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## W.H.S. News by Penny Dodd

It's that time of year again. That time when we all decide who we want running our wonderful country and protecting us from our enemies. As you know, this is a very important



election, so you need to know the voting schedule for Waldo:

On Tuesday, March 15, the 2016 Presidential Preference Primary will be held at the First Baptist Church of Waldo from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. If you're not already registered, you will not be able to vote in the Primary, as the Registration closed on Tuesday, February 16. Early voting starts on Friday, March 4 and ends on Saturday, March 12.

The Presidential Preference Primary (PPP), is an election for the major political parties in Florida to determine which party candidates should be nominated at the parties' national conventions to be their presidential candidates in the general election in November. To vote for one of the candidates running for the nomination for President of the United States, you must be a registered member of that Party.

On Tuesday, August 30, the 2016 Primary Election will be held

at First Baptist Church of Waldo. Registration for this election closes on Monday, August 1.



On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the 2016 General Election will be held at First Baptist Church of Waldo. Registration for this election closes on Tuesday, October 11.

Please be sure to register to vote, and encourage your family and friends to register and to vote.

Remember, your vote is your voice as an American citizen. It's your opportunity to be heard, to hold elected officials accountable for their decisions and to have a say in important issues that affect your community. On Election Day, every vote matters.



### Top 10 reasons to vote

- 10.** It's your right. Someone paid the price for your right to vote. Use it.
- 9.** It's your community. Your neighbors, family, friends are depending on you.
- 8.** It's your life. Even if politics seem far away from you, it affects your daily life.
- 7.** It's your education. From school funding to college grants to job

training, state and federal governments make budget decisions that have a direct impact on your ability to learn and earn.

**6.** It's your body. From policing to reproductive rights, the wrong government policies can literally cost you your life.

**5.** It's your job. A raise in the minimum wage, pay equity, and the right to a union are all being decided now.

**4.** It's your environment. You can vote to invest in transportation and sustainable energy for our planet

**3.** It's your retirement. Help make sure that Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and pension plans will be there for you.

**2.** It's your voice. Collective action starts with voting. Politicians listen to demands from communities with high turnout.

**1.** They want you to stay home. An attempt is underway to keep people from voting. Your vote can stop this election from being stolen.



The Waldo Historical Society is in need of someone with experience as a brick mason (to set engraved bricks). If you are interested and qualified, please call 352-468-1910 or send an email to: [historicwaldo@gmail.com](mailto:historicwaldo@gmail.com).

**City of Waldo News**  
**Kim Worley, City**  
**Manager**

**M**osquitoes breed by laying eggs in and near standing water. As little as one teaspoon or bottle cap of water standing for more than one week is enough for mosquitoes to breed and multiply.

At least once a week, empty, turn over or cover anything that can hold water: tires, buckets, toys, pools, pool covers, birdbaths, trash, trash containers, recycling bins, boat or car covers, roof gutters, coolers, pet dishes, empty flower pots - anything that can hold standing water.



Use insect repellent when outdoors, cover up with clothing - long sleeves and pants.

To learn more about EPA registered insect repellents go to [www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents](http://www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents). also go to: [www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes](http://www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes)

**St. Patrick's Day Jokes**

- Q: What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover? A: A rash of good luck.  
Q: Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun? A: Because they're always a little short.  
Q: Why don't you iron 4-Leaf clovers? A: Because you don't want to press your luck.  
Q: What do you call an Irishman who knows how to control his wife? A: A bachelor.



**H**ere's a contest for all of you very talented people in Waldo (and out of Waldo).

We have a sculpture created by Mr. Nick Biggins, made especially for our Railroad Caboose. Nick didn't name it, so, please study this beautiful sculpture, and suggest a name for it.



