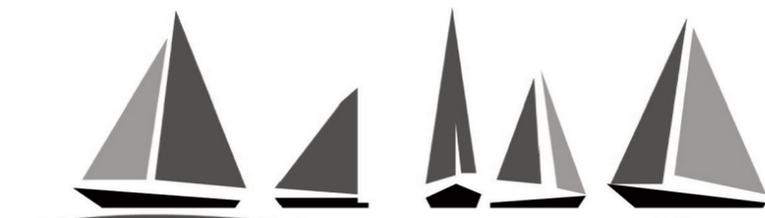


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Lillian History from 1781 and Beyond

By Janel Smith

We've been sharing local history, most recently in our June issue, with information gathered by Lillian resident Curry Weber. After moving here a couple of years ago, he has become involved in area field digs and is now focused on uncovering details about early Lillian and the roads that connected Mobile to Pensacola.

Always searching for more knowledge, he had planned on giving a presentation to Spanish Cove residents, but the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic changed that. He wanted to share what he has learned and hoped it would spark local residents to give him some information in return.

What he has discovered so far is fascinating and in June, we highlighted the British period (1763-1781). This article will cover the Spanish period (1781-1813) and a portion of the American period (1813-present) up to the Civil War.

In February 1763, the Treaty of Paris is signed and turns Mobile and Pensacola over to the British. By May 1781, Galvez, the governor of Spanish Louisiana, takes control of this area.

The 1784 Pensacola census lists Francisco Suarez, age 18, as a resident, along with his parents. The family traveled from the Canary Islands in the late 1770s and may have lived in Louisiana before coming to Pensacola.

In 1790 the King of Spain begins issuing land grants around Mobile and Pensacola to develop settlement and in 1799, Suarez receives a land grant on the West Perdido River. The grant also includes many acres on the coast of modern day Baldwin County from Fort Morgan to Orange Beach. His application lists an aged father, a wife, four sons and three daughters.

Signed on April 30, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase switched more than 800,000 square miles of French Louisiana to the United States. This immediately creates disputes between Spain and the U.S. about the boundary at Perdido Bay which will last for about 20 years.

Augustin LaCoste obtains a permit in December 1803 for land on the Bon Secour River near what is now Oyster Bay. Documents related to the Suarez claim, which includes Spanish Cove, indicate LaCoste kept a ferry at the same spot opposite the previous Murray ferry (during the British period). Later observations by Captain Daniel Burch about the roads between Mobile and Pensacola show a trail was in use during this time, connecting the ferry from Perdido Bay to the Bon Secour River. This trail most likely led to LaCoste's claim and was later an escape route for the British after Fort Bowyer was attacked.

Overall, the area between Mobile and Pensacola remains isolated with only two roadways and ferry crossings over the Perdido River.

America declares war on the British, and the War of 1812 begins in June 1812. In April 1813, U.S.

Major General James Wilkinson and his troops occupy Mobile and the defense of the boundary line at Perdido Bay begins. A few days later, Col. Joseph Carson discovers a Spanish post on the western bank on Perdido Bay, occupied by seven men and a sergeant. Additional research indicates this was probably a stockade and was located at the ferry landing in what is now Spanish Cove.

In early May 1813, Wilkinson sent artillery to Mobile Point where Spanish forces had previously built a small battery. He also begins construction of the Perdido Post on the Pensacola-Mobile road.

Wilkinson is sent to New Orleans in early June 1813. General Flournoy, now commanding Mobile, removes the garrison on Perdido Bay and by mid-month, the Spanish troops from across the bay burn the abandoned fort and all the associated buildings. They take all the timber and boards back to their camp directly across the bay and the Perdido stockade fort was never rebuilt.

Secretary of War General Armstrong cites this action as a reason to invade Pensacola and requests President James Madison to declare war on Spain. Madison isn't sure if the action was authorized by Spanish superiors, but it was later learned that the burning of the fort really was ordered by Spanish leaders.

The exact spot for the Perdido fort has yet to be confirmed, but conjecture places it inside Spanish Cove. Strategically, this would have been a good spot to guard the road entering from the northwest and to protect the ferry landing.

Weber hopes to confirm the exact location as part of his investigation and he is also hoping to find if the Perdido Fort may have been the first military installation to be constructed in what would become modern-day Baldwin County.

As 1813 continues, battles occur in modern-day Escambia County (AL), Bay Minette and Lowndes County. In June 1814, General Andrew Jackson is named commander of the 7th Military District, which includes Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi territory.

In September, British marines along with some Creek Indians attack Fort Bowyer on Mobile Point, hoping to secure Mobile before taking over New Orleans. American troops push the British back to the base in Pensacola. During this retreat, some Marines and Creeks meet up with the rear guard on the Bon Secour River. William Ellis, a Mobile customs officer stationed at Bon Secour, is taken hostage by the British and taken to Pensacola. Ellis' journal provides an account of these events and gives the first mention of "Panchas on the Perdido," indicating the Suarez family connection to this road crossing and the ferry landing.

