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City Public Works will move!

By: Tom Wynn

In January of 1995, according to Commissioner Dallas Jones, he saw a real need to relocate the city's Public Works Department. Because of environmental reasons, Mr. Jones felt it would be wise to move the city vehicles and equipment away from the city water plant.

Mr. Jones researched and located a parcel of land adjacent to the city sewage plant. The city saw it as an appropriate location to move their operation because it's environmentally safer. During the past year the city purchased this land, and now plans are in the works to move when budgetary funds become available. Fuel storage will no (see Public Works page 8)

WHS TEACHER FILES HIS INTENT TO RUN FOR SUPERINTENDENT!

Terry W. Linton, a teacher at Wewahitchka High School, has filed his letter of intent to run for the office of Superintendent of schools for Gulf County.

Terry was raised in Gulf County and graduated from WHS in 1968. He attended Chipola Junior College and the University of Florida, receiving a bachelor's degree in Education, certifying him to teach math. He received his Masters Degree from FSU in Educational Leadership and is certified in the field. In an interview Terry stated that

(see Linton page 8)

DR. DAVID BIDWELL IS IN THE RACE FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

David Bidwell threw his hat in the Democratic ring in March. David has a Ph.D in education administration and has worked in his field for over 30 years. He feels very qualified for the Gulf county Superintendent of Schools position.

Dr. Bidwell is (see Bidwell on page 8)

JERRY KELLEY RUNS FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Jerry Kelley is running on the Democratic Ticket. Mr. Kelley has lived in Gulf County for 29 years during which time he's been at the Wewa elementary school for 14 years of that time. (see Kelley page 8)



"THE HONOR ROLL!"

A new section of "The Wewa News" featuring local citizens that demonstrate a life of service

to their community and family.

Daniel Gene Hanlon is on "The Honor Roll" for April 1996.

Mr. Gene Hanlon was born in Wewahitchka in 1948 to Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hanlon. His Grandparents established, owned, and operated "The Gulf Breeze" newspaper in Wewa for many years.

Gene graduated from Wewahitchka High School and entered the U. S. Navy in 1968 where he served in Vietnam during the Vietnam Conflict. Having served honorably he was discharged in 1970 as a disabled Veteran. While in service to his country, Gene received a Meritorious Unit Citation; a Vietnam service medal; and two Campaign medals with two stars for combat action and one Top gun award.

Gene is presently, and for the past 20 years worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Port St. Joe. He has served on the Wewa Volunteer Ambulance service as an EMT for the past 14 years; served three years as a city commissioner; three years as mayor of Wewa. He is a member of The Gulf County Search & Rescue and holds a 2nd degree Black Belt in Martial Arts.

Gene is a member of The Worship Center Church located in Wewa and serves as a trustee. Gene is also a teacher for the Men's class during Wednesday night services.

Gene is married to Mrs. Betty S. Hanlon. They have 3 children: Stacy 21, Krissi 17 and, Ashley 15. He is a very active member of our community and takes great pride in his family and city. He is known by his friends to be very enjoyable. Gene appreciates children very much having served as Vice President of the Little League and coached for 6 years. Gene is a very kind man and is very pleasant to talk to. He presents himself to everyone with a smile and a friendly handshake. He is very community oriented and feels that God rules in his life daily.

Gene is proud of his heritage and his home town of Wewahitchka.

TOBY AKE AND JENNIFER DeMILLE ARE GOING TO TIE THE KNOT!

The wedding will be held April the 20th at 3 P.M. at the First Baptist Church in Wewa. All friends & relatives may attend.

PROJECT GRADUATION

The parents of Wewahitchka's graduating class of 1996 are sponsoring "Project Graduation" on May 17th. Project Graduation is designed for protection of our graduating seniors. It allows them to have a place where they can celebrate their achievements with friends while in safe and supervised surroundings.

We are in the process of raising funds for this event by holding raffles for various items donated by local businesses and individuals. Wewa Tire Service Station has donated a set of four (80 or 75 series) passenger tires for a raffle with the proceeds going to the Project. The drawing for the tires will be held at the Tupelo Festival on April 6th. Our next raffle will be for an autographed football from FSU, signed by Coach Bowden and his team. Tickets are available at the following business locations or you can contact a parent of a graduating senior: Fisher's Building Supply, Harold's Auto Parts, Pitts Pharmacy or Wewahitchka State Bank.

