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Veterans Day Celebration Follow-Up

Turnout for the Veterans Day event was so successful it has taken two issues of the Waldo Phoenix to cover it. We hope next year will be just as well-received. The W3c's, the City of Waldo and the Waldo Historical Society wish to thank everyone for coming out to our first Veterans Day Celebration.



Thomas Mann and Brenda Coleman



Betty Brooker and Margaret Cannon



Joe Lipsey



Mayor Louie Davis, Kim Worley, Millie Keirnan, Mary Ann Rich, Linda Wise

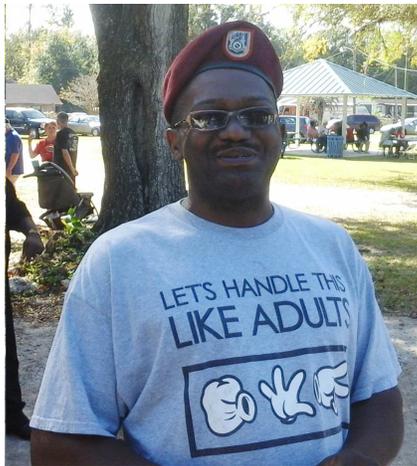
Mayor Davis, City Manager Kim Worley, Council members Chuck Hall, Carolyn Wade, Irvin Jackson, Rick Pisano, and Glen Johnson, City employees Bernard Carter (Public Works Director) and Oscar White, Recreation Director Erika Smith, City Attorney, Glen McPherson and Planner, Laura Dedenbach.

Our MC, Joe Lipsey, Rev. Mary Jackson, Larry McDaniel, Martin C. Whitley (Veteran Counselor), Millie, Vera, Penny, Lucy and Linda, Bob Haines, Thomas Mann, Mr. And Mrs. Buddy Thompson & daughter, Mike Cruse, Chris Mays, Larry O'Neal, Philadelphia Waldo Baptist Church, Chanita Ross, Chawn Ross, Thelma Bay, Marie Ankney, Barbara Lee, Randy Hall, C.J. Smith, Catherine Hill, Lisa Hill, Theresa Adams, Bobby Cook, Brenda Coleman, Shake Eudailey, John Taylor, Margaret Cannon, Betty Brooker, Mr. And Mrs. Fred Donaldson and Ina Savant and Bread of the Mighty of Gainesville.



Martin Whitley

The businesses that contributed to the door prizes: Mark McGriff (State Farm of Gainesville - 5 gift certificates, and a gift certificate from Classic Café 3.



Chawn Ross

Veterans Day History Submitted by Millie Keirnan

I know that we celebrated Veterans Day on November 11 but in my opinion, every day should be Veterans Day. Every day we should appreciate our vets as they have put their lives on the line 24 hours a day, day and night. They, unlike other jobs, are on call

24 hours a day 7 days a week. Yes, they do get vacations, called leave, but other than that they are on call.

Veterans Day actually started as Armistice Day. It all began after World War I, known at that time as the "Great War." Even though the treaty was signed June 28, 1919, the actual fighting had stopped 7 months earlier. The date was November 11, 1918. Because of this, November 11, 1918 was known as "the war to end all wars."

On November 11, President Wilson set this date aside as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with these words:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The United States Congress on June 4, 1926 passed a resolution: (briefly stated)

1. November 11, 1918 ended the WWI and the people of the United States will have peaceful relations with other nations.

2. This date will be a recurring anniversary with thanksgiving and prayer good will and mutual understanding between nations.

3. November 11 to be a legal holiday and the American Flag is displayed on all Government buildings. This also is to be observed in the schools and churches or other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies.

In 1954, after WWII, the 83rd congress with the urging of the veterans services Organizations replaced the word "Armistice" with the word "Veterans."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamations." On June 28, 1968 the Uniform Holiday Bill was signed, which made this date the official Veterans Day. All national holidays would be on Mondays. The people did not go along with this, as it did not represent what "Veterans Day" was set forth.

