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NOVEMBER CITY MEETING COUNCIL MEETING – HOPPING MAD!

by Tom Wynn



The City of Wewahitchka Council voted 5 to 0 approving to have a meeting with the Contractor and his bonding company on site at the new fire station. The mayor as well as the entire Wewahitchka Commission all agreed the quality of the fire house construction is subpar. They questioned Mr. Jack Husband for his concerns as he too had many. He agreed with the council that something had to be done and done quickly.

Mayor Phil Gaskin used a colorful word to describe the work quality of the site. I am being nice here folks! He was very saddened to have to use such wording, but it just was fitting for what the commission was seeing at the site of construction. From the concrete to the steel work, to the brick already laid, the quality and errors were just not acceptable to them (keep in mind, these men have been in the contracting and construction business most of their lives). The work thus far, being below standards, may have to be redone, one commissioner pointed out. They all agreed, including the city lawyer, that something had to be done. Ms. Rachel, our city clerk, pointed out that Wewa had until April 2022 to finish the project or be subject to losing the money from FEMA. We are on a deadline, folks!

Tom Wynn spoke up with a question concerning the possibility of someone inspecting the work who has experience with this type of construction (asked in the hopes that Mr. Ralph Fisher would volunteer). Before anyone else could speak up, the mayor quickly said that Mr. Fisher was able to do that inspection, as he had many years' experience building such structures. Mr. Fisher agreed.

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The city lawyer was asked about contacting the bonding company on this matter and she agreed that would be a good idea. Later they voted to have a meeting with the contractor and the bonding company on-site and then a city meeting a few hours later to decide what would happen next. This is a very important matter to the City of Wewa, and to our commissioners.

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WEWAHITCHKA HISTORICAL GROUP SELLS AFGHANS FOR FUNDRAISER

by Diane Semmes

The Wewahitchka Historical Group held its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6:00 PM at the Corner Café. We had a large group with several new people attending and becoming members. President Ann Johnson opened the meeting and greeted attendees. Dianne Semmes, Secretary, read the October minutes.

A discussion was held concerning amendment to member's annual dues. The cost of dues for a family is now \$50, and individual dues is now \$30. Anyone over the age of 90 is free.

Our group had ordered Afghans to sell for a fundraiser. We have already sold out but we're hoping to reorder. The Afghans are \$40 and come in four colors – cranberry, pewter, blue, and green. If we're able to buy more, we will let the public know.

A discussion was held concerning t-shirts for the group. Several people are doing research on this project and hopefully we'll have group t-shirts soon.

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(Afghan – Continued on page 10)

THE WEWA WOMAN'S CLUB WORKS TOWARD VET PROJECT COMPLETION

by Tom Wynn

Many of the Veteran's bricks have been laid directly under the flag poles in front of Lake Alice Park. The project has begun, and the workmanship was well done by the contractor's crew. Best I can tell, everyone is well pleased with the results. Come by and see, look for those that you may know. Please contact Laura Baxley at 850-819-5827 if you can help with donations or if you would like to buy a brick for a Vet you know. Laura said the Veteran does not have to be from Wewa or live in the area. So come join in and celebrate with us as they place bricks for more veterans of our great country under the flags. I know for sure the Veterans are happy to see this project come to fruition. The Woman's Club worked so hard create the project, well done!

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PASTOR CAROL WOOD NEEDS HELP!

by Ann Johnson



Carol Wood at the Presbyterian Church needs help next week with cleaning and restoring the bricks from the church. She said that one of the contractors said the bricks can be used to build new steps into the church, and that he would show her how to best break them apart to preserve the bricks. She will get with him and figure out a time to gather a few volunteers to help. This will be a good community effort, and a nice photo op for those involved in the Historical Group and for those that wish to take part in the restoration project for those that love the old church. Please contact me, Ann Johnson on Facebook or at the Corner Café to let us know if you are willing to help. Thank you! AJ

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BURGER KING IS WELL ON IT'S WAY!

