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Gulf County School Board Wants Sales Tax Hike Hold It, Says County Board!

By: Tom Wynn

Port St. Joe—The language was too loose and free for Gulf County Commissioners Traylor, Hammond, and Peters according to Commissioner Traylor after the 13th of August meeting of the Gulf County Board of Commissioners.

He continued to say, "The School Board wrote the referendum in such broad terms that in all good conscious I could not vote to put the referendum on the November Ballot," Traylor stated.

Mr. Walter Wilder, who will soon retire from his position as Superintendent of Gulf County Schools said the School Board wanted to maintain flexibility in the ballot wording to allow, "a few thousand here or there" to be moved to other board projects within the county.

In an interview with The Wewa News Commissioner Traylor stated (See Tax page 3)

Designated National Correctional Employee's Week

By: Abel Price

The American Correctional Association designated August 18-24, 1996 as National Correctional Employee's Week. The employees of Gulf C.I. celebrated this honor on Friday August 23, 1996 by having an outstanding luncheon. Activities included awards, recognition and entertainment. During this luncheon, the employees at Gulf C.I. had the privilege and honor of having Dr. Lewis Barber, Dean of Career Education at Gulf Coast Community College, as a guest speaker. Once again the employees of the Department of Corrections are honored and salute for risking their lives on a daily basis, to make our society a safer and better place.

Mayors Race, Short and Simple

The two people that qualified as candidates for Mayor of Wewahitchka have not spoke much on the ideas that they may have in mind for Wewahitchka, going into the next century. However, Mr. Hanlon stated to the Wewa News that if he is elected to the Mayors Office, he wants to work with the city commissioners and do a **city wide clean up and beautification project** and continue the improvements to the city parks.

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.

THE WEWA NEWS MOVES TO NEW HEADQUARTERS

Wewa—During the month of August "The Wewa News" moved into its **new location** to better serve their customers, provide an easier access to the newspaper, and easier drop off point for ads and articles. The owner and publisher of the paper decided to rent office space in **Main Street Center, Inc.** after several months of working out the details with **Ms. Jordan Miles**. She is the owner of Main Street Center Inc., and specializes in business and office supplies, among other things.

The owner and publisher of The Wewa News, Tom Wynn, said, "it's an ideal location for the paper because it is easy to find in town and Jordan does most of our printing anyway. We try to keep our money local whenever possible. It will make it easier on me and on our customers to have an office to visit with a business like environment to work in."

"For the first eight months we did the paper out of a bedroom in our home. 'The Wewa News' continues to grow monthly and is really a lot of work to put together. I am able to put the paper out monthly because our fellow citizens and business people support our community whole heartedly and see our paper as a community service."

"We started in January with one sheet of paper printed on one side as a test paper. Now we are up to 14 to 16 pages. Thanks to local business and the politicians who support the paper with their advertisements. It takes a lot of money to put out a free newspaper every month. Some people would like to see us go bi-monthly or even weekly, but that would take a lot more advertisement support and more worker bees working and writing on the paper. . . maybe someday. We try to make it better every month."

The new office hours are 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday. Contact the office at (904) 639-2523, fax (904)639-2528 for deadlines and ad prices.

"Ship" Applications Are Now Available!

"Ship" (State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program) applications are now available in Wewahitchka at the County Extension office (old courthouse), Mon-Fri, 8-4 C.D.T. Applications for down payment assistance, closing cost, or land acquisition should be completed and returned as soon as possible. Applications for Rehabilitation funds must be completed and returned no later than October 9th.

Questions, contact **Bo Williams, 229-6125 or 639-3019**.

St. Joe Papermaker Credit Union Near Completion of Remodeling

By: Tom Wynn

Wewa—Kathy Adams, The manager of the Wewa branch of the Papermakers Credit Union said that the remodeling construction is nearly complete.

The remodeling included a new conference room, more offices, more parking and a new teller machine for the members to use.

Ms. Adams further stated, "the construction company, **Larry Eldridge Construction Co.**, did a fine job with little disruption of our daily business. I would like for all to come and see the new construction during the up coming **Grand Opening** to be announced soon. The only thing left to complete is the new sign which is in the paperwork stage (permits) presently."

The credit union presently has **7493 members** and is growing monthly. The ladies that are always smiling at the Wewa branch that works for Kathy are as follows: **Barbara Taunton, Gloria Wood, Gwen McGill, and Debbie Gortman**. Kept up the good work!

Gulf County Task Force On Domestic and Sexual Violence Volunteer Training Schedule

Thursday, September 5, 1996 6pm-9pm CST
St. James Episcopal Church Port St. Joe
Saturday, September 7, 1996 8am-2pm CST
1st United Methodist Church Wewahitchka
Thursday, September 12, 1996 6pm-9pm CST
St. James Episcopal Church Port St. Joe
Thursday, September 19, 1996 6pm-9pm CST
Wewahitchka Courthouse

This training is recommended for anyone interested in helping establish a domestic violence and rape crisis program in Gulf County. To meet the requirements for privilege under FS 415 each volunteer has to have thirty (30) hours of training. Those who wish to have direct client contact will need to attend sixteen (16) additional hours to those eighteen (18) scheduled above.

Gulf County Republican Party will meet in Port St. Joe and in Wewahitchka

On September the 5th the Republican Chairman, Ralph Rish and the party executive committee will hold a meeting for interested Republicans and Democrats that are "Republicans at heart" in the Port St. Joe Public Library at 7:30 p.m. ET and a second meeting will be held on the 19th of September in the old Gulf County Courthouse in Wewahitchka at 8:00 p.m. CT. All those that are interested are welcome to attend.



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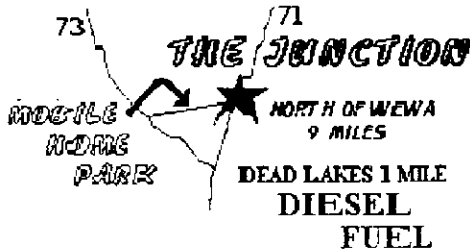
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family.*

Shirley Wray Myrick

is on "The Honor Roll" for September 1996

Born and raised in Louisiana, Shirley was the baby of thirteen children. She met and married Sidney M. Myrick while he was in the Air Force. They have two children. Greg Myrick who lives in Wewahitchka and Jeanna Varnadore who resides in Palmetto Florida. Shirley loves God dearly and attends East Bay Baptist Church on a regular basis. She is a good prayer warrior and is very active on the Prayer Chain in Wewahitchka.

