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HAPPY 4th of July Folks!

**FESTIVAL IN THE CITY PARK, Come one
come all!**

By Tom Wynn

A second Wewa family reunion, this year was a great success in finally having our Tupelo Festival, and now the city will put on a fireworks show at Lake Alice Park. It is always fun to see the fireworks blow up in the sky then we see the mirror reflection of them on the surface of Lake Alice as well. Something of a rare event. The festival starts Saturday, July 3rd from 10 AM to 4 PM, so please come and enjoy all the food and fun. Food trucks and vendors will be busy selling all they have to offer, maybe the bee charmers will sell more Tupelo Honey. Of course live music, muscle cars and maybe some old antiques will be there too (rumor has it)! There will be bounce houses for the kids and adults alike. Don't forget to take your glasses off, Grandpa, before you climb on.

Now Sunday night, the 4th of July, starting at 6 PM, come back for more music and food, followed by even more music and dancing. Hang on to your hat! It will be a fun weekend for those that come to the lake and enjoy the festival weekend. See you there! Get your July issue of "THE WEWA NEWS," I will be handing them out, FREE, of course.

**GULF CO. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NEWS-For those that are interested-"Wheels On
Williams"** is a new event for Gulf County. It will feature local and regional cars, trucks, motorcycles, golf carts and anything with a set of wheels for a FREE community event. Food will be available from the region's most popular food trucks. Music will be provided by one our favorite musicians. It will be held in Port St Joe on the third Thursday of July and August, start time is 5 pm ET.

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**CITY WATER/SEWAGE MONTHLY BILL
TO INCREASE BY 10 PERCENT!**

June 24th City meeting News-

Florida Rural Water Association Representative, Mr. Ron Nalley (Utility Asset Management), explained to the public why our Water/Sewage Bill needs to increase. The association recommended that the City increase the water/sewage bills by 35 percent starting this year in order to cover the needed repairs and future repairs as our system grows older.

The city has done a great job in keeping up with the system needs, thus our water systems are over 92 percent in good health. The public and the City Commission agreed a 10 percent increase would be a reasonable increase at this time, since many citizens of Wewahitchka are retired or on SSI incomes and simple can not afford the full 35% increase all at once. The remainder of the increase will be spread out over the next 4 years. (see page 2 -The City Meeting).

THE WEWAHITCHKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FORMS

On June the 17th, 17 locals from north Gulf County came together to form the new *Wewahitchka Historical Society* during a meeting located in the Corner Cafe in Wewa.

The air was filled with ideas, locations, and plans to dig into the history of our local areas. Discussions included researching and writing about many places and things, including the old court house, local cemeteries, family histories, and how Wewa and the ghost town of Iola, Stone Mill Creek areas and other locations came to be.

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(Continued Historical Society) Our sweet little part of north Florida needs to be known about. Everyone was very excited about the organization and are hopeful that others will come join us. This part of Florida is the navel of this great State.

Mr. Tom Godwin, myself and a few others who have done a lot of research over the years were glad to share with the group. Mrs. Lyn Wynn offered to help with cemetery research, while others offered to help restore historical signs in the area.

The Gulf County Breeze and *The Wewa News* are being archived by the University of Florida as fast as they can go. Ms. Mimi Minnick, the Gulf County Head Librarian, told us the University and the libraries would be glad to help the group in our efforts. How often do we drive by things in our community without noticing their significance or beauty? "We have many things in our beautiful Wewahitchka that catch our eye and some that we just don't think about as we pass by," stated Ms. Ann Johnson in a recent article. A true statement.

The Historical Society is open to others who wish to join in. We will meet at the Corner Cafe on the third Thursday at 6 PM sharp every month. Please come and help us dig into our past and find even more amazing things about our local history. We had planned a field trip to Stone Mill Creek area and the Old Gulf County Court house, but due to the rainy weather we have postponed the field trip until another date can be set.



(Cont. from Page 1) City Meeting

Consider a Fund Raiser For The Park Upgrade

for the Kiddie park in Lake Alice. Maybe a go fund me. It is in need of repair and upgrade. (Just an idea folks).

A major discussion was had by the Commissioners, the Mayor, and the public about a proposed City Ordinance (no. 2021-1213L) having been drafted by the City Attorney at the request of the City Commission. Mr. Gene Hanlon voiced his opinion and said that he could not support the Ordinance, as written, and thus he opposed it. Others over the past few months voiced the same opinion. The Ordinance concerns RV's being used for long term living, which they are not designed for. They can be an eye sore for the City, and a burden to the sewage system, the Mayor said. The City Attorney wrote a draft which is what everyone interested has reviewed. It turns out it is a very troubling Ordinance for the Public and some of the Commissioners. The public and a few Commissioners agreed to table it until after a new public workshop was held to fine tune it and not violate anyone's rights to the use of their private property. It continues to be a topic of discussion. The Public Workshop was then scheduled for 8 July at 3:00 PM.

New Fire Station completion date has been moved to the 12th of Sept. 2021, due to rain delays.

The water pressure down Jehu Road (Blue Gator area) was discussed. The PSI is only about 30 to 40, and it should be 60

PSI for the city. The city will continue to troubleshoot the issue for the home owners in that area. The possibility of a break under the ground was suggested.

There was additional discussion by the public on multiple families living in RV's with several dogs and a messy yard, suggesting that something needed to be done by the city. The Mayor said that was a job for the County Code Enforcement Office.

