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One!

## TUPELO HONEY FESTIVAL...WOW!

By Tom Wynn

“WEWA family reunion”, this year was a great success. Fun was had by all. Food and vendors were busy selling all they had to offer. Honey prices were cheaper than last festival, thanks to the local “Bee Charmers” having time to bring in the golden tasties for our good pleasure. From the Lanier, Smiley, Rish and Cantu bee-keepers, as well as, several other Bee Charmers who all lined up together along the sidewalk under the Old Oak trees. We all got to talk and see that all was okay and still working the Bees, a very successful season for all.

I was busy giving out the May issue of “THE WEWA NEWS” and helping the Beekeepers sell their golden jars of the finest honey God gave to mankind. It was a pure joy to see so many Wewahitchkaian out and about. It nearly brought me to tears folks, to see those I have been missing since Covid-19 depressed the world. Even friends from Mobile, Alabama came to visit and enjoy the festival. Several folks told me they came home just for the festival, having moved away years ago.

I have to give the City of Wewa a big thumbs up for their quick effort to make the park look so good., what pros they are. **The Veterans Flags were flagging tall**, making us Vets proud. Thank you Woman’s Club and the City Workers for all your efforts to make the park so beautiful.

The Beekeepers tell me the harvest was plentiful this year, so thank the Lord for that. You can still find Tupelo and other honey flavors available from our local beekeepers. See a list of local beekeepers with their phone numbers on the last page of “The Wewa News”.

As time clicked by more and more folks came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and all that was to see and do. The Tupelo Honey Festival, to me, has always been a day of “Wewa Family Reunion”, this year, it wore me out!

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## CITY WATER/SEWAGE MONTHLY BILL TO INCREASE!

Rescheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for **Florida Rural Water Association** to explain to the Public why our Water/Sewage Bill needs to increase. Come and hear the details folks. Meeting will be held in the Senior Citizens Building at 6 PM.

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## “THE FAMOUS DEAD LAKES”

Postcard circa 1930-1940’s

### Hidden Treasures

By Ann Johnson

How often do we drive by things in our community without noticing their significance or beauty? We have many things in our beautiful Wewahitchka that catch our eye and some that we just don’t think about as we pass by. On a recent Geo-caching (treasure hunt) adventure, two local ladies, Becky Hamm and Marilyn Causey, were in search of a place to hide a treasure when they noticed the beautiful live Oak tree on the newly acquired city property on Lake Alice along Highway 22.

After deciding that this tree was huge, they began to wonder about its age. They did a little research and discovered that this tree was in fact very old. The city was contacted and measured the tree and by calculations it is estimated to be 449 years old with a girth of 23.6 feet.

I did a little digging and found out there is a way to register this beautiful oak through the *Live Oak Tree Society* with the Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc. The Society was founded in 1934 by Dr. Edwin Stephens and started with 43 members, today there are 9,373 members in 14 states. An interesting fact about this society is that it only has one human member, which is the chairperson and she is responsible for registering and recording the members (the trees). The President of the Society is a live oak known as *The Seven Sisters*, located in Lewisburg, LA. It has a girth of 38 feet and estimated age of 1200 years old. The vice president of the society is the Middleton Oak in Charleston, SC with a girth of 31 feet and estimated age of 900 years old. If you go on the Garden Club’s web site, you can see pictures of all the members.

(Story Continues on page 10)

### GULF CO. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS-

**Wheels On Williams** is a new event for Gulf County. It will feature local and regional cars, trucks, motorcycles, golf carts and anything with a set of wheels for a FREE community event. Food will be available from the region’s most popular Food Trucks. Music will be provided by the communities’ favorite musicians. **It will be held on the third Thursday of June, July and August start time is 5 pm.**

### Friends of the Animals Festival

Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 9 AM CDT – 3 PM ET  
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## HOW TO MAKE A BACKYARD BIRD HOUSE

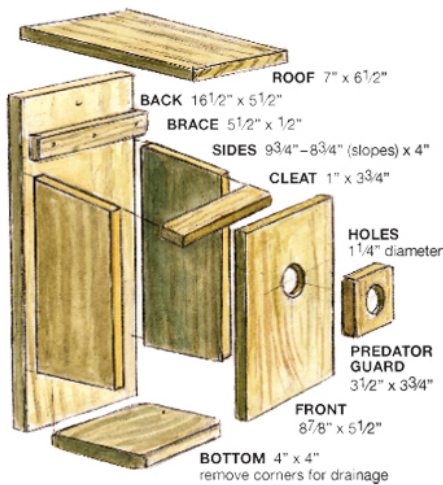


Photo by Tom Wynn

My close neighbor, Rudy Madrid, and his daughter, made their very own backyard Bird houses and decided to paint them with bright colors (see web site for color version of this newspaper). So as you can see in the photo, they POP! with wonderful colors.