As always, the people who live in Wewahitchka are eager to assist our youth and their activities and we as parents appreciate all the help you can give. That is why we feel we can call on you again to help in this endeavor. In this respect, we as a community can live up to our claim "the little town with the big heart."

OUR NEW MONEY!

The new 1996 Series U.S. currency incorporates enhanced security features to protect against advancing technology (Copying machines, etc.) that could be used for counterfeiting. The first note in this series, started March 25, will be the \$100 bill. Lower denominations will follow at 9 to 12 month intervals.

There will be no recall or devaluation of any U.S. currency. Old or new, your currency will always be honored at full face value.

Contact our local banks for additional information.

Little League Cookie Drive on the Go!

By: Pam Harden

The Little League Association is selling cookies. The cost of the cookies are \$2.00 a box or \$1.00 a bag. Please support our youth by purchasing from them. We appreciate all the support we receive from our community. The Cookie Monster, Pam Harden, The Mom in charge of the Cookies can be reached at City Hall if your supply of cookies runs out. (639-2605)



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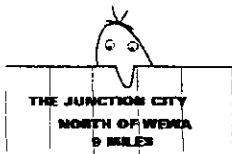
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WEWAHITCHKA WOMAN'S CLUB: THE EARLY DAYS

Part 2

By: Rosenia Kilbourn

At some time during those early years of the organization, the name was changed from Idle Hour Club to Woman's Civic Improvement Association. In 1936, the club was accepted for membership in the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs and was renamed Woman's Club of Wewahitchka.

Following federation, the membership grew to around 25. Dues were \$1.00 per year and meetings were held twice monthly in the new community clubhouse. The City Council made the Woman's Club custodian of the building and set fees for its use by other groups at \$1.50 per night and .50 per day.

The club bought a nickelodeon and opened the center two nights each week for recreation. This generated funds for their projects. Other ways of raising money were: operating concession stands at REA meetings and ball games, soliciting ads for the telephone directory, selling vanilla flavoring, and sponsoring a cooking school. These funds were used for Florida Federation projects, such as Penny Art & Foundation, helping the city pay for the community building (furnishings and half of the insurance), beautification of the town, food baskets for the Health Clinic as well as the cemetery fund, 4-H scholarships, the public library and to the town ball team for uniforms.

Charter members of the Wewahitchka Woman's Club were Mrs. Jack Connell, Mrs. Dave Gaskin, Mrs. C. W. Norton, and Mrs. J. A. Whitfield.

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Editorial By: Jamie Lester

Real Estate Taxes (Investment or Lien)

When people think of the month of April, some think of Easter, spring cleaning, or the income tax deadline. However, April is a time when all your 1995 real estate taxes should be paid before your name is placed in the newspaper, advertising a tax certificate sale. This sale is no ordinary sale. Investors like to take advantage of the unpaid taxes, due to the high interest rate earned. The property owner, on the other hand, receives a tax lien against their property if the taxes are not paid.

In this process, individuals bid down on the interest rate, rather than up. For example, if a tax bill in the amount of \$100 has not been paid, the interest rate will start at 18%. If someone bids the 18%, someone else could bid 17%. If no more bids are made, a tax certificate will be sold and the holder of the certificate will be paid the 17% on the \$100 investment for the taxes. The interest earned on a tax certificate is much larger than what you would earn at a local bank.

After the tax certificate is two years old from the date of issuance, the certificate holder can notify the tax collector that he or she wants to file an application for a tax deed. Before the application is accepted by the tax collector all delinquent taxes and current taxes must be paid by the applicant, including the title search fee. At that point the tax collector will certify the application to the clerk of court. The applicant must pay the clerk's fees, which include advertising, the sheriff's fee for serving the property owner, and certified mail expenses.

