

# THE WEWA NEWS

*A Free Monthly Issue-Please Take One!*

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## WEWA CHAMBER PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT UPDATE

The Wewahitchka Chamber of Commerce is continuing full speed ahead on their fund raising efforts for the Lake Alice Playground Project. The Playground Project account continues to receive gracious donations from various businesses and individuals. As of September 13, 1996, the balance in the Project Account totaled \$17,828.03.

The following is a recap of donations received since our last up date to everyone.

Alabama Electric (matching funds: Gulf Coast Electric) \$500.00, A.E. and Emmie Joines \$200.00, Gulf County Commissioners, District 1, Jessie Armstrong \$10,000.00 and Ladies Auxiliary VFW #8285 \$25.00

The Chamber and its members are asking everyone to mark your calendar now for their upcoming **Fall Festival** to be held Saturday, November 2, 1996, 11:00 a.m. until...

The profits from this festival and its related projects will hopefully complete the fund raising needed to complete this project. A big day is planned with a goal of \$25,000.00 to be raised that day. To meet this goal, everyone's assistance is needed. We are asking all businesses, churches, individuals, and civic organization to become involved in this Fall Festival and donate the profits you make that day from your various endeavors to the Playground Project. The Chamber's newly stated slogan says:

**"Give us a day in the Fall, and we'll give you a Playground in the Spring".**

So anyone who would like to participate in these endeavors will be greatly appreciated. Numerous activities are already planned, including, a duck drop, cow chip bingo, volleyball tournament, cake walk, hay ride and a large auction. With every ones help, this will be a great day, and with all our efforts, it will be a time to be enjoyed by all as we hopefully complete our fund raising and begin construction in the spring.

Anyone needing further information may call **Carolyn Husband, 639-2222.**

## WEWA'S Homecoming

Homecoming for Wewahitchka High School will be October 25. The Homecoming game will be against Carrabelle High School and planning for all the festivities is getting underway. More information will follow as it is finalized.

Wewahitchka High School graduation date has been approved and it is May 23, 1997 at 7:00 P. M. Baccalaureate will be May 18 at 8:00 AM.

**HELLO, TO SEAMAN KEVIN WEAVER ON THE U.S.S. INDEPENDENCE FROM THE WEWA NEWS.**

## Wewa's First Franchise Restaurant Opens!



**Pictured: Jamie Lester, Helen Breedlove, Cerise Hitsman and Robin Lester**

By: Tom Wynn

**WEWA-On Wednesday, September 25th 1996 at 11:00 AM Jamie and Robin Lester** opened their new **Subway Restaurant** in downtown Wewahitchka, Florida.

The place was stocked full of fresh food, with bright shiny new equipment and a large crew of local folks ready and eager to give the best service they could.

The new store was full of local folks in a long but steady moving line. Smiling faces seemed to be everywhere. The whole town must have turned out that day to eat and wish the Lesters well in their new business adventure.

Two people from the Subway Corp. came and worked with the crew, along with the Lesters, to train two full shifts of "Sandwich Artist" for several days before the doors opened to the public.

Parking is in the rear of the store with a sign marking the driveway for parking and for drive thru window service. The Lesters would like to thank all the people involved in the opening of their new business. **"JOB WELL DONE!"**

The first sandwich made was eaten by **Mrs. Helen Breedlove**, a residence of Howard Creek and the first buying customer was **Mrs. Andrews** of Wewa. The new manager of Subway is **Cerise Hitsman** also of Wewa.

Jamie stated, "with over 93 applicants, 23 are currently employed at the store. Out of the 23 we have been able to employ 10 young high school students working part time."

The Subway Representative was real impressed with the people of Wewa, showing their hospitality and warmth to them and their kind spirit and gentle heart."

## THE NEW! Wewahitchka Search and Rescue Unit

By: Carmen McLemore

**Wewa-Wewa Search and Rescue** needs some equipment and supplies. Anyone that would like to assist in making this organization a success can help by making a donation of supplies, equipment or cash by contacting **Ann Nunery 639-5468, Donna Smiley 639-5672** or **Cindy Stanley 639-2182**. The following are some of the types of equipment that is needed:

**Hand Held Spot Light (Q-Beams); Life Jackets; VHF Radios; Flash Lights; First Aid Kits; 12 Volt Batteries; Water Kegs; Gas Cans; 1/2 Rope; Ice Chest and/or Cash**

The Wewahitchka Search and Rescue will meet the third Tuesday of each Month at 6PM at the Wewahitchka Community Center. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. **Thanks for your support.**

## Early Duck and Dove Season Announced

Submitted By: Shirley Robertson

Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission GFC Sets Early Duck and Dove Season Dates. The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) recently announced season dates for this year's early duck and dove seasons in Florida.

The early duck season was set for Sept. 21-25. The early season daily bag limit is any combination of four teal or wood ducks. Nontoxic shot is required during this season.

Previously, dove season opened in September in the GFC's Northwest Hunting Zone.

The first phase of the statewide dove season is Oct. 5-28 (shooting hours are from noon to sunset). The second and third phases are Nov. 16 - Dec. 1 and Dec. 14 - Jan 12. hunters may take up to 12 birds daily. However, only four birds may be white-winged doves. The possession limit is 24 birds, and only eight may be white-winged doves.

For taking migratory game birds, hunters may use shotguns not larger than 10-gauge, plugged to a three-shell capacity with a one-piece filler which cannot be removed without disassembling.

## New Mayor Takes Oath of Office

By: Tom Wynn

Grady Booth, Wewahitchka's new Mayor elect, was given the Oath of Office by our departing Mayor Ray Dickens during a brief official city commission meeting Tuesday night the 1st of October. After the the meeting the two Mayors, past and present, cut a cake with **Mayor Dickens receiving a Placard-Award for 14 years of Service to the City of Wewahitchka**. City employees and others were present at the ceremony. (See Mayor page 4)



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demonstrate a life of  
service to their  
community and  
family.

**ROY LEE CARTER, SR.**

is on "The Honor Roll" for October 1996

Roy Lee Carter moved here from Columbus  
Mississippi to Wewa in September 1974.  
He taught school (Ag) from 1974 til 1979.

Roy has been the Gulf County Extension  
Director since 1979. He has been married to a  
fine lady, Veronica Carter for the past 21 years  
and has three children. Pam, Roy, Jr. and  
Lindsey.

He is a faithful member of New Hope Baptist  
Church. He serves as a deacon, Sunday school  
teacher and treasurer. He serves on the program  
committee and any other position if needed. He  
works hard to get the community involve in  
programs and activities that will enhance  
children and prepare them for the on coming  
challenges in life.