I have found an amazing drawing that will give you the measurements to make your very own with the help of your Kids/Grandkids and or your sweet wife. Have some summer fun and make your own. Make Wewa beautiful with Bird Houses.

### The Easy Birdhouse Anyone Can Build



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## THE CHARLES WHITEHEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY



### BY JOYELLE LINTON-THE WEWA LIBRARIAN

Things have been busy at the Charles Whitehead Public Library this month with planning and preparation for summer activities. With the development of COVID-19, in-person programming was suspended in March 2020. If all goes well, in-person programming will return in September 2021.

The library is excited to offer the community our very first **"Outdoor Storywalk"**. June will showcase the story, *"The Alphabet Tale"*, while July will showcase the story, *"Bee Dance"*. Walk along the trail and read as you go. Families are sure to love these two wonderful stories!

Visit during library hours to receive a free prize for attending! You are encouraged to bring your children by the library to enjoy a variety of individual/family based activities in the children's department on a walk-in basis. These will coordinate with the themes listed below. For each activity completed, your child will receive a prize from the treasure box!

This summer the library will also be offering craft sessions in the library, limited to one family per hour. Appointments are requested, however if the room is available.

We've partnered with the St. Joseph Bay Humane Society and Gulf County United to collect pet food for those in need, as well as toys and cleaning supplies for the shelter.

Please donate the following items to our Fur-Baby Food Drive: Dry Dog and Cat Food, Canned Dog and Cat Food, Tidy Cats Non-Clumping Cat Litter, Dawn Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Tough Dog Toys (no stuffed dog toys, please) and Cat Toys. Donations will be collected June 1 through July 30, 2021.

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### **THE NORTH END OF WHAT IS CALLED GULF COUNTY TODAY WAS PREDICTED TO BE "PARADISE" ... See for yourself!**

BY Tom Wynn

**"I am [of the] opinion [that] we shall make something handsome by our own undertaking through time...nothing more than paradise." Samuel Hamilton Walker, Iola, Calhoun County (Gulf County today), West Florida, Feb. 16, 1837**

When I go down south to the southern parts of Gulf County, I see such wonderful things these days. It has grown into a great place to shop, enjoy the restaurants, and other places to visit. I am so proud of what our county has done to restore "all things".

St. Joe Beach/Mexico Beach is nearly complete on its restoration as well. We are so blessed to have such beautiful sights to see as we travel in our paradise. We have the most beautiful sugar white beaches, palm trees and interesting spots to visit, as we make a run up and down highway 98, of course Cape San Blas as well.

One of my favorite secret spots is the **NO NAME Cafe** on Reid Ave. It has books from local folks, and tons of other interesting things to look at and purchase if you desire. The people that work and own the cafe are very friendly and the service is great as well. I meet interesting folks while I snack on a Chicken Salad sandwich that is to die for, and please, let us not forget the cakes and other freshly made goodies to snack on also.

It has been fun to look in on all the interesting shops and stores as I wait for "**The Wewa News**" to print at Ramsey's Printing. David is particularly good in helping me get the paper out on time.

I noticed how clean and organized St. Joe has become. With lots of new stores and restaurants. There is no longer a need for us to travel to PC for good food, as we have our little places in Wewa and in Port St. Joe. Please do your best to spend your time and money locally as it makes for jobs and taxes for our people and our county to keep up the beautiful place, we live in.

We all have been beat down by hurricanes, storms and oil spills, flooding, and whatever. But, our people just fix it, restore it, and make it better! Paradise is our home.

I know we all have made that weekly or biweekly trips to PC for dinner for steak and shrimp delights, Mexican restaurants, and other places to fatten up! But, gulf county is back in full swing. It is just beautiful and exceptionally clean and organized. Prices are good too. It is so much fun to see Wewa folks, relatives, friends, and neighbors working down there. We have got to stick together as a county family to restore all our beauty and commerce before it is lost via storms or Covid-19.

Pray for one another and spend time with each other as often as you can. We may not see the light of morning tomorrow, but it would be nice to have spoken to our friends, family and neighbors before the room grows dark.

Tell everyone how much you enjoy their company, their love and respect as well as their labors. For example, the cooks in the restaurants, work over a hot stove. Your wife or mom who cook countless meals for you and others daily. Tell them how much you love them and thank them for their work. Thank the businesses in Wewa that are here, and in St. Joe for having stayed open despite Covid-19, hurricane, storms, and lack employees to keep the doors open for us.

