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Embattled Subdivision Just Won't Go Away

After the Baldwin County Commission in May rejected in a tie vote Hamm Development's bid for rezoning that would have allowed 80 new homes in Spanish Cove, the developer once again is knocking on the county's door.

Last spring, the county commission gave thumbs down to Hamm's rezoning request that would open the door for 80 new homes on a 23-acre parcel off Ridgewood Drive. So now Hamm is rolling back its ask to 60 lots.

But Spanish Cove residents' worries have not changed since the first zoning request was made and denied. Lillian residents lobbying for infrastructure to support residential development say officials are putting the cart before the horse. They want to see infrastructure upgrades to mitigate public safety, increased traffic, drainage and threats to water quality in Perdido Bay before welcoming large numbers of new families into the community.

"You're not going to stop the growth, but you can slow it down," said Robin Newell, a Lillian resident who advocates for "educated growth."

Newell painted a picture of 60,000-pound construction trucks traversing the narrow winding roads of Caney Loop

and Ridgewood Drive, lined with homes of families with pets and children.

"That's a lot of trucks to go through peoples' homes," she said.

Hamm is requesting the one Residential Lot property (23 acres) be rezoned from RA - Rural Agriculture District to RSF-3 - Residential Single-Family District. The Commission denied the request in May 2024, to rezone from RA - Rural Agriculture District to RSF-4 - Residential Single-Family District. The change in the request from the previous RSF-4 to the current request RSF-3 will increase the lot sizes from 7,500 square feet to 10,000 square feet, ostensibly on the hope that lowering the density of homes may make the rezoning more palatable to the Commission and flip the new vote.

Spanish Cove residents have not been polled or consulted by the POASC board on whether they want the rezoning to move forward. But the Hamm development will not only impact Spanish Cove residents.

(SEE SPRAWL, PAGE 19)

'Best of Decades' Car Show; All You Need to Know, Enter and Attend on Page 21 in This Issue

38th Annual Mullet Festival's Real Winners: Supporters, Community and Our Youth

The 38th Annual Mullet Festival is in the record books and the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay thanks all who made it a huge success. With the help of friends and neighbors, near and far, the club raised thousands of dollars to provide programs and special events for the children in the area.

Throughout the year the club members work to fulfill the mission of the club, "By providing hope and positive vision, the members of this Club will bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves."

In accomplishing this Mission, the club provides scholarships to graduating seniors and to other students to the National Flight Academy at NAS Pensacola. Members read to students at Elberta Elementary School and have established a Junior Optimist Club at Elberta High School. They provide free fun events such as Trunk or Treat, Breakfast with Santa, an Easter Egg Hunt and Fishing Ro-deo. They also visit special needs classes at Christmas.

The club provides food and help for the ARC Thanksgiving Dinner for special needs children and adults and hosts the Community Thanksgiving Service. They also donate to the community at Christmas with food for the needy in co-

operation with area churches. Funds are also distributed to area not-for-profit organizations such as the Lillian Perdido Bay Library, the Lillian Recreational Park, Mary's Shelter, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Boys Ranch and others.

In addition to those who participate on Labor Day, the day of the Mullet Festival, many area businesses contribute to make it a success. 2024 Mullet Festival Sponsors include, Platinum+, Elberta Animal Hospital, Lillian Methodist Church; Platinum, Baldwin County Sewer Service, Hadley Termite & Pest Control, In Memory of Bob Ginn, Mike & Barbara Johnson, Moore Fasteners & Mores, Perdido Grading & Paying and Pirate's Cove.

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Round 2 in Lillian Sprawl Battle Oct. 3; Organizers: Your Attendance Critical

Greetings!

Compatibility is number one in the rezoning phase. Traffic and infrastructure are addressed in subdivision phase.

Citizens Townhall September 7 had a great turnout with nearly 100 attendees! Speakers were terrific and the entire room erupted in applause when asked who agreed with protecting the rural character of Baldwin County.

The Lillian Community Club has offered to sponsor quarterly Community Forums for citizens wishing to address community matters free of charge.

Z24-40 Hamm Property 23 acres-Second rezoning request from RA to RSF-3 (Formerly Z24-10, RA to RSF-4 denied in May 2024) located adjacent to Spanish Cove. Public hearing October 3, 4 p.m., Planning Commission, Robertsdale, AL.

Your attendance is critical!

Z24-33 Chadwell Property -(US Hwy 98 near Brehman Road)-Rezoning request for 19 acres from Rural Agricultural to RR, Rural District, heard by Planning Commission Thursday, September 05 with a recommendation of approval to the Baldwin County Commissioners Public Hearing on October 15, 10 a.m, Fairhope,.

Z24-13 Bailey Property & PRD24-01 Sailor's Landing -Rezoning and Planned Residential Development (asking for 226 units, RA to

RSF-2). South of US Hwy 98, west of County Road 95) Heard and approved with conditions by the Baldwin County Commissioners September 17.

Z24-29 McCraney Property and PRD24-06 Bear Creek -Rezoning request and Planned Residential Development (asking RSF-2, 132 units on 59 acres) East of CR 83 & Kichler Circle, North of the Town of Elberta. Heard and approved with conditions September 17 by the Baldwin County Commissioners.

Postponed Z24-23, Jim & Donna Enterprises LLC Property-Rezoning request (asking 124 acres be re-

zoned from RA to RSF-1) located north of County Road 20 and west of Stucki Road. Planning Department staff recommends denial. No public hearing date set.

Improvement in process -Modifications to the Baldwin County Subdivision Regulations are being




Keeping it Country

By Tracey Gambill

evaluated and approved on a regular basis and are extremely beneficial to the entire county whether a planning district has its own ordinances or not! This is a major improvement in the Planning and Zoning process.


Remember ... Information is thin stuff unless mixed



Let's Keep it Country

by Tracey Gambill

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<p>Planning and Zoning Commission Baldwin County Central Annex Auditorium 22251 Palmer Street, Robertsdale, AL 36657 1st Thursday of each month @ 4 pm Next Meeting: October 3rd</p>	<p>Baldwin County Commission 1100 Fairhope Ave., 2nd Floor Fairhope, AL 36532 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 10 am Next Meeting: October 15th</p>
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with experience.

P.S. Do you know what's "developing" in your community?

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Though Exotic and Beautiful, The Oleander Caterpillar is Quite Toxic

Have you noticed that in Nature, the brighter the color a creature is the more likely it is to be very poisonous, toxic, or otherwise dangerous to the life expectancy of the critters dumb enough to get close? Like the creature is taunting other species with their very vividness; “Look at me! Eat me if you dare!”

This colorful phenomenon is a common adaptation in the Rain Forests of South America. With our current global economy (thank you Amazon Prime free shipping) we are getting more and more species spread all over the world. Here’s today’s example: The oleander caterpillar. This caterpillar is a native of the Caribbean region. Its range extends from northern South America, through Central America into Mexico, and from many Caribbean Islands into Florida and coastal regions of southeastern states, like Alabama.

Scientists think that the original food source of the oleander caterpillar was a vine that is fairly rare and only found in small, secluded beachy areas. The caterpillar adapted to feeding on oleander when the Spanish introduced this Mediterranean ornamental plant in the 17th century. Let’s be clear, the plant – native to the Mediterranean, the pest – native to the hot and wet areas of South America.

The geographic distribution of the oleander caterpillar in the U.S. coincides with the distribution of oleander plants with an odd exception - it is not found in California. Which is odd, because oleander plants are exceedingly common in California, and are classified as an invasive species! Do you know what an oleander plant looks like? It’s a leggy tree or shrub with narrow, spear shaped, grey green leaves and 5 petal, trumpet shaped flowers, most often in white or pink.

Despite the oleander’s beauty, it is very toxic to many species of animals. Dogs, cats, goats, cattle, sheep, rabbits and horses are all species that have been affected by eating parts of an oleander. Experimentally, oleander is rapidly absorbed. Massive doses of the leaves may kill an animal within 1 hour.

