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## LOCAL BEACHES ISSUED ALERTS

### Spanish Cove, Pirates Cove and Wolf Bay Called 'Public Danger'

One September morning Janine Howle woke up to see sewage running down the ditches of Kee Street into Perdido Bay.

"When I was first taking my walk, it was obviously sewage water running down into the bay," she said. "The smell was obvious that it was sewage and not fresh water."

It wasn't the first time. A week before that, Howle said "the sewer company broke our water lines." Baldwin County Sewer Service told her to turn off her water, and she did.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHUBS???**  
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## Major Improvements to Our Park on the Way!

Big changes will be coming to the Lillian Recreational Park in 2026! The Park recently received a \$396,000 grant from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) program to make major improvements at the Park, including a new drainage system and parking lot.

The project includes green infrastructure features that will help manage stormwater runoff, protect nearby waterways and promote environmental sustainability.

These improvements will make the Park safer, easier to access, and more enjoyable for everyone.

For years, the Park has faced challenges with flooding and standing water, especially in its gravel parking lot and kiddie playground. These issues not only made parking and walking or pushing strollers difficult, but also caused safety concerns and forced the unfortunate cancellation of some community events.

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# You're invited to the best party of the year!

Get ready to kick off the holiday season in style – coastal style!

The Lillian Recreational Park invites you to the best party of the year, a Coastal Christmas. Join us for a special sneak peek of the Park's lights extravaganza before it officially opens to the public.

The Christmas in the Park Preview Party will be on Friday, December 5, at 5 p.m.

This one-night-only event is a "backstage pass" to the magic of Christmas at the Park. Guests will be the very first to stroll through the twinkling displays and soak up all the holiday cheer before Christmas in the Park officially opens the next day. Guests will also enjoy live music, amazing food and great raffle and auction prizes.

"This is one of our favorite traditions," said Lucy Smith, LRP board president. "The Preview Party is like the community's own private holiday celebration, and we can't wait to share the magic with everyone."

Tickets to the Preview Party are \$60 and can be purchased from committee members, or by calling the Park at 251-962-2129.

The full Christmas in the Park begins Dec. 6 and runs through Dec. 31.



For more information, visit the Park's website, [www.LillianRecreationalPark.org](http://www.LillianRecreationalPark.org).



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The intersection of US 98 and County Road 91 is getting the traffic light that I've been writing about. It's 80 percent designed and will have turn lanes, too! ALDOT and Baldwin County are splitting the cost of this million-dollar project! Commissioner Gruber had been pushing for this for quite some time. I nudged forward when I notified ALDOT that they had failed to do a traffic study after two newer subdivisions were constructed and they did another traffic study which then showed the intersection qualified for the traffic light installation. Commissioner Gruber pushed for the County funding. Thank you, Commissioner Gruber. All the best,

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## Here's the Birds-eye Low Down on the Progress of Lillian's New Pizza Purveyor 'Gulf Coast Pizza'



He could sell pizzas in Kentucky or he could sell pizzas on the beach."

Tim McMahon, new owner of Gulf Coast Pizza (formerly Chub's), mimed weighing, waving his hands on both sides of his shoulders. The beach was a no-brainer. So he moved a lifetime of pizza expertise from Louisville to Lillian.

McMahon and wife Brandi came to visit his brother and decided to move to Spanish Cove last summer. When he learned Chubs was closing, his brain lit up with possibility.

The new Gulf Coast Pizza near the KOA campground on CR 99 will feature pan, hand-tossed and thin-crust pizza with homemade sauces, subs, wings, salads, pasta and appetizers. Pizzas will be baked in a stone deck oven for ultimate texture.

Big changes are in store for the Gulf Coast interior. What has been the in-house dining area will be transformed into a mini convenience shop catering to KOA campers and nearby neighbors. The McMahons plan to upgrade a large outdoor patio, screened in with heat air conditioning for year-round dining comfort.

The McMahons operated Twinspace Pizza in Louisville, Ky., for four years before moving to Lillian this summer. But Tim has been in the pizza business for 45 years, since he was 16.

Right now, The McMahons are working through the arduous process of restaurant licensing in Alabama. While they wait, they've been getting involved with the community by volunteering at the Lillian Fall Fest and "We're all staffed up and ready to go," he said. "As soon as we get the blessing of the state, we're ready to open up."

# Mark Your Calendars and Start Your Engines ... Events Are Afoot

I was talking with a Lillian friend the other day when she asked me what the signs "Event Parking" meant. I informed her that the annual BBQ & Blues event had been held the day before. She had forgotten about it.

So, this is my advice: if there is an event coming up that you want to attend PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR RIGHT AWAY. Oh, then don't forget to look at the calendar each morning. This is a very busy season coming up and you don't want to miss anything.

The Community Food Drive begins Nov. 1 and continues to Dec. 15. You may deposit items at the Lillian Methodist Church or drop them off in the box on the Spanish Cove office front porch. This service helps Ecumenical Ministries prepare the food pantry for Christmas.

Next up is the Community Thanksgiving Service at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 that will be held at Lillian Methodist Church, although The Gathering Church with Rev. Rick Long is the host this year. Join your neighbors for a wonderful service of Thanksgiving and then goodies afterwards.

I know it's hard to believe, but shortly after that on Friday, Dec. 5, the Lillian Recreational Park will burst into Christmas cheer with a variety of events. First up is the Christmas in the Park Preview Party that includes a wonderful catered buffet meal, raffle,

live auction and ta-da! The sneak preview of the lights. Plan now to attend and if possible, become a sponsor.

The next day will be spectacular as a variety of fun stuff for the kids is planned to include a Secret Santa Shop where boys and girls can shop in secret for their parents and loved ones. Face Painting, snow machines and other fun activities are also on the agenda. Then, guess what, Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by helicopter and will be available to hear what each girl and boy desire for Christmas. The lights will be turned on and will continue to light up the nights until Jan. 1.

The Lillian Christmas Parade will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13. Plan now to attend but also think about putting together a float to represent your family or a community business or organization. This is an event hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

Plan to be at the Lillian Recreational Park for Merry-Oke on Thursday, Dec. 11 to hear your friends and neighbors sing their favorite holiday songs. Then come back for Christmas caroling on Thursday, Dec. 18. Choirs from the Lillian Methodist Church and the Gathering will be on hand to add music to our Christmas joy.