As many people know Shirley loves to cook, she especially loves cooking for other people. She feels that this is one of the ways she can help out. If you had a dollar for every Pumpkin Roll or Cinnamon Roll she has cooked you would most likely be a Millionaire..... or close to it. Shirley loves to show her kindness and love for others in so many ways. She visits people who are shut-in and also visits the Retirement Home in Wewa on a weekly basis. She is a ROCK in this community that everyone can depend on. If she is not baking goodies for someone, she is picking up her Granddaughter from school. WHERE THERE IS A NEED SHIRLEY MYRICK IS ALWAYS THERE.



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Tax (from page 1)

that he felt strongly about giving the voters time to find out the facts about what amounts to "a tax increase of many millions of dollars that will affect everyone living here now, and in the future, for the next twenty years."

He further stated that, "The Board of County Commissioners responsibility is to review any referendum and to scrutinize it. To make sure the public fully understands it and is aware of what is going to take place. What you are talking about here is a twenty year tax. That is pretty serious business to me. What we didn't see the other night was that we didn't see a plan, we didn't see how the money was going to be spent, if you read the referendum it says basically the money can be spend anyway they want to spend it. That's the bottom line! It doesn't say it will be spent only in the St. Joe area although that is indicated. So, you will have a sales tax for the next twenty years that may not gross four million dollars, it may gross ten million dollars. We don't know what the projection of the growth of our county is because it is growing fast.

Somebody needs to answer the question, "where is the money going to be spent?"

My point here is, the School Board has the largest budget in the county. Their budget is larger than the our county budget itself. They are asking for a property tax increase, and or a half cent sales tax increase—where is all this money going? Mr. Wilder or somebody needs to tell us tax payers where all this money is going and how is it going to be spent. Before we vote, yes or no!"

"The wording that is supposed to appear on the ballot, if not changed, is very broad and doesn't reflect the language as to where and how the tax money would be spent.

Why did the School Board wait till now to show this very important tax increase to the public. I just don't feel the public has had enough time to read the details of the referendum to make a twenty year decision so quickly.

It's like voting to give the School Board a blank check for the next 20 years to spend money anyway or on anything they want." The people deserve to know what the School Board is going to do with the money."

Wilder stated that most of the money will go to renovate St. Joe Elementary at an estimated cost of four million dollars.

If the referendum reaches the November 5th general election ballot, and passes, the surtax will start the first day of July 1997.

The County Commission had voted to table the referendum during the meeting by a 3 to 2 vote until their next Board meeting on the 27 of August.

A special meeting was held by the County Commission on 20th of August for the School Board to discuss the referendum.

According to Commissioner Traylor, Mary Pridgeon acting as the School Board representative at the meeting stated that the .5 cent sales tax increase would only generate 248,000 dollars annually, but the commission disagreed with their figures because according to the Florida State tax book the correct figure is 379,000 dollars annually. Mr. Don Butter read the manual to her during the meeting. Commission Traylor also stated that the Race Track Funds of approximately 440,000 dollars annually from the state that the County and the School Board receives would be plenty to fund the projects that the School Board had in mind.

The Commission voted 3 to 1 to place the referendum of the ballot after the discussion with Mary Pridgeon. The one vote against was Commissioner because the wording going on the ballot was still too broad on where the money would be spent.

Mrs. Pridgeon stated, according to Commissioner Traylor, that if the voters of Gulf County voted NO on the ballot that the School Board would raise their property taxes to pay for the planned projects.

Commissioner Billy Traylor stated during this interview that he was "against any and all tax increases of any kind for Gulf County."

Wewahitchka Public Library News

Congratulations to Emily Shavers, a long time volunteer with the Summer Reading Program. Her Uncle Sam STYROFOAM cup design won first prize in the S&S Worldwide 1996 Product Idea Contest. A certificate for \$1000.00 in merchandise from any of their catalogs will certainly enhance the summer programs for our youth for several years. Thank you, Emily!

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The Gulf County Republican Party Held Meetings In August

By: Tom Wynn
Editorial

During the 1996 political season the Gulf County Republican Party came on strong with several meetings, signs and several candidates running in most of the major political positions within the County and State.

For the first time in Gulf County history there will be a Republican primary. Terry Linton and Loretta Costin are running for Superintendent of Schools, both being highly qualified for the position.

Ralph Rish of Wewa is running for State Representative District 7 and Mark Anderson of Sandy Creek area will be in the first Republican primary in District 7.

Other Republican candidates must wait for the General elections to do battle. Bob Williams, running for Sheriff, Roger Jones, running for County Commissioner and Bill Koran, running for a little known position -Harbor Master of Gulf County.

The Republican party in our county is growing very rapidly. I've been told by several Democrats during interviews for this article that they are "Republicans at heart" and will switch to the Republican side of the fence after the primaries.

Many feel the only reason they were registered as Democrats was because there has never been any Republican primaries in our county until this year. Most people in our county vote, approximately 70 percent voter turnout, and they just like to pick and choose the people that are making decisions on their behalf. That is the American way.

This process is good for the Spirit of the County and is a wakeup call to those in and out of office who take the Gulf County Voter for granted. For whom ever you like as the candidate, please go to the poles and vote while we still can in this country. Talk to the candidates of both parties, ask them questions that will help you make your decision. Most of them will be glad to answer any question you may have. This is an eager bunch of candidates this year and picking one over the other will be hard. We love them all.

