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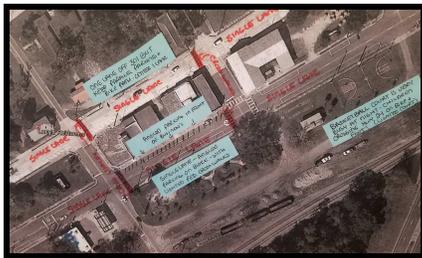
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City of Waldo News

by Kim Worley

**Waldo- Embracing the past
Enhancing our future**



The Mayor and Council have asked FDOT to one lane US Highway 24 from NE 138th Street (by Waldo Baptist Church) to US Highway 301.

We have asked for lighted pedestrian crosswalks on Cole Street and Earle Street. We have also asked to have slanted parking on the back side of the building from City Hall, across from Veteran's Park.

This plan would slow traffic down and allow for parking in the downtown area. The parking issue hinders business opportunities downtown. If FDOT will work with the City on these issues, we feel that downtown could be revitalized.



and

The City of Waldo

FARM SHARE – returned to Waldo on Saturday, December 10, 2016. Statistics show that 1 in 6 adults in our state are hungry or food insecure. This represents an astounding 2.5 million adults or 13% of all people in Florida. The City is proud to work with FARM SHARE to help the Citizens in and around Waldo.



The event brings out Great Volunteers, which without them this event would not be possible. So, a BIG Thank You from the City of Waldo to all the volunteers who served!!! FARM SHARE will return to Waldo in a few months. The dates will be posted on our website waldo-fl.com, flyers will be posted at the City Hall, Waldo Library and the Post office.

You can also call City Hall for information 352-468-1001. To learn more about FARM SHARE visit their website at farmshare.org.

Christmas at the Caboose Santa Came to the Caboose

Waldo was ready for Santa to come back to the Caboose. The lights were all hung by CJ and Oscar with care, it was clear both were ready for Santa to hurry and get there.

On December 15th, a strange sound came around - Christmas music blaring out loud. The people in line all turned around, a white vehicle followed by a side by side was heading downtown... and what to their wondering eyes did appear, but Santa on the side by side instead of in a sleigh pulled by reindeer.

He jumped out of the cart, waved to all that were in sight and went up on the stage to hear the children's Christmas wishes on this cold December night. Mayor Davis did the welcome, thanked the Sponsors and workers and all who came. Erika Smith was doing the trivia spot light.. so lots of prizes were won this very special night. Special drawings were done at the end of the night, lucky children could win all kinds of prizes including a bike.

Santa left on the side by side - not a reindeer in sight!!! The people who came hopefully had a fun filled night! With wishes of Merry Christmas lingering in the glow of the Christmas lights.

Waldo Post Office News

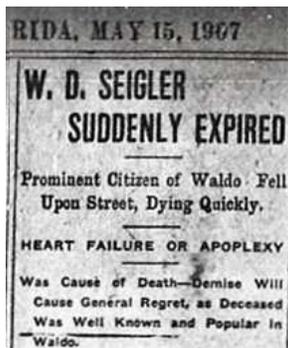
Be sure to get your Forever stamps before January 22, 2017, as the price will be going up by two cents. They will now be 49 cents instead of 47 cents. Thank our favorite Postmaster, Jeremy Scott for giving us the "jump" on this.

History Revealed: Profile of an Historic Waldo Home and its Inhabitants, Part II Ellie Floyd

We continue with the story of the Seiglers, an early Waldo family, whose Cracker Hill home is now owned by Ellie and Andrew Floyd. The family would be forever changed by what took place on May 14th, 1907.



A headline in the *Gainesville Daily Sun* read "W.D. Seigler



Suddenly Expired," and the *Live Oak Daily Democrat's* front page announced, "Seigler Dropped Dead." He

had experienced heart failure as he was walking along a street in Waldo. The *Sun* stated: "[His] demise will cause general regret, as deceased was well-known and popular in Waldo." His funeral was held at the Seigler residence, with ceremonies befitting his status as a Mason. Many attendees paid their respects, including his old business associate, W.B. Phifer.

