

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS. THEY SUPPORT US AND HELP MAKE THIS NEWSPAPER POSSIBLE**

**The Genuine. The Original.**



OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF GAINESVILLE  
POST OFFICE BOX 568 · GAINESVILLE, FL 32602

OFFICE: (352) 468-2733  
FAX: (352) 468-1453

BOB HARTMAN



**El Molino**

Mexican Restaurant  
14985 US Hwy. 301  
Waldo, FL 32694

**352-468-1300**

Open Tuesday - Sunday  
11:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Closed Monday

**Try Our Lunch & Dinner Specials**

Burritos, Enchiladas, Quesadillas, Tacos,  
Chimichangas, Chalupas, Fajitas.

Flan and Fried Ice Cream

~~ Kids Plates ~~

Not all Mexican food is spicy!

**MINNIX'S** Free Estimates



Paint AND Body Shop



15720 N.E. Hwy 301  
P.O. Drawer 790  
Waldo, FL 32694

Harold Minnix Jr.  
20 Years Experience  
Auto Collision Repair  
Custom Paint and Fabrication

Bus (352) 468-1234  
Fax (352) 468-1234



**Anne's BBQ  
and Catering**

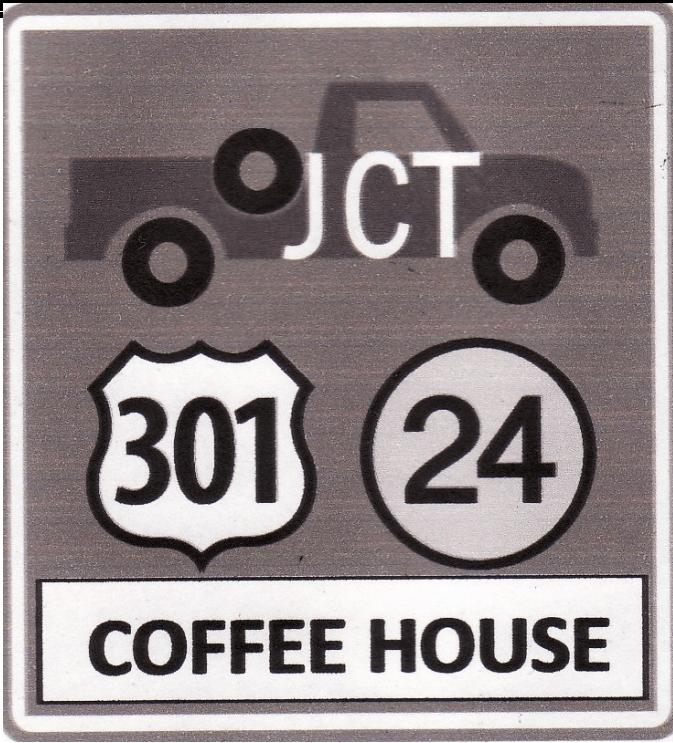


Thursday & Friday - 4 pm - 9 pm  
Saturday - 11 am - 8 pm

Look for us

near the train station

**352-468-3765**



**Please Support your Waldo Historical Society**

# **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS. THEY SUPPORT US AND HELP MAKE THIS NEWSPAPER POSSIBLE**

## **Tom's Cypress, Inc.**

**Cypress, Epoxy Resin  
& Clock Motors**

15455 NE US Hwy. 301  
P.O. Drawer L  
Waldo, Florida 32694  
Phone/Fax 352.468.2357  
[www.tomscypressinc.com](http://www.tomscypressinc.com)



Billing Address:  
P.O. Box 142817  
Gainesville, FL 32614  
FAX: (352) 375-3198

## **Waldo's Kids by Thelma Bay**

  
We have lots of good news to report, so I'll get right to it. This is a wonderful time of year and the folks around here make it even better.

An anonymous donor brightened the day for 9 deserving students at Waldo Community School. The students were each given a \$25.00 Walmart gift card to spend any way they wanted to. Their selection was based on their respect for others, helpfulness, honesty and good behavior. The students were: Luke Denman, Grace Huguley, Jennifer Draper, Jayquan Williams, Jonothan Banks, Taylor Wood, Tristen Sherrer, Jaden Crawford and Jackie Hernandez-Chavez. We congratulate them all!