Roy says "no to Drugs" and believes in  
abstinence until marriage, getting a good  
education among other things.

He once stated, "Thru all our preaching and  
teaching as parents, educators, role models, we  
forget that children minds are always wandering,  
keeping their minds active and involve is the  
challenge. Ants are great examples always  
moving, working and storing. If the role of the  
ant was used in our life, just think of how much  
would be accomplished. Put Jesus first,  
education is a must, initiative keep- put it to  
work, motivation makes it a success."

Roy works with The Big River Horse Club,  
4H Clubs summer program. He writes grants,  
serves on various committees in the county. He  
is active in City and County meetings.

Roy Carter is a very nice, kind and polite  
man. A man that can be depended on. He is a  
man that is well respected in his community and  
in Gulf county as a whole.



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### 1996 Christmas Ornaments

1996 Wewahitchka Chamber of Commerce Collector's Ornaments on Sale Now! This year's ornament features the Old Wewa Elem/High School \$12.50 or 2 for \$20.00. Limited quantities of 1995 ornaments featuring the old Gulf County Courthouse available for \$15.00.

## WEWAHITCHKA WOMAN'S CLUB; THE EARLY DAYS

By: Rosenia Kilbourn  
POST-WORLD WAR II

Membership increased following the war. The first postwar yearbook lists 41 members. In 1949, a contract was made with Mr. C. A. Melvin to build a new clubhouse to replace the one destroyed by fire in 1942. It cost \$8,500.00.

Mr. A. S. Mitchell, philanthropist and local landowner from Mobile, donated \$1,000.00 toward the cost of the building. He later gave shrubbery to beautify the grounds. It was due to his friendship with our first Woman's Club President, Mrs. C. L. Morgan and her husband, that we received his generosity. The remaining cost was assumed by the City with the Club's help.

After the building was completed, the Club borrowed \$1,000.00 from the Wewahitchka State Bank to buy furnishings. Until the new building was completed, meetings were held in City Hall and the Methodist Church. All members were looking forward to the day when the Community Center would be completed and the Club would have a new home.

### Senior's Health Fair

Gulf County Senior Citizens will conduct a health fair on Oct 19, 8:00AM to 2:00PM (EST) at the Port St. Joe Centennial Building. Transportation will be provided for local Senior Citizens. For more information call 229-8466

### Child Safety in the Kitchen

The kitchen is an especially dangerous place for small children, with the potential for painful accidents and burns. Scalding hot water, hot foods, hot grease, and splash burns from the stove are all sources of serious injuries to children. It would benefit all parents to take a few minutes to review the following kitchen safety tips:

- Keep babies in a high chair and never underfoot when you are cooking.
- Never handle hot pots, liquids or matches while holding a baby.
- A baby's high chair should have a wide base to keep it stable. There should be a safety belt attached to the frame that is fastened around the baby. Never let the baby stand up in the high chair. Keep the high chair well away from the stove, refrigerator and doors.
- Keep garbage in a sturdy, lidded container.
- Store household cleaners and insecticides out of reach and under lock. Accessible areas, such as under-sink cabinet, should be child-proofed.
- Keep knives and other sharp objects, matches, electric cords, and appliances out of the reach of your child.
- Keep pot handles turned away from the edge of the stove or use the back burners.
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**Child Safety isn't easy, it  
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work, but it's worth it. Have a  
safe, happy month!**

### NEW! NEW! NEW!

Effective Sept. 30th, Tyree's Restaurant will become **Maxine's**. A fine dining establishment in a casual setting. The new owners are **E. J. Keller and Rae Ellen Floyd, both of Wewa**. Their goal is to bring a friendly atmosphere mingled with good food and excellent service to the people of our community. Look for upcoming ads and flyers giving the Grand Opening date and times of operation.

### *Please Make Plans to Attend!*

#### **VFW POST 8285**

By: Commander George H. Luebe

Wewahitchka VFW Post 8285 was presented with their Charter, Sept. 19, 1996. There was a good turn out for the meeting. However, we need more participation from the members that have signed up and new members who would like to join. We are having a turkey shoot starting Oct 6. Signs will be posted for time and place.

We will be raffling a Black Power Rifle to help raise funds for a building. Donations will be \$1.00. Thanks to the fellows at the Chipola River pumping station and especially **L.E. Atkins** and his three daughters for collecting the aluminum can tabs. The tabs go for helping children who go to the hospital in Gainesville, Florida.



**Mayor (from page 1)**

**Pictured: Mayor Ray Dickson reading the Oath of Office to Wewa's Newest Mayor, Grady (Buck) Booth with His Wife Lamar Booth holding the Bible.**

#### **2nd Annual Gulf C. I. Employees Club Haunted House**

Oct 31st; Nov 1st; Nov 2nd

Admission **\$2.00**

Old Elementary Gym Main Street, Wewa

#### **Dalkeith Baptist Church will have Home Coming**

On Sunday, October the 13th Brother John Clenney and his congregation invites everyone to Dalkeith Baptist Church for a **25th annual Homecoming**. Please bring a covered dish to share with others. Music, kin folks, friends and food for all to enjoy.

### **HOMECOMING AT GLAD TIDINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Pastor Neal and Sandy Miller, Youth Pastor Mike and Diane Masse, and the congregation of Glad Tidings Assembly of God, would like to invite you to our 54th Homecoming festivities on Sunday, October 13, 1996. The morning worship service begins at 10:30 A.M. with guest speaker **Dr. Charles Estridge**. Following the service, we will be having dinner in the fellowship hall. After dinner, there will be gospel singing, featuring Resting Place. Join us for this special day at Glad Tidings.

### **"Wedding Announcement"**

Announcing the upcoming marriage of Carolyn Parrish and Kenneth McCollum. Miss Parrish is the Stepdaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wadsworth of Wewa. Miss Parrish and Mr. McCollum reside in Carrollton Georgia, but has visited our area several times and was very impressed with our picturesque city. The wedding will take place on Oct. 5, 1996, 10:00AM at St. Johns Episcopal Church located on Main St. in Wewa Fl.