W.D. Seigler's death was not the only tragedy Lula Seigler experienced in that decade; they'd had a third child in 1899, Ellen, who died less than a year later, in 1900. Challenging times followed her husband's passing. After becoming administratrix of his estate, Lula held an auction for the entire stock of Seigler

merchandise, though she did end up buying out a good deal of it. On July 25th, 1907, the *Sun* remarked, "It is not known whether Mrs. Seigler will continue the business or close the same out. The business has always proved a prosperous one, and friends are suggesting that she continue it." She did continue as a merchant – for how long it is unclear, though the store was in operation through at least 1910.

Isla Seigler was described by the *Sun* as "an attractive young lady of Waldo." She was also tall – at 5'10", she equaled her husband, Lewin Dennis Kinzer, in height. The couple married in 1910 in Duval County. L.D. Kinzer came from Blacksburg, Virginia; he was an engineer on the Seaboard railway, as well as secretary for the Florida division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The Kinzers lived for a time in Tampa before moving back to Waldo in 1920. That year, Isla joined Waldo Chapter No. 120 of the Order of the Eastern Star as a charter member. In 1922, Lula Seigler deeded her home over to Isla, though she herself continued to live there. The registry of Waldo voters in 1921 lists Lula as the proprietor of a hotel, the name and location of which have remained elusive to me; I wonder if it could have been this very house.

Tragically, Isla became a widow at an even younger age than her mother had, when L.D. Kinzer passed away in 1930. He died at home following a heart attack, the same as had befallen W.D. Seigler. The widowed mother and daughter continued on together. Later owner of the house, Charles Womeldorf, grew up directly next door. He recalls

that the two women did not socialize much at that time, and remembers, in good humor, being chastised by them to behave quietly while he and his siblings would play ball in the road. Isla did her part for the community during the Depression; she was a special aid worker for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, and later became the County Sewing Room Supervisor for the WPA.

Property records show that the household was keeping up with the times, as they owned a Dodge sedan by 1929, and according to the 1930 federal census, a radio set. As Andrew and I worked late one night plying rows of nails out of the newly exposed wide-plank pine floors downstairs, we, too, listened to a radio set – only this one was contained within a small cube. The program was discussing FDR's fireside chats. I imagined that the original owners of those floors might have listened to the real thing on their radio set in that very same room.

Harry Seigler, W.D. and Lula's second child, became a conductor for the Seaboard railway after attending school for a time in Meridian, MS. After he married Bobbie Myers, they moved into the house on the corner of the next block, at the intersection of what were once called Place Street and old Gainesville Road. That house was, until just recently, owned by the Williams family. Harry was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. He moved with his wife and two surviving children to Tampa in 1931, and died there in 1960. I believe the children of his son, Charles William Seigler,

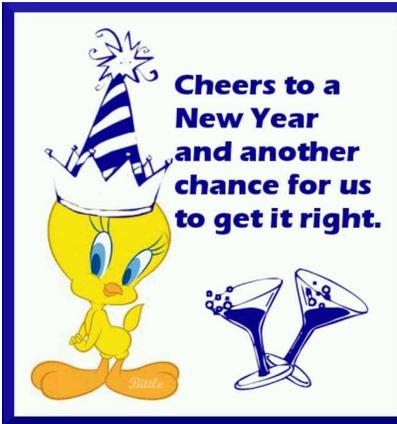
would be the only descendants of W.D. and Lula Seigler alive today.

In 1941, Isla Kinzer entered into an agreement with the Womeldurf family by which they would rent the home and eventually become the property's new owners. In 1948, Mrs. James F. (Lillian) Womeldurf was granted the deed to lots U and T (lot T became a part of the Seigler/Kinzer land in 1905). Isla and Lula moved to Gainesville following the Agreement in 1941, and lived in a house on University Avenue across from the Kirby Smith building. Just as her husband's death made headlines in 1907, news of Lula Seigler's passing in 1955 appeared on the front page of the *Gainesville Sun*: "Mrs. Seigler, 94, taken by death." Isla Kinzer moved to Tampa a few years after her mother's death, and passed away there in 1975. All of the Seiglers and Kinzers, with the exception of Harry and his descendants, are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Gainesville; Harry and his first wife are interred at Laurel Grove Cemetery in Waldo.

To be continued...

Author's note: Information was attained from a variety of sources, including but not limited to: personal interviews, deeds, newspaper articles, and records held by the W.H.S. For details, or if you have additional information, please contact akemfloyd@gmail.com.

