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W.H.S. News by Penny Dodd



Progress is still being made at the Waldo Railroad Museum. Framed photos have now been attached along the walls, the vintage Conductor's hat and jacket are displayed in the closet, and lighting has been adjusted so that all can be seen.

The railroad signal light has been tested. Entertainers and food suppliers have been contacted so that no one will be bored or hungry.

Grand Opening day will be exciting with gifts for all who come to see what we've been up to.

Coloring books and pencils for the young 'uns, bookmarks and other stuff for the adults. There will be Souvenir Note Cards available and many surprises.



We will be offering two raffles in the coming weeks, and will announce the winners during the Grand Opening.

One raffle will be for the wooden caboose clock shown above, (which is still in creation mode), and the other will be a railroad spike toilet paper holder, (created by former Waldo resident the late Mr. Nick Biggins of

Cleveland Heights, Ohio). Raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Watch for us coming to see YOU.



We want to thank all those who have been saving their empty printer ink cartridges for us. It helps us a lot.

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.

Random Facts

Not all wines improve with time. In fact, a vast majority of wines produced are ready to drink and do not have much potential for aging. Only a rare few will last longer than a decade.

Bonus Fact:

Red wines are red because fermentation extracts color from the grape skins. White wines are not fermented with the skins present.



Limited to Waldo residents only

**City of Waldo
Rescheduled to
May 12 & 13**

**Thursday and Friday
Dumpster Locations:**

Water Tower - 14750 Weeks Street - Tires Only (no rims)

Limited to 7 tires per person

Waldo Community Center - 13550 NE 148th Avenue

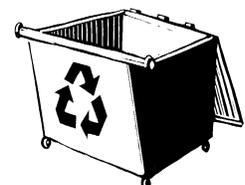
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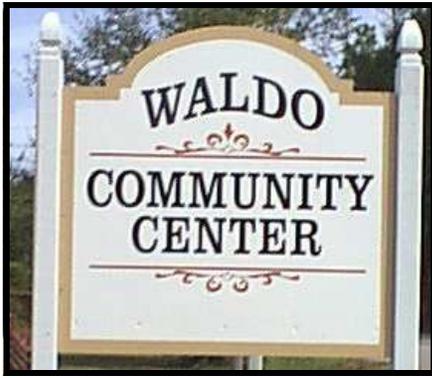
Examples include, but not limited to: paint, car batteries, oil, aerosol cans, pesticides, antifreeze, etc.

QUESTIONS: Call City Hall 352-468-1001

(City Hall hours Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 12.30 p.m.)



Community Center News by Thelma Bay



352-468-2336
13558 NE 148th Ave

On Friday, March 25th, we had a special Good Friday Meal, honoring our Seniors who are part of the Elder Care Food Program. We had 25 people in attendance and a great time was had by all.



Mr. Charles Griffin gave a short talk and a prayer about the meaning of Easter, and the Ladies Circle of First Baptist church made delicious goody bags.



Come by sometime and have a cup of coffee with us. Join us in bingo on Monday mornings. If you are 60 or older, I'll fill out some simple paperwork and fix you a free meal.

On Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m., we have a dance team coming from Lake Butler to do a program. I have seen these young people dance before, and they are great. Put this on your calendar.

That's all for now. I hope you and yours are well and enjoying the Spring weather.

A Little Bird Told Me by Lucy Roe Cook

While flying around Waldo, I see busy people everywhere. They're taking off their coats and rolling up their sleeves. Some are mowing, pruning, trimming, watering and gardening. Others are simply lounging in the park, soaking up the sunshine. You can tell they are happy by the smiles on their faces.



It's so exciting! There is a new baby tree in Waldo. Penny Dodd just planted a new Live Oak tree in her back yard. It is destined to become home for many species of wildlife and birds for the next 100 years or more. Just imagine how elegant it will be in a few years with an epiphyte (Epiphyte: A nonparasitic plant that grows on trees). like Spanish Moss hanging from its branches. What a kind and generous thing to do!



Oh, dear! I just realized that such a compassionate gift might make it difficult for Penny to continue her "tough as nails" persona.

Our weather is balmy and warmer in the day - cooler in the night.

This Little Bird is seeing lots of little green tomatoes in family gardens. Oh, yummm.

As I fly over Cracker Hill, I find from the Mauldin home that they have four new born kittens. Ah!

Also on Cracker Hill is the Ankney family. Marie told this Little Bird that her "baby" dog just turned 2 years old and weighs 95 lbs. They need a big dog me thinks. Visiting the Ankney family on Cracker Hill was brother in law from Pennsylvania. It is so nice to have family whom you've not seen in a long while.

