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## W.H.S. News by Penny Dodd

The big news this month is about the

Caboose.

I know we probably sound like a broken record most of the time, but this time we really mean it. The Waldo Railroad museum at the Waldo Caboose is actually almost ready for you.

Our painter, Mr. Scott Grady, completed the finishing touches on Monday, July 20, and we, your WHS bigshots, will be installing all the wonderful collections that have been donated by all of you in the near future.

Some of you may have noticed the huge Railroad signal light we had installed on the north side of the caboose. Hopefully, before our Grand Opening, that signal light will be wired so that we can activate it during our tours.

You, as a faithful reader of the Waldo Phoenix, will be the first to know when we will be having our Grand Opening. Stay Tuned!

Our Tenth Birthday Party was a lot of fun. The ice cream,

cake (homemade by so many talented and generous people) and our own Special Recipe Punch (delicious) was enjoyed by all. If you missed it this year, be sure to mark your calendar for our next one in 2025. Jk!



## Shell sprucing up for influx of Waldo students

By Erin Jester  
Gainesville Sun Staff writer  
Tuesday, July 21, 2015 8:04 PM

Shell Elementary is in the midst of a makeover.

For weeks, workers have recarpeted, rewired and repainted classrooms that sat empty for years, installed new computers and spruced up the grounds in preparation for more than 100 new students coming in after Waldo Community School closed.

But for Principal Holly Burton, also a Waldo transplant, the most important part of the overhaul is making the school feel friendly and welcoming.

"That's really important to me," she said earlier in the week, while pointing out some of the changes.

The "7 Habits of Happy Kids" leadership development program used at Waldo will continue at Shell, and 11 Waldo teachers and staff members will transfer to the Hawthorne school, which will help Waldo students feel more at ease in their new environment, Burton said.

One of the staff members transferring to Shell from Waldo is behavioral resource teacher Annie Harris, who Waldo families praised during public meetings on the school's closure.

In fact, she was a deciding factor for one father who had initially planned to get an out-of-county transfer for two of his children.

Maurice Dykes already had a transfer request approved for his children Luke, 9, and Samantha, 10, to attend Hampton Elementary

in Bradford County when he heard Harris would be moving to Shell.

He decided to visit the school, and Thursday, largely because of the teachers and administrators, he made up his mind to keep his kids in Alachua County.

"They know my children so well," he said.

Dykes said he's still upset about the short notice Waldo families were given that the town's only school would close, but the pros of sending his children to Shell outweigh the cons.

"I'm gonna give it a shot," he said. "I'm doing what I think is right for my kids."

Dykes said he will still drive his children to school in Hawthorne from their home in Orange Heights, rather than put them on a bus in the morning.

Long bus rides have been a sticking point for Waldo parents, who feared their children could spend up to five hours a day commuting to and from Hawthorne.

Not so, Burton said.

The school district is working to keep the longest bus rides at about 90 minutes or less.

Burton said the earliest pickup time for buses traveling to Waldo Community School last year was 6:10 a.m., for a 7:45 a.m. start to the school day, and the earliest pickup time for Waldo students traveling to Shell won't be earlier than 6:10 a.m.

Shell will still have an extra instructional hour at the end of every school day, and will benefit from three hours of after-school academic and recreational programming Monday through Thursday as part of the

grant-funded 21st Century program.

The program — separate from the extended-day enrichment program, which will continue at Shell — provides free tutoring, project-based learning and exposure to the arts, math and science for students who need it most.

Also new are robotics classes, which will debut in August at 12 schools, including Shell, and an initiative that will provide each fourth- and fifth-grader with a personal laptop for school use throughout the year.

Second- and third-graders will get to use laptops on a regular basis, as well.

Lakendra Johnson was also considering alternative options for her son CJ Ingram, who's going into third grade.

Johnson said she looked into magnet programs in Gainesville, where she works, but decided to give Shell a chance when she heard Burton would be there.

"I just wanted to make sure he would be comfortable with the transition from one school to another," she said, and having the same principal in place certainly helps.

Johnson is still not sure how she feels about having to put her son on a bus from Waldo to Hawthorne and back every day — working in Gainesville makes it nearly impossible to take CJ to school in the mornings — but she's hoping the superintendent will keep his promise to make the commute as safe as possible.

She's not worried about the education he'll get at Shell, or whether he'll feel welcomed.

Waldo and Hawthorne are sister cities, she said.

"I think it'll be a great thing for the towns to come together and make the best education for our kids."