### **PINE LOG STATE FOREST APPRECIATION DAY**

Florida's First State Forest

October 5, 1996 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pine Log State Forest Recreation Area  
(Just off Highway 79 just south of Ebro)

What's so special about the Pine Log State Forest? Pine Log State Forest was established in 1936 as Florida's first State Forest. Presently it totals 6,911 acres. Some of the oldest planted slash pine trees in Bay County still exist in the forest. The forest is used as an outdoor classroom for many area schools and church groups. The recreation area was established in 1977 and is popular with locals and tourists. Uses for the forest include camping, picnicking, swimming, fishing, hunting, bird watching, plant observation and hiking. The forest includes a portion of the Florida Trail.

Below are a few of the things that will be happening at Pine Log State Forest Appreciation Day so come on out and experience a **FREE** day on Mother Nature!

Listen to the stories of an 1840 Florida Pioneer. A short program at 11:00 a.m. will feature the dedication of the Florida Scenic Trail. View native fish in Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's aquarium. Several exhibits and activities for kids of all ages. Participate in a guided nature tour through the forest, or take a leisurely hike on one of the longer hiking trails.

Browse through a variety of exhibits featuring information on environmental and forestry related topics. Try your hand at cross-cut sawing. Food and drink concessions will be available. For further information call: Florida Division of Forestry at (904)872-4175.

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### **Gulf County Transportation**

The Board of Directors, Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens has approved transportation services for the October 1st 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 - 10A.M. E.S.T.

Wewa 11 - 2P.M.C.S.T.

Other areas 3-6 P.M. 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 229-6327 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.

### **Amber Lanier Update!**

Back to Gainesville in November. A fish fry was held on 28 September as a fund raiser for Amber. Anyone wanting to donate to the Amber Lanier Fund may contact the Wewa State Bank.

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ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP TO  
CONNECT SCHOOLS TO  
INTERNET**

TALLAHASSEE - Governor Lawton Chiles and Florida Education Commissioner Frank Brogan joined with private-sector leaders to announce NetDay '96- an effort to bring high technology into every Florida school. During Netday '96, on October 26, volunteers statewide will join with school officials and corporate leaders to connect every Florida school to the Internet.

"NetDay '96 will place on-ramps to the information superhighway in every school -- providing our children with unrestricted access to the new electronic frontier, where there is no limit on what they can learn," Governor Chiles said. "We appreciate the support of the business community and are counting on parents and volunteers to pitch in and contribute to this important day."

Florida NetDay '96 is a partnership among the Office of the Governor, the Florida Department of Education (DOE), local schools and a team of corporate partners to upgrade technology in the state's schools for the next century. The effort is being coordinated by Intermedia Communications, Inc., a Tampa-based telecommunications firm. The telecommunications industry, utility firms, banking, retail, entertainment companies and other firms, will play a leadership role in the NetDay '96 effort by contributing equipment, employees and skilled installers to survey the schools and design installation plans.

Phase one of the project is dedicated to meeting the wiring needs of local schools - with a priority placed on schools that are in the most need. The total cost of phase one of NetDay '96 is estimated to be \$1.5 to \$2 million. In addition to corporate and private donations, potential funding sources include DOE's "Break the Mold" competitive grants and Florida Distance Learning Network technology grants.

Phase two - planned for next year, will focus on ensuring schools have the necessary computer hardware.

During a news conference to announce NetDay '96, Governor Chiles and Commissioner Brogan stressed the importance of improving technology in Florida's schools to build a stronger work force in the state and noted that the success of the NetDay '96 will rest on the efforts of volunteers.

People interested in participating in NetDay '96 can access more information on the event by accessing the Internet site at: [www.firm.edu/netday96](http://www.firm.edu/netday96). For more information about NetDay '96, contact Barbara Samson at (813) 829-2402 or Victoria Zepp, of Intermedia Communications, at (813) 829-2101. The contact person at WHS is Terry Stryker (904) 639-5393.

## Write Your Congressman

How to Write Your Congressman

1. Open your letter with praise or appreciation. Politicians are used to getting blame rather than praise from their constituents so commendations are rare and music to their ear.
2. Be accurate and specific. State why you are writing in the first paragraph and use the rest of the letter to illustrate your views. Weigh your facts and your arguments so they will win consideration and provide real motivation.
3. Be reasonable. Put yourself in the legislator's place: try to understand his problems and objectives. Legitimate differences of opinion can exist.
4. Never scold or reprove. Being human, legislators resent being preached to or pestered. Putting one on the defensive is a sure way to make the wastebasket instead of the "in" basket.
5. Be Realistic. The person you are writing represents everybody in their district, including some who desire the legislation you oppose or vice versa. **Remember, compromise is the key to most adopted measures.**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Tom,

I would just like to write to say what a fine city Wewahitchka is. I work in small towns and cities in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida, and I will have to say, Wewa is one of the nicest little cities to visit, it has so much personality.

As a stranger, I can tell you that your city is one that all of you should be proud! The spirit of its people with their friendliness and enthusiasm makes Wewa real special. I met many fine, hard working, smiling people. It was certainly a pleasure to be in Wewahitchka, Florida.

Many thanks to you and I pray many blessings for all who call Wewa their home.

Sincerely, Shirley Harville

**Southern Engineering GPP, Inc.**

**Rules and Regulations Governing Conduct on Postal Property**

Submitted by: Jeff Lord, Post Master of Wewahitchka.

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## EDITORIALS

### "Did you vote?"

By: Larry Mathes

Not how did you vote, just did you vote? It is certainly one of the greatest privileges of being an American citizen. Yes, many times you feel like your vote doesn't count, or your vote may be wasted, and you probably think "what's the use?" But being able to cast your vote for someone (or maybe in some cases against someone) is a right that people in many countries do not enjoy. Adults voting responsibly encourages young people to vote. Hopefully they will vote for the right reasons about issues and performance, rather than appearances and promises.

Of course the first round is over, but maybe some runoffs may be necessary, and then the general election in November will chart the course our country, state, county, and city will follow for the next few years. How do you decide? Well, what is important to you? What is the candidates' performance in past years? In short, take your best shot and live with it. You can help change it the next time around.

### Take the Time!

By: Tom Wynn

**EDITORIAL-** Through the right to vote, you have the power to install good government. This power comes from voting good people into office. Please compare your candidates so you can make the best choice to represent you in the offices of public service.

Ask yourself, do they support and protect traditional family values? Will they provide leadership in fighting back tax increases that would rob you of hard earned dollars? Had the tax and spend liberals gotten their way, your hard earned money would have gone to more wasteful government spending. Do they or will they keep education standards high? Will they balance budgets?