Got kids or grandkids in the area? Bring them to Breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20



## Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

at the Lillian Community Club. The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will provide their famous breakfast free to boys and girls and their families. Each child under 12 will receive a gift from the Jolly Man in Red. If you don't have children of your own, perhaps a neighbor would appreciate you're taking theirs. Some parents work on weekends, and the kids might have to miss this big event.

Just before the Big Day Christmas food boxes will be distributed to area needy families. They will be prepared by members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at the Methodist Church and delivered to area churches that have requested them.

Lillian is a small unincorporated town in Alabama, but it is not sleepy. Our residents love to participate in fun adventures and are always eager to help our organizations in their efforts to help families. Plan now to be a part of this wonderful community at all the special holiday events.

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The Perdido Grande Dames Red Hat Ladies enjoyed their October gathering at Jade Garden Buffet in Foley. The thirteen ladies each received a Trick or Treat candy cup. Our hostesses were Judy Wargo and Wendy Hatcher. We welcomed two new members: Judy Wittig and Joyce Taylor. Our birthday girls were Judy Wittig, Brenda Bradshaw, and Candy Reed. They received special Red Hat jewelry. Eight ladies won door prizes. On November 11 we will go to Hattie's Restaurant in Foley, hosted by Candy Reed and Waynette Brown. We enjoyed seeing each other after the long summer and look forward to our November gathering.

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The days are getting shorter, the sunsets are showing up a little sooner, and November is here to stay. Even with the earlier nights, the sense of warmth and togetherness in Lillian continues to shine, especially through the hard work of our volunteers at Lillian Fire Rescue.

Thanks to Chief Cantrell's efforts, Lillian Fire Rescue received a \$15,000 grant from Gulf Coast RC&D. The funds will go toward a new LifePak 15, an important tool that helps our team provide advanced cardiac care and faster emergency response. This upgrade will make a real difference for our neighbors when seconds matter most. We're so thankful to Gulf Coast RC&D for helping us continue to care for our community.

September kept our volunteers busy, with 81 calls for service. These included 6 fires, 45 medical emergencies, 6 hazardous conditions, 10 service calls, 10 miscellaneous incidents, and 4 false alarms. Each of these calls represents neighbors stepping up to help neighbors, and we're proud of

the dedication shown by our team every day. If you've ever thought about serving, we'd love to have you join us. Stop by the station or call (251)



552-FIRE (3473) to learn more about how you can get involved.

On Monday, October 6, we had a great turnout



**Lillian Volunteer  
Fire Department  
By Janett Siler**

for our general meeting. About 50 community members joined us as we welcomed new and returning board members for two-year terms. Congratulations to everyone who continues to serve and support our department. Our 2024-2025 Lillian Fire and Rescue Board Members are (pictured from left to right): Marvin Showers, Mike Cleveland, Josh Heisler, Clay Smith, Laura Wells, Daniel Randall, Joelle Pagel, Chief Cantrell, Waynette Brown, Jeff Langley, and Ron Burchfield. General meetings are held twice a year, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in Spring 2026!

## (BEACHES FROM PAGE 1)

When it came back on, we flushed the water through the outside hose. Our toilets were filled with orange clay and dirt."

Howle, who lives on 3rd Street., is among a growing number of Lillian residents looking for answers from local officials and BCSS about "our drinking water safety and for the health of the Bay."

"I think it is time to raise a red flag here," she said.

While BCSS continues to refuse to answer questions about its operations in Lillian, recent water safety tests in Perdido Bay show a pattern of problems. On Oct. 9, the Alabama Department of Health listed Spanish Cove's beach among three in our area where bacteria levels rendered the water unsafe for swimming. Other beaches deemed unsafe were Arnica Bay at Pirate's Cove in Josephine and Wolf Bay at Orange Beach.

The ADPH and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management operate the bacteriological water quality monitoring and notification program, which involves the routine collection of wa-

ter samples from 25 high-use coastal recreational sites.

The samples are analyzed for enterococci bacteria. These bacteria inhabit the intestines of humans and other warm-blooded animals. High counts indicate the possibility other disease-causing germs could be present in the water, officials say.

"This is a danger to the public," Howe said. "We can't just be polluting the bay with more and more sewage."

"If that vibrio (flesh-eating bacteria) gets into the bay and someone's kid loses a limb....," she said. "Let's stop that before it happens."

Health officials did not list vibrio as a reason for the beach closures.

For months now, BCSS has made news by stonewalling and refusing to respond to inquiries from the press and the public. Here are questions Howe and her neighbors are waiting to be answered:

1. Why is the sewer company digging?
2. What is going to happen to the Bay with the sewage going directly into it.
3. Why are there multiple breaks on the north and south side of Kee at the 3rd street area? Last

few times they placed a sign as a warning that there was a sewage break.

4. Question; why are there container trucks pumping in or out of a line on Boykin. We had been seeing them there weekly.

5. Does the County (that to some extent regulates the utility) know what's really going on?

For the third time this summer, BCSS has refused to answer questions from the public and the press.

Last year, ADEM sampled Peterson Branch in Spanish Cove in response to a request by the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP) and the Baldwin County Environmental Advisory Committee (BCEAC). The MBNEP and BCEAC requested the samples after Lillian water expert Mike Cleveland documented pathogen issues in the outflow of Peterson Branch. Two of eight single sample *E. coli* bacteria values came in at 387 colonies/100 ml in July and 461 colonies/100 ml in August. - well above the 298 colonies/100 ml maximum acceptable level. ADEM will now compare results with water tests from other nearby streams to find out how much of a problem this poses to humans - as well as fish. Fred Leslie, Montgomery Branch Chief of Field Operations and Water Quality Monitoring Coordinator, told

The Lillian. Final analysis is expected sometime this fall.

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## Practicing the Fine Art of Thankfulness

Here we go again, changing our clocks. This time it's 'fall back' an hour and we do it on Nov. 2.

Although the first known idea of this time change goes back to 1895 with entomologist George Vernon Hudson when he suggested his theory to the Society of New Zealand and they turned it down. In 1905 British construction magnate Willian Willett put his idea of an 80-minute addition each in spring and fall to the United Kingdom. He called it 'Summer Time' and it was also nixed.

Americans got a taste of time manipulation during WWI. This practice was halted in 1919 and reimplemented during WWII. However, some of the U.S. states decided to retain the bi-annual clock change and finally in 1966 Congress passed the uniform Time Act which standardized daylight saving across our country to start April and end in October. These months were changed in 2007 to March and November. About a dozen other countries also participate in daylight savings time. Hawaii and Arizona opted out of the time change altogether.

