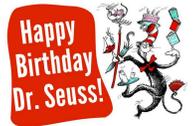




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W.H.S. News by Penny Dodd

It's Our Birthday!

Believe it or not, the Waldo Historical Society will be ten years old in July this year. We think this is a great reason for a

celebration, so we've decided to invite everyone to our birthday party.

WHEN: JUNE 27, 2015
TIME: 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
WHERE: FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Rev. Jim DuBois, Pastor of the Waldo Baptist Church, has generously allowed us the use of the Family Life Center as the place to hold our party. What would we ever do without him? He has been supporting us in so many ways since our very first Spaghetti Dinner in 2006. We owe him a lot.

So, back to the party. We'll be serving ice cream and birthday cake, and a very special birthday punch.



We plan to show you what we've accomplished since we got the bright idea to start this organization.

It will be sort of a "Meet and Greet" affair, where you'll get to meet the Officers and Board

members of the Waldo Historical Society, and as many of our regular members as we can fit in.

We'll all have a great time getting to know each other

There will be a Trivia Game (with prizes) to see how much you know about Waldo!



Mark the date on your calendar: June 27 at the Family Life Center of the Waldo Baptist Church. We'll start serving at 10 am and won't quit until it's all gone.

If you'd like to help in any way, please give us a call.

Call 468-1910, or email historicwaldo@gmail.com.

Waldo Community School News

**Holly
Burton -
Principal**



Principal Holly Burton

**Citizen of the Month
For January
Christian Mauldin
Congratulations!**

Coming Events

Monday, 3/2 - End of our box top competition!

Tues., 3/3 and Wed., 3/4 - State Writing Test for 4th and 5th grade

Tuesday, 3/10 - Author Visit; Literacy Matters Campaign

Fri., 3/13 - Book Give-a-way Gr. 2-5, Jump Rope for Heart Celebration

Tues., 3/17 - K-2 Parent Open House @ 1:45

Thurs., 3/19 - 3-5 Parent Open House @ 1:45

Fri., 3/20 - PBS Event

Mon., 3/23-Fri., 3/27 - Spring Break

3/31-4/1 - State testing (FSA) 3rd and 4th grade Language Arts

4/7-4/8 - State Testing (FSA) 3rd and 4th grade Math

Happy Birthday!!

Mrs. Whitten 3/1
Mrs. Ratliff 3/19
Mrs. Ankney 3/20
Mrs. Budwick 3/20
Mrs. D. Powell 3/21
Mrs. Tanner 3/26
Mr. Schumacher 3/31

Join us for spring "Open House"!

*Grades K-2 on Tuesday, **3/17 at 1:45**

*Grades 3-5 on Thursday, **3/19 at 1:45**

Visit your child's classroom, learn all about The 7 Habits, and see what your child has been working on! The kids are excited to share their work and data with you!

Please RSVP on or before Tuesday, 3/10.

From The Mouths of Babes

Mary Sue Holton

There is nothing more treasured, nothing which is more cherished by a mother's heart, than the unbridled love of her children. And particularly the memories of those very young, innocent years when their hearts, minds and voices were driven by complete honesty and sincere emotions.

Children are born with the gift of "literal" translation. The beauty of its simplicity is obvious in their descriptions and declarations of life and the components of which life is comprised. We find their frankness amusing, their honesty refreshing, their innocence endearing. And occasionally, we find their ability to "recall and repeat" a bit uncomfortable. Especially when they do so in the presence of a subject who was never meant to hear it. Awww. Such are the pleasures of parenthood!

Though I'm sure there were MANY times in my childhood when my extreme innocence and naivety led to the translation or assessment of a particular situation which was less than accurate, my memory is limited to but a few. For instance, even though we were staunch Pentecostals, my Daddy would occasionally go fishing on Sunday. This was considered "sin" and Mama's final words to him each and every time he went out the door were "You know you're going to catch the Devil." WHAT???? I was so burdened by this that my worry would often

manifest itself in some "physical" form such as a tummy ache.