There was discussion from the public about roads on Red Bull needing work and repair. Canning Drive was mentioned.

I felt like it was a very productive city meeting. There were a lot of folks there this month, the public has been coming out for City meetings more and more over the past months.

Notice-This information about the meeting is not official. It is just from my own notes and remembrance. TW

THE CHARLES WHITEHEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY



BY JOYELLE LINTON-THE WEVA LIBRARIAN

Excitement is growing at the Weva library this summer! Our library was recently awarded a local history grant for small and rural libraries. Plans are underway to create an exhibit at the library showing Wewahitchka's rich history. More info will be released soon!

In preserving the history of Wewahitchka, the library has been collecting *The Gulf County Breeze* and *The Wewa News* from the community. (Mr. Tom Wynn donated copies from his archives).

Employees have been busy sorting and organizing them chronologically in acid free archival storage boxes. In the near future, we plan to have these digitized with the University of Florida. The following years are missing or we do not have a complete set: 1925-1929, 1930-1939, 1940-1944, 1957-1958, 1960-1962, 1987-1989, 1990-1991, 1994-1999, 2005-2007, or later. If you have any of these newspapers and would be willing to donate them to the library, please contact us at (850) 639-2419.

Another local history project we are working on, is collecting yearbooks from Wewahitchka Elementary School and Wewahitchka High School. The following years are needed for the elementary school: anything before 2012 and 2021. The following years are needed for the high school: before 1948, 1950-1955, 1964, 1967-1969, 1972, 1974, 1976-1981, 1984-1992, 1999-2002, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2015, and 2021. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. A BIG thank you goes out to everyone who has already donated yearbooks.

The Charles Whitehead Public Library is currently open Mondays and Fridays 9-5 and Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-1. Come on in and see us. The air is cool and rooms are filled with books of all types. We have local newspapers and magazines too, as well as computers to use.

Joyelle Linton is the Library Branch Manager of The Northwest Regional Library System-Charles Whitehead Public Library
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(1) Follow me through American History Happy 4th of July America!

By Tom Wynn

When the European kings and queens sent their first ships toward our shores, the objective of their desires was to explore this place for new resources (Gold, Silver, Trees, Food, Medicines, and no telling what else) – so when they got here they found weather to be good, and everything they were hoping for was very bountiful; including wildlife and ship-building materials. As those leaders learned from their explorers, the motivation to colonize spread like wildfire in Europe.

The English, French, and Spanish raced to carve up the "New World" for themselves by transporting inadequately prepared colonists as fast as they could travel across the open sea.

At the beginning, they had battles with the local Indians of America's eastern seaboard. With their weapons of iron and gun powder, as well as their fast moving ships, they could overpower them. But the Europeans ultimately gave way to trade, since those who landed here knew their survival was doubtful without the local natives' help.

For decades after they first came ashore, a comparative peace came between them as the settlers established themselves on American soil. Soon the pressure to push further inland came from those kings and queens. Kings and queens from thousands of miles away were impatient to find additional resources. Some colonists came for independence and adventure, as well as for Glory, but most came for Religious Freedom and Commerce.

They wanted more space. And so began the process of driving the American Indian out of the way. They moved in more and more, taking the native hunting grounds and forest areas for their own, via cash payments, bartering, and treaties that were nearly uniformly ignored after the Indians were pushed from the territory in question. It wasn't long before the Native Americans would rebel against this behavior from these strangers.

The U.S. government's policies towards Native Americans in the second half of the nineteenth century were motivated by the desire to expand westward into regions inhabited by these Native American tribal groups. By the 1850s almost all Native American tribes -- roughly 360,000 in number -- lived west of the Mississippi River. These Native American Indians, some from the Northwestern and Southeastern territories, were confined to Indian Territory situated in present day Oklahoma (The Trail of Tears), while the Kiowa and Comanche Native American tribes shared the territory of the Southern Plains.

The Sioux, Crow, and Blackfeet dominated the Northern Plains. These Native American groups experienced hardship as the steady stream of European immigrants coming into

Northeastern American cities pushed a stream of immigrants into the western lands already populated by these diverse groups of Indians.

So, there we have a short version of what our ancestors coming to America. There is so much more to this story, but we do not have the room to share it here as we have to get to the 4th of July 1776 timeframe, when we, too, declare our own independence from the King of England, Ole' King George. Let's just say, he was not a happy camper when he got that letter!

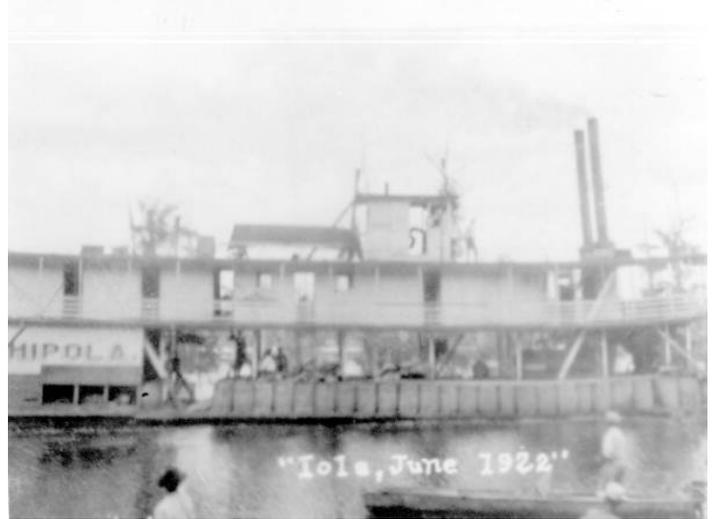
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A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

By Grandpa Tom

Fathers set the tone for the family, be it, Dad, Grandpa or Great Grandpa. Every household needs someone to make all feel safe and secure in their person as well as someone to look up to for good advice.

