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Peterson Branch Part of Watershed Meeting Oct. 27

The Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association (WPBWA) will be hosting a community forum Monday, October 27, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 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- 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.

The Western Perdido Bay Watershed is comprised of two US Geological Survey Hydrologic Unit Code (HCU) areas. The HCU areas or subwatersheds are Palmetto Creek and Bridge Creek. These two subwatersheds include the towns of Lillian and Perdido Beach, and waterways, Peterson Branch (Lillian), Bridge Creek, Palmetto Creek and Soldier Creek. You can find this information and much more information about our watershed in the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Management Plan viewable on the

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Water Test Group Reports Signs taken off Lillian Streets



Two Lillian Western Perdido Bay Watershed Signs have been removed. One of the signs was on 99 at Rosalia going south and the other sign was on 98 going west past Sunset Storage. If anyone has information about these signs, please contact the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association at wpbwac@gmail.com.

Lillian Sewer Work Resumes, Sludge Pit Finally Drained



BCSS Mum on Nature of Project; Odor Remains at Issue in Cove Neighborhood

At press time, a Baldwin County Sewer Service (BCSS) spokesperson was still unable to answer questions about the work that is going on at Peterson Creek and CR99 in Spanish Cove, known to local homeowners as "Stinky Creek."

Lisa Burke, BCSS spokesperson, would only offer the most general information about the ongoing project at the site, which

neighbors have complained has been more foul smelling than usual in the past few weeks since crews moved in with new white and blue pipes and heavy equipment.

"It is general maintenance," Burke said. "We usually don't give out detailed information like that to the public." The work began around early July and

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Defeating Debt



Financial Peace University Autumn Classes Slated to Begin This October

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Register now for the fall Financial Peace University classes that will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM Oct 1, 8, 15, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19, Dec 3 & 10 at Lillian Methodist Church (12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian AL 36549) and led by certified instructor, Jeff Jordan. The cost is \$79.00 which covers materials.

To register or for questions contact certified instructor, Jeff Jordan (615-869-8780) or Jor103@gmail.com

A Optimist Welcome!



Members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay welcomed two new members recently, Michael and Dawn Alfonzi. With them are club President Robin Newell, left, and Sponsor Ashlie Bloodworth, right.



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Mark Your Calendar, It's Festival Season at the Park!

Starting in August, the Park will be in full-festival mode. Beginning with our new Splash Fest which will be a fun, water-soaked experience co-sponsored by the Lillian Fire Department, we are looking forward to Fall and all the events we have planned.

There's something special about a bustling park filled with music and laughter. Our festivals and activities aren't just fun – they're a powerful way to bring people together, build a stronger community, and create lasting memories. The Lillian Recreational Park is more than just a green space—it's a vital gathering place that can help our community grow, connect, and thrive. That's why the Park loves to host festivals, classes, movie nights, and other activities. These events serve a bigger purpose than just having fun (though that's important, too!).

But these activities don't just happen. We rely on volunteers to bring them to life. Want to help the Park with the Splash Fest, Fall Fest, movie nights, markets, or Christmas in the Park? We'd LOVE to have you!

You can volunteer either on a "done-in-a-day" basis or you can join a committee and help plan the different events.

Park volunteering comes in all shapes and sizes. Whether you want to paint benches, garden, serve popcorn at a festival (or help plan one!), there is a place for you that will fit your individual needs and interests. Families, teens, retirees—everyone can find a role that fits. It's a great way for kids to learn about giving back, as well.



Volunteering feels good, too. When you help with a Park activity, whether you're handing out flyers, leading a kids' activity or setting up tables, it can be surprisingly rewarding. It's a great way to give back, share your talents, and get to know your community and your neighbors a little bit better.

Whether it's once a month or once a year, every bit helps—and it just might be the most rewarding thing you do. To volunteer, contact Lucy Smith, 719-494-7986, or email her at LRA29west@aol.com.

Splash Fest: *Soak up the Fun!*

Tired of the dog days of summer? Are you hot, hot, hot??? Then, join us for a fun, cool, water-soaked day at the Lillian Recreational Park when the Park and the Lillian Fire Department present the first annual free SPLASH FEST on Saturday, August 16.



Held at Lillian Recreational Park beginning at noon, the Splash Fest will transform the Park's green space into a full-blown water adventure, with refreshing water activities that will keep everyone cool and laughing.

Kids can zoom down inflatable water slides, play in giant sprinklers, or participate in epic battles where water balloons and squirt guns rule the day. There will be a dunk tank, as well as bubble and foam zones, too.

For the little ones, there will be a Puddle Patch, a play area just for toddlers, with mini sprayers and plenty of giggles.

But it's not just all water activities. There will be facepainting, hot dogs and popsicles, too.

Wear your swimsuit, bring your friends and towels (and maybe some extra clothes) – because whether you're five or fifty-five, the Splash Fest is your ticket to summer fun - no pool required! You'll leave soaked, smiling, and looking forward to next year.

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OBITUARIES

Charles Alan Moebes, 43, Elberta Resident, Army Veteran

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Charles Alan Moebes on June 24, 2025, at the age of 43. Charles was born on January 4, 1982, in Decatur, Alabama, and grew up in North Carolina, where he met his soulmate, Tara. Together, they shared a life full of love, adventure, and an unbreakable bond for over 30 years.

Charles served in the United States Army for nearly nine years, rising to the rank of Sergeant. His service took him across the world, including deployments to Afghanistan and South Korea. Whether on the front lines or working behind the scenes, he was respected for his unwavering commitment, his sharp mind, and his ability to lead with integrity and empathy. His many awards were a reflection of the dedication he brought to everything he did, but those who knew him best knew that his true reward was always the chance to help others and make a difference.

Charlie was an engineer, a builder, a mechanic, a designer, and a creator with an extraordinary gift for understanding how things worked, being incredibly resourceful, and solving complex problems. A master carpenter and accomplished craftsman, he had an exceptional eye for detail and a natural talent for both building and fixing anything. Whether it was a home project or large-scale construction, his hands were his tools, and his work spoke volumes about his skill, precision, and dedication. His passion for learning and creating was limitless, and he constantly sought to innovate and push boundaries. No challenge was too big, no detail too small—he approached everything with the same passion, determination, and curiosity.

Charlie had a rare ability to adapt and master complex systems, combining his understanding of mechanical and electrical engineering with deep knowledge of internet technologies, computer programming, and software development. He was a true renaissance man in the world of modern tech, building custom computers, developing software, and engineering solutions for electrical systems with equal ease. Whether inventing new gadgets, designing unique creations, or repairing the old ones, his technical brilliance was always matched by his boundless creativity, resourcefulness, and artistic talent. He was a true problem solver, and he relished the opportunity to dive into new challenges. He was a creator in every sense of the word, where his innovative thinking was evident in everything he touched. His love for learning and building was limitless, and he was always eager to share his knowledge and help others with their own projects.

Creativity flowed through him in all aspects of his life, whether he was juggling multiple projects or blending technical expertise with artistic flair. Charlie was also an accomplished designer and artist, with a natural talent for drawing, painting, and creating all kinds of beautiful works of art. His artistic abilities were just as impressive as his building and technical skills, and he brought the same meticulous attention to detail and innovative spirit to his artwork as he did to his engineering projects.

