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#### Lillian, AL 36549

# The Lillian Celebrating Our 24th Anniversary!

## **Searching For Answers**

#### Curry Weber Piecing Together Early Lillian History By Janel Smith Weber's curiosity takes over.

We all love a good mystery and Curry Weber is no exception. And when that mystery includes local history, it's safe to say he's hooked.

Weber moved to Lillian about two years ago from Memphis where he had worked since 2000 in recording studios as an engineer and producer.

He was already familiar with this area, often visiting his grandparents in Mobile and Gulf Shores as he was growing up. But lately he has become fascinated with early Lillian history.

After moving here, he became involved with the ancient Indian canal project in Gulf Shores as a volunteer researcher and an archaeological assistant with field digs. His research work led to discovering some interesting events that took place in or near Lillian.

As a self-proclaimed history nerd, this was all it took for Weber to turn his attention to finding out more about early Lillian and Pancha's Ferry Landing.

Never heard of Pancha's Ferry? Don't feel bad - there's not much known about it and that's where His research has included reading books on local history such as Olive Hearon's "Lillian... Links to the Past" and whatever he can find on Baldwin County from the Foley library. He also digs online, combing through documents and transcribing historical documents in the hopes of putting together a better picture of Lillian from 1760-1860.

Believing our community was a place of importance for Native Americans, Weber is also hoping to find that the ferry was more than just a transportation link connecting Pensacola and Mobile.

What he has discovered so far is intriguing and very convincing that he is on the right track.

One such piece is a September 1814 letter to General Andrew Jackson from T.H. Benton, a Lt. Col. with the 39th Infantry. In it, Benton writes about British forces retreating from the first battle at Fort Bowyer (now known as Fort Morgan) as part of the War of 1812. These Royal Marines met up with a rear guard of British forces at Bon Secour and both • *History, continued on Page 2* 





Runners take off at the 2018 Mullet Festival 5K run/walk. A full slate of activities and fun are set for the 2019 event on Sept. 2.

## Join the Fun on Labor Day

By Sally McKinney

Children in Baldwin County are the beneficiaries of the Annual Mullet Festival hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. All funds raised by the organization are used for programs for children.

The day includes breakfast, followed by the 5K run and walk, mullet toss, silent auction and Déjà vu Market, mullet/catfish/ham lunch, music, raffle, craft vendors, bake sale, blood mobile and more.

Start the fun with the famous Optimist breakfast that is served from 7 to 9 a.m. \$4 will get you eggs, sausage, pancakes, grits, biscuits and gravy, fruit and beverage. Kids under 8 years of age eat free!

American Legion Post 48 members will raise the flag in an awe-inspiring presentation at 7:15 a.m., with the race stepping off at 7:30.



bid on a variety of items including tools, household items and gift certificates for everything from dinners to haircuts and beyond.

There's nothing better for lunch than the Optimist Club special mullet/catfish/ham dinner that includes hushpuppies, baked beans, grits, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Don't like fish? We'll have ham available for you. Cost is

The items discovered at what Curry Weber believes to be the site of Pancha's Ferry included several types of ceramics from edged pearlware, transfer printed and plain whiteware and salt glazed stoneware. The ragged strip of metal is a brass sheet with an iron reinforcing rod contained in the folded edge, possibly from a kettle. Awards will be presented in several age groups for the runners and walkers. The 1-Mile Fun Run starts at 8:30.

To sign up for the race visit https://OCPBfoundation.org. Registration on the day of the race at the LCC begins at 6 a.m.

The kids' fun station opens at 9:30 a.m. and remains open until 2 p.m.

Men, women, boys and girls will be competing in the mullet toss from 10 a.m. to noon. Awards will be given in several categories.

Gently used items of all kinds will be available for sale in the Déjà Vu Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by the silent auction tables to \$10 per person, but once again, kids under 8 eat free!

Big Jake and the Tag-A-Longs will provide music for listening and dancing from noon to 3 p.m. The raffle drawing will be held at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Prizes are \$1,000, \$400, \$200 and \$100.