There was Father Abraham, Father Isaac, Father Jacob in the Biblical text. Leaders and yet followers of a much higher calling than a normal individual. Yes, they made mistakes and suffered, as did their children's children down the road in history. They were written about so we can learn from their errors, not repeat them. King David made many errors in judgment but his big success was loyalty to his Creator.

Each house has a mother and children that need daily attention. Now I know this is common practice in most of the world, as I have been to 22 nations thus far. But today, things seem to be out of norms.

When I was a teacher at Gulf Correctional Institution I studied my inmates as they departed the prison system. I noticed 91 percent of them in my classes had no father in the household for sure, and many had no mother as well. They all told me they ran rings around their grandmother or mother, leaving them and often getting into trouble with the Law. It was a sad thing to hear. Many were taught, and believed in Evolution (a proven falsehood in Court in 1911). This gave them the idea that they were nothing more than a higher thinking animal, and life and spirit was over at their physical death. They would never be held accountable after life was over. Dirt they came from and dirt they would return, never seeing daylight again. So what they did, didn't matter, they said.

No Creator to account to. No responsibilities to anyone. They had some strange ideas in their mind set. My job was to teach them how to stay out of prison, but I was told I gave them more than that. Many told me I truly was the only person in the prison system that loved them; a surprise to me.

I told them there was more to life than criminality. One man told me the Judge saved his life by putting him in prison. He nearly lost his life to drugs. He was clean and in very good health when he was my teacher's aide. He was a Christian and assisted me with Drug & Alcohol counseling.

We all must have mentors; leadership in life issues and spiritual leadership to grow into productive individuals, or we will think we are just a worm with no future and no accountability for our own actions.

No matter what you think or believe, in America, and in most nations, you will be held to a public standard and spend time and money to pay back your society for your criminal actions; so says the local Sheriff's Dept. and the local Judges.

Men need to know the chain of command in life, or they will lose hope and fail often. They must have responsibilities or they will feel like they are missing something. Direction and fatherly disciple is what a man looks to when all of sudden he is now

responsible for another person's life. Then even more when they must care for children, then later with old Mom and Dad when they too are old and tried to live alone.

Who do we turn to for good advice, someone with major addictions? Or personality disorders? A party hound? A criminal minded individual? Who? Shouldn't you look up to the Creator who made you, giving you good advice, and or, a father who looked up to the Creator and took his advice for a better life? Who? What does the wise man do? In your heart you know. TW

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Wewahitchka It's True meaning

By Tom Wynn Bee wants you to know... The true Creek Indian name, English translation for "Wewahitchka" means, "Place of many waters" or literally, "Water is here" as per the then sitting Creek Indian Chief, Alonso, when we questioned him about the name during an interview in the documentary I filmed, produced and directed, called: "Tupelo Honey & The Amazing World of Beekeeping". We filmed it in the 2002 honey season in Gulf county. Featuring our local beekeeper James E. "Jim" Rish and including other local beekeepers as well. Look for it on Youtube, enjoy!

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"I am [of the] opinion [that] we shall make something handsome by our own undertaking through time...nothing more than paradise." Samuel Hamilton Walker, Iola, Calhoun County (Gulf County today), West Florida, Feb. 16, 1837



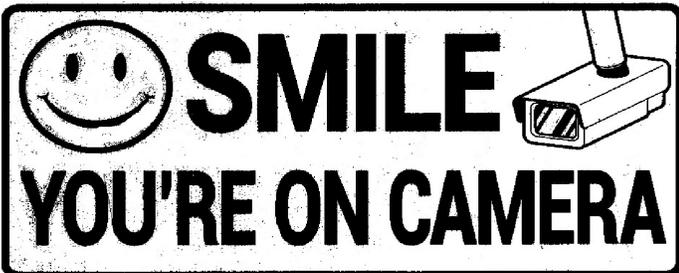
Sword Found by Mr. Donald Beatty on the Rivers Edge

By Tom Wynn

MYSTERY SOLVED- Mr. Donald Beatty called to report that he and his son Chase did further research on the very old sword that he found under a tree on the river's edge. They located information on the Internet discovering that his sword matched a sword from the Orient and was from the 1930's era. New mystery! How did it get in the Apalachicola River 6 feet under a tree on the river bank? Hmmm...that may remain a mystery forever.

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Remembering Preacher-
By Ann Johnson

The one thing I most
remember about Preacher

is he was always there. You might not see him, but he was always within a distance to keep an eye out on you or for you, whichever the case may be. It would be like you wouldn't see him and next thing you knew he had popped up out of nowhere. When I was growing up in Wewa, back in simpler times, we had plenty of rules but there usually was a little leeway for bending them. One of those bent rules was learning to drive. Daddy had taught me to drive on the farm with the old stick shift truck when I was about 9 or 10 years old.

Being too short to reach the pedal and brake, he rigged up a contraption to make it easier to stop and go. You see, daddy had cows at the farm and one of my jobs was to drive while daddy sat on the tailgate throwing out the pellets for the cows to eat.