Through my very literal understanding of this "sin," I could visualize the bobber on the end of Daddy's line suddenly disappearing into the murky, darkness of Newnan's Lake. I could imagine him begin to crank on the reel, tugging, pulling, struggling to shorten the line.



Excitement flowing through him as he waited for a first glimpse of his "catch."

And then suddenly, shooting up from the water and right into the boat. The Devil!! I had a vividly clear picture of him in my mind. I could barely hold back tears as I thought of my Daddy in a physical battle with this monster. Being prodded by a pitchfork. Poked and pummeled and beaten down. All because he wanted to fish on Sunday.

I was plagued by this fear until Mama and Daddy divorced when I was eleven years old, and I was spared from knowing about the Sundays on which he was "at risk".

Another "misconstrued" interpretation which I recall is a bit embarrassing to discuss. And I honestly don't know when, or how old I was when I realized my own mistake. First, let me mention that we were all bed-wetters when we were young. It was a most embarrassing truth which we attempted to keep hidden from our friends and family. In fact, it's still hard to talk about. However, it is an essential element to this particular story.

The music portion of our Pentecostal church services were a

praiseful prelude to the Pastor's sermon. Children were encouraged to participate and allowed to be included in the "choir." The old traditional hymns were so familiar to us that we didn't need to look at the Stamps Baxter song book to be reminded of the words.

One such hymn that we sang often was called "I Will Not Be Denied." Its words proclaimed "I will not be denied. I will not be denied. Till Jesus comes and makes me whole I will not be denied."



Perhaps it would've been wise for me to have the written words before me on this particular song because as I stood there in the choir, I sang out the words which I "thought" were correct. "I will not pee tonight. I will not pee tonight. Till Jesus comes and mends my hole, I will not pee tonight!!"

God bless the innocent heart of naivety. Don't ask me why I thought we would sing about such a thing. I don't know the answer. I just know that singing about this "problem" helped me believe that Jesus was going to help me with it.

My children and grandchildren were no exception to the simple interpretation of things. My first grandson, had a particular way of naming "things." A shovel was called a "dig", a gun was called a "pow", a sword was

called a "sharp". The reasoning is perfectly clear. Their minds take the simple path and do not get bogged up in details or unnecessary confusion.

Once when Josh and his mother were coming out of a store, a black man gave them a casual greeting when they passed by him. As she buckled Josh into his car seat he said "Mom, that chocolate man was really nice, wasn't he?" A perfectly logical conclusion.

However, "mistakes" such as this are not limited to toddlers and pre-schoolers. As a "pre teen", my daughter Kim was all about the 80's music scene. One of her favorite cassette tapes was a Huey Lewis special. (I must admit that I loved this tape too). She would crank up the volume in her bedroom and sing along with each song, and I would occasionally join in. One song in particular, Bad Is Bad, had a line in which Huey sang "there's a strange pair of shoes underneath the bed". We, however, were certain that he was saying "There's a stank pair of shoes underneath the bed". And that's exactly how we sang it!! I still do.

But one of my all time favorite, and often repeated lines, comes from my youngest son, Tommy. He was such a well intentioned youngster who loved his mama without limits and he would often confess his dreams of "someday when I grow up....."

His heart was filled with the hope of giving me everything I had ever hoped for. New cars, a fine home, a baby grand piano, jewelry and trinkets and lots of pretty things to surround me. And I knew that his heart was bursting

with the "want to" of giving these things to me.

One day as we were driving home from church (he was about 2 or 3 years old), I have no idea what prompted him to make this declaration, but he looked over at me, "I love my daddy like the shovels," he said as he lowered his hand downward to better describe this to me.



"But I love my mama like the trees." Stretching both arms as high as he could and touching the top of the car, he gifted me with a smile that has never left my heart. He was letting me know that he loved me as far as he could reach and beyond.

From the sweet innocence of youth, comes the truest of emotions, the sincerest of hopes, the loftiest of dreams, the grandest of ideas, and the most endearing moments of our lives.

We might all be well served if somehow we could capture and carry with us a fragment of that innocence and naivety throughout our lives.

