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SPRAWL SHOWDOWN

Zone Advisors Say **NO BY 8-1 VOTE**; Will County Bosses Listen This Time?

Lillian Community activists are calling on the community to exercise the power of showing up.

If they have their way, this will be the last time Hamm Development makes the case in its current form to the County Commission to develop 23 acres of farmland in Spanish Cove.

The Baldwin County Plan Commission, which makes non-binding recommendations to the County board in zoning cases, early in October turned down a zoning request that would allow 60 new lots on a 23-acre parcel in Spanish Cove. In an eight-to-one vote, the nine-member panel voted to recommend denial to Hamm Development's request to rezone from agricultural to residential. The Planning Commission cited issues with flooding, traffic, safety, and not being compatible with the county's Master Plan as among reasons for stopping the development.

"They're putting the cart before the horse," said Tracey Gambill, local spokesman for Keep It Country, a Lillian group that advocates for responsible development.

"We need to get supporting infrastructure in place before we give the go-ahead for large new housing developments."

The Baldwin County Commission in May rejected on a tie vote Hamm Development's bid for rezoning that would have allowed 80 new homes on 7,500 square-foot lots in Spanish Cove. Last time around, Commissioners Jeb Ball and Billie Jo Underwood voted to approve Hamm's request, while Matt

McKenzie and Skip Gruber, who represents the Lillian area in District 4, voted to deny.

Last month, Hamm pumped up its lot size by 2,500 square feet and put it back before the county.

The four Baldwin County Commissioners will hear public input and will vote on the Hamm Development in Spanish Cove at 10 a.m. Nov. 19 at the Fairhope Courthouse.

"Attendance is critical," Gambill said.

The group is organizing rides to the meeting, meeting at the Lillian Community Club at 8 a.m. and leaving at 8:30 a.m.

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May your Thanksgiving be full of peace, love and joy.



From The Staff of The Lillian Newspaper

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

County Board Should Start Paying Attention to Zoners Recommendations for Infrastructure Support Instead of Developers' Fast-tracked Bids for Unchecked, Unsafe Sprawl

Dear Editor,

I have called the County, Governor, and Senator's offices in regard to the County approving thousands of new homes/neighborhoods. The state can't stop the growth. They said the only way is for County commissioners to stop approving it. If it is a government out of control a lawsuit is an option, but the issue is to find a great attorney and community to jump on board.

THE ONLY COUNTY COMMISSIONER IN BALDWIN COUNTY THAT VOTED AGAINST THE GROWTH AND NEIGHBORHOODS EVERYWHERE IS MCKENZIE.

The other 3 voted for it even with other county and state recommending against it for infrastructure issues.

So, GET LOUD AND PROUD and remember this at the BALLOT BOX!!!!!!

Our roads are ridiculous with all the new growth. 98 should be expanded. Our school should not be sitting with no or minimal air and over run. We should not have to worry about power and water here! There aren't enough fire and police as is. The infrastructure is not in place for growth at the current pace.

Hold these County politicians accountable. It isn't Elberta city... it is County! Remember that the County or city (depending on which you live in) gets so much money from the government per resident.

If we are going to grow, then do it based on recommendations and the right way. We shouldn't always be behind the 8 ball and do damage control. We all know growth can be good, and inevitable. However, it is evident that we are doing wrong. First, we need to change the building codes and lot sizes. The rows and rows of cookie cutter houses coming up by the hundreds each day is not the way. Every citizen is feeling the burden this is creating. We all love it here in paradise and want to keep it that way.

— Erica Snyder

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Tuesday, November 19, 2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baldwin County Fairhope Satellite Courthouse, County Commission Meeting Chambers -2nd Floor, 1100 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope AL 36532.

If you desire to speak with someone by telephone about this application, please contact the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Department at 251-580-1655. If you desire to submit written comments, please address your correspondence to: Baldwin County Planning & Zoning 22251 Palmer Street Robertsdale, AL 36567 You may email your comments to: Planning@baldwincountyal.gov. If you desire to address the Baldwin County Commission in person about this application, please attend the public hearing at the time and location listed above. If you need a ride to the hearing, please meet us at the Lillian Community Club at 8:30 am, 34148 Widell Ave, Lillian, AL 36549.

MAKE A CALL, LET COMMISSIONERS KNOW YOUR 2 CENTS ABOUT UNCHECKED SPRAWL

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Baldwin Bosses to Decide Sprawl Case; Organizers: 'Your Attendance Critical'

Greetings!

Compatibility is a top concern in the rezoning phase. Traffic and infrastructure are addressed in the subdivision phase. Different issues that should be considered but are kept separate when lawmakers consider future development.

Attendance is CRITICAL! Rides being offered to Fairhope Commissioners Meeting for Hamm Enterprises Public Hearing ... Meet at the Lillian Community Club, November 19, arrive at 8 a.m. - leaving at 8:30 a.m. Please come if you need a ride or can give a ride to the meeting which starts at 10 a.m. **FINAL HEARING ON HAMM ENTERPRISES** before a vote.

Z24-40 Hamm Enterprises, 23 acres-Second rezoning requests from RA to RSF-3 (Formerly Z24-10, RA to RSF-4 denied in May 2024) located adjacent to Spanish Cove... **FINAL PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 19, 2024, AT 10 AM IN FAIRHOPE** before the Baldwin County Commissioners, County Commission Meeting Chambers-2nd Floor, 1100 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope AL 36532.

Z24-40 HAMM ENTERPRISES FACTORS THAT THE COMMISSIONERS WANT TO HEAR!

Please confine your remarks to the factors outlined below. Other matters will be addressed at the subdivision phase should this rezoning be approved.

Factors the Baldwin County Commissioners consider in rezoning matters:

1.) Is the requested change compatible with the existing development pattern and the zoning

of nearby properties?

2.) Has there been a change in the conditions upon which the original zoning designation was based? Have land uses or conditions changed since the zoning was established?

3.) Does the proposed zoning better conform to the Master Plan?

4.) Will the proposed change conflict with existing or planned public improvements?

5.) Will the proposed change adversely affect traffic patterns or congestion?

6.) Is the proposed amendment consistent with the development patterns in the area and appropriate for orderly development of the community?

7.) Is the proposed amendment the logical expansion of adjacent zoning districts?

8.) Is the timing of the request appropriate given the development trends in the area?

9.) Will the proposed change adversely impact the environmental conditions of the vicinity or the historic resources of the County?

10.) Will the proposed change adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the County and the vicinity?

11.) Other matters which may be appropriate ...

Next Planning and Zoning meeting November 7, 4 pm, Robertsdale - Nothing on the Agenda of concern to our area.

Z24-33 Chadwell Property -(US Hwy 98 near Brehman Road)-Rezoning request for 19 acres from Rural Agricultural to RR, Rural District, heard by the Baldwin County Commissioners



Keeping it Country

By Tracey Gambill

Public Hearing on October 15 was APPROVED.

Postponed Z24-23, Jim & Donna Enterprises LLC Property-Rezoning request (asking 124 acres be rezoned from RA to RSF-1) located north of County Road 20 and west of Stucki Road. Planning Department staff recommend denial. No public hearing date set.

Improvement in process -Modifications to the Baldwin County Subdivision Regulations heard October 1 were tabled until January.

Upcoming Items – Please vote “Yes” on the three Local Amendments at the end of the ballot for Bon Secour, White House Fork and Stapleton to be allowed to become Landmark Districts to avoid being annexed by any municipality. We in the Lillian area are going to begin discussion about Lillian becoming a Landmark District to avoid being annexed by Elberta or Orange Beach in the future.

