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Local Historian Hoping to Shed Light on Ferry Landing

By Janel Smith

If you're a regular reader of *The Lillian*, you may recall an article on Curry Weber in our September 2019 issue. He moved to Lillian a couple of years ago and got involved with an ancient Indian canal project in Gulf Shores as a volunteer researcher and assistant in field digs. This research resulted in a keen interest in early Lillian history and he has uncovered some interesting events which took place in or near our community.

A great deal has been learned about the early roads that connected Mobile to Pensacola and he has chosen to focus on the road that crossed Perdido Bay cut open in the late 1700s and highly traveled through the Civil War.

He has made some progress since that article ran, and he was anxious to share his findings with local residents. He was twice scheduled to give a presentation for Spanish Cove residents, but unfortunately both were postponed.

Despite this, he remains willing to share the information and has been gracious enough to share an outline of what his program would have covered. His research has been very thorough and he has acquired a lot of information. As I reviewed his findings and outline, I soon realized how much time he has already dedicated to uncovering our local history and how much we should all appreciate his efforts.

Weber has organized his findings and outline chronologically, moving from geology and prehistoric context to the British period (1763-1781) to the Spanish period (1781-1813) to the American period (1813-present). The American period includes the War of 1812, the Civil War and beyond. He is passionate about this work and I would be tempted to print his entire outline. Unfortunately we don't have that much space, nor would I want to steal his thunder. He is hopeful that the presentation can be held soon and he deserves to be the one to unveil his findings.

them disappeared over the years, but some eventually grew into paved roadways and still exist today.

In February 1763, the Treaty of Paris is signed, creating East and West Florida and turning Mobile and Pensacola over to the British. The road between the two cities is cut open in 1770 by British troops and it is approximately 20 miles shorter than the previous path, saving about a day's worth of travel time. Initially operated by the military, an English citizen named John Murray eventually takes over as ferryman and 1774 records show he was paid according to the number of passengers on the ferry that ran across Perdido Bay. Murray also operated an inn at the landing where travelers usually slept.

Once Spain enters the American Revolutionary War, Galvez, the governor of Spanish Louisiana, quickly begins offensive operations. In March 1780, he takes Mobile and establishes La Aldea, an outpost on the eastern shore (modern day Spanish Fort). British troops surrender Fort Charlotte and retire to Pensacola. Meanwhile, the sparsely populated wilderness between Mobile and Pensacola becomes the theater of guerrilla warfare between British and Spanish forces. The French, English and Spanish inhabitants experience widespread robbery, looting and extortion, often at the hands of Native American forces competing for favors from England and Spain.

With a Spanish invasion looming over Pensacola, British leaders attempt to build up their defenses in and around the city and fortified the ferry at Perdido Bay.

This crossing is important to both countries since it is one of two main roads between Spanish-held Mobile and British-held Pensacola.

Volunteers Continue at Park



Photo by Sally McKinney Mary Speck, left, and JoAnn Monroe have kept busy volunteering at Lillian Recreational Park, trimming and weeding. The park has been a great resource for residents looking for exercise or some time out of the house during these many weeks of COVID-19 restrictions.

Drive-in Movies Coming to Park

First Film Planned for Friday, June 19

With a nod to the good old days and an acknowledgment of today's COVID environment, the Lillian Recreational Park is excited to announce they will be offering a retro drive-in movie experience on its soccer field this summer.

According to Lucy Smith, movie organizer and park board member, "One of the really great things about this pop-up drive-in idea is that it will give family members an opportunity to have a great time together in a safe environment. Drive-ins, by design, are excellent places to go for social distancing. So it should provide a bit of an antidote to all the weeks of stay-at-home living everyone's been enduring.



this will be a great option for our movies in the park series going forward. We'll be able to comfortably offer movies through the fall and maybe even offer a Christmas classic film during this year's Christmas in the Park Celebration. We really appreciate the Church of the Advent helping provide the needed equipment."

But in the meantime, with his permission, I am highlighting the British period in this issue.

Previous surveys and research have shown a network of trails and footpaths had developed between Mobile and Pensacola connecting the numerous Native American sites located throughout our area. Most of As tensions rose, Murray is robbed at the "lower pass" and shot by British deserters. His name is also given to the Spaniards to be an English spy. This may have been true, as he had access to a great deal of information at the crossing.

He was also known to frequently visit the eastern shore and inquire about the activities of the Spanish fleet anchored in Mobile Bay.

Galvez authorizes Murray's capture and the burning of his ferry boat. While the Tallapoosas Indians, who were hired by the Spanish to ■ **Historian, continued on Page 2** "We hope people will love having this unique opportunity. I know I'm going to. I haven't been to a drive-in movie in probably decades and I can't wait!"

To help ensure everyone's safety amid coronavirus concerns, cars will be staggered 10 feet away from each other and patrons will be asked to wear masks and maintain social distancing when going to the restrooms. Attendees will watch the movie from their cars and listen to the sound through their radios.

"It's a bit of an experiment, but if this works out like we hope it will, The first movie will be shown Friday, June 19. At press time, the movie title had not been finalized, but will be posted on both the park's website (www.LillianRecreational-Park.org) and its Facebook page.

Movies will be shown on a giant, 24-foot inflatable screen. Audio will be transmitted via an FM transmitter to a dedicated FM channel on audience members' car radios. Movies will begin at dusk.

There is no cost to attend, but free-will donations to help cover costs and support the park would be appreciated.

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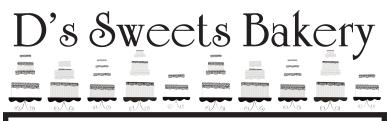


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Impact 100 Announces Grant Totals for 2020

Impact 100 Baldwin County announced their 2020 grants in a Facebook premiere event on April 27. In spite of the restrictions around the pandemic, the women of the county came together and are awarding \$450,000 in five \$90,000 grants that will fund transformative programs and make a difference in the quality of life in Baldwin County.

Each year, Impact 100's grant totals are given in relation to the number of members who join or renew their membership. The more members, the more grant money.

Based on the concept of collective giving, each member's \$1,000 donation is pooled to make high-impact grants, and every dollar of the membership contribution goes directly to the nonprofits. Since forming in 2008, this all-volunteer philanthropic organization has distributed \$3.6 million in grants to local nonprofits.

"I am so proud and extremely touched by the continued passion for giving and the serving hearts of our members. Even in such challenging and uncertain times as these, the women of Impact 100 Baldwin County remained committed and still prevailed," said Suzanne Thornburg, president of Impact 100 Baldwin County. "We are changing lives and making a positive impact in our communities, for our nonprofits and those they serve."