A Little Bird Told Me by Lucy Roe Cook



2017 lies before us. It's another year of time to be filled with life and each of us must find his own way. It will be a unique and great adventure for every one of us, but for all of us it will be great opportunity. That is what time is all about. Time is our opportunity to grow and change. Time is truly a gift from God that allows each of us and our community to be better next year.

We can change and grow. Our past is nothing more than the lessons we have learned. The past was not meant to be a life sentence. So we review what we learned in 2016 and do what we have always done at the end of a year. We resolve to do better in 2017 and thank God for the opportunity.

Our city honored our veterans on the fourth of July in conjunction with the opening of the railroad museum at the caboose. Thank you to the Waldo Historical Society. Thanks also to the library for helping with researching historical events.

Don't forget the annual (soon to be semi-annual) spaghetti dinners which have been well received and supported by the community. The number of people

helping out on spaghetti day are too many to mention but our hats are certainly off to the chef, Shake.

Last June we honored Allie Mae and Quitman Hall when they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. What a great example for all of us. Sixty nine years of marriage is really a big deal!

While this little bird was flying over Waldo, I fluffed my feathers with joy when I learned a new life is coming soon to Cracker Hill. Andrew and Ellie Floyd are expecting a new baby girl at any moment. Congratulations to the new mom and dad.

There are so many things that come together to build a community and Waldo is so blessed. There is no better place than Waldo to live and like the Waldo sign man said, "Happy is the heart that loves Waldo."

WALDO LIBRARY NEWS

What's going on at your local Waldo Library? Come join us for some entertaining programs:

January 8 (Sunday) LEGOSPACE
2:00 p.m. - All ages

January 10 (Tuesday) DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY'S HISTORY
1:00 p.m. - Adults

January 24 (Tuesday) HANDS ON GENEALOGY ASSISTANCE
1:00 p.m. - Adults

Open Monday through Thursday from 12:30 until 7:00 p.m.

Closed on Friday and Saturday
Open Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED all day New Year's Holiday
January 1 & 2

CLOSED all day Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 16, 2017

New Year's Resolutions By Logan Fernandez – Smith



The time has come

The new year is upon us. All the decisions, struggles, and victories of last year are about to be swept away with a new clean slate. How will our choices this year affect the rest of our life? Now, many people decide what they would like to accomplish for next year. However, if you haven't come up with anything yet, don't worry there is plenty of time. You might not even want a resolution, which is fine too. Here are some suggestions for New Year's resolutions that will make your next year worth bragging about.

1. Quit Smoking.

This resolution goes for anyone who smokes really. If you are a new smoker or a long-term smoker, now is a time to start thinking about quitting. To quit smoking is a notoriously hard feat. But there are some useful tips and ways to quit. Many past smokers will find a new addiction to distract them from the cravings. While using a new addiction to cancel out an old one is not always the best solution it will work, chewing gum or drinking coffee are good alternatives and are better for you. Nicotine patches also work, along with, from what I hear, carrots. Apparently carrots are a good

alternative to cigarettes. Even teenagers should be aware of the risk of smoking. As cigarettes become more tantalizing and rebellious for some young adults, the risk isn't worth it. Teen smokers stunt their lungs and they will never grow to full size.

2. Going to the gym

If your New Year's resolution is to get into shape, then there are many ways to get started. Working out and eating healthy is a great way to increase your quality of life and your lifespan. Being physically fit helps to make you a happier person. Exercise gives many a time to express intense emotions and combats depression. Not only that but by being in good shape will give you the self-confidence you need to accomplish your goals. There are a number of diets and exercise regimes that will fit your lifestyle. Getting started on is as easy as going out for daily walks. You can also access many books on the topic at the local library.

3. Accomplishing occupational goals

As the holiday break comes to an end, reflect on where you want to be professionally in the upcoming year. Keeping a good work ethic maybe what you need to get a higher position in your occupation. Being punctual, attentive, and eager to learn are great ways to get started!

