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McLemore Places 4th in BASS Tourney

by Johnny Stanley

Dalkeith native Carmen McLemore overcame personal tragedy and a boater's nightmare to place fourth in the BASS Federation Southern Divisional Championships last month in New Bern, N.C. With only three years experience in bass fishing tournaments, Carmen has become quite a competitor and, for sure, has the big names looking over their shoulders. Those of us who know him understand the bittersweet memories associated with this particular tournament. (see Bass page 3)

NEWS FROM HONEYVILLE

By: Donna Roberts

The 4th annual Honeyville Community fish fry was held Saturday, June 22nd, and once again it was a huge success. Approximately 175

people were present to enjoy a wonderful time of food, fellowship and just good "ole" reminiscing!

Special singing by **Dave Garner, Jimmy Adams and Garland Keyman** added to the festivities. Thanks to all who brought desserts and drinks, those who cleaned, prepared and cooked the fish. A very special thanks goes to **Johnny Ray & Sue McGill, Dallas Presley Jr. & Oscar Redd** for donating the fish.

We want to invite all the Community to come out again next year and be a part of us. I'm proud to belong to such a community oriented, spirited area.

The Tauntons Return from Washington D.C. representing Area Jefferson Winners

David and Abigail Taunton of Wewahitchka were selected to represent this area at the 1996 Jefferson Awards National Celebration of Service to America. They spent several days in Washington D.C.

Over twenty years ago, Jacqueline Kennedy and U.S. Senator Robert Taft, Jr. founded the Jefferson Awards. This award is given to those who serve, help and heal across America. One of the major goals is to reach into communities across the country to reward individuals who might otherwise go unnoticed.

(see Taunton page 4)

City of Wewahitchka Mayor Race

Candidates for mayor must qualify between noon July 15, 1996 thru July 19, 1996 before noon. The Total Cost is: \$ 29.50

LAKE ALICE PARK PLAYGROUND

Wewa Chamber of Commerce New Project

By: Carolyn Husband

The Wewa Chamber of Commerce has begun efforts to fund, plan and construct a large playground area at the Lake Alice Park in Wewahitchka. The preliminary plans are to complete a playground area similar to Bay County's "Under The Oaks" Park. The Chamber is actively soliciting anyone who is interested in assisting with their new project. A project committee has been formed, which includes **Carolyn Husband, Robert Miller and H.W. Norris**. Anyone interested in assisting or being a part of this project, may call Carolyn Husband at (904)639-2222 or Robert Miller at (904)639-2339.

To fund this project, the Chamber is asking for everyone's help. An account has been established by the Chamber for this specific purpose and is set up at Wewahitchka State Bank. Anyone interested in making a donation may do so by sending it to "Lake Alice Playground Fund" Wewahitchka State Bank, P. O. Box 100, Wewahitchka, FL 32465. All funds received will be used by the Chamber for this specific project.

Chamber members are selling tickets for an Aluminum Tool Box, donated by Harold's Auto Parts. The drawing will be held July 4, 1996 after the fireworks. This raffle will be the first of many fund raisers that will be held to raise funds for our park playground equipment. Also, the Chamber is in the process of completing orders for the additional benches and several picnic tables to add to our park. The proceeds from these sales will also be used for the playground project, ect.

Again we urge everyone to help us out. All of your donations large or small will be greatly appreciated. We will be giving progress reports on this new endeavor. Thank You!!

Wewahitchka First Baptist Receives New Pastor

Michael Stroud has accepted the call to pastor the **First Baptist Church**. Sunday, June 16 was his first Sunday with us.

Brother Mike is 35 years old. His wife's name is **Robin** and they have two daughters - **Christina, age 12 and Cassie, age 7.** He is originally from Texas and graduated from Florida Baptist Theological College with a Bachelor of Theology degree. He holds church diplomas in Sunday School Leadership Training, Continuous Witness Training, (see Brother Mike page 2)

JOHNNY STANLEY ANNOUNCES IN THE WEWA NEWS FOR DISTRICT ONE COMMISSIONER

Dalkeith native Johnny Stanley has returned home after 24 years in the U.S. Army, and has announced his intention to seek the office of County Commissioner for District One. I want to take this opportunity to assure every citizen that "you do have a choice" for County Commissioner in District 1.

Since declaring my intention to seek the office on February 22nd, I have spent many hours listening to you. I am concerned that our district is crying for an elected official that will truly represent the voting citizens. With over 22 years of government and public service, I understand the political nightmares and bureaucratic policies facing our county. District 1 voters also understand the forthcoming challenges, and only want a champion for the cause. I am your hope.

(see Stanley page 4)

Gulf County Receives Federal Funding for Safe House

By: Jordan Miles

Gulf County has been named as a recipient for Federal funds for a **Safe House for battered and rape victims.** A meeting was held on Thursday June 27, 1996 at the Wewahitchka Court House with Kristian Kistner, the Rural Organizer for this area, to begin the framework for this project. **Another meeting will be held in Port St. Joe on October 1, 1996,** at which time this committee hopes to have a secure location for this much needed home.

If anyone is interested in working on the committee to find a safe location for this home, please call Jordan Miles at 639-3919 and plan to attend the meeting to be held in Port St. Joe on July 12.

1996 Olympic Torch Relay Run

Tentative Run Path & Schedule:

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Continue to Intersection of State Road 22 & 71, turn North on Hwy 71. Continue to Lake Alice Park where Olympic Team will be stopping for an approximate 15 minute break. All times listed are approximate. Everyone come out and participate in the viewing of this Historical Event in our City. Anyone needing further information, please call **Carolyn Husband at 639-2222.**



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The Wewahitchka Optimist Club

By: Jordan Miles

The Wewahitchka Optimist Club wishes to invite you to Lake Alice Park the morning of July 2, 1996. In honor of the Olympic Torch passing through our city we will be serving orange juice. The Wewahitchka State Bank will have Tupelo Honey and Biscuits and the Wewahitchka Women's Club will provide lemonade.