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CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA

Regular Meeting July 22, 1996

The City Commission met for a regular meeting on July 22, 1996, 6:30 P.M., at City Hall. Mayor Dickens called the meeting to order, opened with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Mayor Dickens
Commissioner Jones
Commissioner Justice
Commissioner Gaskin
Commissioner Nunery

Public Present:

Marty Larkin
Oscar Redd
Ralph Fisher
Ward Daniel
Cecil Donaldson
Ken Floyd
Madge Semmes
Rae Floyd
Andy Thomas

City Employees:

Donald Minchew, City Manager
Mandee Strange, Deputy Clerk

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

Public Recognition: Marty Larkin came before the board with Madge Semmes to represent The Chamber of Commerce. They requested that the city do something about the cars parked in front of the newly built City Park. Everyone agreed it was an eyesore. Mrs. Semmes and Mrs. Larkin stated that if the city was not prepared to do something they were prepared to get a petition together. Commissioner Jones motioned to try resolving the problem with no overnight parking, second Commissioner Gaskin. Motion Carried.

Ward McDaniel and Oscar Redd presented their thoughts on how necessary it was for a new cemetery to be purchased by someone due to the fact Jehu is full and Roberts cemetery is becoming that way. Commissioner Jones stated he was in the process of purchasing some land now for that purpose from St Joe Paper Company.

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

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the bills made by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Justice. Motion Carried.

Agenda Items/New Business:

Trash Pick-Up: Commission decides to keep trash pick up rules the same.

Block Grant Review: Discussed concern about project being behind due to Julian and Webb Associates. Mr. Minchew presented a letter that was to go out to Julian Webb with a time frame that had to be met to put the project back on schedule. Commissioner Gaskin made a motion for all change orders on the renovated houses could be approved by Commissioner Jones after the Architect approves them, second Commissioner Nunery. Motion Carried.

FRDAP Applications: Mayor Dickens selected a committee to meet on Thursday July 26, 1996. Andy Thomas was present and agreed to contact the members and they would elect a chairman.

Donation for Band Boosters: Motion made by Commissioner Jones to make the normal annual contribution to the band boosters of \$80.00, second Commissioner Gaskin. Motion Carried.

Mosquito Control Increase: Commissioner Jones checked on letters that were mailed out and verified the city was notified of the increase. Closed.

911 House Numbers: Mr. Minchew prepared a letter to be mailed out. Open.

Comprehensive Plan and LDR: Mr. Minchew has scheduled a meeting with the planning Board.

Argus Contract: An addendum is being prepared by the attorney to include the \$1.00 discount for the senior citizens which was omitted from the original contract. Open.

City Cemetery: Commissioner Jones waiting for reply from Clay Smallbrook.

City Maps: Completed by Mr. Minchew. Closed.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Jones: None

Commissioner Justice: None

Commissioner Gaskin: None

Commissioner Nunery: Resigns his position as City Commissioner with much regret. Due to employment commitments he stated he is not available for meetings or to the citizens who elected him. Given the opportunity to select a predecessor he requests Mr. Jimbo Nunery.

City Manager: Presents request from the Wewa High Cheerleaders to use the Community Building July 23 thru July 26 at no charge due to the floor at the High School being reglazed. Motion made by Commissioner Gaskin to allow them to use the Community building at no charge, second Commissioner Jones.

Ask the board if the city could hire Chaleena Williams on a part time basis when her JTPA time with us is up. Mr. Minchew recommended working Chaleena no more than 20 hours a week after school. Motion to hire Ms.

Chaleena Williams made by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Gaskin. Motion Carried. Also Mr. Minchew recommended two applicants for the positions of temporary laborers: Mr. David Hysmith and Mr. Myers. Motioned to hire made by Commissioner Jones, second Commissioner Justice. Motion Carried.

Mayor Dickens: None.

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

CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA

Special Meeting August 7, 1996

The City Commission met for a special meeting on August 7, 1996, 7:00 A.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
Commissioner Nunery

Public Present:

Pat Nunery

City Employees:

Donald Minchew, City Manager
Mandee Strange, Deputy Clerk

Purpose: Award bids for C.D.B.G. Grant and swear in Commissioner Jimbo Nunery

Commissioner Gaskin made a motion to accept Mr. Hines recommendations for bid awards: William Duke - Fisher's Construction

John Finch - Franklin Gay Construction

Helen Roberts - Franklin Gay Construction

Mamie Hawkins - Franklin Gay Construction

Nora Conley - Franklin Gay Construction

Second Commissioner Jones. Motioned Carried.

Mr. Jimbo Nunery was sworn in by Mayor Ray Dickens for the office of City Commissioner. Mayor Dickens in turn donated the bible for use at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Jones, second Commissioner Justice.

CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA

Regular Meeting August 12, 1996

The City Commission met for a regular meeting on August 12, 1996, 6:30 P.M., at City Hall. Mayor Dickens called the meeting to order, opened with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Mayor Dickens
Commissioner Jones
Commissioner Justice
Commissioner Nunery
Commissioner Gaskin

Public Present:

Tom Wynn
Louise Land
Chuck Land
Cecil Donaldson
Gene Hanlon
Dorothy Wadsworth

City Employees:

Billy Wadsworth
Donald Minchew, City Manager
Bronzell Ward,
Superintendent Pam Harden, City Clerk
Mandee Strange, Deputy Clerk

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

Public Recognition: Billy and Dorothy Wadsworth came before the board to see if the city would make a donation to the Amber Lanier Fund to help pay for her

mom's car so she could continue to take Amber to Gainesville to the doctor. City manager is to check and see if it is legal for the city to make a donation of this type.

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

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bills made by Commissioner Gaskin, second Commissioner Justice. Motion Carried.

Agenda Items/New Business:

Mr. Minchew request permission to bid on Insurance as three different packages: Comprehensive, Workmens Comp and Health insurance. Motion made by Commissioner Jones for Mr. Mr. Minchew to bid insurance in three packages, second Commissioner Gaskin. Motion Carried.

Land Use Ordinance: First Reading for land use change on Fisher property to be changed from residential to residential/commercial. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Justice. Motion Carried.

Utility Billing: Motion made by Commissioner Gaskin to purchase a new computer for utility billing due to the old computers recent problems, second Commissioner Jones. Motion Carried.