Grants are awarded in five areas: arts, culture and recreation, education, environment and preservation, family and



health and wellness. Nonprofits can apply in any of these categories.

Impact 100 members volunteer to serve in groups that evaluate the grant applications and select finalists, with the entire membership voting to select the five \$90,000 grant recipients.

Nonprofits had until May 5 to submit their letter of intent with June 2 as the deadline for submitting their grant application. The actual grants will be awarded at the Impact 100 Baldwin County Grant Awards in the fall.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear supporters of Advent Thrift Shop, On behalf of Advent Episcopal Church, our thrift shop volunteer staff and Rev. Tina Lockett, our new vicar, we extend our heartfelt hope and gratitude for your health and safety.

We miss seeing you and serving you and look forward to re-opening in a new normal situation later this summer. Day by day the world changes and so do our ideas about the shop as we listen to local and national advice.

We appreciate the community for honoring our request to suspend your donations while we are closed. They are our lifeblood and we are brainstorming ideas how to minimize any contamination issues from objects when we reopen and resume acceptance of donations. Customer

> ■ Historian, continued from Page 1 complete these objectives, went to the ferry and gathered information, they were not able to capture Murray.

> Attempting to disrupt Galvez's invasion, General Campbell in Pensacola send troops to attack the Spanish outpost at La Aldea. They use the Murray ferry landing as a base of operations and requested that two supply wagons and a flatboat stay nearby. In January 1781, the troops march from Pensacola, cross Perdido Bay and take the road to La Aldea. However, their

flow, plexiglass partitions, six foot spacing, temperature checks, masks, gloves, handwashing, frequent disinfectant wipedowns, alteration of operational hours and alteration of the donation systems are but a few of the things we discuss.

All said, please stay tuned. Our dates to resume operations will likely be midsummer. The hours may be different and the systems may change, but your shopping environment will be one where we all can feel as safe as any other business we would choose to visit.

Sincerely, Kathy Cunningham Advent Thrift Shop management

cross the Perdido Bay at its mouth near the modern day Alabama-Florida line.

In May 1781, Galvez gains control of Pensacola for the Spanish.

If you're like me, you're hooked by this point and want to know more. Thankfully, Weber has done much of the work for us and I look forward to sharing more in future editions.

But Weber wants to know more, too, and that's where you may be able to help.

He welcomes knowledge and details from anyone and anywhere. Whether you have family or local stories to share, maps, documents, photographs or printed publications that pertain to the ferry landing in Lillian or to what is now Highway 98, please get in touch with him. He can be reached by emailing curryweber@gmail.com or calling 251-240-0676 and leaving a message. No piece of information may be too small and he is doing us all a huge favor by putting the pieces of local history together.

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British troops deserting from the Murray ferry landing eventually give up information to the Spanish about fortifications, troop locations and routes ahead of Galvez's siege. Rather than use the heavily guarded Mobile-Pensacola road to rendezvous with the Spanish fleet, 900 troops from Mobile sail down the eastern shore of the bay, land near Oyster Bay and cross over land to the beach, marching east. They

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Optimist Club Looking to Fill Leadership Roles

Optimist International requires its local clubs to hold annual elections prior to April 20 and to report the results by May 5. Thankfully, Optimist International has extended the deadline and encouraged local clubs to fill the leadership positions when they can.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay (OCPB) has begun the process online. OCPB transitioned its weekly Saturday morning meeting to Zoom, an online communication technology. In April, the club used its meeting time as a way for its members to reconnect with others and catch up on how everyone was doing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Forty-five of the112 members have logged on at least once.

The May meetings saw a change and became a communication tool to discuss how to operate the club in this new environment. Discussions have included filling leadership positions like president, president-elect, vice president and three board members. It also has included how the club may continue to expand its community service with the social distancing requirements mandated by Governor Kay Ivey.

Lee Hoffman, treasurer of OCPB, was challenged to create ways to plan for the reopening of the Lillian Community Club. His insight into transitioning the weekly buffet breakfast to a serving line and the need to create a new seating plan was just the beginning of conversations about how to remain safe once meetings may resume. The OCPB voted to meet in an outdoor setting starting June 6 at 9 a.m. in the pecan orchard at the Lillian United Methodist Church. Members are encouraged to bring their own chair.

Those members more concerned about their health and exposure may remain in their automobile and listen to the program via the radio.

OCPB has also discussed how it might meet its funding requirements with the project and program losses experienced since March. OCPB establishes next year's budget based on the revenues generated in the previous year.

Change is sometimes good and sometimes bad, but it is always different. Optimists by definition

try to find the sunny side of every issue. The local club is also very realistic and believes advance planning improves results.

The group was able to conduct the zone oratorical contest online using Zoom,

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according to Lt. Governor and OCPB member Jeff Keener. "Using Zoom was much different than conducting our contest with all of the contestants, judges and spectators together in one place, but at the end of the day, the contestants gave their speeches and a winner selected. Our zone encom-

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Optimist Club of Perdido Bay By Jeff Keener

passes Baldwin County and Dylan Spivey won the zone oratorical contest. He is from Foley High School," said Keener.

Keener served as contest chair, while Bob Pocreva served as the master of ceremonies and Lee Hoffman coordinated the judges.

Educator Amanda Givens was time-keeper and judges included Cliff McCollum, legislative coordinator for Baldwin County; Phyllis Campbell, a retired speech teacher; and Olivia Jackson with alumni affairs at Columbia Southern. As this was the first contest to be conducted online, Optimist Governor Cedie Kendall and 14 others from the leadership of the Alabama Mississippi District 29 Optimists were able to attend.

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were mailed at the end of October. The addresses were provided by the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner's Office.

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Advertisement inquiries can be directed to Julie McManus at 703-217-2874 (cell). Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Thank you for your articles and news items, but due to space limitations, some submissions may not be included in this issue. They will be included in a future issue when possible.

The editorial board has the right to deny any articles or ads not suitable for this publication.

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We gladly accept news and information from the community. Please submit by:

~ Mail to P.O. Box 1088, Lillian, Alabama 36549

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Send an email to lillianeditor@yahoo.com for information on articles.

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Park Continues to Benefit Lillian

When I was a kid we always heard the post office creed, "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

The "rounds" have changed over the years, as have many other "usual" events in our lives, like ice boxes, rotary dial phones, milk delivery, walking to school in 30 inches of snow. (I made up that last one.)

We've gotten used to the changes, but recently we've been knocked out of our comfort zones and not over several years, but bingo! over just a few days/weeks. The Corona Virus or COVID-19 has knocked our socks off and we wonder what will normal be by next year.

Will we still be self-distancing? Will we still be wearing those face masks? Will we ever get to hang out at the water cooler at work again? Will the kids ever go back to school? (God bless our teachers.)