Right after the attack on Fort Bowyer, Jackson orders U.S. troops

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Hurricane Readiness for Your Pets

Hurricane season in lower Alabama is at its peak between the months of August and September. Although hurricanes can be as small as a thunderstorm with some slight flooding, we should still take steps to prepare for the worst in case things turn sour. Of pets that are lost during hurricanes, around 85% are never reunited with their owners.

How can you prevent your pet from becoming just another statistic? You should have descriptions and recent photos of your pets ready in case they are lost. It is also a good idea to make sure your pet's tag and microchip have the most recent information.

You should carry their microchip number in your wallet for easy reference. Look up which evacuation shelters allow pets so that you will know where to go before the storm hits.

It is also vital to pack an emergency supply kit for your furry friend. This should include the following:

- A pet first aid kit with things such as bandaging materials and medical tape,
- Around two week's worth of any medications your pet is currently taking,
- A week's worth of pet food and bottled water per pet, along with dishes,
- Your pet's veterinary records, including their most recent rabies vaccination,



- Litter box and litter for cats,
- A leash and collar and
- A crate or carrier and blankets.

It is also important you make sure your pet is dosed with heartworm and flea prevention before heading to a shelter. Places like this are a breeding ground for fleas, and all the extra water will draw mosquitoes. Even if your pet is not quite due yet, it will not hurt to give them prevention a few days early. They could use the extra protection.

Information such as their name, sex, date of birth, your current address and contact numbers, and any important medical information about your pet should be displayed where it is easily visible on their crate or carrier in case you should become separated.

Using a slip leash instead of your pet's normal leash is a good idea as well. We all know most pets can slip out of their collars, and sometimes even their harnesses with enough motivation.

A correctly worn slip leash will be next to impossible for your pet to slip out of if he or she becomes frightened.

Hurricanes can be a scary event for your pet. We want to help you prepare for this hurricane season.

Adventures in Eating

By Ken Sanders

With the abundance of excellent seafood available in our area, cioppino makes a great summer evening meal with friends. Have plenty of napkins on hand.

A simple green salad and a cold beer or white wine is the perfect accompaniment.

Feel free to substitute on the seafood ingredients.

Cioppino

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 large onions, chopped fine
- 2 large green peppers, seeded and chopped (use poblano peppers to "kick it up a notch")
- 4 to 6 celery stalks, chopped, including some leaves
- 5 large cloves, crushed or minced
- 1 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1 46 oz. can V-8 mixed vegetable juice or 4 11.5 oz. cans
- 1 1/2 cups each dry white wine and red wine
- 1 8 oz. bottle clam juice
- 1 6 oz. can tomato paste
- 4 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1 T = 2 t Italian seasoning
- 4 bay leaves
- 4 dried red chilies, chopped fine
- 2 t sugar
- Hot pepper sauce, salt and pepper to taste
- 3 lbs. any fresh white meat fish

- fillets, cut into 1 1/2 inch chunks
- 2 1/2 lbs. shrimp, cleaned and deveined
- 4 lbs. cherrystone clams, scrubbed
- 3 to 4 fresh or frozen crabs (preferably dungeness), cracked
- 1 1/2 to 2 lbs, crab claws or equivalent

Heat olive oil in dutch oven or stock pot over medium-high heat until hot. Add onion, green pepper, celery, garlic and 3/4 cup parsley and cook until vegetables are limp. Add V-8, wines, clam juice, tomato paste, tomatoes, Italian seasoning, bay leaves, chilies and sugar.

Bring to just boiling point, then reduce heat and simmer for about 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Add hot pepper sauce, salt and pepper, adjust to taste and simmer another 15 minutes, still stirring frequently.

Add fish and simmer 5 minutes, add shrimp and continue simmering until shrimp are pink (about 3 minutes).

Add clams and crabs and cook until clams open (about 2 minutes or slightly longer). Ladle into soup bowls and garnish with remaining parsley. Serve with hunks of a good sourdough French bread for dipping into the juices.

Cioppino is best if the broth base is prepared ahead and refrigerated overnight to blend flavors.

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Take Control of Finances During Illness

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, virtually all of us have considered health-related issues. But for people facing a serious, chronic illness, such as Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, diabetes or cancer, health concerns are an everyday matter.

If you're fortunate, you may never be afflicted with such maladies, but the future is unpredictable. Of course, going through these health challenges bring physical and emotional concerns – but also financial ones. How can you prepare for them?

Essentially, you'll need to consider four key areas: investments, insurance, legal arrangements and taxes. Let's take a quick look at each of them:

- **Investments** – You'll likely need to draw on your investments for at least some of the expenses associated with your illness. Within your portfolio, you may want to establish a special fund devoted entirely to these costs, whether they be health care, modifications to your home, transportation and so on. A financial professional can help you choose investments for this fund, as well as make recommendations for your overall investment strategy, including techniques for boosting your income, such as adding investments that can provide an income stream that kicks in when you think your costs will rise.

