



The Waldo Phoenix



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W.H.S. News by Penny Dodd

Be sure to mark your calendar for the BIG QUILT SHOW on May 3. Actually, the quilts are no bigger than they ever were, but the show will be.

This will be our **FIFTH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW**, and we are anticipating more and better quilts (and crafts) than in past years.

The show will be held at the air-conditioned Waldo Community Center at 13550 NE 148th Ave, Waldo, Florida.

If you are a beginning quilter, or one who has created many quilts, enter your masterpieces for judging and/or selling or just for showing off. Professional quilt show judge, Teddy Pruett will be there to award the prizes.

Entry forms are available from Vera Mauldin, P.O. Box 551, Waldo, Florida 32694, or give her a call at 352-468-1554.

Lunches (sandwich, chips, drink and dessert) will be available on site.

If you've never been to our quilt show in the past and need directions to the Center, you may call 352-468-2336.

The show starts at 9 am. Setup for quilts to be judged is from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

The Quilt Whisperer Scots-Irish Quilts Teddy Pruett



March brings thoughts of shamrocks, St Patrick's Day, and the Irish. There isn't much to say about Irish quilts as Irish were traditionally weavers of wool, not quilters of cotton. However, after cotton goods became available in the late 18th and early 19th century, English were quilters. So when the Scots were driven out of Scotland (which belonged to England) into Ireland to become the Scots-Irish in the mid 1600's to 1800's, they eventually became quilters and now I have someone to write about! The contributions of the Scots Irish on American culture are legendary, but have only recently been highlighted and honored. If you haven't already done so, you must read *Born Fighting: How the Scots Irish Shaped America* by James Webb.

The look and feel of quilts of the rural, economically disadvantaged deep south are distinctly influenced by the Scots Irish. The deep south encompasses a quarter of the land mass of the entire US, but the most heavily represented ethnic group is the Scots Irish. We speak Southern, we quilt Southern.

Southern country quilts from the end of the Civil War to the end of WWII are usually thick and heavy. Because of the thickness, the quilting stitches that join the three layers together are very sparse, often 2 to 4 to an inch. Some quilts are so thick they are tied or tacked at intervals and not quilted at all. There is most often no binding on these quilts; instead, the backing is pulled to the front and hemmed, or vice versa. Workmanship is casual – sashings and seams don't line up, points don't match, points may be lopped off at the ends; it is almost as if workmanship is happenstance. Just throw and sew is good enough.

Materials are often scraps, bags, feedsacks, or materials that have seen a prior life. If sack or bag fabric, they are often home dyed. Not only does this add color, but it helps disguise the fact that a bag was used, and hides dirt. I've seen everything used from 100 pound grain bags to tiny nickel tobacco pouches.

One of the most intriguing things about these quilts is the placement of fabrics. It appears unplanned, very hit or miss. The placement of lights and darks creates a "now you see it, now you don't" effect in the patterns and it's possible for the same block to have a number of permutations in one quilt. The most prevalent quilting pattern is Baptist Fan, a series of arcs easily created as it follows the natural movement of the arm. You also see "elbow"

quilting, which is right angles as opposed to curves. There are straight lines that follow sashing or blocks. Coverage is sparse, and fancy quilting is seldom seen.

So, here you have 300 years of culture in 500 words – obviously not history, but an introduction to quilts that speak with a Southern accent just as surely as their makers ate grits and greens. All in all, these quilts, when compared to those of their Northern cousins, are usually considered of lesser beauty and lesser quality. Beauty lies in the heart of the maker. Beauty lies in the comfort of the loved one who is warmed by the work of Southern hands.

Julius Caesar being assassinated. The winds pick up blowing out winter and blowing in Spring. I feel The Ides of March is a good thing.

St. Patrick's Day

The feast of St. Patrick. A cultural and religious holiday



celebrated on the 17th of March. The wearing of the green. I shall find a green clover to clip to my feathers.

While flying over the Caboose downtown Waldo I could see some of the women of the Waldo Historical Society cleaning the inside making it ready to be painted when I saw a police officer parked in front of the caboose during the school crossing. An elderly man was walking by and it was quite warm that day and the officer asked him if he would like a bottle of water and got out of his car and got him a bottle of water. How nice is that?

