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## **City of Wewahitchka's Mayor Race**

Two people have qualified as candidates for Mayor of Wewahitchka. In September the electors will choose between **Grady Booth and Gene Hanlon.**

Grady Booth is presently a teacher at the Wewahitchka High School and Gene Hanlon works for the U.S. Post Office in Port St. Joe.

## **1996 Olympic Torch Relay Run, A Part of Wewa's History!**

By: Tom Wynn

You would think it was high noon on a Saturday, the morning of the now famous, torch run that came through Wewa's business district at approximately 7:45AM on Tuesday the 2nd of July. Vans, mini vans, police cars, sirens, and pure excitement over came the city as the torch runners ran into the center of Wewa, then on into the newly constructed Lake Alice Park.

The ceremony was very well done by the those who participated in the fanfair. **Commissioner Billy Traylor and Mayor Dickens** along with others gave short speeches.

Photos and news articles hit the TV screen and Newspapers around the Country (especially in Florida). The St. Petersburg Times placed a very large photo of a runner on the West Arm Bridge showing the beautiful Dead Lakes in the background on their front page the next morning.

God sure did bless us with perfect weather on that glorious day. With over 350 Wewa Pride Tee-shirts sold by City Hall, 100 Torch run Tee-shirts sold by the Wewa State Bank, and many wearing the national colors and symbols, joy and enthusiasm filled the air along with the slightly high humidity on that very special morning in Wewahitchka.

**Willie Ramsey of "The Star"** hurried to get the photos he took during the run and the ceremony into print for that weeks issue, which showed up all over Gulf County that very evening, this added more excitement to the day, for the people who where involved in the festivities. Thanks Willie for your timely front page coverage of a very important day to the folks in Wewa. **A special thanks to the folks out at Gulf C.I. who built the beautiful sign for the park.**

## **Bob Williams Will Run For Sheriff As A Republican Candidate**

As of August 1st Robert E. "Bob" Williams of Port St. Joe announced his Candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Gulf County on the Republican ticket. Bob has been a resident of Gulf County for the past twelve years.

(see page 4)

## **4th of July Festivities A Major Blast!**

By: Tom Wynn

The 4th was a full day of fun in the sun for all who showed up at Lake Alice Park. The dunk tank and the greased pole for the kids (with 20.00 dollars on top) were fun for all who took part in them.

It seemed there were more Politicians to take their turn in the dunk tank than there were kids to sink them in the cool muddy water. The funniest part of the planned day was when a handful of politicians were blindfolded and told to put on garments which turned out to be old female attire and placed in all the wrong places.

At dark, the evening festivities began with "fireworks" the city volunteers shot off into the middle of Lake Alice sky. The fireworks were paid for by donations made to the City from local businesses.

Then came the street dance which was packed full. It seemed that almost everyone in Wewa showed up to socialize or dance.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make a great day of it.

## **St. Joseph Land and Development Co. Turns Down City Hall For New City Cemetery Land Purchase Request**

By: Tom Wynn

Commissioner Jones recieved a letter from Mr. C. Smallwood, Manager of St. Joseph Land and Development Co. late in July stating that the Executive Committee of the company denied the cities request to purchase approximately 20 acres of land owned by the company.

(see Land page 3)

## **Large City Water Main Breaks Leaving Many Without Water.**

By: Tom Wynn

On Tuesday the 30th of July during an interview with the City Manager Don Minchew just minutes after the water system was turned back on, Minchew stated that a 8 inch water main in front of the City Water Plant located on Lake Grove Road in Wewa, broke sending water everywhere.

Minchew further stated he suspected that a high water table in the ground and heavy truck traffic, could have been the cause for the large cast iron pipe to burst.

The City residents were without water from approximately 11:00am til 3:00pm on Tuesday afternoon.

## **New City and River System Map In the Works For Area!**

By: Tom Wynn

The city of Wewahitchka, The Wewa News and Southern Engineering GGP, Inc. of Glen, Mississippi teamed up to create a new map with the river system starting just north of The Junction in Kinard and South of Howard Creek and maybe beyond. The front or main side of the new map will show the river system and ads of local area businesses who purchased ad squares in order to pay for the printing of the maps.

The back side of the map will be the latest and most accurate of the city of Wewahitchka, including streets never pictured before on older maps. The map will also include the new 911 changes and show the County district boundary dividing line requested by the County Commission.

The maps should arrive by the end of September. Look for them in your local businesses.

