

# The Lillian

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**Board meeting of the Lillian Action Committee will be held at the Lillian Perdido Bay Library at 2 p.m. on July 15, 2019. The public is invited.**

## 77th Annual July 4 Celebration Set at LCC



Lillian Community Club will be hosting the 77th Annual July 4 Celebration and area residents are welcome to attend.

Festivities will get underway Thursday, July 4, with a flag raising at 10:45 a.m. by the American Legion Post 48 of Lillian.

Col. George's famous fried chicken will be available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at \$10 a plate with children ages 6 and under eating free.

As always, a silent auction will be held as well as a raffle for a wagon full of treasures. Raffle

tickets are currently on sale in the LCC lounge. A 50/50 drawing will also be held. The silent auction will conclude at 2 p.m.

Also at 2 p.m., a presentation of scholarships will begin.

Music will be provided by Big Jake in the LCC hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fireworks were held June 29.

LCC is located at 34148 Widell Avenue. Contact the LCC office at 251-962-3366 with any questions about the July 4 events.



### American Legion Post 48 Conducts Burning Ceremony on Flag Day

*American Legion Post 48 of Lillian held a flag burning ceremony on Flag Day, June 14. Sergeant at Arms Dave Youngs followed disposal procedures, burning approximately 50 flags that had been turned in. Additional information and photo on Page 24.*

*Photo by Janel Smith*

## Stepping Out In Style For Annual Optimist Fashion Show, Luncheon

Featuring the latest fashions, the women of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will again host their annual Luncheon and Fashion Show.

Slated for Saturday, July 27, the event will be held at the Lillian Community Club with women's clothing provided by Cato's in Foley. Men's outfits will be provided by Polo Ralph Lauren in the Tanger Outlet Mall.



At \$12 each, tickets may be purchased from Optimist Club members or by contacting Liz Whitehurst at 251-609-0995 or Sally McKinney at 251-961-2620.

In addition to the current fashions, there will be prizes and homemade dishes from club members and their friends.

Doors will open at noon with the luncheon to begin at 12:30 p.m.

Some tickets will be available at the door, but it is recommended they be purchased in advance to ensure

availability.

Proceeds from the event help to provide a variety of programs and special events for local children, including scholarships, essay and oratorical contests, and Christmas and Easter parties for children.


*Carolyn Armstrong was a 2018 model when the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay hosted the annual Luncheon/Fashion Show. This year's event will be held Saturday, July 27, in the Lillian Community Club.*





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10th Annual Bunco Bash Planned



Area residents are invited to the 10th Annual Bunco Bash fundraiser for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk for the American Cancer Society. "Rolling for a Cure" will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Lillian Community Club. Early registration is \$30 through July 27. Registration will be \$35 after July 27 and at the door. Lunch will be provided. Additional details may be found at [www.annualbuncobash.com](http://www.annualbuncobash.com). or by contacting Kay Kay at 251-978-4442 or [kekay926@gmail.com](mailto:kekay926@gmail.com). LCC is located at 34148 Widell Avenue in Lillian.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Welcoming New Pastor

Archbishop of Mobile Thomas J. Rodi will install Fr. James Singarayar, HGN as pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 7.

Parishioners will welcome the new pastor at a potluck luncheon and reception in Immaculate Mary Hall after the Mass.

Optimists Announce June Speaker Schedule

The July program schedule of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay presents a variety of subjects.

The July 6 meeting will feature State Representative and Optimist Steve McMillian who will give a "Wrap Up of the Legislative Session in Montgomery."

On July 13 Marine Biologist Jason Herrman, Biologist II, Marine Resources Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, will speak on "Oyster Management."

David Rainer, Alabama Outdoor Weekly columnist, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, will give an overview on July 20 of the "Alligator Hunting Season" which begins in August.

Optimist President will speak on July 27 regarding the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Foundation.



Order on the Courts



A crew from American Tennis Court have been resurfacing the basketball and pickleball courts at Lillian Recreational Park. The courts should be ready for play as of press time.

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Read Alabama Suggests Historical Books

• *Editor's note: as we observe Alabama's 200th year in 2019, we are sharing a list of historical books and authors from the official bicentennial website at alabama200.org.*

The authors may also be available to speak for civic groups. Visit the site if you need details about securing a speaker for your organization.

