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WHS News
by Penny Dodd,
Treasurer

The Waldo Historical Society wants to thank everyone who helped make 2012 a wonderful year for the Waldo Phoenix and supported us in our fund-raisers.

We wish everyone a prosperous and happy 2013!

Commemorative Brick Project Update

Our initial order of memorial bricks has arrived and placement will begin in January.



There are still plenty of spaces left for your family veteran or railroad worker. A special area is set aside for anyone you want to honor.

Applications are available at Waldo City Hall, or by contacting Fred Donaldson (352-468-1726) or email: JudyDFla@Windstream.net.

2013 Calendars Update

This year's calendar has been a huge success - they have sold fast. As of this writing, there are less than 20 left, so if you haven't gotten yours yet, please

let us know, and we'll make arrangements to get them to you. Still only \$10.00 each, with over 60 photos of Waldo veterans, some with bios, and Waldo birthdays. It's much more than a calendar - it's an historic Waldo keepsake.

Two New Businesses Open in Waldo

In case you haven't noticed, your local Waldo Snoop is here to tell you about some new businesses now open in Waldo.

As reported last month, Vic Tauro has re-opened the **Classic Café** restaurant on US 301. They're open every day except Monday and Tuesday, from 7 am until 3 pm. There's a great assortment of food on the menu, and breakfast is available all day. Take the family in to check them out. You won't regret it.



Thrift Store and More is now open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 am till 3 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8 am till 4 pm in the little strip of businesses by the Big White Chair, next to the gunsmith, just past Classic Café.



Frankie Macy has a very nice selection of merchandise (see her flyer in this month's issue).

SPAGHETTI DINNER BY THELMA BAY

Friday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life



Building at Waldo Baptist Church to benefit our school safety patrol.

We will serve spaghetti, green beans, bread, tea and dessert for \$5.00.

Money will be donated to the patrols for their trip to Washington, D.C.

Please come out and join us for this worthy cause and a delicious meal.

Call Thelma at 339-6956 for more info.

Waldo Still fattening up Its Seniors

Last month, you may recall, our front page spread the news that Waldo's Seniors are well fed! Apparently that wasn't enough, because on Monday, December 17, the W3Cs (Waldo Concerned Citizens for the Community), made sure there were absolutely no empty tummies left by feeding us Christmas Dinner at the Waldo Community Center

Now, nobody's complaining, for sure. We are as happy as any pampered pets can be. Just sayin'.

Surprise Birthday Party for Mary Ann Rich

On Saturday, December 22, Mary Ann Rich celebrated a



Birthday cake with photo of Mary Ann was the highlight of the party.

"Decade" birthday with family and friends.

Expecting a Family Christmas party, Mary Ann was surprised to see her many friends and family waiting for her as she entered the Waldo Community Center on Saturday, December 22.

Several of Mary Ann's guests got up to tell how they first met Mary Ann, and how she has changed their lives. Some words were heard repeatedly from people who spoke: helpful, never



Mary Ann with husband Johnny Lee Rich and sister, Catherine (Cat) Hill telling her story.

said a bad word about anyone, always there when you need her - but mostly: busy!



Marie Ankney "roasting" Mary Ann.



Mary Ann opening her gifts

The Day After Christmas Gail Winchester Rose

It's the day after Christmas and my house is a wreck, everyone's still sleeping So, I say..."What the heck?"

There's dishes to wash and laundry to do, A tree to take down and all those lights too.

The cabinets are empty and the fridge is bare, We've ate every crumb Of all that was there.

So, off to the stores for returns and to restock A day of long lines and watching the clock.

Yes, so much to do dancing round in my head, I'm already tired... think I'll go back to bed.





from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

The Waldo City Council, along with City residents, have demonstrated their commitment to improving the environment by deciding to decommission the old wastewater treatment facility and construct a pipeline which will interconnect the City of Waldo with Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU). This will be achieved by constructing a new pump station and 62,400 LF (linear feet) of 12 inch and 10 inch force main.

Groundbreaking Ceremony for the USDA Rural Development Funded Wastewater System Improvements Project and Dedication of Police Vehicle for the City of Waldo

Opening remarks by Mayor Louie Davis, followed by a prayer by Bernard Carter, Public Works Director for the City of Waldo, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ray Charles Jackson, III, Waldo Community School student.