All proceeds from the event will be used to fund programs to "Bring Out the Best in Kids." Throughout the school year Optimist members work with Elberta and Foley schools on a variety of projects including reading, math tutoring, mentoring, providing Christmas gifts for • Mullet, continued on Page 3

Board meeting of the Lillian Action Committee will be held at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library at 2 p.m. on October 21, 2019.

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# The Lillian





## State, National Election Dates Announced for 2020

The 2020 election calendar has been released. The Presidential Preference Primary will be held Tuesday, March 3. This will include Alabama statewide offices. In a preferential primary you choose the ballot of the party of the candidates for whom you want to vote, either Republican or Democrat.

The primary runoff election will be held Tuesday, March 31, for those offices where candidates did not capture 50% of the vote in the primary election. The top two candidates will be

### listed on the runoff ballot.

There is no crossover voting in the runoff, so if you voted a Democrat ballot on March 3, you may not vote Republican on March 31 and vice versa. However, if you did not vote in the primary, you may vote either way in the runoff, but still only one party. In November you may vote for either a Democrat or Republican for each office.

The General Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020.

### Lillian Church Hosting 18th Annual BBQ & Blues

an arts and crafts fair, kids'

games, a \$1,000 raffle and a

available at the church office

prior to the event and during

The church is located one

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The Episcopal Church of the Advent in Lillian will be hosting their 18th annual BBQ & Blues on Saturday, Oct. 19. a.m. to 3 p.m. and admission is free.

An outdoor concert will feature Ted Hefko's New Orleans Band.

#### • History, continued from Page 1

groups made their way to the nearest place to cross Perdido Bay, Pancha's ferry landing.

Another piece written by William Ellis, an inspector of the revenue at Mobile, has proven helpful as well. His journal describes how he was taken hostage by the British and Indians at Bon Secour during this retreat. This is an excellent first-hand account of the retreat and excerpts of this diary were published in an 1815 issue of Nile's Weekly Register.

Beginning with an entry on Aug. 28, 1814, Ellis writes about his position as a custom house officer stationed in Bon Secour, a river on the east side of Mobile Bay. On Sept. 12, he was taken hostage by the Royal Marines and his Sept. 18 entry claims the group arrived at Pancha's landing on Perdido Bay. Crossings continued through Sept. 22 when Ellis described how British leaders learned a party of Americans would be coming across Perdido Bay to Pensacola and plans were made to march to the ferry to thwart the Americans.

Ellis' journal ends on Sept. 23. The reasons aren't known, but British officers placed Ellis on one of their vessels which likely took him to the West Indies. His journal was believed to have been handed off to another American hostage in Pensacola and was then later shared.

Weber has also been studying a report and sketches made by Capt. Daniel Burch during 1828. Burch was assistant to the quartermaster general stationed at Pensacola and was assigned to survey the area between Mobile Point, Blakeley and Pensacola to assess and improve military travel between the three mile south of U.S. Highway 98 on County Road 99.

Delicious barbecued ribs, pork and chicken will be available for purchase from Tiny's Smokehouse.

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important connection point. He drew a comprehensive map of his proposed routes, writing detailed notes about distances, current paths, landmarks and small waterways.

Weber was able to compare this 1828 map to University of Alabama land maps and Baldwin County property line maps and is pretty confident he found the location of Pancha's ferry. He approached the current property owner who was also interested in his discovery and allowed metal detecting and a dig to see if anything of consequence might be found.

While he admits he did not find "a smoking gun," several types of ceramic pottery shards and a ragged metal strip were unearthed from the yard and shoreline. Certain they are 19th century pieces, whether they are associated with the ferry landing or the operator's dwelling remains to be seen. Weber took the items to Dr. Gregory Waselkov and Bonnie Gums with the University of South Alabama to get some much needed advice and guidance on determining the ages, types and origins of the artifacts recovered so far.

In the meantime, Weber continues to comb over whatever writings he can find on Perdido Bay and Baldwin County for any clues.

Weber can't predict what the outcome of his research will be, but he is thoroughly enjoying the investigation and process.

He hopes to find more solid answers and possibly publish something small to share with others.