Driving was the highlight of my trip to the farm especially if one of my friends was with me so I could show off my driving skills. Anyway, I really was a pretty good driver for as young as I was.

One day when I was about 12, I really wanted to drive the car to the Post Office to check the mail. The Post Office was only about 4 blocks from the house, but it was in the middle of town, in the building where the North Florida Child Development is today. Daddy wasn't in the habit of letting me drive in town by myself but after many days of begging, he decided to let me give it a try. My friend and I loaded up in the car and with my best driving effort, we headed for the Post Office. Just as we parked and started to get out, I looked up and there was Preacher parked right behind me. I just froze! We just sat there in the car pretending to be waiting on mother or daddy. In a few minutes Preacher pulled off and we jumped out and got the mail and went back home. Just as I was pulling into the yard I looked up and Preacher was in my rear view mirror. I had this awful sinking feeling but felt a small bit of relief to see daddy sitting on the porch. I parked the car and we ran to the porch and gave daddy the mail and keys. As we stood there, Preacher just kind of sauntered up to the porch to daddy and said, "Well Bobby, she did pretty good."

That was Preacher, I guess he was keeping an eye out on me or for me that day. He never gave me a talking too, but I never asked to drive to town again until I actually had my license. He just had a way as far as I could tell of keeping us straight without having to give a lot of lectures. That's just the way he was. AJ

A Little Wewa Humor

Written by Ed Bandjough, Editor and Publisher

The Gulf County Breeze, Single Copy \$0.08

Published June 21, 1956 Submitted by Tom Semmes

The Bear Story: There is a bear story making the rounds which must be told if for no other reason than that it just had to be told.

It concerns the heroics of many brave men of our town – but one in particular; plump-as-a-partridge, tobacco chewing, ever

helpful, soft-spoken, completely confident, and all-knowing John ("I love those school kids") Land.

At the Joe Whitfield apiary off the Overstreet Road, a bear trap had been set a few days back to catch the shaggy-haired mammal (not John Land) which, apparently was doing its surly best to get at the honey resting atop a twelve-foot-high anti-bear platform.

Monday morning the trap worked because when Mr. Joe Whitfield, in the company with Banker Dave Gaskin, visited the spot, no trap was in evidence. On the other hand, there was a churn of dirt and trampled grass and gravely injured palmetto plants, suggesting the direction in which the trap had gone with Mr. Bear, and the six-foot pine post to which it was hooked.

Rather than track a bear with an injured front paw (to say nothing of his pride) into the swamp, Joe and Dave decided to bring in the Sheriff's dogs to perform this little service. The dogs arrived, along with a curious tribe of human beings, including Floyd Lister, A. J. Connell, Amos Sumner, and John Land – all armed to the teeth.

The eager, ferocious dogs were given the scent first. They took that scent. They examined the scent carefully. A look of horror spread from their noses. They began shaking. They sat down to think this one over – carefully. They decided this was no time for a dog-like heroics, or any other kind for that matter.

They would not rise again, even though encouragement came from several size tens. Excepting one dog. This canine slunk back to the car and no amount of dragging or well-chosen words could bring him back out. "Nose cold," he pleaded.

By now, of course, it was discovered that the honey loving monster (not John, but the bear) was near at hand. He kept shaking the daylights out of the trees and shrubbery (he could not move on because the post to which the trap was attached had become lodged in tree trunks and under-brush).

Jack Connell and Amos Sumner were now given the scent. They stepped forward as near as they dared, leveled their firearms at the faintly visible spot of black fur and poured about six rounds where they figured it would do the most good. Euarctos Americanus stood up and growled with each increase of his lead weight. He finally sank, quite certain, in his own mind, that this turn of event was more than he could stand up to.

At that precise moment, a barrel resembling the business end of an Army burp gun appeared between the shoulders of Amos and Jack. John Land, chewing tobacco in one cheek and his tongue in the other, stood at the safe end of the barrel.

"Kaboom!" boomed the cannon. Smoke filled the trembling air. John non-chatantly lowered his cannon, spit brown juice on a helpless palmetto leaf, turned to the assemblage, and said quietly somewhat thusly: "Gentmin, thar's yore bar. Yore safe now." And John was right. When the prone critter was examined, he was no longer one of the living. But there is still a great deal of wonderment about whether the LAST shot was the one that sent Mr. Bear to bear heaven.

On the way back to the car, Sheriff Parker looked down on John Land, laughed, and wheezed: "John, you know, if it weren't for you, I honestly don't believe we would have gotten that bear" – or words to that effect. John spit on a second helpless palmetto. "Yep, I don't believe we would-a." he said – or words to that effect. Casualties for the day: One dead bear, two dead palmetto plants. There is no wonderment about who killed the palmetto plants. As an added note, you had to know these men, especially John, to really appreciate this bear story.

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(2) The Mayflower Compact was the first contract (blood cut covenant) on American soil. Our first governmental agreement.

By Tom Wynn

The Mayflower Compact



In the Name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc.,

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony: unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. *In witness whereof* we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod the *11 of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Ano. Dom. 1620.