- **Insurance** – Depending on your health status, you may be able to collect Medicare earlier than the traditional starting point at age 65. Even so, you'll likely need to supplement it with additional coverage. But you may also want to look beyond health insurance. For example, you might be able to purchase a "chronic illness rider" that allows you to tap into life insurance benefits while you're still alive. Or you might consider adding a "long-term care rider" to a life insurance policy; this rider offers financial benefits if you ever require daily



Financial Focus

By Jason M. Kozon of Edward Jones

care that you can't provide for yourself. And some foundations, states and drug companies offer programs that can help pay for some costs that your insurance won't cover.

- **Legal arrangements** – If you haven't already done so, you may want to establish the legal documents most appropriate for your situation, such as a durable power of attorney for finances, which gives someone the authority to manage your financial affairs if you become temporarily incapacitated, possibly due to flare-ups of your chronic disease. Once you've recovered, you regain control of your financial decisions. You might also want to consider a health care proxy, which appoints an individual to make medical decisions for you if you can't. In creating or revising these documents, you'll need to consult with your legal professional.

- **Taxes** – You might qualify for Social Security disability payments, which, like other Social Security benefits, are taxable, so you'll need to be aware of what you might owe.

But you might also be eligible for some tax breaks related to your condition. If you still itemize tax deductions, you may be able to deduct some medical expenses, as well as certain home improvements, such as wheelchair ramps, bathtub grab bars, motorized stairlifts and so on. Your tax advisor may have suggestions appropriate for your situation.

Dealing with a chronic illness is never easy. But by considering how your illness will affect all aspects of your life, getting the help you need, and taking the right steps, you may be able to reduce the financial stress on you and your loved ones.

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 August go out to: Hal Heiner, Mary Collier, Faith Dowd, Gene Stewart, Ginny Foreman-Wynn, Teresa Metts, Georgia Everett, Kayla Cooper, Larry Price, Art Ensign, Greg Wade, John Asbjornsen, Virginia Allen, Ella Ford, James Harden, Mitzie Wolowic, Billy Youngs, Charlotte Befay, Nita Tate, William Vana, Carl Hendrickson, Cliff Collier, Pat Lucy, Carl Benoit, Bruce Allen, Garnet Brady, June Dupree, Richard Martin,

Ken Mason, Marty Leonard and Ron Tremblay.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in August are Eugene and Gail Stewart - 28 years, Woody and Pat Lucy - 47 years, Bob and Charlene Taylor - 38 years, Lee and Cheryl Hoffman, Roger and Char Kuhr and Brandon and Misty Williams.

If you would like to add or delete your information from the Chit Chat column, please send an email to 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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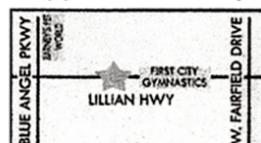
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Steps to Protect Your Online Privacy

An article from PC World magazine highlighted three privacy tools that block your internet service provider (ISP) from tracking you and selling your browsing history and personal information.

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If you want to keep your ISP from looking over your shoulder for data to sell to advertisers, here are three relatively simple actions you can take to get started.

- Use HTTPS everywhere

The Electronic Frontier Foundation's HTTPS Everywhere browser extension is one of the first things you should install. This extension requires that all website connections to your browser occur using SSL/TLS encryption. That means the content of what you're viewing will be protected from passive collection by your ISP. The only time the extension won't force HTTPS is when the site you're connecting to doesn't support the protocol.

It starts working as soon as you install it. What it doesn't do, however, is stop your ISP from seeing which sites you visit. Only the contents of your communication are protected. So your ISP will know you visited YouTube, but

not what you watched while you were there, or the specific pages you visited.

- Get a paid virtual private network

Your next step is to subscribe to a paid virtual private network service - not a free one that collects your data and sells it to third parties for analytics, or uses ads to support its free service, because that would negate the entire point of all this. You want a VPN that you pay to keep your data private. This should cost somewhere around \$40 to \$60 per year.

A VPN is like an encrypted tunnel between you and the Internet. You connect directly to your VPN (a connection your ISP will see) and then all Internet browsing goes through the VPN's servers and blocks third parties from snooping. Once you've picked and configured a VPN, set it to start up automatically and funnel all your Internet traffic through there.

You want a provider that collects and stores a minimum amount of data about your browsing. Some VPN providers offer helpful extra features, such as an Internet kill switch that immediately shuts off your PC's Internet access when your VPN gets disconnected.

- Adjust your DNS

The Domain Name System is how your computer translates a human readable website

name, such as NYTimes.com, into a machine-friendly numerical Internet Protocol address.

The problem is that your PC is usually configured to use your ISP's DNS, which means your ISP sees all your browser requests. VPNs typically configure your PC to use their DNS, and there is usually a DNS leak protection feature that makes sure your PC doesn't ignore the VPN and use your default DNS settings.

To be sure you're not using your ISP's DNS, it's a good idea to set your PC to use a third-party DNS provider such as OpenDNS.

Now you're off to a good start for protecting your data. It's not fool-proof, but you've taken a number of important steps. Once you're set up, consult IPLeak.net and DNS Leak Test (use the extended test for the latter) to make sure you're not revealing any data that you don't want to reveal.

