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## **WHS News**

### **Penny Dodd**



**L**ots of things going on with your WHS this month. The Waldo Caboose is being prepared for our upcoming Railroad exhibit. Artifacts are being framed and plans for a self-guided tour are being formed.

Waldo's railroad history is such a big part of Waldo, that this display will be a wonderful place for people to come to learn more about the people who worked on the railroad and see photos and artifacts from the past.

Mr. Don Dickerson and Mr. Bob Williams, both retired from Seaboard railroad, met with us at the Caboose on Friday, February 10 to tell us everything we wanted to know about "our" caboose.

### **Little Bird Recuperating**

For our "Little Bird" fans, you should know that our Little Bird has recently undergone some knee surgery on those tiny little bird knees, but is healing fast and should be back on the job next month. I think she'll think twice before skipping across the rooftops again.

### **2012 Historic Waldo Calendar**

Our 2012 Historic Waldo Calendar, containing history from 1950 and 1960s Waldo was very well received this year. We have just a few copies left, so if you haven't gotten one yet, you might

be able to find one at Linda's Beauty Salon, or email us at [historicwaldo@Windstream.net](mailto:historicwaldo@Windstream.net) to see if we can get one to you. They are still only \$10.00.

### **We Need Your Help**

We are asking anyone in Waldo who uses a printer, to please save their empty printer cartridges for us. We can recycle them and save money on our office supplies (paper, ink, etc.). You will find a collection box at the Waldo Library and another at City Hall. If you'd like to help us, please save your empty printer cartridges for us. Thank you.

### **Phoenix in your email**

Just a reminder that the Waldo Phoenix is also available in your email. If you have a problem finding a paper copy (I know, they do go fast) - send us an email and we'll add you to our growing list. Send your name to [historicwaldo@Windstream.net](mailto:historicwaldo@Windstream.net)

### **Phoenix in your mail**

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**Waldo Historical Society  
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Waldo, FL 32694**

Tell us where you want it sent, and it will be on its way.

## **Future Projects**

### **Quilt Show**

We have a few projects in the works, beginning with a Quilt Show on Saturday, June 23, to be held at the Waldo Community Center.

If you're a quilter, or if you just like quilts, be sure to attend this show. We will have a judging by an expert quilter, Linda Lawson, of Starke, who judged our show last year. There will be quilts and quilt-related items for sale, too.

If you need an application to enter your quilts, or if you just want to know more about it, please call Vera Mauldin, at 468-1554.

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Friday, September 14. As in the past, we'll have delicious spaghetti dinners to eat in at the Waldo Baptist Church, or you can pick 'em up and take 'em home for supper.

Just what Waldo really needs, a Comedy Dinner Club, will be coming your way soon.

Don't Forget our next meeting  
Thursday, April 26  
Waldo Community Center  
7 pm  
Refreshments always available  
More than just coffee. Good food  
to enjoy during the meeting.

## Hey, Buddy, Can you Spare a Penny?

When I was a young child, my parents tried to teach me the value of money. One hundred pennies made a dollar. With a dollar, one could buy three gallons of gasoline, enough to drive to town and back. Parents taught children to be very careful with money so it wouldn't be lost or wasted, but Benjamin Franklin may have said it best, "A penny saved is a penny earned."



Bobby Cook

It was difficult to save a penny. First, I seldom had one. Second, if I had one, I could hardly wait to spend it. My father often told me the penny was burning a hole in my pocket. It didn't matter whether I lost it or spent it. It was soon gone. The only way to really save it was to lock it away in a piggy bank. Finding a penny was not only rare, it was a big deal. My grandfather, bending over to pick up a penny, would invariably say the penny wasn't worth the pain in his back, but he continued to pick them up anyway.



There are people today who insist we should abandon the penny. I've heard a variety of reasons why the penny is no longer useful. They say things like, "When people leave them at the cash register, it's time to end the penny." They point out a majority of us stash pennies rather than bother with spending them. Even with banks begging us to bring them in, it seems hardly worth the effort to carry a quart or gallon jar of pennies to the bank.