## **NEWS FROM HOWARD CREEK The 2nd Annual Howard Creek 4th of July Golf Cart Parade & Fireworks**

By: Mary Blankenship

Fun was had by one and all at the 2nd annual Howard Creek Golf Cart Parade and Fireworks Display. Festivities started at 1:00pm at the home of John and Dot Mitchell (a.k.a.-Mayor of Howard Creek). Hot dogs, corn-on-the-cob and a 4th of July cake (donated by the ladies from the Fire Station luncheon) was served.

(see Golf Cart page 3)

## **Gulf County Son Runs For District 7 Seat**

During the month of July Ralph Rish of Wewahitchka made the decision to run for the State Congressional seat, District 7 as a Republican candidate.

Rish is a small business owner (Preble-Rish, Inc. Consulting Engineers) and has been in civic and community positions of leadership throughout his adult life. He is presently the Chairman of the Gulf County Republican Executive Committee.

He is a Property Rights Advocate, a supporter of less regulation, less bureaucracy and less taxes. He is a supporter of stronger crime prevention and is an advocate for cutting spending in the state budget.

Ralph has been married to Martha Rish for the past 16 years and has two children, Blake 12 and Grant 4.



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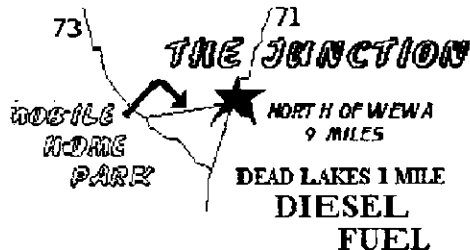
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community and family.

Houston W. Whitfield is  
on the Honor Roll for  
August 1996

Houston W. Whitfield was born in  
Wewahitchka, Fl. to Lloyd and Doris  
Whitfield. He graduated from WHS in 1966  
and attended Gulf Coast Community College.

Houston worked as a draftsman for  
Charles Gaskin for over 20 years and has now  
been an employee of Bay Medical Center as a  
Paramedic for 8 years.

In 1970, Houston married Linda Roberts  
from Tennessee and they are the parents of  
two children: Heather, age 23, who will be  
beginning Pharmacy School on August 19 at  
Mercer University, and Beau, age 20, a  
student at GCCC.

Houston leads an active community and  
church life. He has been a former Boy Scout  
leader, volunteer ambulance squad, volunteer  
fireman, city commissioner, board of trustees  
at United Methodist Church, and a member of  
the church since 1973.

His hobbies include playing golf, hunting,  
fishing, reloading, drawing houses, target  
shooting, and landscaping. Sleeping is  
optional!

Houston is the kind of person that one  
comes to depend on and knows they can. He is  
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### Land (from page 1)

The acreage is located on the N.E. corner of North Hwy 71 and Gaskin side Camp Road.

The City was in hopes for the Land purchase so it could build a much needed new City Cemetery that would have room for all for many years into the 21st century.

The present two cemeteries in and around Wewa are just about filled to capacity. Mr. Smallwood gave other possible sites in his letter to the city.

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Commander George H. Luebe

The Ladies Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post 8285 held an open house on July 18, 1996. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all. We are planning a rummage sale on August 3, 1996 to be held at Lake Alice Park from 8:00am until 2:00pm. If you would like to donate any items, please call Kathryn Outlaw at 639-2055. Proceeds from this sale will be used for future community projects.

### The Seven Warning Signs of Spiritual Cancer.

1. An unusual preoccupation with self; conversation about I, me, we, us, mine and ours.
2. A lump of thickening in the wallet or bank account, without regard for the priorities of God or the needs of others.
3. A sore feeling of anger or resentment that persists and does not heal.
4. A change in prayer life and attendance at worship from regular to irregular.
5. A feeling of hoarseness or uneasiness when matters related to God and Jesus and His church are mentioned.
6. Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing Christian thought or references to commitment, witnessing, or stewardship.
7. A change in size, color or complexion when asked, "Are you actively participating in the church of Jesus Christ?"

### Golf Cart (From page 1)

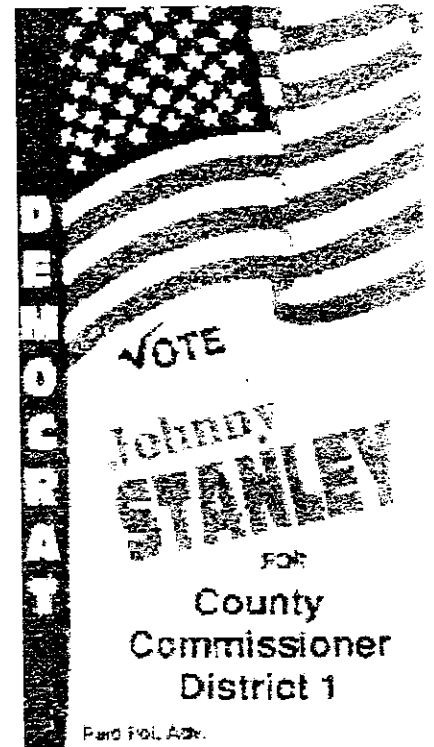
There were between 150-200 people who came out to join in the fun. At 4:00 approximately 50 golf carts, 3 and 4 wheelers, trucks, cars and even a riding lawnmower driven by Norman with his dog patches riding on the hood. They went up and down all the roads where onlookers with cameras and camcorders could take pictures and movies of the event as they unfolded.