Charlie was an avid outdoorsman, finding peace and joy in the mountains, hiking trails, and on camping trips. Kayaking and fishing also brought him a sense of calm and fulfillment. His love for nature was a constant in his life, and there were few things he enjoyed more than spending time in the great outdoors. It was a time for quiet reflection, for adventure, for reconnecting with nature, and cherished quality time with those he loved.

Charlie was supportive, loving, and fiercely protective of his family. He and Tara shared a bond that spanned decades, a deep connection and an unwavering commitment to one another.

Through every high and low, they found strength in each other, weathering life's challenges side by side. Their love was not only pure and endless but also a constant source of comfort and stability, growing deeper with each passing year. They shared dreams, faced struggles, celebrated victories, and navigated the complexities of life together—always united, always together. His love for his children, Laken and Callie, was boundless. He took great pride in watching them grow, not just in age but in character, intelligence, and strength.

He was in awe of their unique personalities, their creativity, and the ways they each developed their own talents and skills. He took pride in seeing them evolve into extraordinary young people, and his heart swelled with love and admiration as they continued to shape their paths in life. He recognized their incredible potential and was always ready to teach and guide them in whatever they were passionate about learning.

Charles is survived by his loving wife, Tara; his son, Laken; his daughter, Callie; his father, Dwight Moebes (Kathleen); his brothers, Jason Moebes (Kameron) and Andrew Moebes; as well as extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Denise Moebes, who passed away in 2009.

Charlie's passing has created a void in this world that can never be filled. His unwavering dedication, sharp intellect, boundless creativity, and deep love for his family and friends have left an indelible mark on all who knew him. While his physical presence is no longer with us, his legacy of love, innovation, and devotion will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to share in his life. Though we mourn his absence, the memories he leaves behind will forever be cherished, keeping his spirit alive in each of us.

Military Honors Services were held at VFW Post 5658, 24230 US-98, Elberta, on Sunday, July 27, 2025, at 10:30 AM. Following, there was a Celebration of Life where family and close friends gathered to celebrate his legacy.



DEATH NOTICE

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The deadline for the September issue of *The Lillian* will be August 20. Anyone may send an email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com for information on articles and news.

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GEMS MOUNTING FOR MULLET FEST



A special feature of the 2025 Mullet Festival hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is this king size quilt. Made by Betty Erwin and quilted by Judy Schneider, the quilt will be raffled at the Festival on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1 at the Lillian Community Club. Betty Erwin is pictured with the quilt that features Festival designs used over the years..

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AARP Commits Thousands to Strengthen Communities Across Alabama

More than \$105,000 in grants to help residents of all ages, especially older adults, improve how they live, move, and stay connected in their neighborhoods through innovative local projects

AARP today announced six organizations throughout Alabama will receive 2025 Community Challenge grants. The grants are part of AARP's \$4.2 million commitment to fund 383 quick-action projects aimed at making communities more livable for people of all ages, with a focus on the needs of older adults. The funds will support efforts to improve public places, transportation, housing, digital connections, and other key areas.

Now in its ninth year, the Challenge has awarded \$431,958 through 37 grants in Alabama since 2017 to nonprofit organizations and local government entities across the state. Grant projects will be funded in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"AARP Alabama is proud to work with communities across the state to help make them more livable for people of all ages," said Candi Williams, AARP

Alabama State Director. "These projects are about turning great local ideas into real improvements that make everyday life better, especially for older Alabamians."

Here in Alabama, projects funded include:

Beanstalk – Will provide 50-plus residents with tablets, internet access, and digital skills to support disaster preparedness workshops.

City of Northport – Improvements to pedestrian crossings, which will benefit older residents with limited transportation options.

ClasTran – Equipping their buses with collapsible grocery carts to assist older adults and those with disabilities in carrying out more efficient grocery shopping trips.

Huntsville Botanical Garden – Will improve accessibility by adding mobility scooters and benches to help older adults and those with mobility issues to enjoy the landscapes.

Lillian Recreational Park – Transforming an unused porch into a social space with seating, game tables, and a grill. The area will also host classes and games to help connect older adults and reduce social isolation.

Mobile County Health Department – Funds will be used to stage disaster preparedness events, including essential supplies to assist older adults in planning for severe weather events.

Rebuilding Together of South Alabama – Will host an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) design competition among schools in Southwest Alabama, providing on-the-job training and constructing ADUs for adults age 50-plus and veterans. ADUs will feature input from AARP's HomeFit program to ensure accessibility.

"AARP Community Challenge projects may be quick to launch, but their impact is long-lasting," said Nancy A. LeaMond, AARP Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy & Engagement Officer. "We're proud to support communities nationwide to advance solutions that make neighborhoods and towns of all sizes better places to live where everyone can thrive. And this year, we're particularly proud to invest in projects benefitting often overlooked rural areas."

View the full list of grantees and their projects at aarp.org/communitychallenge. Learn more about AARP's work to support livable communities at aarp.org/livable

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Serving with Heart: Promotions, Progress, and a Splash of Fun!

Big congratulations are in order at Lillian Fire Rescue! This month, we're proud to announce the promotion of two dedicated team members to the rank of Lieutenant — Lt. Monroy and Lt. Gleason.



Lt. Monroy was inspired to join the fire service after experiencing multiple fires at his workplace and feeling a strong sense of duty to his community. With 18 years of firefighting experience, including 15 years with Riverside County/CALFire, he brings a wealth of knowledge to the team. When he's not serving the community or working as a

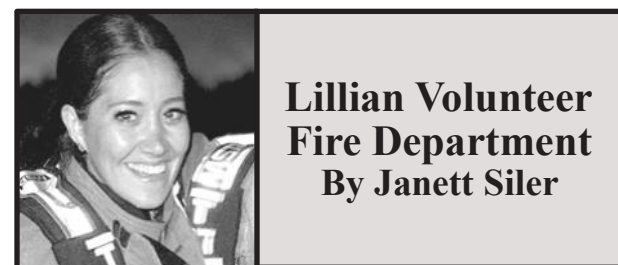
department supervisor at Foley's Home Depot, you'll find him running his own lawn care business.

Lt. Gleason joined the fire service to give back to his community and be part of the brotherhood that comes with the job. He's spent 10 years in the fire service, split between Escambia County and Lillian Fire Rescue. Outside of firefighting, he's a truck driver, and in his downtime, he loves hanging out with his son and spending Saturday nights at the racetrack.

We're lucky to have both of these hardworking, community-minded individuals leading our department!

In other news, Chief Cantrell has been working directly with ISO (Insurance Services Office) to maintain our Class 5 certification. This rating plays a big role in keeping homeowners' insurance affordable and reflects our readiness to respond to emergencies. As Lillian continues to grow, so do the challenges in meeting ISO standards. Our department is actively working to address these demands and ensure we keep pace with the community's needs.

Our June numbers are in: Lillian Fire Rescue responded to 82 calls last month, including 1 fire, 55 EMS calls, 6



**Lillian Volunteer
Fire Department
By Janett Siler**

hazardous conditions, 15 service calls, 6 miscellaneous incidents, and 4 false alarms. As always, we thank our volunteers and responders for their tireless dedication.

