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The Mullet Toss is one of the favorite features of the Mullet Festival hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. Men, women, boys and girls of all ages participate and the winners receive certificates. Join them on Labor Day, Sept. 1 at the Lillian Recreational Park for the 5K Run/Walk and the Lillian Community Club for all the other events including breakfast, lunch, silent auction, Deja Vu Market, bake sale, music and raffle.

**SEE MULLET FEST
SCHEDULE PAGE 9**

The 39th Annual Labor Day presentation of the flag at 7:15, Mullet Festival hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will be followed by the 5K Run/Walk at 7:30 a.m. at the Lillian Recreational Park, 33914 AL. The day begins with the

(SEE MULLET PAGE 8)



ADEM To Builder: ‘Cease and Desist’

Homebuilding has come to a halt in an Elberta subdivision that saw rivers of mud flowing down neighborhood streets in late August.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management issued a cease-and-desist order to Wilkes Construction Company after complaints from neighbors made their way from Elberta City officials to the Baldwin County Commission to ADEM. According to a BCC news release, the construction is being done near County Road 20, just inside Elberta town limits. Because of that, the county commission said it has no “permitting authority nor any regulatory oversight authority over the development.”

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BCSS Still Mum on Cove Creek Work

Baldwin County Sewer System operations at CR99 have ramped up this month with ever more workers, heavy equipment and foul odors.

For the second month in a row, BCSS officials have refused to respond to questions about what exactly is going on at Peterson Creek.

We reached out to all levels of BCSS leaders numerous times. We can’t get any answers from them.

But maybe you can. If you’d like to know what our sewer service is doing to maintain this critical utility that is vital to our health and environment, we’re asking readers to give BCSS a call and ask about it. If enough of us ask

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Here’s a Chance to Ban Lonlieness From Your Life

The Lillian Recreational Park has always been a gathering place. It’s where families picnic, children play, and people stop to chat on an evening walk. But beyond offering green space, a park can also be the hub for something even more powerful — a community connection that helps combat loneliness.

The Lillian Recreational Park is all about making community connections and the August Splash Fest did just that. What an amazing afternoon! Over 500 people attended the event, laughing, making new friends, cooling off and just generally having fun.

To continue that momentum, the Park is opening a new area at the Park we are calling The Back Porch. The Grand Opening of the Back Porch will be from 4 to 7 on Saturday, September 7, and you are cordially invited to join us for a fun afternoon of games, conversation, food and music.

In today’s busy world, many people are looking for ways to feel more connected, supported, and engaged. And less lonely. Designed for people 55 and better, the Back Porch will be a place for people to do just that. They can play games, take fun educational classes and

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get to know each other. Over time, these regular connections will grow into friendships that make people feel seen, valued, and included.

Funded by a grant from the AARP, the Back Porch project will offer regular gatherings, shared activities, and mutual support. It will also offer a sense of belonging. Simple things — like a coffee meet-up, book club, games, fun classes, walking club, or potluck — will open the door to friendship and stronger ties.

Loneliness is something many people face, whether they live alone, are new to the area, or simply feel disconnected in the busyness of everyday life. But one of the simplest and most effective ways to push back against loneliness is to create stronger bonds with your neighbors.

The Back Porch project will help do that by building the bonds of community where people don’t just live side by side, but truly connect. And in that connection, loneliness has far less room to take hold.



Have a Wicked Good Time!

What could make the movie WICKED any better? How about singing along to favorites like “Defying Gravity”? Instead of getting shushed, you can sing along loudly and proudly!

The Lillian Recreational Park is showing the 2024 hit movie WICKED on Friday, September 5. Come sing with us. You’ll be surrounded by fellow fans, laughing and singing together. It’ll be more like a celebration than just a movie night.

The music will be great, too. Music will be provided by the DT’s, featuring David Tibbals on guitar and Al Signer on saxophone. Music and activities begin at 6. The movie starts at dusk.

Feel free to come dressed in Wicked-inspired green glam if you want. It’ll make for a memorable night (and an excuse for some fun photos). Prizes will be awarded for best outfits, too.

Seeing Wicked is a perfect multi-generational family outing. Kids, teens, adults, grandparents love the movie and crowd favorite songs like “Defying Gravity.” For those who don’t know the words, never fear. We’ve got you covered. The lyrics will be on the screen for you.

The movie will be free, thanks to the Park’s wonderful sponsors. The concession stand will be open.

Don’t miss the magic — gather your friends, bring your chairs, and be part of the *Wicked* community sing-along!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear concerned citizens of Lillian and Unincorporated Elberta,

Because you have shown up for previous matters of concern to our area, I am hoping you will find a moment to read below.

I would like to introduce this call to action not as pressure on you. I am only asking for your help. It's only in greater numbers that we get the attention we need to make progress. Let's see if he wants our vote in November 2026! This gives him plenty of time to prove he works for us. Thank you.

Please write to our Commissioner, Charles (Skip) Gruber at:

cgruber@baldwincountyal.gov, if you agree with one or more of the following to voice your support and bcc me when you do if you don't mind ...

-Reintroduce Planning Districts 22, 29 and 33 Text Amendments to local ordinances: It's been since December 5, 2023, when our Text Amendments were denied by the Baldwin County Commissioners. Please ask for our Text Amendments to our local ordinances be reintroduced 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. We deserve to have the same protections as other Planning Districts.

-Create a new zoning category: RSF-1.5 (21,780 sq.ft./2 homes per acre) This category is the middle ground (as an additional option) between RSF-1 and RSF-2, which is a large gap in density. RSF-1 (1.45 homes per acre), RSF-1.5 (21,780 sq.ft./2 homes per acre), RSF-2 (2.9 homes per acre)

-Create a new Activity Node around the new Elberta Middle School on County Road 83. This would allow some neighborhood businesses and housing where the zoning is currently only agricultural. It makes sense to concentrate businesses and housing near a school. Thank you for your support in improving Lillian and the surrounding area.