There's a lot to concern us, but here's something positive I'd like to tell you about.

Since there are no meetings to attend these days to give me an excuse to ignore exercise, my friend and I have made it a habit to walk the trail at the Lillian Recreational Park just about every day. It's just under a mile and we can do it in about 15-20 minutes, so we're away from home only about a half hour.

It's not just the exercise, though, that's good for us. It's the beauty of the park, the people you see every day, some alone, some with friends, some with their furry friends.



We see the brand new gazebo, the native azalea garden, the basketball and pickle ball courts, and the softball fields. Sometimes we even see boys and girls batting balls to keep in shape for when school reopens and the next Ernie Banks (or Ernestine) steps up to the plate.

We think about the Market in the Park, the Movies in the Park, Christmas in the Park and hopefully soon, Music in the Park.

And many of the days we circle the park, we see dedicated women trimming, sprucing, digging and weeding the various flowers beds and green areas.

It's hotter than blazes and these friends of the park are volunteering so that you may enjoy the beauty of our park.

This is our Lillian Recreational Park. The park board depends on donations, grants and volunteers to provide something that even some cities don't have.

So when you are grumbling about being bored, get off the couch, turn off the TV and take a ride over to the park on Perdido Street and Widell Avenue. You'll be so glad you did. Then, when you get home, say "Thanks" by making a donation (P.O. Box 865, Lillian, AL, 36549). Please find a donation form on Page 16 of this issue of The Lillian. Your money will be well spent.





Photo by Sally McKinney Judy Wargo had some time to spare before returning to Michigan, so she stopped by the park to trip the roses.

Photo by Sally McKinney Sally Caternang, left, and Judy Covert recently joined forces to spruce up the Lillian Recreational Park on a sunny spring day.

Lillian Perdido Bay Library Corner By Sarah Henkel

Updated Hours and Services Announced

As you know, we opened the library a couple weeks ago from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings. We've been delighted to be back to give our patrons an opportunity to check books out and return any they may have.

Starting June 1, we will open the computer lab during those same hours, However, we will institute several restrictions regarding use of computers:

• Only one patron may use the computer room at a time (unless it's a couple / family members up to two person)

• Each patron will be allowed 30 minutes maximum time on a computer.

• Anyone waiting to use a computer will wait outside until the patron ahead is finished. A volunteer will notify anyone waiting when it's their computer-use time. This will give us an opportunity to clean that area.

We're sorry for any inconvenience regarding this, but we do want to be safe and cautious at first. When things change, we will notify the community. Several patrons have stopped in the library in order to print something from their email accounts. This is possible even if someone is in the computer lab. By forwarding a copy of what needs to be printed to the library email account, we can print from our administrative computers. The email for the library is libraryickler@gmail.com.

This can also be done from your home - if you'll call the library at 251-962-4700 during our open hours, let us know you want something printed from your phone or your computer at home, and send a copy of what needs to be printed to the library email address. We will print your document(s), notify you by email when they are ready, and you may pick them up at your convenience during our open hours.

We hope that these two opportunities will be helpful to our patrons. We also hope that we will be back to "normal" hours soon.

Thank you always for your support and patronage. We truly do appreciate each and every one of you, and we feel so fortunate to be able to provide services to our community.

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Everyone loves a good salad and, as the warm summer months approach, salads make a good accompaniment to almost any meal. Popeye the Sailor Man would approve and says, "Eat your spinach." And this is an excellent and healthy way to do it. This recipe originally appeared in the Los Angeles Times about 25 to 30 years ago.

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1/4 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced

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1 clove garlic, minced 1/4 cup red wine vinegar 1/2t salt

1/4t fresh ground black pepper 2/3 cup vegetable oil

In a cruet or jar with a lid, mix all ingredients and shake until slightly thickened and thoroughly blended. Use within two or three days as flavor will deteriorate.

Wash and trim spinach and spin dry in a salad spinner. Cutting off the stems and either chopping or tearing the leaves into smaller pieces will make the salad easier to eat. Cook bacon and drain well on paper towels. Place spinach, bacon, mushrooms and dressing in a large salad bowl and toss well. Garnish with a few slices of hard cooked eggs.

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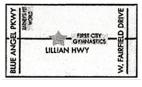
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Lillian Fellowship Moves Outdoors



Photo by Sally McKinney

Pastor Dean Conkel of the Lillian Fellowship Church presents his weekly sermon, uplifting the minds, hearts and souls of his congregation gathered outside the church on County Road 99. Like all the Lillian congregations and those around the world, they are praying for a cure, a vaccine and an end to COVID-19.

Methodist Church Also Hosting Bible Study Groups on Grounds

In addition to continuing the drive-in service on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., the Lillian United Methodist Church is also offering Bible studies outdoors as the COVID-19 pandemic social distancing guidelines remain in effect.

The Sunday morning drive-in worship will continue through the summer or longer if needed. The worship leadership team feels that this service, along with livestream options available on the church web page and Facebook Live are the safest ways to continue worship for the foreseeable future.

Livestreaming is available to all by going online to LillianUMC.org or going to www.facebook.com/LillianUMC/live. Gospel of John Bible study will be held on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

The Book of Ruth Bible study group meets on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Attendees for either group should bring a lawn chair as everyone spreads out under the shade of the pecan trees at six feet apart.

Call Perry Cunningham if you have any questions about the Gospel of John group at 850-712-0426. Call Peggy Briese if you have any questions about the Book of Ruth group at 251-228-0069.

Sunday worship and Bible studies may be viewed via livestream or may be viewed later at LillianUMC.org or at www.facebook.com/LillianUMC/live.

HIT 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. Price - 52 years, Dave and Terry Danson - 58 years, John and Dottie Stabler - 44 years, Ray and Linda Hayes - 50 years, Stan and Eliane Fertig - 60

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Happy birthday wishes in June go out to Dan Hayden, June Dahlman, Walker Price, Alyssa Palmer, Dawn Pochel, Julia Stephens, Becky Youngs, Bobby Schell, William Wigton, Bertha Bateman, Carol Waller, Mary Ayres, Barbara Chapman, Katherine Miller, Barbara Heiner, Brannen Hall, Lorraine Standish, Misty Williams, Bill Lyon, Terry Danson, Van Stout, Bob Burkhart, Rosemary Covington, Carol Pittman, Kathy Weir, Ed Kish, Daniel Romes, Larry Green, George McNeil and Pat Coggin.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries in June are Roland and Barbara Kasper - 65 years, Dennis and Dawn Pochel - 42 years, Robert and Teresa Metts - 19 years, Stan and Georgia Everett - 18 years, Larry and Lois

years, William and Dawn Lachnicht - 56 years and Aaron and Julie Brewer - 56 years.