Don't forget the Santa's Work Shop and Christmas play coming up on Thursday evening December 9<sup>th</sup> at Waldo Community School at 6:00 pm. The program is always great and the Work Shop will be open to all. Plan on being at the school for a good time and shopping for gifts. The work shop is open in the Media Center from December 9<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>.



## **TROPIX INN**

Clean Affordable Rooms -  
Daily-Weekly & Monthly  
Rates

**Rooms Starting At \$35.00**

14020 NE. US Hwy 301

Waldo, FL 32694

REFRIG., MICRO, COFFEE IN ROOMS

352-468-2301

352-468-2301

[thetropixinn@yahoo.com](mailto:thetropixinn@yahoo.com)

[www.thetropixinn.com](http://www.thetropixinn.com)

## **D&J's A Cut Above Lawn Service "LLC"**

**Dan Levine**  
owner

14020 NE. US Hwy 301  
Waldo, FL 32694

352-226-0825

[callacutabove@aol.com](mailto:callacutabove@aol.com)

On Thursday night, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, Santa will arrive at the Caboose in downtown Waldo. You don't want to miss this. We all have a great time together.

The Seniors Banquet, held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Waldo First Baptist Church brought in a large crowd. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal, beautiful music, funny jokes by Pastor Jim and a visit from those dreadful old cousins. How can we keep those cousins from showing up year after year? I'm open to suggestions.

In closing, I would like to add a Thank You to Kim Worley at City Hall and Erika Smith for their efforts to help our local kids through sports programs. Erika does a fantastic job with the Recreation Department and we need to thank her and her coaches more than we do. So, Thanks to all of you for a job well done!

### **- Famous Sports Quotes -**

**"The ballparks have gotten too crowded. That's why nobody goes to see the game anymore." - Yogi Berra**

### **- WiseCrack -**

**"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city." -- George Burns**

# Information Please!

Waldo Phone Numbers You Might Need	
City Hall	468-1001
(After Hours Water Emergency)	258-3110
Fire Emergencies	Call 911
Police Department	468-1515
(Police Emergencies)	955-1818
Waldo library	468-3298
Waldo Community Center	468-2336
Waldo Post Office	468-1970
Waldo Community School	468-1451

## December Birthdays

4 Louie Davis	20 Marie Gilliam
5 Leanna Fricks	24 Mac Cawley
7 Carson Plemons	25 Lisa Hill
8 Mary Ann Rich	30 Kimberly Harrison
16 Eugene Wilson	
17 Rayford English	
17 Kevin Mauldin	
18 William Jackson	
20 Bernard Carter	
23 Donna Kaye Smart	



## Don't Forget!



Our Publishing **deadline** is the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month preceding the monthly issue. We endeavor to have the current issue available at our drop-off points and on the website by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

All submissions **must** be received by the 21<sup>st</sup> to be included in the next issue.

## Next Waldo Historical Society Meeting

January 27 - 7:00 pm

Waldo Community Center

Refreshments as always - Please Come!

### - Famous Sports Quotes -

"I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes." - Senior basketball player at the University of Pittsburgh

## 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

Awesome Sunday School 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

Children's Worship

Youth Praise and Worship

Wednesday Schedule

Dinner

Children's, Youth, Adult

Programs



## December Commodities

Thursday, December 12, 2010

Time: 1 pm - 2 pm

Waldo Community Center

## Subscriptions now available

**S**ubscribing to the Waldo Phoenix is as simple as dropping us a note with your name and mailing address and payment of \$12.00 which will cover a full year's subscription. Send your payment to:

Waldo Historical Society

P.O. Box 459

Waldo, Florida 32694



Chief Szabo

## Holiday Safety From the Desk of Chief Szabo

**R**emember it gets dark earlier this time of year. As you are out doing Holiday shopping be aware of your surroundings at all times. Walk with confidence. If possible, shop with friends or relatives. The old saying, "safety in numbers," is true. When returning to your vehicle have your keys in hand. If you get a strange feeling about something get help from a security person. Make sure packages are locked away in a trunk or unseen area. Vandals will break a window for packages.

If traveling, be careful using your GPS. We have had a number of accidents from people turning when the GPS says to turn and not looking out for traffic. Check mirrors, know where other drivers are. If you miss your turn, you can always turn around.

Remember to NEVER Drink and Drive and always drive responsibly.