Lillian Fire Rescue is always looking for dedicated volunteers to join our team. Whether you have experience or are brand new to the fire service, we provide the training—you bring the heart. Stop by the station or reach out to learn how you can get involved at: (251) 552-FIRE (3473). Finally—don't miss our 1st Annual Splash Fest on Saturday, August 16 from 12– to p.m. at Lillian Recreational Park. This event is hosted by the Lillian Fire Department and Lillian Recreational Park. There'll be live music, splash zones, food and plenty of ways to beat the summer heat! Admission is free, but donations are welcome to help support more community events like this. We hope to see you there!

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MBNEP website, www.mobilebaynep.com, under the watershed tab.

The Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association also plans to kick off our membership drive for our association in October. We've come a long way from the inception of our association, which began in the fall of 2021 at a Civic & Legislation meeting, when Skip Gruber invited Roberta Swann, Director of the MBNEP, to meet with Lillian homeowners to address drainage issues in our communities.

Since that fall meeting, the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association, in conjunction with the MBNEP, created a steering committee to hire an engineer firm to write a watershed management plan, hosted several community meetings and presented a survey to the community regarding Perdido Bay, received an Annual Environmental Stewardship award in 2023 from the Baldwin County Commission, reestablished a water monitoring program in the Western Perdido

Bay, created our Association Board, worked with an attorney to obtain 501c3 status, and worked with a number of environmental groups to benefit the Western Perdido Bay Watershed. It is our goal to continue this very important water monitoring program, which identified E. Coli in Peterson Branch and through the efforts of the MBNEP and Alabama Water Watch, secured water testing in Peterson Branch by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to determine the cause of this E. Coli finding in Peterson Branch. We hope to have the ADEM report soon. Another important goal of our association is to utilize our 501c3 status to help our Western Perdido Bay communities work on obtaining grants for local projects that affect the following areas of our watershed: water quality, fish and wildlife, environmental health and resilience, access, heritage and culture and beaches and shorelines.

Our contact information is wpbwac@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing all of you on October 27!

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abruptly ended around mid-July leaving an open pit of sludge exposed at the bridge on CR 99 across the Peterson Branch in Spanish Cove's Perdido Pines neighborhood. As of Sunday, July 27, for just over a week, work was halted with no word from BCSS as to why — a concern of neighbors. Work finally resumed Monday, July 28 after over a week idle.

The Lillian initially posed questions about the nature of the work being done. At that time, Burke said Baldwin County, not BCSS, was conducting the operation.

A few days later she corrected herself and said that BCSS is actually behind the project.

By a mutually agreed upon deadline on the following Friday, BCSS had failed to provide answers to submitted questions letting previous statements that the work "was routine maintenance," stand.

The Lillian submitted questions about what exactly is being maintained or updated. BCSS officials did not an-

swer questions about whether they were replacing pipes that had been leaking or that needed to be updated with a different size.

Burke would not say whether the routine maintenance work is expected to address ongoing, multi-decade odor issues or whether it had any relation to the investigation by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) into high bacteria levels in Peterson Creek downstream from the BCSS waste treatment facility on Caney Loop in Spanish Cove.

Asked about the nature of the project, a workman on the scene last week told *The Lillian* that the crew is replacing pipes despite speculation by some the work was addressing bigger issues.

The workman said this type of replacement happens "maybe every 20 years when the pipes get to leaking," indicating the measure was to maintain the status quo.

BCSS management did not confirm that the pipes had been leaking or for how long.

Results from ADEM testing of Peterson Branch in Spanish Cove last summer showed two of eight single sample *E. coli* bacteria values came in at 387 colonies/100 ml in July and 461 colonies/100 ml in August. - well above the 298 colonieS/100 ml maximum acceptable level.

ADEM launched the investigation in response to informal testing by Mike Cleveland, a leader of the Lillian-based Western Perdido Bay Watershed Action Committee, and a referral by the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program.

ADEM will now compare results with water tests from other nearby streams to find out how much of a problem this poses to humans - as well as fish. Fred Leslie, Montgomery Branch Chief of Field Operations and Water Quality Monitoring Coordinator, told *The Lillian*.

This phase of analysis is expected to be completed this fall, he said.



Optimist Club of Perdido Bay

39th ANNUAL LABOR DAY MULLET FESTIVAL Monday, September 1, 2025

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- 7:15 AM Presentation of the Flag
- 7:30 AM Run for the Mullet 5 K Run/Walk
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5K Runners/Walkers Party



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- 8AM-2 PM Silent Auction, Déjà Vu Market
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- 11AM-1 PM Lunch \$12 (Kids 8 & younger eat free!)
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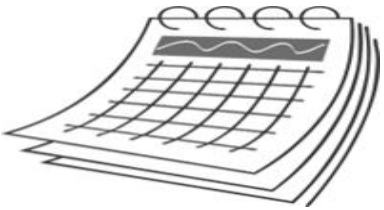
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For more info contact: Robin Newell 402-677-3944

The Lillian Calendar AUGUST 2025



August 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 11:00 AM & August 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 10:00 AM: Ageless Grace, Body & Brain Fitness, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL
(For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.)

August 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 7:00 PM: ALANON Support Group Meeting, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549
(Learn more about ALANON at <https://al-anon.org/>)

August 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 7:00 PM, AA Support Group Meeting, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL (Learn more about AA at <https://sober.com/aameetings/alabama/baldwin-county/>.)

August 7 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.)

August 9 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 from the Lillian Dementia Education Forum, Care Partner Support Group. Learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at www.OptimistClubPB.org.)

August 21 at 1:00 PM, Dementia Education Forum, Care Partner Support Group & Aging in Place, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL (For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.)

August 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 7:00 PM, Lillian Community Celebrate Recovery Organizational and Informational Meetings, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL (Celebrate Recovery is a faith-based, Christ-centered, 12-step program designed to help individuals overcome various hurts, habits, and hang-ups. It uses a combination of biblical principles, the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and small group support to foster healing and recovery. The program addresses a wide range of issues, including substance abuse, codependency, and other life challenges, and is offered in thousands of churches worldwide. Rev. Daniel Randall and Rev. Rick Long invite all area churches and individuals who are interested in helping to start a Celebrate Recovery program in Lillian to join us for these organizational meetings.)

August 23 at 8:00 AM, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL. (Learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at www.OptimistClubPB.org.)

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Astronomical Events in August 2025

August 9: Full Moon

The Full Sturgeon Moon will occur on August 9 at 07:55 GMT. Our natural satellite will be in the constellation Capricornus. Although the Full Moon technically lasts only a moment — when it is directly opposite the Sun relative to Earth — it appears fully illuminated a day before and after this time.

August 11: 6 planets in the planetary alignment

Six planets — **Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Uranus, Neptune, and Saturn** — will align in the morning sky. Four of these planets (Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, and Saturn) will be visible to the naked eye. You'll need a telescope or high-powered binoculars to see Neptune and Uranus.

August 11-12: Perseid meteor shower peak

- **Meteors/hour:** 100
- **Moon illumination:** 91%
- **Active:** Jul 17 - Aug 24
- **Radiant location:** Perseus
- **Visible from:** Northern Hemisphere

The Perseids are rightfully considered the best meteor shower of the year north of the equator: they peak during warm August nights and produce lots of swift and bright meteors. Unfortunately, in 2025, **the Perseids will reach their peak shortly after the Full Moon**; a bright lunar disc will be lighting up the sky all night, badly affecting the number of visible meteors. A good way to reduce this effect is to hide from the moonlight in the shadow of a tall building or a tree. The best time to observe the Perseids is the predawn hours.