Oleanders contain several highly toxic compounds called “Cardiac Glycosides”. Cardiac glycosides are also medications people take for heart failure, atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter. Oleander larvae ingest and store cardiac gly-

cosides that are passed along to the adult stage where they serve as dietary punishment for predators attempting to eat the glycoside-laced adults.

This pumpkin orange and black spined beauty of a caterpillar uses those colors to remind all that dining on this caterpillar can result in disagreeable digestive consequences. The bold warning colors and patterns are a deterrent to predators. This adaptation is called “Aposematic Coloration.” This is a clever strategy employed by many



Know Your Critters

By Celeste
Hadley-Champion



types of insects, including our state insect, the Monarch Butterfly.

Remember all larvae or caterpillars are basically just teenagers growing into their adult forms. The Polka Dot Wasp Moth, *Syntomeida epilais*, derives its common name from the eye-catching polka dots adorning its wings. Its main coloration is a metallic blue-black, dotted liberally with white polka dots. Even the antennae have white spots on them! The hindmost portion of the posterior is a vibrant orange.

It is called a Wasp Moth because it is a mimic! It is imitating a wasp called the Spider Wasp. The Spider wasp has the same gorgeous, metallic blue-black sheen as the Polka Dot wasp moth. It’s head and wings are a beautiful rust red color.

This wasp is diurnal, meaning it is active during the day. The female Polka Dot Wasp Moth attracts a mate by vibrating plates called “tymbals” on the sides of her thorax. She creates a rhythmic clicking sound, a come-hither melody to attract a suitor. In return, the male adds his own clicks to create an ultrasonic duet. Thankfully, their love songs are beyond the range of our ears.

After mating, she lays her eggs in clusters on the underside surfaces of oleander leaves. They are pale cream to light yellow in color, perfectly spherical in shape, and measure less than 1 mm in diameter, like teeny, tiny, little pearls. When the eggs hatch, there will be dozens of tiny, orange caterpillars decorating oleander.

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In October, the Fire District Board of Directors will be hosting its **annual open meeting**. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting at our Station 2 on **Oct 7 at 6:30 p.m.** at **11331 CR91** south of SR98. We will review

the past year and hold elections for 7 Board members. Additionally, our annual 2024-25 Fund Drive will be mailed shortly. Please watch your mailboxes. Your contribution is not only greatly appreciated, it is necessary for us to provide to you, the families of Lillian.



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By Andrew Normandeau



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We are thrilled to share that Avie Busby, Ryleigh Fogos, Michlynn Shaver, and Emma Franks proudly represented Elberta Middle School at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Seattle, WA. They competed in the Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation (Busby, Fogos) and Sports Nutrition (Shaver, Franks) STAR Events and achieved remarkable silver medals and placed within the top ten of all competitors in the country in recognition of their outstanding performance.

The students' projects, exemplify their dedication, creativity, and commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others. Their accomplishment at the national level is a testament to their hard work, teamwork, and unwavering passion.

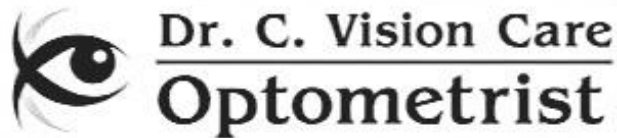
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Pictured left to right: Avie Busby, Emma Franks, Michlynn Shaver, Ryleigh Fogos. Four from Elberta Middle School Competed in the National STAR Event Competition at the 2024 FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Seattle, WA, June 29 – July 3, 2024

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 October 17: Full Moon, Supermoon
 October 21: Moon near Jupiter
 October 23: Moon near Mars

October 12 Fall Festival Will Offer Great Food, Great Fun, Great Music and Plenty of Fireworks!

The Lillian Recreational Park will officially kick-off the fall season with a day-long Fall Fest on Saturday, October 12. The Fall Fest will feature a variety of activities and attractions for the whole community to enjoy, including pumpkin smashing and scarecrow making. There will also be continuous music, great BBQ and a beer tent.

"The festival is going to be so much fun!" said Lucy Smith, one of the festival organizers. "There is something for everyone – from small children to teenagers to adults. The festival will feature amazing BBQ in our food and beer tents, as well as activities, attractions, and contests that everyone can enjoy. There will even be fireworks at the end of the festival, so people should definitely come out for that!"

Festivalgoers can spend the day dancing to great music, visiting the pumpkin patch, testing their riding skills on the mechanical bull, and checking out antique tractors. There will be games and activities for all ages to enjoy. People can even smash a pumpkin or two for a small fee. Kids can visit the Fun Zone and enjoy the bouncy house, face painting, balloon art, pumpkin painting and creating scarecrows to take home.

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

Of course, it couldn't be a festival without lots of music. Local and regional musicians will be featured throughout the day on the Park's bandstand. Musicians who will be performing include Jimmy Smith, Wire and Bad



Bones, Plus One, Gary Story, Bryan Bailey and Gavin Southerland.

While most of the Fall Fest is free, there will be a small fee associated with some of the activities, like the pumpkin patch. In addition, there is a requested \$5 per car parking donation which will go for much-needed park improvements, including paving the parking lot. Further information on the Fall Fest, including an updated list of events and activities can be found on the Park's Facebook page and website, LillianRecreationalPark.org.

The Fall Fest will be held at the Lillian Recreational Park, 33914 Widell, from 10 a.m. until 7. p.m.

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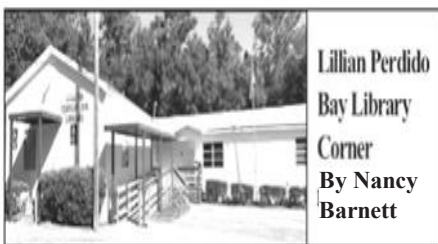
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Oct. Will Be a Busy Month

There are some important days in October that we enjoy celebrating. First there is Columbus Day that commemorates the arrival of his expedition to the Americas. We observe Columbus Day on the second Monday in October. This provides a long weekend for the nation's workers.



Lillian Perdido Bay Library
Corner
By Nancy Barnett

On Saturday, Oct. 19 a community-wide blood drive will take place at the Lillian Community Club from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Then we have Halloween on October 31 when children dress like pirates, ghosts, goblins etc. and get candy from families, neighbors and friends.

We also have the Octoberfest this month with plenty of good food preceded by the annual car show competition offering beautiful old cars that are lined up for people to enjoy. That car show is set for Saturday, Oct. 26. Details on page 21 in this issue.

Here at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library, we have many books from non-fiction, fiction, large print, short stories, young adult, along with DVDs and audio CDs. Although we didn't have our annual book sale this year, we do have a cabinet near the door that has some books for sale.

We are open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.



'Swim Where It's Monitored' Program Trains Focus on Perdido Beach Park

Mobile Barkeeper will test Perdido Beach Park (off the end of CR 97 going south from US 98) weekly as part of our SWIM (Swim Where It's Monitored) Program. Here, along with other locations, we test for Enterococcus and E. Coli. While Enterococcus and E. coli in and of themselves are not necessarily dangerous, they are indicators that other more dangerous pathogens may be present. If you swim in water with high levels of these bacteria, it could potentially cause some serious health issues.

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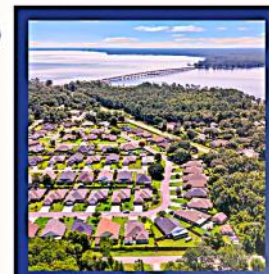


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CHURCH YARD SALE OCT. 26

The Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, 12851 Perdido St. Lillian is hosting its Annual Yard Sale on October 26, welcoming the community to find treasures and bargains in the church fellowship hall. This one-day event, running from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., promises a wide array of items for sale, ranging from furniture and clothing to holiday decorations and assorted household goods. In the spirit of giving, attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry Donation Box, contributing to a cause that supports the church's community outreach missions.

A Sign of the Times: Watch Out for Investment Scams

When you invest, you'll find that knowledge is power. The more you know about your investment choices, and who is offering them, the better prepared you'll be to make good decisions. And this diligence can also help protect you against investment scams.