4. Spending time with family

While this is an easy resolution over the break, as the next year starts busy schedules begin. But taking a few minutes a day to spend with your someone you love will improve your personal relationships. Spending time with your children is also crucial. Make time for them and build memories and affections they will remember

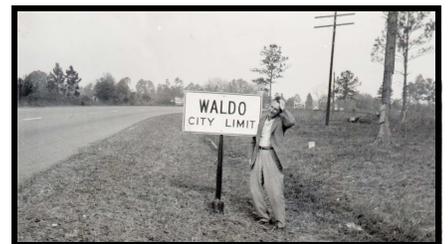
and carry with them as they go on their own paths through their lives. Strong family ties will ensure closeness no matter where you are.

In any case, choosing a resolution can be tough. But no matter what you choose, try to have as much fun with it as possible and remember that perseverance is key. Have a merry Christmas break and may you have a prosperous new year!



Great newspaper this month. Just wanted to let you know that it brought back great memories. The article about the Sparkman/Womeldorf house mentioned the Seay house. That is the house I grew up in my parents bought from Seay's. I'll see if I can find the history of it in my parents effects and mail to you.

Barbara S.



Waldo City Limit sign - 1930s.
Does anyone recognize this man?

OBITUARIES



The publishers of The Waldo Phoenix are pleased to publish any obituaries of Waldo families at no charge.

EULA CUNNINGHAM JENKINS

Mrs. Eula Cunningham Jenkins age 87, passed away November 19, 2016 at North Florida Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Jenkins was a member of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church; she was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, and devoted her life to doing Missionary Work.

Mrs. Jenkins is survived by her daughters, Shirley McCray, Atlanta, GA, Barbara Wilson, Gainesville, FL; siblings, Rev. Willie Cunningham, Sr. (Rodella), Veronice Cunningham, Ida King, all of Gainesville, FL, Ulysses Cunningham, Jr., Sanford, FL, Susie Cunningham, Waldo, FL, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Jenkins were held 3:00 p.m., Saturday, November 26, 2016 at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Dr., F.N. Gallmon, Officiating; burial followed in Forest Meadows Memorial Park-Central. Arrangements entrusted to Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc., 18 N.W. 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

SHIRLEY A. NASH

Mrs. Shirley A. Nash age 61 passed away November 15, 2016 at the E.T. York Hospice Care Center. Mrs. Nash was a graduate of Santa Fe High School, class of 1972, was employed as a Receptionist with Shands Hospital. Mrs. Nash is survived by her husband; Lenford Ira Nash, Gainesville, FL; son, Quentin Hill, Gainesville, FL; siblings, Timothy Hines, Jr. (Vanette), Brooker, FL, Edward Hines (Carrie), Waldo, FL, Jessie Hines, St. Petersburg, FL, Terry Hines, High Springs, FL, Wallace Reed, Miami, FL, Gail Carter (Gilford), Gainesville, FL and three grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Nash were held 11:00am, Saturday, November 26, 2016 at Mt. Moriah Community Church, 803 Oak Street, Starke, Florida, Elder Edward Hines, Sr., Pastor, Pastor L.J. Hines, Sr., Officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc., 18 N.W. 8th Avenue Gainesville, FL.

JACK EARL MCKINNEY, JR.

Jack Earl McKinney, Jr., age 61, of Waldo, Florida passed away November 26, 2016 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida. He was born in Gainesville, Florida on April 1, 1955 to the late Jack Earl McKinney, Sr. and Theresa Linzmayer McKinney. Jack was a lifelong resident of Gainesville, Florida until recently relocating to Waldo in 2012. He graduated from Gainesville High School in 1971 and shortly after graduation he opened his paint and body shop, Speedy Scratch and Dent. Jack was a jack of all trades. He could fix, build, or paint anything. If he could imagine it, he was able to

accomplish it. Jack enjoyed woodworking, drawing, painting, and playing his guitar. He was a talented musician and artist who found his main passion of working on automobiles at an early age. Jack learned a great deal from his father who was a mechanic and started working on vehicles as a teenager.

He also enjoyed traveling especially to the mountains and spending time with his family. Jack was a free spirit who is now flying free and will be missed by all who knew him.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 11 years, Sue McKinney of Waldo, FL; his children, Brandie McKinney of Orange Heights, FL, Alyssa (Glenn) Williams and Dean McKinney both of Keystone Heights, FL; his step children, Stacy Bailey of Ocala, FL, Tracy Bailey of Waldo, FL, Josh (Katie) Bailey and Sean (Haley) Bailey both of Starke, FL; his sister, Denise Huff of Gainesville, FL; and his 9 grandchildren, Hayden, Marshall, Corbin, Rebeka, Ryder, Logan, Carson, Leah, and Grayson.