The clerk of court will notify, by certified mail, any person or entity that has an encumbrance (mortgage, lien, etc.) on the property. The owner of the property will be served by the sheriff's office at that point. The property owner has the opportunity to pay the tax bill before the tax deed is issued. Once this process is complete, a date, time, and place, will be advertised by the clerk of court and the property will be auctioned to the highest bidder. (see Taxes page 5)

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Arrowheads

By: Eric W. Jackson

One of the most common Indian artifacts found in the United States is the arrowhead. An arrowhead is really a spear point in most cases, but in some instances spear points are used as knives also. Each vary in size and shape and have their own special purpose. The smaller ones were used on the end of a spear to kill small animals such as birds, fish, rabbit, and squirrel. The medium to large size were used to kill large animals such as deer, cattle, and buffalo. Most arrowheads were made out of a material such as quartz, limestone, or flint. They were individually chipped away from big pieces of stone. When I was a boy, my father would take me to find arrowheads. He would wait til the spring, the reason for waiting was that most farmers plowed their fields in the spring to get ready for planting seed. This process brought the arrowheads to the top of the soil so they could be easily found. After walking the fields for a day we would come back with at least a bucket full. 15 years later I walk the fields and can't find them. After many season's of plowing most arrowheads are broken into little pieces, Making it even more difficult to find them.

Finding an arrowhead now would be like finding a treasure of gold. Now is the time to ask farmers in the area if you can walk their fields and maybe you'll find an old arrowhead artifact, which is a piece of Wewa's history long since past.

To: All Members of Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, Inc.

I am pleased to announce my bid for election as trustee of Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, District II, Group III. I Would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve the unexpired term of my late father, George E. "Skeet" Jones.

While serving on the Board of Trustees for the past eight months, I have earned great respect for the board members, employees, and everyone associated with the Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative.

I am forty-four years old and a life-long resident of Wewahitchka. My wife, Sue, and I have two daughters. Kelli, eighteen, currently attends Gulf Coast Community College, and Kristin, thirteen, is a seventh grader at Wewahitchka High School. For the past twenty-four years, I have been employed by Apalachicola Northern Railroad as an engineer.

Your continued vote and support will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call on me anytime if I can be of any assistance.

Thank You, Edward W. "Eddie" Jones

(Courtesy of the The Wewa News)
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It is important for the Co-op to be efficient in doing business by cutting waste, developing better ways to operate more effectively. It should provide outstanding service to the membership (which is their reasonable service), and provide information to the individual members so they may save on their power bills. It should also make available, lightning protection devices and education to protect your private electrical appliances, for your home or business.

I feel that my 25 years in the electrical and electronic field; my time working as a volunteer teaching leadership and organizational management to individuals at the Co-op; repairing electronic devices for the Co-op to help reduce the operating cost over the past 3 years, has made me well qualified to serve on the board of trustees.

In the past four years I have developed an insiders understanding of the organizational and operating practices in which time I have offered many cost saving ideas to the managers.

I have developed a great concern for the Co-op in general and I feel my presence on the board of trustees will provide a fresh new pool of ideas to help reduce the cost of doing business without the loss of the service to our members. I would greatly appreciate your vote and support on April 13th meeting.

Thank you, Tom Wynn



The family of Lee Laurimore would like to thank all those who sent food and flowers. They were appreciated. God Bless you.



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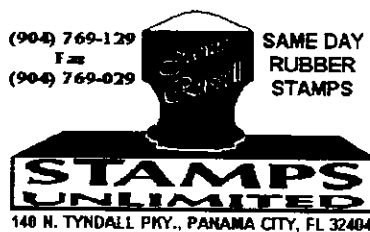
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The proceeds will be given to one of our
graduates at the Wewahitchka High school as a
scholarship from the City of Wewa. Please help
us care about our children's future.

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EDITORIAL

POWER OF ATTORNEY

BY: TOM WYNN

A relative of mine thought he had a disabling stroke, but it seems it was something entirely different. This made me think about what if..... what if I have a stroke or something of that nature? Will my family be able to handle my affairs? What if my wife and I are both in bad shape, could my children have difficulty putting our affairs in order? We all need to think about what if... before it happens.