The purity of an untainted perspective allows us to "see" as God intended. It feeds our souls with goodness and nurtures our hearts with kindness.

This is why children laugh, and love and trust without question. Because they are still filled with the incredible gift of life which allows them to live in complete honesty, as we all once did. Take notice of their words that you might re-visit this place often. For from the mouths of Babes are spoken the wisest of truths.

Letter to the Editor



Nice job. I like the addition of the new young writer - this will help her get into a good college! The obits are good too.

B.D., Micanopy

Absolutely FANTASTIC (as usual). Loved Teddy's tale of real commitment in a relationship. Especially her example of "conflict". LOL!! I know plenty of men who would've been WEARING that bowling ball as a hat!

MSR - Melrose

I liked the "truth about romance story"

BS - Gainesville

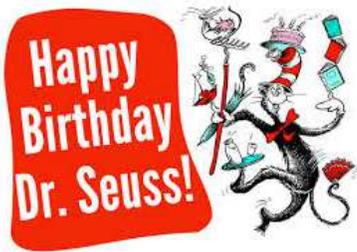
I so enjoy the stories written by Mary Sue Holton. They are never disappointing. I look forward to them each month.

LRC - Waldo

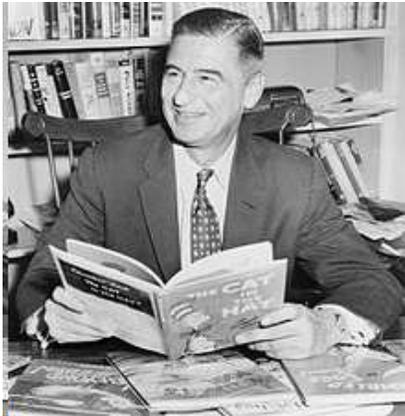
It may not be known, that City Hall allows different functions, such as birthday parties, anniversaries, business planning, organizational meetings. Get out and find out what your community has available for you. All these things are available if you call City Hall at 352-468-1001.

WHS - Waldo



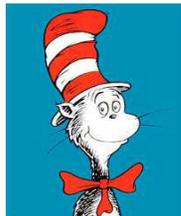


It's Dr. Seuss' birthday this month, so we thought it might be nice to honor him with a page in the Phoenix.



Theodor Seuss Geisel, was born on March 2, 1904. He was an American writer and cartoonist. He was most widely known for his children's books, which he wrote and illustrated under the pseudonym Dr. Seuss.

Geisel published 46 children's books, often characterized by imaginative characters, rhyme, and frequent use of anapestic meter.



His most-celebrated books include the bestselling Green Eggs and Ham, The Cat in the Hat, The Lorax, One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish, The 500

Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins, Fox in Socks, The King's Stilts, Hop on Pop, Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose, Horton Hatches the Egg, Horton Hears a Who!, and How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

Geisel's birthday, March 2, has been adopted as the annual date for National Read Across America Day, an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association.

Geisel attended Dartmouth College, graduating in 1925. At Dartmouth, he joined the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the humor magazine Dartmouth Jack-O-Lantern, eventually rising to the rank of editor-in-chief.

While at Dartmouth, Geisel was caught drinking gin with nine friends in his room. As a result, Dean Craven Laycock insisted that he resign from all extracurricular activities, including the college humor magazine.

To continue work on the Jack-O-Lantern without the administration's knowledge, Geisel began signing his work with the pen name "Seuss". Geisel was encouraged in his writing by professor of rhetoric W. Benfield Pressey, whom he described as his "big inspiration for writing" at Dartmouth.

Upon graduating from Dartmouth, he entered Lincoln College, Oxford, intending to earn a PhD in English literature. At Oxford, he met Helen Palmer, who encouraged him to give up becoming an English teacher in favor of pursuing drawing as a career.