August 16: Moon near Pleiades

- **Conjunction time:** 16:09 GMT
- **Conjunction distance:** 0°54'

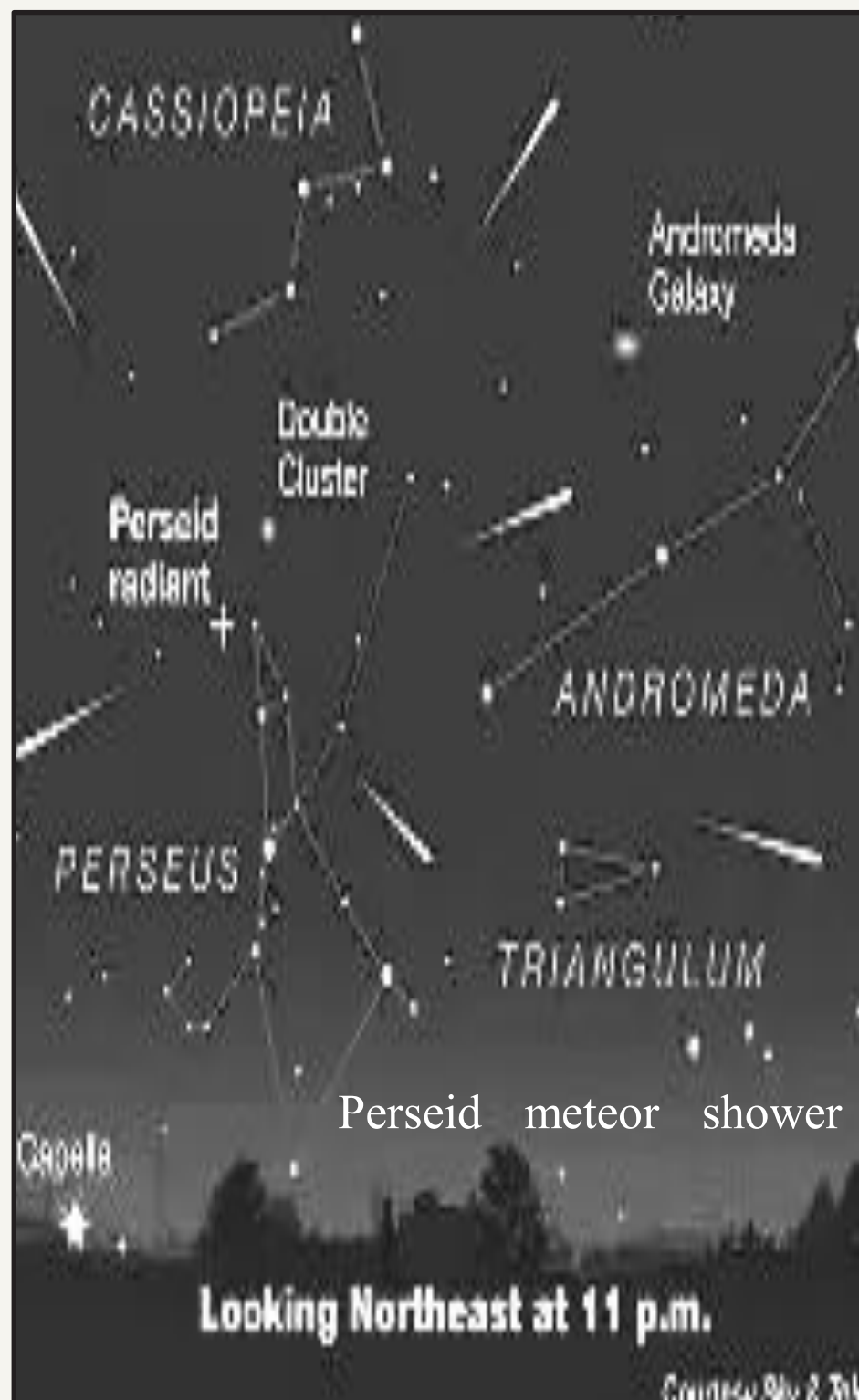
On August 16, the 46%-illuminated Moon will be close to the Pleiades star cluster (mag 1.2) in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars in the constellation Taurus.

August 23: New Moon

The New Moon will occur on August 23 at 06:06 GMT. At this point, our natural satellite will stay between the Earth and the Sun, so its bright side will be facing away from the Earth. It's the best time for stargazing because the Moon's light won't hinder the view.

- **approach time:** 14:26 GMT
- **Close approach distance:** 2°28'
- **Conjunction time:** 16:41 GMT
- **Conjunction distance:** 2°48'

On August 26, the 11%-illuminated Moon will be close to Mars (mag 1.6) in the sky. Observe them with the naked eye or through a pair of binoculars in the constellation Virgo.



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Bet You Never Heard of This : The Asian Jumping Worm

Earthworms can be great for garden soil. What happens to a worm that digs too far? It gets in-dig-estion!

There are more than 3,000 species of worms, only 182 are in the Good Ole US of A. One-third of the worms in the US are invasive or not native to our shores. In 2023, researchers found **and revived** 46,000 year old nematodes (flat worms) found in the frozen Siberian permafrost. Seriously, did we not learn anything at all from the Jurassic Park franchise? Reanimating fossilized DNA never goes well!

Ahem! Back to worms, our native worms disappeared around 10,000 years ago when the glaciers were creating the Great Lakes up north. New earthworms came across the ocean with the first European immigrants (aka Pilgrims) in the 1600s. The earthworms hitched a ride in some plants that the Pilgrims brought with them and within the ballast of the ships. (Ballast, in the olden days, was made of soil, earth, sand, and/or rocks to balance the wooden vessels in the water. If there was lots of cargo on the return trip, the sailors would heave the materials overboard to adjust the height of the ship in the water.)

In these modern times, that's most likely how the invasive Asian jumping worm (*Amyntas agrestis*) arrived. These worms are native to Asia, as you may have guessed from the name. It has many common names: Jersey wrigglers, wood eel, crazy worms, snake worms, Alabama jumpers, and crazy snake worms. They can even flip themselves up to a foot off the ground! While fishermen love to bait the hook and cast their line with these guys, the forests are less enthusiastic.

The forest is full of fallen leaves, pine needles and other organic matter all over the ground. Asian jumping worms eat the fallen leaves. Those fallen leaves, or the litter layer, make up the top layer of forest soil and are home to a vast number of tiny animals. Many plants can't grow or spread without the layer of leaf litter.

Here's the problem - Asian jumping worms can eat the entire litter layer! They are never satisfied. They have a direct impact on the microbes found in the soil. The soil becomes less nutrient filled since the worms are devouring so much of the resources. This lack of proper vitamins makes it harder for native plants to grow. When plant roots aren't holding down the soil, it creates opportunities for erosion, and flooding. What do you call it when worms take over the world? Global Worming!

Since jumping worms live in the soil, they can be spread in mulch, potting mixes or potted plants. Raking or blowing leaves can move and concentrate earthworms or their egg sacks, called cocoons. Some municipalities collect fallen leaves from local residents, and then return it in the form of compost.



This too can spread the invasive worms.