You might consider giving your children, a trusted relative or a friend power of attorney to take effect in the event you become incapacitated. But your first move should be to check that your state does, in fact, recognize power of attorney in cases of incapacitation. **Not all do.**

Depending on how it is drafted and the state laws under which it operates, a power of attorney can grant limited powers or sweeping ones. It enables the holder to pay bills and provide for your needs from your assets without first getting a court order.

Although power of attorney forms are available in many stationary stores, **you may want to consult an attorney before signing one;** giving someone else authority to act on your behalf is an important decision.

After the document is signed, be sure the designated person has access to the following information: Your social security number; a list of all sources of income and assets.

It will give someone the power to sign your name legally, so I caution you to be careful to whom you give this power!



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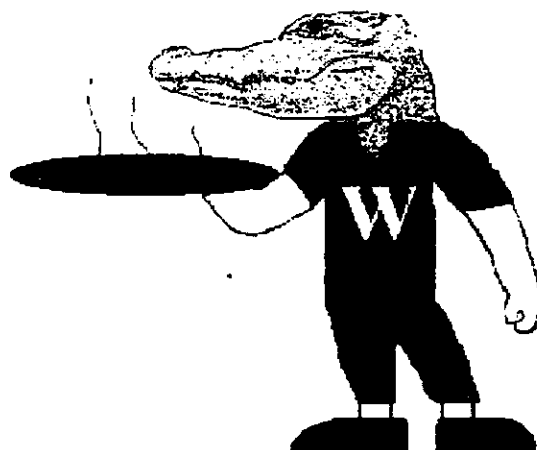
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TAXES (cont. from page 2)

The minimum bid to start the auction is the amount of money paid by the tax deed applicant. **Homestead property is different.** In order to apply for a tax deed against homestead property the minimum bid will be one half the assessed value of the property. If a property is tied up in a bankruptcy, nothing can be done to that property. The tax collector can not issue a tax certificate or start the process of a tax deed until such time the property is **out of bankruptcy.**

Points to Remember

1. The life of the tax certificate is 7 years from date of issuance.
2. A tax certificate can be redeemed by the property owner at **anytime** until a tax deed has been issued. The owner would pay the face amount of the certificate, plus the accumulated interest.
3. The tax collector pays the certificate holder for the redeemed certificate and they are stricken off from the list of delinquent properties.
4. Florida law requires the county tax collector to notify the delinquent property owners at least once per year. (Ms. Eda Ruth Taylor notifies or writes to these individuals at least twice per year.)

In Gulf County, the tax sale has been set for May 24, 1996. For more information, on paying your tax bill or the tax certificate sale, you can contact Eda Ruth Taylor, the Gulf County Tax Collector, in the tax collectors office in the court house or call 229-6116. Remember, the government will get its tax money one way or the other and real estate taxes are paid first before a first or second mortgage on your property. Do not forget to pay your real estate taxes before someone comes up and says to you, "I saw your name in the newspaper."

CHARLES PETTIS RUNS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CO-OP

As most of you already know, the Gulf Coast Electric Co-op annual meeting will be held Saturday April 13, 1996 at the Co-op Building in Wewahitchka.

I am seeking election in the District II Group 2 seat on the Board of Trustees. My name is R. Charles Pettis. I am married to Cynthia Hamby Pettis and we have three children, Charlie Pettis who is married to Lisa Adams Pettis, they have 3 children, Kevin Pettis who is married to Kandie Hanson Pettis, they have 1 child and Cyndi Pettis who is married to Dallas Jones.

I am 49 years old and have had 24 years of business experience. I have served as a School Teacher and School Administrator. I have Pastored in Wewahitchka for over 10 years. I am presently serving on the Board of Directors for Bay Medical Center Hospice. I have served on such boards as Goodwill Industries., Prevent Spouse Abuse, and the District Council of the Boy Scouts of America. I served three years on the Gulf Coast Electric Co-op Board of Trustees, **during which time I earned certification by the National Rural Electric Association to serve on Rural Electric Boards, which only two people in our coverage area have obtained.**

In making this announcement to run for election to the Board of Trustees, I would like to respond to a rumor that has started, I have never, do I now, or ever intend to try to move our Electric Co-op out of Wewahitchka, but I do promise to serve you to the best of my ability and to give you, the members, the best possible service at the lowest possible cost to you.

Thank you so much for your vote.