How about them tree men that cut those large trees down for us, or clean up the yard every other week for you. The Electric Co-op workers that keep the lights on for us, I have known most of them for many years, they are our heroes. The guys in the field, on the bucket trucks, the ladies in the offices who do their best to get the job done as well. Thank them for their service.

We all must stick together as a city and county. "**WE THE PEOPLE**" must keep this nation running for our children and grandchildren as well as their children. It is our duty to not forget who we are, and what we stand for. We love one another and we need to show it, say it, and become it! We have not lost our way, we just had to take a time out. Now is the time, to restore all things. All things that are beautiful, loving and caring, clean and useful. We are raising a fine group of children in Wewa today. I am so proud of our kids and teens. Amazing and loving they are. Our schools are some of the best in the state. Our teens are super men and women in sports. It is awfully hard to be a young person these days. In my time, Vietnam war was at hand, most of my childhood and teen years. I hated it! It was on TV nightly, no rest for our nation, they were killing our leaders, presidents, candidates, and religious leaders. We have Covid-19 today, and unrest in the public places. We have hateful people

who lack respect for our monuments, history, and places of government. We see this daily on our TV today. We are infighting in cities. We must not become a part of that, but do the opposite and love one another more than ever.

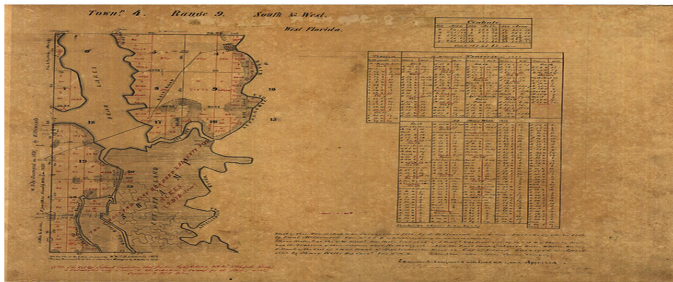
We must become better people, stronger family, and be WEWA STRONG! Be not afraid to tell your neighbor you love them, your friend you are thankful for their friendship. Your family for being there for you. Your creator for bringing you into this world for his glory. You were made in the image of your creator, and nothing in this universe else was so made. No angelic being, or animal or thing can say that. You are creators too and you can love or hate, it is up to you, which one do you want to do! Forgive others, not because it is good for them, but because it is good for your soul and frees you to love again. Look into the sky in the dark night and see what your Father has created and wonder what is next! We are Wewa Strong, we can and will overcome the worse and enjoy the best together. TW

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### **A local Research and Historian On Iola Ghost town & Samuel Walker back in 1830's.**

By Tom Godwin

The old town of Iola was located on the west side of the Apalachicola River about 52 miles from the city of that same name. It lay to the east of Dead Lakes, and near the town of Wewahitchka, which, because of its twin lakes, meant in the native Indian language "water eyes."



Iola was established because of the need for a terminus of the St. Joseph and Iola Railroad. It parallels the history of the Gulf port town of St. Joseph, which was located in the Oak Grove neighborhood of Port St. Joe and was the main terminus of the railroad. St. Joseph was established in 1835, and virtually ceased to exist in 1845, as did Iola, as a result of the failure of the railroad.

**"I am [of the] opinion [that] we shall make something handsome by our own undertaking through time...nothing more than paradise."**

**Samuel Hamilton Walker, Iola, Calhoun County, West Florida, Feb. 16, 1837**

Before becoming a legendary Texas Ranger, 22-year-old Samuel "Sam" Hamilton Walker, settled in the town of Iola. A collection of Sam Walker's letters, kept at the Texas State Archives, tell much of the fate of Iola. In letters to his brother Charles, Sam Walker mentioned the construction of a steam sawmill, a gristmill and a hotel in Iola. Walker was the proprietor of the hotel. The sawmill may have been connected to Stone's Wood Yard up the river and was owned by **Col. Henry D. Stone**, progenitor of 16 children, whose descendants are to be found in this part of Florida to this day. Along with

the railroad, there were two warehouses and a wharf. In 1838 a post office was established. But the growth would soon stagnate and businesses falter.