Make sure you do not Text and drive and use hands free device if you must use your phone.

The entire staff here at the Waldo Police Department, wishes you and your family a very Merry and Safe Christmas and New Year.

## News from City Hall

Waldo City Council Meeting held November 9, 2010.

Mayor Louie Davis and

Council Member Rodney Estes Honored

**TOM CONLEY FLORIDA - LEAGUE OF CITIES**

Mr. Conley presented Mayor Louie Davis and Council Member Rodney Estes each with a framed Resolution from the Florida League of Cities.

**"Resolution of Florida League of Cities"**

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities, Inc. Honoring Louie Davis and Rodney Estes for twenty five years of elected service, and commending them for their unselfish commitment to municipal leadership and governance. These Framed Resolutions will be on Display at the Yerkes Center.

**Public Hearing December 14, 6:30pm**

**Yerkes Center, 14245 Cole Street Waldo, Florida**

Mayor and Council would like public input regarding dedicating NE 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Community Center Playground to Martin Luther King, Jr. A special meeting will be held so people can come express their opinions on these two subjects. Immediately following the public hearing, will be the regular scheduled City Council meeting at 7:00pm.



## A Little Bird Told Me . . .

**by Lucy Roe Cook**

**A** little bird told me of the passing of a wonderful lady. We have lost a dear friend in Jean Richey. She left behind a wonderful family. I enjoyed the years we had together at the United Methodist Church. The laughter we shared. She gave her love and we benefitted from it. When I fly over red canna I will smile and say, "Thank you Jean." Thank you God for the time we shared with her.

I flew over the Waldo Baptist Church Thursday night before Thanksgiving to see many happy people who were inside sharing thanks and good food with one another.

Music and stories and the Cousins are always a great joy. Thank you Waldo Baptist for this wonderful tradition of Thanksgiving.

This little yellow bird has seen some things in my life that are fun and a joy to many. The cousins, Shake Eudailey and Thelma Bay, are at the top of the list. If you are a Senior, and have not seen them, attend the Thanksgiving meal at the Waldo Baptist Church next year. Thank you, girls, for the laughter that fluffs my feathers.

The President of the Waldo Historical Society is doing such a fine job of keeping the group together. Thank you Millie.

I have been told that a new member, Chuck Hall, who attended his first meeting in October is now Vice President.

The Historical Society of Waldo wants to thank those of you who continue to keep alive the dream of a Waldo Historic Museum and the coming Railroad display at the Caboose.

I am out and flying about. Please feel free to share news and concerns with me or any of our many members of the Waldo Historical Society.

Share your sorrows and your joys with your community. This little bird is growing new warm feathers for the weather ahead. Keep smiling.

### - Famous Sports Quotes -

**"You guys pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle." - Bill Peterson, a Florida State football coach**

### - Wise Crack -

**"Have you ever noticed? Anybody going slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a moron." -- George Carlin**

## Poetry Page

**A**re you a poet? Have you been published? Have you written something you'd like to see in print? We want your poems! Our readers love poetry - especially those written by our local poets. What better way to be published (and discovered) than being seen in the illustrious Waldo Phoenix? You know everyone reads it, and now that we're online as well, you never know who's going to see your work.

Are you the next Keats, Shelley or Maya Angelou? Maybe Robert Frost? Or Edgar Allan Poe? Can you write jingles? Sonnets? Limericks?

Contact us by email: historicwaldo@Windstream.net, snail mail: Waldo Phoenix, P.O. Box 459, Waldo, Florida 32694, phone (352-468-1910) or just deliver it to any member of the Waldo Historical Society in person.

### Submitted by Patricia Comfort Short Beach, Connecticut

#### A Memory In My Heart

I was once a navy wave,  
who joined the ranks to aid the brave.

Boot camp passed and with it honor,  
to have passed in review for FDR.

World War II was a dreadful war,  
so my choice was to serve in the medical corps.

So off I went to my new post,  
and traveled cross to the west coast.

Now was the time to begin our training,  
let me tell you, the days were draining.

A four week crash course was next in line,  
we had no time to sit and pine.

Medications, bedside manners were practiced with care,  
not long after, our certificates were there.

Then on to the wards to do our bit,  
we rarely had time to sit.

When hospital ships came into the docks,  
our work was done around the clock.

A marine on a stretcher held a Japanese sword,  
in his eyes I could see his reward.