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"God" and for the "Advancement of The Christian faith" is mentioned in this first Contract on American Soil between 42 Head of Households-Pilgrims who newly arrived on board a ship of hope of religious freedoms. "Virginia" was the name of all the Colonies in the beginning. Later they were divided up into 13 individual colonies, one being named Virginia as well. The King James Bible was newly published in 1611. A new English Bible for a New Country, the substance and source of our system of law and behavior, as well as the nation that we would become. TW

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(3) THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

“Action of Second Continental Congress, July 4, 1776 The Unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America When in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation. **We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed,** that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World. He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only. He has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures. He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People. He has refused for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within. He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent

to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers. He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries. He has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harrass our People, and eat out their Substance. He has kept among us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies, without the consent of our Legislatures. He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power. He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: For quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us: For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: For cutting off our Trade with all Parts of the World: For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury: For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences: For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies: For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever. He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People. He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation. He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions. In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People. Nor have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends. We, therefore, the Representatives of **the united States of America**, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly

Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. —And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor. Signed by ORDER and in BEHALF of the CONGRESS, John Hancock, President Attest.

Charles Thomson, Secretary

(All Other Signor not included due to space in this Issue)

(4) THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Due to Space available in The Wewa News we are unable to give the complete US Constitution here, but we include conversation about it here for your pleasure: The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the United States of America. This founding document, originally comprising seven articles, delineates the national frame of government. Its first three articles embody the doctrine of the separation of powers, whereby the federal government is divided into three branches: the legislative, consisting of the bicameral Congress (Article I); the executive, consisting of the president and subordinate officers (Article II); and the judicial, consisting of the Supreme Court and other federal courts (Article III). Article IV, Article V and Article VI embody concepts of federalism, describing the rights and responsibilities of state governments, the states in relationship to the federal government, and the shared process of constitutional amendment. **Article VII establishes the procedure subsequently used by the 13 States to ratify it. It is regarded as the oldest written and codified national constitution in force.** Since the Constitution came into force in 1789, it has been **amended** 27 times, including one amendment that repealed a previous one, in order to meet the needs of a nation that has profoundly changed since the 18th century. In general, the first ten amendments, known collectively as the **Bill of Rights**, offer specific protections of individual liberty and justice and place restrictions on the powers of government. The majority of the 17 later amendments expand individual civil rights protections. Others address issues related to federal authority or modify government processes and procedures. Amendments to the United States Constitution, unlike ones made to many constitutions worldwide, are appended to the document. All four pages of the original U.S. Constitution are written on **parchment**.

According to the United States Senate: "The Constitution's first three words—*We the People*—affirm that the government of the United States exists to serve its citizens. For over two centuries the Constitution has remained in force because its framers wisely separated and balanced governmental powers to safeguard the interests of majority rule and minority rights, of liberty and equality, and of the federal and state governments." The first permanent constitution, it is interpreted, supplemented, and implemented by a large body of federal constitutional law, and has influenced the constitutions of other nations." **Wikipedia**

(5) OATH OF OFFICE- What people should say...

5 U.S. Code § 3331. Oath of office. **An individual**, except the President, elected or appointed to an office of honor or profit in the civil service or uniformed services, shall take the following oath: **"I, AB (your full name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of ..."** Note: The President says a different oath of office.

(6) OUR BELOVED SYMBOL OF FREEDOM IN THE

WORLD-THE AMERICA FLAG For your Knowledge-You wanted to know can you burn a USA Flag or what is the laws concerning the proper use of our beloved flag and how to properly respect what it represents, See the US Code on the subject below, see for yourself:

United States Code Title 4 Chapter 1-The Flag

§1. Flag; stripes and stars on The flag of the United States shall be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; and the union of the flag shall be forty-eight stars [Note that section 2 which follows provides for additional stars. Today the flag has fifty stars representing the fifty states], white in a blue field.

§2. Same; additional stars On the admission of a new State into the Union one star shall be added to the union of the flag; and such addition shall take effect on the fourth day of July then next succeeding such admission.

§3. Use of flag for advertising purposes; mutilation of flag **Any person who, within the District of Columbia,** in any manner, for exhibition or display, shall place or cause to be placed any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing, or any advertisement of any nature upon any flag, standard, colors, or ensign of the United States of America; or shall expose or cause to be exposed to public view any such flag, standard, colors, or ensign upon which shall have been printed, painted, or otherwise placed, or to which shall be attached, appended, affixed, or annexed any word, figure, mark, picture, design, or drawing, or any advertisement of any nature; or who, within the District of Columbia, shall manufacture, sell, expose for sale, or to public view, or give away or have in possession for sale, or to be given away or for use for any purpose, any article or substance being an article of merchandise, or a receptacle for merchandise or article or thing for carrying or transporting merchandise, upon which shall have been printed, painted, attached, or otherwise placed a representation of any such flag, standard, colors, or ensign, to advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish the article or substance on which so placed **shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court.** The words "flag, standard, colors, or ensign", as used herein, shall include any flag, standard, colors, ensign, or any picture or representation of either, or of any part or parts of either, made of any substance or represented on any substance, of any size evidently purporting to be either of said flag, standard, colors, or ensign of the United States of America or a picture or a representation of either, upon which shall be shown the colors, the stars and the stripes, in any number of either thereof, or of any part or parts of either, by which the average person seeing

the same without deliberation may believe the same to represent the flag, colors, standard, or ensign of the United States of America.

§4. Pledge of allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery
The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag: “**I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**”, should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

§5. Display and use of flag by civilians; codification of rules and customs; definition
The following codification of existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the flag of the United States of America be, and it is hereby, established for the use of such civilians or civilian groups or organizations as may not be required to conform with regulations promulgated by one or more executive departments of the Government of the United States. The flag of the United States for the purpose of this chapter shall be defined according to title 4, United States Code, Chapter 1, Section 1 and Section 2 and issued pursuant thereto.