Members of the Waldo Historical Society and their families are not eligible. The judges decision will be final, and the lucky person will win great prizes:

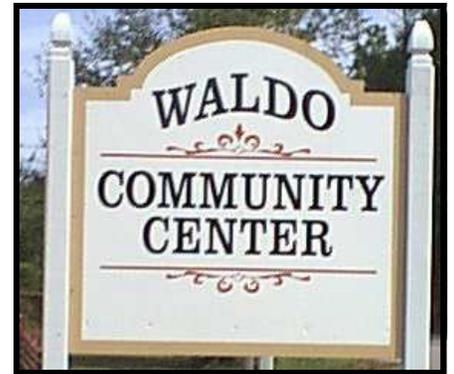
- One-year subscription to the Waldo Phoenix - mailed anywhere in the United States.
- One-year membership in the Waldo Historical Society
- Your own copy of the 2016 Waldo Historical Society calendar, covering the

history of the Waldo schools.

- \$10.00 cash.  
You may enter your sculpture name by email: Send to [historicwaldo@gmail.com](mailto:historicwaldo@gmail.com) or by snail mail: Send to Waldo Historical Society, P.O. Box 459, Waldo, FL 32694 or call 352-468-1910.

Please be sure to include your full name and mailing address, and any other information we may need to get your prize to you, should you be our big winner.

**Community Center News**  
**by Thelma Bay**



**O**n Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, we honored our Seniors who are members of our ElderCare Food program with a special Valentines meal. The Ladies Circle from Waldo First Baptist Church made Goodie Bags and cupcakes for everyone and our City Manager, Kim Worley, donated all of us a valentine heart filled with chocolate candy. We thank all of you who made the day so special.

We had a very special guest on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Ginger Andrews, a dental hygienist from Gainesville, gave a program on dental care and how important it is to take better care of our gums and teeth. Some of you will also remember Ginger from her work with the Waldo Historical Society.

She has been a great friend to our community.

We play Bingo on Monday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Playing is free. Just bring a few small items to be used as prizes.

Every two weeks on Saturdays, we have a Food Bus come by the Center. Bring a laundry basket and \$3.50 and they will fill it up with groceries. The next visit from the bus will be Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. I have never been disappointed in what I got.

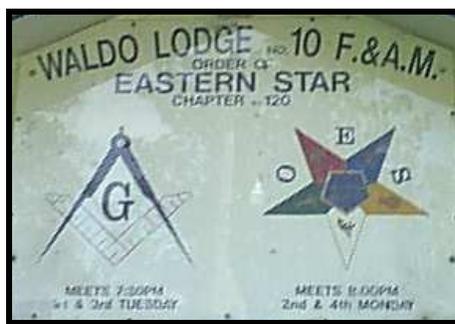
Look for more news next month and until then I hope all of you remain healthy and happy.

### Letter to the Editor



I enjoyed the read again, especially the black history article, the stolen lipstick, and even the "corny" jokes. And how lucky to have had your own native famous sculptor. You do a terrific job!

**Connie M.**



Waldo Lodge Number 10 Free and Accepted Masons is having a B-B-Q chicken fund raiser on Saturday, March 12 from noon until 5:00 p.m. at our Lodge building located behind the library in Waldo.

There will be BBQ chicken, baked beans, cole slaw and a drink for a donation of \$8.00. Tickets are available from any Lodge member or at the door.

We would also like to let everyone know that we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of our original charter on April 2. We will open at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow.

There will be several Grand Lodge officers present to rededicate the Lodge as well as present service anniversary pins and certificate to our members. All Masons, family members, and friends as well as interested parties are welcome to attend.

For any information please contact Jack Ganstine, Worshipful Master, at 352-222-1375.

### Easter Jokes

Q: What kind of jewelry do rabbits wear? A: 14 carrot gold.  
Q: Why didn't the Easter egg cross the road? A: Because he wasn't a chicken yet!

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



Our days in March are busy. We have the Ides of March on the 15<sup>th</sup>, official date of Julius Caesar's assassination. Middle of the month.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, we have St. Patrick's Day. Tradition of Irish Folklore - wearing of the green, singing, dancing, bagpipes and Irish humor.



The doctor said, "I can't diagnose your trouble, but I think it might have something to do with drink."

The patient replied, "That's okay, Doc. I'll come back when you're sober."

The 21<sup>st</sup> is the first day of Spring. The days are growing longer and warmer. Gardens are being planted and love is in the air.