Although I wondered again and again,  
he never spoke of where he had been.

So VJ day came and with it tears,  
of all that was, those long years.

**B**eing a hospital corpsman was the most gratifying work I had ever done. Statistics show that thousands of World War II veterans are dying each day. It breaks my heart to see again our young men and women killed in Iraq. For what? You tell me.

So please don't forget to honor our men and women in green, khaki and navy blue. I shall remember them all my life.

### A Tribute to Adrian Nix by Judy Borders

I was sitting here thinking of your son whom I didn't know.  
I said to myself, I wonder if to heaven he did go.  
For if he had ever asked Jesus into his heart,  
but for only a short time will you be apart.

This old world is so wicked, but don't you be sad,  
if you've asked Jesus into your heart He would be so glad.  
Isn't it great that we have children who really do care.  
And in this world we can help each others burdens to bear.  
For Adrian and Luke a great friendship that they had should make us as parents so very glad.

I'd like to say to you please don't be sad.  
For up in heaven Adrian is so glad.  
And we know up in heaven your Adrian will be just waiting at heavens gates some day you will see.  
I'm sure that he would say to you "Mom and Dad please don't you cry."  
For up here in heaven we never, ever have to say goodbye.

### WHS Events and Projects by Penny Dodd

**B**y the time you read this, our Pull Up Christmas Tree drawing will have already taken place, and some lucky raffle-ticket purchaser will have a beautiful, fully-decorated Christmas tree ready to display for this Holiday season.

Our 2011 Calendars, on sale now from any Waldo Historical Society member make perfect Christmas gifts for grandparents, aunts and uncles out of town (or out of state). They are filled with the artwork of Waldo Community School's third grade class showing us how our young people see Waldo.

- Famous Sports Quotes -  
**"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."** - Football commentator and former player Joe Theisman

## Let us tell you a story: by Lucy Roe Cook

The 21st of each month is the deadline for submitting an article for this paper. The paper is out on the stands, for free, by the 1st of every month.

Why do we need 7 to 10 days from submission to publication? Here's why:

All articles are not created equal. Some are received via email. Some are hand-written or type-written and delivered personally. Some arrive in the mail at the post office. Whether hand-written or typed, these articles need to be re-typed into a digital format for the printer.

The Editor needs this time to format each article. Those that are received via email, need to be re-formatted, removing formatting codes that are automatically inserted by email programs, and inserting those codes that make the paper uniform. Those delivered personally need to be typed and formatted.

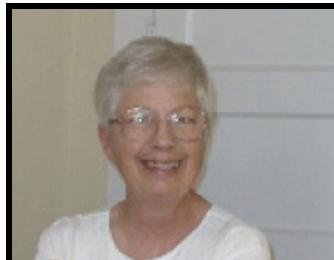
Once the formatting has been applied to all articles, the layout process begins. Putting it all together, deciding which should be front page news, which pages just "look good" together (a valuable lesson learned by your Editor from the President of W.A.R.M. Linda Wise, while working on The Waldo Crossing).

Then, the gathering of appropriate photos and/or clipart to illustrate the article, the placement of articles to better fit each page, and finally, submitting the first draft to our very competent and able proofreaders to find the inevitable typos, misspelled words, misplaced or missing punctuation and other distractions. Once those bugaboos have been located and corrected, leaving us with a *Reader Ready* issue, it's time to prepare the paper for the printer..

The paper is then converted to a PDF format, which is necessary to keep everything where it belongs on the page, and will not allow those irksome formatting codes to be added, when it is emailed to Xerographics, our very capable and reliable printer, with instructions regarding number of copies, etc.

The PDF format makes it easier and quicker for them to print, and we usually have it back in a day. Sometimes it is longer, but they are very good and they work with us.

The paper is picked up in Gainesville, and delivered to over twenty distribution spots in Waldo along a pre-determined route, starting with the Waldo Baptist Church on Waldo Road, and ending with Linda's Beauty Salon on NE 148<sup>th</sup> Terrace..



Thelma Bay

## Acts of Kindness

### by Thelma Bay

Thanks to the Youth Dept. and the Challenger Circle at Waldo First Baptist, the holidays will be much brighter for many people. On Sunday evening, November 21<sup>st</sup>,

the Youth Dept. with the help of Mrs. Patsy Brock delivered seven baskets of food to some local residents who needed a helping hand.