The Read Alabama 200 Speakers Bureau

Dr. Richard Bailey, author of:  
• *Neither Carpetbaggers nor Scalawags: Black Officeholders during the Reconstruction of Alabama, 1867-1878* (2010)

• *They Too Call Alabama Home: African American Profiles, 1800-1999* (1999)

Emily Blejwas, author of:  
• *The Story of Alabama in Fourteen Foods* (available July 2019)

Dr. Ed Bridges, author of:  
• *Alabama: The Making of an American State* (2016)

John Dersham, author of:  
• *My Alabama: John Dersham Photographs a State* (2019)  
• *Fort Payne* (2016)

Dr. Bill Deutsch, author of:  
• *Alabama Rivers, A Celebration And Challenge* (2018)

Charles Ghigna, author of:  
• *Alabama: My Home Sweet Home!* (2018)

Dr. Guy Hubbs, author of:  
• *Tuscaloosa: 200 Years in the Making* (2019)

• *Searching for Freedom after the Civil War: Klansman, Carpetbagger, Scalawag, and Freedman* (2015)

• *Guarding Greensboro: A Confederate Company in the Making of a Southern Community* (2003)



Irene Latham, author of:

- *Meet Miss Fancy* (2019)
- *Don't Feed the Boy* (2014)
- *Leaving Gee's Bend* (2010)

Jim Lewis, author of:

- *Alabama Founders: Fourteen Political and Military Leaders who Shaped the State* (2018)

• *Lost Capitals of Alabama* (2014)

• *Clearing the Thickets: A History of Antebellum Alabama* (2013)

Dr. James Pate, author of:  
• *The Annotated Pickett's History of Alabama* (2018)

Dr. Chris Rein, author of:  
• *Alabamians in Blue: Freedmen, Unionists, and the Civil War in the Cotton State* (2019)

Alvin Rosenbaum, author of:  
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John Sledge, author of:  
• *These Rugged Days: Alabama in the Civil War* (2017)

• *The Mobile River* (2015)

Jeanie Thompson, author of:  
• *The Myth of Water: Poems from the Life of Helen Keller* (2016)

Dr. Karyn W. Tunks, author of:  
• *Mardi Gras in Alabama!* (2019)

• *Hooray for the Mighty A!* (2015)

• *JUBILEE!* (2012)

Lila Quintero Weaver, author of:

- *Darkroom: A Memoir in Black and White* (2012) or *Cuarto oscuro: Recuerdos en blanco y negro* (2018)

Support for Windows 7 Coming to an End

All good things must come to an end, even Windows 7. After Jan. 14, 2020, Microsoft will no longer provide security updates or support for PCs running Windows 7. But you can keep the good times rolling by moving to Windows 10.

Yes, you can upgrade compatible Windows 7 PCs based on Windows 10 requirements with a full license. To take advantage of the latest hardware capabilities, moving to a new PC with Windows 10 is recommended.

You can continue to use Windows 7, but once support ends your PC will become more vulnerable to security risks. Windows will operate, but you will stop receiving security and feature updates. Windows 7 can still be installed and activated after support has ended.

Support for Internet Explorer on Windows 7 devices will be discontinued on Jan. 14, 2020. As a component of Windows operating system, Internet Explorer follows the same support lifecycle.

Microsoft 365 Business comes



The Mouse

By Joseph Oakley

with a free upgrade for users with a Windows 7, 8, or 8.1 Pro license on their device. By purchasing Microsoft 365 Business, users can upgrade all of their old Windows Pro licensed devices at no additional cost.

For users of Windows 7 Professional and Windows 7 Enterprise, you can purchase extended security updates through January 2023.

If you are not certain if your computer currently running Windows 7 is compatible for Windows 10, contact your computer technician or your computer manufacturer for the answer.

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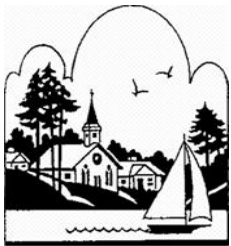
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The deadline for the August issue of *The Lillian* is July 17. Email [lillianeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:lillianeditor@yahoo.com) for information on articles. Call Mark Smith at 601-508-0219 or email [marksmith0824@yahoo.com](mailto:marksmith0824@yahoo.com) for advertising information.

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## Vaping No Less Dangerous Than Smoking

I was so happy when my daughter told me her husband had stopped smoking. He was withdrawing by using e-cigarettes or vaping. Great, I thought. At least he's easing away from the nicotine. Then some time later I heard he was back on the regular cigarettes. I didn't ask why.