Geisel left Oxford without earning a degree and returned to the United States in February 1927. Later that year, when he accepted a job as writer and illustrator at the humor magazine Judge, Geisel felt financially stable enough to marry Helen. His first cartoon for Judge appeared on

October 22, 1927, and the Geisels were married on November 29. Geisel's first work signed "Dr. Seuss" was published in Judge, about six months after he started working there.

In early 1928, one of Geisel's cartoons for Judge mentioned Flit, a common bug spray at the time, manufactured by Standard Oil of New Jersey.

According to Geisel, the wife of an advertising executive in charge of advertising Flit saw Geisel's cartoon at a hairdresser's and urged her husband to sign him. Geisel's first Flit ad appeared on May 31, 1928, and the campaign continued sporadically until 1941. The campaign's



catchphrase, "Quick, Henry, the Flit!", became a part of popular culture. It spawned a song and was used as a punch line for comedians such as Fred Allen and Jack Benny. As Geisel gained notoriety for the Flit campaign, his work was sought after and began to appear regularly in magazines like Life, Liberty, and Vanity Fair.

Though he devoted most of his life to writing children's books, Geisel had no children of his own. He would say, when asked about this, "You have 'em; I'll entertain 'em."





OBITUARIES

LITTLES II, GENTLE



Waldo - Mr. Gentle Littles II of Waldo, Florida died Tuesday February 3, 2015 at Shands University of

Florida Hospital Gainesville, Florida. Born in Tallahassee, Florida and resided in Middleburg, Florida for many years. Mr. Gentle Littles attended the St. Mark Baptist Church Middleburg, Florida under the leadership of Pastor W.L. Philips and attended the local schools of the surrounding counties. Mr. Littles also was employed at the Gustafson Milk Dairy as a Machine Operator.

Mr. Gentle Littles II is survived by sons, Gentle Littles III, of Quincy, FL, David Littles of Keystone, FL, Isaiah Littles and Elijah Littles both of Gainesville, FL; daughters, Luvenia Flowers of Interlachen, FL, Carrie B. Hines of Waldo, FL, Mary Davis of Gainesville, FL and Viola Littles of Tallahassee, FL; sisters, Ida Scott, Mary Littles, Ellen Owens all of Middleburg, FL and Martha Radford of Jacksonville, FL; brothers, Johnny Littles of Hawthorne, FL and James Littles of Middleburg, FL.

WHALEY, CLYDE, 81

Gainesville - Clyde Whaley, founder of Clyde's Tire & Brake, went to his heavenly home on February 19, 2015 at his



home. He was 81 years old.

Clyde was born and raised in Richland, NC in 1933. He was one of 17 children. He moved to Daytona in the early 1960's to start a career in automotive repair. He started his own business while in Daytona then relocated to Gainesville in 1971, established multiple Clyde's Tire & Brake locations in Gainesville, Ocala, Hawthorne, Alachua, Starke and Waldo.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Alice Marie and Peggy Jo, and one Grandson Klinton Robert Whaley and multiple brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his children, Kinsey (Debbie) Whaley of Ormond Beach, FL, Marty (Lori) of Ormond Beach, FL, Julia (Tommy) Hannah of Micanopy, FL, Kimberly (Scott) Crown of Alachua, FL., Jimmy Whaley of Palm Harbor, FL., two Sisters, Dolly Baysden of Warsaw, NC and Bea Howard of Dahlonaga, GA., ten Grandchildren, Chad (Rebecca) Whaley, Shannon (Luis) Colon, Marshall Whaley, Jackson Whaley, Tonya (Tug) Huddleston, Mark (Taryn) Hannah, Joshua Crown, Jacob Crown, Desirae Lastinger, Elizabeth Whaley and eight Great Grandchildren.

Donations to Haven Hospice in lieu of flowers will be appreciated.



Missing Waldo Hardee's?

It's been over a year since they've closed, and we all still miss their biscuits, coffee and hamburgers.

It has been said that if enough people contact McDonald's to ask them to open a store in Waldo, there's a good chance they will.

If you want to help in this endeavor, please contact them by snail mail or by phone at the following address and phone number. Help us bring a good fast food restaurant back to Waldo.

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Line Dancing is Back!