Mary Hersey of City Hall was standing for an hour, that I saw, watching for children. All I can say is, she is at attention the entire time, but where have all the children gone?

This Little Bird when I look toward heaven I can do nothing but smile and love my friends in Waldo.

Waldo Community School News

School Calendar

- March 3 - K2 Parent Involvement Morning
- March 18 - Stevie B's night
- March 19 - PTO Hat Day (Pay 50 cents to wear your favorite hat to school).
- March 21 - Parent Volunteer Day
- March 24 - March 28
- Spring Holidays (5 weekdays)

**Free Academic Summer Child Care at Waldo Community School!
Holly Burton - Principal**



Principal Holly Burton

This summer, we will be holding VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) for students beginning

Kindergarten in August 2014. This program is free and is NOT income based. Any child who has not already used their VPK voucher is eligible to attend. The program runs from June 10th to August 1st, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. It will be a wonderful jump start for students starting KG, and will be taught by our very own KG teachers.

Please contact the front office for information about registering for summer VPK.

Waldo Commodities
Tuesday
March 18, 2014
1-2 pm
Waldo Community Center
13558 NE 148th Ave
Phone:(352) 468-2336

A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME
by Lucy Roe Cook

The autumn leaves have come and gone and the winter freeze is here. By the time this little bird gets lots more feathers on I cannot leave the ground. Up, up and away.



Hardee's will be leaving me no more crumbs. Hardee's is no more in Waldo after 20 years. So sad.

Beware the Ides of March. March 15 has been a day with a sense of foreboding. It began with

Congratulations!
Christian Mauldin
January Citizen of the
Month!!

School Lunch Tragedy by Penny Dodd

You may have seen this news report recently, as I did:

A New Jersey mother says her fifth grade son's school has repeatedly taken her child's lunch and thrown it away over unpaid cafeteria balances -- despite having apologized for doing as much in the past.

It bothered me to learn that some children will go without lunch because there is "No money in their account."

It bothered me so much, in fact, that I contacted Ms. Holly Burton, Principal of the Waldo School to find out if this happens here.

Ms. Burton assured me that "We would not allow any child to go without lunch. Those children (who have no funds in their account) would get a sandwich, fruit, and milk."

She said, "88% of our students are on free or reduced lunch due to being in low income households. The cost of a reduced price lunch is .40 cents and a full pay lunch is \$2.15. Students not on free status would get a cheese or Peanut Butter sandwich if they did not have money. If you would like to donate monies for lunches, we could deposit the money into an account for students without adequate money. Another idea would be to donate money for us to purchase snacks for students who did not get an adequate dinner the night before, or who just don't get enough food at home in general. All of our students are offered free

breakfast, but for some it is not enough."

After learning all of this from Ms. Burton, I spoke with Mrs. Marie Ankney, who, before retiring, worked in the Cafeteria at the Waldo School, and advised me on who to speak to in order to set up an account for donating to Waldo children's lunches.

An account has now been set up under the name of "The Hand," which, if you are a regular reader of the Waldo Phoenix you know, consists of a group of Waldo citizens who like to "lend a helping hand."

I don't donate to many causes, because I don't know what will actually become of the money I donate, but I will be making my personal donation to the Waldo Community School before this issue of the Waldo Phoenix is published, and will specify that it be applied to "The Hand" account. That way, I **know** it will go directly to the food service in the Waldo School and will help many young children enjoy a good lunch every day.

If you are concerned, as I am, about our young Waldonians, you might want to consider helping them as well.

Ms. Burton assured me that any contributions to the school are tax deductible.

Mrs. Caron Rowe, with the Alachua County Food & Nutrition Department, stated, "Our department's policy is to allow a student to have two charges to their account to cover their meal after they have reached a zero balance in elementary schools. If the student remains at a zero balance after the two allotted charges, the student will receive a meal consisting of a protein, grain,

fruit and a milk."

"Each school sends home "low balance" letters with the students and discreetly lets the child know to remind their parents to send in money for their accounts. We encourage our parents to enroll in www.mylunchmoney.com, a program supported by our county, which helps to avoid a zero balance.

The program offers the convenience of recurring payment options, E-mail reminders for low balances, view student meal purchases, set daily and weekly spending limits."