How widespread is this activity? Consider this: Investment fraud losses totaled more than \$4.5 billion in 2023, according to the FBI's *Internet Crime Report*.

Here are some common types of scams:

- **Cryptocurrency** – Not all cryptocurrency offers are scams, but many are. The scammers will contact you via social media, claiming they've made a lot of money in crypto and are willing to help you do the same. They may direct you to a website or app to invest, but the "company" taking your money may not even exist, and, after taking your money, may disappear.

- **Investment programs** – These programs claim to have "proven" strategies that can enable you to get rich by investing in financial products. But these strategies are dubious at best and can cost you thousands of dollars that could otherwise go into an investment plan based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- **Real estate** – Typically, a real estate scam tries to get you to invest in a "world-class" or "luxury" property development, but these properties may take years to build, if they're built at all. Also, various real estate "seminars" claim they can teach you how to get wealthy by buying and selling real estate, but these programs are expensive and usually worthless.

- **Gold and other precious metals** – Scammers who call themselves "rare coins" merchants may try to sell you gold coins, bullion or other types of precious metals, claiming that these assets will always go up in value (which isn't true) and that "now is the best time to act." You can find legitimate ways to invest in precious metals, possibly through mutual funds, but you'll need to determine whether these assets can be an appropriate part of your investment

portfolio.

So, how can you avoid these scams? Here are some suggestions from the Federal Trade Commission:

- *Don't be pushed into snap decisions.* Scammers will pressure you to act quickly because "space is limited" in an investment offering or a "special deal" won't last long.

If someone won't give you time to consider an offer, it's not worth considering.

- *Be suspicious of "risk-free" claims.* All investments carry risk, and no variable investments can claim to provide "guaranteed returns." If an individual or organization downplays the risk of an investment and doesn't want to provide risk disclosures, just walk away.

- *Ask about licensing or registration.* Legitimate investment professionals must be registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and be licensed by your state's securities regulator before they can sell you any investment product. You can check the status of an individual or firm by using FINRA's BrokerCheck tool at brokercheck.fina.org.

- *Do some research.* You can search online for the name of the company or individual offering you an investment opportunity. By entering terms such as "review," "scam," "fraud" or "complaint," you may well find that other people have experienced problems or been victimized.

To achieve your financial goals, you'll likely need to invest for decades — so, be wary of scammers who claim to offer a shortcut to success. For questions, please contact Jason Kozon or Chantz Blackmon at 251-943-3399 located at 22394 Mifflin Road in Foley.



Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon
of Edward Jones

Lillian Local Legion Post 48 Seeking to Boost its Membership

The American Legion is your voice in congress, they need membership numbers when they go in front of the VA and all concerned. The focus has been and always will be on service to the community and support of our veterans.

Membership has been declining with the last of our WWII, Korea, and a good majority of our Vietnam Vets going on to that great commander in the sky.

If you have served in the United States Armed Forces and have been honorably discharged, retired, or are still serving you are eligible for membership in The American Legion! We need your help to maintain our post to continue supporting your community.

Once again Post 48 presented colors to officially begin the Annual Labor Day Mullet Festival. Thanks to all that attended. **A big Thank you** to Diane Burns, Lynn Ochs, and Susie Harrison for their continued support of Post 48.

Membership cards are in and can be picked up in the Legion office on Wednesdays from 0900-1100. The Cost is \$55.

Become a Hospice volunteer: SouthernCare Hospice Services are looking for Veteran-to-Veteran volunteers. No one understands a Veterans experience better than a Veteran. To volunteer or for more information call 251-621-2844 or go to www.southerncarehospice.com.

MEDICAL CLOSET: Post 48 would like to reaffirm to the Lillian Community that the Medical Closet is for all Lillian citizens and there is absolutely no charge. Many items are available, such as walkers, hospital beds, and more. The only requirement is the return of 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 the Lillian Community Club, adjacent to the POW/MIA flag. Come and join us for a cup of coffee or a soda, and good conversation.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Lillian Community Club. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving.



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Gay L. Pyle

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Lillian Author Recalls a Record Trout Catch Under Our Bridge

The biggest speckled trout I've ever caught was the very first speckled trout I've ever caught. I hooked the beast under Lillian Bridge about 25 years ago on a gorgeous August morning. Since that fateful day, I have become a trout-fishing fanatic. I've caught more than I can count, just never one quite as big as my first kiss with the silvery sea trout.

I can chalk that first monster trout up to beginner's luck. And friendship.

One of my craziest fishing buddies, David Ellis, had heard of trophy-sized specks roaming the waters around the bridge.

"They hang out in a deep hole next to the fifth set of pilings," he told me. "Or maybe it's the sixth set. Or the seventh. Aw hell, I can't remember."

That was the extent of our intel.

The plan was to get up before sunrise and drag the shrimp net for some live bait. Then head to the bridge to see if the trout rumors were true.

I was spending the weekend visiting my elderly mother, who could still fry up a delicious filet and tell a good, clean joke. I believe her sense of humor was shaped from life's hardships. She'd

lived through the depression, World War II, and six sons—all of whom had a wild streak as wide as I-10. Except for me, of course.

She'd been in and out of the hospital for several months and we had almost lost her two weeks earlier. Thankfully, she'd escaped the sterile halls and was back home under her own sheets without a bunch of doctors prodding and poking at her. I knew some fresh fish would boost her spirits.

As David and I stumbled around in the kitchen at 4 a.m. trying to make coffee and get to the boat before sun up, mama stood in the doorway in her faded blue nightgown and said, "Remember, a fish is like a man, the one with his mouth open gets caught."

We looked up just in time to see her turn and disappear back into her bedroom. Then she hollered, "If you catch it, I'll cook it."

The live bait plan worked out well, except we hauled in more jellyfish than shrimp. Not the cute little jellyfish globules that kids throw at each other, but the full-on, red-striped jellyfish with three-foot-long tentacles. As we picked the shrimp out of the jellyfish soup, they jumped and jerked and splattered stingy juice in our faces and eyes. The whole thing was traumatic but we managed to bag a couple dozen nice live shrimp.

We anchored near the bridge. For my first cast, I grabbed a humongous shrimp worthy of a pricy seafood platter. I chucked him near a concrete piling and, as shrimp do, it swam for it's life toward the bottom to hide in the mud. David was right. Hoss daddy trout lived there. The shrimp never made it to the mud. Suddenly I was fighting a monster trout. The line spun out with a high pitched zing. With the delicacy of a safe cracker, I tightened the drag, careful not to break the line. Every time I worked the fish to the boat, it conjured up a burst of energy and dived, again and again. Beastly Trout and I were in an epic battle. By the time I finally got it to the boat David was freaking out. He grabbed the net and scooped up a fish.

"Damn, that's a wall hanger," he yelled. "I mean, that sucker is huge. You gotta mount him."

I figured this was the status quo. It was, after all, my first cast. "Really?" I said. "I thought we'd just get mama to cook him."

"No, man, we can't eat that fish. You gotta mount it."

"Nah, mama won't let me mount this. She wants some fresh fish."

"But, but...no, it's not right," he said weakly realizing I'd made up my hard head.

"It's okay, man," I assured him. "I'll catch a bigger one next time and mount that one."

I was so ignorant.

Beasty measured 29.5 inches and weighed nine pounds. It's no state record, but David was right, it was a wall hanger. We ended up catching a few more nice fish but none that big. David was flabbergasted that I still planned on eating it.

As I suspected, a watermelon smile spread across my 82-year-old mother's face when she saw that fish. She had an extra bounce in her step because it reminded her of when daddy was alive and he'd catch a mess of fresh fish to

cook. And that was often.

That evening, I got the charcoal going and mama and I baked that sucker on the grill with some lemon, salt, pepper and Tony Cachere's creole seasoning. We had a fabulous dinner with friends and family. We laughed until we cried, we told stories about old times, and we gorged on fresh fish, hushpuppies, cheese grits, and turnip greens—a true Southern meal that tastes best when your mother cooks it.