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

The Mouse By Joseph Oakley

SBRMC Recognized on 100 Top Hospitals List

South Baldwin Regional Medical Center has been named to the 2020 Fortune/IBM Watson Health 100 Top Hospitals list. SBRMC has been recognized as one of the top performing medium community hospitals in the U.S. The annual list published by Fortune recognizes hospitals with the highest results based on performance indicators measuring clinical outcomes, operational efficiency, patient experience and financial health.

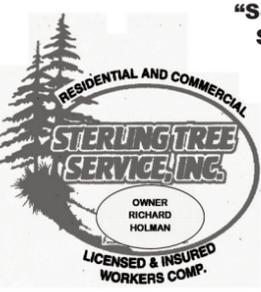
"We are honored to have received this prestigious national recognition," said Daniel McKinney, chief executive officer of SBRMC. "This honor represents the continued high-quality care and commitment that our dedicated physicians and staff consistently provide every day, especially through these challenging times."

IBM Watson Health identified top hospitals from an evaluation of 3,134 short-term, acute care, non-federal hospitals. The list was established to help identify best practices that may help other healthcare organizations achieve high performance.

The hospitals included on the list had better results on key clinical and operational performance indicators. These include survival rates, patient complications, healthcare associated infections, 30-day mortality and 30-day hospital-wide readmission rates, length of stay, throughput in emergency rooms, inpatient expenses, profitability and ratings from patients.

"Hospitals, health systems and the dedicated clinicians and staff who work at these organizations have emerged as heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic and we are grateful to be able to recognize these leaders at this time," said Kyu Rhee, M.D., M.P.P., vice president and chief health officer for IBM Watson Health. "From small community hospitals to major teaching hospitals, organizations on this list demonstrate a relentless commitment to high value, patient-centered care and innovation. It is clear that the COVID-19 crisis will be a catalyst for reinvention, and we believe these top performing hospitals are positioned to emerge stronger and smarter out of this crisis."

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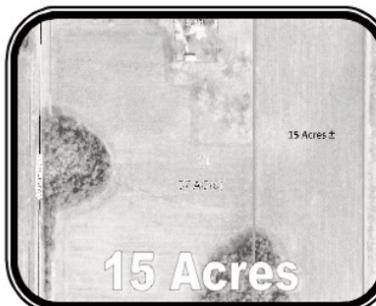
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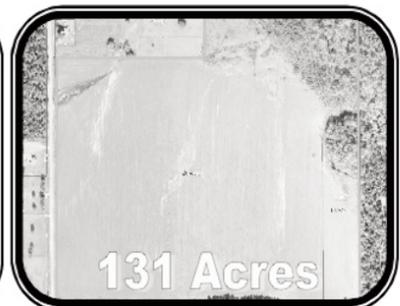
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A Living Hope

Peter proclaims in 1 Peter 1:3-5, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

Our hope in life is built on something more than the temporal things of this life. Our only hope is built on Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection. We believe not because of who we are or what we have done, we believe because God has worked in us a new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus has provided for us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

At the entrance of the RCA building in New York City, there is a gigantic statue of Atlas struggling and straining, holding the world on his shoulders. Across the street at St. Patrick's Cathedral, there is a small statue of Jesus as a little boy holding the world in his hand with no effort at all. When we are struggling and hurt, feeling the pain, wondering about tomorrow and anxious as to what it may bring, may we remember that Jesus has the whole world in His hands.

People are a lot like tea bags. You never know their real strength until you put them in hot water and for a really long time. Every crisis has both danger and opportunity. It can make



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

us or break us. It can refine us or destroy us.

Life is determined by the way we handle the hot spots of our days.

The refining process includes heating up and cooling down. The flames make us tender so we can bend without breaking and be shaped without shattering. And the cooling teaches us the fine art of waiting until we are strong enough to live into our new reason for being.

Peter concludes in 1st Peter 1:8, "Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy."

It is joy, unspeakable and full of glory. The Greek term chara means rejoicing with a joy that is beyond expression. It is knowing that no trouble enjoys everlasting life. It is believing that this too shall pass. (And it will.) It is in all things giving thanks for the goodness of God. For us to have this living hope that Peter proclaims, we have to let go and let God. When we do, we become grounded in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are refined by the refiners' fire and we experience the inexpressible joy that gives us a calm assurance that we can face uncertain days of our living and eternal hope in Jesus Christ.

flesh any longer, but he is always here. I am so fortunate to know love. Many people never get to experience that. I can honestly say that I have never felt unloved. I came from a loving family and I think that I passed that on to my own family. Humans thrive on love and without it, they become shriveled up ogres.

I read this in Jimmy Buffett's novel "A Salty Piece of Land" that either made me realize what I was going to write about this month or fulfilled the idea I already had bouncing around my brain. He wrote, "Grief is like the wake behind a boat. It starts out as a huge wave that follows close behind you and is big enough to swamp and drown you if you suddenly stop moving forward. But if you do keep moving, the big wake will eventually dissipate. And after a long enough time, the waters of your life get calm again, and that is when the memories of those who have left begin to shine as bright and as enduring as the stars above."