The City of Waldo will eliminate its current Wastewater



Speakers Timothy P. Norman, Mayor Louie Davis, City Manager Kim Worley and City employee Bernard Carter

Treatment Plant which is approximately 25 years old and can no longer effectively treat the City's wastewater. In its current configuration the City's WWTP discharges treated wastewater (effluent) to the Santa Fe River, and the plant has received numerous water quality violations



Captive Audience

The GRU's Main Street Water Reclamation Facility will receive Waldo's wastewater and will treat Waldo's current and future wastewater flows. The project will eliminate the City's current effluent discharge to the Santa Fe river and will significantly improve the environment.

Closing remarks were made by City Manager, Kim Worley, after which we were allowed to see the new 2013 Chevy Tahoe Police car - with lights flashing (for Christmas).

Project Funding

Both projects are being funded through a grant and low interest loan from USDA rural Development:



- \$5,364,300 for Waldo's much needed Wastewater System Improvements Project and
- \$20,000 toward the purchase of the new 2013 Chevy Tahoe for the City of Waldo and its police force.

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**Cut Me A Plug Of Bull-Of-The-Woods Mary Sue Holton**

I've previously mentioned a shared event from my childhood that I'm not particularly inclined to brag about. "Swill diving" was one of those things that I did (and YES, enjoyed) with Pa Strickland who was my mother's father. It shouldn't be too surprising for you to know that I enjoyed something equally as disgusting with PeePie, who was my father's father. Maybe I was just a weird little girl, very easily amused and not too picky about the things which I considered "fun." Whatever the case, it doesn't change the fact that indeed, I enjoyed being party to Bull Of The Woods time.



Peepie seemed much older to me than Pa Strickland did, and maybe in fact, he was. His hair was completely white and it fell in thin wisps across the top of his head. He liked for me to comb his hair, although now I know it was just a way of getting his head scratched. But I didn't mind one

bit and I would stand beside his rocker and comb those white locks just as long as he wanted me to, because this task was ALWAYS accompanied by two more that were much more interesting and intriguing. Cutting a plug of tobacco for him, and holding his spit cup.

Peepie wasn't a drinker or a smoker. I don't recall him ever uttering a swear word, nor do I ever remember seeing him get angry. He was very laid back and

on me. I was fevered and tossing around in the bed. I remember pulling the covers over my head because it began to storm and I was cold and afraid.

We lived next door to Peepie & Ma Holton for a time when I was in second grade. Once when I had tonsillitis Mama left me at home while the rest of the family went to church. Ma and Peepie would take turns checking on me. I was fevered and tossing around in the bed. I remember pulling the covers over my head because it began to storm and I was cold and afraid.

Soon, I heard a noise but was too afraid to poke my head from the covers to find its source. Then I thought I could hear water

the covers away and laughed at the "monster" who had scared the daylights out of me just a moment before. Peepie stood there, covered in a long black rain slicker, from head to foot with nothing but his straggly white beard stubble showing.

"Peepie," I said with all the charm of a sick little granddaughter "Can I just have a bowl of tomato soup?" And you can bet that's exactly what I got.

Some might say I had him wrapped around my finger. But the truth is, it was ME who was charmed. Perhaps even mesmerized, by his one bad habit. Chewing tobacco.

Peepie loved Bull-Of-The-Woods which came in a square, cellophane wrapped package with a picture of a red bull on it. When he was finished working in the garden, Peepie would retire to his rocking chair on the front porch,



easy going. But as I said, he was quite old and perhaps his quiet nature was more indicative of his being worn out rather than a true personality trait. He was one of the greatest farmers around and beautiful, plump and delicious tomatoes were the thing for which he was best known. I can remember climbing into the front of his black model T which was laden with baskets of ripe, red tomatoes, and riding with him to deliver them to the local stores and produce stands.

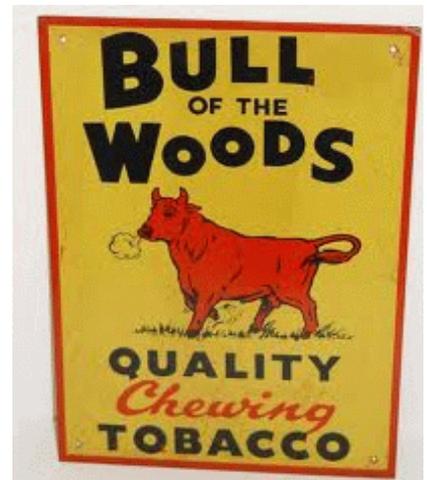
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dripping on the floor by my bed and after mustering up a grain of courage, I peeked out from under the covers to find a HUGE black beast standing over the bed watching me. I quickly jerked the cover back over my head thinking I could wish the monster away. Then I heard a very familiar cackle which I recognized to be Peepie.

