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## **Memorial Day by Logan Fernandez-Smith**

**M**emorial Day is a day of remembrance as we remind ourselves of the sacrifices that our military makes every day. All the lives lost and hard decisions made should never be forgotten, as Memorial Day passes once again. Memorial Day was originally called Declaration Day.

The holiday was initially made to remember those who died in the Civil war. The day was created by General John Logan, who said, "The 30th of May 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."



It will always be impossible to number the people touched by war. The memories and experiences that makes every man unique, suddenly and violently lost. How thoughtless we are, with so few people bothering to remember the chosen who have committed the greatest sacrifice for us, the men and women who paid the ultimate price for our

country. Too many people of our time, of our country, forget those who die. Sometimes it seems that my generation forgets why we are free, and instead blame our soldiers for our failures. Too long has this gone by. Too long have we ignored veterans, who have come back from near death, damaged and shunned, to find no home and no place in the world.



**With Honor & Gratitude  
We Remember**

To those who have lost and too, those who have served I ask forgiveness. I am sorry for what you have lost. I am sorry you have suffered. I am sorry that we have failed you. I ask you, the reader, to keep the veterans in your heart and mind. They have given so much, let's give something back.

Today, we have programs driven to better our veterans. Every year's an improvement to better the country and to eventually have a reliable net for wounded veterans to fall back on. It is only with support from people will veterans be given a home and the honoring of our military be continued to the next generation.

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

**G**reetings to all of you from all of us at the Community Center. We hope all is well in your life.

On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a program on scams, taught by Mr. Jim Rogan from Humana. Scammers are continually coming up with new ways to part us from our money. Mr. Rogan will be back at a later date with more helpful programs.

On Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting a special program on how to make smoothies. Making smoothies is not rocket science but trying out new recipes has got to be a lot of fun!

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

If you are 60 years old or above, we can sign you up for a free noon meal. We do not ask for your income or social security number or medicare number. For more information, call Thelma at 468-2336.

**YOU'RE INVITED!  
NEXT W.H.S. MEETING:  
July 27, 2017  
6 p.m.  
Waldo Community Center  
Refreshments and Coffee**

## A Little Bird Told Me by Lucy Roe Cook

Easter at our Churches was wonderful. Seeing the families hand in hand greeting other families in Christian love was a simple reminder of how much our neighbors mean to us.



Living in America is a tremendous blessing, but being able to choose a tranquil life in a small friendly city makes it even more so. Happiness is a choice and for those of you who have chosen to live in Waldo, I'm happy to call you neighbor.

Waldo is so lucky. We are located at the junction of two major four lane highways. We seldom have the inconvenience of having to travel on two lane roads. Not only are our roads convenient, they are well maintained. While flying around the city this last month, I saw many road repair crews. Folks were a little inconvenienced, but it didn't last long and isn't it great to have nice roads?

Jupiter is in full view this month. It reminds us that God is still in charge. Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system and this month it's visible almost all night. If you want to see it, step outside just after sundown. It will be the largest light in the sky, except for the moon. It will look like a big bright star without the twinkle.

Waldo Community Center is a great benefit to our seniors. They recently had a program warning residents about some common scams. We are all potential victims. Please, be ever so careful with your personal ID information.

Ducks are laying now and their eggs are very tasty. Just ask Flo. Rumor has it that she's up to her eyeballs in duck eggs.

Have you noticed the planting of trees along our roadsides and in our park? Or the cleaning of yards and the flowering plants showing their colors? We should all take a moment to be grateful that we live in Waldo.

This little bird will continue to fly over and I will twinkle. Be happy and well. See you in June.



## SHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Shell Annual Spring Fling

Join us in celebrating Spring and Cinco de Mayo - May 5, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the basketball court and playground in Hawthorne.

Silent auction, games, face painting, cake walk, bounce houses, music, food and fun!

Dinners and wristbands will be available for pre-purchase the week before Spring Fling.

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If your business would like to set up a children's game at our Spring Fling, please contact Holly Burton or Liz Williamson in the Shell front office. This is a great way to get involved in the community and advertise your business!