Waldo City News Kim Worley

Eric Dennis a Wildlife Assistance Biologist, North Central Region Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – was a speaker at the February 11, 2014 Council meeting regarding black bear safety in Waldo.

Why, you ask? Because we have at least one black bear by the canal that has visited Mayor Louie Davis's home as well as others. The bear has also wandered the wooded area on NE 147th Terrace taking food from peoples' garbage cans.

A black bear's diet consists of 80% plants, nuts berries and fruits, 16% insects, ants, bees, larvae etc. The final 4% is meat, animals. Black bears are attracted to garbage, pet food, bird seed, grills, and compost piles.

Please keep your garbage secured until garbage day to help avoid a mess. Black bears will associate people with food and lose their fear of people. This is

not good. Black bears normally avoid humans at all cost. Ninety percent of the time they run away and climb a tree. DO NOT chase, corner or in any way approach the bear. If the bear climbs a tree, keep away from it. The bear will not come down until it feels safe, usually after dark.

A black bear's #1 sense - is smell, so when they stand, they are not trying to intimidate you and they are not being aggressive. They are trying to see and smell better so they can figure out if they are in danger or not.

Back away slowly, raise arms, yell. Black bears do not like loud noises like air horns or whistles.



There have only been 13 attacks in the history of reports in Florida. Most have been scratched or bitten while feeding or provoking the black bear.

It is against the law to feed or hurt a black bear. Black bears are not ferocious or aggressive unless they are feeling threatened.

How to keep the black bear away: motion sprinklers, lights, air horns, pots and pans, yell at the black bear, loud whistle. Electric fences are a very good deterrent to keep them out of your garden, compost piles, etc.

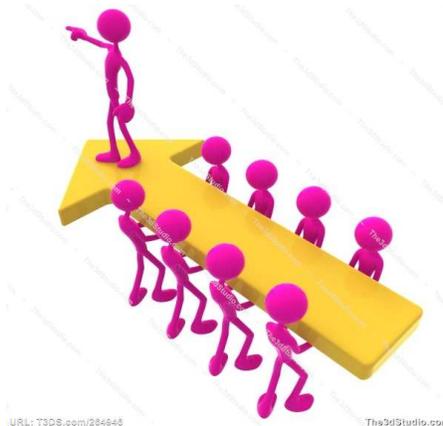
Keep any attractions secure. If you have questions, please call Eric Dennis 386-758-0525, or visit the following Web site www.MyFWC.com/black bear

Waldo Receives USDA Award



Front L-R: USDA/RD Area Director Rod Quainton, Mayor Louie Davis, Richard Machek State Director USDA/RD and Rebecca Manning USDA/RD Area Specialist; Back L-R: Council members Rick Pisano, Irvin Jackson, Carolyn Wade-Vice Chair, Manager Kim Worley, Council members Chuck Hall Chair and Glen Johnson

The City of Waldo has been named the 2013 recipient of Florida's "Rural Community of the Year" award. The City of Waldo was selected for its efforts in improving the quality of life for its residents through a program of sustainable community and economic development initiatives in water/waste water design and implementation and increasing economic development opportunities.



"Waldo is a shining example of effective leadership and partnerships resulting in community development benefitting its residents economically and socially," said Rural Development State Director Richard A. Machek. "I want to commend the leaders and the

citizens of Waldo for the many accomplishments that have been realized that extend beyond the city limits."

The Waldo City Council received a commemorative plaque from USDA Rural Development, reading:

"2013 Community Development Award acknowledges the City of Waldo, Florida as the Rural Community of the Year for outstanding achievements in carrying out a comprehensive program of sustainable community and economic development that has resulted in tangible improvements in the quality of life for its residents."

With \$5.3 million in funding from Rural Development, Waldo is decommissioning its failing wastewater treatment plant and constructing a master pump station and a 10.5 mile pipeline to the point of connection with Gainesville Regional Utilities for treatment of Waldo's wastewater. System design not only protects environmentally sensitive surface waters, but also allows for economic opportunity as Waldo can buy more capacity on an as-needed basis rather than building a much larger plant that has capacity for future growth but is costly to operate. The Rural Community of the Year Award is presented annually to recognize rural communities that have engaged in significant efforts to improve the quality of life of their citizens.