The 27<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday. This Little Bird can't wait to see all the ladies in their beautiful Easter bonnets.

Have you noticed you get poorer reception on your cell phone in Waldo. I see people talking to one another instead of talking on their cell phones. **Hope** still lives in Waldo.



We spend our lives seeking justice but in the end, we want and need His mercy. It is a time to be kind and forgiving.



## OBITUARIES **Roland DeWitt Wise Jr.**

Roland DeWitt Wise Jr. was born on April 18, 1933 in Dunnellon, in the big white house across the highway from the Baptist Church. He grew up there with his Brother Kenny, sister Diana and brother Allen. DeWitt's mother, Virginia, was a housewife of sorts when she wasn't off gallivanting with her sisters from sea to shining sea. DeWitt's father on the other hand, was a pharmacist, owner/operator of the Wise's Drugstore in Dunnellon.



DeWitt attended Dunnellon High School, after which he worked on the railroad as a dispatcher in Lutz, a tiny little stop on the Seaboard line just north of Tampa. His next job was insurance salesman, which had him selling policies all over north Florida, including Waldo and the surrounding areas.

A few years after high school, DeWitt met Linda Sauls at a Chicken Perlo (southern for chicken cookout) at his parents house in Dunnellon, and a year later, in July of 1959 and with permission from her grandparents, DeWitt married Linda at the justice of the peace in Gaffney, South Carolina.

DeWitt then got a really good job at Sperry-Rand in Gainesville which lasted several years, until the plant closed, at which time he started his own

excavation business which he operated for some 40 years.

Everyone in the Waldo area most likely has a little fill dirt in their yard that he delivered during that time, or perhaps a stump or two missing that he removed during his stump grinding days.

In 1962, DeWitt and Linda designed and built their own home in Waldo. They raised daughter Mary Ann (sissy) and son Roland DeWitt Wise III (Bubba) in this house, and have continued to live there all these years, watching grandchildren and great grandchildren come into the world.

In 1972 DeWitt and Linda purchased a prefab beauty shop from a retiring beautician in Reddick, Florida. He and son Roland (7 at the time) went to Reddick with a Ford truck, and pulled the beauty shop (trailer) all the way up 301 in what could go down in history as the slowest highway trip ever. But the result of that snails pace has been years of hair and beauty and friendships and love we all know as Linda Wise's Beauty Salon.

Early Saturday morning at 6:24 a.m. on January 30, 2016, DeWitt passed peacefully with his kids and wife by his side. He was loved beyond anyone's ability to express and will be missed dearly by so many. His humor alone was worth the anticipation of knowing him. He was terribly dry with a wit like no other, and no one could ever guess what he might say next, but you could always bet on the fact that it would be hilarious.

Dewitt was uncle De to so many nieces and nephews, he was Daddy De to Janny Poo, he was daddy to sissy and daddy-o to Bubbs, babe to Linda, and of

course W4DGQ to his ham buddies all over the world.

DeWitt was loved well and will be sorely missed by all.

## **GREEN, COLLIS L., 66**

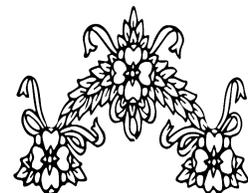


Waldo - Collis L. Green, retired GRU Waste Water Plant, member of

Free Canaan United Methodist Church, Earleton, FL, passed away February 13, 2016.

Survived by his wife of 28 years, Inez Green; sons, Collis Green Jr., Keith & Danielle Green, Eugene Jr. & Demetrus Green, all of Gainesville, FL; stepchildren, Willie & Tammy Jackson, William & Leola Jackson, Clinton Jackson, Gail & Michael Biggers, all of Gainesville, FL; a sister, Gussie Stroud; a brother, Eugene & Vivian Green; 14 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; an a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church, Waldo, FL, Rev. James Ramsey Pastor, Rev. Frankie Thomas, Eulogist. Burial will be in Free Canaan Cemetery. Viewing Friday at PINKNEY-SMITH FUNERAL HOME, 727 NW 2 St., Gainesville, 2-7 p.m. and Saturday 30 minutes before the service. PINKNEY-SMITH FUNERAL HOME OF GAINESVILLE (352) 376-8686



## DON'T LOOK IN HERE!

### Mary Sue Holton

**M**y sister Karen is 5 ½ years younger than me and I've always felt that I was, and should be her "protector". She was only 5 when Mama and Daddy divorced and due to Mama's "sickness" and depression following the breakup of their marriage, I assumed "parental duties" over Karen. She wasn't exactly happy about me being in that position and more than once I got the "You're NOT my mama!" retort. But overall, she was a good kid.