**Did You Know?**  
**You can get a hot dog at  
the BP station for \$1.00.**

## Ms. Jesslyn Lewis Recognized

A young Waldo student has been selected for recognition as a Delegate representing Hawthorne Middle/High School and the State of Florida at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders.



The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders is a highly selective national program honoring academically superior high school students dedicated to careers in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM).

Ms. Jesslyn Lewis was recognized because of her outstanding grades, her leadership potential and her desire to contribute to the field of science or technology.

Ms. Lewis was selected through the academic partnership with Washington Adventist University. The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders is an academic honors program with strict requirements, and students must have a minimum 3.5 GPA (or equivalent), either current or cumulative, to attend.

The Waldo Historical Society congratulates Jesslyn Lewis on being selected for such an honor.



# OBITUARIES

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

## HAYS, DIAN P.

July 18, 1934 - Mar. 19, 2017



D i a n was born in J a c k s o n M e m o r i a l H o s p i t a l, Miami, Florida, in 1934. Her original birth certificate read 'baby girl' Pitts. About three days later, the baby girl was lined out and the given names Maxine Dian Saywright were added. Because her mother was called Maxine, the baby became known as Dian; a name she used throughout her life except for an occasional Maxine applied to official documents. She attended Citrus Grove Elementary and Junior High Schools and graduated from Miami Senior High School in 1953, following which she attended Florida State University and the University of Florida.

Like many of us, Dian was from a mildly dysfunctional family, and decided as a young girl that her main goal in life would be to have a family of her very own and to make it loving and exemplary. As evidence of her success in this regard, one need only witness the quality and character of her children - Kathryn H. Wollam (Lee) of Waldo, FL, and James Kelly Hays (Julie) of Miami, and grandchildren Kevin and Kayleigh Wollam, currently in Chicago. Also note that in one month she would

have marked her 60th anniversary with Jack Hays.

Dian was a superb wife, mother, and homemaker in all respects. She loved gardening, ceramics, flower arranging, etc. She designed and participated directly in the physical construction of a small family cabin in the mountains of North Carolina near Waynesville and Maggie Valley. Here she learned clogging and became devoted to hummingbirds as well as friends on the mountain.

After Jack retired, her southern base was established as a founding member of Oak Hammock at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Sadly, she suffered a massive stroke eight and half years ago that left her in pain and with progressive disabilities. Her remaining years were made tolerable by the kind and capable staff at the Oak Hammock Skilled Nursing Facility, especially the nurses and CNA's who befriended and cared for her directly. The Haven Hospice folks were also of great help and support for her and family approaching the end.

Dian will be cremated and a private family service will be held at a future date. She would suggest that well wishers take someone they really care about to supper, have a drink or glass of wine, and if appropriate, sip a libation in her memory.

Published in Gainesville Sun from Mar. 24 to Mar. 25, 2017

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## Estes, Emory Raymond Sr.



Emory Raymond Estes Sr., age 92, of Waldo, Florida passed away April 17, 2017 at E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville, Florida. He was born October 6, 1924 in Waldo, Florida to Oscar Estes and Beulah Harvey Estes. Emory was a lifelong resident of Waldo and graduated from Waldo High School. He also faithfully served his country in the Marine Corps during WWII. Emory was employed with the US Postal Service as a Clerk for over 20 years. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid Gator Sports Fan, especially Gator Football. Emory was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Virginia M. Blizzard Estes; son, Timothy S. Estes; son-in-law, James Franklin Osteen; brother, Harvey Estes; sister, Evelyn Schewen.

Emory is survived by his children, Farinda Osteen of Gainesville, FL, Emory R. (Clara) Estes, Jr. of Chipley, FL, Rama R. (Larry) Haines of Waldo, FL, Rodney O. (Gail Monahan) Estes of Ashville, NC, Stanley E. (Barbara) Estes of Hawthorne, FL, Kimberly (Neal) McElhenny of Starke, FL; brother, Oscar (Marilyn) Estes, Jr. of Hampton, FL; sister, Joyce Waters of Orlando, FL; 23

grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; and 7 great-great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Emory's Life will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Chaplain Arty Hart and Mr. Mickey Downing. Interment will follow at Laurel Grove Cemetery in Waldo, FL. where military honors will be rendered. The family will receive friends an hour before service at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke, FL. 904-964-5757.