****WANTED****

Dead or Alive

By Eldon Darrah

**Sat, November 24,
11:25 am---1962.**



This day, and time, has plagued me for over fifty years now. I mentioned to my therapist a while back that I was thinking of writing a story about that dreadful day.

Telling him I thought it might be good to just tell the world all about it, he looked startled, and let me know right quick, what a bad idea he thought that was. I'm beginning to think he's not interested in me getting better at all. I'm starting to wonder if he's more interested in his \$300.00 an hour nap he's been taking every week, for the last twenty years, while pretending to listen to me whine about all this. Hmmm?! Nah, I'm probably just over-dramatizing things again.

I don't care what Dr. Daphee says. I think it'll do me good to just dump all my inner agonies out there, so the world can sift through them and reassure me that I'm fine. Just as I've sometimes suspected.

I'll never forget the horror on my two younger brothers faces. It still haunts me to this day. As I know, the same horror had crinkled my brow, and caused them much anguish through the years as well. Even after all this time, it never ceases to come up at a family get together. No young person should ever have to face such a cruel and devastating tragedy.

It is going to be very, very, painful for me to express to all my childhood friends and class-mates, just how traumatized my life became, after what unfolded on that wretched day. (Y'all excuse

me for a few moments, please. I need to compose myself). OK, I'm back.

I know, by now, most of you have got to be wondering what the heck happened? Well, just hang on, I'm gonn'a tell'ya.

I've come to the conclusion that the only way for my brothers and I to ever free ourselves of this mental anguish, and to finally find closure, is to locate and expose the dastardly culprit who's caused many decades of pure mental hell. We did go to Police Chief, Mr. Henry Croft's house seeking justice. We knew he was home, 'cause his police car was there. And this whole ordeal transpired only a few hundred feet from his front door!



We figured he must've seen something of what had happened! When he came to the door it was quite evident to him we were very distraught. He was truly a kindly man. He did his best to console us in our time of horrendous stress. He too, was also extremely appalled at what had taken place. He promised to do all he could to help. GOD!! please excuse me again, for a moment) Wow! This is harder than I thought it'd be. Please, forgive me. WHEWeee OK, Uh-hem. I'll be all right.

We checked with Mr. Croft every-day. Sometimes, two or three times a day. And each time he assured us he was working diligently to find out what had

taken place. We hadn't slept in days. Seems we were losing faith in the human-race. Many a troubled day has now passed. I was talking to my brothers the other day, and just like so many times before, the discussion once again turned to that ugly day so many years ago. We decided to take matters into our own hands.

So, we're offering a \$25,000.00 REWARD for the "ARREST" and "CONVICTION" of the LOW-DOWN DIRTY SCUM that stole our 53 pop-bottles we had hidden in that wooden bin that sit at the back of the old, closed Standard station that used to be just a few hundred feet in front of Mr. Henry Croft's home. What made this so extraordinarily traumatizing, is pop-bottle deposits had just jumped from 1 cent, to 2 cents. AAAaaaaaagh!!! DR. DAPHEEeeeeee.

****UPDATE****

Two witnesses have stepped forward to hopefully cash in on the reward. They insist on remaining anonymous. Details unfolding. Both these Waldo Tattle-Rats have named the same name!! Must be the right CULPRIT! Checking their stories. This is BIG. Stay tuned for further updates.

**** UPDATE #2 ****

The culprit has been positively identified. The two Waldo, Tattle-rats (whom wished to remain anonymous) have, under sworn depositions, identified the pop-bottle bandit as: "Robmee Pepseez."(Never heard of him)! So if anyone knows of this person, or his whereabouts, please contact Penny Dodd immediately.

In
Loving
Memory



Berney Lee Bass
Hazel Ruth Starr
LaRue Emerson Amsler
Linton Charles Reid
Mildred V. Porter
Hankemeyer

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

Old Sayings by Mary Sue Rister

As while back the Phoenix asked if anyone had any "sayings" like "I could stretch a mile if I didn't have to walk back". Here are some of the things we grew up saying and hearing. Some of them make NO sense, and some will be hard to understand. We never questioned their rationale. We just continued using them because we'd heard them all of our lives. I'll try to "explain" as best as I can. Some don't really need explanation. And by the way. This was such a FUN exercise. I really had to think but I would take a break and then go back to it again with more, more, more. Some I'm sure you've heard before. Others, maybe not. LOL!