Completion Date...Hmmm? –Tom Wynn

Our brand-new Burger King is well on its way to becoming a new fast-food restaurant on Main Street and Chipola Ave in downtown Wewahitchka. I spoke to the contractor as he was digging the retention pond, teasing him about making it deep enough for me to fish in when no one was looking. He and I had a big laugh and so he agreed to see what he could do. I asked him when he thought the project would be ready to serve up a few Whoppers. He said in about 5 months. I then asked how he knew that, and he said, because I have already built two just like this one. Oh Yea! I will be able to walk for a Whopper instead of driving 22 to 30 miles for a fresh Whopper, and I will be able to keep my money local. So, save your pennies over the next several months and be ready for a hot Whopper folks! Since I was a boy at age 10, my father bought me my first one in 1965. It was so big, he had it cut in half. I keep that as a tradition, even to this day. I think the price then was 25 cents for a Whopper. TW

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by Joyelle Linton – The Wewa Librarian**



Visit our local library and check out all we have to offer. The library will be displaying our newly purchased books on Florida history and genealogy, donated Wewahitchka High School yearbooks, and collected Gulf County Breeze newspapers as well as The Wewa News newspapers is archived. Residents can enjoy available artifacts currently on display at the library. Local photographs and old maps and such that have been collected, thus far. If you have not recently visited the library, we have purchased a collection of 10 framed prints representing Wewahitchka’ history from the Florida Memory website.

We are extremely excited about our collaboration with the University of Florida Digital Newspaper Library. A deadline has been set for October 15 for the final collection of the Gulf County Breeze (we have all of the old and new Wewa News newspapers on the shelf). Please contact the library for more information on the years and issues needed. The Gulf County Breeze newspaper was published from 1925-2013 but has never been digitized. Once digitized, anyone will be able to access the University of Florida website and access all the historic information they contain.

Beginning in September we began our Seed Library. It is off to a great start! Each person may receive 5 packs of seeds per month with their library card. There are vegetables and wildflowers with the addition of herbs in the spring. This is a collaboration with the library, University of Florida Agricultural Extension office, and the Port St. Joe Garden Club. Our library is currently open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9-5 CT. **JL**

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BLAST FROM THE WEWA PAST!

The Lord Pleases Everyone
Gulf County Breeze, Edward Bandjough
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Submitted by Tom Semmes

You know, the Lord has an awful time of it if He tried to please everyone at the same time. Why, a little town like Wewa would give Him fits in no time at all. Take the recent rains, as an example. A little too much rain keeps the pulpwooders out of those choice low spots. He swears the Lord just doesn't love him. But the same rain waters gardens, some just right, some too much, depending on what you've planted. Here, again the Lord brings displeasure upon his people. Because of this rain (which everyone just the day before had been crying for with great fervor) the riverbanks begin to disappear as the water rises. Ah, this is good! It will improve the fishing, stabilize the water table, nourish the sapling, fill up the ponds. Ah, the Lord is treating us mighty fine!

But wait a minute, the water, rising like it is, if it does not stop, it will overrun the islands, and the cattle grazing thereon will surely drown – Unless they are removed to higher ground. Oh, the work of it all! The Lord surely can try a man's patience. Why does He make it so wet! Why can't we have a dry spell for a change!

So, the Lord, always anxious to please the finest example of his handiwork, blots up the area and sends the rain clouds everywhere, knowing full well that shortly, the finest example of his handiwork will give way to grumbling about how it never rains anymore and why is the Lord so down on everyone. But the Lord has infinite patience, and tolerance. And above all else, He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows we're always wanting what we don't have, and He hopes, one day to catch us wanting something like the urge to get to Heaven or to purify our souls. I think that's why He hangs around so much, catering to our whims; He doesn't want to be too far away if we get to wanting something He's good at. TS

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by Tom Wynn

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There is more, but this should get you started. Get HOT! Save our national and local treasures while we still can. True power is in "We the People." TW



WEWAHITCHKA IS THE PLACE TO REST AND FISH >>> A LOT!

Thank you all who support *The Wewa News!* Please read and enjoy while we have the time. Live good and be of good cheer for the time may be short and our new era of government and society has come to a point of no return. So, make the best of it while we still have time to love one another, and do good things for each other as often as we are able. Tom Wynn – Publisher of the Wewa News. God Speed!