Consequently, on September 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date starting in 1978.

In 2001, the United States Senate resolved that the week of November 11 through November 17 as "National Veterans Awareness Week." The resolution also called education efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

The difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day, is that Memorial Day honors servicemen who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorable in the military in wartime or peacetime.

This is how Veterans Day began and how it changed over the years to what it is today. So many people, especially our children do not understand the hardships and difficulties the

military personnel and their families had to go through.

If today, you told children about waiting at the door for your loved one to come home or worse yet to see a military car pull up in front of your house and two uniformed men get out and approach your house.

Knowing what they are there for and what they are going to say to you. Yet you must open the door and hear the bad news that your loved one is not coming home. Most children of many ages would not believe nor comprehend the difficulty of life then and now.

In closing, let me state that Veterans Day, as well as other days that honor the Military, today's and those of the past, should be thought of in a very relevant way. The stories of the past, from your parents to their parents should be passed on.

Even though Veterans Day is passed, let us take time to pause and bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer for all our military, today, yesterday, those deceased and alive.

Thank you.

Pearl Harbor Recalled Nick Biggins

I can remember the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor on



December 7th, 1941, like most people. Over 4,000 Americans lost their lives there, 21 ships and over 300 planes were destroyed.

The reign of terror by the Imperial Japanese government started long before that day of infamy. In the 1930s, they invaded and occupied China. In the rape of Nanking, they performed experiments on live humans, including vivisections. They occupied the Philippines and Korea, where they forced over 200,000 young women into prostitution, where they called them "comfort women."

I'm very glad the war was fought on their soil rather than ours, mainly because of the brutality and their lack of respect for human life. In many battles they fought to the death and they held in contempt any prisoners they took. Of the 36,000 American prisoners they took, only 21,000 were returned. And they have never apologized or given reparations to those they harmed.

I personally knew several Japanese American men whose parents were in internment camps in America, and they volunteered

to fight for this country. They were members of the 444th, the most decorated unit of the war.

When codes were being broken, the armed forces enlisted Navaho men (Code Talkers) to thwart the enemy. Within recent history, they have finally been recognized for their invaluable service.

Another tidbit that many people don't know is that history was re-written for Japanese school children. While the atomic bombs are mentioned, the bombing of Pearl Harbor is not.

I've read "*Unbroken*," the life story of Louis Zamperini, and my family and I plan to see the movie Christmas weekend.

A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME by Lucy Roe Cook

Christmas has come and Christmas has gone, but the joy of Christmas remains into the new year.



Let us be able to leave any sorrow or anger behind us

and carry the joy of Christmas to all the new year.

Some of our loved ones passed in 2014 as new births arrived. Love one another for as long as is allowed.

This Little Bird will be flying about watching for your good deeds, sharing and helpful hands that assist others. Let us build a strong community built with the love of God.

The WHS will hopefully have the caboose railroad museum open for all to enjoy in the early part of the 2015.

See you in February.



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'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE NEW YEARS

Mary Sue Rister

Twas the night before New Years
and all through the town
Waldonians rested, barely making
a sound

With Christmas behind them, they
shared a night cap
Then each to their home for a
much needed nap

Santa had sprinkled the town with
good cheer
Thinking that surely it'd last 'til
New Years

But days filled with laughter and
long hours of play
Had left them worn out on this
cold winter's day

The spirit of joy which had danced
in their heads
Had now turned to longings of
being in bed

And so with a sign and a long
sleepy yawn
They burrowed 'neath covers
where they'd stay until dawn

When out of the night from the
door of Town Hall
Came the Chief of Police, decisive
and tall

With a resolute purpose and a nod
to the past
He would rescue his town with a
holiday blast

He gathered the Councilmen,
Leaders and Mayor
Together they toasted this plan
which he shared

On Carl, on Louie, on Mr. Prevatt

This town needs a party, let's give
it just that!!