**Reminder!**  
**Florida Tax-Free**  
**holiday is August 7 to**  
**August 17, 2015**

## **A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME** **by Lucy Roe Cook**

**T**his Little Bird has been told of several losses of friends of Waldo in July. Newborns



do not take the place of those lost, NO. But they do give us comfort. There is comfort in new life, flowers, vegetables, and life beginning anew all about us. Our God is good. Mother Nature is happy.

The ten year party held by the WHS was a celebration of ten years of hard work in building a historic record for the future.

The historic museum for the railroad is still clicking along. They tell me that the future of the Waldo school is in the works. This school building is historic and should in some way be preserved.

**NEW CITY HALL HOURS**  
**Effective June 1, 2015:**  
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**Monday thru Thursday**  
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## The Kitchen by Randy Burnham Continued from July issue



CHARACTERS: James & Lucy Marconi, their son, Jay (age 12), Mark & Mary Wilson, and their son, Tim (age 11)

James grinned and nodded. "She's a good woman alright. Roof never would have found him a better woman. Not one that could live here anyways. They had a tough time at first gettin' used to livin here in the swamp."

"You ain't got to tell me," Lucy said. He looked at her. He was proud of her, too. He knew back then how hard it was for a woman not being used to this kind of life to come here and to adjust to it, but by golly she never complained, no not one word.

"Ain't no man prouder of a woman than I am of you," James said.

Lucy didn't look at him, but her heart swelled. After all these years he could still say and do things that would take her breath away and make her heart race.

Lucy sat the biscuits on the table. "Let em cool. I will have the gravy and side meat ready shortly." She Paused, "ya know, it's kinda nice knowin all about our friends. Sorta makes me feel a little closer to em."

"Yep I know what ya mean," James said.

"Does Unk know?" she asked.

"He was there helping us. He heard it all," he said.

"Good," Lucy said, "I am glad."

About that time, Unk called out, "Comin in the kitchen."

"Come on in," Lucy said as she placed a frying Pan full of gravy and side meat on the table.

Unk sat down in his usual place. Lucy placed a plate and a cup of coffee in front of him.

"Where's Jay?" he asked. "Bein lazy this mornin." James said.

"Ah, it's a little early yet." Lucy said, "he'll be up shortly."

James finished his breakfast and pushed his plate back and wiped his hands and mouth. He took a swallow of coffee and rolled him another cigarette. "Unk, at the risk of soundin nosey, I gotta ask. Why have you decided to go with me this time? You been here almost 10 years and this is your first time goin to the trading post."

Unk didn't answer. He took his biscuit and sopped it around the gravy, then put a piece of fat back on it and put it in his mouth.

After he swallowed it, he sipped his coffee to wash it down.

"You deserve to know. I might as well tell it all. I was a Texas Ranger. I was after this fellow named Carson. He operated a gang just outside of Houston Texas. Me and two other Rangers got into a shoot out with him and some of his gang. He got away, but they killed the two Rangers with me. It took me almost a year to find out where he went. He turned up here in Mississippi. As a Ranger I couldn't come here after him, so I came on my on. When I got here he found me first. I got shot and stabbed. How I wound up here in this swamp will always be a mystery, but it was some good luck for me, otherwise I would have died.

When I got well, I just couldn't live with the fact that he and his friends were still free and alive so I went back and found em and I killed em, all five of them. I figured you folks wouldn't think highly of what I done, so I didn't tell anybody what I did, didn't bother me then and it don't bother me now. I sneaked back here without being seen. I didn't want to bring no trouble on you folks so I figured it would be better if I stayed here out of sight."

Unk leaned back in his chair, "but I been thinkin. It's been a long time, ain't nobody lookin for me no more. Maybe nobody was ever lookin for me. So I figured I'd go help you with them furs."

Unk pushed back his chair and stood up, "Good breakfast Miss Lucy. Reckon I better get my gear on the raft."

Lucy cleared their plates from the table, "My word James, this has been some mornin, ain't it!" I'm glad I never made ole Unk mad."

James said. "Me too. If ya had, I'd be a widow."

Lucy said. "Guess I need to be goin too. The sun is comin up." He gave Lucy a big kiss and a hug. "Don't you be worryin bout us, we will be fine, and keep Jay close."

"Just go. Jay and I will be fine. Just get back soon as you can." Lucy said.

It was a four day trip to the trading post and back. Lucy was glad Unk was going with James. She wouldn't worry so much about him being out there in the swamp.

Jay staggered into the kitchen and flopped down into his chair. He was still half asleep. Lucy poured a half cup of coffee then stirred in a little sugar. "Here drink this, it'll wake ya."