Some theories why we are put through this practice twice a year are that it gives farmers more sunlight to grow their crops and the other is that children won't have to wait for the school bus in the dark. Neither one of these is correct. The decision for the Time Act was to save energy and many still think it is beneficial. But more studies than not find benefits to energy saving negligible and actually hot climates use more energy, not less.

So, while state governments argue should they discontinue the practice or should they continue, we can only hope we will remember to adjust our clocks so we're not late for where ever we may have to be Monday morning.

**FYI:** We've all heard that our country started with 13 colonies, but did you know there were actually 15? The reason that colonies 14 and 15 may have been ignored during the Revolutionary War was because both were loyal to England.

Where were these two colonies? East and West Florida. Pensacola was capital of the West and St. Augustine was capital of the East. Just a bit more trivia- two months after England sent the first governor to West Florida, the man committed suicide.

St. Augustine's citizens were a mixture of white English, black escaped slaves and members of the Timucua Native Northeast Indian tribe. The most remarkable thing was that they lived in harmony with each other. Now, there's a plan.

The area was also volatile because of territory changing hands back and forth from England and Spain. Because of the escaped slaves, South Carolina also sent down armed men to capture them but many fled to Cuba in Spanish ships. At the end of the Revolutionary War, our new country rewarded Spain by giving them West and East Florida.

So, how did Spain help the Patriot cause? Simply because Bernardo de Galvez of Spain, who was also governor of Louisiana took Pensacola from England after a two-month siege which helped George Washington by lessening another English hold for him and his soldiers to have to take.

**Was** the first Thanksgiving Day really the story we've been told since we were little or was that a tale of mixtures of happenings from the first encounters by the Pilgrims with the Patuxet Indian tribe?

After the Mayflower landed in 1620 and the passengers found their way to the land where they settled and named it Plymouth (landing at the rock was another myth), they came in contact with the Patuxet Tribe and a friendly native named Squanto (Squanto's story is very interesting too if you'd like to look it up.) showed them how to plant corn and how to survive in the wilderness as they had no experience or skills to survive in it themselves. Our traditional Thanksgiving story takes us along these lines.

We are often told history through rose-colored glasses maybe because we are so young when we learn these stories. Now, we are told it was a very different event. In 1637 the Pequot Indian Massacre took place. Which I've known about for years because I had ancestors involved in the wars that led to the brutal ending. A simple explanation: The tribe was ticked off that all these English were taking over their land. The new settlers were upset that these 'savages' were trying to keep them from fulfilling their dream. Unfortunately, over 700 people were killed in this horrible event with the settlers being the victors.

Isn't that basically what all wars are; the greedy wanting more and the victims trying to keep what's theirs? Nothing has changed. In 1637, Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony John Winthrop declared a day of thanksgiving. It was a celebration of winning the massacre and a day of mourning for the life's loss. Eventually the day became a national holiday. The story we grew up with is far nicer. Let's stay with the traditional myth. A good thing to remember on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27 is that there is much more to be thankful for than good food. I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving Day.

"The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for." Norman Vincent Peale.

"Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude."



### Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

## Title Fraud (Deed Theft); As if There Isn't Enough to Worry About Today

BY SHANNON YOUNG

Title fraud (also called deed theft) happens when someone illegally transfers ownership of your property without you knowing—often using fake papers or IDs. It can lead to foreclosure or someone selling or borrowing money against your home as if it were theirs.



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## Scholarship Winner Addresses Optimists

**Lauren Maxwell, a student at Elberta High School, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. She was the recipient of a scholarship to the National Flight Academy program at NAS Pensacola this summer. With her are Committee Chairman Todd Turk and club President Robin Newell. The Optimist Club meets at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at the Lillian Methodist Church. Guests are always welcome.**

## You Are Not Alone: The Lillian Community Dementia Support Group Can Help - *By Sharyon Miller*

The Lillian Methodist Church, in partnership with Springhill Home Hospice and the Neurological Science Institute, proudly sponsors a support group for dementia patients and caregivers. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 1:00 PM and have been a cornerstone of our community for the past two years. This group offers invaluable support and education to those living with Dementia and to the loved ones who care for them. In Escambia County, an estimated 6,500 individuals and families are facing the challenges of this emotional and life-changing disease. In Baldwin County, there are 4,900 people living with dementia- and many who remain undiagnosed.



Too often, individuals and families suffer in silence, embarrassed or afraid to share their experiences, unsure where to turn for reliable information or local resources. The internet can be overwhelming, and misinformation is common. Caregivers face immense emotional and physical strain. Their responsibilities can seem endless, often leading to burnout, exhaustion, and feelings of guilt - a constant cycle of believing they aren't doing enough or should be doing things differently. For those who are homebound or lack transportation, accessing support becomes even more challenging. To bridge this gap, we plan to begin live-streaming our sessions so these individuals can participate and receive the same encouragement and resources remotely.

Despite these challenges, this support group has become a haven of comfort and encouragement. Even participants whose loved ones have passed away continue to attend, offering guidance, compassion, and encouragement to new families beginning their journey. Dementia is a progressive disease, sometimes changing slowly, sometimes rapidly. But having education, understanding, and community can make a profound difference along the way. Please consider joining us for one of our monthly meetings. You don't have to go through this alone; support can change your life. For questions, please call Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

## Seasonal Changes in Our Waterways

By Janet Larson

Have you noticed that our water looks different when the weather gets cooler? These changes happen because of things like water temperature, rain, and how much water is flowing into our waterways.

These changes affect the amount of E. coli bacteria in our water. Warm weather helps E.coli to grow and thrive, so there's usually more of it in the summer than in the winter.

When it rains a lot or there are storms, water can wash dirt and waste from towns and farms into our watershed. This results in higher E. coli levels during and after rain. When it is dryer, like it has been the past few months, there is a lot less runoff into the water and the bacterial count goes down. Less rain also means less sediment going into the water, so the water is much clearer.

The Western Perdido Water group is active in the fall too! When this article is published, we will have had a community forum on Monday, October 27 at the Lillian Community Club.

Speakers included Frank Lundy, Baldwin County Engineer, Ashley Campbell, Baldwin County Planning, and Zoning Department Natural Resource Planner and Christian Miller. We are having our fall membership drive! Our contact information is [wpbwac@gmail.com](mailto:wpbwac@gmail.com). Additional information about this can be found on our new Facebook Group, Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association. You can also review last month's article in The Lillian Newspaper on their website.

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**Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner**  
By Betty Bovat

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and so the Lillian Perdido Bay Library celebrates closing on November 27 through 29. We will be open throughout November from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. otherwise.