Tracey Gambill P.S. Please email me with any questions or comments at TBIRD32507@GMAIL.COM



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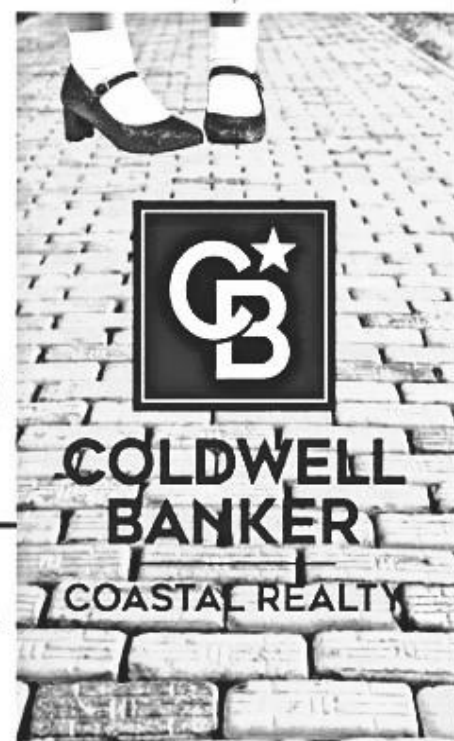
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The deadline for the October issue of *The Lillian* will be September 17. Anyone may send an email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com for information on articles and news.

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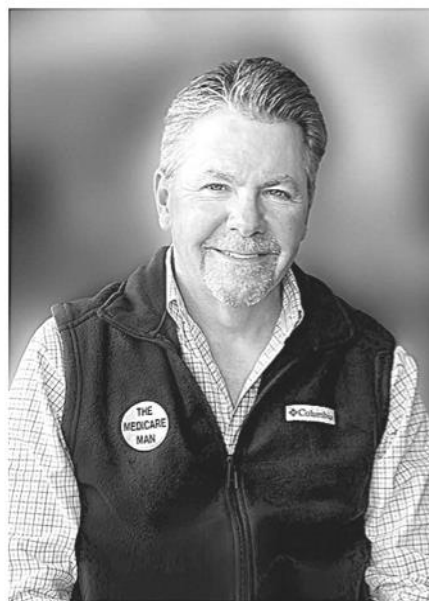
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Mark the Date Oct. 27 Western Perdido Bay Watershed Community Forum

By Lani Cameron

On August 14, I participated in the MBNEP's (Mobile Bay National Estuary Program's) Community Action Committee's quarterly meeting via zoom. MBNEP's Action Committee helps coordinate watershed protection and restoration efforts among the 21 watersheds listed on the MBNEP website, as well as numerous nonprofit and government organizations throughout these watersheds. During today's call we had a presentation about the ADEM 319 project at the Wind & Water Learning Center in Orange Beach. I don't know if any of you are familiar with this center. because I know I wasn't. This Learning Center was established in 2014 in Orange Beach and hosts numerous events and activities, as well as sailing and paddling programs, field trips and kayak rentals. At some point, I would like to plan a field trip for our association members to this Learning Center for a presentation. They are currently in the process of completing a new parking lot that is being constructed using the Low Impact Development engineering approach. This approach emphasizes conservation and use of on-site natural features to protect water quality. It is a development approach we hope to see utilized more in our area to help manage storm water runoff. The Learning Center website is [www.orangebeachal.gov/387/Orange-Beach-Wind-](http://www.orangebeachal.gov/387/Orange-Beach-Wind-Water-Learning-Center)

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A few weeks ago, I also was invited to tour the Baldwin County Solid Waste Material Recycling Facility (the MRF) in Summerdale. The MRF is an educational facility with numerous stations for learning about recycling. Local schools are having field trips to the MRF, but it is also an interesting tour for adults. Unfortunately for me, I had to leave the tour early for another engagement. I do plan to try to organize a tour for our association members after the first of the year, once we complete our membership drive this fall.

As you can see, the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association has been building relationships with local programs, nonprofit and governmental organizations to help ensure Perdido Bay is protected and restored as needed. Since we share the bay with Florida, we not only work with the MBNEP, but we also collaborate with the Pensacola & Perdido Bay Estuary Program (PPBEP). They currently have a program that homeowners on the bay may be interested in exploring. The Nature Conservancy obtained a grant for living shoreline assistance that PPBEP is managing. This program is a nature-based approach to protecting coastal shorelines. Living shorelines use elements like native plants or oyster shell to keep shorelines stable while replicating natu-

ral shoreline ecosystems. "Hybrid shorelines" are also used, blending natural elements with non-living materials like rocks or artificial oyster reefs when needed. Both living and hybrid shorelines help prevent erosion, create habitat for wildlife, and improve water quality. The PPBEP's Living Shoreline Assistance Program for Perdido Bay is open until December 31, 2025. You can visit their website at www.ppbeb.org for more information

Please add a reminder to your calendars for The Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association (WPBWA) community forum Monday, October 27, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club, 34148 Widell Ave, Lillian, AL. Speakers include Frank Lundy, Baldwin County Engineer; Ashley Campbell, Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Department Natural Resource Planner and Christian Miller, Public Sector Program Lead with the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP). Additional information about this meeting can be found on our new Facebook Group, Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association.

You can also review last month's article in The Lillian Newspaper on their website.

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

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From Firehouse to Splash Fest: Lillian Fire Updates

August was such an exciting and busy month for Lillian Fire Rescue, and we're grateful for all the community support that helps us keep moving forward. On August 7th, we had the privilege of hosting the Baldwin County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting at Station 2. Around 50 fire service leaders from across the county came together for an evening of collaboration and fellowship. A big thank you to Care Patrol for sponsoring the event and helping make it such a success.

Chief Cantrel continues working with the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to maintain our Class 5 certification. With the addition of our new fire engine, we are now able to send out engines and tankers from both Station 1 and Station 2. This improvement strengthens our response times and will positively support our ISO rating.

We are also rolling out a new software system

called ESO this quarter. This program will allow us to meet the new national reporting standard (NERIS) and make our operations smoother and more efficient.

August brought plenty of fun too with our first annual Splash Fest, held on August 16 in partnership with Lillian Recreational Park. Nearly 400 community members came out to enjoy the day, and it wouldn't have been possible without our dedicated volunteers. A special shout-out goes to Lucy Smith for leading the charge and bringing it all together—we can't wait to make this a yearly tradition!

Looking ahead, we invite everyone to attend the Lillian Fire Department Board's annual general membership meeting on October 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Station 2. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what's happening in your fire department and



**Lillian Volunteer
Fire Department**
By Janett Siler

how you can get involved.