Wisdom: The worst part about being lucky is never understanding how lucky you are.

P.S. Do you know what’s “developing” in your community?

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When the Storms Dump Rain, the Hurricane Lilies Appear in Abundance

Hurricane Season 2024 doesn't end until the 30th of November. There are too many areas that have been beat to heck and back by these storms. If you have the ability, please consider donating to the American Red Cross, or your favorite hurricane relief organization to help affected families.

The end of summer is when we see hurricane lilies, *Lycoris radiata*, pop up in our landscapes. These flowers have many names: red spider lilies, red magic lilies, equinox flowers, surprise lilies, resurrection lilies, and naked ladies. The red flowered *Lycoris* is the most common color but yellow and white are other variations. It is a plant in the Amaryllis family. The Amaryllis family (Amaryllidaceae) contains 73 genera and at least 1,600 species distributed primarily in tropical and subtropical areas of the world. How is a flower like the letter A? Bees go after it!

Most people associate the Amaryllis as one specific plant. It is very commonly found around Christmas and blooms with 3-5 individual, bright red, 6 petal, star shaped flowers on a thick green stalk with smooth veined leaves. The flowers belong to a species called *Hippeastrum*. The Christmas one is often called Red Lion Amaryllis. There are more than 600 different varieties in this subset! Did you know that onions, leeks, garlic, and chives are in the Amaryllis family too?

Lycoris, or hurricane lilies, grow all along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts of the United States and down into South America. They bloom in response to heavy rainfall. Get the name now? What makes hurricane lilies interesting is that the flowers appear on their own, with no foliage. The leaves appear in the fall and persist through winter but will die back during summer's heat.

The plant has an unmistakable form: airy clusters of four to six 2-inch-long red flowers, arranged in "umbels", perched atop each plant stalk. Here's where the nerdy part comes in: "Umbels" is a botany word for a "inflorescence" that consists of a few short flower stalks (called pedicels) that spread from a common point, somewhat like umbrella ribs. The word comes from the Latin umbrella meaning "parasol, sunshade". An "inflorescence", in a flowering plant, is a group or cluster of flowers arranged on a stem that is composed of a main

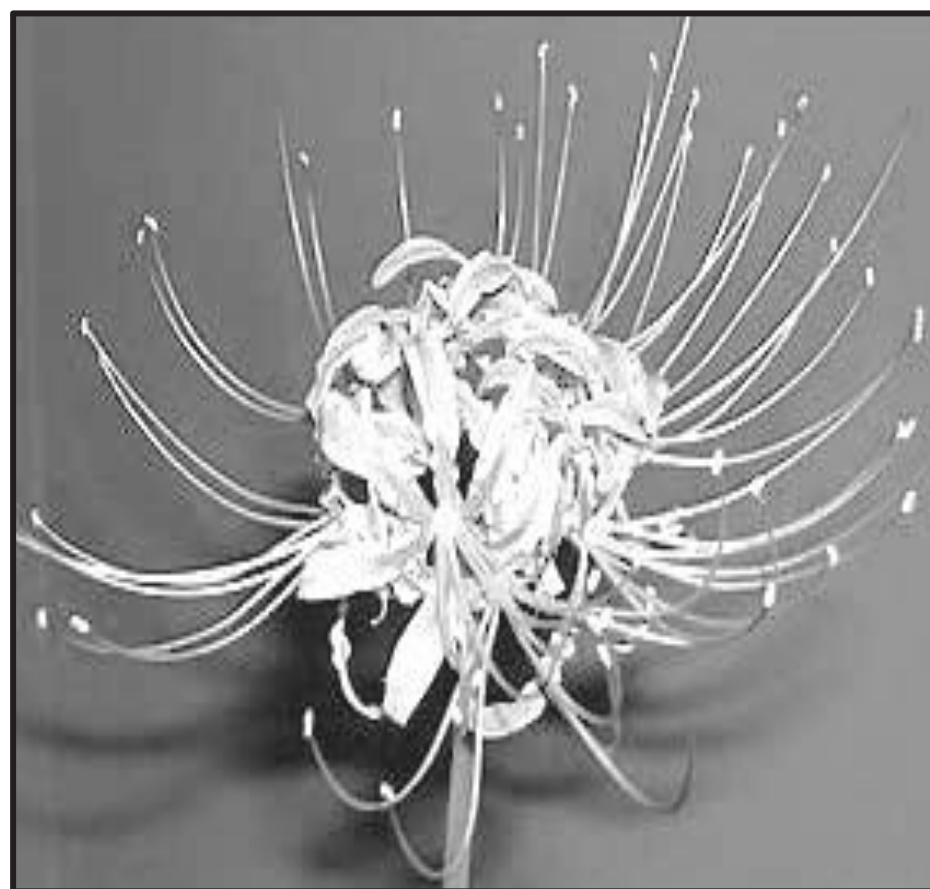
branch or a system of branches. What part of a flower has the most friends? The bud.

Back to trying to describe this weird flower, the individual flower petals are irregular, arranged in clusters, with narrow segments which curve backwards. The grouping of petals is surrounded by lots of whisker-like stamens that extend slightly upward and outward from the flower's center. Ever see one of the wire head scratchers at a dollar store? There's a handle and a bunch of spindly wires to massage your scalp. The hurricane lily looks like that if you stuff small, red flower petals inside of the wires right up next to the handle. Still clear as muddy water? Just Google it!



Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion



The bulbs of hurricane lilies are poisonous, mostly due to the presence of the toxic alkaloid "lycorine". If ingested, the bulbs can cause diarrhea, vomiting, convulsions, and - in severe cases - even death. Don't worry - you'd have to eat a LOT of hurricane lily bulbs to shuffle off your mortal coil. Hurricane lily plants also contain the alkaloid "galantamine", which has been approved by the USDA for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. It has also shown promise in preliminary studies of toxic effects on cancer cells, though further research is required!

The plant is cultivated in China for galantamine extraction, which makes sense as it is originally from China, Japan, Korea and Nepal. The flower has since become a cultural symbol, representing the arrival of fall. Red hurricane lilies are frequently seen in Japan growing along roadways and around the perimeters of rice fields and houses. The lilies are purposefully planted near rice fields to deter mice and other animals from invading the rice paddies; the poisonous bulbs are thought to keep the unwanted critters away. They do make a red border around the fields!

How do hurricane lilies see? With one eye!

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Former Manager of Elberta RV Park Faces More Child Sex Charges

Elberta Police Chief Brandon Booker confirms the arrest of Patrick Streeter on new charges involving sexual crimes against children.

Streeter had been working as a manager at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park RV Camp Resort in Elberta when he was originally arrested by the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office last year for crimes involving children in Madison County.

Earlier this year a Madison County grand jury indicted Streeter on six sex crime charges – three counts of sodomy, two counts of foster parent engaging in a sex act with a foster child and one count of sexual torture.

Booker says witnesses came forward after his initial arrest in Elberta and an investigation resulted in charges of enticing a child and Sexual Abuse of a child under 12. He was booked into the Baldwin County Jail Tuesday on the new charges.





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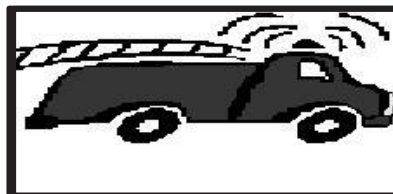
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LVFD Chief Appoints Lt. Dosh to Rank of Captain; Dept. Chief Mullane Retires

In October, the Fire District Board of Directors hosted its annual meeting. We are happy to report we came in on budget. Chief Dewhurst reported that the Lillian FD members responded to 62 calls in September. From Oct. 1, 2023 through Sept. 30, 2024 the volunteers responded to 807 total alarms.