Budget: Mr. Minchew is to schedule two workshops in August, and the attentive budget hearing the first week of September and the final budget hearing the second week of September. Open

Lake Alice Park: City received final payment on Lake Alice park. Closed

Parking: Attorney Gaskin read a city ordinance on parking and stated that we did not need a new ordinance to have no over night parking in front of Lake Alice Park we just need to replace the two hour parking signs with no Over night parking signs and enforce the existing ordinance. Open

House Numbers: Letters to the citizens to inform them they needed to have there house numbers up no later than August 15, 1996 were hand delivered. Closed

Planning Board: Still reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and LDR. Open

Argus Contract: Garbage contract has been changed and executed.

Cemetery: Mr. Clay Smallwood informed Commissioner Jones that St Joe Paper Company would not sell the land to the city for a new cemetery.. Commissioner Jones is looking for another piece of property. Open

CBDG: Mr. Hines sent the city a letter with a time frame on the houses to be remodeled to be back on schedule.

Auxiliary Pumps: Commissioner Gaskin is going to get with the Fire Department on sending the pumps back.

Open

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Justice: None
Commissioner Nunery: None

Commissioner Jones: Went to Port St Joe to talk with Sheriff McKeithen to negotiate our law enforcement with the county. The contract will remain the same as last year. Motion made to approve contract for another year made by Commissioner Justice, second Commissioner Gaskin. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Jones also suggested that we bid the audit this year.

Commissioner Gaskin: Informs Supt. Ward that Ms. Rudy Huddelston had called him about the prisoners weed eating her Sago Palm down in her yard. Supt. Ward says he will find out who was in charge of the crew that day.

City Clerk: Informs Commission of an upcoming training class at Gulf Correctional Institute on Thursday August 29, 1996. Ms. Harden also asks if she could issue retirement pay monthly instead of yearly.

City Manager: None
Superintendent: None
Mayor Dickens: None

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

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I BELIEVE...

Sound money management should be our goal.
I BELIEVE...

In equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, age, sex or national origin.
I BELIEVE...

We must retain those principles of the past worth retaining, yet always be receptive to new ideas with an outlook broad enough to accommodate thoughtful change and varying points of view.
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GULF COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS GIVES A RIDE TO THE POLLS

By: Johnny Stanley

The Board of Directors, Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens has approved transportation services for the **September 3rd primary election** so that citizens needing transportation may go to the polls and vote.

Gulf County Transportation will be providing transportation in a wheelchair-equipped vehicle. The transportation schedule follows: St. Joe 7-10am E.S.T., Wewa 11-2 P.M.C.S.T. Other areas-3-6 PM. C.S.T

If you need transportation to the polls, please do not hesitate to call for pickup time. So that every person needing transportation may be accommodated, **please call 229-6550 or 229-4327 in St. Joe** prior to election day. This will allow for better scheduling. We hope that those of you unfamiliar with the transportation system will take the opportunity to enjoy our services.

COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus commodities will be distributed to eligible area residents on September 17th and 19th. The foods will be distributed at the Senior Citizen's Buildings in Port St. Joe and Wewahitchka. The distribution in Port St. Joe will be on Tuesday, Sept. 17th, from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM ET, and the distribution in Wewahitchka will be on Thursday, Sept. 19th, from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM CT. Recipients must have a current commodity card to receive their commodities.

There will be no registration at the distribution centers. Anyone who has questions concerning their eligibility or would like to sign up should call **229-9112, 639-5068**, or come by the Commodity Office in the Gulf County Courthouse prior to these dates. Wewahitchka residents may come to the Old Courthouse on Wednesday, Sept. 18th from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM CT to certify for commodities.

Any household whose gross income is not in excess of the State-established maximum percentage of the poverty line for the appropriate household size or who can prove its eligibility for Food Stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Medicaid is eligible to receive the USDA foods. Documents accepted as proof of eligibility include proof of eligibility in the above programs. As an alternative to providing such documents, a household may simply complete an application giving total household income.

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A BUSY SUMMER FOR THE WEWAHITCHKA WOMAN'S CLUB

The ladies of the Wewahitchka Woman's Club served homemade cookies, hot coffee and soft drinks to the Olympic Torch Relay Team and their entourage as well as the many eager citizens that gathered at the newly constructed Lake Alice Park, located in the center of downtown Wewahitchka.

During the months of June and July, the ladies of the club participated with the Wewahitchka Library in a "Read/Write/Now" program for grades K thru 6. Readers, storytellers and craft experts were present each Wednesday to add variety to the program. Water color classes were held by local artist, Sue DeAbreu; for two weeks and many of the painting done by the young folks are on display at the library, as well as many craft items. We all look forward to next summer and "fun at the library with the Wewa Woman's Club".

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"LET FREEDOM RING!"

Editorial By: James E.
"Jamie" Lester



Knock, Knock Who's there?
Don't tell me, another
politician.

Round one will soon be here for the first primary election of 1996. There is a great number of candidates running this year. I know, because I am running myself. It is not an easy job running for an elected position, especially when you really work hard. Since I started, I have been fleaed, ticked, yellow flied, mosquito bit, and dog bit twice. Both times on the same cheek Ha! Ha! It was not funny at the time. However, the most painful experience is to walk and knock on doors in a 109 degree heat index, plus step on a roofing tack. Yea, that is what I did. I stepped on a roofing tack and it went in the bottom of my heel. Instead of kissing babies, I kissed the ground, because that is where it sent me. I tried to go another block, but the pain was too sharp. I got the best of me that day.

All candidates and their supporters look forward to election day. That is the day they see their results. Win or lose, some are just glad it is over. The old saying, "Nothing comes easy", is a true statement.

You must work in order to receive the fruits of your labor and in this case receive the votes you have been working for. The intention of any candidate should always be to help the people and have the willingness to stand up for the good of the community or county.

Years ago when this country was first started, people considered holding a public office an honor, rather than a form of making money or collecting a salary. We must never forget who elects public officials and never forget who put them in office. Because if a public official forgets the people and their best interest, the people will forget them. Don't forget to do your part. The politicians have been doing their part, please don't forget to do yours **VOTE!**

Pd. Pol. Adv., Jamie Lester, 1jcm.