The Asian jumping worms are very much like Formosan termites; they reproduce faster, eat more, and have larger groupings in the soil. What's ironic is that the very thing that gardeners love about worms, breaking down leaf litter making the soil more porous, are the very things that make them so dangerous to forests. A Smithsonian Insider article from 2012 even makes a correlation between lower numbers of ground-nesting Ovenbirds and the overabundance of non-native worms. Basically, the worms ate so much ground cover there were not enough bugs, who use the littler layer to live and breed, for the songbirds to eat!

Asian jumping worms are an annual species; the adults die after the first freeze. It has a prominent band around the body of the worm, called the "clitellum", where cocoons are produced. The clitellum is raised or saddle-shaped and reddish-brown in color and does not wrap entirely around the body. How can you tell which end of a worm is which? Tickle it in the middle and see which end laughs!

The cocoons, which are about the size of a mustard seed, will survive the winter and hatch when temperatures reach 50°F or above for a consistent period. One worm can produce many cocoons without mating! Cocoons are very small and dirt-colored, so they are nearly impossible to spot with your own eyes. Cocoons can be spread easily in potted plants, on landscaping equipment, mulch, tire treads, and even hiking boots.

Some easy ways to protect our forests are:: do not buy or use these as bait! When buying mulch for the garden, use heat-treated compost or heat treat it yourself by leaving it in our hot summer sun for 3 days! You can also check your nursery plants by doing a "mustard pour". Take a gallon of water with one-third cup ground mustard seed. Pour it over the proposed soil and see if any Alabama jumpers come up!

Why don't earthworms ever get in trouble? Because they can worm their way out of anything! Stay hydrated this summer!

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The Importance of Setting Strong Financial Goals

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Setting goals helps define and showcase your purpose, passions and priorities. And establishing your own strong financial goals can help you earn and enjoy a wide variety of short- and long-term achievements throughout your life. When you reach your financial goals, you can feel a sense of accomplishment in seeing your efforts literally pay off. But how do you get started?

Prioritize your needs and wants. Think about the things that are most important to you and then outline them as financial "must-haves" and "wish-list" targets. Start with the big-ticket items and work through to ideas that may not cost as much. A must-have for many people is having enough to live comfortably through retirement. Being able to afford the college of your child's choice, without incurring mounds of debt, is another. Your wish list, on the other hand, may include things like saving for vacations, hobbies or entertainment expenses.

Create detailed short- and long-term goals within your financial strategy. It's important to be specific about the goals you want to achieve and how much you'll need to achieve them. One way to do this is by making your goals measurable. Assign estimated dates and costs to each goal so you can plan how much to save and how much time you have before you need the money. For example, for your retirement goal, be specific about how many years before you want to retire. And once you do, how you plan to spend your time — perhaps traveling the world, turning your hobby into a business or taking your grandkids on outings. These can have vastly different price tags.

Be willing to compromise. Reaching one, or more, of your goals may mean compromising.

If your must-have is building your dream home but it's not looking quite affordable, you may need to make a trade-off — build it a bit smaller, work a year or two longer or trade in some of your wish-list goals so you can stay focused on your must-haves.

Hold yourself accountable to stay on track. Once your strategy is in place, it's not a set-and-forget exercise.

Actively tracking your progress and managing your decisions and actions can help you be better positioned to reach your goals. Use time-tested principles for making financial decisions, not predictions. Diversify, own quality investments and keep a realistic perspective, especially for your long-term goals.

Maintain your focus and don't let your emotions control your investment decisions.

It can be helpful to meet with a financial advisor at least annually to review your full financial strategy, address any changes in your life or your goals, and discuss your progress and new ideas.

As you achieve certain milestones, celebrate them. You may even want to refresh your outlook with new goals.

Take pride in your ability to strategize and accomplish a personal financial goal for yourself by following the path you envisioned and created.



Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon
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Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Gay L. Pyle
1st Vice

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



WHAT IS A VETERAN?

A "Veteran" — whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve — is someone who, at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check

Lillian Masonic Lodge Ceremony Marks Leadership Transition

At its regularly stated meeting on Tuesday, July 15, the Lillian Masonic Lodge No. 925 F & AM held a special ceremony to mark the transition of leadership within the Lodge. Outgoing Worshipful Master David Johnson formally passed the gavel to incoming Worshipful Master Mike Blankenship, symbolizing the continuation of Masonic leadership and tradition.

The evening began with a shared dinner among the Brethren, followed by the installation and recognition ceremony. District Lecturer Tommy Danner conducted the formal installation of officers for the 2025–26 Masonic year, which officially began on July 1. As part of the ceremony, each officer agreed to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of their office.

The newly installed officers for the Lillian Masonic Lodge are: Mike Blankenship (Worshipful Master), Buz Mahood (Senior Warden), Chris King (Junior Warden), Jeff Keener (Treasurer), Roger Crisp (Secretary – absent), Jim Baker (Chaplain), Brandon Taylor (Senior Deacon), Joe Williams (Junior Deacon), Bill Hall (Historian and Marshall), Cliff Collier (Senior Stewart), Shane Todd (Junior Stewart), and Gary Sturgeon (Tyler).

During the meeting, outgoing Worshipful Master David Johnson also presented a recognition plaque to Brother Steve Williams in appreciation of his outstanding service. Throughout the past year, Brother Williams has conducted weekly training sessions to help fellow Masons gain deeper insight—more light—into Masonic teachings and practices.

When Brother David Johnson began his term, the Lodge faced a challenging period. Many routine services and programs had come to a standstill due to limited ritual knowledge among its members. Over the past year, thanks to a strong commitment to training and development, the Lodge has grown in strength and capacity. Today, at least 14 members are fully prepared to lead meetings and fulfill the essential roles required to keep the Lodge vibrant and effective.

The Lillian Masonic Lodge meets on the first and third Tuesday of each

month at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, followed by its regularly scheduled Lodge meeting at 6:30 p.m. Those interested in Freemasonry or the Lodge’s community activities are encouraged to contact Worshipful Master Mike Blankenship at 251-284-1677.



Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener

Potter Welcomed Into Mason Fraternity

On Saturday, July 12, the Lillian Masonic Lodge No. 925 F & AM proudly welcomed Brother Tommy Potter into the fraternity of Master Masons. The raising ceremony was conducted with solemnity and deep tradition, marking an important milestone in Potter’s Masonic journey.

The ritual was led by outgoing Worshipful Master David Johnson, who presided over the morning’s proceedings. Brandon Taylor, serving as the Worshipful Master for the first time, directed Brother Potter through the first section of the raising with clarity and purpose. The ceremony continued under the direction of Past District Lecturer Steve Williams, who conducted the second section of the Master Mason Degree as Worshipful Master with the dignity and insight that reflects years of Masonic dedication.

With this ceremony, Brother Potter officially joins the ranks of Master Masons within the Lillian Masonic Lodge and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. His journey was shared by Past Grand Master of the Alabama Masonic Lodge Tommy Jackson, District Lecturer Tommy Danner and 15 other masons.