WORDS OF WISDOM

By Grandpa Tom

This time of year, we take a moment to give thanks to our Creator for his love, forgiveness and blessings, we call it "Thanksgiving" here in Wewahitchka, God's Country, USA."

Thank you, my friends and family, for being a loving and caring Community, you are the best of the best, hands down! Your labors and your love for one another is duly noticed and praised here and elsewhere. Love You!!

This year I thank him for his patience with us in America. We need love, patience, forgiveness and forbearance. Why may you ask? Because we have been hit with nationwide disease, national unrest, political division beyond our normal levels, foreign meddling in our affairs and on and on... "What is on my mind, hmm..."

This thought came to me, as an American Veteran, this all breaks my heart to see us so divided, as a nation. Our "Adversary" loves to see the infighting while they go behind our backs and slip our wallets out of our pockets. Everything in this world is about Money and the Love of it in the endgame.

Be careful what you say or do to your brother or sister Americans, we should never let the bully, our Adversaries, get the upper hand over us. We may differ on things, but we must be of but one mindset...We are Americans first, and Lovers of Freedom and self-Rule.

An unknown author once wrote, "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

It is "Our Community" that makes us strong and loving. It is our job to protect what our Grandparents left us, a Free Nation, Freedom to think and express our thoughts without fear in a peaceful manner.

Please pray that we can overcome, our nature, like The Bible tells us to do, 19 times in the New Testament. It says we must become "Overcomers." Can we help one another do that?

When we feel sad, remember who you are, the Son or Daughter of The Most High, look up and see what your Daddy owns, I never get bored looking at Stars on a dark clear night, with the seas dead clam, especially on the Equator and the International Dateline at the same time, Wow!

Rise up and be all you can be, plan your day and live it to the fullest, for tomorrow may never come for you.

Break traditions of men and take on the traditions of Christ.

He first loved you, before you even knew of him, he kissed your forehead in the womb, and marked you as his own, before you took your first breath.

Take a moment and be mindful of the one next to you, in Subway or IGA or Wally world. Speak to strangers, wish them well, smile occasionally, for heaven sakes and for your own.

Think today, "who can I forgive today of a wrong done to me in the past? Then forgive that person in your heart, and free yourself of that pain. Be thankful for what you have and for what you don't have.

Bring joy to someone, tell them a joke and watch them laugh and feel good for a moment with you.

Time runs down like water down a waterfall, it never comes back up for a second run.

Look around you, are you not blessed today with someone or because of someone? Tell your friend and your family member, I love you! And mean it! Do it today, I know it will come to a shock to them but do it anyhow.

Forgive yourself, the hardest thing in the world for a human to do. Praise Him daily for what breath you took in today, now breath it out with something loving to say.

If someone comes to mind, pray for them at that moment, call them if the need to do so is strong, they will find it a joyful experience, in most cases. Pray over them, worry over them, we were made to do that. Care about something or someone you love... Express it! They are holding their breath! Move! Do it, say it! You will be happy you did later.

Make a friend and keep them forever.

Listen to the old man or woman, they are speaking from experience, they have the gray hair to prove it. Wisdom is the proper use of knowledge. Let them share their stories, or you may regret it later, when they are dead and gone.

Stop! Can you hear life about you? Jump in while you still can, the gray hair is a sign you made it! Enjoy the moment.

"Do not reject peace when the opportunity knocks, it may never be offered again."

Brother Tom Wynn Jr. 1 Dec. 2021

Wewahitchka, Its True Meaning

by Tom Wynn

The true Creek Indian name, English translation for "Wewahitchka" means, "Place of many waters" or "Water is here" according to 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 during the 2002 Tupelo honey season in Gulf County and it featured our local beekeeper James E. "Jim" Rish. The video has been published on YouTube by me. TW

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What does the word "*sozo*" Mean?