In July, Lillian Fire Rescue responded to 83 calls, including 2 fires, 53 EMS calls, 2 hazardous conditions, 16 service calls, 5 miscellaneous incidents, and 5 false alarms. Every response reflects the heart and dedication of our volunteers. If you've ever thought about serving, we'd love to have you join us! Stop by the station or give us a call at (251) 552-FIRE (3473).

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Widell Avenue. To register for these events, visit the website, www.OptimistClubPB.org. Registration is also available from 6 to 7 a.m. before the run. There will be a Fun Run at 8 a.m. at the park.

The rest of the day will feature events at the Lillian Community Club, 34148 Widell Avenue. The famous Optimist breakfast will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. Cost is \$5, kids eight and younger eat free.

The Mullet Toss is on from 10 a.m. to noon with age level prizes awarded at 12:30 p.m. in the Main Hall. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes fish or BBQ plate with potato salad, baked beans, dessert and tea for \$12 and once again, kids eight and younger eat free.

The Silent Auction, Déjà vu Market and Bake Sale will be open from 8 a.m.

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ADEM's cease and desist order mandates the operator to "immediately cease all construction, building, production, and related activity" at the site other than BMP implementation/maintenance and sediment removal/remediation. All other construction and related activity are not authorized to resume until approved in writing by ADEM."

The waters are clearing and construction workers are returning to the Moccasin Bay area. But the only job they can do is to stabilize the soil and prevent further erosion.

The order requires the construc-

tion company to take immediate action to prevent, to the maximum extent practicable, sediment and other pollutants in stormwater leaving the site and prevent unpermitted discharges of pollutants to waters of the state.

"Just because the water is clear doesn't mean the problem is solved," said Paul Salman, a long-time resident who has boated and fished in Moccasin Bayou for decades. Paul went on camera to air his concerns on WKRG Channel 5 TV.

When construction soil runoff seeps into waterways, it leaves them ever more shallow and destroys envi-

ronments for water species. Salman isn't sure how long he'll have enough water to keep his boat afloat.

"It came to the surface, one layer with a black muck, then underneath that layer with a white clay like would come up when you move a boat," Salman said.

Moccasin Bay neighbors say they are grateful that ADEM took action. But they don't believe the problems with the 70-acre development are over.

"I can look up and say, 'Hey, they don't care. They really truly don't care. All they care about is the almighty dollar.'"

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questions, maybe we can get answers.

Thanks for your help in keeping utilities transparent and accountable. Let's get these phones ringing!

Lisa Burke, BCSS Communi-

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Catholic Women Meet

Members of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women met recently in Robertsedale to finalize plans for the annual Convention. This year the event will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland parish in Foley October 5, 6 and 7. The September Deanery meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 11 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian.





**Optimist Club
of Perdido Bay**

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

AT THE LILLIAN RECREATIONAL PARK
33914 Widell Avenue, Lillian, AL 36549

Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Lillian/MulletFestival5K1MileFunRun>

- 6-7 AM 5K Run/Walk Registration
- 7:15 AM Presentation of the Flag
- 7:30 AM Run for the Mullet 5 K Run/Walk
Followed by the Age Group Awards and
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Mullet Fun Run inside Park
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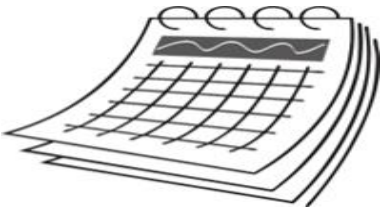
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- 7-9 AM Breakfast \$5 (Kids 8 & younger eat free!)
- 8AM-2 PM Silent Auction, Déjà Vu Market
50/50, Quilt Raffle & Bake Sale
- 10AM-12PM Mullet Toss (Awards Ceremony 12:30 PM)
- 11AM-1 PM Lunch \$12 (Kids 8 & younger eat free!)
- Fish or BBQ Sandwich Plate with Potato
Salad, Baked Beans, Dessert & Tea
- 11 AM - 2 PM Music by Johnny B
- 2:15 PM 50/50 Do not need to be present to win!

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For more info contact: Robin Newell 402-677-3944

The
**Lillian Calendar
SEPTEMBER 2025**



September 1 from 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Join the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay for its 39th Annual Labor Day Mullet Festival (See schedule in The Lillian for details.)

September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 11:00 AM & September 4, 11, 18 & 25 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.)

September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 7:00 PM: ALANON Support Group Meeting at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549 (Learn more about ALANON at <https://al-anon.org/>.)

September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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/>.)

September 4 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.)

September 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 7:00 PM, Lillian Community Celebrate Recovery Meetings, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. (Rev. Rick Long and Rev. Daniel Randall invite everyone to join us for Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based, Christ-centered, 12-step program designed to help individuals overcome various hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Celebrate Recovery uses a combination of biblical principles, the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and small group support to foster healing and recovery. The program addresses a wide range of issues, including substance abuse, codependency, and other life challenges, and is offered in thousands of churches worldwide.)

September 13 at 8:00 AM, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast, Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL. (Our guest speaker will be our 2025 Flight School Sponsor recipient, Lauren Maxwell. Lauren is an Elberta High School senior and will be sharing about her amazing time at this summer’s Flight Academy. To learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, go to www.OptimistClubPB.org.)

September 27 at 1:00 PM, Dementia Education Forum, Care Partner Support Group & Aging in Place at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL (For more information, contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.)

September 27 at 8:00 AM, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Community Breakfast at Lillian Methodist Church, 12770 S. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL. (Join us as we induct our 2025/2026 officers and celebrate the year ahead. To learn more about the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, go to www.OptimistClubPB.org.)

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Astronomical Events in September 2025

Ahh, fall is almost upon us. Autumn officially begins Sept. 23 and for many, it will mean cooler temperatures – a welcome reprieve from the summer heat.

Fall also brings football, pumpkins, and a Harvest Moon to watch for in the sky. Save the date of Tuesday, Sept. 17. With a clear sky, people in the Northern Hemisphere will see a partial lunar eclipse, making the full supermoon on Sept. 17 extra super.

When only a part of the moon enters Earth's shadow, the event is called a partial lunar eclipse. Image Credit: Brad Riza

In a partial lunar eclipse, the umbra – the shadow's darkest part – “takes a bite out” of just a fraction of the Moon. The dark bite grows larger, and then recedes, never reaching the totality phase. In a total lunar eclipse, by comparison, the Earth's



full shadow falls across the face of the Moon. Learn more information about lunar eclipses [here](#).