Believe me, I know about cigarettes. I wasn't a heavy smoker, but for about 10 years, I smoked about a pack a day. When the Surgeon General's report on cigarette smoking being a danger to health came out in 1964, both my husband and I quit. Well, I quit several times. I finally bit the bullet about a year later and haven't gone back, not that I didn't want to, but I figured with my family cancer history, it was better to stay clean.

After listening to Mike Cook from the Drug Education Council at a recent Optimist Club meeting, I'm almost glad my son-in-law went back to smoking regular cigarettes. Well, not really, but it's better than the vaping, I think. I still hope he quits smoking, but that's only one reason why I'm concerned.

E-cigarettes are battery-operated devices that people use to inhale an aerosol, which typically contains nicotine (though not always), flavorings and other chemicals. They can resemble traditional tobacco cigarettes (cig-a-likes), cigars, or pipes, or even everyday items like pens or USB memory sticks.

Cook says one vial of e-cigarette e-juice contains varying amounts of nicotine, flavorings and other chemicals and can contain twice the amount of nicotine as a regular pack



### Just a Thought or Two

By Sally  
McKinney

of cigarettes.

According to Cook, vaping is the number one addiction in teenagers. And not just teens are vaping. Because e-cigarettes have not been regulated, younger children are known to be heavy users.

Students, yes, students in Baldwin County and probably in your hometown, have been known to vape in the classrooms, as the devices are small and the vapor, which does not smell like smoke, can be blown into shirt sleeves or other items of clothing. The nicotine and other chemicals are sometimes poured into water bottles and no one is the wiser.

One teacher told her Sunday school student to turn in his computer zip drive because he seemed to be preoccupied with it. The other students laughed because, as the teacher found out, it was a vaping product.

Fortunately a law has just been signed in Montgomery regulating the sales of vaping products and prohibiting sales to anyone under 19.

The new law will put vaping products, like tobacco products, under regulations by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Besides prohibiting sales to minors, the new law will place new restrictions on advertising and selling vaping products close to schools.

The cigarette companies lied to us when they told us cigarettes were not dangerous to our health. Now Cook, and I, are afraid the e-product manufacturers are doing the same thing. Please don't fall for their gobbledy gook.

## Impact 100 Awarding Over \$500,000 in Grants in 2019

Impact 100 Baldwin County will be awarding five grants of \$101,000 each in November.

With the 2019 membership drive exceeding its goal, the group now has over 500 members and 100 percent of

Baldwin County citizens. The organization awards large grants to local non-profits, thereby providing them the financial resources to accomplish extraordinary things.

The non-profits apply for their grants in the following five areas: arts and culture; education; environment, preservation and recreation; family; and health and wellness. Members volunteer to serve on committees to evaluate the grants and select finalists, and the entire membership votes to determine the winners.

Impact 100 Baldwin County was established in 2008. That year, 82 members joined and Impact 100 awarded a single grant of \$82,000. Since its inception, the total awarded in Baldwin County is over \$3 million across 32 grants.



membership dues are applied to the grants.

Impact 100 Baldwin County is an organization of women committed to making a significant, lasting difference in the lives of

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# A History of Baldwin County

• *Editor's note: as Alabama celebrates its 200th year of statehood in 2019, we are sharing some information published on the Baldwin County web site at [baldwincounty.al.gov](http://baldwincounty.al.gov)*

The occupation of Baldwin County's rich delta can be traced back approximately 10,000 years. Pre-Mississippian Native American cultures often referred to as "mound-builders" flourished in the area. To this day, a variety of burial, ceremonial and residential mounds along with an occasional artifact can be found along Baldwin County's many waterways.

The Spanish arrived in the area in 1519 when Alonzo Alvarez De Pineda sailed into Mobile Bay and named it Espiritu Santo. In 1540 Hernando Desoto traveled through a portion of Baldwin County. The town of Spanish Fort is known to have been the indefinite site for Spanish occupation. In time, the French and English would occupy Baldwin County, offering a variety of contributions to its rich history and heritage.

Baldwin County is also distinguished as being a place where many battles were fought. Andrew Jackson, who later became the seventh President of the United States, and his volunteers fought Native Americans in Alabama during one of the fiercest attacks occurring in Baldwin County in August 1813 at Fort Mims (located in northern Baldwin County). Jackson crossed Baldwin County to affect the surrender of the Spanish commandant at Pensacola in Northwest Florida.