I don't remember where I found the following piece but I had to write it down because the words touched my heart.

"In the whisper of the waves I hear your name. In the caress of the sunlight, I feel your lips. In the hands of the wind, I feel your touch. I will not forget you, sweet love."

Until next month.

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Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

A few years ago a widower friend told me he was upset with himself because he just told a woman who had recently lost her husband that she would never stop mourning. He felt he should have worded it differently because it was too soon for her to understand.

This month is the seventh anniversary of my husband's death and I understand my friend's words and maybe that woman does, too, now that time has passed.

This is a subject I have discussed with my widow friends and they also understand. You never stop mourning but you are able to move on and live. The laughter comes back and we function as usual, we have to because life and obligations continue to thrive. The memories are always with us and with time we are able to sit back and smile at the good ones and give a tsk, tsk, at the not so good ones. But in the end, we hug all of those memories close to us.

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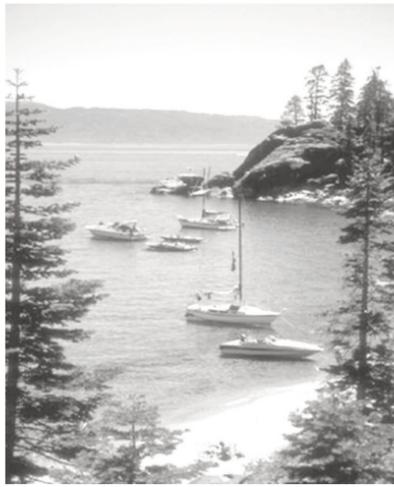
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Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Wayne B. Lavallee, Adjutant

Legion Collecting Membership Dues

A gentle reminder for all our members that 2021 dues are requested. If you have not renewed yet, please do not forget. We need you!

Post 48 would like to thank the Lillian Community Club for the excellent fireworks display on July 4 along with the activities.

Hopefully next year we can get back to the huge celebration of normal times.

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

- Pillar I: Veterans affairs and rehabilitation - 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 - sup-

porting 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 and

- Pillar IV: Children and youth - sponsoring a local boys baseball team.

Any veterans having a computer problem or those who would like to donate a computer, please bring it any Wednesday morning.

Every Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m., many of our members drop by the American Legion Building 48. The building is next door to the Lillian Community Club, adjacent to the POW/MIA flag. Drop by and join us!

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OBITUARIES

Richard Pistone

Richard J. Pistone, born in Corona, Long Island, N.Y. on Nov. 28, 1927, son of Leo and Emily Pistone, passed away June 23, 2020.

He was raised in Essington, Penn., and worked for Westinghouse Turbine Division during WWII. After the war, he worked for Lester Piano Co. from 1945-1948. Richard opened his first restaurant in Pennsylvania in 1948, which he had for 16 years. He then moved to Hallandale, Fla., where he was employed by Dobbs House restaurants as a supervisor at the Miami airport. He went on to work as a chef at Julius LaRosa's Italian restaurant in Hollywood, Fla. He moved to Flowery Branch, Ga., in 1973 and was employed as a buffet chef by Pine Isle Resort on Lake Lanier. After living in Georgia for 21 years, he retired to Spanish Cove in Lillian in 1994.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife of 37 years, Betty Lou Jones Pistone. Following her death in October 1992 he moved to Fairhope. There he met Thelma Kearley of Spanish Fort and they became devoted friends until her passing in June 2019. He and Thelma were avid dancers at the Foley Senior Center, PZK in Robertsdale and the Loxley Civic Center. They bowled in leagues at Florida Lanes and Skyline Lanes in Mobile. Richard was a huge Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Falcons fan. He was a lifelong fan of big band music and saw most of those bands in person.

He is survived by his son, Ricardo (Cathy) Pistone of Poquosan, Va.; a daughter, Laureen Prindle of Ridley Park, Penn.; stepchildren Linda (James) Saunders of Auburn, and Kenneth Montgomery of San Antonio, Texas; grandchildren, Caitlin, Mary Catherine and Ricardo Pistone Jr. of Poquosan, Chase Saunders of Auburn and Greg Saunders of Atlanta.

A celebration of Rick's life was held July 7 at Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Fairhope.

Brenda Hughen Willis

Brenda Hughen Willis, 60, a native of Loxley and a resident of Lillian, passed away July 9, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her father, Osie Hughen; her mother, Helen Hughen and a sister, Chairmaine Hughen. Survivors include her husband, Rusty Willis; a daughter, Lisa (Bama) Starcher; a stepdaughter, Rushell Willis; six grandchildren, Trevor (Myciah) Thomas, Brandon (Haley) Thomas, Hali (John) Snider, Gabby Willis, Tim Grey and Trace Starcher; and six great-grandchildren, Hayzleigh and Remington Thomas, Harper Snider and Braydon Thomas and was expecting two more soon, Winston Snider and Bradley Thomas.

Funeral services were held July 13 at Bibleway Assembly of God Church in Foley. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Loxley. Mack Funeral Home in Robertsdale was in charge of arrangements.