School Calendar 1996-1997

AUGUST

7 First day of school for Teachers

12 First day of school for Students

29 Football Kickoff Classic (Home, 7:00 PM CT)

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor day - No School

6 Football Game Port St. Joe High (Away, 6:30 PM CT)

13 Football Game- Havana (Home, 7:00 PM CT)

20 Football Game- Greensboro (Away, 7:00 PM CT)

24 ASVAB

27 Football Game- Sneads (Away, 7:30 PM CT)

OCTOBER

4 Football Game - Cottondale (Away, 7:30 PM CT)

10-11 In service for Teachers - No school for students

16 End of 9 Weeks

18 Football Game- Chattahoochee (Home, 7:00 PM CT)

25 Football Game- Carrabelle (Home, 7:00 PM CT)

**** HOMECOMING ****

25 Report Cards

NOVEMBER

1 Football Game-Liberty County (Home, 6:30 PM CT)

8 Football Game- R. F. Munroe (Away, 6:30 PM CT)

15 Football Game- Apalachicola (Home, 7:00 PM CT)

28-29 Thanksgiving Holidays- No School

Football Game - Liberty County (Home, 6:30 PM CT)

Football Game - R. F. Munroe (Away, 6:30 PM CT)

Football game - Apalachicola (Home, 7:00 PM CT)

Thanksgiving Holidays - No School

DECEMBER

20 End of 9 Weeks

23-31 Christmas Holidays - No School

JANUARY

1-3 Christmas Holidays - No School

6 Records Day - No school for students

7 School resumes for students

14 Report Cards

20 Martin Luther King Day - No school

February

5 Writing Assessment Test-Grades 8 & 10

27-28 In service for Teachers-No school for students

March

13 End of 9 weeks

24 Report Cards

31 Spring Holiday

April

1-4 Spring Holidays

19 PROM

May

8-9 Senior Exams (Tentatively)

11 Baccalaureate

16 Graduation

22 Students Last Day

26 Teachers Last Day

June

2 Summer School begins

July

1 Summer School ends



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- Bachelor of Science in Management Theory, University of Maryland.
- Master Instructor, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

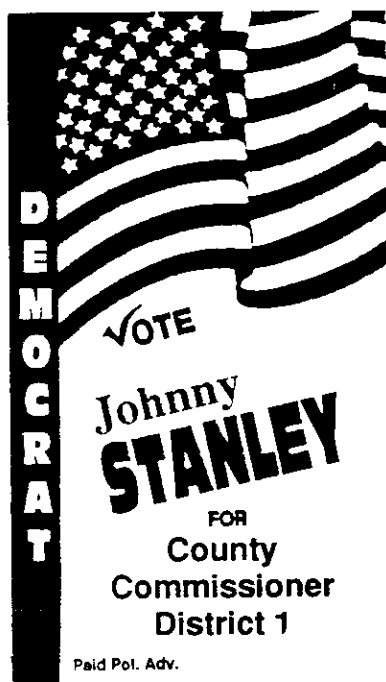
EXPERIENCE

- Administered annual budgets exceeding two million dollars.
- Conducted over 3,200 hours of platform instruction.
- Designed compensation and benefit plans.
- Wrote eight articles for professional publications.
- Versed in labor law, EEO, ADA, and personnel procedures.
- Counseled, mentored, and led hundreds of soldiers.

PROFESSIONAL

- Retired U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Four.
- Served proudly in three foreign wars.
- Active in community and civic affairs.
- Member, American Society for Training and Development.

I spent the last 24 years defending our flag, and watching Americans sacrifice. You Do Have a Choice, So Please Vote.

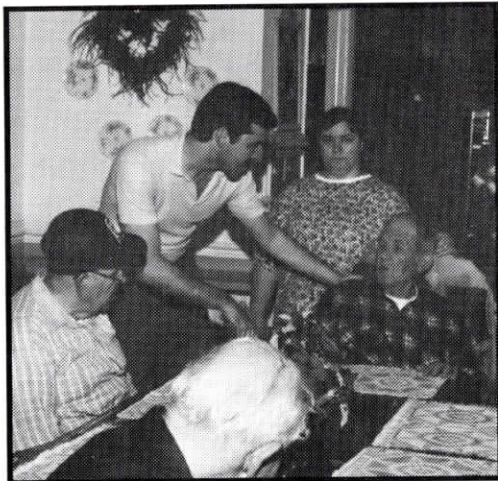


A PEOPLE ORIENTED PERSON

Those that have ever meet Jamie, know he is really a people oriented person. He is always willing to help others and always uplifting Gulf County. Jamie says, "It is not the beautiful rivers, beaches, or lakes that make Gulf County so great, it's the people."

Since Jamie has always been a part of Gulf County, he gives a great deal of credit for his morals, values, and beliefs, to the people of Gulf County, not just his parents and grandparents. He gives credit to his Sunday school teachers, elementary and high school teachers, along with those individuals that have played a part in his life.

He and his wife take great pride in being past youth leaders for Hardaway Assembly of God Church. The youth play an important role in the future make up of our country, and protecting, nurturing and guiding them today in the right direction is very much needed. Jamie realizes that senior citizens have played, and continue to play, an important role in our society and protecting their rights today ensures protection in the future.



"Protecting senior citizens rights today ensures protection in the future"
James E. "Jamie" Lester

EDUCATION

Masters Degree Business Administration - Liberty University
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A.A. Degree Education - Gulf Coast Community College
High School Diploma - Wewahitchka High School

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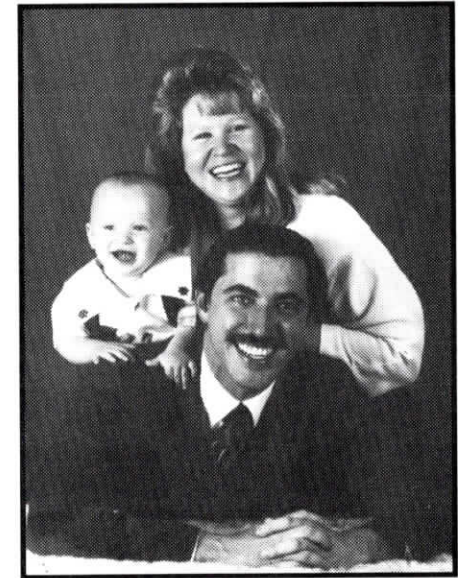
"His drive and determination to work hard and help people is evident in his character and personality."
Mitch Burke