The library does seem to receive book donations of new books. These are a few to get an idea of what we have now:

“25 ALIVE” by James Patterson -The Murder Club Thriller Series.

Clever twists and affecting subplots keep the pages flying.

“LETHAL PREY” by John Sanford - The latest thriller from this author. Two people join forces to track down a ruthless killer who will do whatever it takes to keep the past buried.

“STRANGERS IN TIME” by David Baldacci - This author’s newest novel, set in London in 1944, about a bereaved bookshop owner and two teenagers scarred by the Second World War, and the healing and hope they find in one another.

“BY ANY OTHER NAME” by Jodi Picoult - The author is a master of the craft of storytelling. This novel is about two women, centuries apart—one of whom is the real author of Shakespeare’s plays—who are both forced to hide behind another name.

The above books can be checked out with your Lillian Perdido Bay library card. If you don’t have a card, there is a simple form to be filled out and you will then receive your free card. If you would like to become a library member, there is another form to be filled out. The membership is for a year for \$10 or a family membership for \$15.

We also have books for sale for \$1! Paperbacks, DVD’s, audio CDs and children’s books for \$.50. We also have crossword puzzle books and sudoku books for FREE! Come, have a look!! Donations of books are certainly appreciated if the copyright is six years old or younger. There is a computer lab with five computers and two printers for public use with a small donation. The library also has a large printer that copies, scans and faxes. Thanks for your support and have a happy and Thanksgiving,



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# Sky Events in November From Seasky.org

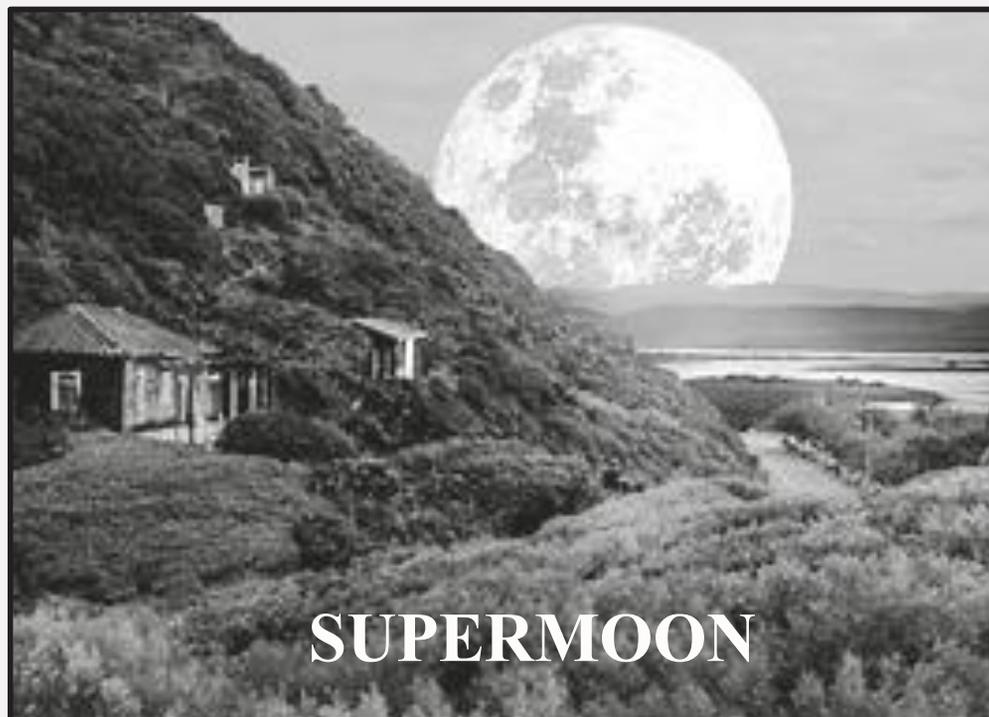
- November 4, 5 - Taurids Meteor Shower. The Taurids is a long-running minor meteor shower producing only about 5-10 meteors per hour. It is unusual in that it consists of two separate streams. The first is produced by dust grains left behind by Asteroid 2004 TG10. The second stream is produced by debris left behind by Comet 2P Encke. The shower runs annually from September 7 to December 10. It peaks this year on the the night of November 4. Unfortunately the glare from the full moon will hide most of the meteors this year. If you are really patient, you may still be able to catch a few bright ones. Best viewing will be just after midnight from a dark location far away from city lights. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Taurus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

- November 5 - Full Moon, Supermoon. The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This phase occurs at 13:21 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Beaver Moon because this was the time of year to set the beaver traps before the swamps and rivers froze. It has also been known as the Frosty Moon and the Dark Moon. This is also the second of three supermoons for 2025. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

- November 17, 18 - Leonids Meteor Shower. The Leonids is an average shower, producing up to 15 meteors per hour at its peak. This shower is unique in that it has a cyclonic peak about every 33 years where hundreds of meteors per hour can be seen. That last of these occurred in 2001. The Leonids is produced by dust grains left behind by comet Tempel-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1865. The shower runs annually from November 6-30. It peaks this year on the night of the 17th and morning of the 18th. This should be an excellent year for the Leonids. The thin, crescent moon won't be much of a problem and skies will be dark enough for what should be a great show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate

- November 20 - New Moon. The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 06:49 UTC. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

- November 21 - Uranus at Opposition. The blue-green planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view Uranus. Due to its distance, it will only appear as a tiny blue-green dot in all but the most powerful telescopes.



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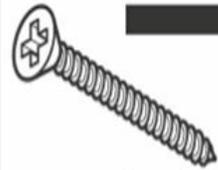
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## Lillian Calendar

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**November 1 - December 15:** Annual Optimist Community Food Drive. Help us replenish the Ecumenical Ministries Pantry by placing Non-perishable food items in the containers located at Lillian Methodist Church or Spanish Cove Property Owners' office porch. Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. For questions call 251-234-1122. Learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at: [www.OptimistClubPB.org](http://www.OptimistClubPB.org).