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Crustaceans, Insects Have a Lot in Common

Seafood is a staple here along the Gulf coast. Oysters, crabs and shrimp are eaten by the tons. Would we feel any different about shrimp if these bottom feeders were land animals?

Crustaceans, like shrimp, and insects, like spiders, are known to descend from a common ancestor that lived about a half billion years ago. Both creatures are arthropods, which is a combination of Greek words meaning “jointed” and “foot.” Some things insects and crustaceans have in common: three-part bodies made up of a head, thorax and abdomen, jointed legs and exoskeletons.

Scientists have found insects and crustaceans have a close evolutionary relationship. So close they belong to a clade all their own called “ancrustacea.” A clade is a natural group of organisms that share a common an-

cestor. In this case, the molecular data of insects shows that they are derived from crustacean ancestors.

Arthropods have exoskeletons, which means that their bodies’ “bones” are on the outside of their bodies. If you’ve ever eaten boiled shrimp, you know that they have a shell you should peel off first. This shell is made from a cuticle called chitin. This is the shrimp’s exoskeleton, and insects such as cockroaches, grasshoppers and beetles have them, too. In south Louisiana, my husband was frequently served dinner where the shrimp still had the shell on. You can eat it; it won’t hurt you. This is what your fingernails and hair are made of, after all.

But having a hard, outer shell can be a real trial. The only way an arthropod can get bigger is to com-



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion

pletely shed its rigid outer coating. We are all familiar with finding a brown, crunchy, cast skin of a cicada. That is the outer cuticle of the cicada. You can see how stiff and hard that little form is. Imagine how uncomfortable that would be for any little creature until it is shed. The trial part comes in when the critter, as it leaves its shell, is too soft and vulnerable to protect itself. The chitin takes time to harden, which makes the critter uniquely vulnerable. If you have ever caught a blue crab in a net that was soft and pliant to the touch, chances are you got one just after it shed its skin!

That means our favorite seafood like shrimp, lobsters, and other crustaceans are related – very closely related – not only to cockroaches, but to lots of other insects, too. In 2017, a study by the University of Arizona found that crustaceans have more in common with their insect relatives than previously thought – especially when it comes to brain structure.

Both insects and crustaceans possess mushroom-shaped brain structures, called mushroom bodies. This group of organs is known in insects

to be necessary for learning and memory. The study performed a detailed analysis of mushroom bodies discovered in the brain of the mantis shrimp, Squilla Mantis.

The study provides evidence that neuro-anatomical features that define mushroom bodies - at one time thought to be an evolutionary feature solely found in insects - are also present in crustaceans, a group that includes more than 50,000 species.

The mushroom bodies, or corpora pedunculata, are a pair of structures in the brain of insects and crustaceans, which are usually described as neuropils - dense networks of neuronal processors and glia, which are not nerve cells. Scientists are now taking a closer look at the glia to figure out the true function of these cells.

Most of our knowledge of mushroom bodies comes from studies of a few species of insect, especially the cockroach, honey-bee, locust and fruit fly. Studies of fruit fly mushroom bodies have been particularly important for understanding the genetic basis of the mushroom body.

Did you know that in Lowndes County, Alabama, there is a new kind of fish farm? It is not fish at all – it is Pacific White Shrimp. The salinity of the water there is high enough to farm-raise shrimp. Shrimp are being farm-raised in Texas and Florida, too.

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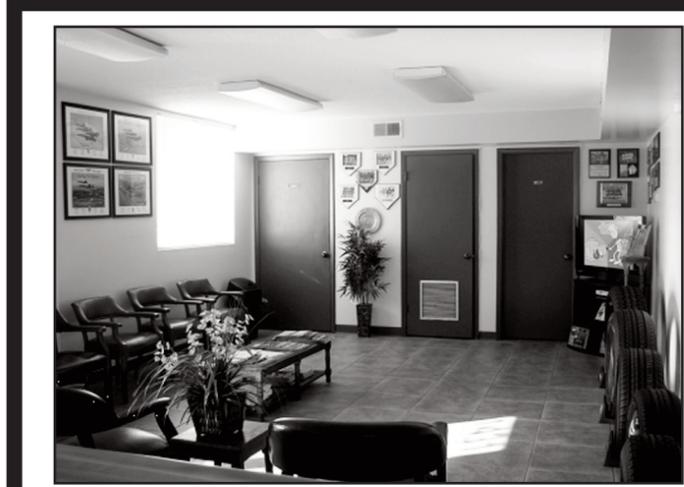
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a place for them to stay!" The solution was to contact the Masonic Lodge, and the Masons agreed to store the books in their building until the library was ready for them.

Jocy recalled the library accepted book donations of all kinds – hardback fiction, paperback fiction and non-fiction.

She stated to begin with, there were no stipulations placed on the books which they accepted. For example, copyright dates were not regarded as a factor in keeping or discarding the book. That came later as more and more books were donated.

She described the plan was to begin working with paperback books first. The books were placed on long benches in the building and "hours were spent sorting and organizing them." The library 'staff' consisted of a number of volunteers.