“From Huntsville, the penumbral phase will begin around 7:41 p.m., and people should start noticing a ‘reddish bite’ being taken out of the top part of the Moon around 9:12 p.m.,” said Bill Cooke, who leads NASA's Meteoroid Environment

Office at the agency's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. “The maximum eclipse will be at 9:44 p.m., and the partial phase will be over at 10:15 p.m.. The penumbral phase will end about an hour and a half later, at 11:47 p.m..”

The September full Moon is often called the Harvest Moon due to its association with autumn harvests in the Northern Hemisphere. So, bring on fall and the pumpkin spice. As Neil Young sang in his song “Harvest Moon” – “Let's go out and feel the night.” And perhaps take a sweater. And skywatchers, grab your cameras!

Times will vary by location in the U.S., with only Alaska and Hawaii missing out on the event.

Visit [here](#) for more September skywatching tips from NASA.

SEPTEMBER 4-21: MOON, VENUS AND REGULUS MEET

This is a very neat conjunction of the Moon, Venus, and Regulus, with all three easily fitting within the same 10x50 binocular field of view. Venus and Regulus will appear together through binoculars from the 14th, but are closest on this date, when half a degree separates them.

Half a degree is also the diameter of the Moon's disc, and you'll get the opportunity to make a comparison this morning as the waning crescent Moon joins the pair. If you live on the East Coast, you'll see that all three are aligned, while those in time zones further west will see it to the left or lower left of Venus.

Either way, this should make for a lovely sight in binoculars and one that astrophotographers will want to capture for posterity—especially with Earthlight visible on the darkened portion of the Moon's surface. The best view will probably come about an hour before sunrise.

After the 19th, Venus and Regulus will go their separate ways and will last appear in 10x50 binoculars together on the 24th. Meanwhile, the Moon will turn new on the 21st before returning to the evening sky the following evening.

SEPTEMBER 20-23: SATURN AND NEPTUNE AT OPPOSITION

Both Saturn and Neptune reach opposition this month, and just days apart, which can only mean one thing: the two planets are extremely close to one another in the sky. This happens once every 35 years or so and won't happen again until June 2061.

Technically, this year, Saturn and Neptune were closest in July, when just under a degree separated them. Now, with both planets at opposition and perfectly positioned for observation, the gap has widened to two and a half degrees, but that's still close enough to place them within the same field of view of many binoculars (although you may need dark skies to spot Neptune).

The two will draw closer again, and on February 20th, 2026, a little under a degree will separate them again. Unfortunately, they'll be setting shortly after the Sun, and while Saturn should be visible, Neptune will not.

So take a moment to enjoy the two planets together, and at their best, while you can. Opposition means that the planet is opposite the Sun in the sky, so both Saturn and Neptune will be visible throughout the night, rising at sunset and then setting at sunrise.

Saturn is at opposition first, on the 20th, with Neptune following on the 23rd. Saturn will be easily visible to the naked eye as a bright, pale yellow “star” rising in the east-southeast in the evening, but you'll need binoculars or a telescope to spot faint Neptune.



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Ever Hear of This Flea? It's Small, Round and Redheaded

What's the difference between a redheaded flea beetle and a flea? One hops on you for a snack, and the other just hops! The redheaded flea beetle (RHFB), *Systema frontalis*, has been reported statewide in Alabama since the 1970s. RHFB is native to the US and is pretty much everywhere except the West. "*Frontalis*" is derived from the Latin word "frons," meaning "forehead" or "brow". "*Systema*" (where we get the word 'system' from) refers to 'systematically' grouping the same sort of things together, which are in this case beetles.

Redheaded flea beetles are small, shiny, oval shaped beetles, about 0.2 inches in length, with metallic-black colored bodies. Females are slightly larger than male beetles. RHFB adults jump when disturbed, like a flea. On the last pair of legs, the femur is wider and swollen with muscles, which is useful for jumping from plant to plant.

They have red-colored heads which give them their brightly colored moniker. A pair of light-brown serrate antennae originates below the eyes. Here's a fun pest control fact for you, antennae are a Critical Piece of Information when identifying insects. Serrate antennae, like in the RHFB, look like poorly made saw teeth in a precarious, single stack line.

If you need help identifying an insect, it is useful to see as much of the bug as possible including the antennae so "lightly" squish it. Capturing it whole is much preferred! If you are using a smart phone to take a picture, ensure the image is NOT Blurry and the **Insect** fills the Entire Phone Screen! The number of times that we have seen the insect from 6 or more feet away, Oy Vey! Our eyes are getting "ahem" older and need your assistance with the best image possible!

Like all beetles, this insect is "holometabolous". This mouthful is a word for "experiences the complete life cycle of egg, larvae, pupae and adult. There is another mouth-bending word for insects who experience this process, "endopterygotes". Science. . . always making our lives . . . better?

RHFB overwinters as eggs. The larvae are small, off white, oval-ish in shape and similar in size to a pencil eraser or 5-10mm in length. The eggs and larvae can be found in the soil or potting medium while the adults feast on leaves.

These beetles have a wide range of hosts. RHFB will begin their adult lives start feeding on the freshly unfurled leaves of deciduous plants— like hydrangeas and weigela — and then move to evergreens, like hollies, later in the year. Why are hydrangeas such great listeners? Because they're always "rooting" for you! Hibiscus, salvia, and forsythia are also frequent hosts. These beetles may use weeds as a host before moving into a nursery.

The redheaded flea beetle causes an interesting pattern of damage to leaves. They do not chew entirely through the leaf, so their feeding could cause a brown spot. That brown spot could open a Pandora's Box of leaf diseases. Do you know how many plant issues begin with a brown spot? Too many! Way too many! These spots can become severe enough to prevent plants from being sold from landscape supplies or nurseries.

The adult beetles tend to seek plants with new tender growth. RHFB adults search for a plant with a high nitrogen content in the leaves. They will devour the plant until either controlled by mechanical, biological or chemical means or until the plant is defoliated or has lost all its leaves. Consuming the leaves from well-fertilized plants can improve the survival of adults or produce more offspring. Which is why the RHFB is such a serious nursery pest!