We made special memories of that night, not just because of the trout, but also my mother's lively sense of humor. Someone announced that our cousin was going to medical school to be a brain surgeon. Without a beat she said, "Well, he'll have plenty of work around this family." Then she scrunched her face in a confused kind of way. "You know, speaking of surgeons, the doctor told me they might have to replace part of my heart with a pig's valve." Her

mind had gone a little foggy in recent months and I could tell she was having trouble grasping the concept.

"Well what did you tell him?" I asked.

"I said as long as I don't have to wallow in the mud every day, I'm okay with it." Then she laughed hard.

The big fish had given her a lift. We talked for another hour or so, had

another glass of wine, and called it a night. I tucked her into bed, kissed her, and told her we had plenty of fish for breakfast.

"Fish and eggs," she smiled. "I can't wait."

As I cleaned up the kitchen and wrapped aluminum foil around the fat trout, I counted my

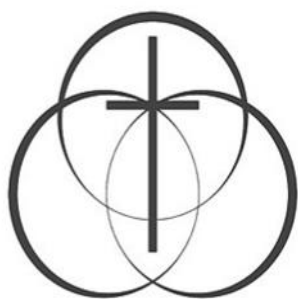
blessings. I had good friends to fish with, a mother who could get around on her own, and plenty of great fishing at my doorstep. *Life is good*, I thought. But it's also unpredictable.

Sometime in the cool stillness of that night, my mother passed on to the other world. Her time had come and the Good Lord took her home. Even in my grief, I thought about that fish, and how lucky we all were to share in her last supper on the biggest speckled trout I've ever caught.

Since that fateful day, which began in the jellyfish soup, I've caught hundreds of specks and reds in and around Perdido Bay. But the absolute truth is—and this hounds me every day—I have never caught a bigger trout than that first one on my first day with my first cast. That's some twisted fate.

Now I wonder if I'll get scooped up in God's fishing net before I land that elusive 30-inch trout. Maybe I'll never catch it. Or maybe I'll be 82 and it'll be my last meal. I'm good with that.





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The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

A flight instructor was sitting next to his student in their single engine plane, when he said, "Well, I think it's time to take her in for a landing. Are you ready to go down?" The student said, "No problem, let's do it." Well, as they were approaching the runway, the instructor looked at his student and noticed how calm he was. Normally, students who are coming in for their first landing were nervous, wide-eyed, and sweating bullets. But this young man was cool and relaxed. The instructor thought to himself, "I cannot believe how calm this young man is. He will make a great pilot." But then the plane hit the runway with a thud, bounced fifty feet into the air, hit and bounced again, ran off the runway and landed upside down in a cornfield. The instructor, still strapped in his seat upside down, looked at his student and said, "Son, that was the worst first landing any student of mine has ever made." The student said, "Me? I thought you were landing the plane."

Friend, who is piloting your life? Who has control of you? That is the essence of the fruit of the Spirit called "self-control."

Self-control is when you are in control when everything else is not. Sadly, we are living in an increasingly out of control society. We are financially out of control. Americans are the most indebted people on earth, with household debt averaging \$71,500, twice that of Great Britain, and eighty-nine times that of Switzerland. We are physically out of control. Pathologist, Thomas J. Bassier, says that of autopsies he has performed, two out of every three deaths are premature and are related to what he calls "loafer's heart," "smoker's lung," and "drinker's liver." The word exercise, like the word discipline, really irritates some people. One man said, "Whenever I think about exercising, I just sit down and rest until the feeling goes away." We are emotionally out of control. Our highways have become battlegrounds with road rage and our school yards have become shooting fields. Children are now shooting children, as well as teachers, for seemingly no reason whatsoever. Surely you know that our society is morally out of control. Our values and morals are at an all-time low. Our society rightfully protects endangered animals and deplorably celebrates the slaughter of unborn humans and calls it choice. The most recent democratic national convention allowed a planned parenthood abortion mobile to set up outside its convention and provide murder on demand. Our moral walls are crumbling, and our society is sin sick. Proverbs 25:28 says, "Like a city whose walls are broken down, is one who lacks self-control." The bible says without the walls of self-control, an individual, a city, a state, a nation is totally defenseless and easy prey for the enemy. This decay is from the relentless exaltation of self.

There is a danger to what is called self. There is no middle ground. Either you control self, or self will control you. We are living in a society that is saturated with the celebration of self no matter how it impacts others. Psychiatrists and psychoanalysts are now promoting a movement known as "selfism," which elevates self to the level of god and seeks to avoid anything that would lower someone's self-esteem. Over the last couple of decades, the lexicon of self-words has been purged of all terms that regard self-centeredness as negative. No longer are we to use words such as self-criticism, self-denial, self-discipline, self-control or self-sacrifice. They say the only words we should use are self-confidence, self-contentment, self-expression, self-assertion, self-indulgence, self-realization, self-approval, self-actualization, and even self-worship. Selfism has one commandment which says, "I am the lord my god." In our out-of-control self-centeredness we pursue every immoral and indecent act. Our only eternal hope and salvation is to die to self and allow Christ to be Lord of all and to fill us with the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul says, "Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." In Galatians 2:20 Paul declares the key to our being Christ controlled, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." Notice Paul says in verse 25: "If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit." You see, self-control is not a work, it is a walk. Self cannot be controlled from without. It can only be controlled from within. The way to self-control is to surrender to the spirit's control.

My friend, when Christ comes into your heart, and the holy spirit takes control of your life, then you will bear the fruit of the spirit, which is self-control. When the spirit is in control, self is in control and you will be so filled with, and led by, the holy spirit that the way you act, or re-act in any given situation, glorifies God and edifies others. When self-surrendering to Christ we realize that God mightily uses Christians who stay cool in a hot place, sweet in a sour place, and little in a big place. Let go of sin today and let God take control of you. Let God heal and forgive your past, fill you and guide you by His Holy Spirit today and direct your path as you live in such a way that brings honor and glory to Him.

Donating to Our Local Organizations Keeps Our Lillian Family Healthy

I don't get much mail these days, as most of my bills are paid automatically. Water and electric come through for some reason and of course, the invitations to various health events like hearing aids and notifications about realtors in the area offering to sell my house.

Yesterday my USPS Informed Delivery showed I had one small piece of mail with an address I didn't recognize. I wondered what interesting group was holding a special event or was asking for some of my limited funds.

After running a few chores, I came home to check the mailbox. There it was! I opened it immediately and guess what? It was from one of my favorite places, the Lillian Recreational Park. I went directly to my checkbook and wrote a check, a small one, I admit, but what I felt I could afford.

Other than my church responsibilities, there are a few organizations I support. In Lillian, they include the park, Lillian Perdido Bay Library, and the fire department. These groups are a part of my life.

Until I had my leg troubles, my friend and I walked the one-mile path at the park a couple of times a week. I really must get back to that great exercise. The walk takes you to every area of the park, from the kiddie area to the soccer and baseball fields, the wildlife area and plantings. There are pickleball and basketball courts, a new "Bark Park" and the kitchen and conference room have recently been renovated. Don't forget the monthly movies and Market in the Park and the extra-special Christmas in the Park. All done with local donations from people like you and me and grants from philanthropical

organizations.

Even before we moved here, we donated to the library that was just getting established. In addition to the small volunteer membership fee I donate every year, I also donate two hours a week in the library. One of my special jobs is to order new books. The library doesn't get any funding from any governmental group, but occasionally someone gifts the library to purchase books. If there's a new book you'd like to see on the shelf, let the librarian know and I will get it asap.

Last, but surely not least, is the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department. The men and women of this organization have been part of my life several times when my husband needed help and once for me when I broke my leg. How many lives have they saved? How many times have they just been there when there was no one else to help? We are so fortunate to have these "angels" at our beck and call.

You just received a letter from the park asking for a donation. The fire department will be contacting you in October and the library in January. Please seriously consider a donation this year, if you haven't in the past. These organizations are part of our Lillian family. If everyone participates, these groups will be able to continue their dedication to our community.