Chief Dewhurst was happy to report that Lt. Nick Dosh has been promoted to the rank of Captain. After working with Escambia County Fire-Rescue from 2015-2018, Capt. Dosh joined the ranks of Lillian VFD in April 2018. During his tenure he has amassed numerous certifications including Instructor 1, Fire Officer levels 1, 2 & 3, Hazardous Materials Operations Level along with numerous other training certificates. Capt. Dosh was also instrumental in planning and designing our new Fire Suppression Engine 37.

On an unhappy note, Chief Dewhurst reported that Deputy Chief Todd Mullane is retiring after over 40 years in the fire service. Deputy Chief has been a tremendous asset to Lillian and even though his time with us has been relatively brief, his impact has been significant. Deputy Chief Mullane championed new technologies, embraced the need for superior EMS equipment and training and set higher standards for every member of the team. His absence will be deeply felt.



Lillian Volunteer Fire Department

By Andrew Normandeau



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On the Board side, we must sadly say good-bye to our Treasurer Goretta Lysek. Goretta dedicated almost four years as our Treasurer but her volunteerism didn't end there. She and her husband Kelvin were active members of the Fire Department for six-and-a-half years, becoming National Registered EMTs and handled a huge portion of daytime calls while most of our younger members were at work.

Finally, Michael Cleveland has stepped down from Board President after three years but will remain on the Board as Vice-President. A big thank you for his time commitment.

Elberta Middle FCCLA Attends AL CTE Joint Leadership Conference

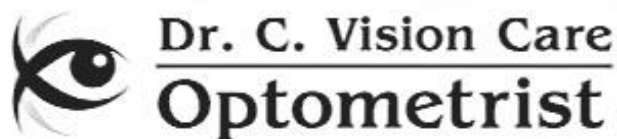


Elberta Middle School's chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) attended the southern session of the Alabama Joint Leadership Development Conference. With nearly 5,000 students, educators, industry leaders, administrators and counselors attending, Alabama's Joint Leadership Development Conference is the largest non-athletic joint gathering of students in the Southeastern United States for an educational purpose. The goal of JLDC is to build Alabama's College and Career-Ready workforce with employability skills, leadership training, exposure to Alabama's career opportunities, and increased knowledge of CTE+CTSO opportunities. Pictured: Alyssa Sutton, Autumn Norris, Heidi Kaiser, Lanie Smith, Michlynn Shaver, Rachelle Arnold, Madison Willis, and Emma Franks.

Cancer Fundraiser Champs!



On October 3, 2024, the Elberta Middle School Chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America worked with the school's football team and cheerleaders to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness month. Members sold pink lemonade and ribbons for any donation at a game and raised \$383.55 to donate to the Mitchell Cancer Institute for breast cancer research. Students pictured: Cameron Fay, Autumn Norris, Bailey Crescenzi, Heidi Kaiser, Katelyn Boyd, Aubrey Webb, Gracelynn Perez, and Hannah Seale.



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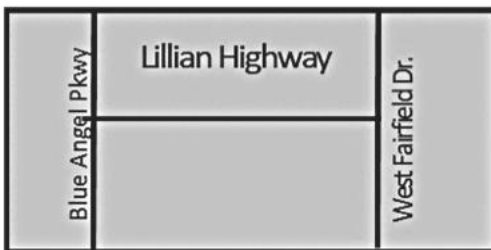
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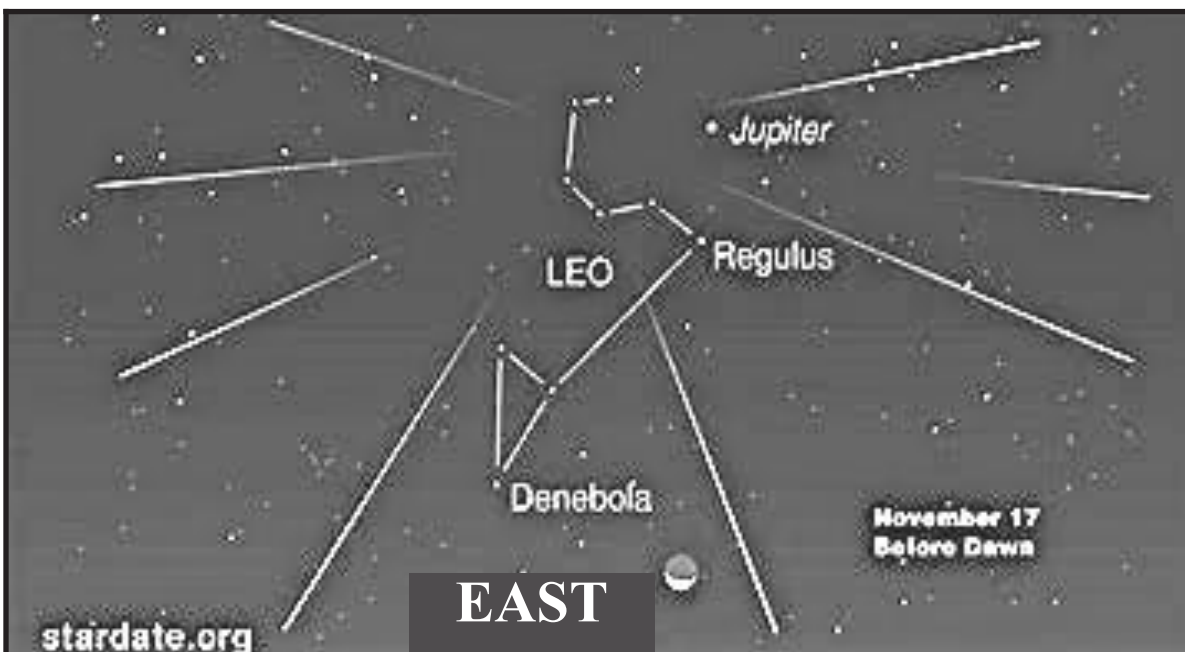
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Another Supermoon and a Meteor Shower to Grace the November Sky

November 1: New Moon
 November 4: Moon near Venus
 November 11: Moon near Saturn; lunar occultation of Saturn
 November 15: Full 'Beaver' Moon, Supermoon
 November 16: Mercury at greatest elongation east
 November 17: Leonid meteor shower peak
 November 17: Uranus at opposition
 November 17: Moon near Jupiter
 November 20: Moon near Mars

View the Leonid Meteor Shower Nov. 17



You don't need any special equipment or a lot of skills to view a meteor shower. Even though all you really need is a clear sky, lots of patience, and our handy Interactive Meteor Shower Sky Map with a visibility conditions meter to see a meteor shower, the following tips can help maximize your shooting star viewing experience. On Nov. 17:

- Find a secluded viewing spot, away from the city lights. Once at the venue, your eyes may take 15 to 20 minutes to get used to the dark.

Dress for the weather, and make sure you are comfortable, especially

if you plan to stay out long. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair with you—meteor watching can be a waiting game.

- Once you have found your viewing spot, lie down on the ground and look at the sky.

- You can use our Interactive Meteor Shower Sky Map or the table above to find the direction of the radiant; the higher the radiant is above the horizon, the more meteors you are likely to see.