Damage to the leaves is the obvious sign of an RHFB infestation because larvae cause no noticeable signs of damage. When outbreaks occur in nurseries, producers have a limited number of options. In fact, nurseries and growers get double whammied by this insect. The first effect is when they cannot sell a plant due to brown spotted leaves, the second hit is when they spend their dollars attempting to control it!

In South Alabama, damage typically continues through September and October. If they get lucky, nursery personnel or growers might see the larvae around the edge of the potting medium when a plant is pulled from the container. Most beetles are not captured until after there is significant damage to plants.

Did you hear about the hydrangea that got frightened by a Redheaded Flea Beetle? It soiled itself!



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Life Insurance: Protecting What Matters Most

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month and the perfect time to consider whether you have adequate coverage to protect your loved ones. While no one likes to think about what would happen if they weren't around, doing so is an act of love.

Life insurance is fundamentally about protecting your loved ones should something happen to you. If you pass away, your family will not only face the challenges of grief and loss but they could also find themselves financially strapped. Life insurance can help provide them with financial security in the event you no longer can.

Who needs life insurance: You're a good candidate if you have a spouse or partner who depends on your income or if there are children or other loved ones whom you support. Insurance protection can also be a solution if you have outstanding debts like a mortgage, credit cards or a car loan, or if you simply don't want to burden your loved ones with your final expenses.

Insurance through work: While many people have life insurance through their employers, this coverage may not be enough for you, depending on your situation. Among employers who offer group life insurance, only 2% offer more than two times the employee's annual salary — essentially just two years of income — according to the Guardian's 2023 Workplace Benefits Study. And remember that it's only good as long as you're employed there. With all this in mind, many people purchase individual insurance as a supplement to their workplace coverage.

How much: You might hear that you need life insurance equal to about seven to 10 times your pretax annual salary. That's not a bad "ballpark" figure, but not everyone is playing in the same ballpark. To get a true sense of how much of a death benefit is right for you, use the "L-I-F-E" guide to calculate your needs:

Liabilities: Will your family need to pay off a mortgage, credit cards, car loan or other debt?

•**Income:** Will your family need to replace your income for a period of years?

•**Final expenses:** Do you have the resources to cover funeral and burial expenses?

•**Education needs:** Do you need to put children through a private school or college?

•**Which type:** You can choose between two basic types of life insurance: term and permanent. As its name suggests, term insurance is designed to provide coverage for a designated period, such as 10, 15 or 20 years. In general, term insurance is quite affordable for most people, especially when they buy policies as young adults. On the other hand, permanent insurance, such as whole life or universal life, is usually considerably more expensive because in addition to providing a death benefit, your premiums build cash value. In choosing between term and permanent insurance, you'll want to evaluate several issues, such as how long you think you'll need coverage and how much annual premium you can afford to pay.

Life insurance needs can change over time, so it's important to review your coverage every three to five years or after major life events like marriage or birth of a child. Consider working with a financial advisor who can look at your complete financial situation and help you choose a policy that truly fits your family's needs.

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Lodge Embraces Renewed Focus on Brotherhood Under New Leadership

The Lillian Masonic Lodge is proud to welcome Michael Blankenship as its new Worshipful Master for the 2025-2026 Masonic year. In his inaugural address, Worshipful Master Blankenship outlined an inspiring vision centered on strengthening fraternal bonds, enhancing ritual work, and improving lodge operations through targeted initiatives.

Worshipful Master Blankenship emphasized a return to core Masonic values, stating: "I want to see our Lodge return to a time when concern for our Brothers was our highest priority. While we made meaningful progress under Past Master David Johnson's leadership, our members have made it clear they want even deeper connections among the Brotherhood and in the community. This year, we're putting brotherhood and charity at the heart of everything we do."

Building Brotherhood Through Regular Fellowship

The Lodge will continue its tradition of gathering on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, with a brotherhood dinner at 5:30 PM followed by the official meeting at 6:30 PM. These regular gatherings will be complemented by additional social events throughout the year designed to strengthen the bonds between members and the community.

Commitment to Ritual Excellence

Under the guidance of Past Master Steve Williams, Chris King, and Brandon Taylor, the Lodge will implement a comprehensive ritual program. This initiative includes a



Newly initiated Entered Apprentice Jonathon Brewer and most recent Master Mason Thomas Potter III

structured practice schedule, one-on-one mentorship for new members, and special workshops to perfect ceremonial work, ensuring the preservation of Masonic traditions for future generations.

Strategic Committees for Lodge Improvement

To enhance operations and member engagement, the Lodge is establishing four key committees: The Finance Committee will oversee fiscal responsibility and fundraising efforts; the Charity Committee will expand the Lodge's community outreach; the Building Committee will maintain and improve the Lodge's physical space; and the Strategic Planning Committee will guide long-term growth and development.

Masonic Lodge No. 925 F&AM Welcomes Youngest Entered Apprentice

The Lillian Masonic Lodge No. 925 F&AM proudly

announces that Jonathon Brewer was initiated as an Entered Apprentice during a special ceremony held August 5th.

At only 21 years of age, Brother Brewer is now the youngest member of the local lodge, marking an exciting moment for both him and the fraternity. Freemasonry, one of the world's oldest and most respected fraternal organizations, emphasizes personal growth, moral integrity, and service to the community. By becoming an Entered Apprentice, Brother Brewer has taken the first step in a life-long journey of learning, self-improvement, and fellowship. His commitment at such a young age represents both a continuation of tradition and a promising vision for the future of Masonry in Lillian.