"Weeeell young'un, " he said, "You gonna lay there in that bed all day long and not eat?"

Feeling safety return to my immediate surroundings, I kicked



and settle down for a "chaw of "backer." He would reach in his pocket, pull out his knife and a pack of Bull-Of-The-Woods and hand both of them to me. I knew exactly how to cut a perfect "plug" from the block of stench-reeking, tar like substance, which I would offer to him for approval. He would pop it in his mouth and

immediately it seemed, a thick, brown stain would begin to dribble from the corners of his mouth. Within minutes he would motion for his "spit cup" which I eagerly supplied. It was with HUGE excitement that I was allowed to hold the cup while he deposited a load of tobacco laden spit into its bottom. Even the disgusting, putrid smell wasn't enough to deter my extreme pleasure at being part of this awful habit. And ALWAYS, he would jokingly say "Don't 'cha wanna cut a plug for yourself young'un?" At the time, however, I didn't think that he was joking.

I never used tobacco in ANY form. Never tried it. Not even a cigarette. Perhaps I have Peepie to thank for that. For having shared such a disgusting ritual with him, maybe I lost my natural curiosity to explore it later. And for that, I am eternally grateful.

But tomatoes, on the other hand, I never did get over my craving for them. I like 'em any way they're fixed. A big, fat, juicy, fresh tomato sandwich with lots of mayonnaise. That's hard to beat. Fried green and sprinkled with feta cheese. Yummy!! Stewed and poured over rice. Umm Umm Good!! Or good ole tomato gravy with lots of bacon and ladled over a bowl of grits. Now THAT'S what I call a handed down tradition worth passing along.

As Peepie would've said "Weeeeeell, youngun', don't just sit there smacking your lips. Help Yourself!"

*In Loving Memory*




David L. Brock, Sr.  
Violet Ann Sanders

***If you know Waldo citizens who have passed, please call Millie Keirnan 352-468-1378.***

### All things "Bike Safety" Dekova T. Batey

This summer I had a great time visiting the Waldo community center, sharing important bicycle safety information with the kids, as well as coming back and providing materials for the back to school back-pack give-away in the fall. The helpers at the center were so dedicated and concerned that the



children learned and took advantage of the things that could shape their lives for the better. The kids were very attentive and well behaved, keep up the good

work with the programs and community center outreach. Aside from participating and staffing meetings, planning community events, providing input on local transportation projects, working with state level groups to improve safety, promoting & maintaining all aspects of bicycle and pedestrian issues in our Gainesville and Alachua County community, I travel around the area teaching and presenting on bicycle and pedestrian safety, resource, innovations and opportunities.



Thanks to Olivea Williams, Gainesville Police Department (GPD) - Police Service Technician (PST) for coordinating my July 19, 2012 visit to the Waldo Community Center, she and her GPD Cadets assisted in the presentations and demonstrations that taught the Florida bicycle laws, cycling safety and awareness. Participants



viewed a PowerPoint presentation full of pictures and information that helped to explain how to operate properly on a bicycle and then viewed a demonstration on

**Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am.  
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how to fit a bicycle helmet to the head. The highlight of the visit was a demonstration to show how a bicycle helmet works to protect the head in a crash, using an egg.

The egg represented a person's head while riding a bicycle. The simulated crash of the egg with a helmet involved the egg being dropped in a box of Styrofoam packing peanuts, where it was protected in the cushion of the box contents. The egg was dropped several times from a distance that would normally result in the egg cracking. Once the kids were hyped up enough and then came the simulation of the egg dropping without a helmet. Well, I guess you can imagine what happened this time. The cracked egg is always a point of excitement for the kids, however, it is also an opportunity to focus their emotions and attention to what could easily happen to someone they know or themselves, or what may have already happened (head injury). At the end, each participant received a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted to their head.

I think it is important to balance fun with serious learning so people are able to make better decisions on how to live their life and achieve their goals.