A belated happy birthday to Jean O'Connor, whose name was inadvertently left off the May list.

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

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What to Know About Absentee Voting

Applications for absentee voting in Baldwin County are available in the Bay Minette, Fairhope and Foley locations, as well as a PDF download, but all completed applications must be returned in person or mailed to the Bay Minette office only.

Applications should be sent to Absentee Election Manager Jody L. Wise, 312 Courthouse Square, Suite 10, Bay Minette, AL 36507.

The PDF form can be downloaded from the Alabama Secretary of State's web page at sos.alabama.gov.

Completed absentee applications must be returned by the voter in person to the Absentee Election Manager or be received by U.S. mail.

The Secretary of State has announced that the primary run off election will be held July 14.

Questions about absentee voting in Baldwin County can be made by calling 251-937-0379.

A voter may cast an absentee ballot if he or she:

• Expects to be absent from the county on election day

• Is ill or has a physical disability that prevents a trip to the polling place

• Is a registered Alabama voter living outside the county, such as a member of the armed forces, a voter employed outside the United States, a college student, or a spouse or child of such a person

• Is an appointed election officer or poll watcher at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place

• Expects to work a required shift, 10 hours or more, that coincides with polling hours

• Is a caregiver for a family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity and the family member is confined to his or her home

• Is currently incarcerated in prison or jail and has not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude

The deadline to submit an absentee ballot application is the fifth day

prior to the election.

Emergency absentee voting applications can be made after the absentee deadline but no later than 5 p.m. on the day before the election, if the voter:

• Is required by an employer under unforeseen circumstances to be unavailable at the polls on the day of the election

• Is a caregiver of a person who requires emergency treatment by licensed physician within five days before an election

• Has a family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity die within five days before an election

Medical emergency absentee voting applications can be made by a voter who has a medical emergency requiring treatment from a licensed physician within five days of an election. During that five day period, the medical emergency absentee ballot application and the voted absentee ballot must be returned no later than noon on the day the election is held. The medical emergency absentee ballot application requires that the attending physician describe and certify the circumstances as constituting an emergency. The voter may designate someone to turn in the medical emergency absentee ballot application, receive the absentee ballot on behalf of the voter, and return the voted absentee ballot to the Absentee Election Manager on behalf of the voter.

Multiple applications may not be mailed in the same envelope.

Each application must provide the Alabama residences where the voter is registered to vote, even if the ballot is to be mailed to another address where the applicant/voter regularly receives mail.

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• Officers responded to an assault report at 11:58 p.m. April 30 in the 9100 block of Grantham Road, Lillian.

• Assault was reported at 9:25 a.m. May 7 in the 32400 block of Hwy. 98 in Lillian.

• Officers responded to an assault report at 7:37 p.m. May 7 in the 11600 block of CR 99, Lillian.

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May 11 in the 34300 block of Hwy. 98 in Lillian.

• Theft was reported at 12:13 a.m. May 12 in the 34300 block of Hwy. 98 in Lillian.

• Officers responded to a theft report at 9:52 a.m. May 14 in the 34400 block of Hwy. 98 in Lillian.

• Officers responded to a report of theft at 11:47 a.m. May 18 in the 12200 block of South Seventh Street, Lillian.

• Officers responded to a report of theft at 7:36 a.m. May 20 in the 13300 block of Cripple Creek Lane, Lillian.

• Theft was reported at 12:58 a.m. May 19 in the 14200 Block E Section Avenue, Perdido Beach.

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What's Next? Murder Hornets Making Their Mark

This has really been a year to remember. 2020 can stop adding new things for us to worry about. Seriously, don't we have enough? Apparently not - now there are murder hornets in Washington state.

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"Murder hornets," or Japanese sparrow bees as they are properly known in Japan, are giant hornets which are native to Asia and parts of the Eastern coast of Russia. In Korea, this insect is commonly known as the general officer hornet. In China, this bug is known as a tiger head bee.

In 2019 (so 2020 cannot get all the blame) there were reports of these hornets invading Washington state. It makes sense – that is the part of our coastline that is closest to Asia, and with today's international marketplace we are always shipping species all over the world. What you may find surprising is that Washington state is taking an aggressive, no holds barred approach to eradicating these invaders.

Why? This hornet can decimate honeybee populations in mere minutes. This bug is to our native yellow jackets what the formosan termite is to our native eastern subterranean termite – it is an amped up, juggernaut of insects. Vespa Mandarinia Japonica, the Japanese sparrow bee, is over 1.6 inches long. They have a wingspan of over 2.5 inches. Basically, it looks like a giant hornet whose body is the length of your thumb. The hornet's head is a light shade of orange. Its antennae are brown with a yellow-orange base. Its eyes and "ocelli," which are sensory organs related to eyes in between their actual eyes, are dark brown to black. It has pronounced orange mandibles with black teeth that it uses for digging and murder. The thorax is dark brown, with two grey wings. The abdomen is striped in bands of dark brown or black, and a yellow-orange hue (consistent with its head color). The last segment is yellow with a stinger.

The stinger is typically 1/4 inch long. The humble honeybee has a

b a r b e d stinger that embeds itself into an attacker and rips its tail end off. The h on e y b e e dies. The J a p a n e s e sparrow bee

has a smooth stinger that can repeatedly inject a potent venom many times without the insect dying.

Their weight to venom ratio is comparable to other hornets. Japanese sparrow bees are not even the most venomous insect. That particular honor belongs to the harvester ant and Ectatomma tuberculatum, an ant common from Mexico to Argentina. They are not even the most potent stinging wasp. Thank goodness that wasp lives mostly in the Philippines.

What makes the Japanese sparrow bee deadly is that they can inject much more venom with each sting. Around 40 people a year die in Asia from Japanese giant hornet stings. The venom is a neurotoxin that attacks the nervous system as well as damages tissues.

Japanese sparrow bees nest in trees and tend to live in more rural areas. Unlike a lot of bees or hornets, they are predators. They kill all kinds of insects. Many farmers consider them to be beneficial because they do kill a lot of the bugs that can be crop pests. As long as the nests are not any where near their homes, of course.

On an island like Japan, where these beasties evolved, you might think that there is not a way to stop them. Surely, every insect has fled in the face of such a terrible opponent. Japanese honey bees have devised a terribly ingenious way to defend their colonies. If one hornet scout is seen in the hive's nectar grounds, one bee will play decoy for the wasp, allowing itself to be caught. The rest of the bees will then swarm around the hornet in a circle of doom. The bees buzz their wings so hard and fast that they can raise the temperature of hornet, basically roasting it alive. Mission accomplished - the bees work to remove any pheromones that may have been left by the Japanese sparrow bee.