(courtesy of The Wewa News)

JOHN SEMMES OF WEWA WAS APPOINTED AS W.O.



John Semmes the son of Hugh and Madge Semmes of Wewa graduated from Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

According to his parents, John worked very hard to complete the 240 hour course. They are very proud of him and wish him the very best in his Army career.

Wewahitchka is very proud of all it's members of the U.S. Military Forces throughout the World. Thank You for standing up for America, John!

The Wewa News is a monthly paper and is dispersed throughout the Wewa area from Kinard to Honeyville on or about the 1st of every month. Check with Advertisers for a copy or go to the Wewa library to obtain a copy.

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10 WAYS TO CUT GASOLINE COSTS!

By: Tom Wynn



Has anyone noticed the price of gasoline at the pumps lately? Up daily it seems! Here are just a few ways to save a little money for those of you who drive

to work a long way or are on fixed income:

1. Support the 55 MPH speed limit. It's been proven to be more efficient
2. Inflate tires to the maximum listed on the sides (which is generally more than the owners manual recommends).
3. Maintain steady speeds. Both rapid acceleration and using the brakes waste gas.
4. Do not let your engine idle. Even 30 seconds of idling uses more fuel than it takes to start the motor.
5. Have your air filter and wheel alignment checked regularly.
6. Clean out your trunk and remove the excess weight.
7. Use the air conditioner sparingly.
8. Drive with the windows closed when ever possible.
9. Use regular unleaded gas instead of the more expensive premium brands.
9. Use your legs instead of your motor. Walk when ever you can.

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A Poem

"With Jesus It's All The Way Or It's No
Good At All"

By: Tom Harrell

*If you ask why I'm happy just look out at
nature and you'll see,
All the beautiful things in life that are here
for you and me.
The hills and valleys are so alive with beautiful
color everywhere,
And the cool breeze that blows sweet
fragrance filling the air.
I'm happy that I have a family that I love so
much,
And the love they give to me so sweet and gentle
when we touch.
Helping each other, always, the way God
wants us to do,
With an unselfish heart living a life that's
humble and true.
I'm happy I have good friends that's wealth
that money can't buy,
And they cannot be replaced no matter how
hard you try.
Friendship has to work both ways or it just
won't last,
Working and loving each other, never living
in the past.
And if you ask why I'm so happy I always
give God first place,
And I'm waiting for that happy day when I
meet him face to face.
Up in that great somewhere I want to stand
so humble and tall'
For with Jesus it's all the way or it's no good at
all.*

(Mr. Harrell is a young man who is
wheelchair bound and currently lives at
Millergrren's
Nursing Home in Wewahitchka)

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placed on elevated platforms
along the river's edge, from
which, during April and May



they fan out through the surrounding
Tupelo-blossom-laden swamps and return
with their precious treasure. This river
valley is the only place in the world where
Tupelo Honey is produced commercially.

Real Tupelo honey is light amber in
color, light golden with a greenish cast. The
flavor is delicious, distinctive, a choice table
honey. **Good white Tupelo, unmixed with
other honeys, will not granulate.** Due to
the high levulose content, it does not
granulate and due to this high levulose, low
dextrose ratio, **diabetic patients have been
permitted by their physicians to eat
Tupelo honey.** Average analysis: Levulose
44.03%, dextrose 29.98%.

Black Tupelo, Ti-Ti, Black-gum, Willow,
and several other honey plants bloom in
advance of white Tupelo are used to build up
bee colony strength and stores. Since these
sources produce a less desirable, darker
honey, which will granulate, the product is
sold as a bakery grade honey. Possibly it is
just that or a blend which is a cheaper honey
for which the buyer may be paying premium
price.

The important point which we wish to
make here is that all honey is being
labeled Tupelo is not top quality tupelo as
the bees make it and as skilled beekeepers
produce it. Some honey may be very light
in color and could very well have a high
percentage of Gall berry. Gall berry blooms
right after Tupelo. The honey is attractive,
as it is a light white honey, but it is not
Tupelo and will soon granulate. Some
honey is labeled Tupelo and wild flower.
In this case the buyer has no guarantee of
just how much real Tupelo he may be
getting.