"Pa gone already?" he asked.

"Yep, they just left bout ten minutes ago."

"You shoulda woke me, Ma."

"Maybe, but you was sleepin so good I just let you be. You ready to eat now?"

"Yes ma'am."

Lucy put his plate in front of him, then she sat down with a fresh cup of coffee. She watched him fill his plate with food.

"Did Unk go with Pa?" he asked.

"Yep. It's gone seem strange him not being here. He's always here. I think it is good that he went. He needed to get away from here. He shoulda done it a long time ago."

"Maw."

"Don't talk with food in ya mouth."

He swallowed his food and drank some coffee.

"Maw, you think maybe I could go fishin after I get my chores done?" he asked.

"No. Yore Pa wants you to stay around here till he gets back. With Unk gone it's just you and me, and if you stay here in the yard we can sorta look after each other if something happens."

"Yes ma'am. I reckon you right." he said.

"Yore Pa is countin on you to look after things till he gets back and I know you don't want to let him down now do ya?"

"No, I shore don't want to do that." he said.

After breakfast Jay went outside and started doing his chores. Lucy busied herself cleaning up the dishes. Every once in a while she looked out the screen door mostly out of habit.

When she got the kitchen cleaned she got a glass of water and sat down at the table to rest. After a few minutes Jay came to the door.

"Comin in the kitchen ma."

"Come on in."

He got some water in his glass and sat down at the table with her. "I ain't never thought about it before and I don't know why, but why does everybody say..." "comin in the kitchen?"

"Yore Pa started sayin it when he turned this into a kitchen and put that screen door up. That's about all the answer I got for that."

"Ain't no big deal just wondering that's all."

Lucy got up from the table, "I'm goin to make up the beds. Let me know when you go outside."

"Yes ma'am I will."

Later that afternoon Lucy heard voices outside. She took a look and saw Tim Wilson. He walked over and sat down next to Jay. Tim was 11 years old, not as big as Jay. He was a wiry boy.

"My my." she said out loud. "them boys are growing like weeds. They are just bout as tall as me." she shook her head. She put some beans in a pot of water to soak. "Me and Jay will have us some beans and corn bread for supper." She heard a knock at the door and then she heard a familiar voice.

"You home?"

"Shore am, you get yoreself in here, Matty Baker."

"I'm comin in."

"Lawd lawd, Miss Matty it is good to see you."

"It's good to see you too."

"What brings you over today?"

"Well, Matthew said he was comin over to spend some time

with Jay. So I figured I would just come and keep ya comPany since yore man is gone."

"I am shore glad you did. Have a seat. Can I get you some coffee or a glass of water?"

"I'll take some coffee."

"Good. Think I'll have some myself." She poured the coffee in the cups then reached up and took a jug of whiskey off the shelf and poured some in both cups.

"What you puttin in my coffee?"

"You know. It ain't the first time you need a little something to help you get over that walk, and you might need another one to help you get home."

"Lawdy Miss Lucy if you ain't a mess."

Lucy sat looking through the screen door at Matt, Jay and Tim.

"Them boys are really growing. They as tall as us."

"I know. It won't be much longer and Matthew gone catch up with Roof."

Jay came from the bedroom and as usual he was still half asleep. His mother sat a cup of coffee and a plate in front of him. "Pa and Unk should be back today."

"They should be if all went well."

"I am kind of glad Unk went with Pa."

"Yeah, me too. Unk was a big help to him I'm sure."

"Pa ain't gettin no younger ya know."

Lucy grinned, "I'm glad you noticed that. You know what that means to you don't ya?"

"Reckon I do. More work on my Part."

"Not too awfully much, but some. There will still be time to fish and play."

"Ma, how much you recon a catfish is worth at the store. One about as long as me."

"Lordy Jay, don't think I ever seen no catfish that big. I ain't got no way of knowin that. You seen one that big?"

"Yes ma'am. Me, Tim and Matt we done hooked him twice, but he is so big he gets away ever time."

"Maybe ya'll orta take the men folk with you next time."

"Well ma we would like to catch him all by ourselves."

"I see...bragging rights."

"Somethin like that."

"I guess I better get started on my chores. I want to be finished when Pa gets here."

**Continued  
in September issue**



**A** citizen called from Waldo and wanted to say that they are very pleased with the job the Sheriff's office is doing.

The citizen advised that she was calling on behalf of her neighborhood to say how nice and helpful the deputies have been. The caller did not want to leave their name but said instead of us getting a complaint, she and her neighbors wanted us to know that they are very proud to have us serving them.