Some activists remind us, even after replacing the copper in pennies with zinc, the cost to our government to make pennies is still more than the pennies are worth. Businesses hate them. They are wasteful of the time it takes to count them and they no longer facilitate commerce.

The penny has become a part of our language and adds to our nostalgia of a simpler time. Ever wear penny loafers? Remember the penny pincher? Who could forget the black sheep of the family who kept returning like a bad penny? My favorite was the lucky penny. Remember the time when you were offered a penny for your thoughts? *Pennies from Heaven* was a wonderful movie and you really could buy penny candy for a penny.

Nothing can stop the passage of time and change is inevitable. The value of pennies is now so low no one wants them. I can't think of anything one can buy today for a single penny.



Yet, we continue to spend approximately one hundred million dollars per year making more pennies. These are pennies worth so little they are a nuisance to most people and not even poor people will pick them up. I see them on floors everywhere, in department stores, in convenience stores, in grocery stores, and in parking lots. Poor people, including those on food stamps and the homeless, just step over them. They are truly not worth picking up.

The penny may ultimately have to go, for a variety of economic reasons, but I'll be disappointed when it does. The demise of the penny will be perhaps the first tangible proof to the masses our dollar is failing.

As long as we have the penny there is hope we can restore the dollar. Our current sales tax is six pennies per dollar. Remove the penny and it's easy to imagine a sales tax of two nickels. When tax is the topic of

conversation, six pennies are far better than two nickels.

The penny is in trouble and we may not be able to save it, but I am optimistic and hopeful we can someday restore the value to the penny. It is a part of Americana. It is a part of who we are. It is tradition. It is also like the canary in a coal mine. Lose the penny and we lose hope. Lose the penny and our nickel is at risk.

I frequently pick up three or four pennies in a single day, sometimes more. I freely admit they are not worth picking up but I pick them up for a different reason. I pick them up because I can, and I can because I pick them up. I know dozens of people personally and have seen many others who cannot bend, squat, or stoop sufficiently to pick up a penny. I like being able to pick them up so I pick them up so I can continue to be able to pick them up.



At the risk of being simplistic, I offer my opinion. People who step over pennies when they are young are far less likely to be able to pick them up when they are old.

There are two ways to view a penny on the floor. One can see it as further evidence of the decline of the dollar and dwell on that negative subject. The other is to see it as an opportunity to preserve or improve one's health.

So, for my Waldo friends I have the following suggestion. The next time you see a penny on the floor, enjoy the nostalgia of the moment and say to yourself, "God bless America." Then proudly pick up that penny which humbly proclaims, "IN GOD WE TRUST." Our penny is not yet dead. It still has a pulse, it still has a message, and so long as we care, there is hope.

## What Happened In March?

- 1 Yellowstone becomes the U.S.'s first national park. (1872)
- 3 The Star Spangled Banner becomes the National Anthem (1931)
- 4 The Constitution of the United States of America goes into effect. (1789)
- 4 Mrs. Charles Fahning of Buffalo N.Y. is recognized as the first woman to bowl a perfect 300 game. (1930)
- 5 The Boston Massacre occurred. (1770)
- 6 Silly putty is invented. (1950)
- 7 Alexander Graham Bell patents the Telephone. (1876)
- 7 Monopoly board game is invented (1933)
- 8 Baseball great Joe DiMaggio dies (1999)
- 9 Ironclad ships the Monitor and the Merrimack battle in the Civil war.
- 10 The U.S. government issues paper money for the first time. (1862)
- 10 Alexander Graham Bell places the world's first telephone call, to his assistant in the next room. (1876)
- 11 The most famous storm in American history begins... the Blizzard of 1888.(1888)
- 12 Girl Scouts were founded. (1912)
- 13 Senate begins impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson. (1868)
- 14 Eli Whitney patents the Cotton Gin (1794)
- 17 On this day everyone is a little bit Irish- It's Saint Patrick's Day!