Fine Tupelo is more expensive because
it cost more to produce this excellent
specialty honey. To gain access to the river
locations where the honey is produced
requires expensive labor and equipment. In
order to get fine, unmixed Tupelo honey,
colonies must be stripped of all stores just as
the white Tupelo bloom begins. The bees
must have clean combs in which to place

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the Tupelo honey.

Then the new crop must be removed
before it can be mixed with additional honey
sources. The timing of these operations is
critical and years of experience are needed to
produce a fine product that will certify as
Tupelo honey.

(This Information came from Wewa Public
Library Documents & L. L. Lanier & Son,
Producers of Certified Tupelo Honey)

Tupelo Honey Recipe for April

Baked Apple

*Wash and core a few apples. Leave part of
the core in the bottom of the apples to act as
a plug. Fill the cavity with honey, using as
much as the tartness of the apples requires.
For variety, add a bit of lemon juice, or a
few cinnamon candies. One may stuff the
cavity with raisins or dates or other fruit
combinations.*

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Family Tree

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by Lillian Jackson
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Guilty As Sin by Tami Hoag

Non Fiction

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The Beardstown Ladies' Stitch-in-Time
Guide to

Growing Your Own Nest Egg
My American Journey
by Colin Powell

DONATIONS MUCH NEEDED!

The Wewa High School Band Boosters are
requesting Donations to help with this years fund
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WEWAHITCHKA ELEMENTARY NEWS

By: Linda Whitfield

Spring Fling/Health Fair

As you know, the second annual Spring Fling and Health Fair is planned for April 6. The art works needs to be turned in to Lori Price as soon as it is available. Please make sure the name of your young artist is visible.

Science News from Joe Walker

At the Regional Science Fair in Marianna, our team project won second place. Congratulations to Cerrelle Hanes, Alicia Mooneyham, and Kimberly McMillon.

Label Contest is Over-Becky Birmingham wins!

Tracy Bowers, Chairman for the Soup labels, announced that the sixth grade of Mrs. Becky Birmingham won for having over 400 soup and other labels. Her class was treated to a giant chocolate chip cookie. The Pepsi contest is still on and the kids are guzzling those Pepsi's.

Earth Friendly Easter Grass

The shredded plastic Easter grass commonly found on the market each spring is not biodegradable. Fifth and sixth grade T.E.A.M. students are manufacturing and marketing an "Earth Friendly" alternative made of shredded paper which deteriorate more readily when placed in a landfill or can be recycled effectively. This grass is a mere \$.25 a bag and is on sale at the WES school store, the WES office, and the Wewahitchka State Bank. By purchasing this grass you can not only support education, but do something healthy for the environment, too.

7,000 Pepsi Caps is our Goal

The contest for collecting blue Pepsi caps ends Friday, the 29th. We are very hopeful for reaching this goal. As Mrs. Kim Whitfield, the coordinator, says, "If you see someone drinking a Pepsi, say, 'I need that cap.'" "If your mother asks you what you want to drink, say 'A Pepsi.'"

The winners in the primary and intermediate classes will be treated to a pizza party!

That always gets us to do our very best!!!!

Easter Break

Students in WES will enjoy their Easter break during April 8-12. Friday, April 5, will be a half-day at our school. No lunch will be served, but breakfast will!

U. S. Post Office in Panama City

The third graders went to Panama City on Friday to the main post office. Mr. Jeff Lord, Wewa Postmaster, arranged a super tour for us. The third grades are in charge of the school postal service, We Deliver.

Student of the Week

March 4-8	Matthew Weathers
March 11-15	Derrick McMillon
March 18-22	Brooke Grice
March 25-29	Melissa Sanders

The Optimist Club

The Optimist Club of Wewahitchka has been a chartered club since 1993 and it's membership continues to grow.

Over the past 2 1/2 years the club has held numerous fund raising projects to benefit the youth of Wewahitchka.

Upcoming projects include selling hamburgers and hot dogs at the Tupelo Festival and operating the concession at this year's Rodeo. Of course all proceeds will be used to help support the clubs many projects.