Will your representative in Congress lower the conservative standards? Will they hold valuable the same things as you do and worry about our waters and lands across North Florida? Will they protect it? How about "Deadheading," how important is it to them? **Pick your candidate wisely. We need your vote Oct 1 & Nov 5, everyone is important to the election process, so please VOTE, Take the time folks!!**

THE PLACE

**SUBWAY**

**"WHERE FRESH IS THE TASTE"**

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## What The ½ Cent Sales Tax will Do, If Voters Approve

By: Mary Pridgeon

**Editorial**—The September issue of the Wewa News included an article on the ½ cent sales tax referendum which will appear on the November ballot. Several questions were raised concerning the need and use of these funds.

Port St. Joe Elementary School is in need of a major facility renovation and repair. Monies are not available for a major project such as this.

The major sources of funds for construction, renovation and repair include state funds, ad Valorem taxes and voted millage. State funds this year totaled \$146,000 which will be used for roof repairs, paving and relocatable classrooms (1 in St. Joe and 3 in Wewa). These monies will be shared by all schools in the County.

The sales tax is considered the "fairest" tax because it applies to all local citizens as well as visitors to the County. A tax referendum gives the citizens a chance to vote on their taxes as opposed to a local option tax such as the 6 cents a gallon tax on gas imposed by the County Commission for 20 years. Roads and educational facilities are both necessary for the well-being of our community.

The sales tax will be used to fund a construction bond providing approximately \$2.5 million, slightly over half of the \$4.5 million cost of the project. If the sales tax creates more money than expected, the excess will be used to complete the construction and early retirement of the bonds.

The money will be used only for this specific project; when it is completed, the sales tax will end.

The only other method of making a long-term commitment is ad Valorem taxes which are paid by about 30 to 40 percent of the citizens. We are currently overburdened with ad Valorem taxes; the cost of schools should be shared by all citizens since they are open to the public.

There have been different estimates of the amount of money that the ½ cent sales tax will generate, both of them coming from the Department of Revenue (D.O.R.). The estimate of \$248,000 which was sent to the School Board was based on sales with a \$5,000 cap on individual transactions. The law allowing a ½ cent voter referendum sales tax for school improvement projects includes a \$5,000 cap on individual transactions and would therefore be less than the ½ cent on all sales on which the \$379,000 furnished the County Commission was based. According to the D.O.R., the trend in sales in Gulf County is very sporadic and projections for a county this size are very difficult to make.

The use of sales tax revenue for the renovation of Port St. Joe Elementary will allow the School Board to use the state funds to maintain other schools in the County. Repair and renovations will always be needed due to general deterioration and use, changes in school programs, state and federal regulations and population changes.

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### Do You Have A Will?

A "will" is defined as the legal declaration of a persons intentions which he/she wishes to be carried out after their death. It covers the disposition of property, guardianship of children, administration of estate and other matters.

It is a good idea to have and to keep it up to date as changes in your status occur. It is also desirable to have the will drawn up by a competent legal authority. If you do not have a will, see your personal attorney.

Having a will is very important. It can reduce the stress your family will go through after your passing. Check with an attorney about Florida Laws on Not having a will, the State may end up with your favorite fishing pole instead of a family member.

### A Bit of History For Those Who Have Roots In The Wewahitchka School Of Yester Years

By: Milton Whitfield

In the year 1925 the old two story white schoolhouse stood very solid and distinct on the south side of schoolhouse branch, just west of highway 71, and North of the **George Adkins** home, and east of the ole **Whitfield** place, with Uncle Bob Jenks living just across the highway in front of the schoolhouse. No noise from the children playing and no teachers and pupils there, but just up the clay hill on the east side of highway 71 which was clay and mud stood a brand new schoolhouse made of beautiful red brick. Very modern and large enough for the future. This building was very unusual at that time, because there were no brick buildings in the community.

Then in October 1925, Dads and Moms brought their children, large and small, beginning from the first grade to the 12th to the community school.

Many families brought one lunch and at noon they all gathered and ate. Everyone knew each other all through school. Childhood sweethearts? Yes! Children who had no brothers or sisters would always find family unity at lunch time and trade their light bread sandwich for some of that good ole home cooked food that others were sometimes ashamed of.

Soon the children who had no brothers and sisters would be adopted into the group.

There were many families who got their education there, then some went on to college. There is a good chance if you lived near Wewahitchka your grandparents or your parents or other relatives went to school there.

During that time in the community, the Methodist and Baptist churches were the foundation of our community.

There were two classes of people in Wewahitchka then, those who had shoes and those who did not. The County Road Department paid their labor in IOU's or vouchers, but people found a way to pay their taxes and pay for the school house and County Courthouse. These landmarks are paid for and are past history of our fathers. It's sad to say that the school house that helped weave many lives here has had the ax put to its roots.

I got my education there, my children and some of my grandchildren went through the sixth grade before transferring to the new school. There have been three generations who went to school there, not only **Whitfield's** but several families in this area. I would like to call names, Oh! but I won't because I would miss so many. Mr. Ed, I must mention the family you married into. Back then her name was **Nellie** and she had a bicycle, (a pretty red one) and was always smiling, I think she still does.

I would like to mention a few teachers, but those I do not mention, please forgive me for my memory won't let me remember them all. I remember **Mr. B.W. Spear, Mr. Whitton, Mr. Geiger, Mr. McCall and Mr. Maddox** who were principles. **Mr. Spear** was later elected to the Board of Public Instructions. **Mrs. Francis Meriweather, Mrs. Spears, Mrs. Nevade Palmer, Miss. Turk, Miss. Mayfield** and later **Mrs. Irene Connell, Mrs. Ruby Gaskin, Mr. L.L. Lanier, Mrs. Robert Brown, Mrs. Alfred Whitfield** and many others. One of the teachers was my girlfriend but she never knew it. I really can't remember her name for that wasn't just yesterday.

The schoolhouse that helped weave our lives for 62 years now has had the ax put to it's roots and will never be again. Just can't be. When those who knew and was effected is gone, a new world will be taking roots and another generation, maybe three or four. History will be made again, but a person that doesn't know history is doomed and will repeat the same mistakes.

It is always said that progress must go on and I do not want to stand in the way, but please excuse me I have never understood how destruction can be progress. But it has always been man's nature to build and destroy. I guess that is the way God will do the earth, (maybe one morning about 2 o'clock).

While I have this chance to say God Bless America and all of you that did make Wewa such a great place to live, and to share it and yourselves with me. I realize that the people make the place, the place doesn't make the people.