He welcomes information from any source - printed publications, maps or local folklore passed through generations. No matter how minor the information may seem, Weber knows this is a large puzzle and he's happy to receive any little pieces that may complete the picture. "You never know where it will lead," he said.

## Other activities include

silent auction.

Raffle

The event will run from 10

the event. You do not have to be present to win.

areas.

His extensive report contains details about the location of Pancha's ferry and suggested a road be opened between the ferry landing to "Miflin's Mills." Other records show that Congress approved this road in 1829 and the route shows up on antebellum maps.

The Burch report discusses Pancha's ferry and proposed a road using the landing as an

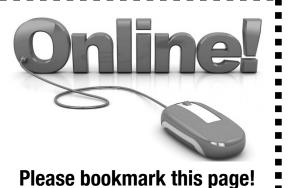
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  - newspaper link at the top of the page.



## Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Mullet Festival Schedule Monday, Sept. 2



6 - 7 a.m.	Race registration (Preregister at ocpbfoundation.org)	
7 - 9 a.m.	Breakfast - \$4 (Kids 8 and younger eat free)	
	Eggs, sausage, pancakes, grits, biscuits and gravy, fruit, drinks	
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7:15 a.m.	Presentation of the Flag by American Legion Post 48	
7:30 – 9 a.m.	Run for the Mullet	
	5K Run & Walk – various age group awards	
	1 Mile Fun Run & Walk (starts at 8:30 a.m.)	
9:30 a.m 2 p.m. Kids' Fun Station		
10 a.m noon	Mullet Toss	
10 a.m 2 p.m.	Silent Auction and Déjà Vu Market	
11 a.m 2 p.m. Fried Mullet/Catfish Lunch - \$10 (Kids 8 &		
	younger eat free) - Fried mullet/catfish, ham,	
	hushpuppies, beans, grits, slaw, dessert, tea	
Noon - 3 p.m.	Big Jake & the Tag-A-Longs – sing-along and dancing	
3 p.m.	\$1,700 Raffle Drawing - no need to be present to win	
• •	4 Drawings - \$1,000, \$400, \$200 & \$100 Tickets - \$5 for six	

• *Mullet, continued from Page 1* special needs classes and donations to local organizations that help those in need.

The club provides scholarships to high school seniors and to students to attend the National Flight Academy aboard NAS Pensacola. A fishing rodeo, Easter egg hunt and breakfast with Santa are also on the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay agenda. In addition, the club funds a variety of local organizations that help those in need, including Mary's Shelter, Baldwin County Special Olympics, ARC Thanksgiving dinner, Ecumenical Ministries and Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch, as well as local organizations like the Lillian Recreational Park and the Lillian Perdido Bay Library.



A young participant winds up to throw during last year's mullet toss.



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## Health Screenings Also Available at Mullet Festival with Mobile Vehicle

The Mobile Infirmary Cancer Screening Vehicle will be available at the Mullet Festival, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. Visitors will be given a take-home kit to screen for colon cancer. The unit will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Labor Day, Sept. 2, at the Lillian Community Club.

The 32-foot mobile vehicle is comfortable and upscale, with a reception area and two exam rooms, making it easier for the community to be screened for multiple types of cancer.

The Infirmary Cancer Care screening vehicle travels to schools,

churches and community events in local counties.

"We are now able to screen the communities we serve for skin, breast, prostate, colorectal and lung cancer as well as diabetes in a mobile clinic. Early detection of cancer is vital. We are hopeful the public will take advantage of getting screened while attending a community function whereas they may not make an appointment to get screened otherwise," said Susan Boudreau, vice president of cancer services at Infirmary Health.

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## **Some Things Never Change**

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Before many of us discovered paradise in Lillian, Alabama, the current residents were making their voices known. They were objecting to the placement of the new post office.

The facility on 6th Street and Key Avenue could no longer accommodate the growing population. There were only eight parking places.

US The Postal Service determined the best place for the new building would be on the north side of the new US Highway 98 at Perdido Street.

The former US Highway 98, now known as Barclay Avenue, had run along the north side of the property. The post office would be placed between the old and the new roads.