**November 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 11:00 AM & November 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:00 AM:** Ageless Grace, Body & Brain Fitness, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL

For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

**November 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 7:00 PM:** AL-Anon Meetings, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. Al-Anon is a fellowship for relatives and friends of alcoholics, offering support for those who are affected by a loved one's drinking. It provides a safe, non-judgmental space to share experiences and develop healthier coping mechanisms through its meetings, which are based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Learn more about AL-Anon at: <https://al-anon.org/>

**November 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 7:00 PM:** AA Meeting, Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope to stay sober, primarily through a 12-step program and mutual support at free meetings. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking, and the organization is open to anyone regardless of background, beliefs, or identity. Learn more about AA at: <https://www.aa.org/what-is-aa>

**November 6 at 1:00 PM:** Healing Hope Grief Support Group, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. If you are navigating the pain of loss, please know you are not alone. Join us for grief support in a safe space to share your experiences, receive compassionate listening, and find healing alongside others who understand. For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

**November 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 6:30 PM:** Lillian Community Celebrate Recovery Meetings, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. Rev. Rick Long and Rev. Daniel Randall invite everyone to join us for Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based, Christ-centered, 12-step program designed to help individuals overcome various hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Celebrate Recovery uses a combination of biblical principles, the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and small group support to foster healing and recovery. The program addresses a wide range of issues, including substance abuse, codependency, and other life challenges, and is offered in thousands of churches worldwide. Learn more about CR at: <https://celebraterecovery.com/>

**November 8 at 8:00 AM:** Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL. GUEST EAT FOR FREE! Our guest speaker will be Denny Dawson, the area coordinator for Ecumenical Ministries Meals on Wheels. Learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at: [www.OptimistClubPB.org](http://www.OptimistClubPB.org).

**November 9 at 4:00 PM:** Optimist Annual Community Thanksgiving Service, Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 South Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. Rev. Rick Long, pastor of The Gathering Church, will deliver the sermon and area pastors will share in the service. There will be a light reception following in the fellowship hall provided by members of The Gathering Church and Lillian Methodist Church. The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service is sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. Learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at: [www.OptimistClubPB.org](http://www.OptimistClubPB.org).

**November 20 at 1:00 PM:** Dementia Education Forum, Caregiver Support Group and Aging in Place, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

**November 22 at 8:00 AM:** Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL. GUEST EAT FOR FREE! Our guest speaker will be Linda Tipp, with The Quilts of Valor project. The Quilts of Valor project was started to honor wounded warriors and veterans. The handmade quilts are crafted by volunteers, who say it's a great way to give back to those who have fought and given so much. Nearly 300,000 quilts have been awarded nationwide since 2003. Learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at: [www.OptimistClubPB.org/](http://www.OptimistClubPB.org/) Learn more about Quilts of Valor at: <https://www.qovf.org/>

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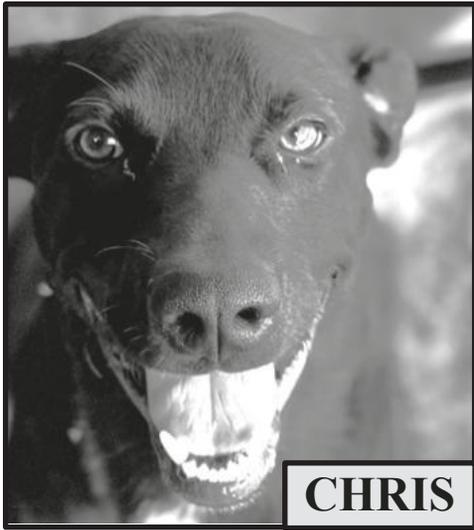
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## Lillian's Pets of the Month



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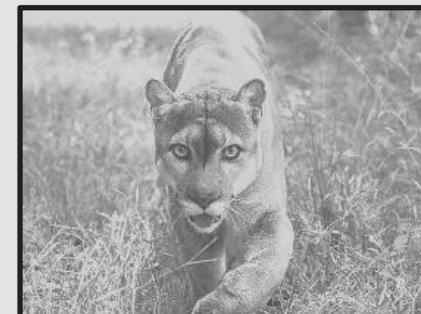
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If you have a best friend of the furry, feathery or scaly kind feel free to send in a picture to Dave Monaghan at [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com)

## Lillian's Pests of the Month



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# That's Not Groucho Marx Chasing You; It's the Eastern Hornet

"Time flies like an arrow... fruit flies like a banana" A classic one liner from the renowned comedian Groucho Marx, whose iconic mustache was drawn on with grease paint(!) until 1947 when he grew a real one for TV. (The greased paint trick blew me away!)

Speaking of flies, my darling nephew sent me a picture of a creature he called a wasp. A quick glance revealed that it was not a wasp at all! In fact, it was such a good pretender that research was needed to find out who this tricky mimic was!

There are a few key characteristics that must be discovered when identifying a unknown insect. First, how many wings does it have? What is its body shape? What do the antennae look like? How big are the eyes in relation to the total head space?

In answer to these questions, our subject has two wings, a long cylindrical body, very short antennae, and large-ish eyes when compared to the total head space. That tells us a few things right off the bat: not a wasp. Wasps (almost) always have a pinched waist. The "wasp waist" was a look that corsets were invented for! The eyes taking up nearly all of the space on the head tells us it is in the Diptera or Fly family.

And the look alike is: *Spilomyia longicornis*, or the Eastern hornet fly! This little sneak is a medium-sized wasp-mimicking syrphid fly, also known as a flower fly or hoverfly. The scientific name has Greek roots: *Spilo* meaning "spot", *Myia* means "fly" so together they mean "Spotted fly". *Longicornis* (a great name for a Harry Potter spell) has Latin roots meaning "Long-horned," which refers to this fly's notably long antennae.

The Eastern Hornet fly is typically 11–15 millimeters long. This is tiny; for reference, a green pea is 10 mm long. It has a black body with yellow spots behind its head and yellow stripes on its abdomen. Its wings are mostly clear with a dark tinge around the outside edge.

The back four legs are yellow-ish in color, and the front two legs have yellow "feet" and black up to where they connect to the body.

The Eastern hornet fly mimics Vespid wasps, but unlike wasps it cannot sting! The Vespid family contains stinging yellow jack-

ets, hornets, paper wasps and others. Eastern hornet flies mimic Vespid wasps in physical, behaviorally, and auditorily. The first way is with color; they look, unsurprisingly, a lot like yellow jackets.

These flies mimic the way wasps move their antennae by resting on their back four legs and using their two front, black legs with yellow tips to wave above their heads. Wasps have very active antennas to help them locate prey. Another way these flies copy wasp behavior is that when threatened, they will bend their abdomen like wasps who are stinging a predator. This insect looks like a deranged, twerking little dancer.

The Eastern hornet fly produces a different buzzing sound when threatened. While wasps do not necessarily produce a different sound upon attack, the sound this fly makes when threatened may be different frequency. This strategy may have evolved because the visual and behavioral mimicry may not always keep the little fly safe.