"It's not the beautiful rivers, lakes, or beaches that make Gulf County so great, it's the people"
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WHO IS JAMES E. "JAMIE" LESTER

James E. "Jamie" Lester is part of 5 generations from Gulf County. His father is BoJohn Lester of Wewahitchka, and his mother is Joyce D. Wynn of Port St. Joe. His grandparents are Ed & Marie Wynn of Port St. Joe. He is married to Robin and they have a 1 year old son named Trey. Jamie's grandparents came from the Honeyville-Dalkeith area, south of Wewahitchka, and his other grandparents Ed & Marie, started out from Kenny's Mill, north of Port St. Joe. This strong family commitment to Gulf County is instilled in Jamie, along with a solid base for family morals and beliefs.



Ed Wynn, BoJohn Lester, James E. "Jamie" Lester, & Trey Lester

Jamie grew up in Port St. Joe, on Marvin Avenue and attended both Port St. Joe Elementary and Highland View Elementary Schools. He attended Oak Grove Assembly of God Church as a boy. While enjoying the beaches and living in Port St. Joe, Jamie, at age 15, chose to live with his father in Wewahitchka, where he graduated. Since graduating from Wewahitchka High School, he has earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Liberty University, Bachelors Degree in Public Administration, and is also a State Certified Residential Appraiser and licensed Florida Real Estate Broker. Along with his education, he has gained extensive experience in real property matters, budgeting, and personnel management. His experience includes working two and a half years in the Bay County Property Appraiser's Office, plus being part owner in a real estate tax consulting firm, where Jamie fought on the side of the property owner for lower property valuations. Currently, Jamie is working with PBS&J Inc, as a Real Estate Specialist and also a real estate appraiser appraising property in Gulf County for individuals and several financial institutions.

Currently, he and his family attend Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church, in Wewahitchka, where they reside. Besides enjoying fellowship with others, Jamie loves to hunt and fish. This desire came from his father BoJohn and his grandfather Ed. As a boy, and still today, he enjoys staying at their camp on the Brothers River, at Howard Creek, and fishing on Dead Lakes and the Apalachicola River. There is nothing any better than to have a child raised to hunt and fish, especially in a county like Gulf County that means so much and has so much to offer.

WHY IS JAMIE LESTER SEEKING THE OFFICE OF PROPERTY APPRAISER

Like so many individuals, once they receive their education and experience, they have to leave and find a job somewhere else that they are qualified for and can not stay in their home county. Jamie is trying to use what he learned and use the knowledge gained from growing up in Gulf County to work hard for the people.

Property Values (Real Estate Taxes)

Since Jamie fought against higher property values, taxes, and the bureaucracy behind being treated fairly, he is confident being on the same side as the property owner gives him that understanding and fairness individuals deserve. He wants to be a fighter against the state, and put understanding, fairness, knowledge, and friendliness, back in the hands of the people. By electing him as Property Appraiser, he will be the voice that stands behind the people of the county, because they are the taxpayers. Gulf County needs one of its own, someone like him that grew up in Gulf County and now has experience and knowledge to help the people. Jamie is not running against anyone, only asking for the chance to serve the people.

Home Owners and Business Owners

Once he is Property Appraiser, he will strive to keep the public informed of laws that effect them and will stand firm in fighting those that try to take away home owners property rights and those that effect our businesses that support our local economy. The people deserve someone that will stand up for them and work hard to protect their interest, along with being fair in valuing property.

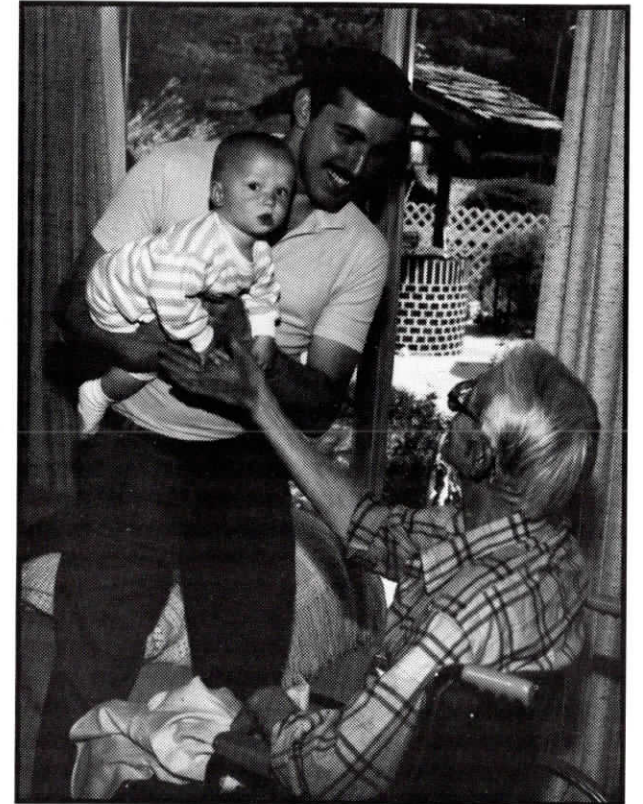
Jamie believes in a "Property Owners Bill of Rights". This means if the government places restrictions or mandates against your property, such as not being able to have a septic tank, or being able to build, then they must pay you fair market value for your land. It does not make sense to pay taxes on a property that is not usable due to government restrictions. We need less government and more power back in the hands of the people.

Office Policy and Procedures

Not only will Jamie stand up for the people of Gulf County, he will strive to uphold his conservative beliefs as it relates to budgeting and spending. His father BoJohn Lester had it rough growing up in Gulf County and the value of a dollar has been instilled in Jamie all his life. Jamie wants to ensure the office and personnel will strive to recognize that people are the most important. He wants to make sure the people get served with a friendly smile and most of all get results. Jamie will manage the office and will not be influenced by anyone.