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Here are some scriptures to study and meditate on:

Salvation: "That if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you shall be saved (*sozo*)." Romans 10:9

Healing: "But Jesus turning and seeing her said 'Daughter take courage your faith has made you well (*sozo*)' and at once the woman was made well (*sozo*)." Matthew 9:22

Deliverance: "And those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was demon possessed had been made well (*sozo*)." Luke 8:36

And now you know that much more... I love to learn a new word as often as I can. Enjoy! **TW**

CHRISTMAS AT THE COURTHOUSE

by Ann Johnson

"Save Old Gulf County Coalition" is gearing up to host our 2nd Annual Christmas at the Courthouse event on the night of the Wewa Christmas parade, December 18, 2021. Our first event was an enormous success, and we hope to build on this by adding new booths from local groups and organizations. We are looking for clubs and other groups who may want to do a fundraising event. We also would love to have anyone who would like to offer any free services or hand out information to the community to participate with us.

These groups will be back with us this year: S.W.A.T. will be handing out information and lots of goodies, the National Art Honor Society will be helping the children with painting and ornament making, and Project Graduation will be back with a food booth.

We will also have the Wewahitchka Historical Group selling Afghans with our local history on them, the Wewahitchka Library will possibly be selling Christmas ornaments displaying the old courthouse and the Famous Dead Lakes.

If you have a group willing to join us this year, contact Ann Johnson (850) 867-5970 or Jodi Rustin (229) 310-0936 with "Save Old Gulf County Coalition" for more information. **AJ**

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TEAM CHIPOLA STARTS NEW Wewa TRADITION-TURKEY DAY WITH NEIGHBORS By Tom Wynn



TEAM CHIPOLA STARTS A NEW TRADITION

The Monday before Thanksgiving, most of the neighbors on Chipola Ave in Wewahitchka came together to celebrate the love for each other as neighbors and friends. Some could not come due to work schedules; but most made it to the festivities. We had a blast and enjoyed each other's food and time. The music of Greg Wood, a local Singer and Guitarist, was available for the group. We enjoyed the fun and food so much that we are planning another event in the Spring. We are thinking barbeque!

This new tradition for our street will bring us boundless joy and fun as we have been like family for so many years now. We do our best to practice what we preach in Wewa. We love one another and show that to one another as often as we come together. Consider starting your own street Turkey Day with Neighbors next Thanksgiving or do one next Spring. Maybe a Fish Fry! Hmm... **TW**

Fire House (From Page 1)

Many Wewahitchkans also voiced their concerns as I traveled around town and visited with my customers. Everyone was happy to see the construction finally start up but was not happy with the delays and lack of movement of construction over so many months. This lack of movement had become a point of contention with the city commission and the public. Poor responses and lack of concern over giving the city the proper paperwork as required by the contract did not help either.

The mayor and the commissioners worked their way through each concern of those commissioners with something to say, then they all agreed that something needed to be done fast.

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“Who Am I?”



So, we have come to understand that I know something about Wewa. I have named names like John Henry, Miss Jessie, George Harold, Clayton Gene, Sadie and May Hellen. Oh, but these are old names that could be pulled from anywhere. Ok I agree so Vernell is the oldest child of George. Jessie Armstrong was the son of Harold. Mable Ward is the daughter of May Hellen, and the preacher Gene Armstrong is the son of Gene.

I did not know Sadie's kids but they Live in Bristol Fl. Yes, and my mom put it to me in the 1980's after I had met this pretty young gal and brought her home to meet my mom (Roxie Roney) and got the family run down for the 12 th time. Son you cannot find a girl from Wewa because you are kin to all of Wewa.

So, who am I? My name is Calvin Roney oldest son Of Roxie Pearl Armstrong Roney daughter to George Washington Armstrong son Of John Henry Armstrong. This is who I am and how I know about Wewa.

