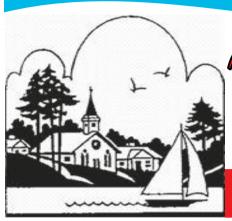


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Lillian Will Host Area-Wide Watershed Forum October 27

By Lani Cameron

The Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association (WPBWA) is looking forward to seeing all of you at our community forum Monday, October 27, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club, 34148 Widell Ave, Lillian, AL.

Speakers include Frank Lundy, Baldwin County Engineer; Ashley Campbell, Baldwin County Planning & Zoning Department Natural Resource Planner and Christian Miller, Public Sector Program Lead with the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP).

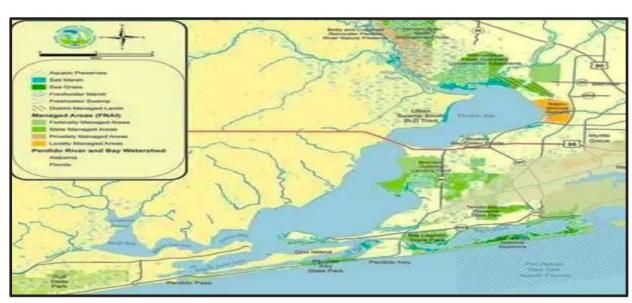
These speakers will be addressing the following:

Frank Lundy- plans for the County Park on CR 99 as well as Lillian infrastructure

Ashley Campbell- Alabama Water Watch and water testing

Christian Miller- the Western Perdido Bay





Watershed Management Plan

Each speaker will give a 15-to-20-minute presentation and then take questions from the community. We will also

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Tracey Gambill Announces Candidacy for Baldwin County Commissioner District 4

By The Gambil Campaign

Lillian, AL – Tracey Gambill, a dedicated community advocate, has announced her candidacy for Baldwin County Commissioner District 4 in the May 2026 primary election. With a platform to preserve the rural character of Lillian, Fort Morgan, Barnwell, Stapleton, and others while supporting smart growth from Gulf Shores to Daphne, Spanish Fort, Orange Beach, and Foley, Gambill pledges responsive leadership.

Gambill's advocacy has shaped Baldwin County's future. Her Capitol Hill experience has served her well. She led efforts to stop D.R. Horton's 80-home project in Lillian and reduce density in Spanish Cove through community organizing. She sec

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Park Fall Fun Awaits: Music, Food and Family Activities Abound

Fall is officially here and the Lillian Recreational Park will celebrate its arrival at the Park's annual Fall Fest on October 11. Packed with food, music, and activities for the whole family to enjoy, the Fall Fest is a day of fun you won't want to miss.

This year's Fall Fest will feature a variety of activities and attractions. Festivalgoers can look forward to a variety of attractions, including amazing BBQ, live music, a beer tent, and games and activities for kids of all ages.

Kids can visit the Fun Zone and enjoy the bouncy house, face painting, balloon art, pumpkin painting and creating scarecrows to take home.

New this year, there will be axe throwing and laser tag for the thrill seekers, as well as a petting zoo and pony rides for the kids.

The popular pumpkin smashing and mechanical bull ride will return this year, as well as a pumpkin patch where you can pick your perfect pumpkin to take home and decorate. Antique tractors, and contests like egg tossing will round out the activities.

"This is one of our favorite events of the year," said Lucy Smith, LRP Board president. "It brings together all the best elements of fall and our community and everyone has so much fun! This festival has something for everyone—whether you're here for the food, the music, or just to soak up all the fall magic.

"And, speaking of music, we are proud to have Chitlin' Switch as one of the day's headliners. They will be performing, for the first time ever, their brand new song which will be released the day before the festival. We also feel incredibly blessed to have Cowboy Johnson and Jon Cook and Jimmy Smith with us, rounding out the day's musicians. The music is going to be off the charts!

"This is definitely a family event. You'll find grandparents tossing bean bags, kids with pump-kin paint on their hands, and people lining up again and again for the incredible homemade brats and smoked butts by Garlock Processing. (If you haven't tried Josh's smoked butts, you definitely have to attend this year because they are amazing!)"

There will also be a number of great vendors who will be offering a wide variety of crafts and culinary products.

The Fall Festival will run from 11 to 7. Grab your friends, bring the kids, and come ready to eat, play, and make memories.

This is a fundraiser for the Park, so while some activities will be free, others will have a



slight cost. All-access VIP passes will be available for \$35 which will allow festivalgoers free and unlimited access to all the different activities. There is also a requested donation of \$5 for parking (with proceeds going towards repaving the parking lot).

For an updated list of the day's events and activities, please check the Park's website (LillianRecreationalPark.org) or Facebook page.

Fall into fun. Come create memories you'll carry with you all year long.

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Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire.

The night will begin with great music by Karen McNatt and Augie Savage at 6 p.m. Also (no promises yet), what we hope will be a special treat (provided the restaurant gets their license approved in time), the new Lillian pizza eatery, Gulf Coast Pizza, may be preparing fresh-made pizza for your eating pleasure. If they are officially open in time, it won't be their full menu, but you'll enjoy a taste of their great pizza.

As the sun sets, the big screen will light up with the latest installment in the Ghostbusters saga, where new heroes and old favorites face chilling supernatural adventures. The movie will close out the Park's Movie & Music in the Park series for the year.

There will be plenty of pre-movie activities for kids, including making slime, so bring your kids and enjoy a fun family night together.

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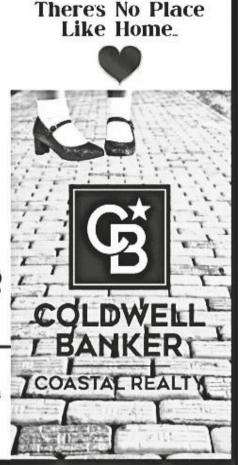


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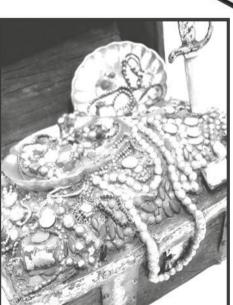
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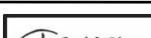
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October is the perfect month to prepare your home for safety. Take a few minutes to test smoke alarms, check fire extinguishers, and review your family's escape plan. With cooler weather on the way, it's wise to have heaters inspected and clear away clutter that could become a fire hazard. Outdoor projects are also a good opportunity to trim back brush, clean gutters, and keep yards free of debris that could fuel a fire. A little preparation today can make all the difference tomorrow.

Looking ahead, the Lillian Fire Department Board will hold its Annual General Membership Meeting on Monday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Station 2. This meeting is open to all residents and is a wonderful opportunity to learn what's happen-

ing in your fire department, hear updates on current projects, and explore ways to get involved. Whether you've lived here for decades or just recently joined our community, your fire department belongs to you—and your voice matters.

In August, Lillian Fire Rescue responded to 82 calls: 1 fire, 47 EMS calls, 4 hazardous conditions, 13 service calls, 14 miscellaneous incidents, and 3 false alarms. Behind each of these numbers are neighbors helping neighbors. We're proud of the commitment our volunteers show every day, and 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.