Summary

Jamie grew up in the property appraisers office. His mother worked there 17 years and started when Jamie was two years old. His feet and knees have been all over that courthouse. He grew up under Sammie Patrick, who was property appraiser for 48 years. Now he is asking for the chance to serve and work hard for the people. Remember, a property appraiser is not just an individual that appraises your property, he or she is an individual that is a representative of the people when it comes to property rights and being a voice that stands up for those rights. By electing Jamie as your Property Appraiser, he won't be just an appraiser, or someone that fights hard for your rights, he will be....a friend.



Jamie's saying in his high school yearbook was "If you see someone without a smile, give him one of yours."

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Gulf County Transportation ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT

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Imagine being on a fixed income, and just how helpful your small contribution would be to our treasured citizens. This small sacrifice would help our most special citizens, and in a most special way. All contributions, regardless of amount, will be targeted only for the purpose of helping transport our grandparents to their appointments.

For more information about the program, please call the Gulf County Transportation office at 229-6550. You may also contact the Gulf County Senior Citizens at 229-8466 in St. Joe, or the Senior Center in Wewa at 639-9910. Our aim is enjoyable transportation.


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- Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Marianna Jaycees
- Taught college courses in criminal justice at Chipola Junior College, Troy State University and Florida A&M University
- Life Management Center of Panama City - Board of Directors/ Vice President
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Terry Linton

for

School Superintendent



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Thank you for standing with me, not behind me on Election Day, September 3rd.

Mary Ellen Gortman,

Candidate for County Commissioner #1

Pd. Pol. Adv. DEM.

Wewahitchka High School

From the Principal's Desk

By: L. A. Mathes

Progress Reports:

Some folks may not have gotten the message about the change in grading periods. This year report cards will be given out at the end of each nine week session. Since at the high school level (9-12) all courses are 9 week courses, the nine weeks grade is the final grade for that course. He/She will have either earned the .5 credit for that nine weeks course or not. To help keep parents should students up to date with student progress during the nine weeks, all students will be given a 4½ week progress report which they will be expected to bring home. They will not be mailed. Parents should insist that they receive

these progress reports - if you don't get them, you should contact the school. Every effort will be made to advertise the dates that these reports will be handed out. The 1st date will be Sept. 13. DO NOT let your high school or middle school student tell you he/ she didn't get them. Make them responsible!

Parents, question your students as to how they are doing. Don't wait for progress reports. If you have doubts, call or contact teachers.

Thanks to the School Board and the Gulf County Commission for combining to provide an excellent motivational assembly for students. Mr. Milton Creagh, an internationally known drug prevention speaker, presented a program to students designed to help them avoid the drug scene and find other alternatives for a more productive life.

Wewahitchka Elementary School News

BY: Linda Whitfield

"Off to a Great Start!"

Never since I have been teaching have I known such a great beginning of school. Without exception, all the teachers said their first day was great. The enrollment on the first day of school was 510 and more are expected as the weeks go on. The children are excited to be back in school and so are we!

Open House

WES held its first Open House on Tuesday, August 13, to a packed house. Parents met in the individual classrooms and were oriented in: schedules, grading policy, classroom management, Positive Action explanation, Gulf County code of conduct, handbooks, materials, supplies, home communicator, and adopt-a-class.

Rebecca Birmingham chose **Aleasha Hand** student of the Week, she is the daughter of Luthus and Angelia Hand. Aleasha will receive a pizza from Howie's Pizza Kitchen.

Mrs. Esther Taunton chose **Appollonia Williams** as student of the week, she is the daughter of **David and Charmane Edwards**. Appollonia will receive a free pizza from

Howie's Pizza Kitchen.

Students Kin to Johnny Appleseed Brothers Matthew and Andrew Dorman are kin to John Chapman, otherwise know as 'Johnny Appleseed. Their mother, **Lisa Dorman**, has researched the family and discovered that a grandmother was named **Elijah Chapman Graham**, kin of Johnny. That's some kin to brag about.

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT GOD IS NEAR"

WHEN LIFE SEEMS EMPTY, TODAY HARD TO FACE,

SMILE UP AT JESUS WATCHING THINGS FALL INTO PLACE.

PROBLEMS ARE LIGHTER WHEN HE CARRIES THE LOAD

NO LONGER DO YOU WALK DOWN THAT LONESOME ROAD.

JUST REMEMBER WHEN YOU FEEL NO ONE CARES,

THINK OF JESUS AND BE HAPPY IN PRAYER.

FOR YOU WEREN'T MEANT TO WALK IT ALONE,

BUT WITH PRAYER THE RIGHT WAY IS SHOWN.

LIKE A LITTLE LAMB YOU MAY BE LOST,

DON'T DESPAIR WHATEVER THE COST.

PUT YOUR FAITH IN THE MAN FROM GALILEE,

SOON YOU'LL SEE HOW SWEET LIFE CAN BE.

YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR WITH GOD IN YOUR HEART,

TALK TO HIM IN PRAYER MAKE A NEW START.

JUST WHISPER LOW WITH A SONG AND A TEAR,

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT GOD IS NEAR.

By: **TOM HARRELL**

ELECT ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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Amber Lanier Update

By: Lyn Wynn

Due to more health problems, Amber has to make even more trips to the doctors. In addition to her trips to Gainesville, she now goes about three times a week to Panama City. As several of you already know, there has been donations to keep her mother's car running, in order to get her to the Doctors. Well, the car was on it's last leg. Thanks to Hazel and Harvey Bryant and Dorothy and Billy Wadsworth, they have gotten an interest free loan from the Wewahitchka State Bank, also thanks to Jerry Gaskin, payable in one year. An account has been set up at the Bank for much needed donations. Donations can also be made at D & B Auto Repair, Gold Hat NAPA Auto Parts and Rich's IGA (all located in downtown Wewa). Other businesses who want to help out by placing a "Donation Can" in their business please call 639-3914.