We are very proud that some of our City's runners were chosen to participate in the run which will be an opportunity of a lifetime for these young men and women. The runners who have been selected are **Holly Atkins, Josh Baxley, Jason Flowers, Brent Kilgro, Lee Linton, Jeremy Pridgeon, Adam Taunton and Luke Taunton**. All of these runners were approved by the Olympic Committee to be a part of the run that will take place in our home town of Wewahitchka.

The Optimist club would also like you to join us as we **celebrate the 4th of July at Lake Alice Park** where we will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, and lemonade. The Club hopes to raise money for its many civic projects who target "Friends of Youth". These festivities will start at 10:00AM and go to 2:00PM on July 4th.

Brother Mike (from page 1)

Covenant Marriage Training, Brotherhood Leadership and Christian Development Certificates at the Advanced and Master Level. He has served as Minister of Youth and Recreation at Carlisle Baptist Church in Panama City and as Associate Pastor/Youth at First Baptist Church, Lake Placid, Florida.

Brother Mike's philosophy of ministry says: "It is my goal to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of people, to show love and concern and above all to share the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ."

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"The Honor Roll"

A section of "The Wewa News" featuring local citizens that demonstrate a life of service to their community and family.

Alice Gunter, better known as "Granny" to

everyone, was born in Columbus, Ga. on July 19, 1921 to James and Jessie Parnell. Her family moved from Columbus, Georgia to Phoenix City, Alabama when she was six months old. She attended grade school and high school in Phoenix City. At 21 she married Roland Gunter on March 6, 1943 after a courtship of only 13 days. They were married 49 years until his death on March 10, 1992. Roland was a disabled Vet of World War II. They had two daughters, Joy Blanton and Barbara Alsbrook. They have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren with two more on the way.

Since the age of 49 the Lord Jesus Christ has been the main focus of her life. She has received a diploma from the Berean School of the Bible on Bible Studies and on teaching Sunday School. She taught Sunday School for 23 years and is an active member of the Worship Center.

Recently she received a diploma for training for the prison fellowship with the help of Glen and Emily Boeve. She completed the F.L.I.C. (Citizen volunteer training course for the Fla. Dept. Of Corrections). She always tells everyone how God has blessed her over the years. She has her daily prayer and Bible reading before she begins her day.

Besides raising her daughters, she has helped raise some of her grandchildren. In the summer you can pass by her house and see her on her riding lawnmower. She is a very caring, uplifting and enjoyable person to be around, always happy and laughing. **She never bores you with her problems but always has time to listen to yours.**

A special event in her life was when Brother & Sister Pettis of the Worship Center sponsored a trip to Israel in October 1995. She was able to enjoy a ride on a Camel in the Holy Land. **The 19th of July will be Granny Gunter's 75th birthday. Happy Birthday!**



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City Tee Shirt Sale Great Success

Thanks to the folks of Wewa and the surrounding area more than half of the 400 tee shirts are sold. The tee shirts say, "My City, Wewahitchka, I'm Part of It, I'm Proud of It."

The Creek Stop Citgo Station north of Wewa, the Main Street Center, Inc., and Fabulous Finds inside of Linda's Produce south of Wewa, are selling the tee shirts. The proceeds will go to The City Employees Wewa High School Scholarship program by the city this year.

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Landmark gets new steeple

By: R. Kilbourn
 After 60 odd years the Congregation of First Presbyterian and St. John the Baptist Episcopal Churches of Wewahitchka are praising God and giving thanks to Him for the new steeple

recently erected on their small historic church.

The Church was built and consecrated in 1903 due to the efforts of Dr. John W. Keyes who arrived in Wewahitchka in 1875 and became a promoter of the little town. Lake Alice and Julia, the "eyes" lakes are named for his daughters. He imported a carpenter from Georgia to build him a home and the Episcopal Church.

It was during the 1930's that lightning struck the steeple, throwing the cross and upper part into the street.

In 1940 the North Florida Diocese of the Episcopal Church sold St. Johns to the Presbyterians and in 1950 an agreement was made by the two denominations to share the church. On Sundays at 8:00 the devoted Episcopalians gather to worship, later at 11:00 the Presbyterians have their service.

The two congregations this past year decided it was time to replace the steeple making it as near to the original as possible. A Committee from each church, David Bidwell and John W (Bo) Jones from Presbyterians, Sidney Cudebec and Max Kilbourn from Episcopal began work on the building and financing of the project with Sid Cudebec as general Chairman.

The dedication of this steeple with it's cross soaring above it will be a joyous one.

During the erection of the steeple Junior Strange donated the use of his cherry picker crane and his time for the entire installation of the project. (Photo above taken in 1903)

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"IN BEAUTIFUL HEAVEN UP ABOVE"

By: Tom Harrell

*IN MY MOST HUMBLE REVERENCE,
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 TO ASK FORGIVENESS FOR MY SINS,
 I BOW MY HEAD TO PRAY.*

*HELP ME TO GROW STRONGER,
 SPREAD JOY THROUGHOUT THE LAND,
 SO I MAY GIVE TO OTHERS
 A STRONG AND HELPING HAND.*

*HELP ME DO THE THINGS LORD,
 THAT PLEASE YOU THE MOST.
 PLANT MY FEET ON HIGHER GROUND,
 LEST I SHOULD PROUDLY BOAST.*

*HELP ME AND KEEP ME,
 IN THY LIGHT AND IN THY LOVE.
 SO ONE DAY I MAY BE WITH THEE,
 IN BEAUTIFUL HEAVEN UP ABOVE.*

(Tom Harrell lives in Millergren's Retirement Home in Wewa and is in a wheelchair)

ONE FELLOW SAYS TO THE OTHER FELLOW— "I'm so hungry my stomach is munchin' on my backbone!"