During the War of 1812, at Fort Bowyer (now called Fort Morgan), the British attacked the fort prior to the ill-fated Battle of New Orleans. This attack was repulsed with a number of British casualties and the loss of the HMS Hermes.

The fort was attacked again after the British defeat at New Orleans, and was lost to the British on Feb. 12, 1815, but after the Treaty of Ghent was signed, the British were forced to relinquish it.

Four years later the 14th British colony, Alabama, at last joined the original 13 American colonies which fought the American Revolution, and Baldwin County became part of the United States of America by inclusion in an American Territory.

During the Civil War (1861-1865), Fort Morgan was again the site of a fierce battle in August 1864 when Federal Union Admiral Farragut entered Baldwin / Mobile Bay to seal off Confederate shipping from Baldwin / Mobile harbor.

The Tecumseh, a Federal Ironclad, struck a mine and sank during the fighting in a narrow inlet where it still lies with its entombed crew near Fort Morgan. In the final days of the Civil War, Baldwin County would see its portion of land engagements as Union General Canby attempted to break through the formidable Mobile defenses.

Numerous skirmishes occurred in the northern portion of the county. The Spanish Fort region went under siege, with Fort McDermott receiving approximately 48 hours of constant bombardment. On April 9, 1865, Union forces mounted a final assault on an area known as Fort Blakely. This abandoned village turned earthwork fortress would see heavy fighting in the final hours of the conflict. It is estimated that a total of

4,475 soldiers were killed or wounded in this final engagement.

Baldwin County was not only a place where battles were fought, but a place where futures were built along the tenants of diversity and a neighborly helping hand. France, Greece, Germany, Yugoslavia, Russia, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Africa and dozens of other countries have contributed to the richness of Baldwin County's history.

This melting pot of people built Baldwin County's agricultural, commercial, manufacturing, tourism and fishing industries to make Baldwin County prosper and persevere during times of severe challenges and economic depression.

Baldwin County remains one of the fastest growing counties in Alabama. In 1990, 98,290 citizens resided in delineated Baldwin County, in 2000 the county's population was 140,415, and the 2010 Census counted 182,265 citizens.

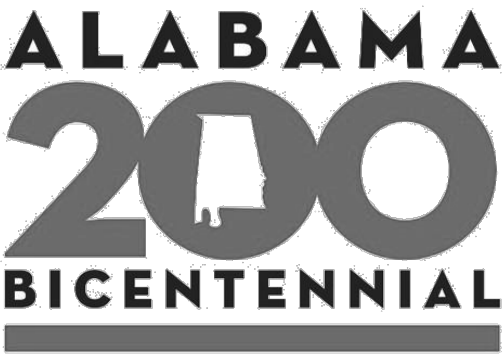
Baldwin County's rich history and diverse cultures have created a place welcome to all, for its strength is not only found among the plethora of abundant natural resources, healthy economy or beautiful beaches, but with the people who have carved out a place to live, prosper and continuously grow.

Baldwin County has the unique distinction of being one of the largest counties east of the Mississippi River and is 10 years older than the State of Alabama.

First organized as a county in 1809, Baldwin County found itself situated within the confines of the Mississippi Treaty until Dec. 10, 1817, when the State of Mississippi entered the United States of America as the 20th state in the Federal Union.

Thereafter, Baldwin County was

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### Gallery Noting 12th Year With Celebration

Artworks Studio and Gallery at Villagio on Perdido Key will be holding a 12th birthday celebration on Saturday, July 6, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Artworks Studio and Gallery opened after the devastation of Hurricane Ivan, which washed away “Talis’ by the Sea” Art and Gifts. Talis Jayme teamed up with Bruce Glassell in Perdido Key, and with their talents and creativity, Jayme was able to open Artworks Studio and Gallery in Villagio Town Centre, Perdido Key.

What started as an impromptu

artist’s co-op has grown into a significant source for local artwork including paintings, jewelry, pottery, glasswork and more.

The gallery currently includes sixteen local artists.

Gallery functions include Artist of the Month, book signings, annual Hungry Hearts to raise food for the local school children and much more.

Refreshments and live music will be provided at the celebration.

The studio is located at 13700 Perdido Key Drive in Pensacola.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Lillian Community Club Improvements

A little over a year ago, the Lillian Community Club voted to keep the lounge a smoking facility. The event side of the club will always remain a smoke-free facility with its own HVAC system.

The goal was to make air quality in the lounge as good as possible for a facility that is not smoke-free. The board and members realized for people who only will attend smoke-free facilities, this may not be good enough. Those a little more tolerant are invited to stop in and see the significant improvement made.