I sometimes struggled with the fact that I was who she looked to for everything. But I struggled even more with the knowledge that she looked UP to me because I certainly did not feel worthy of

that. I felt bad that she had experienced only 5 years of "family" while I had enjoyed 11. Her sense of love and loyalty to BOTH parents was a source of some very traumatic separations for her. Every other weekend when it was time for her to visit Daddy, she was pulled out of the house kicking and screaming and crying because she didn't want to leave mama.

On Sunday afternoon the reverse scene played out because she didn't want to leave Daddy. It was a conflict which she couldn't quite balance out in her heart.

Younger siblings (especially girls) can be a real pest. I learned to speak "pig-latin" thinking that I could keep secrets from Karen and

talk to my friends and/or boyfriends without her listening in. I talked freely (not that I had much to hide) without concern that she would "tattle" on me.

One day, I was on the phone with a friend and we were making plans to go to a movie that night. Mama only allowed me to do this IF my older brother Larry drove and stayed with me the entire time. When I hung up, I heard Karen telling Mama "Mary Sue is going to the movie tonight and I wanna go too." The little stinker had figured out pig-latin and knew everything I'd been saying all along!!

Karen was TINY and always looked fragile to me. But she was never afraid to sail right into the middle of the heap when Larry and Ricky were wrestling or rough housing. Larry in particular LOVED to put her in a headlock under his arm, positioned in such a way that she was forced to smell his arm pits until she "gave". Other times she would be less fortunate and wind up closer to their backsides where she would be "gassed" into submission. I was a touch me not and steered clear of this activity except for refereeing the bouts. Armpits and hind-ends were completely out of my comfort zone.

Karen was the blonde-haired, blue-eyed baby of the family and we ALL indulged her as best we could. It would be stretching it HUGELY to say that she was spoiled seeing how we had precious little with which to spoil her. But she held a special place in our family simply because she was "The Baby."

She continues to hold a special place today, but not just because she is the baby. Through her deeply devoted commitment to our family, she has earned a

position of respect and admiration and she has NEVER let any of us down. I dare say, she never will.

She has become our resident "care giver." Always there to take care of whoever is sick or whatever needs doing. And since she was never able to have children of her own, she is 2<sup>nd</sup> mama and Nana to all of ours.



Karen is VERY funny and entertaining. She runs a close second to Ricky when it comes to finding someone's funny bone. She has ALWAYS had that trait and manipulated it quite well.

The last summer Daddy was at home with us, we moved to Alachua for the summer where we rented a HUGE 2 story house in the middle of a large piece of acreage. It was surrounded by fields of tobacco, rolling hills and a thicket of woods on one side. This particular house had MORE windows in it than I'd ever seen. It seemed that every outside wall was made entirely of glass. And since it was a "temporary home" for us, Mama never bothered to put up curtains.

Now this was a REAL problem for me. Even though my bedroom was upstairs, I was CONVINCED that somebody was peeking through the windows at me during the night. I was SUCH a scaredy cat. But Daddy tried his best to assure me that I was safe. And I did my best to believe him.

The big bathroom downstairs was the same. One looooooong wall with nothing but windows, and NO curtains. I was smart enough to drape sheets over the windows when I took a bath. Not that I had anything worth admiring at age 11 but more because it seemed the "proper" thing to do.

One day Karen, who was just about to turn 5, went into the bathroom. Pretty soon we could hear her calling for Larry.

