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WHS News

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These cartridges help us obtain office supplies and other needs for the Waldo Phoenix. Recycling is always good. Keep 'em coming, please.

Our Third Annual Quilt Show will be held at the spacious and air conditioned Waldo Community Center (13550 NE 148th Ave.) on Saturday, June 23.

If you have been quilting and want to show off your masterpiece, please consider entering it in our quilt show. Waldo has some very talented quilters, as we've seen in years past.

Call Vera Mauldin at 352-468-1554 for information about the Quilt Show.

WALDO REUNION

The next WALDO REUNION will be held Saturday, July 14th, at the Waldo Masonic Lodge, beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The reunion is for anyone who lives or has ever lived in or around Waldo. Last year many folks were able to visit with friends from long ago. Some hadn't seen each other for many, many years.

We are planning much more of the "oldies" music this year and hope many will be brave and "twist and dance" (or just

watch) and have lots of fun with the activities and just visiting with old and new friends.

If you haven't done so, you might be interested in joining the fun "Waldo, Florida" Facebook site, where there are interesting conversations, cool Waldo pictures, and information about the reunion.

If you would like to come to the reunion, please mail \$15 (check payable to Mary Ellen Johnson) to Mary Ellen Johnson, 10030 SW 35th PL, Gainesville, FL 32608, no later than July 1st. You can also give the money to any committee member:

Cheryl Shearouse Johnson, Rama Estes Haines, Mary Sue Holton Rister, Linda Hall Vlacos, or Barbara Gwin Hyder.

We are expecting people from Washington, D.C., Texas, and other places. It will be a fun, exciting time! Please join in and tell others about the reunion.



Reminder!

The next Waldo Historical Society meeting will be Thursday, July 26 Waldo Community Center 7 pm Refreshments always available More than just coffee. Good food to enjoy during the meeting.

Pun My Soul Marie Ankney

About two weeks ago we took our dog to the vet in Melrose.

It was foggy, so my husband turned on the lights.

When we got there, he forgot to turn them off. So when me and the dog came out, the car wouldn't start.

I called the auto club. They said they would be there in 45 minutes but to leave the hood up.

About 15 minutes later, about 10 buzzards flew over.

My husband said, "What are they looking for?"

I said, "A dead battery."



Line Dancing Classes

Are you interested in Line Dancing Classes? An experienced Line Dancing teacher will be available at the Waldo Community Center one evening every other week if there is enough interest.

Please call 468-1910 to learn more about this wonderful opportunity. The classes will be free, and music and dance sheets will be furnished. A minimum of 10 people is required to get started. Just sign up and enjoy the experience.

Papa Won't Miss A Couple Of Sausage Patties

Mary Sue Holton

When my two oldest children were still quite small, Papa Shaw (Mama had remarried soon after I married my first husband at the age of 16) decided he was going in to the "hog business." This meant raising and slaughtering hogs as well as making fresh sausage and smoking hams in the steel, walk in smoke house. I always helped with the process and we would set aside a couple of days to grind and make his famous sausage patties. From our home place right there on highway 24, Papa ran "The Waldo Smoke House", and I do mean that quite literally. He "ran" it. We "worked" it.



Papa was a Union Pipefitter and once we had perfected our efforts to make the best sausage around, he passed out small packages of it to all of his union co-workers. Quite an ingenious marketing trick because it wasn't long before the demand was higher than his ability to raise and slaughter hogs fast enough to keep up. And so, he began ordering from Nelson Lare, who by then owned and ran the Waldo Market, boxes of boston butt from which we fashioned this delicacy. The key word here is "we".

Papa would sit at the dining room table sipping a cup of coffee while Mama, my younger sister, Karen, and myself began the process. We had a huge

commercial grade grinder into which we would feed the boston butts once they had been cut down. This was the initial grind.

Afterwards, we would add salt, pepper, sage, paprika and red pepper flakes into the meat mixture and then run it through the grinder for a second time. It was that simple. Once it had completed the second grind it was ready to cook and eat.