A Message from Chief Curtis Cantrell 2025 has been a year of growth for the Lillian Fire Department, and I am honored to serve as your Chief. As our community expands and call volume increases, our volunteers continue to rise to the challenge with dedication and teamwork. We are focusing on training, expanding membership, and



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department By Janett Siler

equipping our department to better serve you.

About 70% of our calls are medical-related, so there are many ways to help beyond firefighting. Every role matters, and all training is provided. We've also launched a fitness program and are preparing new bunkrooms at Station 2 to support volunteers who wish to run shifts.

We are grateful for your continued support—whether through volunteering, donating, or encouraging our members.

Together, we can build a stronger department and a safer Lillian.

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be kicking off our membership drive. We currently have nine water testers in our Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association. This watershed includes the towns of Lillian and Perdido Beach, and the waterways are Peterson Branch, Bridge Creek, Palmetto Creek and Soldier Creek. Your support will help us maintain our water testing program.

The Episcopal Church of the Advent in Lillian is providing our Association with a booth at their annual BBQ and Blues event October 18, from 10 a.m. to 3:p.m.. Please

stop by our booth and say hello to a few of our Board members.

We look forward to seeing all of you October 27 at our forum or on the 18 at our BBQ and Blues booth. Our contact information is wpbwac@gmail.com.

(GAMBILL FROM PAGE 1)

ured over 700 signatures for the Lillian Landmark District to preserve local heritage and supported efforts to ensure annexation only with voter approval, empowering communities. As the Baldwin County Board of Adjustment No. 2 Chair, she and other board members evaluate variance requests, ensuring fair land-use decisions.

"My vision is to keep Baldwin County country while ensuring fair representation," Gambill said. "I'll push for term limits to keep commissioners accountable and move for commissioners to be elected by their own district rather than at large throughout the entire county so rural voices like Lillian's are heard, not overshadowed. I will prioritize infrastructure stability prior to development as well as improved drainage measures."

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Gambill's campaign, "Committee to Elect Tracey Gambill," is powered by grassroots support. Her website, LETSKEEPITCOUNTRY.COM, and email, tracey@letskeepitcountry.com, connect voters to her platform. She invites supporters to her campaign kickoff on October 12, 2025, at Lillian Community Club's Hoffman Hall, 2:00–4:00 PM.

"Tracey Gambill has been a valuable columnist for The Lillian and a dedicated community activist," said David Monaghan, managing editor of The, Lillian. "Her push for term limits and district voting will keep our commission accountable."

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Endless Battle Between Good, Evil

By now you would think most people would know to be aware and cautious before opening an email. Obviously not, because scammers are still making profits from this type of robbery. Senior citizens are often targets which makes the crime even more heinous.

The Office of the Inspector General of the Social Security Administration (SSA) is warning the public of a new scam that tells you through the bogus email that there is an issue



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

through the bogus email that there is an issue that you must resolve by downloading a "Security Update Tool". The email continues and may read like this: "Official Notice: Download Your Social Security Statement Now. – ID: 70S802." This is NOT from the SSA or any government office and note too that it doesn't have .gov in sender's address.

You are strongly advised to delete it immediately. Do not open it and definitely, don't click on the link

If, however, you have already made that mistake and lost money, you can file a complaint with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Unfortunately, there are a vast number of unscrupulous individuals around who don't take pride in themselves and are too lazy to work a decent and honest job. They would rather steal from people who may even be on a fixed income who at one time worked hard and now want to live out their days as best as they can while some low-life is looking for easy money instead of showing good character by using their tech skills to help society.

Several years ago, after having physical therapy to hopefully rid or ease the pain in my hand didn't work, I decided to go to a chiropractor and acupuncturist. After viewing an x-ray he spotted the problem, did an adjustment which relieved some of the discomfort and followed up with a couple of sessions of acupuncture. For several months, I didn't have any pain in my hand and without any pain meds. Yay. Unfortunately, this doctor retired a few years later.

Acupuncture originated in China over 2,500 years ago and has evolved into a recognized form of medicine, because it works. Even so, some medical professionals can't see beyond their pharmaceutical training. Alternative procedures combined with conventual medicine would be a wonderful benefit in our overall care.

Acupuncture has even spread to veterinary medicine. On occasion a veterinarian in Scotland uses this procedure to ease a dog's arthritic pain when nothing else works. Another example is an old arthritic elephant at San Diego Zoo whose pain was relieved from acupuncture and I'm sure there are probably more cases.

Technicians of acupuncture are highly skilled and although needles are stuck into your skin, there is no pain involved and I found the treatment very relaxing. It is too bad medical insurance doesn't cover it, especially since excessive use of ibuprofen and acetaminophen can cause liver problems and some prescription pain meds can lead to addiction.

Since the human species was created, there seems to have always been this struggle between good and evil, with periods throughout history where evil takes a stronghold. This is one of those times. I've watched it building up for quite a few years now and I don't think that any place on this planet has escaped it.

When you think it's alright to murder someone because they don't have the same religion as you or look at some issues differently than you, it is time for us to stop and face the fact that humankind is headed in the wrong direction.

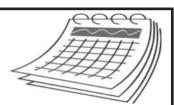
I stated several years ago, how disappointed our Creator must be to see that we haven't learned a thing in all the millenniums of time that have passed. We are not perfect but many of us try to live decently. There is not one time in our lives that we haven't suffered from "I" trouble or judgmental attitude but we get over it. It isn't the selfish, angry, hateful person who steps up to the plate when others need help. No, they do the evil things and steal or stomp on those who are down.

And evil deeds aren't just perpetrated by the punk on the street. The lowly scum come from all walks of life. There you have it, my judgmental view, or is it just the plain truth? Hate and evil destroys us all. If humans don't get in touch with their spirituality soon, this is what may finally destroy our species. Just saying.

"Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools that have not the wit to be honest." Benjamin Franklin.

"The game of life is a game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later with astounding accuracy." Florence Scovel.

*The*Lillian Calendar OCTOBER 2025



October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 11:00 AM & October 7, 14 & 28 at 10:00 AM: Ageless Grace, Body & Brain Fitness, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian,

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

October 2 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.)

October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 6:45 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 <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u>, 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.) The 23rd meeting will be in the Sanctuary due to Trash & Treasure sale.

October 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 7:00 PM: Al-Anon Meetings, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL

October 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 7:00 PM: AA Meetings, Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL

October 11 at 8:00 AM: Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL (Our guest speaker will be our 2025 Flight School Sponsor recipient, Lauren Maxwell. Lauren is an Elberta High School senior and will be sharing her amazing time at this summer's Flight Academy. To learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, go to www.optimistClubPB.org.)

October 16 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.)

October 23-25 from 8:00 AM -2:00 PM: Trash & Treasure Sale, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

October 25 from 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM: Annual Car Show and BBQ, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. (BBQ sold from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

October 25 at 8:00 AM: Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast, Crazy Horse Café, 13110 Lillian Hwy., Pensacola, FL (To learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, go to www.OptimistClubPB.org.)