Bass (from page 1)

During the last day of practice on the Neuse River, Carmen's bass boat sank after the fiberglass hull delaminated. He realized that his only recourse was to head to the hill. Unfortunately, he did not make it. His boat and newly-won 150 horsepower Mariner sank beneath the water. This untimely mishap certainly cost him the first place finish and, more importantly, a final step to fishing the BASS Masters Classic in 1997.

Carmen fought toe-to-toe with Steve Creel of Panama City throughout the entire tournament, going into the last day, Carmen led Steve by ounces. The turbulent weather and heavy rains caused the river to rise over a foot for the final day of competition. Since Carmen was without his boat he had to continue the tournament as a non-boater, often fishing out of the back of other anglers' boats. The personal loss at home was always nearby. Carmen could have easily quit, but decided to continue the challenge.

On the last morning, both Carmen and Steve headed for the same area about 40 miles up river. Both fished the same pattern they had discovered together during practice. At the final weigh in, Steve had one more fish than Carmen. He took first place and won the tournament.

There were 96 anglers who qualified for this event. Carmen is a true professional, he finished fourth against all odds. He has proven that he is a major contender. We remember him saying that "I am not mad, but I will be back!" We know you will. We are all very proud of you, Carmen.

Taunton (from page 1)

For nearly 20 years, David and Abigail have had well over 200 abandoned, neglected, or abused children come and live in their home. Many of these children have been personally adopted by the Mr. and Mrs. Taunton.

With the help of many, The Taunton Family Home has provided for the needs of the children without any assistance from governmental agencies. The awards ceremony, a joint venture of WMBB-TV and People's 1st Bank of Panama City, was televised live Thursday, May 2 by Channel 13.

In accepting the award, retired Judge Taunton pointed to the real heroes, the children that overcome tremendous obstacles and stress in their lives and go on to become great or successful adults.

David and Abby stated that the trip to Washington was enjoyable and interesting. Abby stated that they met many nice folk there.

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FIRST HOUSE OF THE REHABILITATION GRANT COMPLETES

By: Tom Wynn

The first home of the rehabilitation grant to be completed was Mrs. Lucille Nixon of 165 Jehu Road. She said in an interview that she was very happy with the work done on her home by **Fisher's Construction**. The rehabilitation was completed in mid June and inspected by the overseeing City Commissioner Mr. Dallas Jones.

Mr. Jones inspected the repairs made on Mrs. Nixon's home and was very pleased with the work. "It looks great. They did a good job." Commissioner Jones continued, "Just seeing Mrs. Nixon so happy about her house and knowing the City of Wewahitchka helped to make her a little more comfortable in her own home, makes it all worth while."

The Construction or Rehabilitation of Mrs. Nixon's home began in early May and used just under \$11,000.00 of the Grant money available for the project. Mrs. Nixon's home was first of approximately 40 homes in Wewahitchka to undergo Rehabilitation. Commissioner Jones stated that Mrs. Nixon sent the City Commission a very nice thank you card thanking them for the repairs and for caring so much.

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STANLEY (from page 1)

With election year politics and turbulent times ahead, only **YOU** can help shape the future of Gulf County. **YOU** have the inalienable right to listen to all the political rhetoric, and then select the most qualified candidate. A candidate who can quickly identify problems and provide rational, logical solutions. In order to do this, our Founding Fathers provided us with a brilliant political mechanism. If given the chance, I am your vision into the 21st Century.

It is simply time for a change in the leadership of our district.. With the myriad of rules, regulations, policies, procedures, red tape, double talk and so forth we need a seasoned fighter as the voice of the people. I am committed to working closely with the other commissioners and for Gulf County. But, I will not let District 1 become a step-child to any other district. That is a promise to each of you.

My family, friends, classmates and colleagues know that I have always placed integrity, honesty, and character above personal gain. Integrity is non-negotiable. Without integrity no one listens, and without trust no one follows. My word will be my bond. I will always be honest and truthful - even if it hurts - and only ask the same in return. This requires courage and character. Leadership is character. It's taking action. It's being accountable. It's doing the right (ethical) thing. I have governed my life by the anonymous saying, "it's not what you know or who you know - It's what you are that finally counts."

My record of 24 years in the U.S. Army is impeccable. When drafted in 1969 from Dalkeith, I answered the call by going to Vietnam. Since then I have served our country in many foreign countries, including hostile conflicts. I entered into the Army as a private and worked my way through the ranks to Chief Warrant Officer Four. I attended college during the evening hours to complete my Bachelor of Science degree in Management Studies, and went on to complete a Master of Science degree in Human Resources Management. My "fire in the belly" work ethic, military experiences, knowledge, and educational background provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities to serve as your County Commissioner for District 1. **Give me the opportunity to serve you. I want to be your voice. Thank you for your support on September 3rd.**

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Reinforce your love for your children often. Tell them you love them and give plenty of hugs and kisses.

Don't equate what your children do with who they are. For example, tell your son he did a bad thing, not, "You're a bad boy."

Let your children know their thoughts and feelings are important to you.

Give children choices, not threats. Instead of saying, "If you don't stop playing ball in the house, you're going to get it!" try, "It's up to you, you can either stop playing in the house, or you can go outside to play ball." Give your child a choice only when you really want the child to decide and then accept the child's decision.