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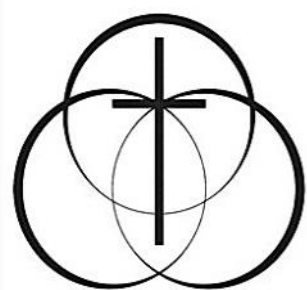
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The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

In Genesis 50, we learn about Joseph of the Old Testament. He was a devout dreamer. Even at the tender age of seventeen, he had been assured by God through dreams that he would one day be a ruler and that his older brothers would be subject to him. Joseph was foolish and naïve enough to tell his brothers about his dreams. They hated him for it because it exalted him over them. One day, when they were out in the fields, they saw him coming and decided to kill him. However, the oldest brother, Reuben, prevented the murder. Instead, they sold Joseph like a common slave to some traders in a camel caravan headed toward Egypt. Just imagine yourself as Joseph. Your hands are tied behind you as you are transported as a helpless hostage in the hands of uncaring strangers toward a foreign land. You would be thinking, where is God in all this?

Almost everybody has had at least one derailed dream, and we can understand the silent tears that must have rolled down the face of that teenager Joseph, whose dreams faded as he was carried farther from home. Fortunately, Beyond Every "Dead-End" Sign Is God's Detour Sign! When the world says, "Dead end, give up," God says, "Stand firm and see the deliverance of the Lord." When the world says, "It's impossible," the Word says, "with God all things are possible." When the world says, "There is no way," Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." When you face a dead-end, God can always find a good detour.

Down in Egypt, God helped with the first detour as Joseph was sold to Potiphar, who turned over to him the management of his household. Joseph had two major gifts: management and the ability to discern God's purposes through dreams. Unfortunately, Potiphar's hot-blooded wife harassed Joseph morally, and when he would not agree to an affair, she accused him falsely of assault. So, off to jail he went. Another dead-end! But even in jail, God helped him find a good detour. The jailer put Joseph in charge of the prison. Joseph interpreted the dreams of two inmates who had worked in Pharaoh's household. One of them, Pharaoh's cupbearer, was released and returned to Pharaoh's employment. He promised to remember Joseph and help him. But he promptly forgot. Another dead-end. But two years later, Pharaoh had a dream and desperately needed someone to interpret it. His cupbearer suddenly remembered Joseph. Joseph, filled with God's wisdom, interpreted the dream. He also advised Pharaoh on wise policies for the nation. Pharaoh was so impressed that he elevated him to second-in-command. Once again, God transformed a dead-end street into a good detour.

From the age of seventeen, Joseph knew he would one day be used in a powerful way by God. But it took twenty-three years for that dream to become reality. When a terrible famine threatened to destroy Joseph's family back in Palestine, he was able to save them because of his position of power. The entire family was brought down to Egypt and resettled. The brothers were reconciled with Joseph. God's covenant community was preserved. Yet, following the death of Joseph's father Jacob, the brothers thought that once Jacob died, Joseph would get even, so they came to him, saying, "Your father left these instructions to Joseph: Forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed against you."

When their message came to him, Joseph wept. His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them." Joseph knew that each derail was just a detour to God, and that what others meant for evil God had used for Good.

May we each trust God in that way with our lives! May we, like Joseph, never give up; use what we have; and trust that God will find a way! May we trust that each derail we face is just a detour to God, and that what others might mean for evil God can use for Good.

Catherine Booth – The Founder of the Salvation Army

"If we are to better the future, we must disturb the present." This is a quote from Catherine Booth (1829-1890) who along with her husband, William Booth, founded the Salvation Army, a Christian denomination and charitable organization dedicated to helping the poor and marginalized. Catherine Booth believed in the importance of personal holiness and social justice. She saw these two things as intimately connected, and believed that Christians had a responsibility to work for the betterment of society as well as the salvation of souls. She was a powerful speaker and writer, and used her platform to advocate for the rights of women, children, and the poor.

Today we think of the Salvation Army once a year in the season of Christmas when the large bells and red buckets come out in front of stores to collect our spare funds as we enter and leave from our shopping. This a gentle or annoying reminder to care for the poor and the children.



Catherine was born in Debyshire, England, to Methodist parents. She was a serious child and was said to have read the Bible eight times completely before age twelve. By her teenage years she followed the Methodist Reformers and joined the national Temperance Society and through them she met her future husband William Booth. Through a three year engagement Catherine wrote to William while he preached across England. Eventually they had a small wedding so they could give more to the ministry. They went on to have eight children and would form their own ministry, the Salvation Army.

Once their children were born, Catherine began to be more active in the work of the church. Though she was extremely nervous, she enjoyed working with young people and found the courage to speak in children's meetings. During this period she discovered a model, American Wesleyan revivalist Phoebe Palmer.

With William's encouragement, Catherine wrote a pamphlet, *Female Ministry: Woman's Right to Preach the Gospel* (1859), in defense of American preacher Mrs. Phoebe Palmer, whose preaching had caused a great stir in the area where the Booths lived. *Female Ministry*, was a short, powerful apology for women's rights to preach the gospel. The pamphlet identifies three major principles on which her convictions rested. First, Catherine saw that women are neither naturally nor morally inferior to men. Second, she believed there was no scriptural reason to deny them a public ministry. Third, she maintained that what the Bible urged, the Holy Spirit had ordained and blessed and so must be justified. She complained that the "unjustifiable application" of Paul's advice, "'Let your women keep silence in the Churches' (1 Corinthians 14:34), has resulted in more loss to the Church, evil to the world, and dishonor to God, than any of its errors".

In the *Female Ministry* pamphlet, Catherine Booth wrote, "Whether the Church will allow women to speak in her assemblies can only be a question of time; common sense, public opinion, and the blessed results of female agency will force her to give us an honest and impartial rendering of the solitary text on which she grounds her prohibitions. Then, when the true light shines and God's words take the place of man's traditions, the Doctor of Divinity who shall teach that Paul commands woman to be silent when God's Spirit urges her to speak, will be regarded much the same as we should now regard an astronomer who should teach that the sun is the earth's satellite."

At that time, it was unheard of for women to speak in adult meetings. She was convinced that women had an equal right to speak. In January 1860, during William's sermon, she asked to "say a word". She witnessed to her timidity

about claiming her calling, yet William announced that she would speak that night. It was the beginning of a tremendous ministry, as people were greatly challenged by her preaching.

She became a partner in her husband's work and soon found her own sphere as a powerful preacher. She also spoke to people in their homes, especially to alcoholics, whom she helped to make a new start in life. Often she held cottage meetings for converts. She eventually began to hold her own campaigns. Many agree that no man of her era, including her husband, exceeded her in popularity or spiritual results.

Her emphasis on social justice also anticipated some of the themes that would become central to the social gospel movement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Her legacy continues to be felt in the work of the Salvation Army and in the broader Christian tradition.

It was once said Catherine Booth was preaching on a street corner when a man passing by said, "Paul wrote in Corinthians that women should be silent in church!" She responded, "This is not a church, and I am not a Corinthian."

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.



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Baldwin County Has Busy Summer of Planing and Zoning

Greetings!
I support Commissioner Matthew McKenzie for Baldwin County Sheriff!

Planning & Zoning updates in the Lillian vicinity:
May Brothers Property Fireworks Store southeast corner of Hwy 98 and CR 99 CSP25-45. This case was heard on July 10 at 4 pm in Robertsdale and approved. Good news ... While we didn't get a traffic study, we got the Planning and Zoning Dept. to look at the intersection more thoroughly, including CR 99 North, and I got the contact person to speak to about it in that department. Work on CR 99 South is already being designed for road widening and possible turn out lane in the subject area, and since it has been done in-house, it will happen sooner than later before resurfacing takes place. Due to our input at the public hearing, they will now be reviewing all four sides of the intersection to determine ways to resolve our issues. A traffic study would have taken quite a long time. This is better! Thank you Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Commissioners! There is no clear indication at this time what will happen with the trailer where the existing business is located at the foot of the bridge which is its own parcel. Some of that space is being considered to be used for overflow parking. We are asking for pedestrian crosswalks also ... we shall see!