I met Tom Wynn about three Months ago and as we talked, he asked me to put all this information to paper and send it to him. He had been looking for someone who knew the Armstrong's so he could put it in his newspaper. This has started a new chapter in my life and a way to honor the Armstrong and Weeks family. It is also a way to tell about my Grand paw George who was a great part of my life and taught me many things thru my life. Somewhere good and somewhere bad but, all that he is what helped make me. I will always be proud to tell his story to anyone who will listen. CR

A SLICE OF HISTORY

Who was the original Whitfield

Robert Lawson Whitfield was the original Whitfield in the Wewa area. He married the widow of Samuel Burgess (Burgess Creek/Landing). Robert and Alvenia Jones (Burgess) had a daughter, Josephine and then two boys. Robert Lee and Joesph Weldon. Robert later moved to Honeyville (Old Fort Place which was abandoned at the time) and married Elizabeth Rhames, he had 3 more children. Later, still he settled in Wewahitchka. **Note:** David Taunton is the source of this information-Gulf Co. Breeze Feb. 4, 2002 TW

Proverbs 18:24

TOM WYNN RELEASES HIS BOOK TO THE PUBLIC IN CELEBRATION OF VETERANS DAY!

“The Rescue of a Lifetime!” by AECS Tom Wynn Jr. On bookshelves at Ace Hardware in Wewa and at The No Name Book Store on Reid Ave. in Port St. Joe.



Left: CG1426 as it sits on the back of a Coast Guard Cutter in 1979. Photo by LTJG Chris Kilgore, Pilot.

Right: Hanging from the Smithsonian in 2016. Photo by AECS Tom Wynn Jr., Air Crewman

The Smithsonian Institute was glad to finally get and accept the newly restored, to its former glory, the HH52A Helicopter CG 1426 called, “Sea Guard.” Its greatest fame of all came in the early morning hour of 5 am at Air Station Houston Texas on 1 November 1979.

I was standing SAR (search and rescue) air crewmen that night. That chilly morning in 1979 at 5:05 am we got the call. We were in the air in 7 minutes, a world record. We responded within 7 minutes into the air (don’t ask me how, but my crew told me, I claimed into the helo half-dressed and barefooted). It turned out to be the worst modern maritime disaster ever up and to that time (it is still listed in the top 10 worst oil spills disasters in human history). A Liberian-flagged tanker, “The Burmah Agate” carrying 300,000 barrels of crude oil collided with the Liberian-flagged freighter “Mimosa” off Galveston, resulting in a massive fire. We rescued 22 survivors (another helicopter then rescued an additional five survivors during the morning daylight). More details of this case may be seen in the Washington Post article (google: Tom Wynn saves 22 lives) written back in 2016 and my book, published In celebration of this year’s Veterans Day, I am releasing my story to the public.

This was the night I changed my lifestyle for evermore. You could say I saw Hell on earth up front and personal. 27 saved (5 saved by the second helo CG 1466), 28 lost that night by fire and sea. USCG Air Station Houston flew on that case for 68 more days and nights. USCG Cutters and boats looked for dead bodies and worked hard to recover evidence of what in the world happened.

In late 2014, The USCG Aviation Association had purchased the HH-52A—tail number 1426—from the North Valley Occupational Center in Van Nuys, California,

The Coast Guard Aviation Association purchased the old bird. The airframe had an amazing story to tell the world, which had been set aside over the many years’ Lieutenants Chris Kilgore and LCDR J.C. Cobb, along with Petty Officer 2nd class Thomas “Tom” Wynn Jr. were the crew that rescued 22 men from an inferno and the abyss covered

with flaming dark crude oil. This was written about in over 19 different Aviation Magazines during the years 2016/17.

Today this flying boat hangs in glory in an air-conditioned structure so all the world can see with amazement, just a short distance is the Space shuttle housed in its own location hanger.

As it hangs today, it is a memorial to the many men and women of the USCG Aviation team that worked on it, flew it and loved it. We spend our youth and strength to keep it in the air to save all the lives that called out to the Coast Guard for help. We loved our jobs and would do it all over again, I am sure. God is good to those that love others and are willing to present their own lives before danger, to save another. May God bless those that flew and worked in the past and today in the USCG Aviation community. The USCG loves you as does our entire Nation. God Bless the USCG! Get your copy today! A hair-raising story of life and death. TW

Afghans (Continued from page 1)



The WEWA HISTORICAL GROUP

Photo by Tom Wynn

Are selling these historical Afghans as a fund-raiser contact Mrs. Ann Johnson to Order one, comes in 4 colors. Call (850) 867-5970 Can be seen at The Corner Café.