At 8.15, on the old Dump Road, there was a fireworks display by Brad Williams. Chuck Meyers, and Tommy Adams with well more than 200 Creekians, (out of between 250 and 300 residents) their friends and families and anyone else who wanted to attend the colorful display. All of the days activities were done solely by donations of food and money by the full-time and weekend residents of Howard Creek.

Everyone had a very pleasant and fun-filled day! We truly appreciate all those who participated and attended the events, and extend a personal invitation to the 3rd Annual Howard Creek Golf Cart Parade next year, even better yet, to the 2nd Annual Howard Creek Christmas Golf Cart Parade.

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**Sheriff (from page 1)**  
He just retired after a 27 year career in Law Enforcement which included service as deputy sheriff in Florida, State Law Enforcement Officer in Florida, an Alaska State Trooper, and the past 20 years as a federal Agent.  
Bob and Shawnee, his wife of 25 years, are third generation floridians and they wanted their boys to grow up in a small town in Florida, like they did.  
Bob feels very strongly that the Office of Sheriff is one of the most critical office in local government. The Sheriff, besides being responsible for a multitude of public safety and legal issues, has a direct effect importantly, the beliefs and philosophies of the Sheriff and his entire department must reflect the values, mayoralty and traditions of the community as a whole. It must be service oriented with a special focus on programs for our senior citizens and our youth.  
Bob is looking forward to visiting with each citizen of Gulf County and is available to answer your questions. Please feel free to contact Bob at his home in Port St. Joe, with any questions that you may have. His home telephone number is 229-6373.

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5. 2:40 p.m. classes end at high school.  
Above schedule indicates that students will be getting home later than in the past (15-20 minutes).

**CITY COMMISSIONER STEPS DOWN**  
Mayor Dickens and The Wewahitchka City Commission To Whom It May Concern,  
I am unable to be here for the majority of the meetings and not readily available for the citizens who elected me due to employment commitments. I feel it is in the best interest of the city for me to step down and let someone else pick up where I left off. Therefore it is with much regret I hereby submit my letter of resignation from my office of City Commissioner effective at the close of the regular commission meeting of July 22, 1996.  
I have sincerely enjoyed the time I have spent on the board and hope that in the future if my employment situation changes that I will again have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Wewahitchka again.  
Sincerely,  
Ben Nunnery ms  
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I have spent my entire adult life as an educator. I have been your Superintendent before and I understand the position. I know how important it is to set priorities for the system and what is involved in the budget process. My wife and I were teachers, my two sons and a daughter-in-law are teachers, and my grandchildren are in school here. I want our schools to be the best they can be, for them~ and for every other student, teacher and citizen of Gulf County. I will only make one campaign promise and that is to work as hard as I can to be available and to be the kind of leader Gulf County schools need and deserve.

**Pd. Pol. Ad. David Bidwell, Treasurer-Democrat**



*Robin, Trey, and Jamie Lester*

I would like to take this opportunity to ask again for your vote and support. If for some reason I have not asked for your vote or had the chance to ask you personally, I am asking you now. While I have been campaigning I have tried to run with a very positive attitude and a very clear message of standing up for the people of this county. As I stated earlier in my campaign, I am not running against anyone, only asking for the chance to serve and use what I have learned and the experience I have gained to work for the people. On behalf of myself and my family, thank you for your vote and support. Remember to vote on Tuesday, September 3, 1996.

Sincerely Your Friend,

James E. "Jamie" Lester



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## **Wewahitchka High School**

By: L.A.Mathes

We have a need to return to teaching twelve guiding principles (all based on moral values). Someone must teach young people how to act in a responsible manner so that our society can survive, rather than disintegrate to total chaos. Some are taught good character building traits where they should be taught, at home. Some others are taught or reinforced at churches. But the majority these days learn from peer groups, the media, and "gangs". I tell some parents that we don't teach students to lie, cheat, steal, assault others, show disrespect for teachers and parents, curse, etc. Where do you suppose they learn these traits?