PROGRESS IS HAPPENING! This is a huge win for our community!

I must give a great amount of credit to over 170 of our local citizens for responding to my request for supporting me in bringing our concerns before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Each and every one of you is greatly appreciated!

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.

Big News, Great News! State Representative Donna Givens says that the public notice requirement for Lillian Landmark District will be paid for by the Baldwin County Delegation! This is a giant step for us! No fundraising required!

Preserve the cultural history of the Lillian Community! Support Landmark District Lillian – Share this with as many of your friends and family in Lillian as you can ... we have 655 signatures ... can we get to 1,000?

Call to Action! Please share this:
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 Face Book.

Please write to our Commissioner, Charles (Skip) Gruber, cgruber@baldwincountyal.gov, if you agree with one or more of the following to voice your support and let me know if you did ...

Re-visiting Planning Districts 22, 29 & 33 Text Amendments to local ordinances: We have asked for our 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; Creating a new zoning category, "RSF-1.5": RSF-1 (30,000 sq.ft./1.45 homes per acre), RSF-1.5 (21,780 sq.ft./2 homes per acre); and Creating a new Activity Node around the new Elberta Middle School on County Road 83.



Keeping it Country
By Tracey

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Annual Community Events Are a Reason to Celebrate & Bond

Happy New Year! Yes, I know it's only August, but for the members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, the new year begins with the major fundraiser, The Mullet Festival. It's the day when the entire club joins together to raise funds to help boys and girls and others in our community. Without your help, this would not be possible, so mark your calendar now for Monday, Sept. 1.

The day begins with a 5K Run/Walk at the Lillian Recreational Park. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Lillian/MulletFestival5K1MileFunRun>. In-person registration is from 6 to 7 a.m. on the day of the event. The flag will be presented at 7:15 with the run stepping off at 7:30 at the center pavilion.

The famous Optimist Breakfast is served from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club. Cost is \$5 and kids eight and younger eat free. After breakfast peruse the Déjà Vu Market, Bake Sale and Silent Auction from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The notorious Mullet Toss competition will be held from 10 a.m. to Noon with age level prizes presented at 12:30 p.m. in the main hall. A great lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$12 and once again, kids eight and under eat free. Join us for a Fish Plate or BBQ Sandwich Plate with potato salad, baked beans, dessert and tea.

Johnny B will provide music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. when winners will be announced for the 50/50 Raffle and the raffle for a beautiful king-size quilt.



As I mentioned before, the funds raised for this event will help the club provide a year of special events throughout the community. These include a reading program with K-2nd grade at Elberta Elementary School, Annual Essay and Oratorical contests, breakfast for Elberta High Juniors taking the ACT test, Easter Egg Hunt, Kids Fishing Rodeo, College and Trade School Scholarships.

Also scholarships for the Flight Academy at NAS Pensacola and HOBY Youth Leadership



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

Scholarship, Community Trunk-R-Treat, Christmas gifts for area special needs students, Breakfast with Santa and Heart of Optimism award to a graduating senior from Elberta High School.

Also on tap are the Lillian Thanksgiving Gathering, the Annual Willie Nell Evans Thanksgiving Lunch for Baldwin County Special Needs children and adults and the Lillian Christmas Parade, Christmas food baskets to local families as well as more than \$10,000 in grants to local schools, school organizations and area organizations serving the needs of children and teens in our community.

As you can see, this is a very important day for the community. These programs are ways for the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay to say "We love our community." It's time for you to step up and say, "Count me in." You've done it for 38 years. I know you'll support number 39, too, and Thank You.

Dinosaurs Do Visit!



After hearing about dinosaurs from a book read by Optimist Dennis Newell, members of the Kid's Reading Program at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library met a "local" member of the species. From left are Storm Stronglerg, Ms Dinosaur, Ryleigh Schwartz, Charlie Schwartz and Mr. Newell. Other summer events included planting, pickleball, reading, art adventures, Under the Sea and Kid's Karaoke.



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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 August go out to Pat Wheeler, Hal Heiner, Mary Collier, Faith Dowd, Gene Stewart, Ginny Foreman-Wynn, Teresa Metts,

Georgia Everett, Kayla Cooper, Larry Price, Art Ensign, Greg Wade, John Asbjornsen, Virginia Allen, Ella Ford, James Harden, Mitzie Wolowic, Billy Youngs, Charlotte Befay, Nita Tate, William Vana, Carl Hendrickson, Cliff Collier, Pat Lucy, Carl Benoit, Bruce Allen, Garnet Brady, June Dupree, Richard Martin, Ken Mason, Marty

Leonard, Ron Tremblay and Frances Garner

In August, anniversary congratulations go out to Lee and Cheryl Hoffman, Brandon and Misty Williams, Bob and Charlene Taylor 1982, Eugene and Gail Stewart 1992 and David and Lois Mitchell 2008

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 contributors may place a note in our folder at Lillian Perdido Bay Library.

The deadline for the September issue of The Lillian is August 23.

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

PERSONAL ASSISTANT & HOUSEKEEPER 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 prep and 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.

New Garden Club Forms in Lillian

Individuals who share a passion for gardening are invited to join the Lillian Garden Club which will meet on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Lillian Recreational Park conference room. The first meeting will be September 8, 2025.

There are no residency restrictions to attend, all are welcome.

Robin Newell, club facilitator, revealed that some topics that will be explored this year with the help of educational presentations from the Baldwin County Master Gardener Speakers Bureau are Air Plants – No Mess, No Fuss, Butterfly Gardens, Dragonflies and Damselflies of Alabama, Raising Orchids Indoors, Soil Blocking and The Healing Qualities of Plants. Members will also have the opportunity to plan field trips to visit various area nurseries and garden walks. For more information, please contact club facilitator and Baldwin County Master Gardener Robin Newell at robinnewell3@gmail.com



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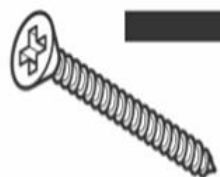
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Come join us on August 2 for our 15th Annual Bunco Bash fund raiser for "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" at the Lillian Community Club. Early registration is open now through July 26th for \$30, \$35 after July 26th and at the door. Either way please RSVP by July 26th so that we can be prepared for you to have a Bunco Blast. For additional Information you may contact me at 251-978-4442 or by email at kekay926@gmail.com, or Mason Waid by email at mason.waid@yahoo.com. See you on August 2.