**"...Nathan [Walker's brother] has had a long spell of it [bilious fever, a general term for malaria, typhoid fever, colic, etc.] and has not been at work more than ten days and my other partners and all my hands have been sick with the Ague [malaria] and fever for several months past so that I have not made out as well as I anticipated. Our new town has proved unhealthy this summer..." S. H Walker, Iola, Oct. 21, 1838.**

The above lament is an ominous sign of things to come. Walker speaks of deaths in Iola where the "population is about one hundred." Do you suppose Walker is becoming disillusioned with his "paradise?"

*"...it is impossible for me to come home unless I could sell my property which I cannot do at the present without sacrificing it as the currency of the county is in a deplorable situation at present and property will not bring its value..." S. H. Walker, Iola, Dec. 29, 1839.*

The above quote is indicative of the banking crisis of the nation that affected Florida, which defaulted on its loans to the Federal government. This only complicated the "very sickly fall" that Walker also mentions. His brother, Nathan, died that year of malaria. S. H. Walker does remain optimistic as he speaks of a busy season with 16 steamboats arriving at port and by roads from Tallahassee, Marianna and Mt. Vernon being constructed but political factors come into play for investors.

*"The business at this place and St. Joseph is broken up for the present by the treachery and valiancy of the President and three or four men of the railroad company residing in Columbus, Georgia by selling their interest and influence to the Apalachicola Land Company for the bribe of about \$100,000 in cash and about an equal amount in town property in Apalachicola City, and thus the citizens of Iola and St. Joseph are ruined for the present by the valiancy and faithfulness of men who have heretofore been considered among the first men of Georgia. ... The last of our property now if sold at auction would not bring 12 1/2 cents on the dollar of the original cost... Florida money is 40% below par and some of it much more. The new bank that was built in St. Joseph has suspended operations...I shall leave here tomorrow. ... Please direct the next [letter] to Tallahassee." S. H. Walker, Iola, Jan. 17, 1840. It became clear that by 1840, Iola was in decay. The railroad and banks were failing.*

**"No doubt you have heard of the murder of Harlin's (sic) wife and two children by Indians".**

**J. C. Taylor, Iola, Mar. 15, 1840.**

*[The Indians] have taken Indian Key and murdered a good many family near Monticello in the east and when the soldiers finds (sic) them they were afraid to attack them and rebounded back to camp and left them. The people of Iola is (sic) very much frightened. (Continue on page 5)*

*They hear guns every night over the river. Ann M. Walker (Sam Walker's sister-in-law), Iola, Sept. 3, 1840.*



***"Unearthing the past is one of the greatest joys of my life." Samuel Hamilton Walker, Iola, Calhoun County, West Florida, Feb. 16, 1837***

As if the citizens of Iola didn't have enough problems with the economy and disease, the second Seminole Indian War was underway (1838-42). I do not intend to ignore the sufferings of the Seminoles, but the worst incident in Iola was the massacre of Harmon G. Harlan's family. On January 29, 1840 Mr. Harlan arrived with 21 armed men and found his settlement on the Apalachicola River burned and his family killed. Probably as a result, Lt. Col. William J. Bailey was ordered to send troops to protect Iola. A rumor was reported to Tallahassee on October 13 that Iola was destroyed by Indians.

The following year, St. Joseph, like most of the South, was seriously hit by a yellow fever epidemic. The city may also have been hit by a series of hurricanes. These tragic events were too much for the settlers to sustain. By 1842, the railroad was sold and scrapped. In 1845, the Iola Post Office was discontinued. Iola faded from history.

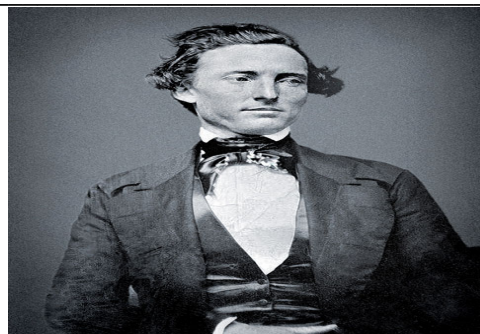
Revisiting the site of the now abandoned town of Iola, I thought it symbolic that even the Apalachicola River has altered its course and left the old place. On my first visit some 56 years ago, all that remained of the river was a small pond in the ancient bed. Today it appears that the river may be attempting to retrace its old course and once again flow by the banks of this fateful site, now nothing more than a marshy flood plain inhabited by cypress knees, trees, mosquitoes, and water moccasins.

There is only one visible sign that this was once an enterprise of man. Four beds, spurs of the terminus of the St. Joseph and Iola Railroad, have miraculously survived the numerous floods that must have inundated this site over the past 179 years. The railroad was an attempt by "The Saints," citizens of old St. Joseph, to siphon off the cotton trade that flowed down to their rival port of Apalachicola. It was the third railroad established in Florida and was a replacement of the failed Lake Wimico and St. Joseph Railroad (Florida's first) that didn't offer direct berthing on the river.