On Donaldson, Oglesby, Gunter
and Hugh
Let's make it a doozey like big
cities do!!

So under the lead of a man they
called Huck
Waldo was bound for a bit of good
luck

From doorway to doorway they
spread the good word
A big celebration was soon to be
heard

No sleeping, no napping, no more
time to rest
Get up and get ready and dress in
your best

The time has arrived for this town
to bring cheer
Embracing the birth of a happy
new year

And so, legend has it, the people
all came
Poor folks, and old folks and young
all the same

They joined hearts and hands in a
spirit of giving
Thankful each one, in this town to
be living

Some say as the clock counted
down in the night
The face of the past could be seen
in the light

And just as the chimes of the new
year rang out
The faces were gone - but they
left not a doubt

From the midst of the stars, that
twinkled so bright

Came the echo of voices from
deep in the night

"Twas once we who lived here .tis
yours now to tend
May the spirit that dwells here,
never come to an end."

Letter to the Editor



I haven't heard the name
Dana since my childhood. It
brought back many old family
names - Sparkman, Higgins,
Thigpin, Wilson, O'Neal, Bellamy.
It would be nice if the world had
more men like him who cared
about family and neighbors. Very
good article.

It was nice reading the
coverage of the Veteran's Day
service. As you know, I'm from a
family of veterans and I served in
Korea. It's too bad that more isn't
said about Pearl Harbor and all
those who lost their lives seventy
three years ago.

— **Nick, OHIO**

Great Phoenix as usual!
Loved Mary Sue Holton's story.

— **Connie, FLORIDA**

Random Facts

The most watched television
event in the United States is
the Super Bowl. Though
football games usually last around
3 hours, the ball is typically in play
for only 11 minutes. Around 56
percent of the game on TV is
devoted to replays.

The Two Second Rule and Size Does Matter

Glen Johnson

Yes, we're talking digital photography today folks.



Hopefully, you're all up to speed with your Christmas presents and have brand new digital cameras, phones or MP3 players. Now you're wondering, what am I supposed to do with these things? Well, not much I can do with phones or MP3 players because of the number of different kinds there are, but cameras I might be able to help you with. That's because these work of SD cards, and there are only so many you have to worry about.

There are micro, mini and regular SD cards. Micro SD cards are used mostly for phones. They're about .43" x .59". They're pretty small to deal with. Mini SD cards are mostly for larger phones and some cameras. They're .78" x .84". Most of what we deal with is regular SD cards. They are about .94" x 1.25". These are a lot easier to work with. No matter what physical size they are, the internal size is pretty much the same. You have 2, 4, 8, 16 and 32 gig mostly to work with. They go bigger, but there are reasons not to go any higher for cameras, and I'll explain later. First, let's see what each can do and which is best for you.

SD cards can be used for photos, video or music. A 2 gig card can hold 30 minutes of standard video, 770 photos and 34 minutes of music. These are the smallest cards you can buy now. A

4 gig card can hold 60 minutes of video, 1540 photos, or 68 minutes of music. An 8 gig card can hold 120 minutes of video, 3080 photos, or 136 minutes of music. A 16 gig card can hold 240 minutes of video, 6160 photos, or 272 minutes of music. A 32 gig card can hold 480 minutes of video, 12,320 photos, and 545 minutes of music. Now, this means one 8 gig card can hold one average full length movie, over 3000 photos, or 45 average length songs, which is almost 4 CD's. I've found these as low as \$8 at Walmart. A 2 gig card can be gotten even cheaper, and you can put 770 photos on one. Look around for deals and you can get them even cheaper.

Now, here's why size matters. If you can put this many photos on such a small card, why not just take and put all the next Christmas party photos on one card and be done with it. Just keep adding the New Year's party to the same card, and the fourth of July, and keep adding on and on and on. You get the point. Here's the problem. These DO go bad. Do you really want to take the risk and lose all the photos just because you wanted to save a couple of dollars and put all the photos on one disk? Not me. Buy a bunch of small, inexpensive SD cards, and swap them often. Once you get home, take the pictures off the card, and put them on your PC. Just leave them on your card. Now you have a backup.