"L-A-R-R-Y. Hey Larry!! Larry, can you hear me? L-A-R-R-Y!!" This had gone on for a good 5 minutes when mama told me to go see what in the world was up with her. I stood at the door listening for a minute. She continued calling "L-A-R-R-Y. I'm over here! L-A-R-R-Y!!"

I cracked the door of the bathroom just enough to peek inside. Karen was standing in front of one of the windows, her underwear around her ankles as she shouted out toward the wooded parcel of property to the side of the house. I could see Larry making his way through the bushes back toward the house.

"O-K" he said with more than a little impatience in his voice. "I'm COMING!! Wait just a minute, OK?????" He stomped and dodged and pushed his way through the thicket.

"L-A-R-R-Y" Karen continued, completely ignoring the fact that he was making his way through the brush as fast as he could. "L-A-R-R-Y. Come H-E-R-E!!"

I continued to watch and wait. I tried not to laugh at how silly she looked standing there. Her thin frame was slightly stooped as she pushed her face against the glass of the windows. Her hind-end was bare to the wind and in

her hand she clutched a wad of toilet paper, ready for use.

FINALLY, Larry made it out of the woods and followed Karen's voice to the outside of the bathroom window.

"Hey Larry", she said in a now MUCH quieter tone, "Don't look in here 'cause I'm using the bathroom, OK?"

"EWWWWE!" Larry said in complete disgust, and then without another word turned and retreated back into the woods. At this point it was IMPOSSIBLE for me not to laugh.

This story became legendary in our home and family and as you might guess, Ricky embellished it every time it was told. Karen has been a pretty good sport about this and ALL of the stories told on and about her. NOT because she's gracious and kind and docile, but because she has just as many stories that she tells on us. Most of them equally or more embarrassing. And she doesn't exactly pull in the reigns when it comes to a bit of exaggeration herself.

We seldom get together without going through the full list of our favorite "stories". Our family "base" has gotten smaller through the years with Mama and Daddy and now Ricky all having completed their earthly journeys. But we have multiplied, expanded and extended far beyond the family of 6 that once was.

One of the things that I find most interesting about the mix of characters, roles, personalities and traits is that no matter the "age", no matter the total "number" of family members, no matter the many different and far reaching branches of our family tree, Karen has somehow managed to maintain her place as "The Baby."

## Thrifty Tips For You

So you clip coupons, use energy efficient light bulbs and recycle aluminum, but sometimes being too cheap can cost you money instead of saving it. Scroll down for some ideas of when and where it pays to open up the checkbook. Keep pinchin' those pennies.

### \* **Neglecting Basic Maintenance**

Neglecting the basic maintenance needed on your home and car will only end up costing you more money down the road. Lack of maintenance inevitably leads to something big breaking and that will cost you a lot more to repair than it would have cost to make small investments in regular maintenance.

### \* **Not Saving Anything**

Unexpected expenses happen, and if you don't have any sort of savings cushion to help you deal with those expenses, you'll find yourself relying on your credit cards, high interest loans or some other equally expensive way of paying for a crisis. So save something out of every paycheck. Even if it's only \$10 or \$20 at first.

### \* **Letting Coupons Shop for You**

Buying a product at a discounted price with a coupon is better than paying full-price - but if coupon clipping leads you to make purchases you wouldn't normally make, it's money wasted, not money saved.

Only use coupons if they apply to your normal and needed purchase items. Otherwise, skip the coupon and skip the purchase altogether.

# 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
Poison Control Center	1-800-222-1222
Police or Fire Emergencies	911
Sheriff's Dept. Non-Emergencies	955-1818
Power Outages	1-800-468-8243
Waldo Library	468-3298
Waldo Community Center	468-2336
Waldo Fire Department	468-1301
Waldo Post Office	468-1970
Waldo Historical Society	468-3503
Waldo Phoenix	468-1910
Windstream Phone repair	1-800-347-1991

## 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 11:00 am  
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 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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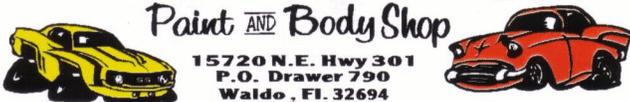
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