As I stood there looking at an often-flooded river plain, Sam Walker's "paradise," I wondered what possessed people to settle in such a place. Was it sheer vanity or the desire of disaffected citizens for revenge against the competition in Apalachicola that blinded them to this apparently hopeless venture? Perhaps it was faith or just speculation that this new invention, the most powerful man-made land force yet, the steam locomotive, would surpass all other modes of transport, including river trade. Beyond this silent overgrown jungle land where mother nature reigns supreme, the slow and steady river flowed on its eternal journey, ignoring what man had tried to make.

*Robert (Bob) Hurst's research of the railroads of old St. Joseph culminated in the discovery of a pair of locomotive wheels and axle from those railroads, along with the publication "Mapping Old St. Joseph, Its Railroads, and*

*Environs" published in the April 1961 issue of the Florida Historical Quarterly XXXIX, no. 4.*



#### **About Samuel Hamilton Walker**

Samuel Hamilton Walker was born in Prince George County, Maryland. He enlisted in 1836 in the Washington City Volunteers for the Creek Indian Campaign in Alabama but was stationed in Florida. In 1837, he apparently remained in Florida after his service, and worked as a scout and possibly became involved with the railroads of St. Joseph. He was hotel proprietor at Iola. After Iola, he distinguished himself as a Texas Ranger, Captain and military officer of the Republic of Texas and U.S. armies, and co-inventor of the Walker Colt revolver along with Samuel Colt. He was killed in 1847 at the young age of 32, while leading a charge into Huamantla, Tlaxcala, Mexico. [Robert Nieman, "Sam Walker," Texas Ranger Dispatch 9 (Winter 2002): 21-26. (Authors note: Nieman incorrectly associates Walker with the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railway. This could not be since the GF&A was not chartered until 1895.)]

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### **Wewa Courthouse & St. Joe County Courthouse Ghost Stories Have Been Told!**

Researched by Tom Wynn

The Old Courthouse in Wewahitchka was started in 1925 and finished by 1927 (James Rish's grandfather was the foreman on the project) and was Gulf County's original courthouse until voters moved the county seat to Port St. Joe in 1964.

Legends indicate that a sheriff was shot and killed in the lobby. Some say that his spirit remains in the building. Visitors have reported hearing footsteps in the halls, odd odors emanating from the basement and unexplained cold spots.

The Gulf County Courthouse in Port St. Joe is also reportedly haunted. In this case, it is by so called-Spirits, of three people who died during a shootout on July 28, 1987. Visitors to the courthouse report unexplained elevator activity, footsteps of someone running on the catwalk that connects the courtroom and the jail, and lights flashing in the judges' chambers where the shooting began.

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## **A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

**By Grandpa Tom**

“As I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to take.” These words came out of my mouth nearly every night as a boy. I took them to heart. My father taught them to me, as he laid me down each night.

Often, he would say, before he left the room, “Now Tommy, if you turn and face the wall, and close your baby blues, you will go fast to sleep.” Funny! Every time I did as he said, I did just that. But one thing often puzzled me when I got older... I do not have baby blue eyes! I have hazel eyes. As a man I often thought of his words, especially since his passing. I figured out that his saying was passed down through the generations, starting with a family member with blue eyes. My grandmother had hazel eyes and my father and grandfather had brown eyes, so it must have come from a previous generation. But one thing it did for me, was it give me peace each night.

So, I too used it for my children. As I did so, I grew a smile on my face remembering how peaceful it made me to know my father cared so much for me and my brother. He loved us greatly, and of course we loved him too. He was a real man, and good father and a fine Bible teacher and Theologian. He saved lives for a living in the USCG Aviation and taught the Bible to those that would listen, wrote many papers on various Biblical subjects as well.

Now my question comes: How about you Dad? Do you bring peace to your children as they lay their sweet little heads down for the night? Do you teach them about the creator and his works and words, that saved the world? Are you a good example as a man and leader in your household? Ask these questions of yourself. Only you can answer and do the right thing.

It is your legacy that sleeps tonight, facing that wall. Are they sleeping in peace and joy, or are they worried, troubled and hurting?

Kiss them often, listen to them speak. Take time to teach them about good things, bring good memories into their lives, museums, books, stories, parks, fun stuff Dad.

None of us are perfect, and no one is asking for you to be so. Just be better tomorrow, and tell those that you love, that you indeed love them by voice and by action. Do you love them?