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Watershed Group Lays Groundwork for Future

By Janet Larson

Exciting things are happening with The Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association. We have a newly formed board of directors and have appointed our initial officers. Our by-laws are nearly complete, and we have defined our mission:

"The primary purpose of the Association is to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural resources within the Western Perdido Bay watershed".

While working on our Articles of Incorporation and the appropriate filings, we are continuing our water testing. We are currently testing eight sites in the watershed and reporting our data monthly to Alabama Water Watch. These monitoring sites extend from the north end of Perdido Bay to Soldier Creek and Josephine. In our next article we will discuss the specific tests and what they mean. We will also keep you informed about public meetings of other groups that are focused on our water quality.

If you happen to see us testing the water, stop and say hi! In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the Western Perdido Bay Watershed Association at wpbwac@gmail.com.



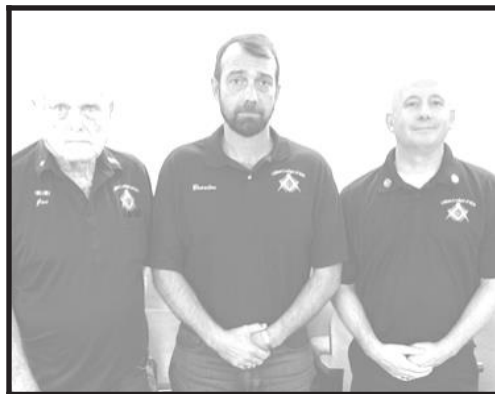
October Was a Busy Month

The Lillian Masonic Lodge had a busy month. The group had several work sessions as they stabilized the work shed on the property. A support foundation was added, while the group reshaped the grounds to allow water from the main building to exit the property without affecting the work shed. This work was led by Brothers Al Perez and Cliff Collier. They were joined by Chris King, Shane Todd, Brandon Taylor, Joe Taylor, David Johnson, Mike Blankenship and Jeff Keener.



Lillian Masonic Lodge

By Jeff Keener



Pictured from left to right is Past Worshipful Master Joe Taylor, his grandson Brandon Taylor and Chris King. The picture was taken after Brandon Taylor gave the Master Mason lecture, along with his Examiner Chris King.

As part of an effort to build stronger ties among the Brotherhood, Worshipful Master David Johnson hosted a Lodge picnic. The Lodge provided the hot dogs and hamburgers, while club members brought the pot-luck dishes.

In support of local charity, the lodge members voted to again participate in the Christmas Program by authorizing the purchase of turkeys and hams for local families in need. This program is done in cooperation with the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.



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

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

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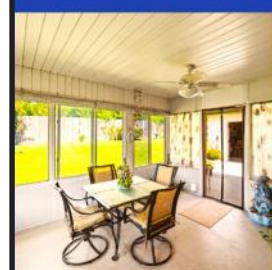


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Not a Pleasant Thought But Important: How to Plan for Incapacity?

We all hope to enjoy long, healthy lives, retaining the ability to think clearly and make our own decisions. But life doesn't always work out that way — which is why you need to prepare for a potential incapacity that could affect your independence and possibly create financial problems for your family.

So, in thinking about incapacity planning, you may want to consider the following arrangements:

- **Health care power of attorney** – When you establish a health care power of attorney, you name someone, such as a spouse or adult child, to make medical decisions on your behalf, should you become incapable of making them on your own due to disability or illness. These decisions include choosing doctors, treatments and care facilities.

- **Financial power of attorney** – With a financial power of attorney, you designate someone to assume a variety of duties for you in case you become incapacitated. These tasks include investing, selling property, paying bills and debts, collecting Social Security benefits and adding or changing insurance policies.

When establishing a health care or financial power of attorney, you may need to decide whether it's "durable" or "springing." A durable power of attorney typically takes effect immediately after you sign it, have it notarized and witnessed. So, the person you've chosen to have power of attorney — sometimes called an "agent" — can act on your behalf whenever you choose. On the other hand, you could select a power of attorney that "springs" into effect only when you become incapacitated — hence, the "springing" designation.

One issue affecting a springing power of attorney involves the speed with which it can be enacted. Generally, it won't go into effect until a

licensed physician declares in writing that the person granting the power of attorney is indeed incapacitated. This could cause a problem if your chosen agent needs to act quickly on your behalf. It's because of this potential delay that a durable power of attorney is often favored over a springing power of attorney.

However, everyone's circumstances are different, so if you have a choice between a durable or springing power of attorney, you may want to consult with an estate-planning professional for guidance.

Apart from the health care and financial powers of attorney, you may also want to consider one other incapacity-related legal document — a living will. When you establish a living will, you describe the steps you would or wouldn't want taken to keep you alive, along with other medical decisions, including pain management and organ donation.

Obviously, the decision to create a living will is highly personal, involving your feelings about self-sufficiency and the circumstances that define the quality of life you wish to have. But the mere fact of having a living will can relieve your loved ones of having to make potentially agonizing decisions.

Planning for an incapacity may not be the most pleasant task — but it's an important one. Of course, you may never become incapacitated at all, but by making the proper arrangements, you can make things easier for yourself and your family — just in case.

For questions, please contact Chantz Blackmon or Jason Kozon located at 22394 Miflin Road in Foley, 251-943-3399.



Financial Focus

By Jason Kozon
of Edward Jones

Lillian Legion Post 48 Slates Veterans Day Celebration Nov. 11

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

The American Legion stands as a beacon of inclusivity and camaraderie, offering a welcoming embrace to veterans and their families from all walks of life.

Happy Veterans Day: The American Legion POST 48 of Lillian invites all Veterans and their families in the Lillian Community for a Veterans Day Celebration. It will be held at the Lillian Community Club hall on Monday November 11th at 11a.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs and side dishes will be served along with tea and soft drinks at no cost.

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

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

MEDICAL CLOSET: Post 48 would like to reaffirm to the Lillian Community that the Medical Closet is for all Lillian citizens and there is absolutely no charge.

Many items are available, such as walkers, hospital beds, and more. The only requirement is the return of said items when no longer needed.

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

On every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Legion Members "drop by" the American Legion Building 48. The building is



Lillian American Legion Post 48

By Gay L. Pyle



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

LILLIAN PARK CELEBRATES DEDICATION, FALL FEST

It's been a fun, full Fall at the Lillian Recreational Park

Fall has been a very busy time for the Lillian Recreational Park. The Open House and Dedication Ceremony on September 28 was attended by over 150 people who enjoyed checking out the Park's new amenities, including four new pickleball courts, an expanded dog run ("The Bark Park"), and new kitchen, conference room and wildlife viewing areas. Juanita Dodd cut the dedication ribbon using giant scissors and encouraged people to enjoy hot dogs on the porch.

The Fall Fest was a huge success. Not only was there all-day music and great BBQ, facepainting, and lots of fun games and activities, but a ride on the South Alabama Antique Tractor & Engine Club's hay wagon to the pumpkin patch was a big hit. So were the pumpkin smashing and scarecrow making attractions organized by Curt Randow and Dean Wood.

Josh Garlock and Fourd Attaway oversaw the BBQ and proved once again that our pulled pork reigns supreme. The grilled corn donated by Cassebaum's was a big hit, as was the Crazy Horse

cole slaw.

The day's incredible musicians, coordinated by Bryan Bailey, played nonstop until the fireworks show at 7.

The day's musicians were Jimmy Smith, Wire & Bad Bones, Plus One, Gary Story, and Brian Bailey and Gavin Southerland.

The day's festivities ended with a spectacular fireworks show that was accompanied by "ooohs" and "aaahs" from everyone. Next year's Fall Fest will be on Saturday, October 11, so mark your calendars now.