§6. Time and occasions for display *It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open.* However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

- The flag should be ... (Remove most of Section 7 do to space available in this issue)

§8. Respect for flag

No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, State flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor.

- The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
- The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of the platform, and for decoration in general.
- The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.
- The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

- The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown.
- No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

- The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. §9. This section removed to leave room for section 10 below:

§10. Modification of rules and customs by President
Any rule or custom pertaining to the display of the flag of the United States of America, set forth herein, may be altered, modified, or repealed, or additional rules with respect thereto may be prescribed, by the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, whenever he deems it to be appropriate or desirable; and any such alteration or additional rule shall be set forth in a proclamation.

When questions arise on how to properly display the American Flag, the United States flag code is the one source created by our government to consult. While there is no punishment for violating the flag code, please remember that no disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America. It represents the men and women that went to war to protect our Liberties, our nation and our families. God Bless America! TW

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(7) JAMES MADISON QUOTES WILL SHOCK YOU, AS YOU APPLY THEM TO OUR GOVERNMENT TODAY...See for yourself! Tom Wynn

“There are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.” – **James Madison**

“History records that the money changers have used every form of abuse, intrigue, deceit, and violent means possible to maintain their control over governments by controlling money and its issuance.” – **James Madison**

“The purpose of the Constitution is to restrict the majority’s ability to harm a minority.” – **James Madison**

“If our nation is ever taken over, it will be taken over from within.” – **James Madison**

(8) FREEDOM IS OUR LEGACY FROM OUR FOREFATHERS

By Tom Wynn

Quotes from our forefathers are so important to their legacy and to ours, that we need to remind ourselves of them in order to keep their dream alive today and onto tomorrow.

We were conceived as a nation firstly in their own minds, then together on paper, and finally in shed blood. Freedom was worth fighting for, thus they manned the guns and swords to get their freedoms and justice for all. The concept of freedom was so important to them and to their families, their future grand-children, they had to express it through paper, then action.

The world could see how important freedoms are to mankind and to their Creator through their actions, setting this land free took many lives. And in order to keep it, we must continue to require our government officials to honor their oath of office. As “WE THE PEOPLE” can and do replace them with individuals that can keep their oath of office as promised, if they fail to do so, they too can be replaced.

Our Legal Notice to the King of England still stands today a active and powerful document, called, “The Declaration of Independence”. We use it to remind us of how important it was to our forefathers, and how they worried over losing our freedoms, if not honored continually by future generations. We depend on it to keep us free and open to freedoms most of the world only dreams about.

It became the foundation of our young nation. We must continue to embrace every word in order to grow and remain a beacon of true freedom of expression, human rights and to have good government. If freedom of expression, freedom of religion, freedom of press, freedom to pursuit happiness wasn’t important to them, then pray tell me, why did our great grandfathers risk treason of the first degree; death to themselves and to their families? Freedom was very important to them. Folks, let’s not lose it by consent via-a-pen.

Be watchful of who you put in office, what you sign and who you conduct business with. Let Freedom continue to ring in our hearts and minds. Pray for America! Peace to you and yours, Happy 4th of July. Tom Wynn July 2021

With the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620, four hundred years ago, Christian Government becomes the foundation stone of the United States of America. Psalms 118:22 Matthew 21:42 TW

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WEWAHITCHKA'S NEW FOUND ARTIST GIVES INTERVIEW TO THE WEWA NEWS!

By Tom Wynn

Ms. Sharron Totter, a life long Pottery Maker lives in Wewa. She spends most of her time making her artwork piece by piece.

She makes each flower, shell, coral etc herself, even the molds are designed and made to her perfection. She custom designs each piece to her glory. Her hands and fingers shape each coffee cup, dish and all the little pieces that give her artwork that beach look.

Filled with shells, and little sea crabs, fish etc. they are placed by her hand, then shaped as her heart leads her. Every clam is set just right



before she fires the pieces in a large oven, specially designed for potters, like herself.

She spends approximately one month on each batch before shipping a large box off to two art galleries, Wendy's Patrick Designs in Port St. Joe on Reid Ave. and Rivers Edge in Apalachicola. Sorry to say, at this time she does not have a place to sell her artwork in Wewa.

Sharron began making pottery 45 years ago in her high school years and worked for a Pottery company in California, where she lived. She started out painting pottery art and later started her own business designing and making pottery herself. It has become a passion for her. She works very hard to make her masterpieces, paying attention to every detail in her artwork. So if you have the time, go see her work and pickup a well designed and thoughtful handcrafted mug or other item she has lovingly made with her own hands. A gifted Artisan is she!



HEAR YE, HEAR YE, ALL VETERANS IN FLORIDA! THE STATE HAS EXEMPTIONS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS! CHECK IT OUT!

Florida Property Tax Exemptions and Discounts for Service Members, Disabled Veterans Spouses and Surviving Spouses: Florida offers property tax exemptions or discounts for resident Service members, honorably discharged Disabled Veterans and unremarried Surviving Spouses.