The next step of the process, however, was NOT cooking and eating. It was the packaging process, which we did entirely by hand. One person was responsible to cut small squares of wax paper. Another would form individual patties with a precise amount of meat mixture. Wax squares were placed between the patties so that they would be more easily separated later. The third person would wrap in freezer paper, exactly 5 pounds of patties. They would be placed in the walk in cooler where they stayed until sold.

It wasn't a difficult process at all. We would make them in "batches." Usually about 50 pounds at a time. By the time we had finished the first batch, Papa would be bored with watching, and make his way out to the field on his tractor. This was the BEST



part of sausage day, because as soon as he had cleared the backyard, we would grab a frying pan and get to cooking. I'm not sure why it was that we waited until he was out of the house to do this. But for some reason we did

and we'd giggle saying "Papa won't miss a couple of sausage patties."

Each of the three of us, and the two children would be rewarded with a fresh cooked sausage and egg sandwich. I can't describe to you how delicious they were. There was something about it which made it the BEST sandwich ever. Perhaps it was just the tradition that "tasted" so good. Whatever it was, I've never been able to duplicate it since. I'm so thankful that my children were able to grow up with this kind of family interaction and that they have memories like this to cherish and treasure.

Papa Shaw was particularly partial to my two oldest babies. While Kim was much more attached to her Grannie, she still managed to twist Papa around her finger. But it was Michael who won his heart, sitting on his lap sipping coffee from Papa's big mug. Papa would squeal his most unusual cackle of a laugh and say to Michael, "Know what?", to which Michael would respond "What?"

"I shore do luv you!" he declared.

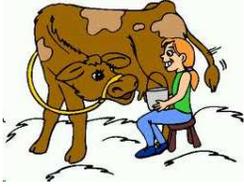
"Do?" Michael's response was exactly as he had been instructed and Papa's response was always the same knee-slapping, cackle and cough and then "I'm gonna get me some of that flob" as he nibbled a tiny ear and nuzzled a very ticklish neck, turning Michael into a limp, bundle of giggles.

Kim was just nine, and Michael seven, when a very distraught Papa committed suicide. He was certainly not the perfect man. But for my two little babies, he had been the perfect Papa.

My youngest son Tommy was born 9 months after Papa died, so he missed the joy of having ever lived in his presence. But I gave

him Papa's name. Something that none of the others had.

Many of the old traditions have slowly faded from our lives. I feel very lucky to have lived in a time when I milked cows, made butter, slaughtered beef and hogs and chickens.



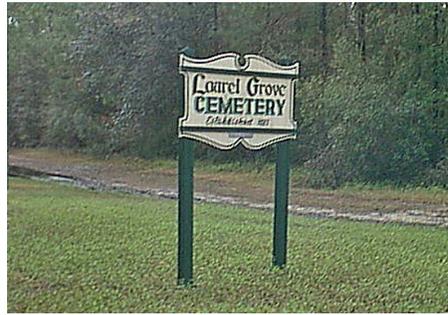
We grew our own vegetables and "canned" them in mason jars. We made our own jams and jellies and even made soap a few times. Mama taught us girls to crochet and play the piano and sew. I made my first quilt when I was 7 years old, sewn by hand from scraps that my grandma gave to me. And I appreciate having been taught these tasks.

Not too many people can boast of having made their own butter. And if you've never had fresh churned butter slathered on a fresh baked clabber milk biscuit . . . let me tell you, you've missed a VERY good thing. Add to that some fresh, homemade blackberry jam. It doesn't get much better.

I learned a lot during my years on Cracker Hill. I'm sure that my voice still echoes there in the still of the night. Squealing with delight as I run through the front yard catching lightning bugs. The ghost of a little girl's heart that never, ever left home.

**Don't Forget
Commodities
Thursday, June 6, 2012
Time: 1pm - 2pm
Waldo Community
Center**

Laurel Grove Cemetery By Judy Donaldson



Twenty new stones were placed on unmarked graves this week at the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Waldo. We thank those who donated to this worthy cause. Half of those stones were placed in the oldest section of the cemetery and five of those were for family members of Capt. J. C. Deane, a Confederate soldier buried there.