A Celebration of Jack's Life was held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 2:00 pm at the Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Pastor David Hodges officiating. The family will receive friends on Thursday an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke, FL. 904-964-5757.

**"Road to Success:
A map to discovering
your college path"
By Rachael Jukarainen**



Santa Fe College appreciates the Waldo Community for allowing us to come out this November and host the event "Road to Success: A Map to Discovering Your College Path."

We would like to thank the following for their contributions to this event: Mayor Louie Davis and his staff for letting us use the Community Center; City Manager Kim Worley for putting everything in motion; Kerry Dowd from the Waldo Library for showing your support with showcasing the SAT/ACT prep program; and Mrs. Bay and Mrs. Mary Rich for your help in putting this event on.

We would also like to thank the following presenters for their contributions: Santa Fe College program representatives Leslie Mojeiko with Educational Programs, Richard Anderson with the Financial Aid Office, and Chip Johnson with Finish at the Top program; Santa Fe College Ambassadors Sarah Frederick and Dawn Sorrelapp for your support, advice and powerful testimonials; and lastly Alejandro Molliner, Deion Davis, Abby Class, and Gisselle Bermudez for also sharing advice and providing

personal and inspirational testimonials.

If anyone has any questions about Santa Fe College, please reach out to Rachael Jukarainen, a pre-college advisor with the Office of Admissions. She can be reached by email: Rachael.jukarainen@sfcollege.edu and phone: 352-395-5606.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS



**Longhorn Steak House
2933 Clark Blvd. Gville
By Linda Vlacos**

Located at the new Butler Plaza in Gainesville. Open from 11 a.m. -10 p.m.

Jerry and I went there, had a 45 minute wait and other people went elsewhere when they were told they had an hour wait. That will change I am sure when the newness is gone. The decor is very nice and the food was delicious.

I had a salad with strawberries, grapes and nuts and a ribeye and baked potato. Very tender and delicious.

Jerry had a strip steak, seasoned fries and a regular salad. He said everything was good but he expected the steak to be more tender. I look forward to going there again.

**Elegance Thai Cuisine
Call St. - Starke**

There is a new restaurant called Elegance Thai Cuisine. It opened December 1st. Hours are 10:30 - 8:30 Tuesday - Thursday. Friday and Saturday 11-9. They explain the food choices very well. I had basic chicken stir-fry which comes with white rice and it was delicious.

Penny tried the shrimp asparagus and it came with white rice. She said it was very good.

Lucy got the pineapple fried rice with shrimp and it was good and very good portions. I tasted Lucy's and it was yummy.

They had a comment board and people were saying the thai pumpkin custard was very good. I want to go back and try that and try some other dishes. I hope it is a success.

New Years Trivia

The Times Square New Year's Eve Ball was first dropped in 1907 after there was a fireworks ban. Back then, a 700-pound ball embellished with 25-watt bulbs made of iron and wood was dropped. Now, however, it weighs 11,875 pounds, is 12 feet in diameter and is adorned with 2,668 Waterford crystals.

The tradition has continued in Times Square, except for in 1942 and 1943. The ball was not lowered because of wartime restrictions.

Information Please!

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Police or Fire Emergencies	911
Sheriff's Dept. Non-Emergencies	955-1818
Power Outages	1-800-468-8243
Waldo Library	468-3298
Waldo Community Center	468-2336
Waldo Fire Department	468-1301
Waldo Post Office	468-1970
Waldo Historical Society	468-3503
Waldo Phoenix	468-1910
Windstream Phone repair	1-800-347-1991



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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Sunday Schedule



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9:45 Bible Study (all ages)
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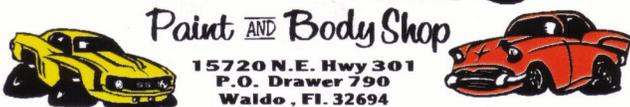
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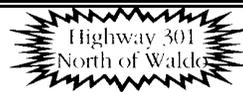
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