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

Local Masonic Lodge Recognized at District Conference

Worshipful Master David Johnson shared that Lillian Masonic Lodge #925 is growing and has added four new Master Masons. The new brethren have brought a new excitement. According to Johnson, "Their presence is seen everywhere about the Lodge. They are learning ritual and helping complete needed repairs to the building".

On Saturday, Sept. 14, officers and members of the Lillian Lodge attended a Masonic conference at Sonora lodge, Summerdale, AL. As usual, six lodges attended the conference with two to four members each. Lillian Lodge had 11 members present. As a result of having the most members in attendance, the Lillian Lodge was presented with the travel-

ling gavel for the first time in many years.

Johnson said, "I am very proud of our members who participated in giving a great performance and for our members who showed up in support. The members of Lillian Lodge showed their pride in our Lodge by wearing their shirts with the Masonic emblem and the Lillian Lodge #925 logo". Johnson continued, "Having so many of our members show up at the conference gives you a good feeling of comradery and brother-hood for our Lodge.

The purpose of the conference was to assist the Lodges within Baldwin County raise their level of proficiency in the work and to improve their presentation skills in the first

and second degree of masonry. Brother Steve Willians of the Lillian Lodge has led the ritual training in the local lodge. He has conducted Saturday morning trainings from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for the past six weeks and his work was on display by the quality of the presentation at the district wide training.

A new "social event" was rolled out on September 10. The group went out to lunch at the Front Porch for "Taco Tuesday".

There were 25 attendees for this first-time event. Other special events are scheduled through the end of the calendar year are: October 19, Lodge Potluck Picnic starting at 12 p.m. November 14, 1 p.m. meet at Vallarta Mexican Restaurant on Sorrento Rd.

Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

next to the Waffle House, across from Walmart (Blue Angel Pkwy); December 17, will be a stated meeting and Christmas Party featuring "DIRTY SANTA", a gift exchange program for those in attendance.

For more information on becoming a Mason, please feel free to call David Johnson at 816-721-6907.

(SPRAWL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

It is a Baldwin County land use matter that affects the quality of life of everyone in the Perdido Bay area between Lillian and Elberta.

Here's where it gets into the weeds of Spanish Cove covenants and county maps. Spanish Cove covenants say lots can't be subdivided except to increase the size of the adjacent lots and by going through a variance process, which, depending on legal interpretation, may or may not apply. Baldwin County lists this as one undeveloped parcel and records show that assessments, taxes and Spanish Cove lot fees have been paid on one lot over the years.

Spanish Cove board member Randy Hill turned out for a town hall meeting about local issues Sept. 7. Hill said the Hamm property, contrary to county records, had always been a single lot.

"Somewhere along the line, because it was on a map, people got the idea it was a single lot," Hill said. "It was never a single lot."

But the public would not be allowed to see a map in Spanish Cove records that he said shows mobile homes were to be built there.

Hill said the land has already started to be developed with clearing for roads. POASC Chair Bobby Beck wrote in the May issue of the Spanish Cove Update that he supports the development because it is part of a long-range plan crafted in 1974.

David Shuman moved to the Lillian area after watching rapid development transform a road much like U.S. 98 near his former home go from one to 20 stop lights.

"It's better to fight it now because the longer you wait, that is what you're going to get," he said.

The new Hamm proposal, Z24-40 allowing 60 new homes will be heard by the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting on October 3, 2024. A Commission work session will be held at the Baldwin County Central Annex, 22251 Palmer Street in Robertsedale at 3 p.m. before their meeting at 4 p.m., both open to public attendance.

SEE MORE DETAILS ON ATTENDING THIS CRITICAL MEETING ADDRESSING ON PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ON PAGE 3

Oscar Romero – The Church Must be Poor and Humble

Unless you have been hiding under a rock, you will know this is election season in the United States. I do not want to write on an election or a candidate but perhaps on how politics and religion do not mix.

Archbishop Oscar Romero was a Roman Catholic priest who spoke for the right of the poor in El Salvador when a military regime obtained power sought to weaken the people and allow them to starve. Romero spoke out to give the people hope. Romero died on March 24, 1980, from the bullet of an assassin because he followed Jesus Christ in his choice for the poor, for justice, for human dignity.

Oscar Romero was reserved, a person of few words, discreet, timid, introspective, thoughtful, often worried, sometimes fearful, sometimes hesitant. Romero was also a man of strong character. No one would dare stop him on the way to church for his personal prayers. He enjoyed being with simple people. He did not like being with the important people because he saw a lot of hypocrisy in them. He was very demanding of himself and of others. He was scrupulous about not offending the Lord. Some of his internal conflicts had to do with his character. That was one of the crosses he carried but, in the end, managed to overcome when he realized the love his people had for him.

Romero once said, "I would say that I have what I have is not a conversion for the poor but an evolution for the poor." When he was the bishop in another diocese, he saw reality in a different way. Then he arrived here he saw the reality of ingrained injustice, and realized that he had to accompany the people in denouncing the injustice. He was attentive to what God was asking of him. Another question posed to him: "Are you not afraid that they will kill you?" His answer: "I am not afraid, but apprehensive. God goes with me, and, if something happens to me, I am willing." That enduring sense of martyrdom linked to his ministry ran throughout his time in San Salvador.

The case of Romero marks a stage in Church history regarding martyrdom

that highlights the position of the Vatican on the model of pastor. Romero was a product of the Second Vatican Council. His ministry reflects the world Synod of Bishops, an apostolic exhortation by St. John Paul II, where the profile of the bishop is described: to be pastor of the poor, fighter for justice, defender of the weak, a prophet who denounces. When one reads the document, one could easily say that profile describes Romero.



Moving Forward

By Rev.
Tina Lockett



Romero's death is martyrdom for the faith. It was not the typical martyrdom brought on by pagans. People who called themselves Christians killed him, people who went to Mass on Sundays and received Communion; that is unusual. Romero was killed because he followed Jesus Christ in his choice for the poor, for justice, for human dignity, for a more dignified life for all, which is what the Church demands today. So that is a recent rationale for the argument that makes theologians say that he is a martyr of the Church. In the doctrine of the Church, this marks an advance.

The life and memory of Romero is an interesting phenomenon. Years after Romero died, a journalist asked fellow priests who had known him if his life and legacy would be forgotten over time. The response was no. Usually as time goes by, you forget people who have died. Here it is the opposite; more and more people know and love him.

Pope Francis who hails from South America thought well of Romero and there is much similarity between the two men. Both men are compassionate shepherds, sought a Church for the poor and with the poor; had vision for a missionary Church that proclaims the paschal mystery; seeing in the poor the flesh of Christ; a Church that is present in the world as yeast, as light and salt. Finally, both evangelize as they are, what they do, and with what they say. In many ways, this Pope from Argentina has expanded on the work of the forerunner from El Salvador. Oscar Romero was passionate about the radio and its use to reach the people. If you read his diary, the topic of the radio program appears almost every day: What if the radio program was ruined? What if it was sabotaged? What if the program did not go well or did not air? The radio would always be on his mind. One time, the Salvadoran government almost blew up the radio station, and he uttered this famous phrase, "Even if we lost our radio station, each one of us must become the microphone of God."

If you want to know about Oscar Romero, and how to worship a true and living God who loves you just for being you, come visit us at Episcopal Church of the Advent. Sunday Service is 10am. Everyone is welcome.

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The Lillian Methodist Men's Club will host the 20th Anniversary "Best of Decades" Car Show from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 in the pecan grove next to Lillian Methodist Church, Lillian.

Awards will be given to the top three entrants in each decade (pre-1940 to 2024), plus Best of Show, Pastor's Choice, Best GM, Best Ford, Best Mopar, Best Truck, Best Interior, Best Engine, Best Paint and Most Unusual.

The Early Entry Fee by Oct. 15 is \$25 for the first vehicle and \$20 for each additional vehicle. The Entry Fee after Oct. 15 is \$30 for the first vehicle and \$25 for each addition vehicle. Applications for the event may be found at www.LillianMC.org.