Completion dates for the building included August 1989, January 31, 1990, and another April 1, 1990; dates that had been changed



a few times without explanation. According to the plaque on the wall, it finally opened in 1990.

The completion date didn't really affect the residents of Lillian. They didn't want it there at all.

The new site was a low lying area at the foot of a hill to the east and also with a rise in the highway to the west.

With the influx of new residents in the area, the traffic was increasing. The ground level of the site was well below the levels of the two border roads, Barclay and US 98, a natural watershed for the surrounding area with a drainage ditch near the site.

Obviously, these problems meant nothing to the powers that be and almost 30 years later, the problem is the same: increasing traffic with a hill to the east and a rise to the west. "Déjà vu all over again."

## **COMMUNITY THANK YOUS**

I would like to extend a special "THANK YOU" to all that participated in the 10th Annual Bunco Bash Fundraiser for Breast Cancer on Aug. 3, 2019. Together we were able to raise over \$2,700 for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer/American Cancer Society. We had a great time for a good cause. If you missed the event, we hope you can come next year. Please save the date of Aug. 1, 2020, for the 11th Annual Bunco Bash.

I would also like to thank all of the many sponsors from the Lillian community, as well as those from Elberta, Gulf Shores, Foley and Pensacola who were gracious enough to donate gifts, prizes and cash for the cause. A special "Thank You" as well to the Lillian Community Club members for their awesome support of this event. Don't forget that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The American Cancer Society/Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is Oct. 26, 2019, in Pensacola and Mobile. You may obtain additional information at http://makingstrides.acsevents.org/Pensacola or by phone at 850-475-0850. You can contact me as well at 251-978-4442.

If you would like to join my team, the name is Hope's Helpers or you may start your own team or just come walk. You are not required to make a donation to participate in the walk.

Thank you again for a day of fun and funds for a great cause. Kay Kay

On behalf of Henry "HANK" Wilson, I would like to thank each and every one of you for all the love, prayers, blessings, gifts and support and most of all coming together as one to celebrate his life, especially during a time of sorrow and shock.

I feel that Hank's journey left us footprints of kindness, love, courage, compassion, humor, inspiration as well as joy and faith. Even though his footprints are no longer in the sand, I can still look back and clearly see the trail he left behind. A trail bright with hope that invites us all to follow.



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Dawn Stephenson

Here it is September already and that means the Lillian Women's Women's Club will have their first meeting for the year Club 2019-20. The September meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 17 at noon By Judy Deeter

in the Lillian Community Center.

The program will be on dementia and hospice care. Reservations are needed and may be made at the Lillian Library Sept. 3-12.

## **Annual Craft Fair Planned at LCC**

Lillian Community Club will be hosting their second annual craft fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5.



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## **Bayside Baptist Supports Schools**



Bayside Baptist Church has partnered with the Baldwin County Education Coalition, Inc. to honor Elberta Schools. Bayside provided desserts for a back-to-school luncheon for the 150 teachers and staff of Elberta High and Elberta Elementary Schools on Aug. 6. On Aug. 12, 150 "Welcome Back Bags" of goodies were distributed to both schools. Bayside Baptist in Lillian is committed to supporting and praying for administrators, teachers and staff including cafeteria workers, custodians and bus drivers. Shown with some of the desserts are church members Barbara Harris and Sharon Davis.

## New Agreement to Enhance Local Neonatology Services

Effective Aug. 1, South Baldwin Regional Medical Center and USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital are enhancing the newborn nursery services offered in southern Baldwin County. The community's tiniest patients now have access to the clinical expertise of the neonatology providers at USA Children's & Women's Hospital in Mobile.

"This agreement reflects a collaborative effort between South Baldwin Regional Medical Center and USA Health to enhance the bringing high quality care and an enhanced patient experience to those we serve," says Daniel McKinney, chief executive officer of South Baldwin Regional Medical Center.

SBRMC will continue pediatric coverage and will accept pediatrics admissions through the emergency department.

SBRMC is a 112-bed, acute care hospital with over 800 employees and has a network of medical clinics serving Baldwin County.