# THE WEWA NEWS

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### GULF COUNTY ELECTION RETURNS FOR SECOND PRIMARY 1 OCTOBER 1996

Total Number Voting 5347

Precincts Reporting 14 of 14 100.00%

Dem. Representative in Congress Dist. 2

Allen Boyd 3572 73.58%

Anita Davis 1282 26.41%

Dem. State representative Dist 7

David Warriner 3513 70.92%

Jamey Westbrook 1440 29.07%

Dem. Sheriff

Frank McKeithen 2862 56.30%

Jimmy Williams 2221 43.69%

Dem. Superintendent of Schools

Jerry Kelley 2910 57.84%

David Bidwell 2121 42.15%

Dem. County Commissioner Dist 1

Johnny Stanley 503 50.65%

Mary Ellen Gortman 490 49.34%

Dem. County Commissioner Dist. 3

Tommy Knox 644 53.75%

Michael Hammond 554 46.24%

Dem. School Board Member Dist. 3

Caroline Norton 664 55.37%

Paul Sewell 535 44.62%

Rep. Representative in Congress Dist 2

Carole Griffin 128 56.38%

Bill Sutton 99 43.61%

Source: Supervisor of Elections Office of Gulf County



DURING A QUICK INTERVIEW WITH THE WEWA NEWS, A SMILING SHERIFF McKEITHEN STATED HE HAD ONE MORE ELECTION TO GO, NOVEMBER THE 5TH!

(Republican- Bob Williams is also running for sheriff)

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### 57 Percent Turn Out!

By: Tom Wynn

The Gulf County Election results showed that Gulf County turned out 57 percent of "The Voters", even with the bad weather. In a short interview last night with Cora Sue Robinson she smiled and said, "Just two percent less than the first primary, this was a good day for our county! We hope for a good turn out in November."

## VOTE NOVEMBER 5TH!



# GATOR TALK

## WEWA GATORS ROLL PAST SNEADS

By: Staff Writer

The Wewa Gators remain unbeaten in District 2-2A after their decisive victory over Sneads Friday Night. **Champ Traylor** led his team to a 27-14 win, scoring twice against the Pirates. **Ike Mincey** and **Danny Voyles** also scored for the Gators to help grab a halftime lead of 27-0. Voyles had 20 carries and ended with 197 yards rushing.

Sneads scored twice in the second half with touchdown passes to **Sam Shelton** and **Don Sheffield**. Jay Dixon threw three interceptions, but finished 11 of 24 for 209 yards.

Wewa Gators Defense, W.T. Willis recovered two interceptions while Ike Mincey picked up the other one. Mincey also made eight solo tackles and **Justin Jackson** led the Gators with ten tackles.

Congratulations to **Coach Flowers** and all his staff on this great win. The Gators next scheduled game will be on Friday, October 4, 1996, against Cottondale.

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM TAKE 1ST PLACE IN WEWA INVITATIONAL

By: Staff Writer

The Wewa Gators breezed in Saturday morning to take the Wewa Invitational. The Gators out paced the other ten teams, in the 91 runner event with 44 points. **Luke Taunton** completed the three mile course in 16 min 11 seconds to take first place, followed by teammates **James Taunton** 16:40 and **Lee Linton** 17:09.

In the girls eight team, 71 runner race, the Wewa girls finished in 3rd place in the two mile run. The girls were led by **Stefanie McDaniel** (13.14), and **Renee Ardire** (13.26) finishing with 89 points.

**Good Luck to the Gators** in their next meet scheduled for October 12 in St. Joe at 8:00 CST.

WEWA/ITCHKA  
SNEADS

### FIRST QUARTER

WEWA - MINCEY 55 RUN (BAXLEY KICK)  
TRAYLOR 10-15, SNE: HALL 2-4 LIVINGSTON 11-26,  
DIXON 3-(-11)  
PASSES 1-2-0 11-24-3  
FUMBLES LOST 3-3 3-2  
PENALTIES YARDS 7-70 7-70  
PUNTS 3-33 2-45

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - WEWA MINCEY 18-105 VOYLES 20-197,  
TRAYLOR 10-15; SNE: HALL 2-4, LIVINGSTON 11-26,  
DIXON 3-(-11).  
PASSING - WEWA TRAYLOR 1-3-24-0 SNE: SHEFFIELD 7-  
106, SHELTER 2-47  
WEWA - TRAYLOR 10 RUN (BAXLEY KICK)

### SECOND QUARTER

WEWA - VOYLES 75 RUN (KICK BLOCKED)

WEWA - TRAYLOR 1 RUN (BAXLEY KICK)

### THIRD QUARTER

SNE - SHELTER 35 PASS FROM DIXON (PASS GOOD)

### FOURTH QUARTER

SNE - SHEFFIELD 30 PASS FROM DIXON (PASS FAILED)

	WEWA	SNE
FIRST DOWNS	13	9
RUSHED YARDS	49-317	17-21
TOTAL YARDS	341	230
PASSES	3-3	2-45

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### TEAM WORK

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*He's patiently waiting on his throne to hear your every prayer.*

*Nothing is impossible with him; let faith be your guide*

*Each new day that breaks the sky you'll find him by your side.*

*With outstretched arms to forgive you, when you kneel and pray,*

*He will bless you and keep you through-out each and every day.*

*Let his love so sweetly fill your heart, there's no room for fear,*

*His love is returned a thousand-fold making music to your ear.*

*So don't be afraid of tomorrow, let each day be your best,*

*Jesus will help and guide you so you will pass the test.*

*His eye is on his children in everything we do,  
So love him with all your heart because he first loved you.*

By: Tom Harrell

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### A Thanks to District One!

I wish to thank the voters of District one for their large turn out with all the rain and traffic that accompanied the lines for voting.

Your support and vote paid off for the first and second primary of this important election process and I am sincerely thankful for your time and effort.

I must ask for your support and vote one more time for this election year, in order to begin my mission and become County Commissioner of District one. I hope to see you at the poles on November the 5th my fellow citizen.

**Johnny Stanley**

A PD. POL. ADV. STANLEY, DEMOCRAT

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### The Veterans' Corner

**Q:** Does a veteran automatically become eligible

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**A:** No. Although the VA at one time did concede "permanent and total (P/T) disability" at age 65 for this program aimed at lower-income veterans, any claim for pension filed after October 31, 1990, now must include medical evidence to document that the veteran is permanently and totally (P/T) disabled by mental or physical disability.

**Q:** Besides being considered permanently and totally (P/T) disabled, what other requirements must be met for a veteran to become eligible for non service-connected (NSC) pension benefits?