No one has all the answers, just do the best you can, and give them a little peace knowing you are there for them, and you are praying for their happiness. Even if you never had a peaceful night sleep. Make the change, be the one that says, “close your baby blues and sleep well my child.”

Now is the time to love one another, a time is coming when you will wish your family members were here to talk to. Laugh and enjoy the time together. Time flies and the old-timers are but a memory now. Ask those questions now, while they can still remember. Visit them often, enjoy their company. Do not wait until it is too late Folks! Have you



told someone that you love them today? I do my best to tell someone I love them, every day, wife, son, neighbor, or friend. It is never too late to say it, just before you close your baby blue eyes tonight. May God bless you today my friend! Sleep well, live good and free! Freedom came at a cost, don't lose it, love one another, today, for tomorrow may never come. TW

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(Story continues from Page 1- Tupelo Festival)

I could not have been more happy that day had finally come. Our local beekeepers work very hard to bring us the finest and best tasting honey in the world.

Weather conditions and timing of the blooms are very important to getting that bright yellow-green appearance of Tupelo Honey into the jars. Together with the bees and nature, they capture the finest table honey the world desires.

The Apalachicola River basin is the only place in the world that Tupelo Honey is produced commercially.

It was a great day for all honey lovers, and a time to relax. I just loved the joy in my friends and family member's faces, as they came by to tell me of all the fun they were having. I look forward to it each year, and so do most honey lovers.

The live music by Dickey Merritt & The Original Bama Jam was fun to hear and the benches were full most of the time.

Check out the documentary I did with Jim Rish and a few other local Beekeepers back in 2002, called "Tupelo Honey & The Amazing World of Bee Keeping." You can find it on Youtube.



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## Wewahitchka

**It's True meaning**

By Tom Wynn

**Polly Bee wants you to know...** The true Creek Indian name, English Translation for "Wewahitchka" means, "Place of many waters" or literally, **Water is Here** as per the then sitting Creek Indian Chief, **Alonso**, when we questioned him about the name during an interview in the documentary I filmed, produced and directed, called: **"Tupelo Honey & The Amazing World of Beekeeping"**. We filmed it in the 2002 Honey Season in Gulf County. Featuring our local beekeeper **James E. "Jim" Rish** and including other local beekeepers as well. Look for it on Youtube, Enjoy!

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**Colossians 3: 23-24**

### **Learn New Words Daily-Etymology "EULOGY"**

**Eulogy means to talk good about someone.** Have you ever use this word, when someone dies? Well God talks good about us from his Heavenly Throne, while we are yet still among the living. This Greek word, "Eulogia" is used of the Saints in the second chapter of the book of Ephesians. Our Heavenly father speaks about us in a Eulogia way. Enjoy!

Eulogia is the Greek noun that means "praise" or "blessing" or "generous gift." All of these Greek words are derived from the roots "good" (eu) and "word" (logos). No other verse in the whole Bible has three uses of eulog- words. No other verse could better be called a eulogy. "eulogy" (English) in Greek it is εγκώμιον

¶ "...You formerly walked according to the course of this world... the sons of disobedience... children of wrath... dead in trespasses... by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves —it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:1-10). To add some icing on the cake...

Paul weaves together the perfection of three unities.

- **1. The unity between the saved and their God.** They have "access to God in one Spirit". They are "saints... of God's household". (We discussed this unity in portion 1 above).
- **2. The unity of Jew with Gentile.** Now in Christ they are "fellow citizens ... fitted together... built together into a dwelling of God". (We discussed this unity in portion 2 above).
- **3. The unity of the Divinity.** Behind the two unities we have already noticed, there lies the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Paul brings this out. Note how the three are united in the one statement: "Through him [Christ]... in one Spirit... to the Father". The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in working together to save us. Christ suffered on the cross, and the Spirit disseminated the message of the cross, in order that we can have access to the Father. Sleep tight! Enjoy Life! Love first, love one another until the end of time. We are living in sandbox, play and learn while you still can, soon you will have a large household to maintain.



### **A VERY OLD SWORD FOUND ON THE RIVERS' EDGE BY A LOCAL EXPLORER**

By Tom Wynn

This amazing find was discovered by Mr. Donald Beatty of Wewa and Honeyville a few years ago. He discovered this sword in the bank of the Apalachicola River embedded in the sand under a tree's root system along the edge of the River Bank, about 6 feet down.