- 17 The rubber band was invented. Can you imagine life without them!?! (1845)
- 18 Soviet Union cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov becomes the first person to take a space walk. (1965)
- 19 Congress approves Daylight Savings Time. (1918)
- 20 Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes the book Uncle Tom's Cabin . (1852)
- 21 The infamous Alcatraz prison is closed. (1963)
- 23 Patrick Henry declares "Give me liberty, or give me death!" (1775)
- 24 Elvis Presley joins the U.S. Army. (1958)
- 26 Dr. Jonas Salk invents a vaccine to fight polio. (1955)
- 26 The Eastman Dry Plate and Chemical Company manufactures the first motion picture film. (1885)
- 27 The biggest earthquake ever recorded strikes Anchorage, Alaska. It measured 8.3 on the Richter scale. (1964)
- 28 Nathaniel Briggs patents the washing machine. (1797)
- 29 Ice jams stop the flow of water over Niagara Falls. (1848)
- 29 Coca Cola is invented. (1886)
- 30 The 15th amendment goes into effect, giving black men the right to vote. (1870)
- 31 The Eiffel Tower opens in Paris, France (1889)

## A Second Set of Eyes From the Desk of Chief Mike Szabo

Dear Citizens.  
As your Chief of Police, I am working diligently to have better

communications with the Citizens and their Police Department. I need your help! Burglaries are on the rise. The burglaries that we are having in the City are happening during the day, when most of you are out conducting every day business,



such as work and school. I am asking for you to be our second set of eyes and ears out there. We can't do it without your help. I'm asking that you be observant to your surroundings and the individuals that are out and about.

If you feel something is just not right or anything seems out of the ordinary please call us at 352-955-1818. This number will get you to the Alachua County Combined Communications Center, and they will dispatch a Waldo Unit to check on the issue you have. You never know, that one call could prevent a crime in our City.

Waldo is "OUR" Town and only "we", working together, can make a difference.

If you have any issues or complaints, Complaint forms can be picked up at City Hall or you can also go online to our web page, [www.waldo-fl.com](http://www.waldo-fl.com), and print out the form there.

Thank you in advance, and have a blessed day.

## Marie's Kitchen Who Hash



You will need:  
Cubed - 1/2 to 1 lb. Pre-cooked roast beef  
Sliced - 1 lg. Onion  
Sliced - 2 lg. Potatoes  
Sliced - 1 rib of celery  
4 Tbsp vinegar

Put 1<sup>st</sup> four ingredients in large pan - cover with water or beef broth.

Simmer till potatoes are cooked.

Thicken to your desire.

Add 4 tbsp. Vinegar - more or less to your taste.

Serve with crackers or salad.

## ENJOY!

**D**o you like comedy? Are you funny? We need some good standup comics.

What could be funnier than Waldo comics? Keep your eye on this spot for audition dates and times.

If you're not funny, but like good comedy, we need you there to laugh at our comedians.

There'll be food and drinks available, so you can enjoy the show just like you do at home watching TV. The date hasn't been set yet, so watch this space to stay informed.



## St. Patrick's Day Facts about Saint Patrick

St. Patrick was born in 385 AD somewhere along the west coast of Britain, possibly in the Welsh town of Banwen. At age 16, he was captured and sold into slavery to a sheep farmer. He escaped when he was 22 and spent the next 12 years in a monastery.

In his 30s he returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary. He died at Saul in 461 AD and is buried at Downpatrick.

### Facts about the Irish

34 million Americans have Irish ancestry, according to the 2003 US Census. That's almost nine times the population of Ireland, which has 4.1 million people.

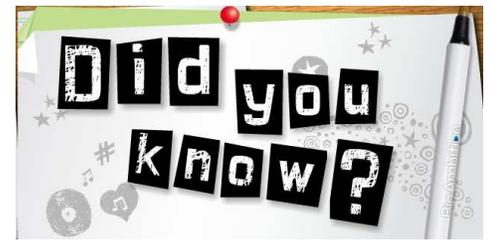


Some American towns have "Irish" names. You could visit: Mount Gay-Shamrock, West Virginia; Shamrock Lakes, Indiana; Shamrock, Oklahoma; Shamrock, Texas; Dublin, California and Dublin, Ohio.

The harp is the symbol of Ireland. The color green is also commonly associated with Ireland, also known as "the Emerald Isle."