Stones were also placed for Hiram and Levi Prescott, brothers and Union soldiers who were married to the same woman. The list includes three infant children from different families, Porter, Cone, and Ellis.

In addition, we placed a stone for a twelve year old girl named Flevu Clark, three husbands whose wives' graves were marked (Burton, Grant, and Ross), and a wife buried next to her husband (Rice). There is also an Emile Balbach born 1841 in Germany, Jack Sullivan and Billy Nabors. Only one new stone is marked Known Only To God.

We would like to start a project cleaning the old cemetery stones. These stones tell the history of Waldo and some are very difficult to read. It would be a big project but we would clean only a few at a time. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Judy Donaldson at 468-1726 or email: judydfa@windstream.net.



High Tea Fashion Show by The Waldo Concerned Citizens for the Community (W3Cs)



Sorry - this fund-raiser must be postponed due to a conflict with another event. Watch this column for the new scheduled date. Thank you.

A High Tea Fashion Show Scholarship Fund-Raiser will be held on June 2, 2012, at 2 pm. This year's Fashion Show will be by Susie's Boutique of Gainesville, Fla. Get your ticket early, due to limited seating. If you can't make it, a \$20.00 donation will be greatly appreciated.

The event will take place at the Waldo Community Center, 13550 NE 148th Ave. For more information contact Mary Ann Rich: 352-226-9610.

(LADIES: HAT AND GLOVES PLEASE).

A Little Bird Told Me by Lucy Roe Cook



Father: A man who cares for a family by working hard to feed and clothe and house those in his care. A man who

disciplines, hugs, laughs and cries with his children. Such a father is God sent Respect this man. Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers out there.

Vera Mauldin of Cracker Hill recently had a visit with her family. Her daughter, Kimberly and Granddaughter Destiny Harrison. Her daughter in law, Carla Mauldin, Grandson Christian and Granddaughter Evon Mauldin. They stayed till Mother's Day. As I flew over I had to stop for such joy filled the home.

Anyone for Canasta? Women are having what sounds like a wonderful time at Mary Ann Rich's Uncle's home. Canasta can be played at several locations about town including the Community Center. Come on by or contact Lucy Cook at 352-468-3453.

Reminder: June 23rd at the Community Center, Saturday from 10 AM to 3 PM is the yearly Waldo Historical Society quilt show. Bring your quilts and sewn crafts. Selling is permitted. Call Vera Mauldin at 352-468-1554 for your applications.

Please if you have any input for the Waldo Historical Society please contact Millie Keirnan at 352-468-1378, Penny Dodd at 352-468-1910, Mary Ann Rich at 352-468-2616, Marie Ankney at 352-468-2646, Vera Mauldin at 352-468-1554 or Lucy Roe Cook at 352-468-3453.

FARMER'S MARKET

Judi Easterwood

How many times have you heard people say, "I went to the Farmer's Market"? Well, I went to several Farmer's Markets and had a good time. On Friday, there is a Farmer's Market in Melrose until 8:00 pm. They have music, fun and all sorts of good things to buy.

You may have veggies, polish sausage, BBQ or even a jar of honey. You can check out the food, crafts and even watch the pickers and gridders.

On Saturday, you can go to Keystone Heights in the morning and enjoy fresh vegetables, crafts and plants. They have all sorts of fun crafty things to see. I especially enjoyed the jewelry maker.

And of course, if you are really in to taking the time, Waldo Flea Market has been around for a long time. They have everything from scoop to nuts. And that's no lie!!!

Vegetables are always fresh. Plants are always available and if you are really looking for a bargain, just walk up and down the aisles. Those scoops or nuts and bolts are readily available.

And last but not least, those antiques are worth checking out. Even if antiques are not your thing, just walking around in that big place full of fun things is a treat.

So next time, you think you have nothing to do on the weekend, think again, fun is in the most known places.