Worshipful Master and members of Lillian Lodge No. 925 F&AM expressed their pride in welcoming Brother Brewer into the fraternity and look forward to supporting his progress as he advances through the Masonic degrees. His initiation reflects the lodge's ongoing mission to build strong character, encourage community service, and nurture the next generation of leaders.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Keener, Treasurer at 251-210-9081 or email jeffreyakeener@gmail.com



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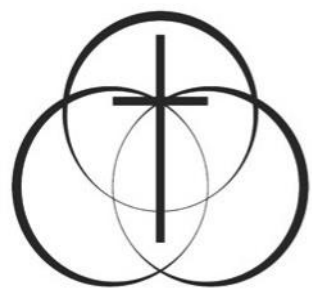


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By Rev. Daniel Randall

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A letter was written to a man on death row by the father of the man who was killed by the death row prisoner. The letter stated: "You are probably surprised that I, of all people, am writing a letter to you, but I ask you to read it in its entirety and consider its request seriously. As the Father of the man whom you took part in murdering, I have something very important to say to you. I forgive you with all my heart. I realize it may be hard for you to believe, but I really do. "At your trial, when you confessed to your part in the events that cost my Son his life and you asked for my forgiveness, I immediately granted you that forgiving love from my heart. I can only hope you believe me and will accept my forgiveness. I also want to make you an offer. I want you to become my adopted child. "You see, my Son who died was my only child, and I now want to share my life with you and leave my riches to you. This may not make sense to you or anyone else, but I believe you are worth the offer. I believe your life is worth redeeming. If you will receive my offer of forgiveness, not only will you be pardoned for your crime, but you will also be set free from your imprisonment, and your sentence of death will be dismissed. At that point, you will become my adopted child and heir to all my riches. "I realize this is a risky offer for me to make to you and you might be tempted to reject my offer completely, but I make it to you without reservation. Also, I realize it may seem foolish to make such an offer to one who cost my Son his life, but I now have a great love and an unchangeable forgiveness in my heart for you. "Finally, you may be concerned that once you accept my offer, you may do something to cause you to be denied your rights as an heir to my wealth. Nothing could be further from the truth. If I can forgive you for your part in my Son's death, I can forgive you for anything. I know you will never be perfect, but you do not have to be perfect to receive my offer. Besides, I believe that once you have accepted my offer and begin to experience the riches that will come to you from me, that your primary response (though not always) will be gratitude. Some would call me foolish for my offer to you, but I wish for you to call me your Father. As you read this, you are thinking - this is crazy! Perhaps it would help to know who the letter is written from and to. The letter is signed - Sincerely, God the Father of Jesus and it is addressed to you. Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus that's what adoption is all about. We have been adopted by God to become holy and blameless in God's sight. We have a Heavenly Father who looks at us with the eyes of love. As Christians who have confessed and repented of our sin, God looks at us through the sacrifice of His one and only Son! In response to that love, we, in turn, receive His glorious adoption and gracious salvation as a redeemed follower of Christ! I pray you have surrendered your life to Jesus and allowed God to adopt you as His own. If you haven't, I pray you will today.

Katharine Barnwell - The Heart and Soul of Perseverance

In July of 2007, Bible translators from a dozen languages were in Nigeria for a workshop to begin translating the Gospel of Luke. They gathered with a number of outside consultants—some Nigerian, others American and British. At the end of their first week, they gathered their papers, laptops and departed for the evening, eager for dinner. One of them took a small computer thumb drive which they store backups of their work. The group finished eating when a rush of men entered the house firing guns in the air. Would the men rob them and leave quickly, or do something worse? The men had come for the laptops. They took nine in all—and the translation work stored on the computers' hard drives along with passports and credit cards. When the thieves left, the project leader, Katharine Barnwell, rose from the floor. She checked with each translator to make sure they were okay. Then someone spotted something the thieves had overlooked hanging on a nail: the lanyard with the USB drive. The sole backup of their translation work.

Barnwell spoke in a matter-of-fact, British way: "Right. Well, we are not going to let this stop us." Having worked in Nigeria most of her career as a linguist with a translation ministry, Barnwell had experienced her share of brushes with danger. Six times she was robbed at gunpoint and endured multiple rounds of malaria. Barnwell wanted to press forward with the project, and after some discussion, every worker decided to stay and continue the workshop.

There was one difficulty: No computers. But on Monday, when they returned to work, they found that every laptop had been replaced. It was not the result of emails, funding requests, forms, or petitions to Western mission agencies. The computers were gifts from local Nigerian Christians.

With the thumb-drive backup, Barnwell's team quickly restored their work and picked up where they left off. They went on to finish the Gospel of Luke in each of Nigerian languages they had been working to complete.

The incident in northeast Nigeria is a freeze-frame from the great missionary shift that has been playing out over the past 50 years: the transfer of ownership from Western individuals and institutions to leaders in Africa and other parts of the world. This is how the gospel will spread in the 21st century. Local ownership is what saved the projects born from Barnwell's workshop. And it was perhaps poetic: Katharine Barnwell, a Westerner, was one of the earliest champions of empowering local people to take over translation work in their own country.

What if Mother Teresa or Billy Graham lived and worked and nobody knew their names? What if one of the church's most influential missionaries went almost unnoticed?

Meet Katharine (Katy) Barnwell. Within Bible translation, she is a legend. Outside of Bible translation, few have heard of her.

From hiding as a child from Nazi bombing raids, fleeing civil wars, and remaining calm under terrorist attacks and armed gunmen, Barnwell revolutionized the Bible translations world thus giving God's word to more people. All around the world, hundreds of millions of new believers read and hear Scripture in their own language because of Barnwell's work, books, and language training. By some estimates, almost 3,000 different Bible language translations are related to her work. She was involved in The Jesus Film Project's method of translation so hundreds of languages could be added for more viewers around the world.

Given such accomplishments, one might expect Barnwell to be arrogant or aloof, and yet those who know her best report how warm, endearing and patient she is. Her African colleagues call her Mama Katy and truly she is the mother of modern Bible translation and the mother of twenty-first-century missions.

Barnwell earned a Ph.D. in linguistics, wrote several books, lived most of her life in Nigeria and other countries around the world but now into her 80's is still living in her home country of England but not retired. "What else would I do?" Barnwell said. "Would I just sit and twiddle my thumbs? I enjoy my work, and I am glad that I can still do it. And I am very thankful that the physical problems of old age are not in my head so much as in my legs."

Years ago at a military checkpoint a soldier with automatic rifle halted the car in which Barnwell was riding. He scanned the passengers and began to

interrogate the driver. The tone was tense. The soldier bent down and scanned the passengers again. He leaned over, with his head into the window. When the soldier's eyes landed on Barnwell, his expression changed. The soldier flashed a huge smile and said, "Pray for us, Mother Katy."

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 10am. Everyone is welcome.



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Baldwin County Lawmakers Face a Myriad of Issues

Greetings!

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

Traffic Safety Improvements In the Works: A traffic signal at US Hwy 98 and County Road 91 is still progressing. Progress is slow due to funding, design and bids for construction. There is currently no completion date estimate. Thankfully we started when we did, so it's well on the way.