Humans are great predators of the Japanese sparrow bee. In Tokyo, the hornet is on the menu at more than 30 restaurants. They, along with other varieties of wasps, have been considered a delicacy in that part of the world. The grubs are often preserved in jars, pan-fried or steamed with rice to make a savory dish called hebogohan. The adults, which can be two inches long, are fried on skewers, stinger and all, until the carapace becomes light and crunchy.

The hornets can also give liquor an extra kick. Live specimens are drowned in shochu, a clear distilled beverage. In their death throes, the insects release their venom into the liquid, and it is stored until it turns a dark shade of amber. People say that it makes the liquor warm and tingly. We will just have to take their word for it.

Do not let the bad news get you down. According to Facebook, the police have been contacted about the murder hornets. They have set up a sting operation and the swat team is on the way!

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Flag Disposal Ceremony Planned

With Governor Kay Ivey loosening the safe at home orders, the American Legion post reopened its building on Wednesday, May 13, for members to gather keeping social distancing in mind. We also had our first monthly meeting after a few months off on Monday, May 18. Some Post 48 members volunteered to do buddy checks on all members, checking to see how they were getting on during the pandemic.

The commander of District 33 has issued orders for all officers to remain in their positions for the coming year, unless they choose to resign, so no elections were held this year

This year Legion Post 48 sponsored two boys from Elberta High School for Alabama Boys State. Even though the event has been postponed until next year, those young men will attend with next year's candidates. This was the first year that Elberta had a junior class so the post could directly sponsor local students. In the past, boys from Robertsdale High School were sponsored.

American Legion Post 48, Lillian, will hold a flag disposal ceremony this month in accordance with Flag Day. Flags of our country that have become faded and worn are officially inspected and retired in a tribute of service. Following guidelines for preferred disposal, the flags will be destroyed with respectful and honorable rites. The flags are committed to a clean and purging flame, bringing all a renewed devotion to God and country. They will be replaced by bright new flags, reminding us of the value of this precious symbol many of our comrades worked for, lived for and died for. All Americans are encouraged to fly their flag high as a symbol that this is a country devoted to the ideals and practice of justice, freedom and democracy. If you have a flag for disposal, please drop it off at the Legion building any Wednesday morning before Flag Day on June 14.

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Lillian Community Club hall. Come and join us and become one of the millions of Legionnaires still serving. Or come have a cup of coffee and pick up an application on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. We'd like to meet you!

Masons Conduct Business Meeting

The Lillian Masonic Lodge 925 opened for the first time since March on Tuesday, May 19, to conduct business.

A number of bylaw changes were voted on and discussion was held about how the lodge could support various community needs.

No meal was served and it reminded everyone of how COVID-19 has impacted our community. Cajun Boudin Connection from Summerdale has agreed to cater the meetings starting next month.

The Pelican Nest was the regular caterer for the twice monthly meetLillian Masonic Lodge By Jeff Keener

ings, first and third Tuesday, but the restaurant has closed.

Cliff Collier passed the Fellow Craft degree and is one step closer to being recognized as a Master Mason. Collier, a Lillian resident, was tutored by Joe Taylor, who recently stepped down as Lodge Secretary.

If you have an interest in learning more about Freemasonry, contact Richard Duggan, Worshipful Master, at 251-747-0601.



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Clifford Collier, left, has passed the Fellow Craft degree with the Lillian Masonic Lodge. Pictured with him is Worshipful Master Richard Duggan.

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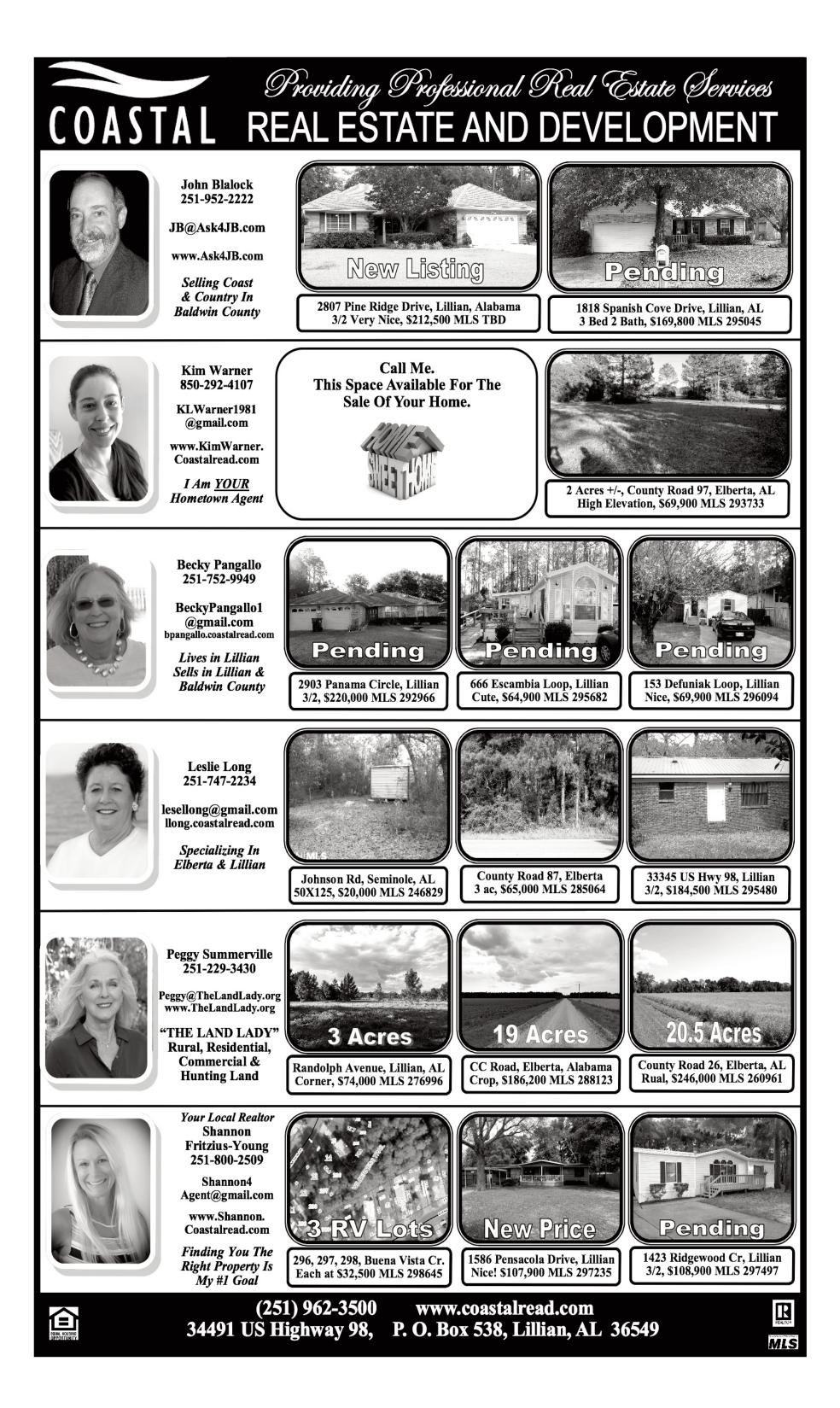
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Low Stress Nail Trimming at Home

For most pets that dislike getting their nails trimmed at a grooming home, salon is the simple solution. Now with most

grooming salons closed, pet owners may be at a loss.