A Picture of My Favorite Thing Mary Sue Holton

Many, many years ago, with a crayon in her hand
A little girl sat down to draw a picture for a man
It had to be a special one in every kind of way
For it would be the gift she'd give her Dad for Father's Day
She tried to think of all the things he liked the very best
Fishing poles and rods and boats were just a few, she guessed
He liked to do so many things, but which one pleased him more
She wanted so to give to him, a gift he would adore
It seemed she sat for hours there, his favorite thing to find
But though she waited patiently, it did not come to mind
Then a thought occurred to her. I'll do some differently
I've always drawn a picture of the things **He** likes to see
And so she picked the crayons up and busily she drew
Then colored in the picture there, the best that she could do
Satisfied with what she saw, she folded it in two
And scribbled out across the front, "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO YOU"
Then she carried it with pride and gave it to a man
Who bent to give a gentle hug as he took it from her hand
The smile that etched across his face spoke of a tender pride
Which swelled within a loving heart as he read the words inside
For written there across the top in letters big and blue

"A picture of **MY** favorite thing, with all my love to you"
 He recognized the image there and realized its wealth
 For drawn upon the page below was a picture of himself

Bears killed in Waldo
Photos courtesy of
Randy Hall

On Thursday, May 3, Mrs. Marie Ankney, of Cracker Hill, reported that she saw



Unidentified woman examining Black bear killed on U.S. 301 in Waldo

what she thought were bear paw prints in her yard. On Friday, May 4, a black bear, estimated to be about 500 lbs. was killed on U.S. 301

between Waldo and Starke. On Monday morning, May 14, another bear, estimated at 300 lbs. was killed on U.S. 301 just south of Arbogast Piano. Thank you, Randy Hall, for furnishing the great photos for the paper.



300 lb. bear killed on U.S. 301 near Arbogast Pianos.

Bootlegging in Waldo

Back in the day, bootleggers were right at home here in Waldo and hurrying on their way to somewhere else. We've been doing some detective work about Waldo moonshining, and learned some interesting stories.

Did you know there was a garage right here in Waldo whose main source of income was servicing vehicles used in transporting illegal liquor? Allegedly they even installed false gas tanks in which the alcohol could be secretly transported. Traffic headed for Jacksonville burned a steady path past our local police. Some moonshiners buried their jugs in their yard.

Do you have any stories for this project that you may have



heard from you parents or grandparents? We'd love to hear them. Names will be withheld upon request (promise). It's all in the name of history. You can send us a letter in the mail with your story. Waldo Phoenix, P.O. Box 459, Waldo, FL 32694. Or email to historicwaldo@Windstream.net.

Letter To The Editor

Interested in who wrote the article on Kudzu (May 2012). I think I told some of you about the FFA chapter at Waldo High in late 40's selling kudzu clippings as fund raiser. A vacant lot across the street was covered with kudzu. The group plowed it up and shipped it in vegetable crates. I

have the sec-treasurers book to add to the society collection.

- **Bob Williams**

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Mr. Williams: Thank you for this update and local history about kudzu. We're glad you enjoyed the article, and look forward to seeing your sec-treasurer's book.

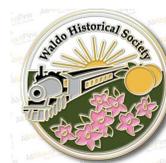


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**by Marie**  
**Ankney**

**No Bake Chocolate Cookies**

- 2 cups sugar
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  - 1 stick butter
  - 3/4 cup peanut butter
  - 3 cups oatmeal
  - 5 tablespoons cocoa powder
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Put sugar, milk and butter in pan. Boil one minute. While still hot, add peanut butter, oatmeal and cocoa and vanilla. Stir.
- Drop from teaspoon on waxed paper.
- Cool.
- Eat.

*Enjoy!*



**A**re you proud to be a member of the Waldo Historical Society? Do you have a WHS Logo pin? It's a beautiful pin that attaches to your collar or hat. People always notice mine. If you don't have one yet, they're only \$6.00 (donation). Call 468-1910 (Penny - that's me) and I'll make arrangements to get one to you. These pins are only available to our members, so join and get yours.