Time for Pickleball at the Park

Did you know?

The Park has four Pickleball courts.

Did you know?

You can sign up for lessons with any one of the three certified instructors who have registered with the park to teach.

Did you know?

These instructors can offer one on one, group clinics, children, and adult instruction.

Did you know?

Whether you are an enthusiastic beginner or someone who wants to improve their game, you can schedule an appointment by contacting

*Jorja Hardy, 850-512-6363, jorja36549@yahoo.com

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The Lillian Recreational Park is open to all players. Many use the GroupMe App to schedule open play to see who is available. You can join the Lillian Pickleball GroupMe app by scanning the code or contacting Jorja or Jean.

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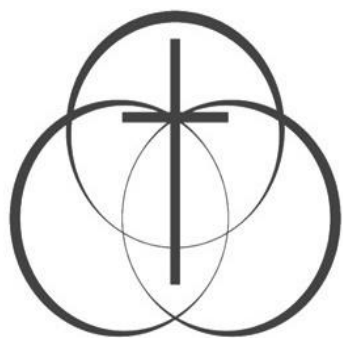
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Don't Let Your Tongue Bite You



The Methodist Message

By Rev. Daniel Randall

The ability to communicate correctly with each other is one of the greatest challenges of our time. Our inability to communicate is sometimes at the heart of many of our greatest and most serious problems. What we communicate and how we communicate with our tongue is of great importance! To the physician, it's merely a two-ounce slab of mucous membrane enclosing a complex array of muscles and nerves that enable our bodies to chew, taste, and swallow. Equally significant, it is the major organ of communication that enables us to articulate distinct sounds so we can understand each other. In the book of James chapter three, we are reminded that the problems of the tongue and communicating properly are not new problems, but ancient problems that demand daily attention and action.

James declares that our spiritual life and maturity as a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ are shaped by our tongue. We can use the tongue to do harm by verbally abusing and demeaning others. Most bullying is verbal and masked in humor that harms. This is not the best use of our tongues. A better use of our tongue is to build up, instill hope, express love and give encouragement with the goal of lifting the spirit of others. James states that the tongue is small, yet it has great influence and power over the rest of the body. He compares it to a bit in the mouth of a horse, a rudder on a large ship, and a spark that can set the whole forest burning. Without the constraining and controlling power of the Holy Spirit, it is impossible to tame the tongue from its natural tendency to hurt and harm. Only when the tongue is under the power of the Holy Spirit can it be used to heal not hurt. 1st Corinthians 13 reminds us that "Even though I can speak in the tongues of men and angels, if I have not loved I have gained nothing."

I want to suggest three ways we can use our tongues that will empower us to be authentic witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ. To bring healing and hope instead of hurting and hate. First, all our words should bless others! Proverbs 12:18 says, "Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword--but wisely spoken words can heal." Even when we must share hard truths, we should always do so in Christian Love and Grace, always! We are to build up not tear down! Second, we are to use our tongues to praise God rather than poison life and curse His creation! A young lady named Sally, and her mother had a violent shouting match about the dent she put in her mother's car. After the confrontation, the father tried to console her. "What did your mother say about the dent in the car?" he asked. "Dad, do you want me to leave out the swear words?" "Please," he replied. Sally said, "Then she didn't say anything." The mother failed to realize that words also can leave "dents" in people, but more than that they can poison the soil of a relationship. Dents can be hammered out of a car--they are much more difficult for human beings. Third, allow our words to be a voice through which Christ can speak words of encouragement to others. It is living the simple prayer, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Our words need to be dedicated to God. God is concerned about every word we speak and desires us to consecrate it to Him.

Two kinds of birds fly over our deserts: the Hummingbird and the Vulture. The vulture sees nothing but rotting meat because that is what the vulture looks for. They thrive on a diet of dead and decaying things. The hummingbird flies over the same desert and sees instead the tiny blossoms of the cactus flower. They buzz around until they find the colorful blooms hidden from view by the rocks. Each bird finds what it is looking for. We all do. The same can be said for our words and the destination and purpose we have for them. Don't let your tongue bite you or anyone else. Use it for the Glory of God.

The Most Important Part of Being an American; Your Right to Vote

Well, that day is finally here. November 5, Election Day. We've heard and seen it all and I'm sure most of us have made up our minds about the persons who will get our vote. As I've mentioned before, if you don't vote, you have no right to "complain" after election day. So, mark your calendars and head on off to your voting precinct. If you live in Lillian, you will vote at the Lillian Community Club.



Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Our poll workers are asking that we leave the early hours open for those who work so they can do their voting duty and make it to work on time. They will be brought to the head of the line, so you might just as well wait until mid-morning. Have that extra cup of coffee after an hour or two of snoozing.

Poll workers will also be giving physically disabled or senior voters over age 70 a step to the front of the line. Just notify one of the workers.

Remember, in Lillian we kind of have a large number of senior citizens, so be patient, if you don't qualify. There is a special machine for

those who cannot handle the pen for the paper ballots. This is also handy for those who have trouble reading the paper ballots. If you need assistance in voting, you may designate a person to help and fill out the appropriate information on the poll list.

There are many offices to vote for, but only three are contested, President and Vice President, US Representative, 1st Congressional District and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. There are also four proposed Constitutional amendments, one statewide and three Baldwin County. For a sample ballot go to www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/2024-general-election-sample-ballots. There is no Baldwin County Board of Education voting in our district.

Statewide Amendment 1 transfers certain properties owned by the Franklin County School System in Fayette and Walker Counties to Franklin County Board of Education,



Just a Thought or Two

By Sally McKinney

as per an 1800 Congressional decision to provide "Sixteenth Section Lands" and "Indemnity Lands" to benefit schools. More can be learned about this by clicking on the line on the website that mentions "plain language."

The three Local Amendments deal with defining Bon Secour, White House Fork and Stapleton Landmark Districts within Baldwin County, prohibiting any annexation to a municipality except under certain circumstances.

So, folks, mark your calendars and be sure to do your duty as a citizen of the United States of America!

Year of Leadership for Optimist Governor Jeff Keener Ends

A special thank you to the staff of The Lillian Newspaper that allowed me to publish articles on my journey as Governor of the Alabama Mississippi Optimist District #29

October was the start of the new year for local Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, but it marked the end of his term as Governor. Lillian resident, Jeff Keener, officially transitioned to Immediate Past Governor and returns to his role within the Perdido Bay and Pleasure Island Optimist Club.

Keener's message to his replacement Michael Hanshaw of the Montgomery Central Optimist Club were to "Continue emphasizing the CARE Program (Celebrate, Address, Recognize and Excel); ensure all clubs update their bylaws so they retain their club liability insurance and continue to deliver programs in their communities that improve the lives of young people, their community and themselves".

Keener added that "it was important to add a fourth com-

ponent to the mission. Sharing the good feeling of community service with the intent of adding new members to their club is critical to the organization."

According to Keener, "It is impossible to pick one project or event as the most impactful, because our District clubs are delivering so many critical programs. I will say that the highlight for me had to be the people he met and the friendships made as he and his wife Kathy (Kat) traveled through the District".

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

OPTIMIS District #29 president

By Jeff Keener

Save the Date, Nov. 9, for Perdido VFD Charity Fish Fry

Perdido Beach VFD Auxiliary Hosts Charity Fish Fry November 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner is \$15.00 for adults and \$10 for kids. There will be hot dogs for kids who don't eat fish. Dinner consists of fried fish (catfish or mullet), baked beans, coleslaw, cheese grits, hush puppies, dessert and ice tea. More info is with Auxiliary President, Carolyn Hertel at 251-609-0608.