Thank you. Kay Kay

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Contact PLANNING@BALDWINCOAL.GOV, 251-580-1655 for questions or to show support or opposition regarding upcoming zoning and subdivision cases. Planning Commission meetings are the first Thursdays of each month at 4 PM at the Baldwin County Central Annex, 22251 Palmer St., Robertsdale AL 36567. Most cases then proceed about six weeks thereafter to the County Commissioners' meetings on the third Tuesdays of the month at 10 AM at the Baldwin County Fairhope Satellite Courthouse, Commission Meeting Chambers - 2nd Floor, 1100 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope AL 36532. Please attend meetings when possible. Please email me with questions or comments at TBIRD32507@GMAIL.COM

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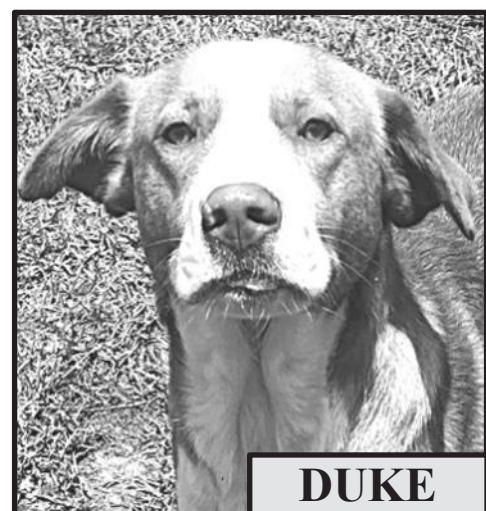
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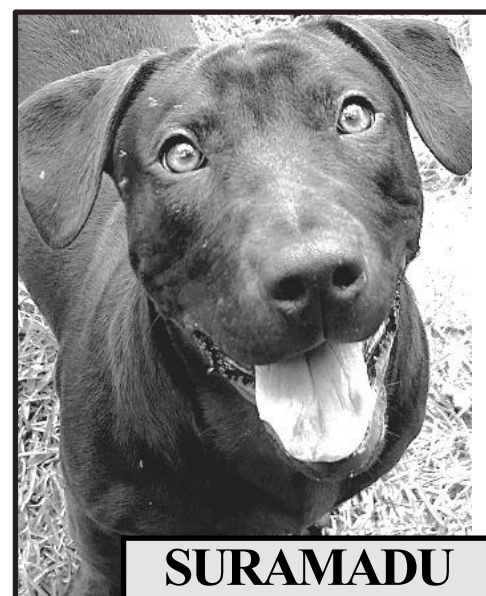
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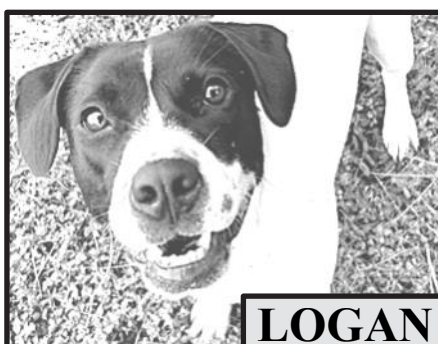
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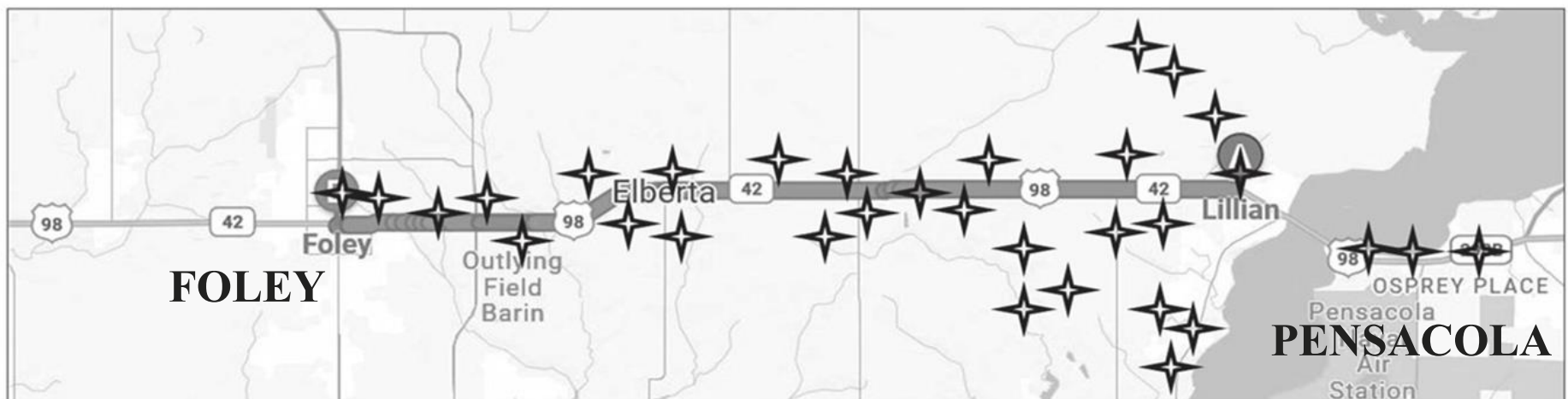


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Mourning Doesn't Have to be a Solo Journey After One's Loss

Does your pet show weird behavior long before you become aware of a thunderstorm? Digital Meteorologist Sara Tonks noticed that her dog's ears move and twitch like a radar dish triangulating to pin point the correct location of something.

Many animals have the ability to sense storms or other dangers, especially wild animals. However, not all animals have this capability.

A bit of FYI about man's best friend: Dogs have 18 muscles in their ears that allows them to move those ears in all sorts of positions in order to capture sound waves.

The canines that hear best are ones whose ears stands erect. German Shepherds, Greyhounds and Beagles may have the best hearing senses. On average dogs can hear 80 feet to a mile away and further at night at much greater frequencies than us mere mortals.

Hearing isn't the only amazing thing about dogs; they have about 125 million to 300 million smell-sensitive receptors and their sense of smell is 10,000 to 100,000 times superior to ours. This is why these furry wonders are used to detect different odors such as drugs, termites, and people (dead or alive).

August is the anniversary of my loved-one's death. No matter how many years go by my mood is affected by the memory of that painful day. Maybe

some crying or quietness but the severity lessens every year.

I usually write something about feelings of grief in my August column to hopefully help someone going through a hard time. Some individuals think that if they stop their deep active bereavement, it is like saying they didn't really love that person and they feel it is unbearably disrespectful. Thus, they withdrawal from many of their usual activities, mope, cry and never laugh or smile. This may be normal for several weeks or months but not for years.

If the person you are grieving loved you as much as you love them, they would never want you to withdraw from life and never want you to stop enjoying and appreciating the wonders around you. Laughter is the best medicine for the dumps and lifting the spirits. You also can't beat being able to enjoy talking about the memories you, friends and family had with that special person in your life. It will bring that smile back to your face.

Mourning never stops completely but the pain of loss loses most of its vicious bite. I am a super lucky person who has a fun loving, close-knit family who would never allow me to sink into depression for too long. I am grateful for that too.

As always, I suggest grief counseling. It's amaz-



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

ing how listening to others speak about their experiences can make you realize that, not only are you not alone, but how normal you really are. These groups do help you get over the hurdles. Usually, your church or local organization can help you find a group.

More trivial data to add to your brain. Because of Earth's twenty percent tilt on its axis, the only place on our planet where the sun rises due east and sets due west is at the equator.

You never know, you might be on a quiz show someday or at a trivia night at some event and need to answer that question. Just saying.

"My love for you is not seasonal, it is present in every day." Lovequote.com,



Lillian Perdido Bay Library
Corner
By Betty Bovat

The Lillian Perdido Bay Library will not have a big August book sale this year. We continue to have books, DVDs, Audio CDs, cookbooks and children's books for sale every day from \$.50 and \$1, with special pricing on some items. The library is open Tuesday through Saturday, at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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