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## Bellamy Road Excursion



**F**our members of the Waldo Historical Society are pictured above (L-R) Vera Mauldin, Mary Ann Rich, Lucy Roe Cook and Penny Dodd, shown with Alicia Altone, Executive Director, visited the Matheson Museum on Monday, April 9 to learn more about the Bellamy Road exhibit.

Alicia treated us to a wonderful tour of the exhibit, and

showed us on maps that there were actually two separate Bellamy Roads, which have caused confusion to local historians. Neither road was located in Waldo. Which begs the question, "Why was Waldo originally named Bellamy Station?"

## The Waldo Summer Camp News Bulletin Submitted by Jayne Davis



**D**ear Waldo Summer Camp Kids, Parents, and Staff:  
The Staff at the Summer Camp wish to welcome all summer camp kids to camp this year. We have a lot of fun planned for you this summer.

Starting on Monday- June 11, 2012 to the last day of summer camp on Friday, August 10th 2012.

To begin with, on Tuesdays and Thursdays there will be waterslide day so do not forget to bring your bathing suit, towel and change of dry clothes.

Movie day will be on Friday. and Hotdog day or BB-Que day will be Thursdays.

Next, our summer camp theme for this summer will be Fun in the Sun where we will learn about the many kinds of amazing sea creatures and different sea plants. To complement our study of these many sea creatures, we will make our own examples of

these creatures for our summer camp walls, as we transform our summer camp into a large sea aquarium.

As we continue, we will have many guest speakers such as: the Alachua County Animal Shelter, Forestry Division Expert Mike Cruce, City of Gainesville Police Dept. with Officer Christy and the Robotic Cop, The Army National Guard, Plant Expert Ellise Pellham, Story Telling by City Manager Ms. Kim Worley, City of Waldo Librarian Story Tellers and more.

Other activities will be many games planned and an indoor Soap Box Derby, and Fathers Day Cards to give to Dad the first week, dried bean projects, pasta art, sun flower planting, nutrition from "Fix My Plate.gov," sand castle building contests, and much more.

Finally, any person who wishes to volunteer their time to help during the busy summer months ahead please contact Lisa Hill at (352)-792-4625.

If you need an enrollment form contact Lisa or Jayne Davis at (352)-468-2235.

The summer camp is free to qualified families; however, one day of an adult's time is desired from each family to help to ensure the camps success. As always, all breakfasts, lunches, and snacks are provided daily for summer campers. See you all at the Waldo Community Center in June.

Yours Truly, Lisa Hill, Camp Director

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| Police Department           | <b>468-1515</b> |
| Police Non-Emergencies      | <b>955-1818</b> |
| Waldo Library               | <b>468-3298</b> |
| Waldo Community Center      | <b>468-2336</b> |
| Waldo Post Office           | <b>468-1970</b> |
| Waldo Community Schoo       | <b>468-1451</b> |
| Waldo Phoenix               | <b>468-1910</b> |

## June Birthdays

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Diana Davis             | 16 Dylan Ankney      |
| 2 Johnny Hill             | 17 Andy Burkhalter   |
| 4 Earl Green              | 20 Lorraine Munk     |
| 5 Josie M. Rich           | 21 Mark Nugent       |
| 5 Aaron Martin            | 21 Josie Hill        |
| 5 Ruth Dees               | 21 Jace Howard       |
| 6 Ray Charles Jackson III | 24 Garrett Van Allen |
| 7 Kristen Jacobs          | 25 Richard Armitage  |
| 9 Debbie Boal             | 25 Bobby D. Hill     |
| 12 Louise P. Wilson       | 26 Emma Green        |
| 12 Roger O'Neal           | 26 Clarence Bostick  |
| 13 Missy Vanderheyden     | 26 Delores K. Wilson |
| 13 Pammy Burnsed          | 26 Crystal Gilliam   |
| 27 Jesslyn Lewis          | 28 Jason Dowling     |

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**Rev. James W. Ramsey - Pastor**  
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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**



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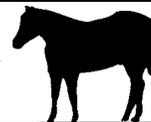
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