War Time Veteran Disabled 10% or More Property Tax Discount: Veterans that have a combat related disability of 10% or more are eligible for up to a \$5,000 discount on their homestead property taxes. The discount is equal to the Veteran's VA disability percentage. Surviving Spouses can receive the discount as long as they do not remarry. If the Surviving Spouse sells the property, they are only eligible for a discount up to the amount they received on their previous property. Use [Florida Department of Revenue, Application for Homestead and Related Tax Exemptions Form DR-501](#) to apply. [FS 196.081, 196.082](#)

Veterans with Service-Connected, Total and Permanent Disability or Confined to a Wheelchair Property Tax Exemption: Veterans with a service-connected total and permanent disability, or are confined to a wheelchair are eligible for a total exemption from property taxes on their homesteads. Surviving Spouses can receive the exemption as long as they do not remarry. If the Surviving Spouse sells the property, they are only eligible for an exemption up to the amount they received on their previous property. Use [Florida Department of Revenue, Application for Homestead and Related Tax Exemptions Form DR-501](#) to apply. [FS 196.08, 196.091](#)

Disabled Veteran, age 65 and Older Property Tax Discount: Veterans 65 or older that have a service-connected, permanent, partial disability can receive a discount on the assessed value of their homesteads. The discount is a percentage equal to the percentage of the Veteran's disability. Surviving Spouses can receive the discount as long as they do not remarry. If the Surviving Spouse sells the property, they are only eligible for a discount up to the amount they received on their previous property. Use [Florida Department of Revenue, Application for Homestead and Related Tax Exemptions Form DR-501](#) to apply. [FS 196.082](#)

Deployed Military Property Tax Exemption: A Service member or former Service member of an active or reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces may receive an exemption if they were deployed during the previous calendar year. The deployment must have been outside the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii and in support of a main or subordinate military operation designated by the Florida Legislature. The percent of the taxable value that is exempt is equal to the percent of time during the previous year that the Service member was deployed. Use [Florida Department of Revenue, Deployed Military Exemption Application Form DR-501M](#) to apply. [FS 196.173](#)

Surviving Spouse of Service Members Killed on Active Duty Property Tax Exemption: The Surviving Spouse of a resident Service member who died from service-connected causes while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces is exempt from taxes on their homestead. Use [Florida Department of Revenue, Application for Homestead and Related Tax Exemptions Form DR-501](#) to apply. [FS 196.081](#)

Those eligible for these exemptions may apply before they receive the necessary documentation from the U.S. Government or the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). After the property appraiser receives the documentation, the exemption will be effective as of the date of the original application. Service members that are eligible for an exemption or discount are authorized to have their next of kin file if they are unable to apply due to their military service. [FS 196.071](#)

Please see the [Florida Department of Revenue. How to Apply for a Refund brochure](#) for more information.

[Florida Department of Revenue. County Property Appraiser Directory](#) Learn more about [Florida Property Tax Exemptions and Discounts for Service Members, Disabled Veterans Spouses and Surviving Spouses](#). Florida Local Business Tax Exemption for Veterans, Spouses of Veterans and Service Members: Veterans, Spouses of Veterans and certain Service members, are eligible for an exemption from business tax and any fees imposed under the [Florida Business Tax Statutes, Chapter 205](#).

Who is eligible for the Florida Local Business Tax Exemption for Veterans, Spouses of Veterans and Certain Service Members? The following are eligible for the exemption: Honorably discharged Veterans of the U.S Armed Forces, the Spouse or unremarried Surviving Spouse an eligible Veteran. The Spouse of an active duty Service member who has relocated to the county or municipality due to a permanent change of station order.

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“CLEAN UP! FIX UP! HELP THE CITY CLEAN UP”[©]
By Tom Wynn

Wewa has seen some bad times over the past several years, with Hurricane Michael blazing through, a Tornado tearing into some households, two house fires, remains of Michael sitting around not being cleaned up for whatever reason. Looking more into what we can do to “Lift Up Wewa”, not getting us back to where we were, but to make us better and cleaner and sweeter, I continue my effort to get help, where ever possible. I’ve continue researching for ways to get help and pass that along to you via the **“The Wewa News”**. So here is yet another idea for you. **Sarah at Haddocks Metal Recycling** is waiting on your call for them to help you get rid of old metal things, Stoves, Ref. Rims, just about anything metal. They will come to your home and remove it for you AT NO COST TO YOU! So it this helps here is her number: **229-344-6285**

MEXICAN FOOD TRUCK IS COMING TO WEWA SOON!

Mr. “Gage” Rudy Gaskin is a young man with big dreams to feed The Sweet City of Wewa with the best Mexican Food he can muster up! He will open a brand new food truck on the corner of Chipola Ave. and 2nd Street as soon as his paperwork is completed. He promised me some of the best tasting Tacos and other great Mexican dishes when he opens to the public. He is hard at work getting the lot ready for customers, including a rocked driveway and picnic tables. So be watching for his grand opening Folks! Be watching for yet another surprise about his plans in the next issue of **“The Wewa News”**! Lets just say, YUMMY!!



Photo Courtesy of Mrs. Tracy Wynn Jackson
HOUSE FIRE-BLUE GATOR
EVERYONE GOT OUT- SAFE!

By Tom Wynn

My daughter, Mrs. Tracy Jackson, and my son, Chris Wynn, happened to be driving down Jehu Road (aka Blue Gator) when they came up on this house fire. She snapped this picture (she is a professional Photographer) as the 4 young men came out crying and hugging, shirt less from the inferno. They were using their Tee Shirts to try and put the flames out. As they were fighting the flames for several minutes they noticed they could not see anymore and the flames had gone into the roof area.

Their effort was now fruitless.