Charles G. Finney: Considered the Father of American Revivalism

Charles Grandison Finney was President of Oberlin College in Ohio from 1851-1866, but it was certainly not his favorite role. One evening a building of the college caught fire. After the rush of waking people and putting out the blaze, Finney and a young man were walking away discussing the evening's events. Finney suddenly stopped mid-sentence and asked, "Are you a Christian?" Charles Finney was a good president and great preacher of the early 1800's but his first calling was as an evangelist. What President Andrew Jackson did for politics in the 1830's, Finney did for theology – brought the message to the common man.

Charles Grandison Finney (1792-1875) began his life as a lawyer, but experienced a profound, life-changing conversion in 1821. Leaving his law practice to become a preacher, Finney is said to have told a man, "I cannot represent you. I have another client." That client was Jesus Christ. Finney could not entirely leave his legal training, however, because throughout his life, people commented that his preaching often sounded like a lawyer trying a case. He left no stone unturned, no place for his arguments to be disputed.

Finney did not attend a seminary, instead studying on his own. He was ordained by the Presbyterian Church, but saw himself as a liberalized Calvinist. He believed that everyone had within themselves the ability to choose Christ, anyone willing to repent could obtain assurance of salvation immediately. Eventually, he would leave the Presbyterian Church seeing the churches position as having "burdensome organizational handicaps and a theology unappreciative of native human ability." In his style, Finney was direct, his language blunt, his attitude almost arrogant. Due to a background as a lawyer, he is said to have "hounded sinners as a lawyer might badger a jury." He had a deeply penetrating gaze sinking his eyes into people. He introduced a new era in American evangelism. He prayed for people by name. He permitted women to pray in public. He entered towns without the invitation of a local pastor. He frequently

used the name of Jesus in his sermons. And he introduced what became known as the anxious bench. This was a bench in the front row of the church where unconverted persons would sit as they contemplated giving their life to Christ.

While his style was new and unorthodox for the time, he was



Moving Forward

By Rev. Tina Lockett



very effective. His preaching is one of the key events which marks the beginning of the second Great Awakening. From 1825 to 1832 he and others led revivals all over New England, particularly upstate New York and Boston. Thousands of people accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. While evangelism was always his top priority, Finney was a promoter of benevolence, an abolitionist, a reformer advocating temperance and care for the mentally disabled, and finally a pioneer of co-education at Oberlin College. He was one of the first to be successful at joining evangelical religion with social reform.

Several books, including Lectures on Revivals (1835) and Systematic Theology (1846) record Finney's views on these issues. In addition, many of his sermons have been recorded. In a sermon titled "God's Love for a Sinning World" based on John 3:16 Finney applies scripture to the various needs of the congregation. He quite bluntly calls the people sinners, but later refers to them as grace-filled Christians. Near his conclusion, he openly speaks against slavery and alcohol. He was not afraid to announce his belief about social issues or the Gospel message. There is no hidden agenda in a Finney sermon. He ends with a decisive call for others to serve Christ using Isaiah's words, "Here I am! Send me!"

In another sermon, titled "How to Promote a Revival" his gift of personal application shines. He often speaks to specific needs of members of the congregation. Part of his strength was also a weakness in his preaching. Finney admitted, "I talk to the people as I would have talked to a jury." This style in itself was one of his greatest failings: his preaching was often repetitive and argumentative, even hostile. But no one could deny the personal, specific, plain nature of his messages.

Finney is now considered to be the father of American Revivalism. His life would light a fire that would continue through the ministries of such people as Dwight Moody, Billy Sunday, and eventually Billy Graham and countless others.

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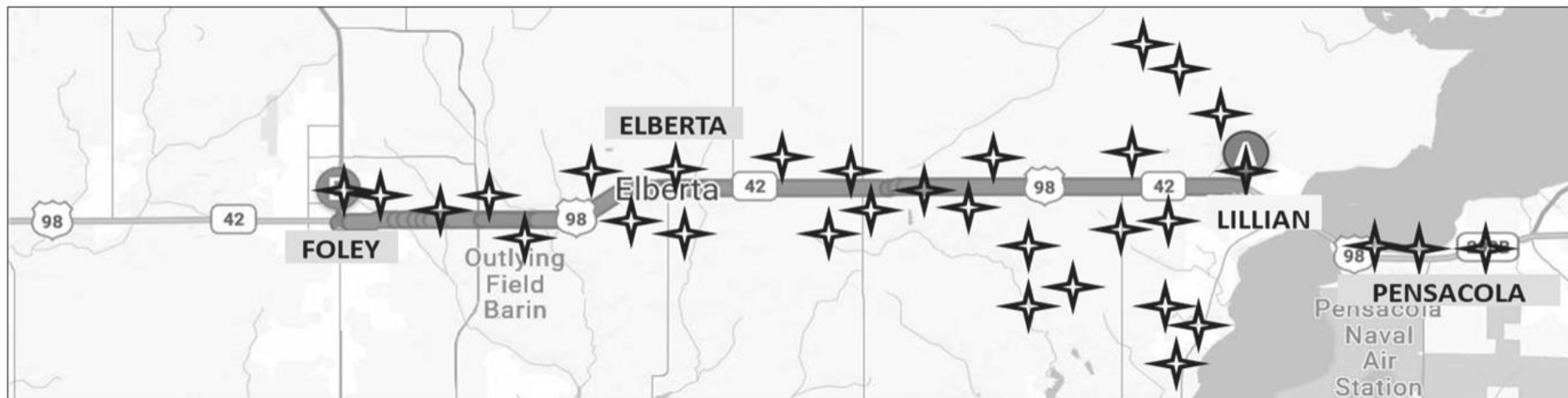
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CHIT CHAT

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 November go to Homer McNeill II, Price Legg, Rich-

ard C. Holt, Steve Greer, Martha Kreamer, Carolyn Holt, Vicki Coyle, Sue Dickson, Gail Stewart, Allyson Greer, Peggy Bingle, Dick Rice, Brandon Williams, Aubrey Verret, Linda Andrews, Gene Fell, Bob Linde, Evelyn Duckworth, Bill Burns, Hannas Hayles, Annette Culpepper, Gladys Mor-

ris, Mac McMorris, Gerald Jackson, Jim Peale, Joan Fletcher and Rose Vargo.

Anniversary congratulations go out to Ron and Barbara Parks 1963, Cliff and Mary Collier 1974 and Brannen and Megan Hall 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 December issue of The Lillian is November 20.



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HURRICANE RELIEF

Elberta Middle FCCLA Hosts Donation Drive for Helene Victims

Elberta Middle School Chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America hosted a donation drive at their school October 1-4, 2024. Students at the school donated over 1200 items and delivered them to Lower Alabama Search and Rescue, who took donations to Florida. Mrs. Burnett's Academic Focus Class brought the most donations and won a donut party.



Brooklyn Jackson and Alli Mae Hermecz sorting items.



Burnett's Academic Focus Class

Local LASAR Jumps Into Action in Response to Hurricane Damage

LASAR members delivered more than 25 pallets of food, paper goods and cleaning supplies to Perry, Florida on Friday, Oct. 11. Ralph Scott, Doug Goff and Steve Fuller drove a 30' trailer and a pick-up truck load. The volunteers in Perry served them dinner before they came back to Lillian. LASAR was well represented at OWA's recent Safety Day. Members displayed scuba gear and rescue equipment, and passed out frisbees to the kids. A big thanks to all for all the support we received for the hurricane victims in Florida.