October 31 from 5:30 -6:30 PM: Community Trunk-R-Treat, Lillian Recreational Park, 33914 Widell Ave., Lillian, AL (Tons of Treats, Hotdog, chips and drinks, Sponsored by The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay & Lillian Recreational Park. If you are willing to bring your vehicle and pass out candy, please call/text 251-234-1122 to register your vehicle. We will park and set up vehicles by 5:00 PM.)

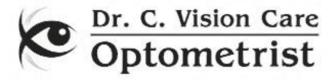
AA MEETINGS - In Lillian go to gulfcoastaa.org. There is a list of meetings at easternshoreaa.org. Pensacola meetings are at

ACCW Convention Set for October 5 to 7



Archdiocesan Chapter of Catholic Women President Mary Francis made the Call to Convention at the recent Baldwin Escambia Deanery meeting recently held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lillian. The convention will be held October 5 to 7 at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Foley. Sister Nancy Murray, OP will be the guest speaker at the Monday dinner, shining the light on St. Catherine of Siena.





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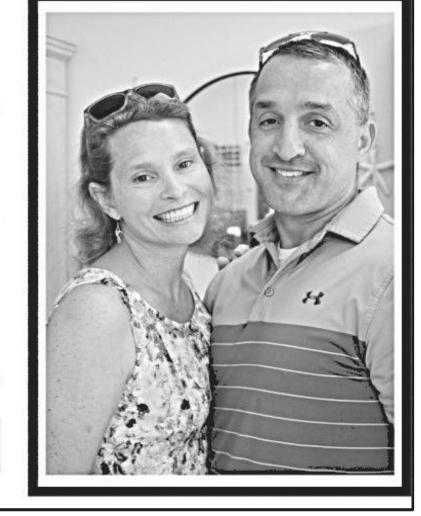
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Comet Lemmon: Talk about cosmic bliss: a long-period comet is on its way, and come mid-October, it might surprise us by becoming faintly visible to the unaided eye under dark skies. As amateur astronomers and skywatchers are buzzing with excitement, Comet C/2025 A6 (Lemmon) could soon transform from a camera speck into a glowing tail above our western horizons.

Discovery and Orbital Drama That Spans Over a Millennium

Comet Lemmon is not just another icy rock—it's a time-traveler returning to the inner solar system after roughly 1,350 years. It was discovered on January 3, 2025, by a skysurvey team and was initially mistaken for an asteroid at a dim magnitude of +21.5; later imagery showed a tiny coma and faint tail, prompting its reclassification as a comet, with prediscovery images traced back to November 2024. That initial misclassification highlights how subtle these objects can be when far away—and how surprise discoveries can change our understanding of a celestial object's journey. Stretching as far as 240 AU out and now spiraling inward, Lemmon's orbital period—now estimated between 1,150 and 1,350 years—is gradually shortening due to gravitational shifts. It's a reminder that the cosmos is dynamic—and this rare return makes Comet Lemmon a once-in-alifetime spectacle for nearly all of us.

A Rendezvous with Earth—and the Sun

The timing of Lemmon's closest approach to Earth and the Sun sets the stage for a potentially captivating sky event.

Orbital calculations show the comet will pass closest to Earth around October 21, 2025, at roughly 0.60 AU (about 89 million km). It will reach perihelion (its nearest point to the Sun) on November 8, 2025, at about 0.53 AU. This alignment—in which Lemmon is both near Earth and still illuminated by the Sun—creates a prime observational window. Its brightness and proximity are at a sweet spot during late October, offering a golden hunting ground for skywatchers.

Knowing these dates sharpens our anticipation and planning for an astronomical event that could light up the evening sky.

Brightness Predictions: From Ghostly Glow to Naked-Eye Potential

Comet Lemmon might just flirt with nakedeye visibility—or stay modestly in binocular territory

Optimistic forecasts suggest it could brighten to magnitude +4–5, putting it within reach of the unaided eye under dark skies. A more conservative estimate pegs it near +7.5, requiring binoculars. Observers have already noted it brightened

unobstructed western horizon around 90 minutes after sunset. Use finder charts (available from astronomy apps or websites) to locate it near familiar stars.

With a pair of binoculars, clear skies, and star maps at hand, you can embark on one of the



from about magnitude 16 to 11 much faster than expected. Because comets can behave unpredictably, there's hope for a surprise brightness surge—but also caution that it may remain faint. Extended objects like comets often appear dimmer at a given magnitude due to light diffusing across their coma, making binoculars more reliable than the naked eye in many cases. It's that mix of hopeful expectation and scientific restraint that makes following Lemmon so thrilling.

Where to Look: Your October Sky-Watching Game Plan

Spotting Comet Lemmon requires knowing the right time, direction, and horizon. In early October, Lemmon is visible in the predawn eastern sky, passing through constellations like Gemini and Cancer. By mid-October, it transitions to the evening sky, setting northwest after sunset near bright stars like Arcturus in Boötes. These shifting sky positions reflect both Earth's rotation and the comet's trajectory. The recommended strategy: find a dark sky site with an

most satisfying skywatching adventures of the year.

Why Comet Lemmon Matters Beyond Its Faint Glow

Comet Lemmon is important not just for its visibility—it's a rare science and cultural opportunity. Its ~1,350-year period makes this a generational event; few living humans have witnessed its last passage around 629 CE.

Observations of its coma and tail can deepen our understanding of cometary materials and how they respond to solar heating. Its unexpected brightening provides a case study in comet dynamics. From a research standpoint, tracking its evolving brightness, coma structure, and response to solar tides can teach us about comet physics.

For public enthusiasts, seeing a comet is a visceral connection to cosmic timescales—an inspiring reminder that we're part of an unfolding celestial story. In both science and spirit, Lemmon unites centuries of cosmic motion with a moment of shared wonder.

EACH FULL MOON RISES NEAR SUNSET; IN OCTOBER ON DAYS 5-7 LOOK 83 DEGREES NORTH

Just in Time for Halloween: The Now Common Ghost Ant

Did you know that there are "13 Alabama Ghosts And Jeffery", according to author and Selma, AL Native, Kathryn Tucker Windham? That's the name of her book and if you're not familiar, run up to the library and borrow it! If we include ghosts of the pest variety then there are 15 Alabama ghosts because Ghost Ants (*Tapinoma melanocephalum*) have invaded Alabama.

Ghost ants are now common in the southern US, especially along the Gulf Coast. The first documented case of Ghost Ants in Alabama was in Mobile in 2017 according to the Transactions of the American Entomological Society. The Ghost Ant has also been found indoors in Texas, Iowa, Oregon, and even Winnipeg, Canada! It occurs in Hawaii, the Caribbean islands and throughout tropical regions of the world.

It is hard to determine where this ant came from originally. Most likely it came from the tropical regions of the Asian or African areas. This ant is a "tramp species", which refers to an organism (but particularly ants) that are highly successful hitchhikers who invade new areas by catching rides with humans - first on ships, and then shipping containers, and sometimes in suitcases! This is why it is so import-ant to check your luggage when you travel. So many insects from German Roaches, to Bedbugs, to many kinds of Ants love to hide in the dark corners and then infest homes!