Help your children set realistic goals and don't hold them to unreasonably high standards.

Comments like, "you're wonderful," or "I'm proud of you," are good self-esteem builders, but learn to be specific, too. Identify your child's strong personality traits, such as thoughtfulness, creativeness, or sense of humor, and take time to comment on them.

Be polite to your children, by saying "please," and "thank you."

Tell your children that you appreciate their help and compliment them even on small tasks done well.

When asking something of a child, make sure he or she fully understands the rules and expectations. He or she will feel more confident with the responsibility.

Teach your children to solve their own problems. If they ask how to do something, don't do it for them. Explain or demonstrate how and let them try.

Always give your children a reason, particularly if they ask. Never say, "because I said so." This signals that children are not worthy of an explanation.

Don't set limits on your children's abilities. Don't make them feel they can do anything, and then praise their success!

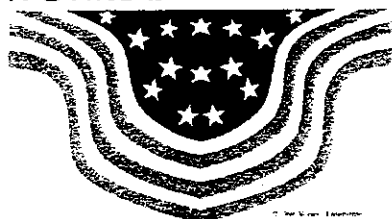
Don't underestimate your child's ability to bounce back from a disappointment. Take the "get right back on the horse" approach and praise the second try.

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FLORIDA COUNCIL ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY AND YOU, TOGETHER WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

By: Abel Price

We recently established a new chapter of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, a non-profit organization for **Gulf and Franklin Counties.**

FCCD is a statewide organization for all criminal justice professionals and interested citizens who are concerned about what is happening in their communities. The local chapter meets on a regular basis. In these meetings, training and seminars are offered to all members, and also gives the law enforcement professionals and citizens of the community the opportunity to exchange thoughts and concerns in addition to providing networking opportunities.

What does FCCD provide for the community? Brings the circle of criminal justice together through a better understanding between correctional, law enforcement and citizens. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, members donate time, money, food, clothing and toys to needy families in their local areas. Additionally, when natural disasters occur, FCCD members mobilize statewide to provide relief wherever possible. And remember that not only are we doing something for the community, we are also having fun.

For more information about FCCD Chapter XXXIII, contact John Whitfield, George Gordon or Ron McAndrew at 904 639-1000. For membership information contact Abel Price at Gulf C.I. AC 904 639-1000.

TAKE YOUR SON/DAUGHTER TO WORK

By: Abel Price

Mr. Singletary, Secretary of the Department of Corrections designated Thursday, June 13, 1996 as take your son/daughter to work day.

Gulf Correctional Institution immediately jumped on the band wagon and saw the opportunity to bring our sons and daughters together and give them a description of what prison is all about. We had an attendance of 46 children ranging from 6 years of age to 17 years old. The four (4) hour program included a brief overview of the scheduled events; a **tour of our new soon to be operational West Unit**; Canine Demonstrations; Display of Weapons; Display of Chemical Agents; Demonstration of Electronic Restraining Devices. During the breaks refreshments, chips, dips, cookies and soft drinks were provided to the children.

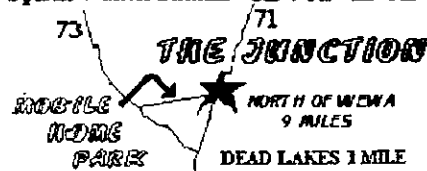
Once again employees of Gulf Correctional Institution joined together and made this a very successful and beneficial program. (No inmate contact with children was allowed)

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By: Johnny Stanley

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To determine if you qualify for transportation disadvantaged service, please call the Gulf County Transportation office at 229-6550 between the hours of 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. E.S.T. Monday through Friday. Medicaid recipients almost always qualify, but your Medicaid number must be submitted to Tallahassee for verification. Other citizens will be asked a few questions to determine if non-sponsored funding will be available. It only takes a few minutes of your time to call and find out. So, please call.

Another service was implemented June 1st. The Gulf County Transportation and the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association have teamed up to provide the senior citizens of Wewa with a Wednesday trip for nutritional and non-medical purposes. The Wewa Senior Citizens facility is open from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. C.S.T. Meals are served around 11:00. Shopping and other life-sustaining activities may also be arranged during these hours. Meals should be coordinated through Ms. Fay Daniels at 639-9910. Transportation for the Wewa senior citizens should be coordinated through Glenda or Peggy at 229-6550. On behalf of Mr. Jerry Stokoe, Executive Director of the Gulf County Senior Citizens Association, we believe this arrangement will better accommodate our Wewa seniors.

For more information about the program please call the Gulf County Transportation office, or the Senior Citizens Association at the numbers listed above. Our aim is enjoyable transportation.



"LET FREEDOM RING!"

Editorial by: James E.

"Jamie" Lester

**The Key to Effective
Citizenship**

There are probably a great number of keys to effective citizenship, such as politeness to others, pledging allegiance to our flag, or working in the community. The key I am writing about is a statement made by an individual that I learned about during my early years of high school. This statement is as follows: "A command of spoken and written words is the key to effective citizenship in the U.S." After reading this statement, one begins to analyze just what words this individual is actually talking about. I came to the following conclusion: "A command of spoken words," indicates to me knowledge and wisdom spoken by individuals that produce meaning and encouragement for citizens in this great country of ours. Such as, words spoken by George Washington, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." This statement is true and it is spoken by one of our countries forefathers. This statement produces a powerful message in todays society and individuals should consider this statement in our current everyday life.

Encouraging words to produce effective citizenship is really summed up from the words of Peter, which comes from the Bible in II Peter 1:5-8 (NIV) "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." By following these qualities and increasing your knowledge of Jesus Christ you can be that effective citizen in the United States.