The Challenger Circle packed and shipped 66 shoe boxes full of small toys, crayons, socks and much needed items to children who have so little. The boxes go to many different countries across the world.

Kindness and caring and thinking of others is what makes a community great. We are truly blessed in Waldo

## Pledging Our Thanks

In order to show our thankful appreciation to the Waldo Baptist Church for its generosity in allowing the use of the Family Life Center each year for our annual

spaghetti dinners, we, the members of the Waldo Historical Society have pledged to donate non-perishable food items to the Church's "Challenger Circle" program on a continuing basis



## Marie's Country Kitchen

### by Marie Ankney

#### Striped Jell-O

Mix 1 Jell-O as directed on box. Divide in half. Put half in large 9 x 13 pan. Jell. When Jelled, mix about 5 oz. sour cream in other half. Pour over first mixture. When this layer is jelled, do next color same as first one. Do this with next layer. You can do this with more than 3 colors.



# ENJOY!



Bobby Cook

## I Can See Clearly Now Bobby Cook

Cataracts are a common problem in an aging population. Just a few years ago, certainly within our collective memory, cataracts meant

poor vision and eventual blindness. Cataracts would appear without warning and the victim's life was forever changed. Today we are very fortunate to have access to advanced medical care. A skilled surgeon can restore vision by removing the cataract and inserting an artificial lens.

About five years ago, during a routine eye exam, my optometrist casually mentioned that I had a cataract in my left eye. It was small, nothing to worry about. It wasn't a problem until one night a few months ago when headlights from oncoming traffic really bothered me. This was a surprise to me. I had not noticed the vision loss in my left eye because it had been so gradual and the right eye had compensated so well. A subsequent exam revealed that I had cataracts in both eyes. With new glasses, I could still see well enough to drive but there wasn't any way to know how much time I had.

I had heard about cataract surgery. Advertisements are common and I already knew several people who had had the surgery. I wanted the best surgeon so I spent about a week searching the Internet and asking my friends whom they recommended. The Internet was a mixed blessing. First, there was far more information than I could assimilate. Second, my best guess is that about half of the information was incorrect.

Eventually, I chose Dr. Newsom at the Eye Surgicenter in Gainesville. His impressive resume and great reputation made him a logical choice. His staff was obviously well trained. He explained everything and answered all my questions. After that one meeting, I was sure that surgery on both eyes was appropriate for me. Waiting made no sense, so I made three additional appointments, one for each of the following three weeks.

At the first appointment they made additional tests to determine which lens was better for me. I was taught about the surgery and instructed how to prepare for it. They answered questions and explained all the paperwork. Fortunately, Medicare and my Medicare supplement would cover a big part of the expense.

The second appointment was for the surgery on one eye and the third appointment was for the surgery on the other eye. The surgery was impressive, partly because everyone was so well trained and partly because it was my first surgery. My eye was anesthetized but I was awake during

the entire procedure. The worst part of the surgery was having to look at a bright light. The discomfort only lasted a minute or two because eventually I adapted to the light and could look directly at the filament. I occasionally felt a little pain on my cheekbone, probably because I had refused the Valium. They were prepared to administer Valium if it had been needed. If I had accepted the Valium, I'm confident I would have felt no pain.

It's been two months since the second surgery and I could not be more pleased. For the first week after surgery, I did experience some of the problems that I had been told to expect. I saw halos around auto headlights and light bulbs. It was impossible to see anything in dim light and it was frustrating to not be able to bend over or lift anything. By the end of my second week, all the restrictions had been lifted and I could see comfortably well at all distances. I have not needed glasses since the second surgery and I can read the smallest print on my vitamin bottles.

My vision now, after only two months, is better than I ever had wearing glasses. I can see the ground far better now than when I was wearing bifocals. As a result, my balance is noticeably improved. I see clearly now out of the corner of my eyes so backing up a car is far easier and safer. I've been told that my vision may continue to improve for the next few months, as my brain adapts to the new lenses.

The holiday season is a time for family and fun. It is also a time to reflect on the past year and gratitude is an integral part of that reflection. This is more obvious to me this year, partly because of my age and partly because of my cataract surgery.

We are really lucky to live in Waldo where we have access to great medical care. When we're counting our blessings this holiday season, quality medical care should be on our lists. It will certainly be on mine.