Ghost ant workers are extremely small, 1.3 to 1.5 mm long, or about the width of a nickel. Where do Ghost ants keep their money? In a *boo*-gie bank! The ants are bi-colored; the head and thorax are a deep, dark brown or black. Their abdomen or "gaster", antennae, and legs are an opaque, milky white or yellowish white. The thorax is spineless. It is sometimes referred to as the black-headed ant, and the tramp ant. Ghost ants do not have a stinger.

Ghost ants do have 12-segmented antennae with the sections gradually thickening towards the tip. This type of antennae is called "clavate". Antennae are a critical component for identifying different species of insects. A slight variation in the size, sections, angle, or shape of the antennae can often be the only clue available to the eye to tell different species apart!!

These ants are considered an invasive species and are often found foraging in and around homes and buildings. Ghost ants feed on many household foods, it seems to prefer sweets like sugar, cakes, and syrups. Outside, the workers scavenge for dead insects. These ants also farm sap-sucking insects, collecting honeydew, which is a much nicer term than aphid poop. What's a Ghost ants' favorite dessert? Boo-berry pie!

Ghost ants have amazingly adaptable nesting habits. They make nests easily outdoors or indoors. Multiple queens may spread out in multiple subcolonies. They prefer nests in warm climates in protected places in the soil. Some nesting sites include tufts of dead but temporarily moist grass, plant stems (such as hollow palm fronds), and cavities beneath organic debris. Indoors, this ant likes to colonize in wall voids, spaces between cabinetry or baseboards, even spaces between books! It will also nest in potted plants! Colonies that are broken into different nest sites will often exchange individual ants back and forth along odor trails with no hostility. Wish that humans could get the knack of that no hostility part. The small size, combined with the pale color, makes ghost ant workers hard to see and more importantly, hard to control.

The best approach for any insect control in the home is cleanliness. Any type of food particles can provide food for ants, roaches and other critters. Store food in air-tight containers. Keep plants that can attract ants or aphids, whiteflies and other insects that produce honeydew away from the perimeter of your home. Reduce moisture sources, including air-conditioning condensation and leaks. Trim hedges away from exterior walls and remove tree limbs above the home to eliminate pest highways. Insects will always find a way so let's not make their jobs any easier!

We frequently get asked what good are the nuisance ants? Well in a small part of Venezuela, the Ghost ant was found to be the primary predator of the eggs of the conenose or kissing bug, which is a major vector of Chagas' disease. Chagas' disease is a parasitic infection that can cause lifelong damage to the heart and digestive systems if untreated. Their voracious predaceous activity might be a major contributing factor in a lack of Chagas' disease in that

area!

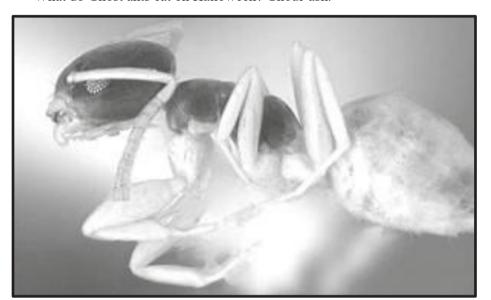
In Costa Rica, one species of jumping spiders has been observed to live in nests with Ghost ants in a symbiotic relationship. The spiders appear to provide the ants with protection from predators and parasites, while the ant nest itself is used as a foundation for web construction.



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion

What do Ghost ants eat on Halloween? Ghoul-ash.





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- 10 year olds Ryleigh Scwartz 24 feet 11 inches,
- 11 year olds Alaya Fierce 48 feet 4 inches,
- 15 year olds Jordan Lambeth 39 feet 11 inch,
- 18 year olds Alaysia Pope 49 feet,
- 19-29 year olds Chelsea Marlow 77 feet 7 inches.
- 30 year olds Ariel Spivey 77 feet 3 inches,

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- 60 year olds Jeanne Ravan 33 feet 3 inches,
- 70 year olds Donna Silsbee 54 feet 4 inches.
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- 6 year olds Myles Egendoerfer 42 feet 9 inch,
- 7 year olds Alexander Polocker 38 feet 4 inches,
- 8 year olds Zander Szidon 20 feet 8 inches, 10 year olds Otto Haslacker 65 feet 8 inches,

- 11 year olds Oliver Woerner 48 feet 10 inches,
- 12 year olds Jesse Larson 80 feet 9 inch,
- 13 year olds Ezra Wallner 51 feet 7 inch,
- 14 year olds Milo Graber 64 feet 9 inches, 15 year olds Jeremiah Damm 74 feet 1 inches,

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- 30 year olds David Gruber 112 feet 9 inches, 40 year olds Gene Spivey 127 feet 4 inches, 50 year olds Marty Kreis 89 feet 4 inches, 60 year olds Mark Muir 84 feet 5 inches,

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— When Investing, One of the Best Abilities is Durability -

You've probably heard about "genius" investors or those who got in on the "ground floor" of a company that grew to be a huge success. These stories may be interesting, but they are also rare — and sometimes not even true.

The truth is that successful investing isn't glamorous, and it isn't necessarily quick. Instead, a well-founded investing strategy is a durable one — one that can withstand the test of time.

Here are some actions that can help you build durability.

Take your time: Most individual investors make their money over time, not overnight. Despite stories about fortunes made on one or two trades, you're more likely to be successful making money over time. You'll want to own a well-diversified portfolio of quality investments — and plan to own those investments for the long term.

A long-term perspective can help you ignore the constant noise in the markets and stay invested. When you hear about the latest "hot" investment tip, especially if it's already performed well, the best advice is this: Ignore it. Although it may be tempting to buy a popular investment, it may not fit with the rest of your portfolio, it may have already peaked and it may be riskier than you expect. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Invest in quality: When building your investment portfolio, quality should be a top priority. For stocks, quality is frequently measured by the steadiness of earnings and dividend growth over time. For bonds, one measure of quality is an investment-grade credit rating, which indicates that the borrower has a good track record of making its promised interest and principal payments and the bond has a relatively low risk of default.

Quality investments are more likely to overcome temporary challenges, which is why a good track record can be an indication of quality. Don't reach for yield by looking for investments offering the highest dividend or interest rate without considering the risk. Remember, there is no perfect investment — a higher rate generally means higher risk.

Stick to your strategy: Building a long-term strategy can anchor your decisions and provide a roadmap for your investment choices. Your strategy should consider your goals, tolerance for risk and the time needed to save toward each goal.

Within that strategy, you can be flexible. Buy and hold, for example, doesn't mean buy and forget. Over time, your goals may change, or you may choose to hold more conservative investments. But it's important to make changes for the right reasons, not simply because stocks or your other investments may have dropped in price.



Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon of Edward Jones



Financial Focus By Chantz Blackmon

Perhaps one of the biggest mistakes you can make is trying to time the markets, moving in and out in response to

short-term declines or the latest prediction. This often results in getting into and out of the market at the wrong times, costing time and money — and resulting in lower returns over time.

Remember that investments don't all move up or down at the same time but portfolio diversification can help smooth the ups and downs of the market. A long-term perspective can help you see past short-term fluctuations in some investments.

Successful investing isn't about making dramatic moves or chasing the latest trends. It's about developing a durable strategy personalized for your life, then sticking with it through market ups and downs. In investing, as in life, slow and steady could help win the race.

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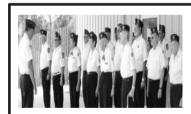
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The individuals to contact are Bill Burns at 251-978-3440 and Darrell Ochs at

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Lillian Masons Bestow Honors, Mourn the Passing of Brother Jimmy Fox

The Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 F. & A.M. was honored with a distinguished occasion as Right Worshipful Brother Bruce Garrison, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, presided as Worshipful Master in the raising of Brother Jonathon Joe Brewer to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The ceremony was further enriched by the participation of local Master Mason Chris King, who delivered the first portion of the Master Mason lecture, along with a dedicated team of Brothers from across the District who assisted in the degree work. The evening served as a true reflection of the fellowship, tradition, and commitment to Masonic values that continue to thrive within the Lodge and the broader community.

At the same time, September has proven to be a difficult month for the Brothers of Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 F. & A.M. with the passing of Brother Jimmy Fox. Brother Fox's health had been declining in recent months, and a workplace fall that resulted in a head injury and subsequent brain bleed hastened his passing. He was laid to rest on September 25 at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Florida. A Masonic Funeral Service was conducted at 9:30 a.m., officiated by Worshipful Brother David Brown of the Senora Masonic Lodge, with local Brethren and family in attendance. Brother Fox will be remembered for his fellowship, dedication, and the bonds of brotherhood he shared with his Lodge. His passing is a reminder of the strength of Masonic tradition in times of both joy and sorrow.

The month also saw the Lodge bid farewell to a valued founding member, Brother Jim Baker, and his wife Linda, who have relocated to Ohio. Both Jim and Linda have faced recent health challenges, and their decision to return to the Buckeye State allows them to be closer to family for sup-

port. Their departure marks a significant transition for the Lodge, as Brother Baker's leadership and the couple's commitment have been deeply woven into the life of the Lillian Masonic community.

Additionally, several Brothers have faced personal trials this month.

p.m., and visitors are warmly invited to attend as part of learning more about Masonry. For more information, please email jeffreyakeener@gmail.com or call 251-210-9081.



Lillian Masonic Lodge
By Jeff Keener



These individuals shared in the raising of James Joe Brewer to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Worshipful Master Michael Blankenship suffered a fall and is recovering from his injuries. Past Worshipful Master and original founding Brother Joe Taylor also endured a fall that resulted in a broken neck and is currently recovering with the use of an electric wheelchair. Brothers Cliff Collier and Jeff Keener are in the beginning stages of cancer treatment, and the Lodge stands firmly beside these Brothers in support and prayer during this time.

Through celebration, loss, and challenge, the strength of brotherhood within Lillian Lodge #925 remains steadfast. The bonds of fellowship, charity, and mutual care continue to sustain the Lodge and its members, exemplifying the enduring principles of Freemasonry.

The Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 has been a part of the community since its founding in 1985, supporting charitable causes, youth programs, and neighborly fellowship. Community members who would like to learn more about the Lodge, its history, and its role in Lillian are encouraged to connect via email or phone. Lodge meetings are scheduled on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Dinner is served at 5:30



Pictured left, Bruce Garrison, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden and James Joe Brewer, newest Master Mason of the Lillian Masonic Lodge.

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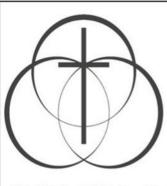
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By Rev. Daniel Randall

By Rev. Daniel W. Randall – Lillian Methodist Church

If you ask the world What is the secret to greatness? Wall Street would say, "Money and lots of it." Washington would say, "Political clout and a lot of it." Hollywood would say, "Fame and lots of it." Yet, the greatest man who ever lived, the man who probably alone deserves to be called "GREAT" in every sense of the word, Jesus Christ, had a very different answer. Jesus declared in Matthew 20:26, "Whoever wants to become great must be a servant to others." Jesus proclaimed to us in Mark 10:45, "For even I didn't come to be served, but to serve others". An important question to reflect on is are you more interested in being served in the church or are you more interested in being a servant of Christ as the church? A 1st grade teacher asked her students, "What do you do to help at home?" One said, "I dry the dishes." One, "I feed the dog." Another said, "I sweep the floor." Everybody answered, but one little boy was sitting in the back. He didn't say anything. The teacher looked at him and said, "Stewart, what do you do to help out at home?" He said, "I stay out of the way!" There are far too many church members in churches today who just try to stay out of the way. A Gallup Poll discovered that only 10% of church members are active in any kind of personal ministry in their church. What was even more amazing is that 50% of all church members said they have absolutely no interest in serving in any ministry of the church. They just want to show up for worship when they feel like it and when it is convenient to them. Truly, it is an issue of Christian maturity. Mature Christians are interested in service. Immature Christians are interested in serve-me. The Bible clearly teaches that every saved Christian is a minister and should be involved in ministry. Every Christian is called to be a minister for Christ!

When you study the Bible, you will find the word "ministry" is the same as the word "service" and the word "service" is the same as the word "ministry." In the Bible, a minister is simply a servant. One of the most misunderstood words of our day is the word "minister", because people wrongly use it as a synonym for someone like me who is ordained or theologically trained as a Pastor/Clergy. The word "minister" derives from the Latin word for "servant" and is based on the root word "minus" which means "less". Technically, a "minister" is a Christian who, by choice, is of a "lesser" rank or status, who simply wants to serve. God has a ministry of service for every Christian to do. God has a service He wants you to perform. That is why the same grace of God that enables us to be saved is the same grace of God that enables us to serve. According to scripture, God's people assume "the work of service?" That means the ministry of the church does not belong to the pastor, it belongs to the congregation.

Do you have the attitude of a servant? The reason I asked is quite frankly, it is against our nature to want to serve others. When the average person looks for a church, do you know the question they are usually asking? "How can this church meet MY needs?" When you begin to really mature as a Christian, you will begin to ask instead, "How can I be used in this church to meet the needs of others?" The Rev. Rick Warren said people are so obsessed with living as long as they can, so they watch their diet, they exercise, they take vitamins, but he said that is not the real issue. It is not how long you live that matters. It is how you live that matters. It is not the duration of your life that matters, It is the donation of your life that counts.

I Corinthians 15:58 implores us to, "Keep busy in your work for the Lord since you know that nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever without value."

Imagine you have died and have been in heaven (by earth standards) for 50 years. Somebody comes up to you and says, "I just want to thank you for what you have done for me." You look at that person and say, "I am sorry. I don't think I know you." Then they say, "No, you didn't know me, but I knew you. You were a servant of Christ in the church. You performed a ministry in the church. It was through that ministry that I came to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and you had a part in making sure that I got to heaven. I just wanted to thank you." There is no work too small that God doesn't notice it, and God doesn't reward it. Will you commit to living a life worthy of your calling? Will you be the minister/servant that God is calling you to be?