**A:** The veteran must have at least 90 days of Service under honorable conditions, at least one day of which was served during a wartime period, and the veteran must have limited income.

**Q:** How is limited income defined for pension purposes?

**A:** The current income limit is \$8,246 per year for the veteran alone or \$10,801 for the veteran and one dependent spouse or child. For each additional dependent, the pension limit increased by \$1,404. Payments are made to bring the veteran's income up to these established limits after considering his or her other income.

Questions concerning the above information or other questions concerning veterans' benefits, contact Gulf County Veterans' Service Officer, Bo Williams, (904) 229-6125 (T-F) or (904) 639-3019 (M).

### To All Parents

"I'll lend you for a little while,  
A child of mine," He said,  
"For you to love while he lives,  
And mourn when he is dead.

"It may be six or seven years, or  
twenty-two, or three,  
"But will you, 'til I call him back,  
take care of him for me?"

"He'll bring his charms to gladden  
you, and shall his stay be brief,  
"You'll have his lovely memories as  
solace for your grief.

"I cannot promise he will stay,  
as all from earth return,  
"But there are lessons taught down  
there I want this child to learn.

"I've looked the wide world over  
in my search for teachers true,  
"And from the throngs that crowd  
life's lanes, I have selected you.

"Now will you give him all your love--  
not think the labor vain,  
"Nor hate me when I come to call to  
take him back again."

"I fancied that I heard them say,  
"Dear Lord, thy will be done!  
"For all the joy this child shall bring,  
the risk of grief we'll run.

"We'll shower him with tenderness and  
love him while we may,  
"And for the happiness we've known,  
forever grateful stay.

"And should the angels call for him  
much sooner than we planned,  
"We'll brave the bitter grief that  
comes and try to understand."

Author Unknown

# JOHNNY STANLEY

FOR  
County Commissioner  
District 1

## EDUCATION

- \* Master of Science in Human Resources Management
- \* Bachelor of Science in Management Theory

## EXPERIENCE

- \* Administered million dollar budgets
  - \* Designed compensation and benefit plans
  - \* Always listens to you and your side of the issue
  - \* Over 22 years of government and public service
- Prepared to do the right thing!

## PROFESSIONAL

- \* Retired U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Four
- \* Served proudly in three Foreign Wars for my Country
- \* Active in Community and civic affairs

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PD. POL. ADV., JOHNNY STANLEY, DEMOCRAT

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time for. Call up a forgotten friend, drop an old grudge and replace it with some pleasant memories. Share a funny story with someone whose spirits are dragging.

Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Pay a debt. Give a soft answer. Free yourself of envy and malice. Share your experience and offer encouragement. Make a real effort to stay in closer touch with family and good friends. Resolve to stop magnifying small problems and shooting from the lip.

Find the time. All of us have the same allotment, 24 hours a day. Give a complement, it could make someone's day. Think things through. Forgive an injustice. Listen more. Apologize when you realize you were wrong. An apology never diminishes a person, it elevates them. If you have done something praiseworthy, someone will notice sooner or later.

Try to understand a point of view that is different from yours. Few things are 100% one way or another. Examine your demands on others, lighten up. Take a quiet walk alone when you feel like blowing your top. Laugh the loudest when the joke is on you.

The sure way to have a friend is to be one. We are all connected by humanity and our need for one another. Avoid malcontents and pessimists. They drag you down and contribute nothing. Be kind. Be gentle. Don't discourage a beginner from trying something risky. Nothing ventured means nothing gained. Be optimistic. The can-do spirit is the fuel that makes things go. Go to war against animosity and complacency. Express your gratitude. Read something uplifting. Don't abandon your old fashioned principles. They never go out of style. When courage is needed, ask yourself, "If not me, who? If not now, when?"

Take better care of yourself. Remember, you're all you've got. Pass up that second helping, you really don't need it. Vow to eat more sensibly. You'll feel better and look better, too. Don't put up with second hand smoke.

Nobody has the right to pollute your air or give you cancer. If someone says, "This is a free country," remind him or her that the country may be free but no person is free if he has a habit he can't control.

Return those books you borrowed. Reschedule that missed dental appointment. Clean out your closet. Take those photos out of the drawer and put them in an album. If you see litter on the sidewalk pick it up.

Get real. Phoniness is transparent as well as tiresome. Look people in the eye. Don't be bound by superstition and fear. Smile more. You'll look 10 years younger. Don't be ashamed to say "Have a nice day."

Don't be afraid to say, "I love you." Say it again. Say it still one more time. They are the sweetest words in the world.

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**FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

PD. POL. ADV., TERRY LINTON, REPUBLICAN

## 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 and 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.

### Thanks

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.

### Gold Card Program

Have you received a request to donate to the Gold Card program? If you have, please respond with a donation. This program uses every dollar donated to reward students for academic performance. Send donations to Gulf Co. Gold Card Club, P.O. Box 1051, Port St. Joe, FL. 32456. Please help to continue this reward program!

### School Pictures

School pictures (for purchase and for the yearbook) were taken Monday. Please plan to purchase these when they come in. And then order a yearbook! Call **Debbie Cole**, 639-2228, and order one for this year. Everyone always says, "Don't quit having an annual yearbook," but each year sales go down. They won't print them if you don't order them, so please, if you want it continued, order one! Parents, alumni, let us hear from you!

### Parents

Parents, please check what your student is wearing to school. We take pride in our student body's appearance, but a slip now and then needs to be corrected. Some shirts, some shorts, etc., border on being unacceptable. For the most part, though, compare Gulf County's student body to those you see sometimes on TV. Which do you prefer?

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## Wewahitchka Elementary School News

By: Linda Whitfield

### Students of the Week

**Shanna Collier** was chosen by her teacher to be the student of the week. She is the daughter of **Towan McLemore** and **Phillip Collier**. **Mrs. Linda Lawrence** chose fourth grader **Zach Barnes** to be the Student of the Week. Congratulations to Zach, I know his mother, **Ms. Rosa Barnes** is proud of him, too. **Will Strange** is the 4th Grade Student of the Week. **Bill Carr** chose **Will Strange** as his choice for the Student of the Week. He is the son of **Tony** and **Tanya Strange**. Fourth grade teacher **Kim Whitfield** chose **Nathan Grimes** as the Student of the Week. He is the son of **Lynn** and **Dan Grimes**. These students will get a free pizza from **Pizza Kitchen**.

### In-Service Changes

Please mark your calendars, we have a slight change in our school calendar.

In-Service has been changed to Oct. 3 and 4.