Vera Mauldin, Ida Bivins, and Lucy Cook, attend a quilt class at Figg Poncher's in Melrose. Their instructor Figg fell up the stairs in her home and broke her big toe. It is swollen and ugly. Not like her. She is not swollen and is lovely.

We may live in our sometimes boring little Waldo, but excitement like they just had in Ecuador and Japan (earthquakes) we can do without.

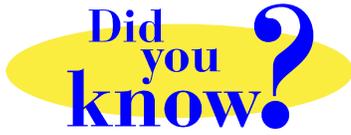


Bruce Stewart just had a retirement party at the Yerkes Center for his retirement from the Waldo Library. You will be missed by the people of

Waldo and the City Hall and the W.H.S. See you around the bend, Bruce. Best wishes to you.

The W.H.S. reports a board member who lives in Seattle, Washington visited the April meeting of the W.H.S. on April 28, 2016. Thank you, Don Kunz, for all you contribute to the W.H.S. You are a most valued member.

The basketball court is now leaning toward the south, because the net has turned up missing on the north side, making too much activity on the south side.



Contested Conventions

What is the difference between a contested convention and a brokered convention?

If no one reaches the magic 1,237 number of delegates, Republicans would face a contested convention. The idea of a brokered convention refers to the notion that there are power brokers within the party who would help resolve a contested convention. State party chairmen, for instance, used to have near complete control over their delegates, but this is not so true anymore.

Okay, that's crazy. How often does this happen?

Almost never, despite discussion of the possibility early on in almost every election cycle. The last time Republicans had a contested convention that went beyond the first ballot was back in 1948, when the party nominated Thomas Dewey (of "Dewey Defeats Truman" fame). That year, Dewey won the nomination on the third ballot.

For Democrats, the last time was in 1952, with the nomination of Adlai Stevenson. The last time a candidate successfully emerged out of a contested multi-ballot convention and won the presidency was Democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1932.

There have been several other close calls: in 1976, for

example, Gerald Ford didn't have enough delegates for the nomination ahead of the convention but was able to secure enough on the first ballot to edge out Ronald Reagan, then a former governor of California. And in 1984, the same scenario emerged on the Democratic side: former Vice President Walter Mondale was 40 delegates short of the nomination, but support from superdelegates put him over the top so he didn't have to go to a multiple-ballot fight with Colorado Sen. Gary Hart.

Is the GOP preparing for a brokered convention in 2016?

How likely is a contested convention this year?

It's hard to tell: this is something political observers salivate over every four years, and in recent history it has never actually come to pass. It's usually almost impossible, because often when one candidate gets momentum early on in the nominating process, they win enough states further down the calendar to get the required number of delegates ahead of time. Republican operatives caution even this year that the scenario is still unlikely.

But it's very true that the conditions are far more ripe for a contested convention this year than they are in most campaigns. There are still multiple candidates who are viable and winning delegates, not to mention an active effort on the part of establishment operatives to keep Trump from securing the nomination.

Perhaps the biggest clues to the likelihood of a contested convention will come next week on March 15, when Florida and Ohio vote. There's enormous pressure on Rubio, the Florida senator, and

Kasich, the Ohio governor, to win their home states over Trump -- and especially because both states' delegates are winner-take-all, victories for Rubio and/or Kasich would help spread around the delegates and keep Trump from reaching 1,237. If Rubio and Kasich lose their home states to Trump, though, the pair of states would put the front-runner much closer to a scenario where he can win the nomination outright.

Is anyone eligible to be the nominee if a contested convention actually occurs?

OBITUARIES



The publishers of The Waldo Phoenix are happy to publish any obituaries of Waldo families at no charge.

Elmore Edmond Taylor SR., 64



Son of the late John & Mother Henry Lee Taylor, Railroad Conductor with CSX, US

Navy Veteran & 1969 Graduate of Lincoln High School, left this earthly scene on April 4, 2016.

A Final Tribute (with Military Honors) will be held 1:00PM Saturday, April 16, 2016, at Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church (Waldo, FL) with Reverend James W. Ramsey officiating. Burial will follow at the Waldo Community Cemetery. Mr. Taylor will be viewed at the Funeral Home on Friday 2:00-7:00PM - At the Church on Saturday 30 Minutes prior to the Services - And with the Processional.