A traffic signal at US Hwy 98 and South Perdido Street is in progress ... however, it takes a fairly long time as well.

The Barclay and US Hwy 98 interchange is being considered for a possible change in design.

Planning & Zoning updates in the Lillian vicinity:

May Brothers Property Fireworks Store southeast corner of Hwy 98 and CR 99 CSP25-45 - No update at this time.

Hamm Enterprises Spanish Cove West, Lot 3268, 23 Acres, 50 lots – Currently awaiting subdivision phase. No date set as of this writing. No other Planning and Zoning matters on the next agenda as of this writing.

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

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-visit Planning Districts 22, 29 & 33 Text Amendments to local ordinances for Lillian and Unincorporated Elberta: "Text Amendments" means changing or adding language to the local ordinances of each planning district. We want our 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. Examples of these are (a) Solid Waste & Trash Management, (b) Landscape Buffers for Major Projects Abutting Primary Roads, (c) Special Landscape Buffers for Intense Major Projects Abutting Public Roads, (d) Sidewalks Required for Major Projects, (e) Wetlands to be Set Aside in Common Areas, (f) Stream Buffers, (g) Special Parking Requirements to Reduce Impacts of Impervious Areas, (h) Single Family District, (i) Density Limitations within Residential Manufactured Housing District, (j) Auto Convenience Markets, (k) Commercial Building Façade Requirements, (l) High-value Native Trees, (m) Traffic Study Requirements, (n) Good Neighbor Stormwater Policies, (o) Public Safety Access Road in One- or Two-Family Residential Developments, and (p) Incentivizing Certain Planned Residential Developments.

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Create a new zoning category "RSF-1.5": RSF-1.5, 2 homes per acre. This proposed category is a middle-ground between RSF-1, (1.45 homes per acre), and RSF-2, (2.9 homes per acre).

Create a new Activity Node around the new Elberta Middle School on County Road 83. It makes common sense for small business and housing to be near a school for the benefit of the students, teachers, and parents. Currently this vicinity is zoned agricultural only.

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

I, for one, am grateful to be here. I will keep you updated in The Lillian each month ... please consider subscribing now!



Keeping it Country
By Tracey Gambill

All the best, Tracey Gambill, Stay tuned for updates on Facebook LET'S KEEP IT COUNTRY! YOUR OPINION MATTERS: Contact PLAN-NING@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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Splashes in Our Park; Lots of Activities for Lucky Lillians

I just got home from attending the 1st Annual Splash Fest at the Lillian Recreational Park. Trust me. If yesterday was anything, it was a guarantee that the second one will be on next year's calendar.

I'm exhausted. Taking pictures at all ends of the park is not easy for this "not young" body. Fortunately, there were lots of others who survived the whole four hours of water fun, making sure the young 'uns had a special day to remember.

I wish I had worn my bathing suit because there were lots of things I really wanted to try, the water slide, the foam pit, squirt gun water battles. There were kids all over the place running, jumping sliding, chasing bubbles, getting soaked, smiling, laughing. What a wonderful day!

It's not unusual, though, because the park board and their friends seem to come up with something new all the time, in addition to the things we've gotten used to like the Market in the Park, Fall Fest, Christmas in the Park and all the sports activities like pickle-

ball and tennis.

Here's some good news! I have it on great authority that Santa Claus will definitely ar-



rive by helicopter again this year. What a special treat for him and Mrs. Claus and of course all of us who attend Christmas in the Park. Yes, it's only September and the committee has been meeting, making sure the Preview Party on Friday, Dec. 5 and the light extravaganza on Saturday, the Dec. 6 with will be as special as always

The park isn't just for kiddos, though. Thanks to an AARP grant, the park will hold the grand opening of the new Back Porch,



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

specifically designed for people 55 and older to meet and just visit, play a game of cards or watch others play pickleball or whatever else they may want to do. This special opening will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7. Join your friends for some great conversations, fun activities, light refreshments and music.

We are so fortunate to have this wonderful park in our little town. Thanks to the park board for their dedication to us. Thanks also to our wonderful friends at the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department who are always there to help with our events.

Aren't you glad you chose Lillian for your home? What a blessing!



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 September go out to: Flynn Thomas Whittle, Robert Metts, Donna Rosen, Pat Colburn, Miriam DeHaan, Nancy Yuettner,

Ken Brady, Laverne Holtz, Louise Hawley, Aaron Brewer, Bo Burgenmeyer, Jill Caudill, Susie Harrison, Arnie Gengerke, Pat Lutz, Joni Matthews, Bill Suttle, Joe Shankwitz, Connie Long, Tammy Koskie, Eugenia Robinson, Jaylene Brown, Bill Hall, Traci Price, Al Carpentie, Barbara Flynn, Mary Morris, Gloria Jackson, Janice Fuller,

Ann Garner, Judy Roth, Lisa Majors Ard and Helen Paschke.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in September are Wayne and Christine Fritchie, John and Jeri Edge, Bob and Vicki Shankwitz, Andy and Tina Kociban 1959, Cliff and Nancy Yuettner 1959, Jerry and Marcie Langford 1969, Frank and Nicole Fehn 1996 and Stephanie and

Chad Porter 2010.

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

The deadline for the October issue of The Lillian is September 17.

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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.



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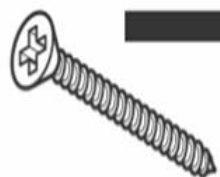
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September 13 - Breakfast Meeting 8:00 a.m.

Program - Flight Academy Scholarship Recipient

September 15 - Optimist and Friends Night Out

Johnny B's Front Porch, Lillian, 5-9

September 20—Community Connect Booth,

Lillian Recreational Park- Market in the Park

September 27—Breakfast Meeting 8:00 a.m.