Brother Andrew van der Bijl Better Known as God's Smuggler

"Lord, in my luggage I have Scripture I want to take to your children. When you were on earth, you made blind eyes see. Now, I pray, make seeing eyes blind. Do not let the guards see those things you do not want them to see." This was the prayer of Andrew van der Bijl, a young Dutch missionary when taking Bibles and Christian literature in 1955 to a Communist youth congress in Poland, at that time a part of the Soviet Union. But he was not a communist: he was a Christian. His suitcase contained his Bible, a change of clothes and hundreds of tracts entitled The Way of Salvation, which he intended to give away.

The trip was to change his life. Behind the Iron Curtain, he discovered churches desperately in need of Bibles, support and prayer. Above all, he found a group of Christians who felt isolated and alone and who thought the rest of the world had forgotten them. One evening he visited to a Baptist church in Warsaw where he was invited to speak. He tells the story in his autobiography, God's Smuggler, "At the end of my talk the pastor said the most interesting thing, 'We want to thank you,' he said, 'for being here. Even if you had not said a word, just seeing you would have meant so much. We feel at times as if we are all alone in our struggle." The young man became known as Brother Andrew. At the end of that first trip, watching many thousands of delegates to the Youth Congress marching in a parade, Brother Andrew prayed about what God wanted him to do. He opened his Bible and found the passage which he came to see as a mission: "Wake Up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die." Revelation 3:2

In subsequent years he traveled many times behind the Iron Curtain, courageously putting his life on the line to smuggle Bibles at the height of the Cold War. His work went on to span many decades and geographic locations. Brother Andrew's book tells of those early years, details dangerous border crossings in his blue VW Beetle, which became known as 'the miracle car', for its ability to miraculously keep going. As the ministry grew he was joined by others and began a work of smuggling Bibles to believers in Communist countries. Today Brother Andrew's small Dutch mission has become an international ministry known as Open Door Ministry which is working in more than 60 nations to strengthen the Persecuted Church.

First the Open Door ministry brings thousands of Bibles in the language of the people. Then they begin to train and support persecuted Christians in other ways. Brother Andrew said, "As our ministry expanded, other needs emerged. For example, in some countries pastors have little or no seminary training. We provide them with training so they can be more effective leaders of their congregations. In other regions Christians are discriminated against, denied education and quality job opportunities. So we strengthen the church by providing small loans to help Christians start businesses. The needs and thus the strategies vary from country to country."

Today Europe has changed. The main threat to Christians today comes from radical Islam. In the last years of his life Brother Andrew travelled in the Islamic world, talking to the leaders of Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah. He was among the first Western leaders to travel to the Middle East as an ambassador for Christ to these groups.

Brother Andrew has received many awards. He was knighted by Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands and, in 1997, he received of the World Evangelical Fellowship's Religious Liberty Award, in recognition of his lifetime service to the Persecuted Church. But perhaps the recognition that pleases him most is the copies of the KGB reports, which he obtained after the fall of the Iron Curtain. There were more than 150 pages about him, detailing his work in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. They knew a lot about 'Brother Andrew', and yet they were not able to stop his work.

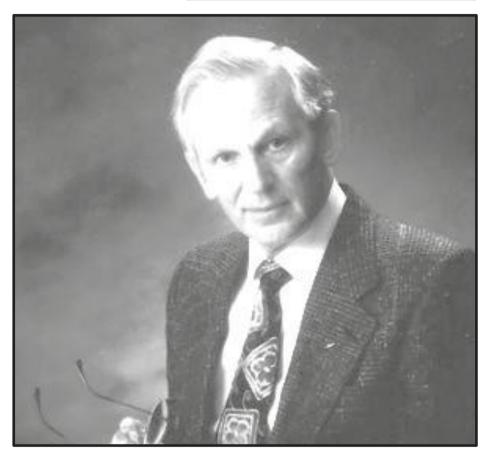
Brother Andrew often has said, "Our very mission is called 'Open Doors' because we believe that any door is open, anytime and anywhere. Every door is open to go in and proclaim Christ, as long as you are willing to go and are not worried about coming back."

Brother Andrew's story as God's Smuggler is extraordinary. But he was always at pains to stress that it was simply because he followed God. "The real calling," he has said, "is not a cer-



Moving Forward

By Rev. Tina Lockett



tain place or career but to everyday obedience. And that call is extended to every Christian, not just a select few." He would tell us as he has told many others, "The Bible is full of ordinary people who went to impossible places and did wondrous things simply because they decided to follow Jesus."

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



Baldwin County Lawmakers Face a Myriad of Issues

I support Commissioner Matthew McKenzie for Baldwin County Sheriff! Donations can be made at Website: www.mattforsheriff.com

I have entered the race 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 share the information on page one of The Lillian Newspaper with my announcement and platform. Thank you all.

Traffic Safety Improvements In the Works: A traffic signal at US Hwy 98 and County Road 91 is still progressing. 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.

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 next agenda as of this writing.

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 with your name and address or using the QR Code to fill out the petition form on Let's Keep it Country on Facebook.

Thank you to those who emailed Commissioner Gruber! He has responded that we still have to wait on the following:

Re-visit Planning Districts 22, 29 & 33 Text Amendments to

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LCC Quarterly Community Forum features guest speaker(s) on a variety of topics of interest to Lillian (& the surrounding community) residents.

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3rd & 4th Quarter slots are available.

ANYONE (LCC membership not required) may request to use this forum to present topics they feel may be of interest to our community. Requests must be submitted no later than the 10th of the month PRIOR to the scheduled meeting.

Topics of a partisan political nature, purely fundraising or of a private financial gain will not be considered for this forum.

Fill out the Request Form on the LCC website or stop by the LCC Office during office hours (8-11 am, Monday thru Friday) to submit your request.

local ordinances for Lillian and Unincorporated Elberta: "Text Amendments" means changing or adding language to the local ordinances of each planning district. We want our



Keeping it Country

> By Tracey Gambill

Text Amendments to our local ordinances to be re-visited by the Department of Planning and Zoning, minus any items of concern as previously identified, as well as minus any items that have since been absorbed into the county's full ordinances. Create a new zoning category "RSF-1.5": RSF-1.5, 2 homes per acre. This proposed category is a middle-ground between RSF-1, (1.45 homes per acre), and RSF-2, (2.9 homes per acre). Create a new Activity Node around the new Elberta Middle School on County Road 83. It makes common sense for small business and housing to be near a school for the benefit of the students, teachers, and parents. Currently this vicinity is zoned agricultural only.

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





Meals on Wheels Planning to Roll Into Lillian January 2026

Most of my friends know that I am not a home chef. Oh, I used to be. I made everything from scratch and it was pretty good. My husband liked to cook and after we retired, he pretty much took over the day-to-day meals. Of course, local restaurants helped, too. Now that I am alone, I pretty much depend on frozen dinners or leftovers from restaurants.