It is widespread in eastern North America, east of the Rocky Mountains, and in Ontario, and Quebec, Canada. The Eastern hornet fly family is one of the most diverse in the Diptera order. There are at least 200 genera and 5000 species included in this family.

These flies can be found near and around flowers that produce pollen and nectar. Only adult flies eat pollen and nectar from flowers. Pollen has a high content of nitrogenous nutrients which females use to make eggs. Males use those nutrients for energy for their hovering behavior. Why are they hovering? Trying to mate, of course!

Rotting trees are important for their habi-



## Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion

tat. Eastern hornets fly larvae are typically found in rot holes. The rot holes provide a food source and protection for the larvae. A rot hole is a wound caused by fungal or bac-



terial decay in trees. They do not heal. The water inside is mostly from the vascular system of the tree, not from rain, and is reddish-brown, not clear. The larvae will complete their entire transformation inside, emerging as an adult fly.

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Ever seen a fly on TikTok? It's trending with buzz-worthy moves.

We hope you have lots of things to be Thankful for this Season!

## Smart Financial Moves to Make Before the Year's End

As the year winds down, it's the perfect time to make some smart moves before the calendar flips to 2026. Think of it as a financial tune-up that could help with saving money and setting you up for success in the months ahead. Here are some things to consider.

**Don't forget about required withds. MARrawals.** If you're 73 or older, you'll need to take your required minimum distribution from traditional retirement accounts to avoid a 25% penalty on any amount you should have withdrawn but didn't. This rule also applies to some people who inherited retirement accounts, including certain Roth accounts.

**Use your flexible spending money.** Got money sitting in a flexible spending account at work? Remember, these accounts follow a "use it or lose it" rule. Check with your HR department about your plan's specific deadlines for spending the money and submitting receipts. Whether it's that dental work you've been putting off or new prescription glasses you need, now's the time to use those funds before they disappear.

**Boost your retirement savings.** Consider ramping up your pretax retirement contributions before year-end. Not only will this help your future self, but it might also reduce your current tax bill. If your workplace plan allows it, you can even set up automatic increases for next year so you won't have to remember to do it later.

**Share the wealth through gifting.** In 2025, the current tax rules let you give family or friends up to \$19,000 per person without affecting your lifetime gift tax exemption. Married couples can combine their allowances to give up to \$38,000 per person. Plus, you can pay someone's tuition or medical bills directly without these payments counting against your gift limits at all.

**Navigate new tax changes.** The recently passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act has made several tax provisions permanent, including lower individual tax rates

and higher standard deductions. However, it also introduces new changes that might affect your situation. It's worth sitting down with a financial advisor or tax professional to understand how these updates impact your specific circumstances.

**Examine your investments.** Take some time to review your investment portfolio. Ask yourself: Did your investments perform as expected this year? Do they still match your goals and comfort level with risk? You might need to rebalance things to get back on track.

**Build up your emergency fund.** It's ideal to have enough cash saved to cover three to six months of living expenses in an easily accessible account. This safety net can prevent you from having to raid your retirement savings when unexpected expenses pop up.

**Review your estate planning documents.** This is especially important if you've had major life changes like marriage, divorce or a new baby. Don't forget to check the beneficiary designations on all your bank and brokerage accounts as well as life insurance policies – these often override what's written in your will.

Taking care of these financial housekeeping tasks now can help you start the new year on solid ground.



### Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon  
of Edward Jones



### Financial Focus

By Chantz  
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## Legion Invites Veterans, Families to Day of Celebration Nov. 11

The American Legion is your voice in congress, we need membership numbers when they go in front of the VA, and all

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**Happy Veterans Day:** The American Legion post 48 cordially invites all Veterans and their families in the Lillian community for a Veterans Day Celebration. It will be held at the Lillian Community Club Hall on Tuesday, November 11, at 11 a.m. Please plan to arrive no later than 10:45 am. Hamburgers, hot dogs and side dishes will be served along with various beverages at no cost.

The American Legion Post 48 of Lillian wants to wish the Lillian Community a very **Happy Thanksgiving.**

**MEDICAL CLOSET:** The Medical Closet is for all Lillian residents and there is absolutely no charge. Many items are available, such as walkers, hospital beds, and more. The only requirement is the return of



### Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Gay L. Pyle  
1st Vice

said items when no longer needed.

The individuals to contact are Bill Burns at 251-978-3440 and Darrell Ochs at 251-269-9084.

Every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Legion Members "drop by" the American Legion Building 48.

The building is located next door to Lillian Community Club, adjacent to the POW/MIA flag. Come and join us for a cup of coffee or a soda, and enjoyable conversation.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Lillian Community Club Hall.

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concerned. The focus has been and always will be on service to the community and support of our veterans.

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## Lillian Masonic Lodge Pays Tribute to Douglas Abercrombie III

Lillian Masonic Lodge has lost its second brother in the past two months on September 18 when James Douglas Abercrombie III, 82, of Lillian passed. The Lodge conducted a Masonic Service at his celebration of life at the Lillian Community Club on October 25 at 1 p.m. for his family and friends.

Doug was born on September 11, 1942, in Brooklyn, New York, while his parents, Emily (Carter) and James Douglas Abercrombie Jr. were stationed at the Naval Yard.

Brother Abercrombie grew up in Deerfield, Main and attended both Eagle Brook School and Deerfield Academy. He attended the University of Alabama and was a proud member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity where his love for The Crimson Tide and sailing developed. After his marriage he moved back to Deerfield to help run Lucy and Abercrombie, Inc., a family-owned business.

He had three children, James Douglas Abercrombie IV, who proceeded him in death in 2025, David Tayler Abercrombie. He is survived by his wife Emmy, and Joy (Abercrombie) Robertson and her husband PJ

and stepdaughter Kara Lavin, three siblings, Joy (Abercrombie) Dooley, Ellen Abercrombie, both of Colorado, John Abercrombie and his wife, Caroline (Johnson) Abercrombie of Greefield, MA. Four grandchildren Michael, Jordan, Jake and Abigail, two great grandchildren, Sayer and Travis and several nieces and nephews

His love of sailing, warm weather and the energy of "Crimson Tide" football made moving to Alabama a no-brainer. It was here in Alabama that he developed a new interest in church life and found great comfort in becoming a Mason. Brother Abercrombie was good friends with one of the founders of the Lillian Masonic Lodge, Sam McLendon. Brother Abercrombie was a believer in the Masonic Mission of "making good men better," and is remembered by the Brotherhood for making a difference

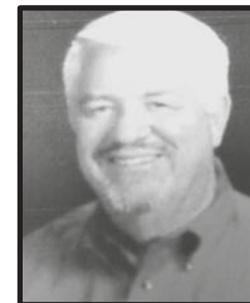
Doug worked for Principal Financial Group for many years as a financial advisor and insurance agent, eventually transitioning to real estate. First teaming with John Blalock of



**Lillian Masonic Lodge**  
By Jeff Keener

Coastal Realty and later joining the Davi Henry Group at Coldwell Banker. It was there that he officially hung up his professional hat, retiring with a smile and probably a boat brochure in his hand.