There was discussion about getting high school students involved in our group. Any high school student interested in the history of Wewa please feel free to come to our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 6:00 PM at the Corner Café. James Ernest Rish took members on a tour of Iola on Saturday, November 20. Hopefully we will be able to do more of these outings.

Carol Wood informed the group that Ducky Johnson and company are working on the foundation of the Presbyterian Church which was damaged by Hurricane Michael (See photo on page 2). Anyone interested in the history of Wewa please consider coming to our meetings and see what we’re working on. Merry Christmas to everyone. **DS**

Psalm 55:22

ROBO CALLS ARE DRIVING US MAD!

by Tom Wynn

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — In November Attorney General Ashley Moody is leading the efforts to gather support for the Federal Communications Commission's attempts to fight illegal robocalls within the United States. Phone Scammers are finding ways to circumvent or work-around previously implemented anti-robocall technologies to continue tormenting and or crooking Florida citizens with phone calls, cell calls or just leaving scam messages for us to continually delete, and time taking chore at best.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Working with the FCC, we have been successful in reducing the number of scams and robocalls targeting Americans. Unfortunately, in recent months, scammers have found ways to circumvent the technology created to protect our citizens from fraudulent robocall messages. Today, I asked the FCC to continue its efforts to reduce the number of calls by implementing stricter processes on companies that assign and distribute telephone numbers."

Earlier this year, following efforts by Attorney General Moody and other attorneys general in other states, phone companies were required to implement a technology program called STIR/SHAKEN. This technology checks to see if a phone call comes from a legitimate source before the designated phone begins to ring. Since the FCC required large phone companies to begin using this technology in June, scam robocalls have dropped nearly 30 percent.

Scammers are now trying to circumvent the STIR/SHAKEN program by purchasing access to legitimate phone numbers to conceal their identities. Providing false information and shielding identities, scammers purchase access to legitimate phone numbers from companies that do not have strong know-your-customer policies. For STIR/SHAKEN to reach its full potential to reduce illegal robocalls, scammers cannot be allowed uninhibited access to legitimate phone numbers.

The FCC proposes to implement a more thorough application, review and monitoring process for phone companies that request direct access to phone numbers and to require these companies verify customers' identities to help keep the numbers from being sold, leased or rented to scammers for illegal robocall purposes. This includes limiting the use of temporary phone numbers for trial customers.

Attorney General Moody is leading a letter of support from attorneys general across the country. A copy of the letter is available via the official website for the Attorney General Office in Tallahassee.

In addition to Attorney General Moody, the following 50 attorneys general signed on to the letter: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

So, there is hope after all folks, our cries to our Government in Tallahassee have paid off. I just hope their catch them and return all the money that they scammed from our Seniors. **TW**

Veterans Day Celebrated at Wewa High School THANK YOU, VETERANS!



Veterans Day

by Cheryl Dyson

A student at Wewahitchka High
On Veterans Day we honor all,
Who answered to a service call
Soldiers young, and soldiers old
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others died
And all of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who,
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.
They fought for us and all our rights,
They fought through many days and nights.
And though we may not know each name, we thank ALL
veterans just the same. Today we honor the men and
women that served our country without hesitation.

A BIT OF HISTORY OF BURGESS CREEK

By Tom Wynn

Burgess Creek was named after the man that owned it, Samuel Burgess. He was the settler of the area we know as Burgess Landing and Burgess Creek in the Dalkeith area of Calhoun County (Gulf Co. today since 1925). Sam was married to Alvenia Jone Burgess.

There was a trail that came down from Blue Gator to Willis Landing along the edge of the swampy areas. At Blue Gator there was a Ferry crossing over the West Arm Creek of what is known today as the Deadlakes. It was owned and operated by native Americans at the time, later on in history there was a bridge built and so we have the West Arm Creek Bridge that we love to take tons of pictures seasonally from (just be careful of the traffic when you do get that snapshot!). **TW**

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