In examining the written words to effective citizenship, I look at two very important documents. One being the Holy Bible. These printed words reveal the truths on how to be that effective citizen, just as Peter stated above. Another document of written words is our Constitution. This document is so important because it protects our freedom and rights along with protecting the right for us to read the Bible and participate in our own religion. This is plainly stated in the first amendment to the Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution. "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abiding the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Our Bible was used to help create our Constitution and our Constitution is used to protect the Bible. What better key to effective citizenship could one possess when you have the Bible in one hand and the Constitution in the other. Daniel Webster said, "If we abide by the principles taught by the Bible, our country will go on prospering."

So remember, if you go to start your automobile you want to use the right key or it won't start. Therefore, if you want to be an effective citizen, use the spoken words and written words that uplift the Holy Bible and our Constitution. Listen to the words that men and women say that uplift God and our Country. God works through people's spoken and written words and he can work through you.

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Dear Friends,

As you may know, I have decided to run for your county property appraiser. Like so many individuals when they receive their education and gain experience, they have to leave their home county and some have to leave their state in order to get a job they're educated in. I am simply trying to use what I have learned, as well as, my work experience to help and work for the people.

Since graduating Wewahitchka High School, I have earned my masters degree in business administration and I hold a state certified residential appraiser's license. I was once a real property tax consultant, where I fought on the side of the property owner for fair and lower property assessments. I also worked 2.5 years at the Bay County Property Appraiser's Office. Those individuals who know me, know I am a positive person and negative politics is something I do not believe in. I am running on my merits alone and my willingness to work hard for the people. I am not running against anyone on a personal basis, only for the chance to serve my home county.

I am applying for this position in order to help the people of the county, stand up for them against the bureaucracy of the state, and try to give back to the county that gave so much to me when I was growing up. I want my child to be raised in the same county that I was raised in and enjoy his granddaddy, BoJohn, and his great grandparents in Port St. Joe. This county has so much to offer when it comes to the beautiful natural resources and most of all, the kind and caring people that live here.

I am asking for your vote and the chance to serve you. I intend to work hard for you and give to this county all I can in order to make sure everyone is treated fairly. All elected officials should remember, and never forget, how they got in office. The people elect public officials and the primary responsibility of that elected official is the people. I hope to see all of you in the near future and hope you will consider, and most of all, vote for me, James E. "Jamie" Lester, your friendly hometown appraiser.

Sincerely Your Friend,

Jamie
Jamie Lester



(James E. "Jamie" Lester, BoJohn Lester, & Trey Lester) Three of the 5 Generations, of Lester's from Gulf County

Bo John Lester asks for your vote for Jamie.

Dear Friends,

My son is James E. "Jamie" Lester, and he is running for Property Appraiser for our county. He and his wife, have decided to raise my grandson in and among the people here. There is no better place than Gulf County and I am proud to say my son has always been a part of this county and I am proud he is running for this position. I raised Jamie along with help from others, to hunt, fish, and be a good person.

Jamie will strive to work hard and stand up for the rights of the people if given the chance. He has been raised to know the value of a dollar since he was a boy, and now that he is a man, he has gained the knowledge and experience that Gulf County needs to represent them as their Property Appraiser. Most of all Jamie has a kind and caring spirit above all. I know he will do a good job.

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Well, I loved my old country also. For in my "old Country", patriotism was taught in every class, in every school, at all times. Our national heroes were honored as they should have been. Each political speech, religious sermon, and civil celebration rang out with patriotic fever. A soldier was somebody. Our civil servants were servants, not masters. Free trading was considered a disgrace. A marriage was forever. A farmer could plant anything he wanted on his own land. Folks who worked harder were rewarded, and almost everything he wanted was on his own land.

Why don't I go back to the old country?, you ask. I can't. It's not there anymore. I never left my homeland. I am a native born American. I did not leave my country, it was taken from me.

The young people wonder what I am talking about. We did not lose our country, we still have it. I am not talking about the country as it is today. I'm talking about the "Old Country" when the courts protected the people, not the criminals. When attending college was a privilege, not a right. When the elderly were taken care of by their families, instead of the government. When our flag was respected at home and abroad. When a man went on welfare out of desperation, and got off as soon as possible. When "OUR COUNTRY HAD PRIDE". Let me say that again, "WHEN OUR COUNTRY HAD PRIDE". When the doctor's first question was "Where does it hurt?", not "Do you have insurance?". When the name of a president, not a government handout. Giving aid to the enemy was called treason, not foreign aid. When our churches preached gospel, not socialism. A policeman was a human, not a pig. The three R's were reading, riting and rithmetic, not rape, robbery and riot. I'm talking of a time when this "old country" was the **United States of America, a Christian nation.** It still can be if enough of us demand they give it back to us. **"IT WON'T HAPPEN UNLESS YOU CARE!!!!"** **GIVE US BACK OUR AMERICA. THE AMERICA THAT STANDS FOR: LOVE, HONOR, DUTY AND GOD!!! GOD BLESS YOU ALL.**

Written by a ROTC Student in Shreveport Louisiana and presented to a Disabled American Veterans 4 State District meeting.



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Determination

Submitted By: Thomas Wynn Sr.

An elderly man somewhere in New Jersey retired with a nice income so he decided to do something he always wanted to do: to build a house, a two story house. "So"- He began working all alone. People would stop by and ask to help but he declined any assistance. The roof beam, which is almost impossible to install without help was put in place. In about four years, he was finished. The house can be seen to this day.

Why is this story so unusual?

Because the man was totally blind!

-Heard on Paul Harvey's Radio Show, "The Rest of the Story."