Only a few "had any experience working in libraries," but they did work with a former librarian from Pensacola, Lucia Tryon. In 1938, she had the task of organizing and opening a public library in Pensacola and she then helped the staff set up their library in Lillian.

The library took off. By 1993, a card catalog was established with the title along with other pertinent information on each book in the inventory, a manual check out/check in system was put into place and library hours were regulated. Shelves were donated and set up. The Perdido Bay Library Association was well on its way.

In 2015, the unthinkable happened - the library became computerized. The association received a grant through the Margaret Snook Foundation for \$3,000 to help fund the computerization process, and training was implemented for the volunteers. When asked how the new technology was welcomed by the volunteers, Jocy shook her head and replied, "We were apprehensive. No one but Sally McKinney knew much about computers." She went on to say the training was not as complete as it should have been. "We were promised the moon, but we became disappointed with the lack of support." However, they persevered and "we became used to it, but didn't necessarily like it."

She laughed when she said patrons who'd been with the library for a number of years didn't like the new system, "primarily because they were used to writing their names on the cards in the books they checked out" which showed them the books they'd already read. The new system wasn't that friendly. However, bumps and hiccups were worked out, and now the volunteers are comfortable using the Atrium system.

Jocy expressed her years at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library

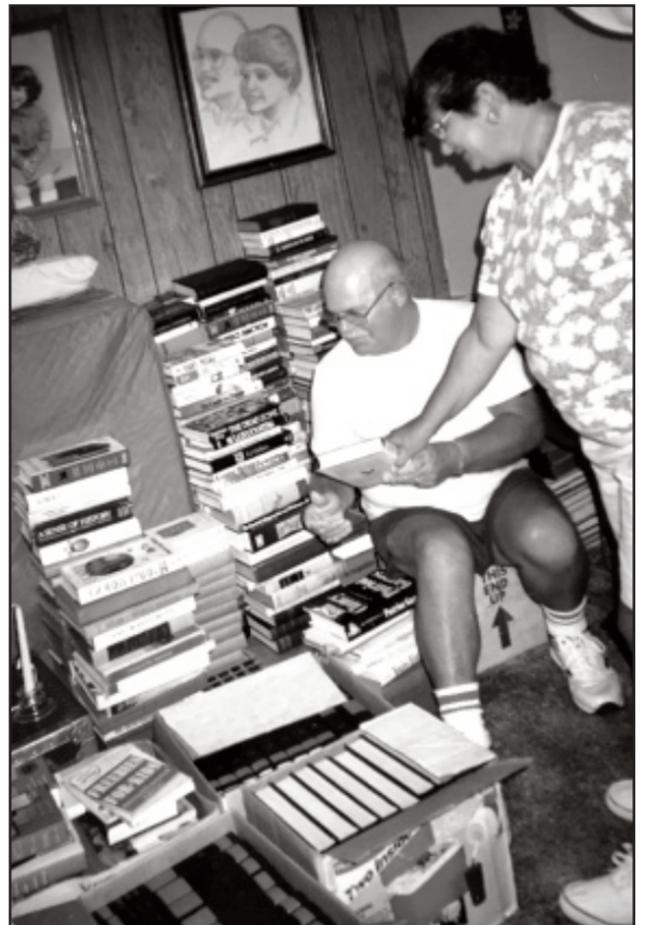
were very rewarding.

She said she most "liked meeting with people" and spending time working on the paperback books. Jocy said she asked to be responsible for the processing of paperback books; this was her area of expertise and she was "quite possessive" of it.

She also stated because she'd started with the paperbacks from the beginning, she wanted to continue with them throughout her tenure. "My greatest achievement," she recalled, "is how long the library has lasted and functioned as well as it has."

Jocy also said our library provides and offers so much to the people of Lillian. The vision of the library, which was only a dream in the late 1980s, has certainly been realized – above and beyond.

Because of people like Jocy McCoy, a contingent of volunteers in Lillian came together to create something wonderful, lasting and successful.



Dick and Jocy McCoy spent hours organizing paperback books in their home as donations began for the Lillian library.



Meeting people was one of the highlights of Jocy's time as a library volunteer, and she remains proud of the library's past and future.

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to cut off the British and the Creeks, but they were unable to catch them before they crossed the bay and returned to Pensacola, taking cattle, horses and slaves who had pledged to fight for the British with them.

A letter to Jackson from Col. Thomas H. Benton on Sept. 21, 1814, described the retreat across the bay garnered from an interrogation of the Spaniard family that lived at the landing.

Jackson then orders Carson and Major Joe Woodruff to round up all possible cattle and horses and drive them north to Fort Montgomery.

He also sends a party to reconnoiter Perdido Bay and destroy any boats they find on the west bank.

According to a statement by Carson, a large boat at the Perdido Ferry belonging to Suarez was destroyed, and later a small canoe.

Suarez professed to be attached to the U.S. government and said he understood his losses but was also hopeful he would be repaid by the American government.