Our gratitude should not only extend to family and friends, but should also include people who have made a real difference in our lives. This would, of course, include our policemen, firemen, and other public servants in occupations too numerous to mention here. But this year, I personally want to make a special effort to include the staff at Eye Surgicenter: a group of people who have devoted their lives in careers dedicated to preserving eyesight.

It is because of them that I can say, "I can see clearly now."

Thank you to the W3Cs for the delicious Thanksgiving Dinner served to the Waldo Seniors on Saturday, November 20 at the Waldo Community Center. Another wonderful tradition by a generous Waldo organization.



# THE WALDO PHOENIX



**FREE - TAKE ONE!**

Volume One - Issue Ten, December, 2010

Published by Waldo Historical Society, Inc.

[www.WaldoHistoricalSociety.YolaSite.com](http://www.WaldoHistoricalSociety.YolaSite.com)

## Lets Take a Tour by Lucy Roe Cook

**E**mbarling onto the van, affectionately called Miss Bellamy, we find ourselves departing from the Caboose in Memorial Park downtown Waldo. Our driver, Penny, and our narrator, Lucy, hand out tour booklets and songbooks. Our adventure begins.



Our first destination, the John Ambrose House 14782 Waldo Road. ca. 1908.

Pharmacist "Dr. John Ambrose, the son of Dr. George Ambrose, lived in this yellow house. Dr. John Ambrose was Waldo's druggist.

Now as we turn to the right, under the overpass, on the ground, can be seen the concrete foundation where the Ice House once stood. The Ice House served all the area in and around Waldo until the end of World War II, which brought refrigeration to more homes and saw the slow demise of the Ice Plant..

Just to your left, we are arriving at the Waldo Depot at 14648 Waldo Road. The original 99-year-old two-story depot was razed in 1963 to make room for the current single story structure. A picture of the old depot can be seen hanging on the wall at City Hall.

Canals were dredged at Waldo and Melrose to Lake Alto and Little Santa Fe. Now produce could be brought to Waldo, by the steamships, to be shipped north on the railroad.

### Let's sing our Waldo Railroad Song:

(To the tune of "I've Been Working On The Railroad")

Waldo's all about the railroad  
Has been from the start  
Everybody worked the railroad  
They all played a part . . .  
Can you hear the train a-coming  
Rolling down the track  
Can you see the smoke a-flowing  
Out the big smokestack

Next month we will continue the tour beginning with a scenic tour of the Waldo canal with it's many stories.

## History of Schwan's by Penny Dodd



**H**ave you noticed the Schwan's truck driving around Waldo? If you're like me, you probably wonder what they're all about.

I actually thought they were selling ice cream - even though I didn't hear any calliope music as they drove around our streets. One day a few months ago, I found one of their catalogs on the counter at the Waldo Post Office. Schwan's was part of a fund-raiser that was going on in Hampton.

Boy, was I surprised to learn that they actually deliver frozen food to your door. Couldn't be more perfect for me, since I don't cook, and don't want to learn. I've been getting my food delivered twice a month ever since then. I'm eating good now. Even though I like going out to eat, this gives me an option, and there's always something in my freezer that I can just pop in the microwave whenever I feel the need.

So, as I usually do when I find a company or product I like a lot, I Googled Schwan's. Here's what I've learned.

In 1952, Marvin Schwan began home delivery of his family's homemade ice cream to rural western Minnesota. Schwan's expanded quickly to cover much of the Midwestern United States and made a number of acquisitions, including the Holiday Ice Cream Company and Russell Dairy. In 1957, the product line was expanded to include juice concentrates, and in 1962 Schwan's began selling frozen fish products. During the 1970s, the company began selling pizza to schools.

In 1993, founder Marvin Schwan died of a heart attack at the age of 64. His older brother, Alfred Schwan, who had been the company's head of manufacturing, was named president.

In 2001, Schwan acquired the *Edwards* dessert company, and in 2003, the *Mrs. Smith's dessert company*. Also in 2003, the corporation changed its name from *Schwan's Sales Enterprises* to *The Schwan Food Company*.

In 2010, Schwans teamed up with the TV series *Top Chef* and is now selling dishes that were made famous by chefs that were featured on the Bravo television series.

**Now You Know!**