Oh, and the two second rule? Never take a card out of your camera without waiting 2 seconds minimum after taking a photo. The camera is still writing information to that card. If you don't wait, that card will be ruined

and you will have lost all the photos on that card.

So, remember the two second rule and size does matter. In this case, the smaller the better. Enjoy.

Random Facts

The average person has about 1,460 dreams a year. By the time we die, most of us will have spent six years or more dreaming. So dreaming is physiologically, psychologically and culturally important.

Common dream motifs that transcend cultural and socio-economic boundaries include falling, flying, nakedness in public, and unpreparedness. Such shared dreams arise from experiences and anxieties fundamental to all people.



Bonus Fact:

While dream interpretation may not be accurate, it is certainly not new. The Beatty Papyrus, written around 1350 B.C. and discovered at Thebes, is the oldest dream dictionary existing today. It describes special dream-interpreting priests called 'Masters of the Secret Things' or 'Learned Ones of the Magic Library.'

**Waldo Community
School News
Holly Burton - Principal**



Principal Holly Burton

**Citizen of the Month
For December
Travis Wheeler
Congratulations!**

5th Grade Transition

Our counselor, Mrs. Morris, will be meeting with parents to share information about middle school options /information on Thursday, 1/22 at 5:15 in our school's media center. Topics will include skills needed for success in middle school, requirements for earning credits, program options, and our upcoming Human Growth and Development program. There will also be an opportunity to ask the counselor questions.

We encourage all 5th grade parents to attend this meeting.

**Random Facts
Don't Be So Gauche**

Between 10 and 12 percent of people on earth are lefties. At various times in history, left-handedness has been seen as many things: a nasty habit, a mark of the devil, a sign of neurosis, rebellion, criminality, and homosexuality.

The word 'gauche' which means lacking social experience or grace in English, is the French word for left.

Tests conducted by St. Lawrence University in New York found that there were more left-handed people with IQs over 140 than right-handed people. Famous left-handed intellectuals include Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, and Benjamin Franklin.

Bonus Fact:

Studies have suggested that left-handers are more talented in spatial awareness, math, and architecture. Right-handers tend to be more talented verbally.



Benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Waldo Community School Safety Patrols.

Friday night, January 23rd - 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Waldo Baptist Church Family Life Center.

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

Come out and help us send our Safety Patrols to Washington, D.C.

Take-outs are also available and for more information, call Thelma at 339-6956.



**How do trains hear?
Through their
engine-ears!**

**How to trains eat?
They Chew Chew.**

Attitude

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head.

'Well,' she said, 'I think I'll braid my hair today.'

So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head.

'H-M-M,' she said, 'I think I'll part my hair down the middle today.'

So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head.

'Well,' she said, 'today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail.'

So she did, and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head.

'YAY!' she exclaimed. 'I don't have to fix my hair today!'

Attitude is everything.

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January Birthdays

1 Marie Ankney	13 Javier Gutierriz
1 Jeremy Scott	14 Warren Cawley, Jr
2 Morgan Thurston	16 Bobby P. Hill
2 Mary Sue Rister	16 Malcolm Worley
5 Dylan Graham	17 Annie M. Mitchell
6 Bob Williams	17 Caleb Jacobs
7 Rebecca Burnsed	20 Evon Mauldin
7 Javanis Ross	21 Brianna Bedford
7 Mark Baun	21 Holly Burton
8 Shatisha Wilson	25 Kristen Brannon
8 Zylphia Walker	26 Susan Juszak
11 Donna Durden	28 John Henry Taylor
29 L'il P.J. Bedford	



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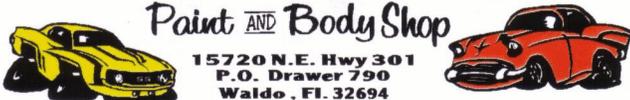


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