The event was attend by family and many of his local friends and acquaintances.



### Doggy Donations

**Donate to the Shelter Animals of Baldwin County**

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## A Heart of Thankfulness



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

As autumn colors begin to paint our coastal trees and cool breezes drift in from the north and across Perdido Bay, we enter a time of the year when our focus on gratitude is amplified by a season of Thanksgiving.

With gatherings like the Annual Optimist Community Thanksgiving service on November 9 at 4 p.m. at the Lillian Methodist Church and our support of the Annual Optimist Food Drive November 1 through December 15 we are reminded of the opportunities that we have to share a Heart of Thanksgiving out of deep appreciation for all God provides. We are reminded that Thanksgiving is more than a day on the calendar, it's a posture of the heart. Gratitude is not found in what we have, but in Whom we trust.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Notice he didn't say for all circumstances, but in them. Life's blessings are often mingled with burdens, yet even in hardship, we can find reasons to give thanks. Each sunrise is a fresh reminder that God's mercies are new every morning. A thankful heart reshapes how we see the world. Grati-

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tude lifts our eyes from what we lack to what God has already provided, faith, family, friendship, forgiveness, and the hope of salvation through Jesus Christ. When we live with gratitude, we share God's light with others. Smiles spread more easily. Patience deepens. Love grows stronger. Forgiveness is fostered.

As we gather around our tables this season, whether surrounded by family, friends, or a quiet moment alone, may we pause to recognize the Giver of every good gift. Even though we change our clocks back on November 8 before going to bed, we can rest assured that that God's love for us never changes. Let us count our blessings, name them one by one, and remember that thankfulness turns ordinary days into praise. From all of us at Lillian Methodist Church, may your Thanksgiving be filled with peace, joy, and the abiding presence of our Lord. If you do not have a church family, I want to personally invite you to come be a part of our church family. May God Bless you with a Heart of Thankfulness!

You're invited to join us this Sunday at 8 or 10 a.m. for worship at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. We would love to welcome you!

# Billy Graham Devoted His Life to Preaching With an Audience of 2.2 Billion

This year I have written article on missionaries and evangelists from previous generations. This article is about someone perhaps we all know something about, the most famous evangelist of our century, Dr. Billy Graham. Like many of you, I heard the news of Billy Graham's passing a few years ago and my heart rejoiced knowing Dr. Graham was finally in the arms of His Savior, seeing fully the One whom he served and loved his entire earthly life. I had an image of a long line of saints in heaven ready to thank him for sharing Jesus with them. From tent revivals to football stadium venues to television events, Billy Graham spoke to audiences around the world always with the same message, God loves you, Jesus died for your sins.

What was most evident to me in his sermons was his humility and the simplicity of his message. He used clear language never seeking to sound clever. He stuck to the central message of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and always gave an invitation for people to enter into relationship with Jesus. Graham was God's faithful servant knowing full well the power of his message was always in the strength of the Holy Spirit. It was never about Graham and always about Jesus.

Billy Graham grew up during the Great Depression on a farm near Charlotte, North Carolina. As a teenager, he grudgingly attended church with his family, but found his family's Bible-reading, praying and singing left him feeling restless. In 1934, local pastors invited Dr. Mordecai Ham, a traveling evangelist, to hold a series of revival meetings. Thousands flocked to hear Dr. Ham preach inside a "tabernacle," more of a sprawling, ramshackle building with a sawdust groundcover. The evangelist preached six days a week, morning and night, for 11 weeks.

"Everything I heard or read about him made me feel antagonistic toward the whole affair," Billy Graham shared in his autobiography. "It sounded like a religious circus to me." Billy Graham's parents attended the meeting, but their enthusiasm did not rub off on their teenage son, who was about to turn 16. "I did not want anything to do with an evangelist, particularly with such a colorful character as Dr. Ham," Billy Graham said. "I told my parents that I would not go to hear him."

A while later, his interest in the revival piqued after reading an article in which Dr. Ham claimed local high schoolers were participating in immoral activity during school hours.

Rumors flew that angry students planned to march on the tabernacle. Billy Graham recalled, "I wanted to go just to see what would happen. His friend offered another incentive, letting Graham drive his old truck into town for the meeting.

Dr. Ham began preaching, loudly. Recounting the night many years later, he said, "I have no recollection of what he preached about, but I was spellbound. In some way, he was getting through to me. I was hearing another voice, the voice of the Holy Spirit."

Graham kept going back and a few weeks into the meetings, Billy Graham remembers hearing Dr. Ham quote Romans 5:8. This verse, about how much God loves us, remained with him. During his own Crusades, Graham regularly told millions, "God loves you." After Dr. Ham finished his message, he invited the tabernacle full of people to accept Christ. Billy Graham went forward. "I walked down to the front, feeling as if I had lead weights attached to my feet. Looking around, he saw a woman next to him with tears running down her cheeks. "I did not feel any special emotion of any kind just then," he said, and wondered if he was making a fool of himself. "I almost turned around and went back to my seat." It was then that a family friend came beside Billy Graham, explained God's plan for salvation in a simple way, prayed for Graham and guided him to pray to receive Christ. Graham was thankful that someone assured him in his salvation decision and described what he

felt after giving his life to Christ: "No bells went off inside me. No signs flashed across the tabernacle ceiling. I simply felt at peace, happy and peaceful." From that day forward



## Moving Forward

By Rev.  
Tina Lockett



Billy Graham would devote his life to preaching the gospel to what would can only be estimated as a world-wide audience of over 2.2 billion.

Yes, the good news travels through gifted evangelists like Billy Graham but more than that, the good news is also proclaimed through every day followers of Jesus sharing the hope that is in them. God calls on all of us to play our part in God's plan to redeem the world. So whether you are an usher or a greeter, whether you prepare the service bulletins or lead a prayer ministry, whether you help with the nursery or take out the trash, whether you teach Sunday School or preach from the pulpit, every single follower of Jesus is called to serve and love all the people to know they are part of God's Kingdom.