Jackson agrees to the surrender of the Spanish at Pensacola in November 1814. Although the British had kept a presence within the city since 1811, they fled once Jackson's troops marched in.

Suspecting the British would then attack Mobile, Jackson left Pensacola to the Spanish and set out for Mobile. Once there, he found panicked letters requesting defense of New Orleans.

Despite the Treaty of Ghent having already been signed 15 days prior between the U.S. and Great Britain ending the War of 1812, Jackson emerges victorious at the battle of New Orleans in January 1815.

Following this war, the U.S. government begins accepting claims from citizens who had lost property during the hostilities.

Among these were claims from Augustin LaCoste of Bon Secour, James Innerarity of Forbes and Company and Francisco Suarez of the Perdido River.

The Suarez family also presented claims in Pensacola. All of these claims support information from

other sources about the retreat from Fort Bowyer and damages caused by all sides.

Alabama becomes a state in December 1819 with Florida following in March 1822.

Around this time, official surveys begin in the southeast. Surveyor journals give an accurate account and sometimes their details didn't appear on later plat maps, but those surveys include wagon roads and trails and most importantly, the location of the Joseph Suarez home within the Peter Suarez tract.

All this supports Weber's research on the road and ferry landing location on Perdido Bay.

These years also have the U.S. military building up defenses along the Gulf Coast and those records of military travel between Mobile Point, Blakeley and Pensacola are another good source of evidence.

In May 1823 Captain Daniel Burch, the Assistant Quartermaster General in Pensacola, is tasked with gathering as much and as early information as possible on routes from Pensacola to Mobile Point, and from Pensacola north further into Alabama.

This kicked off a nearly 15 year project of surveying, planning and construction of both public and military roads connecting Pensacola to other points.

Burch was one of only three people that mentioned "Pancha's" when referring to the ferry at Perdido Bay and he eventually oversaw the Pensacola to St. Augustine road project.

We'll leave it here for now, but I will share more about the Civil War and modern eras in a future article. In the meantime, you may be able to help Weber 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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July 4 Tradition



Despite July 4 events having to change due to COVID-19, the Lillian American Legion was on hand as they always are for the flag raising ceremony to start the holiday at the Lillian Community Club.

Jameson Miller Wins Action Committee Scholarship

The Lillian Action Committee and the staff of The Lillian newspaper have announced Jameson Miller as the winner of their \$500 tuition grant scholarship for a Lillian resident and 2020 high school graduate. Last awarded in 2016, the group renewed the program and the award will be paid directly to the school after the student has enrolled for the fall term.

Miller graduated from Foley High School and will be attending George Stone Technical College in Pensacola for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning program.

1996 Article Sheds Light on Lillian's Namesake and History

Editor's note: This was taken from an article in the August 1996 issue of The Lillian originally written by Kim Earley as part of a series called "Lillian Beginnings."

Whether we or our families lived in Lillian for many years or recently moved here, over 6,000 residents call Lillian home. Many live here in the winter months only, our 'snowbirds.' No matter how each of us came to Lillian, it is our home now.

You may wonder how Lillian got its name. Before I knew the facts, I thought maybe a Lillian and an Elberta were perhaps sisters, sister towns, siblings? It was just a thought.

According to Margaret Utterbach at the Baldwin Heritage Museum, Elberta was named after the Elberta peach that once grew in these parts. As far as Lillian goes, let me share some facts.

Martha "Lillian" Kee was born July 19, 1880. She was the youngest of six living children born to William Thomas Kee III and Elizabeth Isabella Resmondo. Lillian's father was the first postmaster of this community when she was born. A name was being sought and so Mr. Kee named the community after his baby daughter.

What little I can find about her childhood seems to tell me that she was a healthy, happy youngster who loved to fish, turkey hunt with her older brothers, go horseback riding, dance and go boating. It was good that she liked boating, as this was the only means of transportation across Perdido Bay. Her father, and later a brother, Rufus A., operated the mail

and ferry boat which took passengers and supplies across from Lillian to Millview in Florida.

In a 1960 interview, Lillian recalled how someone lighting a fire at Cummins Point on the Florida side would let her father know there was someone wishing to cross on his row boat ferry. In addition to to being the first postmaster, he was also a blacksmith, an election official and the first ferryman. According to Mrs. Eugene Kee, his grandson's wife, he was also a justice of the peace, having handled all the marriage licenses and other official business for this area.

Life changed drastically in 1916 when Charles Barclay and Herman Kochler had a wooden toll bridge built across the bay.

During World War I, many Lillian boys were in service and by 1921, Lillian and the Perdido Beach area were active with more families moving into the area. Hotels, lodges and community halls sprung up. People were having a good time with July 4 picnics at Paradise Beach Hotel in Florida and beauty contests in the Lillian park.

Lillian recalled both her father and grandfather played the violin and she remembered dancing to polkas, waltzes and schottische. She wed Charles B. Mitchell of Pensacola on August 20, 1904, at St. John's Catholic Church in Warrington. They resided in Pensacola much of their married life and had five children.

She passed away April 20, 1972, and is buried in the St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Warrington.

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