After consulting with a number of HVAC contractors and members familiar with HVAC, a specification was prepared and sent to various contractors.

The details included replacing the 5-ton units with 10-ton units with makeup air, all new insulated ductwork with grills to improve air flow and distribution, 13 additional smoke eaters, ozone machines and new digital thermostats that change from heating to cooling automatically.

Larry Tronu HVAC was selected to do the installation and his crew worked hard to minimize disruptions to the lounge operation.

Since the work was completed, a number of members who had stopped attending because of the smoke have returned and found the air quality to have improved enough to again enjoy the lounge.

More improvements are in progress including additional comfort (handicap) height toilets and handicap rails.

LCC is organized for the purpose of developing and maintaining a spirit of civil and social interest in the greater Lillian area, providing for its enrichment through emphasis on wholesome recreational activities and facilities that support the Lillian community.

We encourage you to come to the Lillian Community Club’s 77th annual July 4 celebration and check out the improvements that have been made.

David Bergsland  
LCC President

### Church Thrift Store Grateful for Donations

The 100% volunteer staff at the Episcopal Church of the Advent Thrift shop wishes to express its gratitude to the community of Lillian for their generous support. Many customers know us as the “little yellow house” on Highway 98, our home for the last 10 years, though we have been in operation nearly 20 years in Lillian.

Our team is comprised mostly of church members but we are blessed with non- member volunteers and welcome inquiries to volunteer from everyone, with emphasis on commitment and stamina for sorting and stocking items.

We appreciate the gently used clothing, the unique items and working, unbroken household and decorative items.

Unfortunately, there is no space

at the shop to store or display donations of large or heavy items. It is also unfortunate that items left at our donation drop off after hours may not make it inside but are instead pilfered by others.

Useable items that we sort but can’t use are recycled to other charitable sources by cooperative arrangements with other people or organizations.

With vouchers from any local church or agency, we give away basic items to those in need. Our next giveaway in July will be gently used school uniforms that have been collected over the past year.

Thank you, kind donors and shoppers, as we work to hopefully make God’s kingdom a better, easier place to live.

Rachael Johnston

**The Lillian policy for letters to the editor:**

~ All letters must be signed and have correct contact information should we have any questions.

~ No letters will be accepted regarding property owner associations' problems. We encourage letters on a variety of topics and ask that writers not continually address the same issues.

~ Please make sure what is submitted is legible or it may not be printed.



# Beware the Fiery Searcher

Twelve score and three “years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” Do you remember from your school days that a score is approximately 20 years? And that the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776?

And do you know what kind of tea the American colonists wanted? Liber-TEA.

All kidding aside, let us celebrate those most joyous of “F” words: food, family, freedom and fireworks. One beetle in particular seems to be celebrating all the time, Calosoma scrutator, the fiery searcher beetle.

This beetle has been documented throughout the continental United States but is most abundant in the Eastern states. This species has also been found in some parts of Canada, Mexico, Guatemala and Venezuela. This is one of North America’s largest ground beetles at 25-35 mm, or just about an inch long for those of us not using the metric system.

This fiery searcher is an especially beautiful beetle with its striking bright, metallic colors. It looks like a crawling firework. Its abdomen is a vivid green with an overlay of shining gold and blue. There is a reddish line around the outside edge of the lime abdomen. The pronotum, the prominent plate-like structure that covers the thorax, is short and broad with bright blue-violet coloring, and is usually bordered in red, gold and green. The head and legs are mostly inky black with brown or reddish-brown mouthparts and antennae.

The mandibles on this beetle are made for some heavy-duty workouts. In the males, they are curved with pointed tips. In the females, the middle tibiae are straight.

Both sexes have mouthparts that are separated into grasping and crushing areas. The complex jaws also contain a large pointed structure at the back on each side, which is used for food manipulation. Like most ground beetles, the compound eyes are well developed, but simple eyes, called ocelli, are absent.

As much as you may want to touch it because of its enticing appearance, these insects should be approached with caution. This beetle is well equipped to give a nasty bite.

If that wasn’t bad enough on its own, this beetle comes equipped with scent bladders that can defensively



## Know Your Critters

By Celeste Hadley-Champion

release a fluid. The fluid contains compounds similar to methacrylic acid, and can leave a lingering, unpleasant odor upon contact. The smell has been described like rotten milk or rancid olive oil.