He stated in an interview, the design and shape of the Sword, which mostly is made of Brass, could be Spanish in design. He thinks it was a Spanish Officer's sword and may have washed out of a Spanish Soldiers burial site location or lost while traveling in a boat. Nothing else was found in the area. In research of the Sword's appearance, I can not find any Spanish sword that even comes close to this style. Hmmm... A Mystery!

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## WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WEWA?

**Do a little Research...**Home of the best tasting honey in the world. Wewa has grown at a rate of over **20.5 percent** in the 21 years. Wewa is the **7,365<sup>th</sup>** largest city in the United States. The current population of Wewa is **2,133** which is at its peak to date. Wewa people love one another, and many folks return to Wewa after many years of being away, to retire to the **"Good Life"** of peace and joy. Wewa is known as **"God's County"** because it is plumb full of the sweetest honeys, fresh water, fruit and veggies, great fishing, hunting, milk, gardening, and fresh air every morning at breakfast, (because the many trees clean the air during the night). In case you forgot! 45 min. to I-10, 8-11 hours to the mountains, 5.5 hours to Atlanta, 5.5 to Orlando, Disney World, etc. Just 4 hours away, Cruise ships in Mobile and on and on! Gotta love the place! **Tom Wynn**



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**"BUSY AS A WEWA BEE..."**

## BOOK REVIEW

**"HURRICANE HONEY"** Published 2015

**By Buddy Nachtsheim**

What a hair raising story of survival between bees and men- all came to a point of-what next?! The book was an interesting read. Well written and thought out.

A blow by blow of events in a family and their bees, in dealing with Hurricane Michael and the aftermath of the storm. Both having to overcome just about everything to come back strong. It was worth the 10 bucks I spent for the book.

I met the author at the Tupelo Honey Festival in Wewa. I enjoyed our encounter. He told me he has written a second book, and I hear from another reader that it is even more interesting. So enjoy the read and look for his latest book at the **No Name Restaurant** in Port St. Joe on Reid Ave.

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# PREACHER GLASS



Preacher Glass June 1971 On Patrol

J. H. "Preacher" Glass By Darlene Glass Ake

It is hard to believe it has been over 30 years since we said our final good-byes to the Legendary **J.H. "Preacher Glass."** He was the Chief of Police of Wewahitchka from 1969-1985. There are few people still around and alive that got the pleasure of knowing him. Others have just heard stories of the former Police Chief of Wewa.

I had the honor of being one of his daughters. We had to share this man with the town and surrounding area, for he loved the people of his town and helping them.

He was on call 24/7 though he only got paid for an 8 hour day. He had a huge heart and loved his home town of Wewahitchka. As far as I can recall he never took a child to jail. He would take them home or bring them to our house and take up time with them, especially the boys.

He could be tough as nails but he was also the kindest man I ever knew and one of the most respected. It was not unusual as a child to wake up and find a stranger sleeping on our couch that he picked up and brought home. He made sure they had a good night sleep and a belly full of food and sometimes even a bus ticket to get where they needed to go. He was known to be fearless and he put himself in some dangerous situations. He was compared many times to "Bufford Pusser" from Walking Tall. That he did, he walked tall.

I have to admit, memories are not as clear as they used to be, I am thankful for the stories that were shared on the Remembering Preacher Glass fb page, the news articles, the stories told (some a bit exaggerated as all true legend stories should be). My family love hearing your story from the very brief to the very detailed, so please keep sharing.



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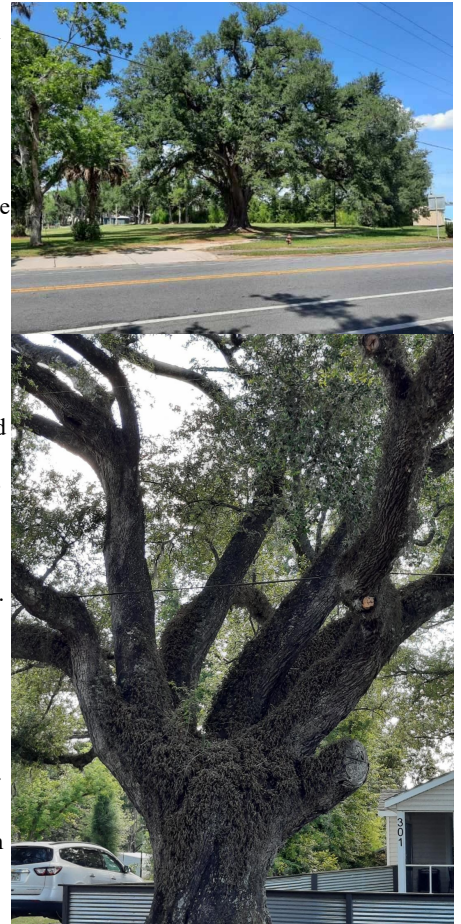
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## (TREE STORY FROM PAGE 1)

Can you just imagine all the exciting things in history that this beautiful tree has seen during its many years of growing? An oak tree can produce up to 10,000 acorns in a year with less than 10 becoming a tree. As an acorn, our tree has survived deer, squirrel and birds competing for food to become one of the few that survived hundreds of years ago. Our tree, if you think about it, was most likely sprouted in the year 1572. We were not even a nation until 1776.