Mary Sue Rister is now offering FREE Line Dancing lessons at the Waldo Community Center from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm on Tuesdays beginning March 3.

Call Mary Sue at 352-475-6278 for details.



**A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME
by Lucy Roe Cook**

As this Little Bird flies around Waldo, which is difficult, with the strong winds blowing in the Ides of March and the cold, freezing my feathers, it occurred to me that I observe every day, the "Good Guys of Waldo."



Who are the "Good Guys?" Over the past ten years, there have been many people who have been there for us, helping us along the way to preserve the history of the great City of Waldo. We are indebted to each and every person and/or business who has helped, and the list continues to grow. In no particular order, we recognize:

- Mr. Bob Hartman, of Overhead Doors, who has for the past six years, allowed us to use his old historical building, the barber shop, for storage of our collections. He has also supported the Waldo Phoenix with his advertisement every month since its inception.
- Mr. Steve Blakewood, who really got us off the ground with a donation for our first project, the "Welcome to Waldo" mural, which greets travelers as they enter Waldo, and he continues to support us through his advertisement in the Waldo Phoenix.
- Mr. Tom Ramsey, of Tom's Cypress, has supported us in more ways than we can say, including advertising in the Waldo Phoenix.

- Mr. Harold Minnix, of Minnix's Body Shop helped us with repairs and upkeep on our tour van when we were offering historic tours of Waldo, and is a steady advertiser in the Waldo Phoenix.
 - Mr. Paul Brake, owner of Waldo Subway is a regular advertiser in the Waldo Phoenix.
 - Rev. Jim DuBois, Pastor of the Waldo Baptist Church, for his generous use of the Family Life Center for our many events.
 - Mr. Bobby Ray Cook, for the many banners and signs he has created for our events from the very beginning, and articles for the Waldo Phoenix.
 - Bob Edmondson, has donated his labor and supplies for the Waldo Caboose, the Memorial Brick Project, has built shelving for us in our storage shed. He has provided labor and materials for quilt display racks and so many other jobs.
 - Jeremy Scott, Postmaster at the Waldo Post Office has supported us in many ways.
 - All the businesses who allow us to display the Waldo Phoenix in their places of business.
- And please remember, this is just the tip of the "GOOD GUYS"! Wait till you see the rest of the "GOOD GUYS and GALS" we'll honor next month. It's enough to ruffle my feathers.

**Sport's update
Camara Casson**

As of February, 12th, 2015, all Waldo ball players officially kicked off the new ball season with the first conditioning practice of the year. We had all types of people from all age groups come out to practice.



Waldo Recreation is hoping to have several teams this year ranging from tee-ball to boys' 13-15 baseball and girls' 16U softball.



The temperature may have been low but spirits were high as players started conditioning with their coaches. However, some teams are short on numbers and need more players. So, if you know of anyone who is interested in playing, please let them know that sign-ups are still going on.

Forms are available at City Hall all the time and up at the school field on practice nights. Any girl or boy within the ages of 4 to 16 are able to play. Please come out ready to play and show your Waldo Spirit!



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	911
Police Non-Emergencies	955-1818
Power Outages	1-800-468-8243
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
24 Ernest Dority	25 Austin Holton
27 Julio Guitierrez	30 Chad Cawley
31 Jason Tidwell	

Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church Services

Rev. James W. Ramsey - Pastor
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Mid-week service
every Wednesday 6:00 pm
taught by Minister Bernard Carter
Awesome Sunday School
every Sunday 9:45 am
taught by Bro. Bobby Hill
or Minister Bernard Carter for adults
and Sis. Josie "Jackson"
& Sis. Monique Taylor for the children.
Men's Day service will be held
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

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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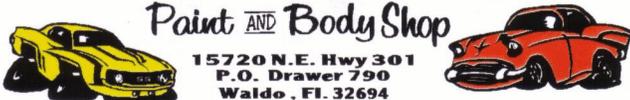


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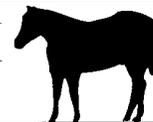
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