Fear not, there are some ways to make your at-home trim not so stressful. The first key is knowing the steps to trim your pet's nails safely and effectively and making sure you have the appropriate tools.

There is a bundle of nerves and blood vessels at the bed of every nail that is more commonly referred to as the quick. Trimming this portion can result in a painful and bloody experience for your pet. It's easy to tell where the quicks are in a white or lighter colored nail because it appears as a pinkish color near the toe. If the nail is black, this is more difficult to determine. With black nails, you must trim a little bit off the nail at a time until you see a small circle in the cen-



ter of the nail. This circle means you are getting close to the quick. Your pet could be stressed for a variety

of reasons, so it is best to try and be understanding of their fears. Simply moving slowly and letting them sniff the trimmer prior to starting can help. For other pets, rewards can be a great incentive. Small pieces of high value treats that can be eaten quickly are the best option.

There are a few ways you can tell if they are fearful, anxious or stressed. Some signs to look for are widened eyes, ears laid flat back, showing of the teeth and their tail down or between their hind legs. It is important to look out for these signs throughout the trimming process.

If you feel like your pet is overly stressed or if you don't feel comfortable, then take your pet to a professional. Most veterinary clinics are open. We can be reached at 251-962-2304 for an appointment.

LASAR Assists With Recent Search

Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) Unit met on May 11 for the first time since Gov. Kay Ivey closed Alabama on March 27. Although LASAR was not considered non-essential, the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads (AARS) requested all units to stand down with any training and meetings during the quarantine. Units were still able to respond to emergencies as needed. During the meeting, the unit approved the purchase of a security

camera and recorder to cover the LASAR building and outside area. Unfortunately this was needed due to

recent thefts of equipment from the building and vehicles parked outside.

A CPR/AED (defibrulator) certification course has been set for Saturday, June 13, at 8 a.m. Anyone needing to certify or re-certify is wel-

Early May 17, LASAR was called of West Barclay Avenue and Santa by the US Coast Guard Pensacola to Piedro Street in Lillian.

assist with the search of a missing person last seen in the waters near the Flora-Bama Lounge. Kevin Brandenburg, Frank Brandenburg and John Wade responded, deploying the rescue boat to search the coastal waters near Perdido Key. The group was prepared to conduct diving operations if needed. A second team consisting of Chuck Hogans and Duane Whitmyer were deployed to search along the shore using one of the LASAR ATVs. LASAR Commander

> Ray Hogans joined the USCG at the Incident Command Center throughout the search. Baldwin County Sher-

iff and Escambia Search and Rescue were also on scene. Sadly, the missing person was found washed ashore later that day and did not survive. LASAR extends their condolences to his family.

come to attend. Contact LASAR Op-The next LASAR meeting will be erations by leaving a message at June 8. If you are interested in join-251-961-3333 and someone will call ing, you can attend the meeting at 7 back to confirm. p.m. at the building at the intersection

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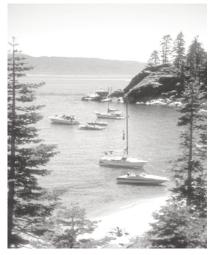
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LVFD Recognizes Fletcher Brothers

The Lillian Volunteer Fire Department responded to 74 calls dispatched by the 911 operators in April including 51 medical assistance, 8 public assists, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 5 brush fires, 2 structure fires, 1 vehicle fire, 4 fire investigations and alarms and 1 miscellaneous.

While Governor Kay Ivey has loosened restrictions by allowing some limited operations of restaurants, hair and nail salons and gyms, it doesn't mean we should let down our guard. The threat of this disease continues to be active. It is a deadly virus and residents are urged to continue social distancing. When you are out, remember to keep at least six feet of distance from everyone and although it's not mandated in Alabama, it's also advisable to wear a mask. We would also like to remind anyone who is over 65 with any underlying conditions to be extremely cautious. Furthermore, it would be advisable to continue with self-quarantine. While friends and family can drop off essential items, they should not come into contact with you. LVFD will continue to support and provide essential services throughout this pandemic.

You may remember last month we recognized Mark Beyerl for his heroic decision to travel to New York to help out as an EMT during the pandemic.

This month we would like to pay tribute to a couple of outstanding volunteers closer to home. LVFD is very fortunate to have many excellent and dedicated volunteers, however, the backbone of the department falls on two extraordinary individuals - Jim and Tim Fletcher.

The twin brothers were raised in

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Broome County, N.Y. Their father moved to Lillian in 1993, and while visiting him, the brothers fell in love with Lillian and followed in 2011 and 2012 respectively. Not long after arriving in the area, they both worked in Spanish Cove as security guards. Jim was the first to join the fire department in 2015. As a previous law enforcement officer, he had experience dealing with emergencies, and it didn't take long for Jim to be promoted to lieutenant and then to captain last year. Tim came on board a year later in 2016. Because of his experience with vehicles, he quickly learned to navigate the fire trucks and became knowledgeable in working all the pumper trucks while keeping



a watchful eye on his fellow firefighters ensuring their safety.

Both have dedicated a majority of their personal time to the well-being of the community. When a call comes over the radio, they are usually the first to answer. Tim has spent many nights sleeping at the station in case a call comes in so he will be ready to fire up the engines and get to the emergency. They're also the first to sign up for events like parades and the department open house. And more recently because of the pan-



Twin brothers Tim, left, and Jim Fletcher, have been valuable members of the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department for several years. Both have stepped up, donating even more hours to our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lillian Volunteer **Fire Department** By Goretti Lysek

demic, they provide young children with a birthday surprise with their own private fire department parade. Unfortunately, both brothers were furloughed from their jobs because of the pandemic. As usual they focused their thoughts and time on how to help the community. Since the pandemic broke out, Tim and Jim have been on practically every call which amounts to approximately 74 calls a month. Our fire department and the community are blessed to have them both. So if you encounter either of them, please let them know how appreciative you are for their service.