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quality of, and access to, neonatology care throughout the region," said Chris Jett, USA Children's & Women's Hospital administrator. "As an academic health center, we can share our expertise with a community hospital that already provides high quality healthcare services, ensuring that patients can receive the best possible care in the most appropriate setting, hopefully closer to home."

The agreement will lead to enhanced education and training opportunities for SBRMC's staff as well as the development of improved patient care protocols.

"We are excited to expand our newborn nursery services for our patients with this agreement with USA Health. We are committed to Women's Hospital is one of only five freestanding hospitals in the country dedicated to children and women. It offers the region's only high-risk obstetrics program, Level III neonatal intensive care unit and pediatric intensive care unit, plus Mobile's only 24-hour pediatric emergency department.

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## LASAR Works to Improve ATV Skills

We live in an area where outdoor recreation activities are abundant. On any day of the week, you can find residents and visitors boating on the water, walking or cycling around the area. Sometimes these people run into problems and need assistance, or in a worse case, to be rescued. LASAR has to be prepared to search and then rescue victims in all kinds of terrain.

Over the last few months, LASAR has concentrated on adding more water rescue divers to the unit. In July, the unit focused more on land operations by conducting ATV training.

Many of us think of ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) first as a fun "toy" to enjoy running up the back trails or around the farm. For a search and rescue unit, ATVs are used to cover large areas in a short period of time. When searching for a missing child or an adult suffering from dementia, time is critical.

An ATV is smaller and more versatile, which allows the user to maneuver in areas where larger vehicles cannot. For example, during the Lee County tornadoes, LASAR's side-by-side four-wheeler was able to maneuver through the large staff and residents when other vehicles could not. For many days, this ATV was the only such vehicle

on-site and was used extensively by FEMA. To be of any use in an emergency, a qualified trained operator is vital.

LASAR By Donna Johnson

To make sure we have enough qualified operators, Dillon Santinelli, LASAR land captain, conducted ATV training on July 27 for 15 LASAR members. Training included two hours of classroom work reviewing safety rules for ATV operations as well as government regulations. He then conducted three hours of hands-on training focused on operating the LASAR ATVs. A driving skills test was also conducted using the ATV training trail behind the LASAR building. Each attendee was offered an opportunity to operate all of the LASAR ATVs. More hands-on training is scheduled for later in the year.

If you would like to participate in any LASAR training, join us during one of our monthly meetings held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at LASAR headquarters, 34247

Do you have used computers or electronics to get rid of? Bring them to Market in the Park and we'll safely recycle them for you. (Sorry, no TVs.)

Visit the LRP website or Facebook page for information on vendors or to reserve your space! www.LillianRecreationalPark.org Questions? Call the Park, 962-2129 amounts of debris and ferry support West Barclay Avenue in Lillian.



LASAR members Sara Slavey, Robyn Lee and Robert Lee reach the "finish line" of the ATV trail during recent training.

## Doctor Joining Lillian Office

Dr. Edward Williams visited the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay weekly breakfast and meeting recently.

He said he is anxious to get started serving the people of Lillian.

His first day on the job at South Baldwin Medical Group Primary Care office on 6th Street will be Sept. 3.

Dr. Williams joins Dr. James Pace, a long-time member of the Lillian community who will be retiring this year.



## **U.S. Census Bureau Announces the Start of First Major Field Operation for 2020 Census**

The U.S. Census Bureau has launched address canvassing, the first major field operation of the 2020 Census. Address canvassing improves and refines the Census Bureau's address list of households nationwide, which is necessary to deliver invitations to respond to the census. The address list plays a vital role in ensuring a complete and accurate count of everyone living in the United States.

"The Census Bureau is dedicated to ensuring that we are on track, and ready to accomplish the mission of the 2020 Census," said Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham. "We have made many improvements and innovations over the past decade, including better technologies for canvassing neighborhoods and developing complete and updated address listings and maps." The Census Bureau created new software known as the Block Assessment, Research Classification and Application (BARCA).

It compares satellite images of the United States over time, allowing Census Bureau employees to spot new housing developments, changes in existing homes and other housing units that did not previously exist. Reviewers also use BARCA to compare the number of housing units in current imagery with the number of addresses on file for each block.