If you want to know about other evangelist or saints of the Church or any aspect of the Christian faith, come visit us Episcopal Church of the Advent. Sunday Service is 10am. Everyone is welcome.



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## Local Candidate Scores Win as County Responds to Traffic Issues

Greetings!

I am on the campaign trail for Baldwin County Commissioner District 4 (South Baldwin). This is a county-wide voting opportunity for the May 2026 primary and November 2026 election. Please let those you know in other parts of Baldwin County if you support me and ask if I could contact them to set up a Coffee & Conversation meeting in their vicinity to hear their concerns. Thank you.

**Traffic Safety Improvements In the Works:** The intersection of US 98 and County Road 91 is getting the traffic light that I've been telling you about. It's 80% designed and will have turn lanes, too! ALDOT and Baldwin County are splitting the cost of this million-dollar project! Commissioner Gruber had been pushing for this for quite some time. I nudged it forward when I notified ALDOT that they had failed to do a traffic study after two newer subdivisions were constructed and they did another traffic study which then showed the intersection qualified for the traffic light installation. Commissioner Gruber pushed for the county funding. Thank you Commissioner Gruber.

My request for a flashing beacon at 98 and Santa Piedro Street for the Lillian Fire Department is in progress. There is a new gas station going up on 98 and CR 95, southeast corner. Later, behind that, will be a storage facility. Further south on CR 95 will be a Dollar store. These are in an activity node with appropriate zoning for businesses. Further away from the activity node the zoning for lower density and residential property is determined by distance from the activity node at the intersection. A traffic signal at US Hwy 98 and South Perdido Street is in progress. The Barclay and US Hwy 98 interchange is being considered for a possible change in design. AL Department of Transportation, Robert Wiese, says, "With all these projects, Lillian should have some great traffic safety improvements in the near future."

**Planning & Zoning updates in the Lillian vicinity:**

*May Brothers Property Fireworks Store southeast corner of Hwy 98 and CR 99 CSP25-45* - No update at this time. *Hamm Enterprises Spanish Cove West, Lot 3268, 23 Acres, 50 lots* - Currently awaiting subdivision phase. No date set as of this writing. No other Planning and Zoning matters on the agenda as of this writing. The next agenda will be available around the first of November.

**In Progress:** I am currently working with a local citizen on a potential

flooding matter that involves a new subdivision. I am in contact with the Planning and Zoning Department on this matter and we will be meeting with them soon on the property location to determine what, if any, changes to their current plan need to be made to prevent a disaster. I will keep you posted.



**Keeping it Country**

By Tracey Gambill

**Preserve the cultural history of the Lillian Community! Support Lillian Landmark District** - Share this with as many of your friends and family in the Lillian area as you can. Your support can be sent to either [tbird32507@gmail.com](mailto:tbird32507@gmail.com) with your name and address or using the QR Code to fill out the petition form on *Let's Keep it Country* on Facebook.

Other: JoAnn Graff suggested that we begin working on making a "Welcome to Lillian" sign upon entry at the Lillian bridge. We could also place our "Lillian Landmark District" plaque there (pending approval in the upcoming legislative session) for a more impressive entrance to our beautiful area.

"IF SERVING IN AN ELECTED OFFICE EVER BECOMES A CAREER, CORRUPTION WILL SURELY FOLLOW." -- Thomas Jefferson

All the best, Tracey Gambill. Stay tuned for updates on Facebook LET'S KEEP IT COUNTRY and email me at [Tracey@letskeepitcountry.com](mailto:Tracey@letskeepitcountry.com)

### YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Contact [PLANNING@BALDWINCOAL.GOV](mailto:PLANNING@BALDWINCOAL.GOV), 251-580-1655 for questions or to show support or opposition regarding upcoming zoning and subdivision cases. Planning Commission meetings are the first Thursdays of each month at 4 PM at the Baldwin County Central Annex, 22251 Palmer St., Robertsdale AL 36567. Rezoning cases before are heard by the County Commissioners on the third Tuesdays of the month at 10 AM at the Baldwin County Fairhope Satellite Courthouse, Commission Meeting Chambers - 2nd Floor, 1100 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope AL 36532. Please attend meetings when possible. Please email me with questions or comments at [TRACEY@LETSKEEPITCOUNTRY.COM](mailto:TRACEY@LETSKEEPITCOUNTRY.COM)

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## Episcopal Church of the Advent Hosts Autumn Tradition: BBQ & Blues Offers Food, Music with a Day of Sunshine and Fun



## 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 November go out to: Price Legg, Richard C. Holt, Steve Greer, Martha Kreamer, Carolyn Holt, Sue Dickson, Gail Stewart, Allyson Greer, Peggy Bingle, Dick Rice, Brandon Wil-

liams, Aubrey Verret, Linda Andrews, Gene Fell, Evelyn Duckworth, Bill Burns, Hannas Hayles, Annette Culpepper, Gladys Morris, Mac McMorris, Gerald Jackson, Jim Peale, Joan Fletcher and Rose Vargo.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in November are; Ron and Barbara Parks 1963, Cliff and Mary Collier 1974, Brannen and Megan Hall 2010.

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

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The new lot will be designed with accessibility in mind so visitors of all ages and abilities can easily enjoy everything the Park has to offer. "This project is a real win for our community. We are so grateful to have been selected as one of this year's grantees," said Lucy Smith, LRP Board president. "We couldn't be more excited. The parking lot has been a dream of ours for years. We want the Park to be a safe and enjoyable space for our whole community. No more muddy puddles or rained-out events — just safe, smooth, and accessible parking for everyone.



"We're also excited that the project includes eco-friendly features that will help protect our environment.

"It's a real win-win for our community. From people coming out to walk, families coming to events like Christmas in the Park, or just enjoying a movie night, everyone will benefit. We can't wait to see the difference it makes."

Work is expected to start after the first of year. While some areas of the Park will be temporarily closed during construction, the improvements will provide lasting benefits that will make the park even more welcoming for generations to come.

The GOMESA program created revenue sharing opportunities for four Gulf oil and gas producing states (Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas). GOMESA funds are used for coastal conservation, restoration and hurricane protection.

"The Park is so grateful to GOMESA for supporting this vital project and for recognizing the importance of safe, accessible, and vibrant public spaces. We excited beyond belief to finally have this dream become a reality," Lucy concluded.

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