Also included in the day's events are the Spark Plug Toss Competition, a 50/50 raffle and the first 40 entrants will receive a door prize.

Complementary breakfast of Krispy Kreme donut and coffee will be provided by Mike Brooks, General Manager of the Foley location.

BBQ lunch will be sold from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. BBQ adult meal is \$10; child's meal, \$6. The meal includes BBQ sandwich, homemade potato salad, baked Bush Beans and a drink. Sandwiches are \$6 and drinks \$1.

The Trash and Treasure Sale donations are from Oct. 21-23 and the event will be held Oct. 24-26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Music will also be provided. For more information contact Dick Erwin, rherwin9@gmail.com or call 850-776-7132.

The Lillian Methodist Men's Club provides donations to a variety of organizations including Care House of Baldwin County, Kids House in Pensacola, Safe Harbor Pregnancy Center, The Lighthouse and others. More than \$15,000 was donated in 2023.

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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 are Sally McKinney, Florence McLendon, Ruth Moreland, Elsie Bailey, Barbara Parks, Ward Jensen,

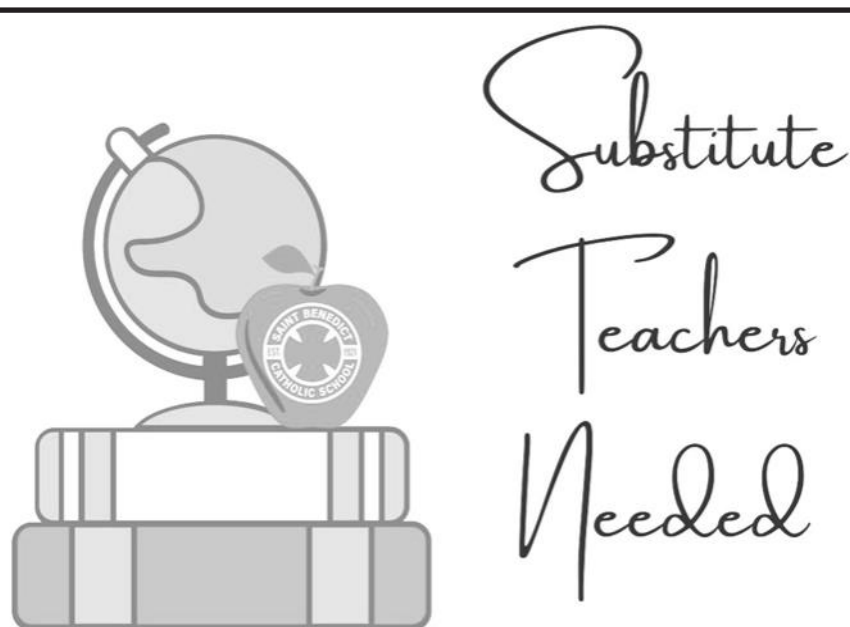
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rissey, Roland Kasper, Diane Willard, Paulette Joffrion, Bob Tobey, Mary Beth Majesty, Judy Cain, Keith Brown, Jayke Pell and Jerry Garner.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in October are Mike and Donna Cobb, Art and Joan Schuck, Earl and Helen Paschke 1958, Charlie and Wilma Spivey 1975 and Ed and Faith

Dowd 1997. If you would like to add 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 a folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the November issue of The Lillian is October 23.



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HAVE FUN — VOLUNTEERING

The Lillian Recreational Park is looking for volunteers for both the October 12 Fall Fest and the Christmas in the Park celebration that begins on December 7.

If you are interested in having some fun and helping organize these activities, please contact Lucy Smith, 719-494-7986 or email her at LRA28west@aol.com.

Fall Fest volunteers will receive a free BBQ meal for their help with the games and activities or serving food.

4th Quarter District Optimist Convention Seeks Strong Finish

Over August 16 TO -18 the City of Mobile hosted the Alabama Mississippi Optimist District #29 Convention. Governor Jeff Keener, from Lillian, used the weekend to praise the efforts of almost 1,000 Optimists in Alabama and Mississippi for a job well done.

The incoming Lt. Governor for 2024-25 were trained on Friday at the Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate Office facility in the morning and were joined by the Club President for the afternoon training. Don Foster, member of the Crichton Club, provided the facility at no-charge to the group.

The first day concluded with a "Fish Fry" and were entertained by DJ Ray, a representative from the City of Mobile Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Department. The group also experienced a look back as many of the attendees played the old family-oriented board games and card games. The proceeds supported the Optimist International Foundation. The Saturday trainings focused on ending the year with momentum.

The training members were Tolanda Adams, Southeast Regional VP Designate; Optimist International Foundation Board member Deanna Morrow; Governor Keener; Governor Designate Michael Hanshaw; District Treasurer Jacob Ransom; Leadership Development Chair James Adams; next year's Leadership Development Chair Gloria Vail; Engagement Chair Vera Hendrix; Growth Chair Nancy Boyd; Membership Chair Ester Stubbs; New Club Building Chair Judy Richardson; Junior Optimist Chair Barbara Maye; and a newer member Dave Young from the Horn Lake Club (Mississippi) who shared his insights on how to engage with people you meet.

This year the AL-MS District had numerous priorities. The first goal was to involve 150 or more individuals in the operation of the district. This was achieved.

The second was to eprioritize retention of club members over new membership. Each club was encouraged to conduct a CARE meeting where clubs celebrate their success; address any problems; recognize the efforts of their members and to position the club for success in the next year.

As part of this retention program the Governor gave

out four awards. He encouraged clubs to do the same thing. The Friendship Award (Larry Lartique of the Crichton Club), Contagious Enthusiasm (Sherrie Cook of the Central Montgomery Club); Cheerful Countenance (Sandra Griffin of the Huntsville Club) and the Spirit of Optimism (Carolyn McCoy of the Birmingham Club).

The fourth effort was to complete their Bylaw Review and updates to ensure their liability insurance was in place; and to transition to the online training of District and Club Officers and members through the Optimist Institute.

Several special awards were presented. The Governor's "Legacy Award" was presented to Slade Watson, past Governor and member of the Crichton Optimist Club. He was the governor in 1984-85, the year that the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay was founded. He was deeply involved in this year's Convention and has a long history of improving the lives of youth in Mobile and Baldwin Counties.

The second Legacy Award went to District Growth Chair Dr. Nancy Boyd from the Cleveland Club. Nancy is also a past Governor, and SE Regional VP of Optimist International. This year she will have recorded her 100th member sponsor and has added 27 new clubs over her Optimist career.

Both Legacy Award winners were presented with a certificate and a framed portrait. The Lt. Governors were also presented with a framed portrait of themselves, drawn by local artist, Kathy Keener, for their hard work and dedication over the course of the past year. Dodd Bouchillon of Lillian, who resigned late in the year for health and personal reasons, and his replacement, John Maye of Orange Beach were honored for their success in Zone 6. Zone 6, Baldwin County, has been the most productive in adding new members and was recognized for its participation in the Partners in Optimism program.

The Saturday Night celebration also saw the Governor recognize members of his local club for their Optimist success. Daniel Randall, former Lt. Governor and Past Club President, is the current VP of Programming

for the Perdido Bay club. Randall drove many in the group to the Marriott Airport in Mobile for the event.

Betty and Dick Erwin, Sally McKinney, Daniel Randall, Cliff Collier and Todd and Lana Turk made the trip to Mobile to be involved in the Saturday night affair. Betty Erwin was recognized for sharing the Optimist experience and sponsoring the Governor, Jeff Keener. Her husband Dick Erwin was recognized for his service as President of the Methodist men and the chair of the OCPB annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service where local churches combine efforts to celebrate the good news of the season.

Sally McKinney was recognized for her distinction of being the first female member of the local Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. She was recruited to produce the monthly newsletter. She fulfilled this role from May 16, 2010, until just this last year.

Cliff Collier, owner of the Car Barn and OCPB member, served as Sargent-at-Arms for the AL MS Optimist District #29 this year. He was recognized for his service to the local club, the Masonic Lodge and for his friendship with the Governor.