"We were able to verify 65% of a massive accomplishment for us," said Census Bureau Geography Division Chief Deirdre Bishop. "In 2010 we had to hire 150,000 people to verify 100% of the addresses in the field, this decade we will only have to hire about 40,000 employees around the nation to verify the remaining 35% of addresses." Census Bureau employees (listers) have started walking through neighborhoods across the country checking addresses not verified using BARCA software.

knock on doors and ask a few simple questions to verify the address and any additional living quarters on the

Census workers have already started in Lillian. They are federal employees and will have proper identification with their picture. He/she should also have signage on his/her vehicle for the US Census Bureau.

property for inclusion in the census.

Employees will introduce themselves as a Census Bureau employee, show their official government ID badge, and explain the purpose of the visit.

People may also ask them for a picture ID from another source to confirm their identity.

The 2020 Census: In-Field Address Canvassing (IFAC) Viewer provides county information on areas that listers will visit.

This operation is one of several activities the Census Bureau conducts for an accurate and complete count.

The Census Bureau also partners with the U.S. Postal Service and tribal, state and local officials to update the address list.

"Ultimately, the success of the census depends on everyone's participation," said Marilyn Sanders, Chicago regional director. "And it's important to remember, when you respond to the census you shape your future and the future of your community." THE HAIR PLACE Men, Women & Children

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In-field address canvassing will continue through mid-October.

To help identify address listers, employees will have badges and briefcases indicating their affiliation with the Census Bureau. They will The 2020 Census officially starts counting people in January 2020 in remote Toksook Bay, Alaska.

Most households in the country will start receiving invitations to respond online, by phone or by mail in March 2020.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census of the population be conducted once every 10 years. Census data is used to determine the number of seats each state holds in Congress and how more than \$675 billion in federal funds are distributed back to states and local communities every year for services and infrastructure, including health care, jobs, schools, roads and businesses. semingmealabamacoast.com

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Lillian Volunteer Fire Department recently worked with the Perdido Beach Volunteer Fire Department on water rescue training at the Lillian boat launch.

## **July Has Record Number of Calls**

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 103 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in July including 66 medical assistance, 21 public assists, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 brush fire, 7 fire alarms and 3 miscellaneous calls.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, give us a call at 962-2696 and leave a message. We will return your call.

The 103 calls in the month of July was a record for the department. Our volunteers are on call day and night to ensure all events are answered expeditiously and professionally. Every year as more people move in to Lillian, the calls increase in number. It won't be long until the snow-birds are back, which further increases our call volume. So if anyone is willing to give up a little time each week to volunteer with the department, we would be delighted to have you come on board. All training will be provided.

We are coming up to the end of the fiscal year which means the LVFD annual general membership meeting of the board of directors will be held for the election of the board. This meeting will be held at 11331 County Road 91S at 7 p.m. Oct. 7.

### **Lillian Volunteer Fire Department**

By Goretti Lysek

Beach neighboring Perdido Volunteer Fire Department. We continued classroom and practical training on water rescues. So if you saw a bunch of people wading in the water near the Lillian boat dock last month, it was LVFD honing our skills on emergency water rescue for boat/swimmer distress.

On a more relaxing Tuesday night training session, we had a wonderful time meeting our first responder brothers and sisters at Elberta Park. This gave us an opportunity to meet with all neighboring volunteer fire departments, Medstar personnel, 911 operators and emergency air flight. Maintaining а good relationship with these other groups helps us work well together in any emergency.

LVFD would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Capt. Joe Jones on his recent marriage to Elizabeth Kay Smalley. They wed July 27, surrounded by family, friends and his LVFD family. Jones has been a volunteer with LVFD for many years and some will remember his father, Stephen Jones, who served a chief of LVFD in the 1990s.

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We encourage as many residents as possible to attend and show your support, share any concerns and vote. So please mark your calendars and be a voice for the community.

We had another great month of training. We again had the opportunity to train with the

Remember the burn ban is now in affect and will continue until Nov. 1

## **BURN BAN** for Baldwin County through October 2019

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