If one of us would get aggravated or mad about something Mama would say "You've got the same britches to get glad in."

If we were "wishing" for something that wasn't very likely to happen Mama would say "Wish in one hand and spit in the other and see which one gets full first"

Of course when I got older I realized that MOST people didn't say "spit."

When something didn't go exactly as we hoped or expected we would say "Well, I must not have been holding my mouth right."



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Mama would often say this and it STILL confuses Bill when I say it. He just doesn't "get it": "I sure am glad I ate when I did 'cause I'm not hungry now" Is that so difficult to understand? Just a funny way to hint at the silly notion that "time" had more to do with the state of being hungry that "eating" did.

This is one that makes NO sense but Mama would say it EVERY time we had fresh peas on the table "Yes mam, No mam, Thank you mam, Please. Open up the ducks tail and pass around the peas"

This one she would say if there were bean and rice on the table "Beans and rice and jump the jice and tear your shirt tail twice"

As a young adult I heard someone say to someone else "You're going to Hell wearing gasoline drawers" and I've continued using that one 'cause it's FUNNY!

He was busier than a one-armed paper hanger

If one of us kids touched another one's food or any other possession we were likely to hear this one: "Get your booger hooks off my stuff!"

This is a general term used to express being harassed or aggravated by someone else to the point of intolerance: Hell-hacked. This is Bill's second most favorite saying that he learned from me. I will NOT be sharing his MOST favorite because it's more than a little off color.

Cheryl Shearouse Johnson's husband Gary calls me "Hell-Hacker" because he heard Bill use this term one time and just LOVES it. LOL

I'm so hungry my stomach thinks my throat's been cut

When we would take a "spit bath", mama would say: "Be sure to wash as high as possible, and as low as possible and then throw a little in possible's face"

Daddy used this term when one of us were having a bad day or were out of sorts: "You've got the mulley grubbs today."

This was used to describe something that was REALLY gooooood: "Gooder 'n snuff and not half as dusty"

This one describes extreme fatigue: "I'm so tired my tail is dragging my tracks out"

This describes someone who has a HIGH opinion of themselves: "If I bought you for what you're worth and sold you for what you THINK you're worth, I wouldn't have to go to work for a good long while"

This describes a small room or space: "It's so close in here you can't cuss a cat without getting fur in your mouth"

Information Please!

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

City Hall	468-1001
After Hours Water Emergency	258-3110
Fire Emergencies	Call 911
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

March Birthdays

2 Michelle Gay	4 Jake Holcomb
4 Emily Holcomb	5 Lena Gay
6 Peggy Dowling	7 Penny Dodd
7 Melvin Hill	9 Omie Burnham
9 Will Price	9 Ted Schweitzer
9 Ashley Edge	11 Dawn Scott
12 Kierra Cecillo	12 Dawn Summers
12 Alan McCallister	12 Logan Minnix
13 Barbara Rainer Lee	14 Quitman Hall
14 Ed Juszak	17 Charles Hall
17 Karen Keirnan	17 Maria McCallister
18 Gwendolyn Price	19 Ranch Dortch
20 Tony Green	20 Amir Jackson
20 Christian Mauldin	21 Steve Howard
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27 Julio Guitierrez	30 Chad Cawley
31 Jason Tidwell	

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Random Facts

In the U.S., daylight saving time was first used during World War I to conserve resources. It was reinstated again during World War II until Sept. 1945. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 created a standardized system to observe daylight saving time.

Bonus Fact:

The Department of Energy studied the energy savings in 2008. They found that during daylight saving time, U.S. electricity use decreased by 0.5 percent per day, which added up to 1.3 billion kilowatt-hours, enough to power about 122,000 average U.S. homes for a year.

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on the 4th 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

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Wednesday Schedule

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Random Facts

Mardi 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.

Bonus Fact:

The Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold were actually selected by Grand Duke Alexis Alexandrovitch Romanoff of Russia during a visit to New Orleans in 1872. Purple stands for justice, gold stands for power and green stands for faith.

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