However, I am perfectly capable of taking care of my food needs. There are many in our community who are not. Many have serious disabilities and cannot manage even a frozen dinner and have no one to help them.

Ta-da! Good news! Meals on Wheels (MOW) is coming to the Lillian community. The Methodist and Catholic churches in Lillian are working together to bring this important program to those in need. They will be soliciting drivers for this important work. Volunteer drivers need not be a member of these churches or any church. All that is required is a love of neighbor, a will to serve the community and oh, have a car. Meals will be picked up by drivers at a location in Elberta, although they will be cooked in Foley through Ecumenical Ministries.

Drivers serve one day a week. Meals will not be delivered on major holidays or in inclement weather where it is deemed unsafe for drivers. To volun-



A representative of Meals on Wheels Denny Dawson explained the program to members of the Lillian Methodist Church Men's Club and their guests. From left are Men's Club President Dick Erwin, Pastor Daniel Randall, Ms. Dawson, Ecumenical Ministries Coordinator and Men's Club Vice President Perry Cunningham.

teer contact Jennifer Kennedy, 850-221-3137 or Margaret Wilcox, 906-221-3234.

So, are you or a neighbor eligible for the program? Residents or a spouse who are 60 years of age or older and are disabled with a physical or mental impairment or chronic illness requiring athome medical care through home health or resi-



Just a
Thought or
Two
By Sally McKinney

dents who do not have a caretaker or someone in the home to prepare meals are eligible for Meals on Wheels.

Working with South Baldwin Meals on Wheels, the Lillian volunteers will deliver meals Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Meals cost \$4.75. Each applicant will be assessed individually by the MOW coordinator for eligibility and financial assistance. To apply or get more information, contact the MOW coordinator, 251-943-3449.

The target for getting the program on its way is January 2026, but if enough drivers are signed up, it could start earlier. As I said, I am capable of providing my own meals, now, but who knows what the future will bring. If you feel the same way, give Margaret or Jennifer a call and sign up to be a MOW driver, which also makes you a WOW! driver, in my book.

Photos From Mullet Fest 5-K Run











CHIT CHAT

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

Happy birthday wishes in October go out to: Kevin McKinney, Sally McKinney, Florence McLendon, Elsie Bailey, Barbara Parks, Ward Jensen, Stan Fertig, Jeylin Showers, Kailey Scott, Jean Dean, Diana Hartley, Frances Campbell, Dave Westwood III, Darrell Williams, Karen Tobey, Bill Sepac, Ted Chapman, Marc Willard, Chuck Estes, Pat Kupferer, Marvin Cain, Bill Weaver, Jim Crandall, Don Simmons, Barbara Gengerke, Freda Bass, Marsha Morrissey, Roland

Kasper, Diane Willard, Paulette Joffrion, Bob Tobey, Mary Beth Majesty, Judy Cain, Keith Brown, Jayke Pell, Jerry Garner, Ruth Moreland and Billy Bonner.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in October are Kevin and Pami McKinney 1990, Mike and Donna Cobb, Art and Joan Schuck, Earl and Helen Paschke 1958 and Charlie and Wilma Spivey. If you would like to add or delete information from the Chit Chat column, please email lillianeditor@yahoo.com, mail it to The Lillian, P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, 36549 or place a note in our folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the November issue of The Lillian is October 22.



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THE CAR BARN - 9717 CR 91, Lillian 251-962-3704. Hello from the folks at The Car Barn. Cliff has been slowing down a bit but it's a new year and we have one more year of serving our dear friends in Lillian. Thanks for all your support. Cliff and Mary Collier.

ROOF REPAIR — Tree limb removal left over wood and other building materal, small amount (cost). Interested parities may call 850-426-8015.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT & HOUSKEEPER for elderly female living in Lillian, CR 91. No nursing required. No medical issues other than low vision and hearing, but she needs help with daily household activities, light cleaning, simple meal prepand just being available for assistance when required. Private room with TV during down-time. 9AM - 4PM Monday - Friday, possibly Saturday. One person preferred but could consider dividing the time between two individuals. Interested parties please call or text David Thomas at 251-256-0105.



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News on 'Primary House Calls'



Sonja Summers was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. She informed members about Primary House Calls, a service to adults who are unable to travel to see a doctor. The club meets at 8 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays at the Lillian Methodist Church, Lillian. Guests are always welcome.



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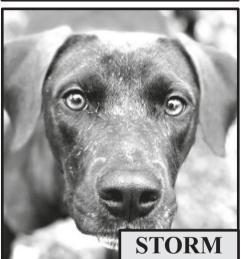
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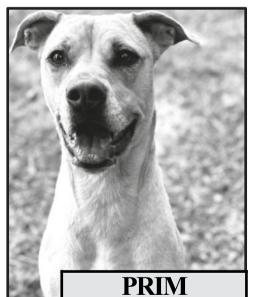














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Lillian's Pets of the Month





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Lillian's Pests of the Month





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■ Memory Lane Café

Sharing Music, Laughter, and Sweet Memories

The Memory Lane Café, held at Lillian Methodist Church, is a special gathering place for people living with dementia and their care partners. With the sounds of favorite songs from the 50s and 60s, red-checkered card tables, and old-fashioned ice cream sodas, the café creates a setting that feels both joyful and familiar. This event is close to my heart because I see every day how dementia affects families. Conversation often becomes difficult, and the stress of caregiving can weigh heavily. Memory Lane Café offers a break from all of that—an afternoon to laugh, connect, and simply enjoy time together. According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's today, and that number is expected to rise sharply in the coming years. Events like Memory Lane Café are becoming more important than ever—bringing comfort, joy, and community to those who need it most. Because of the wonderful response, we are planning to host the café again in February, and we would love for more families to join us. For more information, please call Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

Alzheimer's in Baldwin County:

- · Baldwin County has one of the fastest-growing senior populations in Alabama
- The number of residents living with Alzheimer's is expected to rise significantly over the next five years.
- As families face these challenges, programs like Memory Lane Café offer support, connection, and moments of joy.

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FOOD PANTRY SHEPHERD OF THE BAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Emergency Food Assistance Program/Food Pantry began in 2012 and was started by the church members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Claudette Bobleter was the first Director and served from 2012-2015. Under her direction we entered in to a contract with the Bay Area Food Bank in Mobile, AL which allowed us to purchase food at a reduced rate. The following year this program was expanded to Feeding the Gulf Coast and now also partners with Feeding America and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) an Equal Opportunity Provider.

In 2016 Charlotte Bailey succeeded Mrs. Bobleter as Director and served this area for 9 years until 2025. Recently Mrs. Bailey has decided to continue as a volunteer. We are very thankful for their tireless efforts and leadership as Directors for the past 13 years.

With the continual growth of our Food Pantry, Co-Directors Helen Latall and Pam Smith will be stepping forward to serve the community. Helen and Pam have completed extensive leadership training at Feeding the Gulf Coast in Mobile, AL. In addition, Louise Berglund will continue to maintain the accounts as we integrate and utilize new technology provided by our partners.