### Need to Know

Does your child need a bicycle helmet? On January 1, 1997, the Helmet Law will take effect.

### Sympathy

**Mr. Kelley** and the staff of **WES** would like to extend its deepest sympathy to the family of **Cathy Causey**. **Mrs. Causey**, a valued employee of the Gulf County School system, died from complications from kidney failure. **Mrs. Causey** had been ill a number of years, but the sweet smile never left her face. Our sympathy goes out to her husband and family.

### Annabelle Gaskin Education Fund

The proposal from **Sarah Owens Hammock** and **Phillip Gaskin** honors their grandmother, **Mrs. Annabelle Gaskin**, a former third grade teacher at **WES**, for her dedication and untiring efforts to ensure that reading was and is fundamental in education.

### \$50.00 Bond

The \$50.00 Savings Bond will be given to one of each of the third grade classes at **WES** who read the most books during the **Book It Program**. The Savings Bonds will be awarded upon the completion of the "Book It" program at the end of the 1996/97 school year. This award is ongoing and will continue as long as there is mutual interest by administrators and the school.

### Coastal Clean-Up

Sixth grade teachers **Rebecca Birmingham** and **Joe Walker** and their classes traveled to **Beacon Hill** on September 20 and participated in the Coastal Clean-Up Project. While there, the students went crabbing, thanks to **Jan Traylor** who provided the nets.

### The List!

The first of school, teachers send home a list of needed supplies and usually the children get what they need. The list does need to be updated regularly. Crayons don't last forever and everyone knows that pencils have legs to walk off. Parents, please make sure your child has the basic supplies: pencils, paper, crayons, erasers, etc.

## Read with Arthur Poster Winners Announced

To promote the upcoming PBS series, **Media Specialist Karen Minger** had a poster contest with K-2 students. Third grade students were the judges and how they liked that power!

Winners were

Kindergarten: **Samantha Rich**, **Sarah Barney**, **Jessica Messick**

First Grade: **Brent Walker**, **Janie Boyett**, **Katlyn Gortman**

Second Grade: **Cody Johnson**, **Sarah Chason**

CP Classes: **Jasmine Ward**, **Mandy Robbins**, **Steve Mayo**

ESE: **Tyler Bowles**

The prize was a 'yard of bubble gum!'

### Courtney McMillion sees the President

Third grade student, **Courtney McMillion**, her mother, **Margaret**, and sister **Kimberly**, saw **President Bill Clinton** in Panama City on Friday, September 6. They were parked at "Under the Oaks" in Parker and saw him coming and going from the Tyndall Field airport. They also saw his plane take off. Courtney was very excited about seeing the president.

## Gulf Correctional Institution and the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter 33 presents Street Gangs. The Work Shop.

By: Abel Price

On August 29, 1996 the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter 33, proudly presented a workshop-training on street gangs.

The presenter, **Mr. Cory Godwin**, Senior Inspector/Security Threat Group Coordinator for the Florida Department of Correction, has formed security threat group training for agencies such as the FBI, FDLE, Statewide Prosecutor's Office, Federal Bureau Prisons, National Institute of Justice and others.

This training was educational and beneficial for correctional staff, other law enforcement staff, teachers, and citizens in the community.

**Terry Linton**, Educator at **Wewahitchka High School**, **Madge Semmes**, from **Wewahitchka Women's Club**, **Chris Brumbaugh**, from **Gulf County Sheriff Office**, participants in the seminar, commented on how educational and important this training was in an effort to bring about a more safe environment for the safety and well-being of our children.

Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency is proud to work in partnership with the community and other law enforcement entities and will continue to do so by working for excellence in the community.

The next seminar will be a presentation on Domestic and Sexual violence. Date and time are being coordinated.

Anyone wishing any additional information on Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency or the next seminar please contact **Major Price** at 639-1507.

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## WEWAHITCHKA CITY MINUTES BUDGET WORKSHOP September 4, 1996

The City Commission met for there second Budget Workshop on September 4, 1996, 5:00 P.M. at City Hall. Mayor Dickens called the meeting to order opened with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Members Present: Public Present:

Mayor Dickens John Henry Pridgeon

Commissioner Jones Grady Booth

Commissioner Justice

Commissioner Nunery

### City Employees:

Donald Minchew, City Manager

Pam Harden, City Clerk

Mandee Strange, Deputy Clerk

**Public Recognition:** Commissioner Jones ask Mr.

Pridgeon what kind of repair does

the fire trucks need. The budget is allotting \$5000.00 for repair and maintenance of vehicles. Mr. Pridgeon states that the No. 2 fire truck has to have repairs on the tank and both trucks will need some tires.

Group reviewed all departments revenues and expenditures for the 1996-1997 fiscal year with the appropriate changes made at the first budget workshop. First Budget Hearing is scheduled for Sept 17, 1996, 6:30 P.M. followed by a Special Commission Meeting to adopt first reading of Budget Ordinance.

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

## Regular Meeting September 9, 1996

The City Commission met for a regular meeting on September 9, 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: Public Present:

Mayor Dickens Dudley Prescott

Commissioner Jones Linda Prescott

Commissioner Nunery Hazel Bryant

Commissioner Justice Tom Wynn

Commissioner Gaskin Grady Booth

Charles Doyle

### City Employees:

Gloria Lutz

Donald J. Minchew, City Manager

Judge Moore

Pamela Harden, City Clerk

Mandee Strange, Deputy Clerk

David Gaskin, City Attorney

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

**Public Recognition:** Linda Prescott came before the board requesting a variance to place a travel trailer on her land in Red Bull Island while they are building a house due to there old house being destroyed by the last flood. Motion made to approve Mrs. Prescotts variance for one year made by Commissioner Justice, second Commissioner Nunery. Motion carried.

Gloria Lutz came before the board requesting to be able to use the property at 233 Osceola Ave. as a Bed and Breakfast. Mr. Minchew is going to research this for Ms. Lutz and let her know something at the next regular commission meeting. **Open**

Hazel Bryant came before the board requesting some help from the city with a fund raiser for Amber Lanier. Mayor Dickens is going to meet with the Womens Club at there next meeting. **Open**

Charles Doyle came before the board to request that something be done about the Weva Medical Centers sign at the corner of West River and Hwy 71. Mr. Doyle states that the sign has dropped down and you cannot see pulling out of West River road. Commissioner Justice said he will take care of it. **Open**

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

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

## Agenda Items/New Business

**Sign Permits:** Mr. Minchew requests two sign permits to be approved by the commission. Two signs at Subway, one on Hwy 71 and one on Hwy 22. One sign at St Joe Papermakers Credit Union. Both requests meet the cities standards for signs. Motion to approve sign permits made by Commissioner Gaskin, second Commissioner Justice. Motion Carried.