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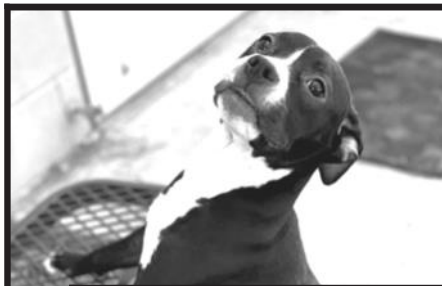
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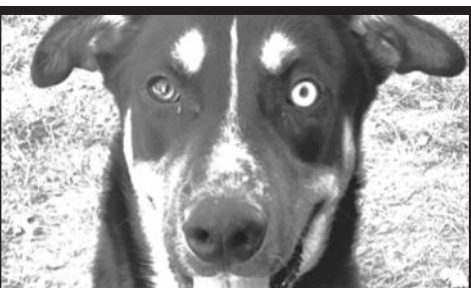
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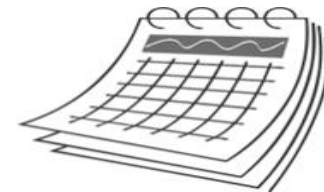
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The Lillian Calendar



November 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 7:00 PM - ALANON meeting at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

November 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 7:00 PM – AA meeting at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL.

November 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 11:00 AM & November 7, 14 & 21 at 10:00 AM - Ageless Grace (Exercise for the Body & Brain), at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630. (No class on 11/28)

November 9 & 23 at 8:00 AM - Join the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay for a Free Breakfast at the Lillian Community Club. 11/9 Help us Honoring our Veterans! 11/23 Come learn about all that the Lillian Recreational Park has to offer and how we can help. (No Reservation Needed & Guests eat for Free!)

November 17 at 4:00 PM – This Year’s Annual Community Thanksgiving Gathering is being hosted by Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, located at 12851 N. Perdido Street, Lillian, AL 36549. The Rev. Paul Wargo will deliver the sermon and area pastors will share in the service. There will be a light reception following in the fellowship hall. The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service is sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. To learn more about our organization go to OptimistClub.org/.

November 21 1:00 PM - Dementia Education Forum & Caregiver Support Group with guest speakers at Lillian Methodist Church, located at 12770 S. Perdido St., Lillian, AL. For more information contact Sharyon Miller at 850-221-8630.

AAA—In Lillian go to gulfcoastaa.org. There is a list of meetings at easternshoreaaa.org. Pensacola meetings are at aapensacola.org.

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OBITUARIES

Lois J. Russell. 84, Lillian

Lois J. Russell, age 84 of Lillian, Alabama, formerly of Youngstown, Ohio, went to live with the Lord on September 7, 2024. She was at home surrounded by her loving family.

Lois developed the love of travel with her family by vacationing in all 50 states. With her husband, Michael they continued to explore 112 countries after they retired from Valley Electric (VEC) which they founded in 1974.

Lois loved living abroad for 2 years when the military stationed her husband in Etain, France. There Lois shipped her sewing machine where she started her business of sewing uniforms and patches for other service men.

Lois was a committed Christian and a member of the Lillian Methodist Church. She also served as a Stephens Minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Foley. Lois loved serving her community by being a member of the Optimist Club of Lillian, order of Eastern Star, Stone City Chapter #325, the women's auxiliary Electrical Craft #55 and the Perdido Bay Power Squadron, where she served as assistant Treasurer for 5 years. Lois also enjoyed painting, reading, and gardening in her free time. She also was a published author, she wrote poetry and several poems are printed, in the National Library of Poetry Books. However, she mostly enjoyed spending time with her family and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 68 years, Michael Russell, her parents, Charles and Vergie Nunn, her best friend and sister Betty Burgdorf and her brother, Charles Ray Nunn.

Lois's legacy lives on through her survivors, her children Ty (Maureen) Russell of Elberta, AL, Kathy (Curt) Bodamer of Boardman, OH, Keith Russell of Vietnam, Diane McDonald of Panama City, FL; brother, Phillip (Barbara) Nunn; grandchildren, Amber, Cori, Jessica, Abby, Emily, Polina, Alex, Kate; and many nephews and nieces.

Services were held at The Lillian Methodist Church, Lillian, Alabama, Friday, September 13.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Lois's favorite charity, Mary's Shelter of the Gulf Coast, PO Box 18, Elberta, AL 36530.

**Sybil H. Vicknair, Lillian**

Sybil H. Vicknair, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully at her Lillian, Alabama home on Sunday, July 21, 2024. Born in New Jersey, she fought a courageous battle against cancer for many years before succumbing at the age of 68, surrounded by her loving family.

A cornerstone of her life was her family, whom she cherished deeply.

She is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Jimmie Vicknair; son, Brandt Vicknair (Alexis) of New Orleans, LA; daughter, Brennan Vicknair Jackson (Daniel) of Terrytown, LA; grandchildren, Eliza Vicknair, Bryson Jackson and Brooklyn Jackson; other relatives and dear friends; all of whom will deeply miss her.

A private memorial service will be held for the immediate family.

**Karen Renee McDermand, Lillian**

Karen Renee McDermand, age 66, a resident of Lillian, AL for 25 years, passed away Monday, September 9th, 2024.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Mo. she began her career in ticket sales with the St. Louis Cardinals club at Busch stadium, eventually becoming vault money manager, and retiring from there.

She had a love for her job, meeting new people, and more than anything, her 3 cats, Monkey, Kinsa, and Charlotte. Her laughter could often be heard filling up any room she was in.

Preceded in death by her parents Earl Pashia, and Jacqueline Prater, as well as second mom, Darlene Maher.

Also preceded in death by her beloved brother Mark Pashia, her first husband Rick Hays, longtime partner Mike Pomirko, second husband, Greg McDermand, and stepdaughter Katie Pomirko.

She is survived by her dear Aunt and Uncle, and stepchildren Jennifer (Ron) Sparks of MO, and Michael Pomirko of GA. and many other relatives and friends.



DEATH NOTICES

FRANK JACOBSON, JR, formerly of Spanish Cove on County Road 99 passed away April 15, 2024

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Thersa Kathryn Wilmeth, 86

Theresa Kathryn Wilmeth, age 86, born in Esmond, ND and a resident of Perdido Beach, AL, passed away September 18, 2024. Terry was a long time resident and volunteer with the local fire department in Perdido Beach, AL.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Jim.

She is survived by her 3 children, Toni (Mike) Epperly of Simpsonville, SC, James (Emelie) Wilmeth of Elberta, AL, and Barry (Merlie) Wilmeth of Kapolei, HI, 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and many other loving relatives and friends.

A Memorial Mass was held at St Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian, on Saturday, October 5.



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ATTEND MEETINGS WHEN POSSIBLE

Life is All About Changes and Even More About How We Handle Them

I went grocery shopping hoping for some fruit but soon realized that I'd have to sell my great grandchildren to afford it. I went home with my craving unsatisfied and a box of cookies. Something is wrong with this picture.

Whooping Cough is on the rise in North America. Most of us probably thought that this bacterial, respiratory infection, and sometimes life-threatening disease actually called Pertussis was not a problem anymore in the U. S. since babies and young children are supposed to be immunized to prevent it with the DTaP vaccines from ages 2 months to about four or six years. These shots also cover Tetanus and Diphtheria.

However, the perfect storm comes together when parents who don't believe in vaccinations don't have their children immunized and third world country individuals infected with the bacteria cross the border undetected come within the vicinity of one another. No blame intended, just saying.