If you aren't teaching and insisting on acceptable actions, who would you prefer teach them? Would you, as a parent, prefer a student who exhibits honesty, reliability, respect, courage, ect., or one who demonstrates the opposite?

Schools need to join families and churches to combat the negatives your student is subjected to in society. The idea of hard work paying off has been replaced by the search for easy money, and students no longer fear the consequences of improper actions. Instead of learning they must pay consequences for illegal, immoral, or irresponsible behavior, too often they look to someone else to fight their battle or cover for their mistakes.

Do you watch or listen to what they do, and discourage them from stuff you know is trash, or is it easier to let them do their thing because you don't want to make them mad and force them to

be disrespectful towards you?

I asked a parent once (and have since repeated many times), "Do you let \_\_\_\_ speak defiantly to you or curse you at home?" The parent answered "I certainly do not" and my response to that was "well, \_\_\_\_ is not going to do it here either". What are the twelve suggested guiding principles recommended: Respect, responsibility, loyalty, perseverance, compassion, trustworthiness, honesty, courage, optimism, initiative, adaptability, and deliberateness. Read, and ask yourself which one or ones wouldn't you want your student to display? Students don't inherit these ideals they must be taught and practiced. Thanks for reading.

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### **"IN THAT CITY OF ETERNAL LOVE"**

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ME COUNT THE WAYS,  
FIRST FOR MY CREATION ALL THESE  
PRECIOUS DAYS.

FOR YOUR LOVING GRACE THAT  
CHANGED AND MADE ME FREE,  
SO THAT ONE DAY YOUR BLESSED FACE  
I WILL SEE.

FOR FILLING MY HEART WITH YOUR  
SPIRITUAL LOVE,  
KEEPING ME BY YOUR SIDE FROM YOUR  
HEAVEN ABOVE.

FOR HELPING ME HELP OTHERS FROM  
DAY TO SHINING DAY,  
ALWAYS IN A MOST SPIRITUAL AND  
LOVING WAY.

TO WALK THROUGH THE STORM AND NOT  
BE AFRAID,  
TO FOLLOW THE GOLDEN RULES THAT  
YOU HAVE MADE.

AND TO HONOR OUR MOTHER AND  
FATHER SO OUR DAYS ON EARTH MAY  
BELONG,

HELP US HOLD HIGH OUR HEADS  
KEEPING OUR HEART IN SONG.  
NEVER FEEL THAT TOMORROW IS JUST  
ANOTHER DAY,

TRY TO MAKE IT SPECIAL IN MANY  
DIFFERENT WAYS.

ONE DAY HE'LL CALL "COME HOME"  
AND LIVE WITH ME ABOVE,  
THROUGHOUT ALL ETERNITY IN THAT  
CITY OF ETERNAL LOVE.

**TOM HARRELL**

### **Senior Citizens Quiltings**

**Hand made quilts made by local folks-to order**  
Size Material Bating Backing Price Sheet

Single 2 1/2 yds	Single 35.00	Single flat
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Additionally we need two spools of quilting  
thread the same color as the backing sheet.

For mathing pillows, please include an additional  
1 1/2 yard of material.



## **"LET FREEDOM RING!"**

Editorial by: James E.

"Jamie" Lester

### **PROMISE KEEPERS**

Editorial By: James E.

"Jamie" Lester

Several months ago I went to the Georgia Dome, in Atlanta, to witness an exciting event. I went to an organizational rally for Promise Keepers. This group called Promise Keepers was totally new to me and I did not know what to expect. When I walked into the Georgia Dome and witnessed the multitude of people, I was quite amazed. The announcer stood up and welcomed everyone and said, How does it make you feel to be apart of 64,000 men praising and worshipping God together? That was a lot of men in one place. They soon patched us into Washington D.C. by satellite, where they had 60,000 men. This came to a total of over 124,000 men worshipping and singing all at one time.

The bible states, where two are more are gathered. He will be there also. Imagine 124,000 men gathered together. After the event, I realized just what Promise Keepers were all about. This non-profit organization calls men from all nations to reconcile with God, their families and each other in the name of Jesus Christ. The objective is based in the covenant-keeping nature of God. Because God is faithful to fulfill all of His promises. He is our model (Number 23:19).

Promise Keepers adhere to the historical truths of biblical Christian orthodoxy and identify our Statement of Faith as our foundation. They believe that we have a God-given mission to unite Christian men who are currently separated by race, sectarianism, age, culture and economies. They refer to something much greater than any humanistic unification and more powerful than any form of political equality. Rather, the biblical directive to be "ambassadors of reconciliation" compels us to break down the walls that have divided and polarized the body of Christ for too long (John 17: 20-23; 2 Corinthians 5: 18-19).