**Rasch Leave of Absence:** Fred Rasch has asked to come back from his leave of absence at 6 hours per day. Mr. Minchew made a recommendation to the board to allow Mr. Rasch to return to work for 6 hours a day with benefits, and with the same pay of \$9.00 an hour. Motion to approve Mr. Minchews recommendation made by Commissioner Jones, second Commissioner Nunery. Motion Carried.

**LDR:** Mr. Minchew has completed a draft of the LDR for the Commission and the Planning Board to review. Mr. Minchew is to get with the members of the Planning Board to schedule a meeting to go over the LDR with the commission. **Open**

**Cemetery:** Commissioner Jones has located some land for a new cemetery. The land is located by Tyrees Restaurant approximately four miles out of town. Commissioner Jones request that a committee be formed to negotiate the deal for the cemetery. The committee will consist of: Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Nunery, and Grady Booth. Motion to approve the committee made by Commissioner Justice, second Commissioner Gaskin. Motion Carried.

**Diesel Pumps:** Waiting for return Authorization to send the pumps back. **Open**

**Sewer Expansion:** Mr. Minchew is going to work on a plan profile on the sewer expansion around Harden Circle. **Open**

**Street Light:** Commissioner Jones is going to check on placing a Street light on the corner of Christopher Robin Street and Fern Street.

**Insurance:** Mr. Minchew sent ads to the star for bids on Insurance. **Open**

**Fire Ratings:** Mr. Minchew contacted the State Insurance Underwriters in Jacksonville to see when we could reschedule a new CRS study for a new fire rating. The City can schedule a new CRS study in February on 1997 to be conducted in April of 1997.

**Engineering Firm:** Mr. Minchew let Mr. Orthro know that we were happy with our present engineering firm.

**Frame:** Mr. Minchew has a gentleman that is going to build and donate us a custom frame for the city map donated by Attorney Gaskin.

### Commissioner Comments

**Commissioner Gaskin:** Makes a recommendation to hire Mr. Minchew as a permanent full time employee with benefits. Motion to hire Mr. Minchew as a permanent employee made by Commissioner Gaskin, second Commissioner Jones. Motion Carried.

**Commissioner Jones:** Stated that we had received the bids on the CDBG Houses and Fisher Construction was the low bidder on all the houses. Motion to award all six houses to Fisher Construction made by Commissioner Jones, second Commissioner Nunery. Motion Carried. Commissioner Jones also inquires on the payment process for paying the contractor after the houses are completed to see if the way we were currently handling it was sufficient. Ms Harden stated that we pay the contractors out of the General Fund account and reimburse the account when we receive payment. Commissioner Gaskin made a motion that we wait until we receive our money before we pay the contractors to avoid losing interest on the money, second Commissioner Jones. Motion Carried. Commissioner Jones also stated that Mr. Tucker had given him a new price on the citys annual audit of \$8,500.00.

Commissioner Jones says this is still to high and asks Mr. Minchew to do some research to see what local communities of our size pay for there annual audit.

Commissioner Jones talked to the county about a grant for a new city hall/community building. He would like to move ahead with this project as soon as possible.

A building committee was formed consisting of:

Commissioner Phillip Gaskin, Commissioner Tony Justice, Commissioner Jimbo Nunery, Commissioner

Dallas Jones, Mayor elect Grady Booth

**Commissioner Justice:** None

**Commissioner Nunery:** None

**City Clerk:** Had two requests for usage of the community building at no charge. Ann Boyd requested the building on September 20 for orientation for the local foreign exchange students. Linda Jo Chumney requested the building on September 24 at no charge for the Search and Rescue Meeting. The commission agreed by unanimous consent to allow both groups to use the community building at no charge. Ms. Harden also had a request from Penny Mclemore to wave the garbage fee on her rental house while they were working on the house. no one is presently living in the house. The commission also agreed unanimously to allow Ms McLemores garbage fee to be waved. Ms. Harden also stated that she had the information to place on the plaque for Lake Alice Park, and asked where she should get the plaque made. Ms. Harden is to contact Ralph Fisher to see where he purchased the present plaque at.

**City Attorney:** States that he will work up a rough draft on the cemetery for the committee.

**City Manager:** Mr. Minchew requests a letter from Mayor Dickens to give the map company permission to print the city fishing maps. The company will not print the maps without a letter releasing them from all responsibility due to the copyright on the fishing map.

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

## First Budget Hearing September 17, 1996

The City Commission met on this date, September 17, 1996, 6:30 P.M. at City Hall for the first budget hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Justice called the meeting to order.

### Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Justice

Commissioner Nunery

Commissioner Jones

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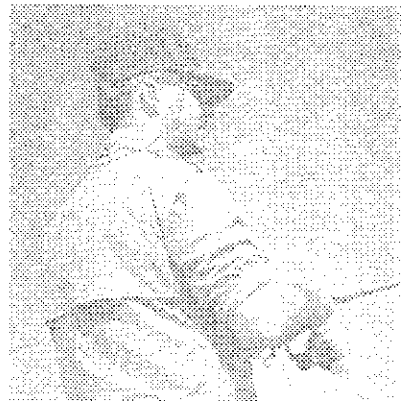
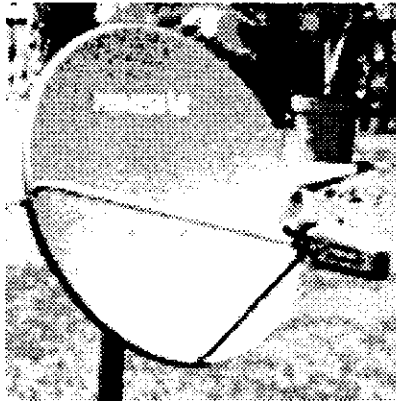
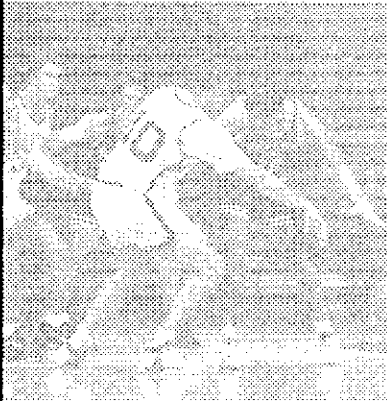
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