A couple of weeks ago I drove out onto County Road 99, no cars, continued onto Highway 98 with hardly a vehicle in sight and I thought I had been transported back 30 years in time. How wonderful, but like a dream, it didn't last because the very next day the traffic was back to present-normal. Oh well, it was nice while it lasted.

Just a reminder: Sunday, November 3 we say goodbye to daylight savings time and fall back one hour to the time that many feel should be the all-year prevalence – "Standard Time".

Arizona (except for the Navajo Nation) and Hawaii are on permanent standard time and certain counties in Indiana also do not observe daylight savings time.

Florida has talked about staying "standard" and we Lillianites wonder how that would work with our Pensacola doctor appointments. If Florida wouldn't observe daylight savings time, we can only hope that Alabama would do the same. But for now, we both fall back.

Another reminder is for you to vote on Tuesday, November 5. If you wait to find out about the candidates from political ads, you blew it. The ads are nonsense and usually mostly or all lies. The point of them is that the negative words about the other candidate is what you will remember as well as their promises. Politicians cannot truly promise anything because it takes majority votes of Congress.

Another thing to remember is that nothing is truly free. The cost will come down to you one way or the other. If not through taxes, through the cost of goods you buy. Just saying.

With Thanksgiving and the holidays of December closing in on us it can be trying times for those who have recently lost a loved-one.

In a novel I'm reading, a young woman who lost her husband tries to ignore her grief by keeping extremely busy. It's fool hearty because grief has many stages that we all must go through to heal. When my sister was 36, her husband died of cancer, and she was forced to make a lot of changes in her life and move on without the chance to mourn completely. A few years later the grief hit her with a vengeance.

Sometime within the first year after my husband died, I came across a group at one of our local churches for those who were grieving. Listening to others tell of their sadness and how they were coping or not was important to understanding my own grief. We also learned the importance of allowing ourselves to go through the process of grieving. Hearing others voice some of the stages they went through, including anger toward their loved-one for dying, helps you realize that it is normal and you're not crazy or horrible for the feelings coming through. If there is a support group near you, I strongly recommend that you attend.

This year's events may be hard for you to get through but know that with time, this too shall pass. Mourning is normal and necessary, but it will get easier and the joy will return.

"Grief is a tree that has tears for its fruit." Philmon (circa 361-363).



Bits and Pieces

By Jackie Reid

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FACTORS FOR EVALUATION OF REZONING APPLICATION – Z24-40
HAMM ENTERPRISES AND ANSWERS FROM A LILLIAN ACTIVIST/
COLUMNIST TRACEY GAMBILL:

- Is the requested change compatible with the existing development pattern and the zoning of nearby properties?
- 87% RURAL AGRICULTURE SURROUNDING NORTH, WEST, AND SOUTH ADJACENT PROPERTIES FOR MORE THAN A MILE WOULD BE COMPATIBLE.
 - 13% RSF-3 AND RSF-4 SURROUNDING EAST ADJACENT PROPERTIES FOR .5 OR LESS MILES IS NOT COMPATIBLE.
- 2.) Has there been a change in the conditions upon which the original zoning designation was based? Have land uses or conditions changed since the zoning was established?
- NO
- 3.) Does the proposed zoning better conform to the Master Plan?
- NO. THE MASTER PLAN CLEARLY SHOWS THIS PROPERTY IN A MODERATE ZONING AREA, RSF-1 AND RSF-2
- 4.) Will the proposed change conflict with existing or planned public improvements?
- NONE KNOWN
- 5.) Will the proposed change adversely affect traffic patterns or congestion?
- ADDITIONAL 60 HOMES WILL ADD A MINIMUM OF 60 VEHICLES TO THE TRAFFIC ON RIDGEWOOD DRIVE, WHICH IS ALREADY A 3.5 MINUTE DRIVE AT NORMAL SPEED FROM THE ENTRANCE AT COUNTY ROAD 99
- 6.) Is the proposed amendment consistent with the development patterns in the area and appropriate for orderly development of the community?
- THERE HAS BEEN NO DEVELOPMENT PATTERN IN OR AROUND THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FOR 50 YEARS
- 7.) Is the proposed amendment the logical expansion of adjacent zoning districts?
- IS IT LOGICAL TO BASE THIS DECISION ON THE 13% OF ADJACENT ZONING DISTRICTS OR THE 87% ADJACENT ZONING DISTRICTS? WE FEEL 87% SHOULD BE THE CONTROLLING FACTOR.

8.) Is the timing of the request appropriate given the development trends in the area?

- Staff believes timing is not a factor for this request. DISAGREE. WE FEEL THAT NO DEVELOPMENT TREND HAS TAKEN PLACE FOR 50 YEARS MEANS "NO" TO THE TIMING OF THIS REQUEST.

9.) Will the proposed change adversely impact the environmental conditions of the vicinity or the historic resources of the County?

- YES. CHANGING THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE FROM TIMBERLAND TO DEVELOPMENT WHERE THERE ARE WETLANDS AND SIGNIFICANT WATERSHED DRAINAGE, POTENTIAL DOWNSTREAM FLOODING ONTO EXISTING PROPERTIES LEADING TO PERDIDO BAY, AND EXISTING SEWAGE PLANT PROBLEMS AS EVIDENCED BY ADEM INVOLVEMENT LEADING TO THE POLLUTION OF PERDIDO BAY WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS OF THE VICINITY.

10.) Will the proposed change adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the County and the vicinity?

- SIMPLY, YES.

11.) Other matters which may be appropriate ...

- TIME FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO REACH THIS PROPERTY FROM COUNTY ROAD 99 IS SIGNIFICANT.

- ACCESS FROM COUNTY ROAD 91 WILL BE OPPOSED BY TWO OR MORE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS TO THE WEST.

- ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S STATEMENTS ON MAY 21, 2024, SHOULD THIS MATTER BE DENIED LEADING TO THE APPLICANT SUING THE COUNTY, THE APPLICANT WOULD LOSE IN A COURT OF LAW.

WE FEEL THAT CHECKMARKS, QUESTION MARKS AND N/A LABELS TO THE ABOVE OUTLINED FACTORS DO NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE FACTORS. OF THE ELEVEN, WE FIND 1.UNFAVORABLE 2. UNFAVORABLE 3.HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE 4. UNKOWN 5. HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE 6. UNFAVORABLE 7. UNFAVORABLE 8. UNFAVORABLE 9. HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE 10. UNFAVORABLE 11. UNFAVORABLE.

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Sat Nov 2 MIDLIFE 6-10
Sun Nov 3 JOHNNY BRITT 4-8
Tue Nov 5 COWBOY & CO 5-9
Wed Nov 6 BAT BENNETT 6-9
Fri & Sat Nov 8/9
FRANK BROWN 6-10
Sun Nov 10 JOHNNY BRITT 4-8
Tue Nov 12 LEANN ROB 5-9
Wed Nov 13 T BON BO MARK 5-9
Fri Nov 15 BAT BENNETT 7-10
Sat Nov 16 AL & CATHY 6-10
Sun Nov 17 JOHNNY BRITT 4-8i

WEEKLY SHOWS

Tue Nov 19 COWBOY & CO 5-9
Wed Nov 20 BAT BENNETT 6-9
Fri Nov 22 SUGARCANE 7-10
Sat Nov 23 BRANDON GILES 6-10
Sun Nov 24 MASON 4-8
Tue Nov 26 THE HEAT 5-9
Wed 27 T BONE BO MAR 5-9
Fri Nov 29 COWBOY 6-10