Wewahitchka Public Library

New Books:

The Runaway Jury by John Grisham

Moonlight Becomes You by Mary Higgins Clark

Malice by Danielle Steel

Absolute Power by David Baldacci

Neanderthal by John Darnton

Primary Colors by Anonymous

The FLYP (Florida Library Youth Program) will continue through July 8 on Monday at 3pm for grades K-3. A program for grades 4-6 will begin July 10 at 1pm. It will continue through July 31 on Wednesdays.

A watercolor class for grades 4-6 will be held July 8 - July 12 by Sue deAbreu.

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I am one with people who may differ with me in Social, religious, or ethnic backgrounds. We may differ in political or philosophical views, but **we are joined by the belief that we might work together for the common good.** As I trust others to ensure my right to live in Freedom, so I have the responsibility to support and defend that right for others.

On This 4th of July 1996 LET FREEDOM RING!!! Rev. Carl E. Bergstrom
Past DAV National Chaplain

SEAT BELTS AND CHILD SEATS

Do you buckle your children into a car seat or child carriers whenever you drive anywhere? Good for you. You're making an effort to ensure their safety and to ensure that they'll live to go to school, join the cub scouts, take up ballet, play little league, or whatever you have in mind for them.

You probably realize the danger of trying to hold a child in your lap. In an auto crash you wouldn't be able to hold onto a child at anything but the slowest of speeds. An auto collision at only 30 mph will throw a body around with a force equal to three times its weight. So in a crash at the moderate speed, holding onto a 20 pound child would be the same as trying to hold on to 600 pounds. We're willing to bet you can't do that.

So you buckle the child into a safety seat. But what about yourself? When you get in the car with them, do you buckle yourself in before you go? By the same figures, you can't hold yourself in place. If you weigh 150 pounds, that same moderate speed crash will throw you around with a force equal to 4500 pounds. And we are almost sure that you can't hold onto 4500 pounds.

Consider this if you are still not convinced: If you don't buckle yourself in, your effort to maintain your children's safety may be futile in the end. The reason is that children learn, first of all, by observation. Children are very bright. They pick up amazing amounts of information just by watching you. They see you put them in a safe harness-like device and then they see you don't

put a similar device around yourself. Your actions speak very loudly. If they reasoned it out they might say, "This belt thing is just for little people like me. It isn't for big people." They're bright, but they can be misled. They know that one day they'll be "big people" like you. They want to be like you: they want to do things you do. And they will. When they get to be "big people" they won't wear their seat belts either.

Assuming you have never had a car accident while they're in the car they won't see the necessity of a belt. Again they might reason, "Daddy tells me I need one to be safe in the car. But I am safe. Nothing happens when I'm in a car. Besides, Daddy never wears it."

The Tree of Knowledge

The Bible has in it 3,566,480 letters, 810,677 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The longest chapter is the 119th Psalm. The shortest and middle chapter is the 117th Psalm. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118th Psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah, verse 1, and contains 18 letters. The word "and" occurs 46,627 times; the word "Lord" 1,855 times. The 27th chapter of Isaiah and the 10th chapter of 2nd Kings are alike. The longest verse is Esther 8:9; the shortest verse is John 11:35. In Ezra 7:21 are all the letters of the alphabet except the letter "j". The finest piece of reading is Acts 26th chapter. The name God is not found in Esther. The Bible contains knowledge, wisdom, the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of the sinner and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its

histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. It contains light to guide you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. God was 2,500 years getting ready to write the Bible; 1600 years writing it; and has been 1900 years fulfilling it. The word boy occurs in the Bible three times and the word girl two times. Christ is the key to the entire Book. Forty men were employed in its making. It was written by doctors, farmers, fishers, kings, shepherds, old, young, rich, poor, learned and unlearned. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass and the soldier's sword. Do not neglect your Bible. It is a mine of wealth and health to the soul and a river of pleasure. It is given to you in this life and will be opened to you at the judgment and it is established forever. If you want a crown of rejoicing when Jesus returns to earth again, read your Bible and lead lost souls to Christ and you will have a rich reward when He comes. 2nd Timothy 2:15 is the key that will unlock the sacred Book to you. Read, hear, keep what it contains and you will always be happy and prosperous. Revelation 1:3.

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A SULTRY SUMMER AFTERNOON

Non-fictional by Kay Millirons

My family was camping in a tranquil, serene mid-Florida campground. Shade of the surrounding Spanish moss draped oaks made the humid ninety-eight degree July temperature bearable.

I seldom had any quiet time with my seven-year-old son, Kyle; my husband, Ray; and dog, Snow, to consider. My husband was busy outside and my son had taken our white seven-pound Chihuahua for his afternoon walk. I settled down to have a long-awaited conversation with my mother who had come for a visit.

Abruptly, the tranquil serenity was shattered by an extremely loud clink, clank of metal. Glancing out my window I saw my precious little family pet, tail tucked between his legs, running wildly toward my RV. He had a shiny aluminum garbage can lid tied by its handle to the other end of his leash. As he ran, it boomeranged hitting the ground, resonating an extremely loud clamor. Pursuing the dog was my son shrieking the dogs name.

Assumedly my son had secured him by his leash to a lid handle on a garbage can and walked away. As the dog tried to accompany him, he pulled the lid off the can, setting the stage for this calamity of events.

I leaped up and bolted out the door. Too late, the pair had passed, rounding the rear of my RV. I took full pursuit. The procession headed down the embankment of a drainage ditch along the rear expanse of the trailer park. Overtaking my son, I repeatedly called to my dog, positive he would stop as he always obeyed me before. I suddenly realized, every time he looked back at me, he saw that enormous, brilliant, monster (lid) relentlessly pursuing him. His little ebony eyes would swell with terror, and he would only attempt to flee faster.