Todd Turk and his wife Lana were recruited for a very specific role. The purpose of every Optimist Club is to improve the lives of young people, the community and themselves. This mission is meant to stress giving to others, while also having fun.

Both Todd and his wife are excellent singers. Monthly the couple participates in karaoke offered through the OCPB at the Front Porch. Their role at the event was to make sure this first-time District activity was well received and the members encouraged to participate. The couple hit it out of the park and the effort was a resounding success.

Governor Keener is preparing to end the current year on September 30. His District Leadership team and the Club operating officers are working hard to finish the year with an increase in membership and greater impact in the Alabama Mississippi district.

For more information on the Optimist organization, please feel free to reach out to Jeff Keener at 251-210-9081 or email jeffreyakeener@gmail.com.

Alyssa Corbitt Wins National FCCLA Advisor Mentor Award

Alyssa Corbitt, a devoted Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Adviser at Elberta Middle School in Alabama, has been honored as a recipient of the prestigious FCCLA Adviser Mentor Award. This accolade recognizes Corbitt's outstanding dedication and commitment to mentoring new advisers within the FCCLA community.

The FCCLA Adviser Mentor Award celebrates advisers who have achieved Master Adviser Recognition and have devoted two years to new adviser assistance, assumed adult leadership roles in FCCLA, conducted adviser workshops, attended training workshops, and utilized national and state FCCLA resources. Corbitt's exemplary contributions in these areas exemplify the qualities of an exceptional mentor and leader within our organization.

"I am continually inspired by the dedication of FCCLA's Chapter Advisers," remarked Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of FCCLA. "Recipients of the Adviser Mentor Award serve as true role mod-

els, exemplifying the organization's highest standards of mentorship and leadership."

Corbitt has been instrumental in promoting FCCLA throughout Baldwin County by encouraging other advisers to attend state conference, participate in local and state competitive events and community service projects, and, most noteworthy, founding and directing Baldwin County's FCCLA STAR Events Competition.

Corbitt was recognized and presented with the 2024 Adviser Mentor Award during the Adviser Recognition & Fashion Show General Session at the 2024 FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Seattle, WA, this summer. This session, attended by thousands of FCCLA members, advisers, and supporters, celebrated Corbitt's outstanding contributions to the FCCLA community.

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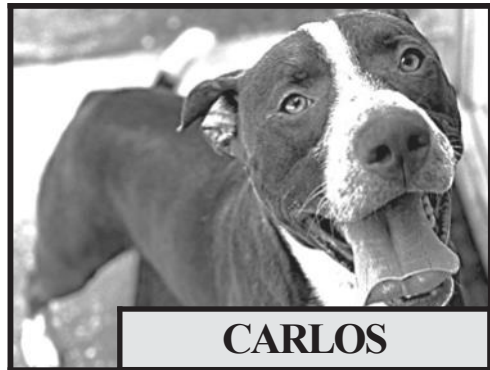
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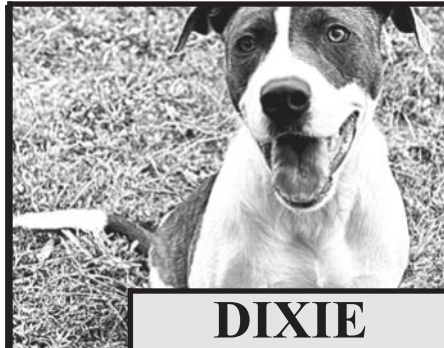
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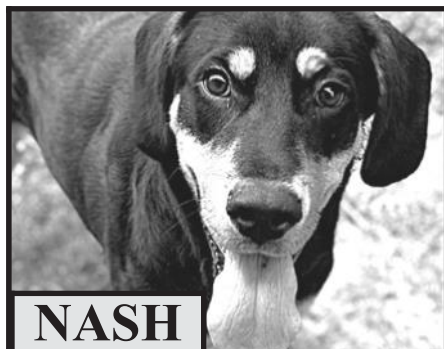
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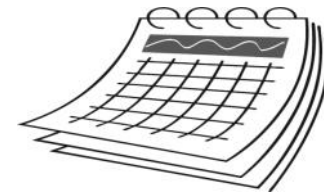
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The Lillian Calendar



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October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 7:00 PM - AA meeting at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 11:00 AM & October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 10:00 AM - Ageless Grace (Exercise for the Body & Brain), at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630. (No class on 10/22 or 10/24)

October 12 & 26 at 8:00 AM - Join Perdido Bay Optimist Club for a Free Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club. 10/12 Induct our New leadership for the 2024/2025 Year! 10/26 Jessica Ware from the Baldwin County Care House. (No Reservation Needed & Guests eat for Free!)

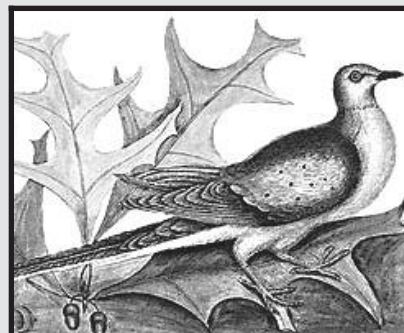
October 17 from 1:00 PM - Dementia Education Forum & Caregiver Support Group with guest speakers at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

October 24 - 26 from 8 AM - 2 PM - Trash & Treasure Sale at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

October 26 from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Annual Car Show and BBQ at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. BBQ sold from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Also Sept. 26 at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Yard Sale at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church at 12851 Perdido St. Lillian.

October 31 - Community Trunk-R-Treat at the Lillian Recreational Park, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Tons of Treats, Hotdog, chips & 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 5:30 PM.

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- 1 Linda Odom, 56, Loxley, AL
34:12

Senior Grand Master Awards Male/Female Overall

- 1 David Toellner, 61, Pensacola, FL
24:54
- 1 Lori Hales, 64, Lillian, AL
36:03

Male Age Group Awards 1-9

- 1 Male Lleyton Spivey, 4, Robertsdale, AL
23:54

Male Age Group Awards 10-14

- 1 Amari Allen, 13, Foley, AL
33:47
- 2 Finley Meacham, 11, Lillian, AL
42:39

Female Age Group 15-19

- 1 Mady Manley, 19, Douglasville, GA
33:31

Male Age Group 15-19

- 1 Aaron Dewhurst, 17, Lillian, AL
23:53

Female Age Group 25-29

- 1 Lydia Howell, 25, Loxley, AL
34:00

Male Age Group 25-29

- 1 Ty White, 28, Coffeeville, AL
28:40

Female Age Group 30-34

- 1 Katherine Payne, 31, Loxley, AL
47:15

Male Age Group 30-34

- 1 Scott Allen, 31, Daphne, AL
23:34

Female Age Group 35-39

- 1 Kristen Koliopoulos, 35, Virginia Beach, VA
35:07

- 2 Latisha Allen, 37, Foley, AL
45:27

Male Age Group 35-39

- 1 Robert Spivey, 39, Robertsdale, AL
24:57
- 2 Roger Taaffe, 39, Foley, AL
27:07
- 3 Andy Ray, 38, Elberta, AL
27:45

Female Age Group 40-44

- 1 Shannon Russell, 40, Mobile, AL
39:49

Male Age Group 40-44

- 1 James McNaughton, 41, Elberta, AL
25:05
- 2 Kedwin Allen, 40, Foley, AL
31:58
- 3 Scott Russell, 41, Lillian, AL
40:06

Female Age Group 45-49

- 1 Yvonne Jackson, 48, Panama City, FL
49:52

Male Age Group 45-49

- 1 Anthony Smith, 49, Pensacola, FL
26:47
- 2 Chris Manley, 46, Pensacola, FL
35:21
- 3 Eric Neumann, 47, Loxley, AL
56:06

Male Age Group 50-54

- 1 Domenick Risola, 50, Gulf Breeze, FL
24:40
- 2 Brian Smith, 53, Destin, FL
27:22
- 3 Russ Johnson, 53, Gulf Shores, AL
27:28