Tyreek Thomas, age 20 of Wewa, had just came in the house when the stove went up in flames. He stated to me in an interview that the flames where taller then he was, and he is 6 feet 4 inches tall (he will soon head to College under a Football Scholarship). One young man was asleep in a back bedroom when he woke to all the noise (thankfully). They fought the fire but the smoke was too thick to see. The flames had reached the ceiling Tyreek said, so they knew it was too late for them to do anymore. He had cut his right arm by breaking a window to let out the smoke so they could see to fight the fire. He was the only one hurt with a cut on his arm, near the elbow. Off to the hospital he went, several stitches took care of his 2 inch cut.

Treston, one of the young men, was cooking bacon when the grease fire developed in the stove.

All came out safe and the local Fire Departments put the fire out (Thank The Lord for our Volunteer Fire Departments). No reported injuries with the exception of Tyreek’s cut on his arm.

The family lost everything and are now living at various relatives homes. Please pray for them.

Let me say this: "Learn from the best, avoid their errors, work together, love together, laugh together, remember together, and remember to rest together.

Life is just a vapor. Be of good cheer, Life is more than a box of Chocolates; it is up to you to make the best of it. Live it, love it and if possible, enjoy it! Seek what is good in life, and keep good company. Help when you can, give as often as you are able. Be the first to love others, love those in need, it maybe you someday, that is in need."

Tom Wynn :)

Local Church has AA meetings

By Jodi Thibodeau Rustin

Are you struggling with addictions? Wewa has an AA group that meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 7 PM CST at the First United Methodist church in town, right on 71 downtown, next door to Dr. Lister's office (our local Dentist). This group has helped many people change their lives. There is hope! **JR**

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WEWA?

Do a little Research...Home of the best tasting honey in the world,Tupelo Honey. Home to the Famous Dead Lakes-Fishing Galore!

For those that didn't know, Wewa has grown at a rate of over 20.5 percent in the past 21 years. Wewa is the 7,365th largest city in the United States. The current population of Wewa is 2,133 which is at its peak to date. Wewa people love one another, and many folks return to Wewa after many years of being away, to retire to the "Good Life" of peace and joy.

Wewa is known as "God's Country" or God's County because it is plumb full of the sweetest honeys, fresh water, fruit and veggies, great fishing, hunting, milk, gardening, and fresh air every morning at breakfast (because the many trees clean the air during the night).

In case you forgot! 45 min. to I-10, 8-11 hour drive to the mountains, 5.5 hours to Atlanta, 5.5 to Orlando, Disney World, etc. Just 4 hours away, Cruise ship in Mobile. 25 minutes to the lovely Port St. Joseph. 25 minutes to Panama City. 25 minutes to the sugar white beaches of Mexico beach and St. Joe beach. The water is warm, the restaurants are open, the golf carts are everywhere, gotta love the place! We honor our American Flag, our Veterans and we respect our Monuments. Best of all...The people that live here, love another other. Tom Wynn

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The Beautiful view off the West Arm Bridge In Wewahitchka Florida 20 years ago!

The West Arm refers to the west arm of the Chipola River that flows from northern parts of Florida through Blountstown to the famous dead lakes in Wewahitchka. "The Dead Lakes" is a wide spot in the Chipola River making a beautiful Cypress swamp, as you can see in this photo above. The Dead lakes is the home of the very famous and rare Tupelo honey.

During the "War between the States", also known as the "Civil War", by some historians (Yankees), the confederate soldiers sawed down hundreds of Cypress trees to deter the Northern army from bringing their ships and boats into the Dead Lakes area. The tree trunks rested on the bottom of the swamp. This is why there are so many Cypress stumps in the region. The trees sank to the bottom and are now more valuable then ever. They are called, "Deadhead Cypress" today. Cypress wood never rots and is very beautiful. After so many years under the water it becomes very dark and rich in color.

The State of Florida put a ban on harvesting the Deadhead Cypress from the swamps on public lands, causing the price of Deadhead wood to skyrocket in price back several years ago. The state then offered licensing to those that wanted to continue harvesting the wood from the bottom of the lakes. The wood on the bottom is not naturally there, and thus removal by the Deadheaders, is a service to the lakes (my opinion of course). A specially designed boat is needed to retrieve the tree trunks. Deadheading has become a small industry in the Panhandle and in central Florida over the years.

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Call: 850-867-5970.

Listed below are societies in Gulf County. For state-wide genealogical societies, see [Florida Societies: Gulf Co.](#) Genealogical Society PO Box 541 Port St. Joe FL 32457; Wewahitchka Historical Society(no address as of yet); Florida Historical Society 435 Brevard Ave. Cocoa FL 32922; Phone: 321-690-1971, P.O. Box 940927 Maitland, FL 32794-0927 Phone: 407-494-3747

NOTICES

GFWC Is selling Bricks for The Veteran's Park at Lake Alice. Price is \$56 for each Veteran brick and that includes the name of the Veteran, rank and service emblem they serviced in. Mail all information and check to P.O. Box 94 Wewahitchka, Florida 32465. Make check payable to: GRWC Wewahitchka Woman's Club. Local Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Contact Patty Fisher @ 850-832-9436 or President Laura Baxley @

850-819-5827. Ms. Peggy Causey is selling a 1875 commemorative plate with most of the City of Wewa's old land marks on it. It is a great piece of history. The cost is \$20 and is a fund raiser for the Woman's Club. Check it out at Fisher's Building Supply.

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