For those who don't know, Amber is the daughter of Sherry Lanier and the granddaughter of Harold Thompson. We would like to recognize and thank these people who have already donated. Jamie Lester, Mr. John, Cunningham Collision, Cecil Ramsey, Bryan Cox, United Pentecostal Church, Geri Donaldson, Charlie Brock, Tommy Newsome, Willie and Dot Raines, Jim Purswell, Flora and Harold Roland. In addition to these larger donations, we have had lots of people making smaller donations.. We would wish to thank those individuals also.

**Trust in the Lord with all thine
heart; and lean not unto thine own
understanding. In all thy ways
acknowledge him, and he shall
direct thy paths.**
Proverb 3:5,6 KJV

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Thank you" from Jimmy Williams

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and to thank everyone who came to the cook-out at Lake Alice Park on Friday, August 23rd. It was a pleasure to meet and talk with each of you. A "very special thank you" to the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Wewahitchka for the use of the Park. I would certainly encourage those able to donate to the completion of the park to do so.

Dear Tom:

It is with bittersweet pride and painful remorse that the good citizens of Gulf County continue our dedicated search efforts for our beloved friend, Ivey Crutchfield. Since his disappearance on July 21st, no one in this county can ever recall such an outpouring of support.

Many of the old timers have simply marveled at the numbers of searchers and supporters. We are certain, however, that not one of the citizens involved in the search effort has complained. This is why Gulf County stands tall, and second to no other county - anywhere.

The Gulf County Search and Rescue, Sheriffs Department, American Red Cross, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Firefighters, Gulf Correctional Institution, friends, and of course, family responded to the call. Unequivocally, no better search strategy could have been developed than was implemented by our search members. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every single person who participated in the search, and a special thanks to those extra special women who always ensured there was plenty of food and drink. We would be remiss, indeed, if we failed to mention the prayers bestowed on our family during this time of sorrow.

Many times and, unfortunately tragically, our community has had to reach down a little deeper and try a little harder to overcome adversity. While our attempts to date have been fruitless, everyone gave a Herculean effort. Time tends to ease the grief we hope that Ivey will be remembered in our daily prayers. From our hearts, we love you and appreciate your friendship. God bless.

Friends of Ivey Crutchfield

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YOUR MISSIONS REPORT!

By: Mike Masse

On July 30th, 1996 four young people and two adults from **Glad Tidings Assembly of God in Wewa** went on a short-term missions trip to **San Pedro Sula, Honduras** with twenty other youth and youth leaders from West Florida.

For seven days we left our comfort and the protection of our borders and entered into a world where we were strangers and more than just the language was foreign. We went out of obedience to the command of Jesus, to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15) and we were ever conscious of His promise, "I am with you always even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

While in Honduras we worked along side a local church and helped them reach out to their community, knocking on over 400 doors and handing out gospel literature at each home. In the afternoons, we held children's services in the local schools where hundreds of children out to hear the gospel through puppets, skits, and drama. The air was hot and humid (hottest city in the world), drinking the water was risky, and the city had the highest AIDS infection per capita in the world. Even with so many negatives, most everyone was sorry we had to leave after only a week and many spoke of returning because the fields of souls were "white already to harvest" (John 4:35) **Fifty-six people made decisions to accept Christ as their Savior** during the door to door visitation and another 18 confessed Jesus as Lord during the evening services.

I believe when we returned to American soil, we returned as better Americans, more thankful, more humble, and more willing to do service for the greatest missionary of all, Jesus Christ. To be obedient to the Father He left His comfort zone and came to minister in a very hostile world. He didn't just come to preach a message, He became the message. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" John 14:6. **Thanks to all that let us cut their grass, pull their weeds, bought a meal, or simply gave. You helped make this trip possible.**

Wewahitchka Six Graders Visit Gulf C.I.

By: Abel Price

On Wednesday August 28th, the sixth grade classes of Wewahitchka Elementary School toured the West Unit of Gulf Correctional Institution. This tour was coordinated by **Madge Semmes, Tweeda Gaskin, Barbara Shirley-Scott from the Wewahitchka Woman's Club and Chaplin Michael Lister from Gulf C. I.**

The tour was in the hope of educating our youth about life in prison. The tour was given by **Lt. Timothy Potts** with the assistance of Officer **Nora Riley, Sgt. Stephen Robinson** and the following teachers: **Brian and Debbie Barley, Becky Birmingham, and Sue McDaniel.** During the tour **Sgt. James McCovery and Officer Shane Semmes** gave a presentation of our K-9 program.

Note: No inmate contact was allowed. Per. Department of Corrections Policy.

Howie Smith Opens His New Restaurant "The Courtyard Restaurant"

By: Tom Wynn

On Monday, August 26, business folks and friends from Wewa were invited to an "evening buffet on Howie." Turkey, chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, several kinds of vegetables, soup & salad and dessert were available. **All the employees were dress very nicely and the service was great. The food was great as was the candle light atmosphere.** The Grand Opening ribbon cutting ceremony was on Tuesday the 27th. The Mayor of Panama City was present for the proceedings.

The Courtyard Restaurant is located in the Mini Mall on Grace Avenue in downtown Panama City. The hours are as follow: Monday-Friday 10:30AM to 10:00PM, Saturday 3:00PM to 10:00PM and Sunday 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Their number is (904) 914-0146.

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Prayer of a Confederate Soldier:

I asked God for strength that I might achieve.
I was made weak that I might learn to humbly obey.

I asked God for health that I might do greater things.

I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked God for riches that I might be happy.

I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked God for power to have the praise of men.

I was given weakness to have the need of God.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing I asked for, but everything I hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men, most richly blessed.

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- Administrator, Florida Department of Education, supervisory responsibility of 47 staff, budgetary oversight of 15 million dollars

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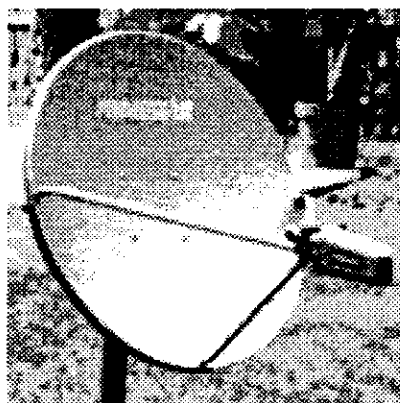
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