Female Age Group 55-59

- 1 Veronica Marquez, 57, Orange Beach, AL
34:50
- 2 Paula Gonzales, 58, Gulf Shores, AL
34:53
- 3 Cindy Arnold, 58, Pensacola, FL q
35:01

Male Age Group 55-59

- 1 Bob Barnas, 59, Foley, AL
27:14
- 2 Brad Faile, 55, Panama City, FL
31:08
- 3 Tom Arnold, 56, Pensacola, FL
33:49

Female Age Group 60-64

- 1 Becky Utz, 60, Robertsdale, AL
48:47

Male Age Group 60-64

- 1 Greg Lockridge, 63, Gulf Shores, AL
25:12
- 2 Ron Renfroe, 62, Lucedale, MS
25:39
- 3 Stephen Isbell, 63, Mobile, AL
28:26

Female Age Group 65-69

- 1 Caroline Lockridge, 68, Gulf Shores, AL
47:25

Male Age Group 65-69

- 1 Calvin Lewis, 65, Mobile, AL
25:12

Female Age Group 70-74

- 2 Brian Phillippi, 65, Lillian, AL
31:14
- 3 Mike Pate, 67, Orange Beach, AL
46:02

Male Age Group 70-74

- 1 Maureen Higgins, 70, Elberta, AL
39:53

Female Age Group 75-79

- 1 Robby Quinoa, 72, Gulf Breeze, FL
45:49
- 2 Dominick Vaccaro, Jr., 73, Metairie, LA
45:49

Male Age Group 75-79

- 1 Janis Michels, 76, Gulf Shores, AL
39:54
- 1 Bill Thomason, 75, Foley, AL
37:42
- 2 Bill McGough, 77, Mobile, AL
38:51

Female Age Group 80-99

- 1 Marlene Neumann, 84, Loxley, AL
56:02

Male Age Group 80-99

- 1 Robert Hall, 83, Foley, AL
43:38
- 2 Lee Echols, 87, Mobile, AL
57:41

5K WALKERS AWARDS LIST**Male Overall**

- 1 Scott Hoxie, 59, Pensacola, FL
33:49
- 2 Travis Dail, 58, Lillian, AL
45:17
- 3 Theodore Haley, 72, Lillian, AL
45:54

Female Overall

- 1 Michele Siegrist, 63, Fairhope, AL
39:08
- 2 Bonnie Ketterman, 68, Mobile, AL
40:08
- 3 Dawn Guillory, 60, Pensacola, FL
44:44

Female Age Group 21-34

- 1 Claudia Hildebrand, 32, Lillian, AL
56:24
- 2 Savanna Nichols, 24, Elberta, AL
58:48

Female Age Group 35-49

- 1 Diana McNaughton, 42, Elberta, AL
46:07
- 2 Crystal King Wallner, 35, Pensacola, FL
51:21
- 3 Mindy Nobles, 49, Elberta, AL
58:48

Male Age Group 35-39

- 1 Derek Steele, 38, Lillian, AL
52:33

Female Age Group 50-64

- 1 Jodie Dail, 58, Lillian, AL
45:20
- 2 Susan May, 60, Pensacola, FL
51:37

- 3 Stacy Davis, 52, Lillian, AL
52:33

Male Age Group 50-64

- 1 Mark May, 60, Pensacola, FL
51:35

Male Age Group 65-99

- 1 Bob Matheson, 75, DeFuniak Springs, FL
46:02

MULLET TOSS AWARDS LIST**Female Overall**

- Maria Aguilar, 91 feet 8 inches

Male Overall

- McKane Havard, 126 feet
- Age Level 3 Female/Male**
Chloe Egendorfer, 5 feet
- Taiga Jackson, 11 feet 7 inches
- Age Level 5 Female/Male**
Jakayla Pope, 21 feet 2 inches
- Eli McGinnes, 33 feet 3 inches
- Age Level 6 Male**
Dalton Kichler, 31 feet 1 inch
- Age Level 7 Male**
Knox Adams, 45 feet 6 inches
- Age Level 8 Female/Male**
Madeline Meacham, 18 feet 6 inches
- Tanner Silsbee, 47 feet 6 inches
- Age Level 9 Male**
Oliver Warner, 33 feet 2 inches
- Age Level 10 Female/Male**
Ava Egendorfer, 42 feet 4 inches
- Colton Ray Lewis, 43 feet
- Age Level 11 Male**
Judson Sanders, 59 feet 11 inches
- Age Level 12 Male**
Judson Sanders, 59 feet 11 inches
- Age Level 13 Male**
Santino Lett, 92 feet 5 inches
- Age Level 14 Male**
Keown Jackson, 88 feet 5 inches
- Age Level 15 Male**
Alex Davis, 102 feet 10 inches
- Age Level 16 Female/Male**
Maria Aguilar, 91 feet 8 inches
- McKane Havard, 126 feet
- Age Level 17 Female/Male**
Bella Weldon, 38 feet 1 inch
- KC Jones, 117 feet 5 inches
- Age Level 19-29 Female/Male**
Sara Holmes, 47 feet 4 inches
- Austin Ingrahm, 85 feet
- Age Level 30 Female/Male**
Crystal Wallner, 57 feet 10 inches
- Cannon M. Stowe, 91 feet 5 inches
- Age Level 40 Female/Male**
Jennifer Scott, 60 feet 7 inches
- Jeffrey Lambeth, 92 feet 7 inches
- Age Level 50 Female/Male**
Lisa Benike, 50 feet 10 inches
- Chris Crawford, 100 feet 8 inches
- Age Level 60 Female/Male**
Rosie Adams, 66 feet 4 inches
- Brian Phillippi, 90 feet 5 inches
- Age Level 70 Female/Male**
Donna Silsbee, 48 feet 5 inches
- Chuck Stahura, 61 feet 4 inches

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Lending a Hand by Doing the Right Thing Can be the Rewarding Choice

While visiting my son and family, we drove to my grandson's university to help settle him into his dorm. Mom, dad and son did all of the work while I sat on a chair and watched...privileges of being the grandmother. It was quite an experience watching and not participating in the frenzy of all the families carrying TVs, fans, bedding, boxes of all shapes and sizes, small refrigerators and even a beanbag seat up the stairs or waiting in the long line for the elevator. This wasn't even the freshmen, that must have been more of a sight. What parents won't do for their children. Everyone flitting about looked like a large colony of ants on a crazed mission.

In the middle of this busyness, my son noticed one of the fathers couldn't get his car started and went over to see if he could be of any assistance as he had a portable battery charger. In the end, my son, nor the campus security could get the man's car back to life and he had to call AAA.

Again, as I watched, I philosophized further on the situation as I often do. That was how life was supposed to be, people offering help to others.

A simple gesture, but was this more? Was this a "paying it forward" moment? Did my son sow a seed that would bring him help when he needed it? Whatever it was, it was good, and I was proud. I also knew my son was teaching his boys the same decent morals.

After we finished at that dorm, we headed to take supplies to my other grandson's living quarters nearby. While there, a bird flew into the window and knocked himself out. One of the boys ran to see if he could help, not knowing what to do he ran for dad. I observed the concern they had for this little creature with such gentleness and compassion as they tried to help until eventually the young bird flew away.

My thoughts jumped to "if only" ...if only all of mankind were like this, there would be no wars, no jails, no hatred or evilness. Unfortunately, humans are very flawed and even with a proper, loving upbringing there are never any guaranties. Many kids aren't raised with loving parents and all they hear are hateful words and see and feel violence and we wonder why the world is the way it is. We have had hundreds of thousands of years to perfect ourselves, to make our Creator proud and we have failed big time. Will it take thousands more years or will it never happen? We can only hope that our souls find their way.

Technology doesn't make us perfect either, especially when we turn everything over to Artificial Intelligence (AI). Does this even make us smart or are we stupid and heading for destruction? Something to think about. Just saying.

"Who are we? We find that we live on an insignificant planet of a humdrum star lost in a galaxy tucked away in some forgotten corner of a universe in which there are far more galaxies than people." Carl Sagan.



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid



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