The Irish flag is green, white and orange. The green symbolizes the people of the south, and orange, the people of the north. White represents the peace that brings them together as a nation.

The name "leprechaun" has several origins. It could be from the Irish Gaelic word "leipreachan," which means "a kind of aqueous sprite." Or, it could be from "leath bhrogan," which means "shoemaker."



**M**ardi Gras is actually historically a Catholic celebration. Mardi Gras is French for 'Fat Tuesday' which has traditionally been a day for eating rich fatty foods before the Lent season begins, a time where many Catholics give up certain foods. Mardi Gras, one of the wildest and most colorful party days in the United States, is rich with cultural history and intriguing pieces of information. Before going out to celebrate tonight, here are some facts, a few I snagged from the official New Orleans Mardi Gras website.

Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday", refers to the practice of eating rich and fatty foods before the start of the Lenten season, which brings ritual fasting.

The celebration of Mardi Gras came to North America from Paris, where it had been celebrated since the Middle Ages.

Today, there are dozens of Mardi Gras clubs called "krewes" that conduct extravagant and vibrant parades through the city streets.

Riders on the parade floats are local citizens who belong to the sponsoring krewes and toss items, including beads, toys, coins and treats to passersby.

The colors of Mardi Gras – purple, gold and green – symbolize justice, power and faith, respectively.

The plastic beads that have become so popular used to be made of Czechoslovakian glass.

Santa was the first Mardi Gras thrower! The 24th float in the Twelfth Night Revelers parade of 1871 featured Santa Claus, who passed out gifts to the kids in the crowd. The idea grew popular.

Mardi Gras marks the last day before Lent. In some Catholic communities it is celebrated with a carnival, which literally means "Farewell to meat", from the Old Italian carnelevare, the removing of flesh.

## ***Diggin' Taters*** ***Mary Sue Holton***

Looking back, it's interesting to note that each spring, the four of us children, grown and with families of our own, would receive a phone call from Daddy. He would generously extend an invitation for us to gather at his house the following week-end for a family bar-b-que.

"Now be sure to come." he'd say. "We're gonna have plenty to eat."

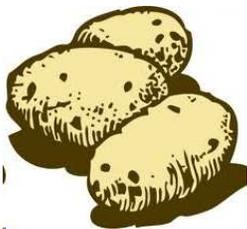
It took several years for me to figure out, but eventually I concluded it was particularly interesting that this "cook out" always coincided with Daddy's potato harvest.

We would arrive at his house about 10 or 11 in the morning and while the men and children went down to the pond to feed the fish, the women would help with the final preparations for the huge meal. Afterwards, we were most always treated to one of my stepmother's delectable sour cream pound cakes.

It was usually during the meal that Daddy would happen to mention that the potato crop was in.

"We'll get out there after lunch and dig a few for all of you to take home."

We all knew that "digging a few potatoes" meant that we'd been invited to an afternoon of working in the garden. We didn't mind though. Daddy worked hard growing the best potatoes around. He always had a beautiful garden and a bumper crop of wonderful,



red bliss potatoes, and it was a pleasure to get out and help bring them in. We laughed among ourselves, though, at the technique he used to get us there.

Several of us with potato rakes would go along the rows pulling the potatoes from the rich black dirt. Others would come along behind, picking them up and placing them in 5 gallon buckets. The kids usually helped with this. When the buckets were full, the men carried them to the huge barn and there they were dumped and buried under the hay in one of the dark stalls, and the empty buckets were brought back to be filled again.

We would set aside 5 filled buckets. One for Daddy, and one for each of the four families to take home. The others remained buried in the dark barn to be used later.

When the work was finished, we would all wash up outside and most often the children would play under the water hose to cool off. Then we'd go into the house for a short visit before gathering our families and heading home.

I don't know about the others, but always when we arrived home my children would beg for a pot of "taters" to be cooked. The things you bought at the store were called "potatoes". But the wonderful red treasures that Papa Blue grew were "Taters". They were mighty tasty . . . boiled whole in butter and cream. You sure can't buy 'em like that.