Concluding the dog was not going to stop, my only choice was to overtake him. I had to sprint, which I hadn't done since high school twenty five years earlier. I accelerated, struggling to propel my 180 pound frame through space.

Though I hoped they wouldn't notice, people filed out of their RV's to witness the procession - the traumatized dog, the tumultuous garbage can lid, the sprinting middle-aged mother, the hysterical child, and the distinguished husband

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PD. POL. ADV. BY THE FRIENDS OF JAMES E. "JAMIE" LESTER (D)

shouting "Stop before you have a stroke." Suddenly I thought, if I could only be invisible.

Meanwhile back at my RV, my mother came out, curious of her daughter's shenanigans. She witnessed the procession as well as the surrounding onlookers laughing hilariously. They glanced her way, She shrugged, nodded in disbelief and inconspicuously retreated back into our RV; hopefully disassociating herself from this misadventure.

After a very few minutes, energy depleted, I had to stop. Bending over with exhaustion and gasping for air, I could go no further. As my pet became more and more distant, it occurred to me that I may never see him again.

Unnoticed by me, a fellow camper (a knight in shining armor) confiscated his son's bicycle and propelled himself in the path of our pet. Snow turned and ran down into the ditch, becoming disoriented, uncertain which direction to run. This hesitation allowed enough time to bestow our friend a chance to carefully retrieve the dog and return him to us.

As I clutched our frantic panting pet, his heart pulsating in his small chest, I expected he would positively die. I'm not certain who's heart beat faster, the dogs, mine, my still sobbing son's, or the old man bringing up the rear.

Relieved, we all inconspicuously ambled back down the street toward our RV expressing our deepest gratitude to our hero. Had it not been for him, our beloved family pet would still be running today.

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An Interview With David Taunton

By: Tom Wynn

Wewa News: Judge Taunton, since 1979 you have been a father to the children who have lived in your home and with God's grace worked within 20 miles all these years. How will you be able to continue to be a good father and work in Washington D.C. with a busy schedule?

Judge Taunton: The same as any normal family would. The normal procession is to take on the role as grandfather and grandmother for our children as any normal parents would do.

We would turn the Taunton Family Home over to new parents and build us a grandparents home on the premises. This is the natural course of life in America and raising young children should not be a life long responsibility. We want to enjoy our grandchildren as any other grandparents would want. We love our children and our role for them will be to become grandparents and spoil our grandchildren as all grandparents like to do.

WN: If you are elected, what are your plans to curb the appetite of the Federal Governments taxing of small business and the individual?

JT: In 1948 the people paid 2% of their income in taxes. Now in 1996 our tax burden is 28% of our income. We need to bring taxation back home and keep the tax dollars at home too. We are taxed by three forms of government, local, state and federal, then it is filtered back down to us at about 40% return rate. This is inexcusable. We need to Stop the money flow to the federal government which is funneled through bureaucrats and then trickles back down to the local governments. In essence, eliminate the middle man. I would like to do away with the IRS, The endowment for the Arts, the ATF just to name a few that would save billions in tax dollars and return the money to the individuals and local governments. Where true life begins and ends with the hope to increase our local economics down at the grass roots level of our great country.

WN: How do you feel about the Dead Head fees, restrictions and State Government wanting a piece of the pie?

JT: RIDICULOUS! Since the beginning of Biblical times God and Nature both provided for the gleaners. It is simple. Some people can stay off Welfare by Deadheading, work vs. no work. I have Deadheaded and it is very hard work! One good rain storm stirs up the mud more in the rivers in one hour than all the Dead headers in a million years.

WN: You are very accessible today to the people you will represent if elected into Congress, will you be as accessible in Washington as you are here?

JT: No Change. I will always be accessible to those who hire me and not to special interest groups. As I told you in the past, my campaign is a grass roots campaign. The people of the panhandle are my main interest.

WN: You stated that our Government needs a heavy dose of common sense. How do you plan to get them to listen to your ideas?

JT: Overall I will look for others that are like-minded, who have common sense, who have lived the American Dream, who desire to pass on that dream to our children. We must return back to our founding fathers common sense, Biblical principles, moral up bringing and be strong in our beliefs in the American way of life that has prospered this country in the past.

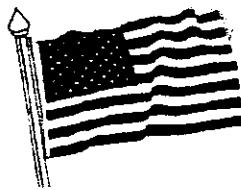
WN: What do you envision for the future of Florida's Pan Handle in the next four years if you are elected into the U.S. Congress?

JT: The panhandle is an oasis and is in the process of discovery. There is no parallel. The panhandle is an unmatched gem. The people and the Natural Resources are both available for growth and development. We are ready and willing to proceed into the 21st century. God blesses us and will continue to do so.

WN: How will you work to bring Common Biblical Principles back into this nations law making body of Government?

JT: We as a Nation was founded on "One nation under one God." We (Americans) are second to no other nation. We should answer to God only. There is no other nation in this world stronger than us. We need to continue to respect the saying that is on our money, government buildings and in our documents "In God We Trust." Putting Godly folks in Government will assure biblical principles in Congress.

WN: Thank you Judge Taunton for your time.



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**FROM THE STAFF OF THE
WEWA NEWS!**

Hurricane Information

"Hurricane Season" is here. You don't have to be in Florida long to hear about it. It is real and lasts from June 1st to November 30th. Although many storms form, few actually make there way to Florida (hopefully!) In 1995, 4 Hurricanes hit the United States. Three of these were in Florida. The strongest of these four storms was Hurricane Opal which hit just west of us. You need to develop a healthy respect for these storms and know what to do when they come your way. Hurricanes are nothing to play with. They can be unpredictable and can stall for days, or gather up unbelievable force in a short time.