Immediate survivors include: wife - Mae Evelyn Young

Taylor of Waldo, FL; daughters - Jacqueline Taylor, Crystal Taylor, Shatisha Wilson and Deonn Walker; sons - Elmore Taylor Jr., Fredrick Young, Rudolph Smith, Gary Smith, Patrick Smith and Glen Smith; Brother - John Taylor; (sister - Marilyn Taylor preceded him in death); aunts & uncles; nieces & nephews; in-laws; cousins; & friends.

Arrangements Entrusted To: DUNCAN BROTHERS' FUNERAL HOME, 428 NW 8TH Street, Gainesville, FL.

Linda Lee Pierce Ruehr

Thank you to Mr. James C. Pierce, Linda's brother, for furnishing the following information:

"Thank you for contacting



me in reference to my sister's interment in the Laurel Grove cemetery in Waldo. Here is a little more info on Linda Lee Ruehr (Pierce):

Born in Gainesville, Florida, September 6, 1947 to Reba Pierce (Marshall). Remained in Waldo living with her maternal

grandmother, Mrs. C.C. Marshall (Pearl).

Moved with her family to Los Angeles, California in September of 1950. Raised in Los Angeles and resided in Southern California until her death.

Her entire life she desired to live back in Waldo, but never did. Her mother and siblings would return to Waldo every summer for two to three months to spend the summer with "Grandma." Then return to California for nine months. This pattern was repeated for over twenty years. Linda attended Waldo Elementary School for about two months in the eight grade.

I hope this will help you in compiling your historical News Letter about the History of Waldo. Forgive me and my English teacher at W.H.S., Mrs. Emory Boring for my spelling.

Graveside services 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2016, Laurel Grove Cemetery, Waldo, Florida. Officiant: Pastor Aaron Morgan."

JAMES THOMAS LEE, 80 'SONNY'

Waldo - A retired truck driver, he departed this life April 7, 2016 quietly at home.



He's survived by his devoted wife Barbara Rainer Lee; 3 daughters, Helene Dunning (Eugene), Sharon Stevenson (Jamal) and Jenen Lee; son, James T. Lee, III; step-son, Timothy J. Rainer (Kelitha); step-daughter, Glenda Rainer; an uncle, Lindy Curry (Nettie); 2

grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 4 step great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorial Services will be held 1:00 pm Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church 13850 NE 148 Street, Waldo, FL, Rev. James W. Ramsey, Pastor, Elder Beatrice Sheppard, Presiding, Minister Bernard Carter, Eulogist. Family will meet at he church 12:45 pm. Saturday.

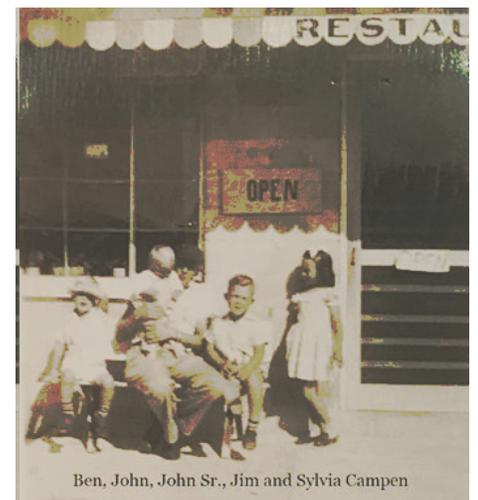
PINKNEY-SMITH FUNERAL HOME OF HAWTHORNE.

Making the best of it! by Ben Campen



February 22, 2016 - In my early life, I often had to make the best of it. Times were hard and we were poor. But, even though we were poor in funds, we were rich in so many other ways. We had loving parents, my sister, two brothers and I were tight knit and supportive, and I learned many valuable lessons that have made my life what it is today.

Much of the "wealth" of my childhood came from wonderful



parents who worked from home. They were always there when I left for school and were always there when I got home. You may think how astounding that was - both parents at home - but their attentiveness was greatly influenced by our bedrooms being connected to the small country restaurant that they owned and operated! This meant that both of my parents were there for us when we needed them and that they could keep an eye on us and the business at the same time.

Because the business was my home, I waited on tables and pumped gas from a very young age. I learned early on how to add multiple numbers in my head and how to make change. This gave me the opportunity to interact with customers and ultimately - receive tips. Once, I even got a whole dollar, which was really something in 1957 at the age of 10!

Working for tips was an education in itself. Tips boosted my confidence, infused me with interpersonal skills, and provided some all important spending money. My dad was one not to give any of us kids ANY money for anything. He was of the opinion that he and my mother would provide food, shelter and clothing. We kids had to come up with our own spending money. If we wanted something bad enough, we would earn it by getting tips in the restaurant, pumping gas, mowing lawns or selling cold drinks at UF Gator football games.