I still smile when I think of diggin' taters. Daddy's been gone for many years, so the tradition has long been lost. But I will remember those "cook outs" for as long as I live.

We had other gatherings through the year. When the cattle needed dipping or the hay was ready to be baled. Things like that.



And each Easter and Thanksgiving there was a family reunion with tons of food and family. It was important to daddy to have family around sharing all that he had.

Reunions aren't the same now that he's gone. And potatoes have certainly lost their place of importance. I occasionally pick up a bag at the grocery store and am reminded of those afternoons in the garden with Daddy supervising the potato harvest.

When I think of "red bliss" potatoes, I feel certain that they were named in honor of the red headed man who grew them to perfection. You may not believe that. But then it wasn't YOU on the working end of that potato rake.

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

## Five Reasons To Advertise

~::~All the Time~::~

**1. Customers Forget.** Did you happen to see an ad today for Coke? Pepsi? McDonalds? Burger King? Wendys'? I'm guessing you probably did or at least someone in your family did. The reason for this question is why? Isn't the hard work done? These companies have certainly established their brand names. In the case of Coke it's arguably the most well known brand name in the world. So why not cut back on the advertising a little? Put some of that ad money to the bottom line or make the stockholders happy with an extra dividend. The reason is very simple- We the customer forget without constant reminders. Each day a customer doesn't hear about your company is one more day they start hearing about your competitor.

**2. Name Recognition.** When a customer thinks of a product whom do you want them to think of? Target? Wal-Mart? Or you? It's pretty hard for them to immediately think of you if they don't see your name anywhere.

**3. People often take their time when buying.** I often use a laptop when I travel and the time is coming for a new one. So I'll be shopping for that. Am I going out to buy it tomorrow? Probably not. I'll start watching the ads studying the available brands and assembling the features I need. I may not make the purchase for several months but when I do I will probably have a dealer in mind and they will get a shot at my business.

**4. Customers move.** Studies show that 25% of your customers will move each year. A tip I have given for years is to have a yearly "Grand Opening" to attract that new 25% percent who move to your selling area each year.

**5. A portion of the market is always shopping.** Did you notice the tire ads in the paper today? If you need tires you did. If not you probably didn't give them a second glance. Not everyone is your customer every day. But each and every day there is a portion of the population that is looking for your product. And you need to be there when they are ready to start looking for that product.

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| Police Emergencies          | 955-1818 |
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| Waldo Community Center      | 468-2336 |
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| Waldo Community School      | 468-1451 |
| Waldo Phoenix               | 468-1910 |

### **March Birthdays**

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Michelle Gay           | 14 Ed Juszak         |
| 4 Jake and Emily Holcolm | 17 Karen Keirnan     |
| 5 Lena Gay               | 17 Maria McCallister |
| 6 Peggy Dowling          | 18 Gwendolyn Price   |
| 7 Penny Dodd             | 19 Rance Dortch      |
| 7 Melvin Hill            | 20 Tony Green        |
| 9 Will Price             | 20 Amir Jackson      |
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| 11 Dawn Scott            | 21 Steve Howard      |
| 12 Kierra Cecillo        | 25 Austin Holton     |
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| 12 Alan McCallister      | 30 Chad Cawley       |
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| 13 Barbara Rainer Lee    |                      |

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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**

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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

### **Are You Bored?**

Looking for something different to do?  
Come join us at our quarterly meeting. We have many projects in the works. Help us with the Quilt Show, the Caboose Display, our Annual Calendar, or be a REPORTER for the Waldo Phoenix!

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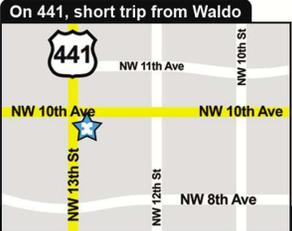
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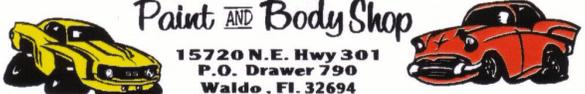
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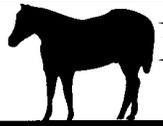
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