They believe that vital relationships among men are critical to helping each other become "promise keepers." Christ - centered unity produces vital relationships, life-changing, interdependent, affirming and accountable relationships. In this context, men can submit their lives to the directives of God's Word, dedicate themselves to pray for their brothers and genuinely understand each mans strengths and weaknesses.

Their vision is that by His grace this will result in a worldwide movement of men, on their knees in prayer in humility and on their feet in unity. Their hope is that together we might become agents of revival in the body of Christ through obedience to God's Word and God's Spirit, resulting in revival of His Church and spiritual awakening among the lost.

Their prayer is that a generation of godly men, churches, and ministries would network to

impact their town, cities and communities for Jesus Christ - and that this would result in a world wide movement of prayer, evangelism, and outreach that has spiritual and cultural impact.

You must strive to keep your promises with God, your family, and your fellow man. If you do not, know one will ever believe you. Especially, the one that always keeps his promises and always keeps his eyes on you.

**Pd. Pol. Adv. (Dem.)**

## **Go for the Gold**

By: Loretta Costin

With the opening of the Olympics in Atlanta, the worlds attention will be focused on young people who have set their sights on being the best. What better time to teach our children the importance of "going for the gold." Helping young people to set goals and to expect the best of themselves is one of the most important lessons we can teach our children.

One fun way of doing this is to establish an all school challenge. Each student sets a personal goal for something he or she would like to accomplish. A school wide pep rally is held to encourage students to meet their goals. Parents and teachers reinforce the importance of hard work, endurance and high expectations. All successes are recognized and celebrated.

Our community is full of winners such as Erika McNair who is already setting goals for herself and doing her best at whatever she tries. It is up to every adult who works with children to recognize the unique potential of that child and to encourage and nurture this potential. Encouraging our children to have high expectations and to not settle for anything less than their best will prepare them for a future with many rewards.

**PD. POL. ADV. LORETTA COSTIN, CAMPAIGN  
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## PAM WILLIAMS RECEIVES MASTERS DEGREE

Roy Lee and Veronica Carter cordially invite you to attend the graduation of their daughter, Miss Pamela D. Williams, from Florida A & M University. Commencement will be Friday, August 2, 1996 in Tallahassee, Florida, at the Leon County Civic Center at 6:00 pm E.S.T.

Pamela is a 1988 honor graduate of Wewahitchka High School and earned her BS in Business Education with high Honors from FAMU. She will be receiving a Masters Degree in the area of Adult Education Administration. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

## **Emerald Coast Giant Scalers 6th Annual Labor Day Fly-In** AMA Sanction # 60697 IMAA Sanction # FL96270-5-6111

Parker Farm Campground Site  
Wewahitchka, FL  
Aug 31st - Sept 2nd  
Registration begins at 8:00 AM  
Flying at 9:00 AM.

\$10 landing fee requested at registration.  
AMA / IMAA membership required.  
IMAA legal size aircraft Sat &  
Any size aircraft allowed Mon.  
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Full hook-up on site camping at \$10 per night  
to the first 12

to make reservations. Primitive sites available.  
Saturday night dinner provided at no cost to  
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100 percent of landing fees and parking  
donations are given to the Special Olympics  
Contest Director- Ray Bittick (904) 871-0465  
Event Director-Ron Frost (904) 722-4565

## The Pizza Kitchen

Would like to announce the opening of a  
sister restaurant on August 15, 1996 in  
Panama City, in the Mini Mall, on Grace Ave.  
The restaurant formerly known as "The  
Greenhouse" will now be "The Courtyard".

The Pizza Kitchen will keep the same hours:  
Tuesday-Thursday: 11:00 am-9:00pm, Friday:  
10:00am-10:00pm, Saturday: 1:00pm-10:00pm,  
Sunday: 3:00pm-8:00pm, with the exception of no  
deliveries between the hours of 1:00pm to  
4:00pm Tuesday - Thursday and no deliveries on  
Sunday. (The interruption in delivery is only  
temporary.) We Would like to invite everyone  
to come to The Courtyard for fine dinning of a  
lunch buffet beyond comparison. In the  
evenings you can enjoy a relaxed atmosphere  
with cuisine from Prime Rib to Fettucini  
Alfredo to Seafood. This is a sole proprietorship  
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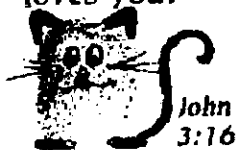
## Welcome Foreign Exchange Students

Our community has had families to open their  
homes and hearts to foreign exchange students.