**Waldo Citizen**



## OBITUARIES

**Henry McCloud,**  
age 66, husband of



the late Beverly Jean Welch McCloud & Retired Maintenance Mechanic II with State of

Florida DePARTMENT of Transportation, suddenly left us on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at the Shands Lakeshore Hospital (Lake City).

Homegoing Services will be held 10:30AM Saturday, July 11, 2015, at Springhill Missionary Baptist Church (Gainesville, FL) where Pastor Adrian S. Taylor is Pastor, with Elder Joseph Dix officiating. Burial will follow at Waldo Community Cemetery (Waldo, FL). Mr. McCloud will be viewed at the Funeral Home on Friday (2:00-7:00PM) - At the Church on Saturday 30 Minutes prior to the Services - And with the Processional. The Procession will form at Mr. McCloud's residence, 3034 NE 14th Drive, Gainesville, at 9:30AM.

Those left to cherish his memory are: daughter - Priscilla Jenkins of Gainesville, FL; God-Children - Henry McGill of Philadelphia, Pa, Christopher McGill of Miami, FL, Chyrron Betts and Aaron Betts of Gainesville, FL; brothers- Johnny McCloud (& Betty) of Lake City, FL and Leonard McCloud of Gainesville, FL (Earl McCaskill - deceased); sisters - Mattie Vattle of East Palatka, FL and Marion McCaskill of Fort Lauderdale, FL (Catherine White - Deceased); brother-in-law - Ernest Welch, Jr. of Gainesville, FL;

sisters-in-law - Betty McCaskill of Palatka, FL and Esther Jones of Gainesville, FL; aunts & uncles; nieces & nephews; cousins; & friends.

Arrangements Entrusted To: DUNCAN BROTHERS' FUNERAL HOME, 428 NW 8TH Street, Gainesville, FL.



**SCHULTZ,  
RICHARD J.,  
87**

Gainesville - Richard 'Dick' J. Schultz, 87 of Gainesville

Passed away on Tuesday, July 7th at the E.T. York Hospice House with his family by his side.

Richard was born in Oak Park, Illinois and was a retired switchman for the phone company. He was a U.S. Army Veteran who served in the Korean War. Richard was a member of Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and the American Legion Post #16 of Waldo. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, stained glass work, and Painting.

Richard is preceded in death by his son, Richard Dale Schultz; brother, Alvin Schultz; and sister, Margaret hunter. He is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Olivia Schultz of Gainesville, Florida; daughter, Dr. Holly Darwin and husband Tim of Gainesville, Florida; and granddaughter, Croix Darwin of Gainesville, Florida.

The family will have a gathering at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 9700 W. Newberry Rd., Monday, July 13th beginning at 2:00 pm. Richard's celebration of life service will begin at 3:00 pm at the church, with all friends welcome to attend and share with the family.

Arrangements by Forest Meadows Funeral Home, Gainesville, FL. 352-378-2528.

## **RIVERA, DEBORAH BOSTWICK, 61**

Deborah Bostwick Rivera, 61 died in her home Tuesday, July 14 after a short battle with cancer.

She lived her younger years in Waldo graduating from GHS. She was a military bride and traveled all over US and Europe settling in Port St. Lucie FL with her husband Ray Rivera where she worked as a children's dental asst. She is survived by her mother Nell Bostwick; her husband Ray Rivera; two children Kendra and Scott McMillan; grandchildren Vincent Crossman and Troy Baker and one great grandchild Jack Crossman.

Services will be held at Milam Funeral Home on Monday, July 20 at 2pm. Flowers will be accepted at Milam Funeral Home, 311 S. Main St. (352) 376-5361.



## **ROBERTS, MARGARET LOUELLA, 87**

Waldo Mrs. Margaret Louella Roberts, 87, of Waldo Passed

away at Haven Hospice, Thursday, July 9, 2015.

She was born in Washington Court House, Ohio on February 22, 1928 to the late George Washington and Margaret Louella (Mitchell) DeWeese and she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Roberts had been a resident of Waldo since 1985 and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Waldo where she was in the Sunshine Ladies Group and also enjoyed helping in the

nursery; she loved her church family, watching her grandchildren and the television.

Mrs. Roberts was preceded in death by her grandson, Dwight Roberts; great grandson, Christian; six sisters and two brothers. Her survivors are her six children and their spouses, Diana E. Davis (Louie), Jerry L. Roberts (Gail), Artie C. Roberts (Diane), C. Loren Roberts (Karen), Cheryl H. Pospay (Gary), and Lisa D. Bergeron (Carl); two sisters, Joyce Randolph and Juanita Seyfang.