We have been splitting our weekly drills into two sessions so we don't have more than nine volunteers per drill. One of the sessions last month focused on attending to a firefighter. fallen Anne-Marie Ozkosar gave an excellent presentation on how to find and approach a fallen or lost firefighter in a building full of smoke and removing them as quickly as possible. Although we have never been through a situation like this in Lillian, it is always essential to be prepared for any situation we may encounter.

Last month we brought new volunteer Michael Andrews on board. He is going to be a great addition. Although he is currently looking to join Mobile Fire Department as a career firefighter, he will continue to live in Lillian and volunteer on his days off. Welcome aboard, Michael!



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What to Know About Microsoft Edge Browser

Are you using Windows 10? If so, Microsoft is about to install a new browser on your PC via Windows Update. The new browser is still called Microsoft Edge, but it's based on the same code as Google Chrome.

The new Microsoft Edge is based on the Chromium open-source project. Chromium forms the basis of Google Chrome, so the new Edge feels very similar to Google Chrome. It includes features found in Chrome, supports Chrome browser extensions and has the same rendering engine as Google Chrome.

If a website was designed for Google Chrome and didn't work properly in the old Edge, it'll now work properly in the new Edge.

Like Google Chrome, the new version of Microsoft Edge will be updated every six weeks. You won't have to wait for major versions of Windows 10 released every six months just for browser updates, as you did with the Legacy Edge browser.

Microsoft released the stable version of its new Edge browser on Jan. 15. You can download it from Microsoft's website. After installation, it will replace the old Edge browser. The original version of Edge is now officially called the "Legacy" version.

Technically, the old Edge will remain installed for compatibility reasons, but Windows will hide it. You can tell you're using the new Edge by the logo. It's a blue-and-green swirl rather than simply a blue "e" as the old Edge was.

Microsoft plans to roll out the new Edge to all Windows 10 users via Windows Update. Microsoft hasn't said when it will do this, but the company began testing an Edge update in Windows 10's "Release Preview" channel for Windows Insider testers on Feb. 25.

Expect Microsoft to release Edge to all Windows 10 users via Windows Update around or before the release of Windows 10's 2004 update, expected around April or May 2020.

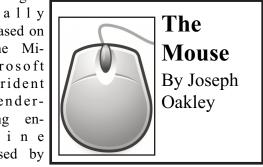
You can stop Windows Update from installing the new Edge if you like, but it's not recommended. Windows Update will just replace the old Edge browser on your Windows 10 PC with a new, more modern one that works better. If you ignored the old Edge, you're free to ignore the new Edge.

Microsoft understands that some businesses will want to block their PCs from installing the new Edge. Microsoft offers a Chromium Edge update blocker toolkit that will set a "DoNotUpdateToEdgeWithChromium" registry value, ensuring PCs don't automatically download and install the new Edge.

Microsoft announced it would replace

Edge's EdgeHTML rendering engine with the Chromium rendering engine in December 2018. That announcement was shocking at the time. After all, Microsoft had always gone its own way with web browsers. Even EdgeHTML was

origi nally based on the Microsoft Trident rendering engine used by Internet Explorer.



Joe Belfiore, Microsoft's Corporate Vice President of Windows at the time, explained

this decision was made "to create better web compatibility for our customers and less fragmentation of the web for all web developers." Even if you use Google Chrome, Mi-

crosoft's work on the Edge browser will improve Chromium. Microsoft's effort will make Chrome a better browser, too.

While Edge and Chrome are now pretty similar under the hood, they're still different. Edge strips out Google's services and, in many cases, replaces them with Microsoft ones. For example, Edge syncs your browser data with your Microsoft account rather than a Google one.

The new Edge offers some features Chrome doesn't. For example, Edge has a built-in tracking prevention feature and a potentially unwanted program (PUP) blocker. In keeping with the old Edge's interface, there's a favorites button to the right of the address bar on Edge's browser toolbar. Microsoft is also porting other features from the old Edge over, including "collections" for capturing snippets of web pages and storing them in the same place.

You might prefer the new Edge if you trust Microsoft more than Google — or if you just want a browser with built-in tracking protection features and Chrome's rendering engine.

Either way, Windows 10 users who stick with the included browser will now have a more modern, capable browser with an open-source rendering engine that's updated more frequently and better supported by websites. That's a win for everyone. I hope to accomplish that you know you are smarter than your computer, that the computer is a tool, and you are the master of that tool. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column please send them to mouse@pc-s4u.com.



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OBITUARIES

Sherly Dunbar



Sherly Dunbar, a resident of Lillian, passed away on May 9, 2020, his 94th birthday.

He was a veteran of three wars, WWII, Korea and Vietnam, retiring in 1967 with 23 years of active military service.

Homer Clarence Johnston Jr.

Homer Clarence Johnston Jr., 81, a native of Georgia and a resident of Elberta, passed away April 22, 2020.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and an avid Georgia Bulldogs fan.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Edmonson; a daughter, Deborah Sue Fox; and brothers, Edward Johnston and Richard Fortner.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Nancy Johnston; daughters, Cathy Sue (Mike) Pophan of Dallas, Ga., Kathryn Sorgenson (Dana) of Jacksonville, Fla., Cynthia Johnston of Marietta, Ga., and Wendy (Ronald) Rich of Smyrna, Ga.; sisters, Linda (Clinton) Whittington of Elberta, Shirley (Johnny) Bruce of Dallas, Ga., and Wylene Buchanan of Dahlonga, Ga.; one brother, Hugh (Rachael) Johnston of Lillian; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many other loving relatives and friends.

Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Elberta, was in charge of arrangements.

Deborah Singleton

Deborah Jenell Singleton, 67, a native of Atmore and a resident of Elberta, passed away April 25, 2020.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She and her husband loved to travel the country together and with their grandchildren.

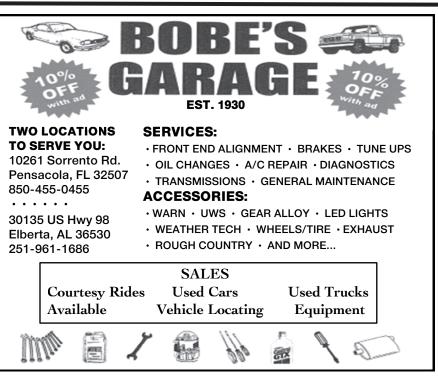
She is survived by her husband, Larry Singleton; sons, Kris (Shelby) Singleton and Will Singleton, all of Elberta; grandsons, Drew (Paulinna) Johansen and Mason Singleton; parents, Samuel Garth and Voncile Branch of Atmore; a brother, Garth Dee Branch of Chireno, Texas, and many other loving relatives and friends.