We appreciate the numerous donations we receive from local and state retail outlets, various groups, churches, individuals and many others in our community.

Hours

2nd and 4th Tuesday - each month 9:00 am - 11:00am 12851 N Perdido St Lillian, AL

We would like to specifically thank each of the numerous volunteers past and present. The Food Pantry would not be able to exist without and all of the volunteers that continually give of their time to collect our bread and desserts, unload the delivery truck, set up and take down in preparation for opening each month, bag and distribute food, ensure freezers and refrigerators maintain temperature, complete inventory and place orders. These individual valuable contributions enable Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church to continue our mission with the Food Pantry to supplement food resources for our neighbors.

COMMUNTY FORUM OCT. 27 ON WATERSHED ISSUES

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025 AT THE LILLIAN COMMUNITY CLUB 6-8 p.m.

The Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association (WPBWA) will be hosting a community forum Monday, October 27th, 2025, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Lillian Community Club located at 34148 Widell Ave, Lillian, AL.

The speakers at this meeting will include Frank Lundy, Baldwin County Engineer; Ashley Campbell, Baldwin County Planning & Zoning Department Natural Resource Planner and Christian Miller, Public Sector Program Lead with the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP).

These speakers will be addressing the following:

Frank Lundy (Oversees Planning & Zoning Dept.)- plans for the County Park on 99 as well as Lillian infrastructure.

Ashley Campbell- Alabama Water Watch and water testing Christian Miller- the

Western Perdido Bay Watershed Management Plan

Episcopal Churh of the Advent Annual Bar B Que & Blues Set Oct 18

It is that time of year again. Lillian's favorite cooks, craft vendors and musicians are tuning up for the 23rd Annual BBQ and Blues festival on Oc-

The Episcopal Church of the Advent began this annual event as a way to bring together the people of Lillian and introduce our church community. Reflecting the musical and food heritage of the area, this popular event raises money for the many good works of the Church, including charitable outreach programs such as funding for Wilmer Hall Children's Home, the Church Children's Camp Beckwith, and our local Lillian organizations such as the Food Pantry, Library, Volunteer Fire Dept, Optimist Club and the Recreation Park.

FOOD for the day will be legit BBQ pork sandwiches by the men of the church and the best locally sourced sides: Crazy Horse cole slaw, Casselbaum's sweet corn, and Church Lady brownies and beverages. BBQ plates are \$15.00 the day of, or \$12.00 if you purchase your ticket from a church member in advance, or before/after our Sunday 10 a.m. services.

ENTERTAINMENT: includes Local Bands playing throughout the day, Area craft vendors will have items for sale, and a Face Painter will be there for the kids.

SPONSORS: The Church could not do this without the help of our valuable sponsors including: United Bank, Swift Supply, Pepsi, Donna Ellis, Crazy Horse Café, Cassebaum Farms, Gwen If you want to be a sponsor, Vigon Realty. please contact the church office.

SILENT AUCTION: Featuring many wonderful items including: a round of golf for two at the Pensacola Country Club, a new Champion dual fuel inverter generator and accessories valued at \$2400, a 4-foot tall Santa Claus, gift certificates to area restaurants, fine jewelry, new personal electronics such as Apple AirPods, and dozens of other items.

The Church welcomes your tax-deductible donations of new or highly desirable items for the silent auction. (Please no large furniture, clothing, shoes or books. Details at www.adventlillian.org/events).

50/50 raffle – Buy tickets early and often.

Attending the festival is easy! Bring your own lawn chairs, as provided seating is limited. The Church accepts payment by cash, check, credit card or Venmo. Individual vendors will vary. Parking is accessible on all sides of the church property. Please reach out with your QUESTIONS to 251-961-2505 or churchoffice@adventlillian.org. Everyone is welcome, and we would love to see you.

Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (food served 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.).

Lillian Recreational Park Celebrates Grand Opening of its New Back Porch

The Lillian Recreational Park officially opened its newly completed Back Porch on September 7. A welcoming space designed for comfort, community, and connection, the porch was funded by a \$12,490 grant from the AARP Community Challenge program.

The grand opening was attended by approximately 100 people. Dorothy Dorton (AARP), Commissioner Skip Gruber and State Senator Greg Allbritton, made welcoming remarks and cut the ribbon. Dorothy pointed out that the Park was one of the 383 grantees selected nationally out of the over 3,450 applications received. The Park's project was one of five funded in the State of Alabama.

The Back Porch is part of the Park's new "3Cs – Creating Community Connections" project. The project is meant to be a step toward building a stronger, more connected community, especially among older adults and those living alone. The Park will offer regular get-togethers and educational programs, from game nights and walking clubs to coffee chats and educational sessions to anyone aged 55 or better.

"This project was more than just updating our unused porch. It was about creating a space where connections can grow," said Lucy Smith, LRP Board President. "We want to encourage conversations, laughter, and gatherings that not only make everyday life brighter, but also create true community connections among neighbors. Whether it's sipping coffee in the morning, hosting periodic potlucks, or just playing board games, the new porch offers something for everyone and it is our hope that people take full advantage of it!"

If you would like information on the program and schedule of activities, visit the Park's Facebook page, email LillianRecreationalPark@gmail.com, or

















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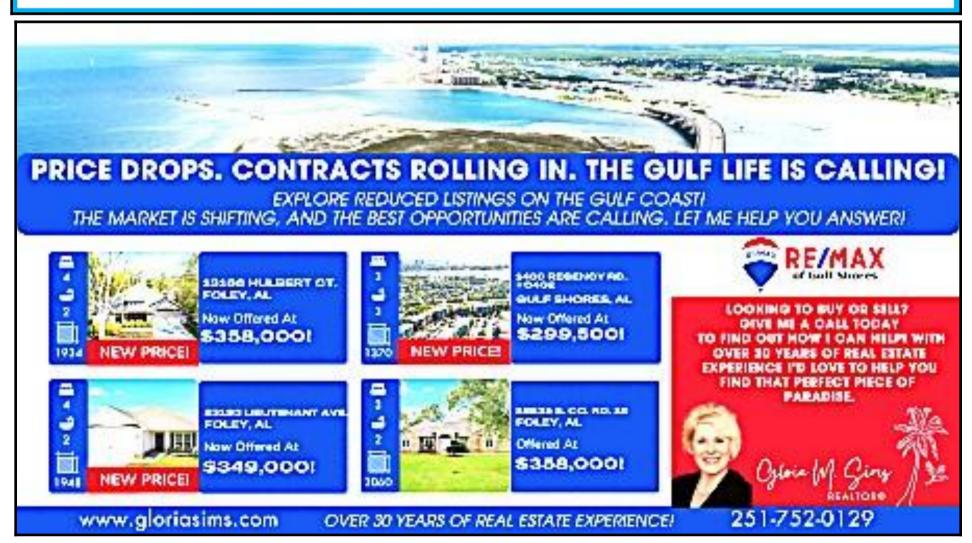


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