Also left behind are her twelve grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

The viewing for Mrs. Roberts will be Sunday, July 12, 2015 from 3-4p.m. in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel. A celebration of life will be at 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 13, 2015 in the First Baptist Church of Waldo with Rev. Jim DuBois officiating. Interment will be private at a later date. The family has requested in lieu of flowers to please make donations to the Waldo First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 216, Waldo, FL 32694. Arrangements are by JONES-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME, 620 Nona St., Starke, FL 32091. 904-964-6200.

## **JEANNETTE (Jan) BIVINS**

Jan Passed away peacefully at her home in Earleton, FL on July 13, 2015.

She is survived by a brother, Eldred Bivins (Ida), a sister, Marion Smith (Bernard) and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Sunday, July 19th, at 2:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church of Waldo, FL. In lieu of

flowers you may donate to the FBC Music Fund or Hospice.

## **RANDOM FACTS**

I read somewhere that Americans waste, on average, a pound of food a day. Somebody must be wasting most of my share, because I can't remember the last time I threw out a leftover. But even still, that is a lot of waste. Wouldn't it be easier if food just lasted forever, like Twinkies? Well, some foods actually do...

White rice, wild, jasmine, arborio and basmati rice all keep forever so there's no need to throw them out. Brown rice is the one exception because it has a higher oil content so store it in the refrigerator or freeze it to maximize its shelf life. Once you've opened a bag or box of rice, move it to an airtight container or resealable freezer bag to keep it fresh.

### **Bonus Fact:**

Honey. Whether you use it in your tea, on your toast or as an alternative sweetener, that jar of pure honey is good forever. It may get grainy or change color, but it's still safe to eat - and delicious - because its antibiotic properties keep it from spoiling.

## **Printer Ink Cartridges**

Thank you to all who continue to donate their empty printer ink cartridges to our collection boxes at the Waldo Library and Waldo City Hall. Your cartridges help us cover the cost of our office supplies (ink, Paper, etc.).



# Information Please!

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Waldo Community School	468-1451
Waldo Phoenix	468-1910
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## August Birthdays

<b>3 Pala DuBois</b>	<b>20 Aubrey Elise Scott</b>
<b>4 Paula Pope</b>	<b>21 Cheyenne Orlando</b>
<b>4 Amanda Thomas</b>	<b>21 Jenny Ankney</b>
<b>5 Carla Mauldin</b>	<b>23 Leigh Woods</b>
<b>6 Flozell Ross</b>	<b>25 Corina Hill</b>
<b>6 Harold Minnix Jr.</b>	<b>26 Kevin Woods</b>
<b>9 Mary Wilson</b>	<b>27 Carl Hill</b>
<b>9 Nataniel Guterrez</b>	<b>28 Hailey Richey</b>
<b>10 Thelma Bay</b>	<b>28 Ray Burnsed</b>
<b>12 Frankie Kemp</b>	<b>28 Monique Taylor</b>
<b>15 Rachael Ankney</b>	<b>29 Charles Hill</b>
<b>16 Elizabeth Davis</b>	<b>29 Mike Knupp</b>
<b>17 Mattie Green</b>	<b>30 Amber Clayton</b>
<b>19 Faye Mitchell</b>	<b>31 Rachel Holcomb</b>

## Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church Services

Rev. James W. Ramsey - Pastor  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 11:00 am  
Mid-week service  
every Wednesday 6:00 pm  
taught by Minister Bernard Carter  
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every Sunday 9:45 am  
taught by Bro. Bobby Hill  
or Minister Bernard Carter for adults  
and Sis. Josie "Jackson"  
& Sis. Monique Taylor for the children.  
Men's Day service will be held  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July at 11:00 am

Always remember that  
Man is Mighty but God is Almighty

## First Baptist Church, Waldo Hwy 24

**352-468-1721**

Sunday Schedule



9:15 - 9:45 Refreshments  
9:45 Bible Study (all ages)

11:00 am & 6 pm Worship  
11:00 am & 6 pm Children's Worship  
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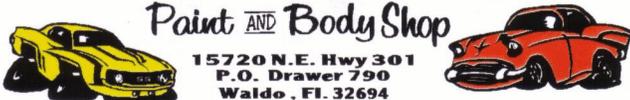


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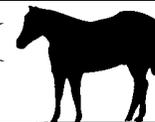
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