Ronnie & Anne Boyd will host Nathaly  
Relhier from France; Dusty & Joe Bearden  
will host Eeva Urrio from Finland; Ernest &  
Pam Harden will host Dorothea Ley from  
Germany; John & Vanessa Feltrop will host  
Bente Adersen from Norway and Greg &  
Loretta Pickron will host Soledad Caleyas  
from Ecuador.

Anne Boyd who is the local community  
coordinator has been working with "PAX"  
Program of Academics to place these students.  
She has been successful in placing several in  
Gulf, Calhoun & Bay County areas. If you know  
anyone in the area of Blountstown, Port St. Joe or  
P.C. that is interested in having a student live  
with them, please call Anne Boyd at 639-5433  
or PAX at 1-800-555-6211

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## The Wewa Chamber of Commerce Takes On Fund Raiser For New City Park

During the months of June and July the Wewa  
Chamber of Commerce has been raising money  
for a new playground that will cost in the  
neighborhood of \$40,000.00. In just a short  
time, according to Carolyn Husband Chamber  
President, the fund has grown to over \$8,000.00.  
Local businesses and kind givers have raised the  
hopes of our children. If all goes as planned, the  
new playground will entertain our children next  
summer.

The Chamber created a Committee of local  
members headed up by Robert Miller to work  
on raising the money.

Contributions have been received by the  
following businesses and individuals so far:

COMMISSIONER ARMSTRONG \$500.00  
(County funds)

SHERIFF McKEITHEN New Tool Box(raffel)  
GULF COAST ELECTRIC \$500.00

UNDER A \$500.00 DONATION

OPTIMIST CLUB

CITY COMMISSIONER JUSTICE AND

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## WHS BAND BOOSTERS

It's time again to order your  
Wewahitchka Gator Band Community  
Birthday Calendar!

Band Students will start taking orders soon  
after school has started, so watch for them. In  
case you miss them or they miss you, you can  
contact Lyn Wynn at 639-2528 to place your  
order. The calendars will sell for \$5.00.

Thank you for your support!

## MARY ELLEN GORTMAN COUNTY COMMISSION CANDIDATE DISTRICT # ONE

Having lived in this County all my life and  
raising five children of which four had to seek  
employment in other Counties make me want  
even more to be in a position that I might help in  
any way I can to bring industry into this County  
for more jobs.

Some of the leadership and work experiences  
I have had in this community are as follows:  
Deputy Clerk for the County Court House and  
City of Wewahitchka, Manager of Town and  
Country Gas Co., Owned my own Florist  
Business for sixteen years, Worked with the Gulf  
County School System, Board Member of  
Northwest Fla. Floral Association, Board  
Member of the Wewahitchka Medical Center and  
served on the Democratic Executive Committee.  
All of the above required the ability to be a good  
business manager and also involves decisions  
concerning finances. in other words being able to  
manage money wisely.

Thanks again for the great vote of confidence  
I received in the last Commissioner Election.  
Only loosing by thirty -three votes let me know  
you did have faith in my ability to be your  
Commissioner.  
Sincerely, Your Friend Mary Ellen Gortman  
Pd. Pol. Ad. Dem.

**Wewahitchka City Regular Meeting  
June 24, 1996**

The City Commission met for a regular meeting on June 24, 1996, 6:30P.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 Jones  
Commissioner Justice  
Commissioner Gaskin

**Public Present:**

Tom Wynn  
George Cox  
Brian Cox  
Cecil Donaldson

**City Employees:**

Donald Minchew, City Manager  
Bronzell Ward, Superintendent  
Pamela Harden, City Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Commissioner Justice, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried.

**Public Recognition:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Gaskin, second by Commissioner Justice. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve the bills made by Commissioner Gaskin with the exception that Mr. Tuckers invoice for the 94-95 fiscal year be paid after all work has been completed, second by Commissioner Justice. Motion carried.

**Agenda Items/New Business:**

**Contribution/Chamber of Commerce:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones to make a contribution of \$250 to the Chamber of Commerce for the Torch Run and 4th of July festivities, second by Commissioner Gaskin. Motion carried.

**Diesel Water Aux. Pump:** Commissioner Gaskin suggested we pursue back up power for water pump. Mr. Ward stated that we could put one of the engine we have in use. The cost of the transfer gear, pressure plate, housing, clutch, etc. would be \$1030. Commissioner Gaskin request we put on hold until Mr. Ward could check price on pump. **Open: Mr. Ward**

**Ordinance/Land Use Change:** Mr. Minchew read first reading on Ordinance for land use change of Harden/Cox property. Motion made by Commissioner Gaskin to number ordinance after second reading at next scheduled meeting, second by Commissioner Justice. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Jones:** Suggest we remind Mr. Veasey to remove vehicles in front of park, due to 4th of July festivities. Mayor Dickens stated he would speak with Mr. Veasey.