The club is also making plans to participate in the 2nd annual Optimist Day of Non-Violence on May 11, 1996. Tentative plans include holding a child I.D. program to fingerprint children and to set up a Block Parent Program.

The club meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at the old County Courthouse and the third Tuesday at noon at Tyrees restaurant.

Anyone who wants to have a lot of fun making life better for our children, may call Joan Strange, the club Secretary/Treasure, after 5 pm at 639-2824 for membership information.



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The owner of the Movie Center, Tom Wynn and the owner of the Pizza Kitchen has teamed up to run an April Special:
One large Pizza with One Topping & One Movie for the low price of \$7.00 plus Tax.

Movie Winner for March is Trey Miles

THE WEWA ELEMENTARY "STUDENT OF THE WEEK" WILL RECEIVE (1) MEDIUM PIZZA, AND (1) MOVIE RENTAL.

WHS HAPPENINGS By: Larry Mathes Science Fair Results

Another good year at the Regional Science Fair!! Josh Baxley led our assault on the awards by receiving the Showstopper Award, the Eastman Kodak Photographic Award, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Award. 1st place winners in their areas were Jessica Cole, Grant Marshall, Jeremy Suber, Amy St. Clair, and Jack Husband. 2nd place in their areas were received by Aimee Pridgeon and Josh Baxley, and 3rd place winners in their areas were Charlie Cole, Mandy Little, and Bradley Shavers. Jessica Cole just missed as she received the Runner-up award to the Grand Prize (Jr. Division) and Jack Husband was 3rd runner-up to the Grand Prize in the Sr. Division. Bradley Shavers received the Marianna BPOE #1516 award. Jessica Cole, Jeremy Suber and Jack Husband went to state. Alternates were Grant Marshall and Amy St. Clair. Way to go, gang!!

CTBS Testing

Students are tested every year using an assortment of different tests, all of which are important. Our students, at one time or another, take the CTBS test, tenth grade achievement test, eighth and tenth grade writing assessment test, the all important HSCT test, and so on. This constant assessment is usually required by the state to insure your local school maintain high standards of performance, and of course if weaknesses are identified, schools are expected to address those problems and correct them.

Block Scheduling

Our School Board will have the final decision, once they have had time to study the pros and cons.

Student Registration

On April 1st we will begin registering grades 8-11 for the 96-97 school year. Since we are going to a block schedule, things will be quite different. Letters have been sent home giving specific days and times for registration. Parents are invited and encouraged to participate in this process.

Spring Holidays

March has been a long month, seemingly passing very slowly. But April 1st is upon us, signaling the approach of Easter and the Spring holidays (April 8-12). After the holidays, students have only 6 weeks left. Seniors have less, with graduation scheduled for May 17th and Baccalaureate May 12. The senior trip is immediately after Baccalaureate.

Judith Birmingham

Congratulations to junior Judith Birmingham for being selected by Gulf Coast Electric Co-op to represent this area at their meeting in Washington, D.C.

Important Dates

April 1-4 - 1996-97 Registration; April 8-12 - Spring holidays.

Isn't it odd that public prayer is acceptable in almost every area except public schools?

LINTON (cont. from page 1)

as a teacher he has a genuine and realistic feel for the needs of the students in Gulf County. That his business experience will help him run an efficient school system. Some of his concerns are: upgrading the curriculum, upgrading the schools technology, cleanliness and proper upkeep of the facilities, staying on top of drug and tobacco problems within the schools, teen pregnancies, support of the school programs, both large and small alike.

BIDWELL (cont. from page 1)

very active in Wewahitchka and is a volunteer for the Wewa Ambulance Service just to name one of his many activities. In making his candidacy announcement, Dr. Bidwell requests, "I need your support and assistance to become the Superintendent of Schools. I want to know your concerns and ideas. Let's work together to improve our educational programs." Dr. Bidwell is married to the former Betty Taunton who recently retired from the Gulf County School System after 30 years of service. Their two sons, Jay and Eric Bidwell are fine teachers at WHS.

KELLEY (cont. from page 1)

Mr. Kelley has done a fine job of modernizing the school by installing a complete Media Center; Computers for the children to interact with and High Tech systems throughout the School. **This innovative Principal and staff submitted a request for a \$250,000 Grant for Nearly five years before they received the monies.** His "High Tech School" is very clean and neat and is well maintained.