Program—Installation of 2025-2026 Officers

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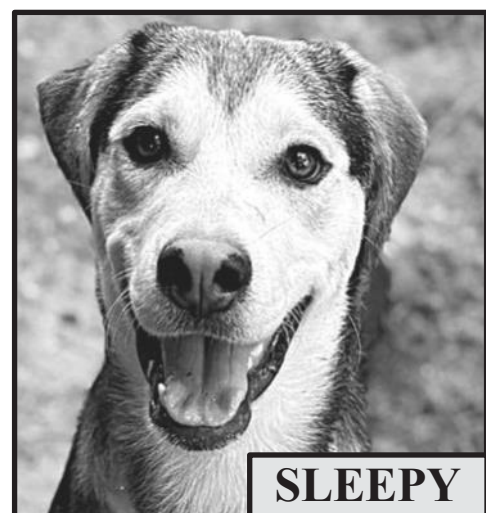
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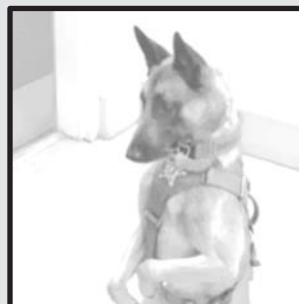
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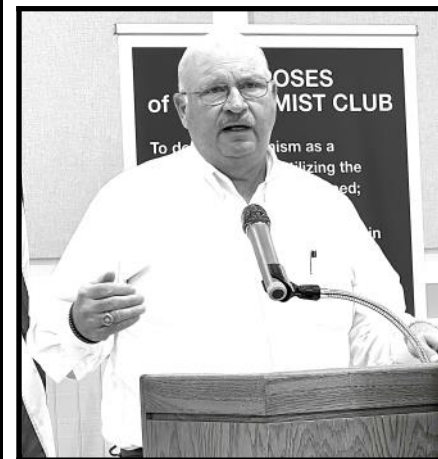


All Gardeners Invited



All community members, regardless of address, are invited to join the Lillian Garden Club which meets the first Monday of the month at the Lillian Recreational Park Conference Room at 1 p.m. The September meeting will be held on September 8, due to the Labor Day holiday. The speaker will be Baldwin County Master Gardener Wanda Martin: "Raising Indoor Orchids". For further information and to be placed on the LGCemail list, please contact Baldwin County Master Gardener and facilitator Robin Newell, robinnewell3@gmail.com.

Hoss Speaks



Retired Baldwin County Sheriff Huey "Hoss" Mack visited members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay at a recent Saturday morning meeting. He is now Executive Director of the non-profit Alabama Sheriffs' Association. He is also a long-time member of the Optimist Club. The club meets at 8 a.m. for breakfast on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the Lillian Methodist Church. First-time guests eat free.

Cove Gardeners Donate to Elberta Elementary



Representatives from the Spanish Cove Gardening Group, Robin and Dennis Newell, presented Elberta Elementary School Principal Torrey Berry with a check for \$2080.50 to be used for the children's food backpack program, which identifies and discretely provides food to food-insecure students on nights, weekends and during school breaks.

COMMUNITY FORUM OCT.. 27 ON WATERSHED ISSUES

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The Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association (WPBWA) will be hosting a community forum Monday, October 27th, 2025, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Lillian Community Club located at 34148 Widell Ave, Lillian, AL. The speakers at this meeting will include Frank Lundy, Baldwin County Engineer; Ashley Campbell, Baldwin County Planning & Zoning Department Natural Resource Planner and Christian Miller, Public Sector Program Lead with the

Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP).

These speakers will be addressing the following:

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

Ashley Campbell- Alabama Water Watch and water testing

Christian Miller- the
Western Perdido Bay Watershed Management Plan

When it Comes to Safety We Must Adjust Our Level of Caution

It's hard to imagine that humans didn't always exist. We are fairly new creatures in the scheme of Earth's age. North America being one of the last places to have people walk on its soil for the first time. Change in the Universe, on Earth and in our everyday life is constant and sometimes epic.

Intellectually we know that change constantly occurs, we see it happening here in Lillian and vicinity in more subtle ways. For instance, just across the Lillian Bridge on the Florida side, was the Paradise Beach Hotel where now is Paradise Beach housing development.

The hotel existed from the 1930s to the 1960s when it was torn down. It was reportedly known for its good fried chicken and "dancing by Orchestra". During WWII officers from the NAS would often stay there for some R and R.

Now, let's boggle the mind a bit; most of Canada and the northern half of the United States was covered by the Labrador Ice Dome, the last of several ice ages. Manhattan was covered by 2,000 feet high of the ice. About 16,000 BC this icy dome began to melt and by 10,000 BC it all disappeared, and the ground rose more than 150 feet from relief of the enormous weight. Large bedrock formations were created during this icy time which can be seen today in New York City's Central Park.

Earth's orbit around the sun is perfectly circular most of

the time except once every 405,000 years when our planet takes on an elliptical formation. This is caused by the gravitational pull on either side of Earth by Jupiter and Venice of 5 degrees producing our planet's glacial and interglacial cycles called the Milankovitch cycles. Change comes in many ways but is still inevitable in all kinds of ways.

For the most part, countries have border patrols such as ICE to protect its citizens from harm either physically or as a result of their impact on the economy and resources or both. Left unchecked, it can also lead to increased homelessness and crime, to name a few. The ones who are usually affected the most by the unchecked crossings are the poorest of our communities and they are the ones who are often overlooked.

There are too many countries that have border patrols to list but there are some countries which are much stricter than the U.S.: North Korea, Israel, Australia, Saudi Arabia, China, Hungary, Russia, India, Japan, and believe it or not, Mexico.

The United Kingdom (UK) has the Border Agency, a combination of our ICE and TSA, which depots at least 25,000 illegal aliens every year.

A bit of trivia about this essentially small island Nation consisting of England, Scotland, Wales and across the Irish Sea, Northern Ireland. To put its size into perspective, the U.S. is forty times larger than the UK. Alabama and England are about the same size, while Oregon compares to the



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

size of the entire island.

School has been back in session for a couple of weeks now. Pay attention! Put your phone down, stop fiddling with the radio and keep your eyes pinned to the road in front of you. Stop when the school bus lights flash and watch for children who may dart out onto the street. Of course, you should be watching where you're driving anyway. Many road accidents happen because a driver isn't paying attention to what's around them and where they are going. DUI, whether from too much alcohol, smoking weed, or illicit drugs is your self-imposed noose that distorts and slows your reflexes and is the biggest cause of most severe crashes. Help keep our roads safe.

"The more we realize our minuteness and our impotence in the face of cosmic forces, the more astonishing becomes what human beings have achieved." Russell Bertrand.



Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner

By Betty Bovat

The Lillian Perdido Bay Library is so lonely for visitors.

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