**Commissioner Gaskin:** Suggested it was unfortunate that we had all those vehicles parked in front of the park. Commissioner Gaskin stated he had met with Carolyn Husband and Mr. Miller in reference to the location of the playground equipment. Motion made by Commissioner Gaskin to allow north end of existing playground for new equipment, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Justice:** None

**City Clerk:** None

**City Manager:** Briefed board on management letter sent with audit report for 94-95 fiscal year. He stated the office staff had already implemented the proper procedures to correct the problems stated in the letter. Mr. Minchew also requested Resolution #96-06-24-01 stating that (2) signatures be required on all checks sent out for payment. Presently the Mayor and City Clerk are on the signature card filed with the bank he request that we also include Commissioner Justice in the event the Mayor is not present. Motion made by Commissioner Jones to approve Resolution #96-06-24-01, second by Commissioner Gaskin. Motion carried. Mr. Minchew also advised the board of a land use change meeting to be held on July 1, 1996 for parcels of property

owned by Charles Pettis and Ralph Fisher.

**Superintendent Ward:** None

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

**Wewahitchka City Regular Meeting July 8, 1996**

The City Commission met for a regular meeting on July 8, 1996, 6:30P.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 Jones  
Commissioner Justice  
Commissioner Gaskin

**Public Present:**

Tom Wynn  
Charles Doyle  
Brian Cox  
Cecil Donaldson  
Walter Cowan  
Lyle Ake  
Jim Haley  
Cliff Ake  
Fletcher Patterson  
Miriam Haley  
Clayton Young  
Ben Pidgeon  
Bo Bo Owens  
Patty Fisher  
Ralph Fisher

**City Employees:**

Donald Minchew,  
City Manager  
Bronzell Ward,  
Superintendent  
Pamela Harden,  
City Clerk  
Mandee Strange,  
Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Commissioner Justice, second by Commissioner Gaskin. Motion Carried.

**Public Recognition:** Walter Cowan made a request for a variance to place two power poles on his lot on Mitchell Road. Motion to approve Mr. Cowan's request made by Commissioner Justice, second by Commissioner Gaskin. Motion carried.

BoBo Owens came before the board to question the rumors of the city annexing Lands Landing into the city. Mayor Dickens stated that it was just a rumor. Mr. Minchew added that in order for an area to be annexed into the city two elections must be held and approved by the people in the city and in the area annexing.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes made by Commissioner Justice, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve the bills made by Commissioner Gaskin, with the exception that Mr. Tuckers invoice for the 94-95 fiscal year be paid after all work has been completed, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion Carried.

**Agenda Items/New Business:**

**Mosquito Control:** Motion made by Commissioner Justice to table discussion on mosquito control price increase until it can be furthered researched, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion Carried. **Open: Commissioners**

**Mobile Home Concern:** Commissioner Jones made a suggestion that an ordinance be made on bringing older model mobile homes in to the City. Commissioner Gaskin motioned that anything under five years old did not need approval, anything from 5-to 10 years could be approved by the City Manager, and anything over 10 years old had to be brought before the board, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried.

**House Numbers:** Commissioner Gaskin Motioned to extend the date for house numbers to be August 15, 1996. After the 15th if house numbers were not up each house would incur a \$25.00 Service charge monthly until the numbers were in place, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried.

**Ordinance/Land Use Change:** Mr. Minchew read second reading for land use change Harden/Cox. Motion made by Commissioner Jones to approve the Ordinance, second by Commissioner Justice. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Jones to approve Mr. Fisher's request for his property to be changed from residential to commercial residential. Second by Commissioner Justice. Motion Carried.

**Sewer Repairs:** Commissioner Jones suggest to get started on repairing the sewer system. Motion was made to hire two temporary employees to take care of the grass cutting and weed eating. Motion made by Commissioner Jones Second by Commissioner Justice. Motion Carried. **Open: Mr. Ward / Mr. Minchew**

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Commissioner Gaskin:** States concern for speed on second street. Suggest speed bumps and more scrutinized speed control. Mr. Minchew advised that speed bumps were not allowed on a thru street. Deputy Donaldson will advise Sheriff's office to patrol.

**Commissioner Justice:** Commissioner Justice makes a motion to pay Fisher's Construction for the work on Lucille Nixon's home, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion Carried.