In an interview Mr. Kelley stated that his vision was to help bring all of Gulf County schools into the High Tech competitive world of today.

Public Works (cont. from page 1)

year the city purchased this land, and now plans are in the works to move when budgetary funds become available. Fuel storage will no longer be a problem due to an agreement made by Mr. Jones and County Commissioner, Billy Traylor. Mr. Jones stated that the city now purchases its fuel from the County Road Maintenance Shop located in Wewahitchka. This agreement will help save the city tax payers money on pumping equipment and maintenance of such equipment; save 30 to 40 percent in the cost of the fuel being used. The city no longer has to store or handle gasoline and diesel fuels.

The City Commissioners are in a very active state of mind when it comes to Budgets and improvements for the city. In a recent question and answer visit with Commissioner Jones he stated that they are studying many new ideas to cut the budget and at the same time, make the city a better place to live. He named two recent improvements, the new Computerized City Mapping System and a new, in-house, computerized accounting system.

Highlights from the

Wewahitchka City Commissioner Meeting 11 March 1996

The City Commission passed an ordinance to change utility late fees. A flat fee of \$10.00 on all unpaid balances (Water, Sewer or Garbage) will replace the \$10.00 late fee for Water, \$10.00 late fee for Sewer, and the \$10.00 late fee for Garbage.

Bids for garbage collection services were opened. A special meeting to review and award garbage collection contract will be held 18 Mar 96, 6:30 pm at City Hall. Bidders were Argus Service, Inc., Enviroclean Systems, Inc., Family Refuse and Waste Management of Bay County.

Commissioners agreed to post the following as rules for Lake Alice Park:

1. No alcoholic beverages within the park.
2. No animals allowed except seeing eye dogs.
3. No overnight parking.
4. No dumping household garbage in cans or dumpsters.
5. The City Commission may reserve any or all of the park for special events or functions.
6. No loud noise in the park in between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.
7. No overnight camping.
8. No open fires.
9. No bicycles, skates or skateboards.
10. No motorized vehicles.

The City of Wewahitchka received a letter of appreciation from the Gulf Correctional Institute for the City's donation of \$750.00 towards their "Toys for Tots" program.

The Mayor received a letter from Cablevision outlining rate increases for cable service. Basic rate of \$3.89 will now be \$4.01, an increase of \$.12. Family Cable rate of \$12.96 will now be \$13.46, an increase of \$.50.

Next Regular City Commissioner Meeting - 25 Mar 96, at 6:30 p.m.

Highlights from the

Wewahitchka City Commission Meeting 25 MAR 96

Bill board signs - The board issued a moratorium on all bill board signs, (32 square feet and greater). Effective immediately, until the board can revise the present sign ordinance.

Channel 8 - Wewahitchka will soon have their own local channel. City Hall will be able to furnish public information via Channel 8, on Cable-Vision.

Park Benches - The board authorized the Chamber of Commerce to place park benches in Lake Alice Park. These benches were built by Mr. Hub Norris, each bench is sponsored by a local business for \$100.00. The name of the sponsoring business will be engraved on the bench.

Software - The board approved the purchase of Auto-cad software for the City Manager. Estimated cost through the GSA contract is \$2,063.00.

City Clerk - Ms. Harden's 6 month probation period as City Clerk ended on March 25, 1996. The board is impressed with her accomplishments during the last 6 months and voted to make her a permanent employee. Congratulations Pam!!

City Charter - A committee will be formed to review and rewrite the City Charter. The original Charter was written in the 1950's. Each commissioner will appoint a committee member. Commissioner Justice appointed Ralph Fisher, Commissioner Jones appointed Tom Wynn.

The board named Mr. Ralph Fisher as Chairman of the City Charter Review Committee. The other commissioners and mayor will provide Mr. Fisher with the names of their appointments.

Notes from Special Meeting March 18, 1996 - Argus Service Inc (ASI), was awarded the City Garbage Collection contract for one year. Residential garbage collection will be \$9.10, Senior Citizen rates \$8.10. For commercial rates, please call ASI at 1-800-273-5838.

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