I am sure it saw some of the Spanish when they inhabited Florida and probably saw many American Indians that lived in the area around beautiful Lake Alice and Lake Julia. Then came the settlers to our area even before we were a town, who may have cooked and had dinner under our very tree. Once we became a City, we had dirt roads in town where cows and animals roamed freely everywhere. Imagine the many storms that this tree has weathered and survived, most recently Hurricane Michael in October 2018. With all that our tree has seen and endured for these hundreds of years, the City of Wewahitchka has plans to register it with the Live Oak Society, making it one of the societies many members. Who knows, in the future maybe our tree will have the honor of being the President.



Wewahitchka also has several other trees that have stood for many years. There is the massive oak tree on Main Street where, if you are facing it, the trunk and branches look like a hand. It once had a soccer ball resting in its palm for quite a while that reminded you of the Hand of God holding the world. That is a good sign that we as a City are well taken care of. I remember, like many of you, riding my bike over the big hump where the tree roots uplifted the sidewalk to make a perfect ramp to fly through the air, but if you were walking and not paying attention there were many a scraped knee to be tended to there also. We also have the two beautiful trees at the United Methodist Church. They are not twins, but maybe sisters because they are almost a reflection of the other. Many of us have had quite a few family pictures made under them over the years and I would bet they know most of the church's songs and music by heart. They have stood by many of us through weddings and funerals and just the joyous occasions of worship.

I am sure there are numerous exciting things that you may have noticed while riding around. I would love for everyone to be looking for special things about our town that stand out to you and give me your thoughts and ideas about them. Please contact me if you have something of interest about our beautiful town and area that we can bring recognition to.





In Memory of U.S. Navy Master Chief Ed Doyle. He was one of the smartest men I have ever known. As times, he was the the only Citizen at the Wewa City meetings many times. He was a good teacher and a very smart educator as a Master Gardener and Geologist just to name a two of his many talents. He is survived by his Lovely wife Nelia, she being in her mid 90's today. Ed was an orphaned in Atlanta, having run away as a teen to look for his father, he never found him. He became a master at everything he did or wanted to do. He reminded me of my Good Ole' Dad who did the same. A War Vet of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam a highly decorated Navy Man. Rest in peace my brother.



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## BLAST FROM THE PAST!

The Old Wewa News Article on Ms. Lillie Ann Borders turning 100 Years old. By Tom Wynn

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**LOOK WHO'S 100 YEARS OLD!**

**Lillie Ann Priscilla Daniels Borders**  
Priscilla Daniels was born November the 4th 1896 in Early, Florida. The third of thirteen children born to Dicie Ann Herrietta Strange (Lovie) and Levi Daniels (Lee), she was raised along Wetapo Creek. Her family farmed the land growing rice, garden vegetables of all kinds, Citrus and and other fruit trees. They also raised cattle, hogs and sheep. She did everything from sheering sheep to delivering mail on horse and buggy from East Bay to Wetapo.  
Her father was a circuit preacher and she would play the piano or organ and lead the singing.  
At age 21 she married Cordie Borders December the 14th 1917. They were married for 47 years and raised six children: Loretta Hazel Warren, Nadine Roberts, Boyd Borders, Haywood Borders, Bobbie Lee Borders and Ophelia Ann Brooks. She presently has 24 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren & seven great-great grandchildren.

**The Wewa News Will After December**  
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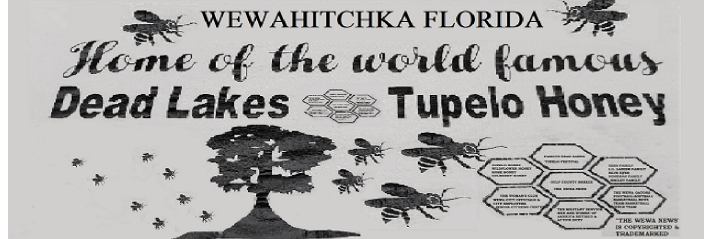
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