Plan now, Don't Wait! Prepare a special box with a flashlight, candles, bottled water, canned foods, a hand held radio, boxed milk, and anything else you might need. Open a special hurricane savings account or keep money in a special place at home. BE PREPARED and know these terms:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Wewahitchka Planning and Review Board will meet July 1, 1996 at 6pm to consider a land use charge of a parcel of property on the east side of HWY 71 (parcel 1, 9.9 acres) and of a parcel of property on the south side of Johnson Lane (parcel 2, 6.2 acres). The current land use is residential and the request from the property owners is to have the land use changed to Residential/Commercial use. The owners of the property are Kenneth Fisher (parcel 1, 9.9 acres) and R. Charles and Cynthia F. Pettis (parcel 2, 6.2 acre).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA Special Meeting June 1, 1996

The City Commission met for a special meeting on June 1, 1996, 4:30 P.M., at City Hall. Mayor Dickens called the meeting to order, opened with Prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Justice
Commissioner Jones
Commissioner Gaskin
Commissioner Nunnery

Public Present:

Ralph Fisher Kenneth Hayes
Kevin Pettis Ben Pridgeon
Mrs. Nunnery Trapper Nunnery

City Employees

Donald Minchew, City Manager

Others

Cecil Donaldson, GCSD
Pam Harden, City Clerk
Kelly Jo Bailey, Deputy Clerk

Purpose: To open bids received for the relocation of the metal building donated to the City by Brasfield & Gorrie. ****Special Note:** Commissioner Gaskin sign documentation to abstain from voting on the bidding of this building, due to personal interest. See attached document.

Mr. Kevin Pettis requested to address the board about City Recreation. He would like to see the City hire a recreation director to establish and maintain recreation program within the City. This will be put on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

The City received 3 bids on the relocation of the metal building donated by Brasfield & Gorrie.

After a lengthy discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of accepting this building, by Mr. Ben Pridgeon, Ralph Fisher, and all members of the board, Commissioner Jones motioned to reject all bids unopened. Motion second by Commissioner Gaskin, motion passed.

Motion to dismiss plans for accepting and relocating the building made by Commissioner Gaskin, second by Commissioner Nunnery. Motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Gaskin. Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA Special Meeting June 6, 1996

The Planning Board met for a special meeting on June 6, 1996, 6:00P.M., at City Hall. Ben Pridgeon called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

Ben Pridgeon
Ernest Harden
Dee Mayhann

Public Present:

Bryan Cox Faye Cox
George Cox Bernie Keller

City Employees

Donald Minchew, City Manager
Pamela Harden, City Clerk

Mr. Minchew recommended to the board that they need to schedule a meeting and notify the public of the proposed large scale changes to the land use in the City of Wewahitchka.

Motion was made by Dee Mayhann to have the first meeting on July 1, 1996, 6P.M. at City Hall; and to advertise to the public of the next scheduled meeting. Second by Faye Cox. Motion carried.

Parcel #1: Mr. Ernest Harden request that 5.25 acres of land he owns located within the city limits of Wewahitchka be rezoned to residential/commercial. He advised the board that his property was on Hwy. 71 frontage.

Motion to approve land use change made by Dee Mayhann, second by Faye Cox. Motion carried.

Parcel #2: Mr. George Cox request that 3.22 acres of land he owns located within the city limits of Wewahitchka be rezoned to residential/commercial. He also stated that his property also was Hwy. 71 frontage. Ms. Cox stated concern over the Johnson home sitting directly in the center of Mr. Cox's property which would still be zoned residential. Mr. Minchew reminded the board that letters were sent to all adjacent property owners telling of the proposal to change land use and no one had shown any concern. Motion to approve land use change made by Dee Mayhann, Second by Faye Cox. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Dee Mayhann, second by Faye Cox. Motion carried.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA Special Meeting June 21, 1996

The City Commission met for a special meeting on June 21, 1996, 2:00P.M., at City Hall. Mayor Dickens called the meeting to order, opened with Prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Mayor Dickens
Commissioner Justice
Commissioner Gaskin
Commissioner Jones

Public Present:

Cecil Donaldson

City Employees:

Donald Minchew, City Manager
Pamela Harden, City Clerk

Employment of Utility Billing Clerk: Ms. Harden made (4) recommendations for the position of Utility Billing Clerk. After review of the (4) applicants Commissioner Gaskin motioned to hire Ms. Amanda Strange for this position, starting at \$6.00 per hour, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion Carried. Commissioner Jones also stated that we had several qualified applicants and the decision was not easy to make.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Gaskin, second by Commissioner Justice. Motion carried.

The V.F.W. and Ladies Auxiliary of Chapter 8285, Wewahitchka, would like to invite all eligible veterans to an open house to be held on July 18th. at 6:00 PM at the Community Center.

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The V.F.W. meets every third Thursday of the month at the Community Center. Anyone interested in joining our organization should contact George Luebe at 639-2887.

Notice of Public Hearing

Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority will hold a Public Hearing at 2:00 p.m. CST, July 9, 1996, at the Central Office of the Authority at 5302 Brown Street, Gainesville, Florida. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present, for review and comment, the Authority's Comprehensive Grant Program application to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding approval. Residents of our housing complexes, local government officials and any other interested persons are encouraged to attend. A list of modernization activities, included in the Comprehensive Grant application, will be provided prior to the Public Hearing, which will provide interested persons, unable to attend the hearing the opportunity to submit their comments in writing.

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