**Commissioner Jones:** Thanked everyone for helping with the Fourth of July Activities.

**City Clerk:** Introduces new Utility Billing Clerk, Mandee Strange.

**City Manager:** Discussed Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority improvements to the local houses under them in the city. These must be approved

before they can receive more grants. Mr. Minchew also stated there would be a meeting in Graceville concerning this if anyone would like to attend.

**Superintendent Ward:** None

**Mayor Dickens:** None

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

**Wewahitchka City Special Meeting  
July 17, 1996**

The City Commission met for a special meeting on July 17, 1996, 7:00 A.M. at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Justice called the meeting to order.

**Members Present:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Justice  
Commissioner Jones  
Commissioner Gaskin

**Public Present:**

Donna Shavers

**City Employees:**

Donald Minchew, City Manager  
Mandee Strange, Deputy Clerk

**Purpose:** Wewa Pony League has made a request for a donation from the city.

Ms. Donna Shavers came before the Board to request a donation for the Wewa Pony League to go to the state play-offs. There are five boys from Wewa that are participating. Commissioner Gaskin motioned to give the Wewa Pony League a \$500.00 donation and take it from the parks and recreation account, second Commissioner Jones. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Gaskin, second Commissioner Jones. Motion Carried.

**TO THE CITIZENS OF WEWAHITCHKA  
DEAR CITIZENS:**

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CITIZENS OF WEWA FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE AS MAYOR. I HAVE FOUND IT TO BE A GREAT PLEASURE DOING SO. HOWEVER, I FEEL I CAN BETTER SERVE THE PEOPLE OF WEWAHITCHKA AS A GULF COUNTY COMMISSIONER. THEREFORE, I WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION AS MAYOR OF THE GREAT CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA. YOUR VOTE AND YOUR PRAYERS WILL BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU,

**MAYOR RAY DICKENS**

**A PD. POL. ADV., RAY DICKENS  
TREASURER-DEMOCRAT**



# Loretta Costin

## Qualified to be Your Superintendent of Schools

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A PD. POL. ADV., Loretta Costin, Campaign Treasurer, Republican

### GULF COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

Gulf County Transportation published an article in the July issue of The Wewa News that explained the non-sponsored transportation program. This article shall focus on the sponsored transportation services (i.e. Medicaid), and the tremendous impact of the recent 30 percent cut in Medicaid transportation funding.

Medicaid has reduced our annual funding, mostly due to many instances of fraud. For example, Medicaid recipients use Medicaid transportation despite having personal vehicle(s), or other sources of transport. Medicaid policy states that transportation is for those individuals who "can not obtain or make arrangements for transportation through their own efforts, or those of their friends or families." It is quite likely that many recipients truly believe that Medicaid transportation is a "free" service, or that the one dollar per trip co-payment covers the cost of the trip. This is false. Transportation is very costly, and those costs must be borne by someone.

There may be cases of fraud in other counties, but Gulf County does not have any documented cases. This does not imply that none has occurred. It simply means that none has been caught by the Medicaid Fraud Unit. Medicaid eligibility is determined by Tallahassee, not by Gulf County Transportation. On the other hand, it is understandable why a recipient with a fancy automobile could be transported. Circumstances of age, medical condition, radiation and chemotherapy treatment may preclude safe operation of the private vehicle. In fact, many prescription and non-prescription drugs carry warning labels to warn of driving while medicating.

To offset the horrible cuts in Medicaid transportation... drastic and innovative measures must be implemented immediately to keep the vans rolling. The Gulf County Senior Citizens and Gulf County Transportation are proposing a new concept named "Adopt-A-Grandparent." Gulf County's senior citizens (on Medicaid) are not exempt from the \$1 co-payment for each transportation trip. Most of these special elders need only the two dollar round trip co-pay per month. Imagine being on a fixed income, and just how helpful your financial assistance would be to our treasured citizens.

For purposes of confidentiality, your contribution of two or four dollar per month, depending on the grandparent you adopt, would only be publicized if she/he so wishes. You would simply contact either of the agencies listed above, and purchase tickets (similar to those at the movies). Each ticket would equal one dollar, or one trip. You would then provide them to the grandparent to use for their Medicaid co-payments. As a society, we adopt many things, including children, animals, and highways. This small sacrifice would help our most special citizens, and in a most special way.

For more information about the program please call the Gulf County Transportation office. Your transportation staff includes Transportation Director (Johnny Stanley), Transit Manager (Glenda Whiting), Billing Clerk (Peggy Waters), and 12 dedicated, highly trained drivers. If you wish to participate or have a comment, please contact one of the above listed individuals, or call 229-6550. Or, you may contact the Senior Citizens Executive Director, Jerry Stokoe at 229-8466. Our aim is enjoyable transportation

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**SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**  
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