Private graveside services and interment were held at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola.

Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Elberta, was in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries may be submitted to *The Lillian* by emailing the info to lillianeditor@yahoo.com or by dropping it off at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library. The information will be printed in the next issue of the newspaper.





Classified Ads

Do you have something to sell or a business to promote? Consider advertising in The Lillian classifieds! \$9 a month for 35-40 words. Discounts offered for ads running 3, 6 or 12 months. Must adhere to our classified ad format and no pictures. Ads also appear in our online edition of the paper. Contact Julie McManus at 703-217-2874 or by email at chewlatta@yahoo.com

Services

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES: Lawn care, pressure washing, sliding glass door repair, hauling trash/debris to the dump and home prep to spruce up your home. If you need any of these services, call Mark at 601-508-0219 or send an email to marksmith0824@yahoo.com

DIVERSIFIED CLEANING SERVICE - A+ rating w/ the Better Business Bureau (25 yrs). Residential, commercial, carpets, windows, pressure washing, etc. Serving Baldwin & Escambia Counties (Lic. 107840). Low overhead customer savings. For more info, text or call 850-712-7191.

<u>PET SITTER:</u> Dependable, responsible and loves all animals. Years of experience. Will provide pet references upon request. Call Susan at 850-281-5557 or 251-962-3523. I look forward to loving and taking care of your pets.

KNIFE SHARPENING SERVICE: Kitchen Cutlery, Pocketknives, Fillet/Skinning, Scissors & Tools. Free Pickup/Return. On Site or Greer's CashSaver 2nd Sat. each month. 850-572-5254 sharperknives4U@gmail.com

Miscellaneous

RECREATIONAL PARK FRIDAY, JUNE 19 at DUSK

The movie title will be announced on the park's web page at www.LillianRecreationalPark.org

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

but donations will be accepted. The film will be shown on a giant inflatable screen and viewers will listen on their vehicle radios via FM radio.

Vehicles will be arranged to follow social distancing guidelines.

<u>RV SITE FOR LEASE</u>: Almost A Park Senior RV Park, 10351 Co. Rd. 83, Elberta. Only one site available, must sign year lease. Large site, full hook ups, free laundry, mailbox with key. 85 ft x 45 ft lot plus shed. \$225 per month plus power. Lots of trees and flowers, seniors only. 251-987-1195 or 251-752-0415.

FOR SALE: 2017 Jayco Redhawk 30' motorhome. Like brand new, only 7,800 miles on 450 Ford engine. Fully loaded, leather interior, 16' electric awning, tow package, sleeps 8, queen bed, storage and more. Retail = \$88,000, trade-in = \$68,000. Our price = \$58,500, call or text 850-712-7191.

FOR RENT: Beautiful condo in Gulf Shores. Fully loaded, 3 min. walk to lagoon, fishing dock, boat slip with breathtaking view. Beautiful pool and 5 min walk to gulf. Very secluded part of the peninsula you will love and want to return. 6 people/\$175 night (3 night minimum). Call Lucy at 850-712-7191.

Managing Withdrawals Can Protect Retirement Income

Throughout much of your working life, you contribute to your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts to help ensure a comfortable retirement. However, once you do retire, you'll need to shift your focus somewhat from building these investments to using them – in other words, you'll have to start withdrawing from your portfolio to meet the costs of living.

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How can you be sure you're not taking out so much that you risk outliving your resources?

First of all, you need to establish a proper withdrawal rate – the percentage of your portfolio's value needed for one year's worth of retirement expenses. Ideally, if you were to stick with this rate, your portfolio would last as long as you do. Your withdrawal rate should be based on a number of factors, including your age, amount of assets, portfolio mix and retirement lifestyle. A financial professional can help you determine the rate that's right for you, but it's important to understand that this rate is a starting point since you will want to review your withdrawals each year to ensure they are still appropriate.

If the financial markets performed smoothly and predictably, year in and year out, any adjustments you make would likely be more modest. But, as you know, and as we've all been reminded the last several months, the markets are neither smooth nor predictable. Rather than constantly trying to change your withdrawal rate and spending in response to movements in the markets - which may be challenging if you have grown accustomed to a certain standard of living - you might be better off adopting a more conservative rate at the beginning of your retirement. For example, if you are in your mid-60s, you could start at a withdrawal rate of about 4%, which also assumes an increase in withdrawals (a "raise") of approximately 3% each year to incorporate inflation. By starting at a more modest withdrawal rate,

you would have some flexibility for those years in which the market drops significantly. And you could increase your chances of extending the lifetime of your portfolio.

But even if you started out with a conservative rate, you may need to review it during periods of extreme market movements. If, for instance, your portfolio were to fall 20% in one year, the 4% you had planned to with-draw would actually become 5% because you're taking out the amount you had planned, but now it's from a smaller pool of money. If this happens, should you consider making an adjustment?

There's no easy answer. The amount you withdraw from your portfolio has a major impact on how long your money lasts. You'll im-



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prove your likelihood of success if you are able to be flexible and make some spending adjustments – spending less on some of your discretionary items or not taking a "raise" until your portfolio recovers. Importantly, your financial advisor can help run different scenarios to determine if adjustments need to be made to ensure you remain on track

In any case, think carefully about your withdrawal rate. By managing it carefully, and reviewing it over time, you can take greater control over your retirement income.

LILLIAN RECREATIONAL PARK PARK PARTNERS DONATION FORM

Yes, I'm ready to have some fun and want to become a Park Partner! I'd like to learn how I can become involved with the park. Please contact me.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of \$

Name

Address ____

Email

City, State, Zip

_____ Phone

Mail to Lillian Recreational Park, P.O. Box 865, Lillian, AL 36549. You may also use your PayPal account. Visit our Facebook page to learn more about upcoming eyents and activities.



Photo by Wyatt Smith Lillian Twice the Ice, located on the corner of County Road 99 and Seventh Street, has opened. It is owned by Sheila and Tommy Wallace.





James Staton Randy Stapler Mark Carpenter Mark Linscomb Steve Duckworth

LCC Banquet Facilities

BEST RATES IN THE AREA! The Grand Hall accommodates up to 250 people State-of-the-Art Full Kitchen Non-smoking

RV CONVENIENCE SITES (Pay in Lounge or Office) Members: \$10/DAY Guest: \$20/DAY Located behind LCC LOUNGE HOURS Sunday through Thursday 11 A.M. - 10 P.M. Friday and Saturday 11 A.M. - 11 P.M. and understanding as we reopen following current safety guidelines. We do not yet have anything on our June calendar and will be taking things day by day. Check our web page and Facebook for updates!

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