Sometimes we do not think about what is important to do or prepare in our life until it is too late, or until something unfortunate happens, but educating yourself and thinking about what could be can help to give you a little more ease and enjoyment. Wearing a bicycle helmet, seatbelt, or using bicycle safety does not guarantee no problems or issues, however, it lessens the chances and severity of them.

I look forward to future visits to the Waldo community whether bicycle or pedestrian safety or resource presentation demonstrations. I target all ages (toddler to senior citizen) and demographics. The presentations are tailored to your audience whether a skateboarding teen or a mature church group. We may not all ride bicycles; however, we are all pedestrians (walkers) at some point or another. If you have interest in no cost training, presentation, demonstration, on-bicycle safety training rodeo course, free resource information & trinkets, please contact the City of Gainesville (Public Works) Bicycle/Pedestrian Program at ( 3 5 2 ) 3 9 3 - 8 4 9 3 mailto:bikeped@cityofgainesville.org or visit our website at: www.cityofgainesville.org/bikeped

As we start out the New Year with bikes, scooters, ATV's, skateboards, skates, etc., think about safety and think about how you can prepare yourself to stay alive.

### **Weight A Minute! Millie Keirnan**

**2**013 is here. Where did 2012 go? Hope all had a Merry Christmas, seasonal happiness.

Did you step on the scales and say "My resolution for 2013 is to lose weight"? Did you say, "I couldn't have eaten that much"?

Now where and how can I take the weight off? There are many ways. Weight Watchers, watching what you eat and "Tops" Take off pounds sensibly.

There are many clubs in this area but the one I enjoy is held each Tuesday at 10 am at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2738 State Road, corner of Hwy 21 and 21B.

We weigh in and discuss portion control and food intake levels for healthy weight loss, and are very informal.

For other area "TOPS" like Keystone, Gainesville and Hawthorne, go to [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org)

Hope to see you at "TOPS" or hear how happy you are for losing the weight that just showed up.

### **A Little Bird Told Me by Lucy Roe Cook**

**L**ittle Bird wants to say it has been a blessed year and 2013 will continue to grow in kindness and health and love of one another in our nation our state and in our city and in our families.



### **Happy New Year!**

### **BINGO WEDNESDAY**

Starting Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at the Waldo Community Center - 9 am till 12 noon!

**Every Wednesday!  
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### **Letter To The Editor**

**I** just got around to reading this and as usual loved it. A couple of the articles made me cry.

The one article that I really enjoyed was about the mason jars. Took me back in time and remembering. Thank you again for sending this to me.

**Linda H.**

# Information Please!

## Waldo Phone Numbers You Might Need (Cut out and place by your phone)

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|-----------------------------|----------|
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| After Hours Water Emergency | 258-3110 |
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| Police Department           | 468-1515 |
| Police Non-Emergencies      | 955-1818 |
| Waldo Library               | 468-3298 |
| Waldo Community Center      | 468-2336 |
| Waldo Post Office           | 468-1970 |
| Waldo Community School      | 468-1451 |
| Waldo Phoenix               | 468-1910 |

## January Birthdays

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Marie Ankney      | 14 Warren Cawley, Jr    |
| 1 Jeremy Scott      | 16 Bobby P. Hill        |
| 2 Morgan Thurston   | 16 Malcolm Worley       |
| 5 Dylan Graham      | 17 Annie M. Mitchell    |
| 6 Bob Williams      | 17 Caleb Morgan Jacobs  |
| 7 Rebecca Burnsed   | 20 Evon Mauldin         |
| 7 Javanis Ross      | 21 Brianna Bedford      |
| 7 Mark Baun         | 25 Kristen Hill Brannon |
| 8 Shatisha Wilson   | 26 Susan Juszak         |
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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

6 pm Youth Praise and Worship

### Wednesday Schedule

5:45 - 6:15 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Children's, Youth, Adult  
Programs

## Random Fact:

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize.

## Bonus Fact:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day was not officially observed in all 50 states until January, 2000.

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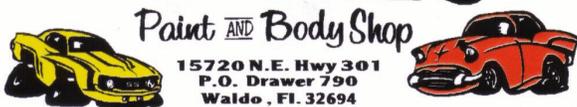
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**Reminder!**

The next Waldo Historical Society meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 7 pm at the Waldo Community Center. Refreshments always available. More than just coffee. Good food to enjoy during the meeting.



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