The fiery searcher is found primarily in fields and gardens. It may also frequent deciduous forests, usually spending the day hiding under logs, rocks or in crevices. The fiery searcher is carnivorous, meaning it eats other insects. It is considered beneficial in controlling populations of destructive pests such as gypsy moths and tent caterpillars. Their large size, defensive chemicals and specialized mandibles make these beetles top invertebrate predators in forest ecosystems.

Both the adults and larvae of the fiery searcher beetle primarily eat caterpillars and will climb shrubs and trees in search of prey. They eat many types of caterpillars that would destroy melons, tomatoes, squash and other common backyard vegetables. An individual larva will consume approximately 50 caterpillars during its developmental period. A single adult consumes hundreds of caterpillars during its lifetime.

The females lay eggs straight into the ground. The eggs are tiny, oblong and white.

They will hatch, if they are lucky, in 3-15 days. What emerges from the egg is something straight out of a nightmare. It looks a bit like an earwig

on steroids, but with extra mouthparts.

They will go through three different forms of larvae, each creepier than the last. After about a month, it will pupate for 10-15 days before it emerges as an adult. The life cycle is usually one year, but adults can be long-lived, and have been reported to live for up to three years.

Adult fiery searcher beetles are attracted to lights, so keep your porch lights off if you are not using them.

We hope this July 4 finds you and yours well.

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## LRP Earns Grant for Bandshell

Music lovers, rejoice! The Lillian Recreational Park has received a \$3,000 Placemaking Grant from the National Association of Realtors to build a combination bandshell/gazebo at the park.

Once it is built, the park will be able to host regular outdoor concerts featuring area musicians, as well as provide a unique gathering space for community and private events.

The grant was awarded through the National Association of Realtors Placemaking Grant program, designed to create new public spaces and destinations in a community.

“We are thrilled to have received this grant,” said Janet Lewis, LRP board president. “The bandshell will give us an opportunity to hold regular concerts and events in the park and draw people from all over the area. It will also provide the park with a unique, multi-use space we can make available for events like weddings, birthday parties and family reunions.”

Doug Abercrombie, a realtor with Coldwell Banker Coastal Realty, and Jennifer Foutch, government affairs director of Baldwin Realtors, were instrumental in applying for the grant on behalf of the park. In announcing the award, Foutch said, “Baldwin Realtors is proud to partner with the Lillian Recreational Park to revitalize the

property for the community to enjoy and help enrich the area through this grant.”

Local musician Cliff Collier regularly plays music at the park for its Movies & Music in the Park series and he is excited to have another venue where local musicians will be able to showcase their talents.

“This will be a great project, not only for the musicians, but for the park itself. Utilizing the beauty of the park, this stage area will be a great place for many events, as well as a place for meeting old friends and welcoming new friends to our community.”

From a musician’s perspective, he noted, “The elevated stage will make it easier for us to better relate to people in the back row, and having a covered stage will be great because we will get better sound and won’t have to worry about our equipment getting wet if it starts to rain.”

The bandshell/gazebo project is expected to cost approximately \$15,000, so the park will be launching a community fundraising campaign for the balance of the funds. The park has a year to complete the project, but hopes that the bandshell/gazebo will be completed much sooner than that.

Contributions can be sent to Lillian Recreational Park, Post Office Box 865, Lillian 36549.

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absorbed into the Alabama Territory until Dec. 14, 1819, when the State of Alabama entered the United States of America as the 22nd state in the Federal Union.

Ironically, Baldwin County takes its name from a native of Guilford, Conn., who had never been to the county, much less the state of Alabama.

Somewhat of a prodigy, Abraham Baldwin graduated from Yale University after studying both theology and law at the age of 17. In 1784, after serving as an educator and chaplain in the American Revolution, Baldwin moved to Georgia to practice law, where later that same year, he was elected to the Georgia state legislature.

Considered one of Georgia's earliest progressive leaders, Baldwin is credited with assisting in the authorship of the Georgia State

Charter and with the concept of a complete state educational system which directly led to the founding of the University of Georgia - the first of the state universities. Baldwin served as the university's first president.

During the 20 years Baldwin spent in Georgia before his death, he had signed the United States Constitution at the Constitutional Convention which formed the United States of America and served in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate during the Presidential administrations of George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

When Alabama was still considered the Alabama Territory, before statehood on Dec. 14, 1819, many of the county's settlers, who migrated from Georgia, suggested the county be named after Baldwin to honor his life and accomplishments.