One Christmas, things were really tight financially, and we kids were given only a piece of clothing and an apple; no toys at all. That bleak Christmas Day, we decided to make the best of it and opened up the restaurant and gas pumps -

a novel idea in a time when all businesses were closed on Christmas Day.

And, indeed, it worked out very well! We were incredibly busy the entire day. With all the other places up and down the highway closed, hundreds of people traveling along Highway 301 that Christmas Day who needed coffee, a quick bite, and gasoline stopped at our restaurant! At day's end, we had made more money than we had ever made in a whole week! Our Christmas was greatly improved and those folks traveling down 301 got that cup of coffee or tank of gas they needed to help make their Christmas better. We made the best of it and in turn, made the day better for others.

The hardships I experienced as a child provided me the best lessons of my life. And I think that is because my parents never let hardships seem like something that would last forever. Hardships were to be worked through, learned from and then banked away - not dwelled upon. We just made the best of it and moved on.

My parents often reminded me that as life unfolds there will be obstacles to deal with. "If you let obstacles get the best of you and beat you, you've squandered what the good Lord gave you - and that is the power to overcome them. Remember to always make the best of every situation. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are far better off than most of the people in the world."

When you experience hardship - remember it's not over, unless you give up. It's an opportunity to overcome. When things get really tough, go deep

down into the core of your being and connect with the power within you. From there, begin again, and make the best of it. You'll be amazed at what transpires!

Thanks, Mom! Thanks, Dad! Thanks for teaching me to make the best of difficult situations - it's made all the difference!

School News Submitted by Holly Burton Shell Elementary School



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and

affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates:

May 2nd-6th, 2016

Shopping hours: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Special activities: Spring Fling will be Friday, May 6, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. The Book Fair will be open from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. that day.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Important Upcoming Dates

5/11: Kindergarten Round Up @2

6/8: Kindergarten performance @8

6/8: 5th grade graduation @9:15

Week of 5/2

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
- Spring Book Fair
- School wide art exhibit

Wednesday 5/4

- Boles' class to the library

Friday, 5/6

- Spring Fling Carnival 407 and Book Fair Night

Wednesday, 5/11

- Kindergarten Round Up @2
- Carpenter's class to the library

Tuesday, 5/17

- Moving Up Night 5:30 - 7 p.m.

**Advertising Rates
for Waldo Phoenix**

Business Card Size Ad:

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Random Facts

Most historians believe that the Dutch were the first to introduce the modern doughnut to North America in the form of olykoeks, or "oil cakes" as early as the mid-19th century. These early doughnuts were balls of cake fried in pork fat.

Today over 10 billion doughnuts are made in the U.S. each year.

The origin of the doughnut is unknown, though different nationalities have had their own version of the treat throughout history. A type of doughnut is even mentioned in the Bible. Specifically, Chapter 7 and verse 12 of Leviticus says that a thanksgiving to God should be made of "cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried."

Hansen Gregory, an American ship captain, is the man credited with inventing the classic hole-in-the-middle shape of the modern doughnut in 1847 by simply punching out the middle. Other versions of the story describe Gregory piercing the middle of the doughnut on the ship's steering wheel so he could use both hands to steer.

Bonus Fact:

When President John F. Kennedy announced in Berlin, "Ich bin ein Berliner," he did not say, as is commonly believed, that he was a jelly doughnut. The phrase is not only correct, but it is the only way to express what the president had intended to say. To state, "Ich bin Berliner" would imply that he was born in Berlin, whereas the word 'ein' implied he was a Berliner in spirit.

Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

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

May Birthdays

2 Carson Andrijanoff	3 Jordan Morris
4 Glenn Gay	4 Bryce Kimber
5 Lola Fraiser	7 Kim Worley
8 Lucy Roe Cook	10 Sara Bedford
11 Vic Ankney	12 Linda Vlacos
12 Jessica Dowling	12 Craig Green
13 Tim Edmondson	15 David Nugent
15 Vera Mauldin	15 Darrell McLendon
17 Meghan McLendon	17 Keith Gilliam
18 Robert Hill	20 Ellie Floyd
21 Greg Green	23 Barbara Vacchiano
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9:45 Bible Study (all ages)

11:00 am & 6 pm Worship
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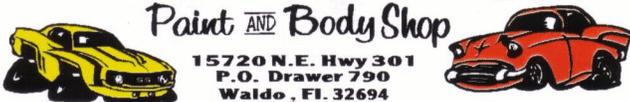
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