### **Memories of my father by Rodney Estes**

**M**y father passed away this morning at the age of 92. He was only 17 when he joined the Marines to fight in WWII. He never talked about the war. But, one night my sister and I were sitting with him at the hospital when she started reading his medical records. She told him she found a mistake in his records which showed his jaw was broken in four places. He told her it wasn't a mistake, but said nothing more.

I knew there had to be a story behind this so I pressed him with more questions. He finally told us what happened. During the war, they were "mopping up

islands" in the Pacific. A Japanese soldier jumped him from behind a large boulder, hitting him with the butt of his rifle. They fought and my father had to take the other soldier's life with his knife. I could tell my father was reliving that horrible scene 50 years later as he was resting in his hospital bed. He told us he couldn't look at his plate while eating because he could see the face of the young man whose life he had taken.

When my father joined the Marines, there were 80 that left together from Jacksonville, Florida. Only three returned, my father and two others. He weighed less than a hundred pounds when he was medically discharged. We owe so much to his generation. R.I.P. Dad, you earned it.

The town of Waldo lost its oldest citizen, Emory Raymond Estes, this Easter Sunday who was born and raised in the town. He was very proud of the fact he was from Waldo and managed to live such a long life. His family settled in the area back in the 1800's. His maternal grandfather had a large farm just north of town. His uncle, Brainard Harvey, was a railroad conductor for 50 years. The railroad divided the farm and passed near the family farm house.

My father and his siblings would wait by the tracks for my great uncle to throw candy and goods from the train as it passed through the family farm. I was fortunate enough to walk through my great-grandparents house with my grandmother where she showed me the rooms where my father and his siblings were born.

He grew up during the Great Depression. I have pictures of him when he was only about 8

years old standing in front of the school house barefoot because they couldn't afford shoes. My great grandmother made his underwear out of cotton flour sacks because that was all they could afford at the time. He had a long life with good and bad times. His generation truly was the great generation because of the harsh times they survived with the depression and war. He wasn't a perfect man, but he did the best he could.

### **Emory Raymond Estes Special Meeting June 30, 2011 Waldo Community Center.**

**O**ur Keynote Speaker, Mr. Emory Estes arrived at the Waldo Community Center with Ruth E. Downing. The meeting was brought to order by Board Member and Ex-President Lucy Roe Cook at 7 pm.

Mr. Estes spoke of the Bank of Waldo before it closed due to the Great Depression. He recalled the Ice Plant, the jail house near the train depot and the railroad turntable. He said the train traveled from Cedar Key to Waldo and was turned around on the turntable for the return trip.

He remembered the donut shop, the drug store, three grocery stores and a large hotel. He remembered the jail on the other side of the railroad, the old train station and that there was open range.

He said Ben Fry lived in the house currently occupied by Rodney Estes. He said the Opera House was still here, but didn't know of any activities. He said there was a drug store downstairs

and the post office. Groceries upstairs during WWII. There were bands playing in the Opera House.

Mr. Estes was born on Cracker Hill in what was the home of the Borings, and where Glenn Gay and his family now live. We know that home as the Seaton house.



NO STOP SIGN?

**Can anyone tell us why Cracker Hill is called Cracker Hill?**

He said he is the oldest living person born in Waldo.

His Grandparents came from Kentucky in 1903.

He mentioned the Hardens, the Sparkmans.

He said the roads were so muddy in Fairbanks, people had to use two logs to cross the river across the dirt road.

He mentioned Meade, the Butcher - who he said is buried in the Laurel Grove cemetery.

He said Sparkman and his two boys (Joe and Kenneth) all died and left his wife with nothing. The Grangers took her in.

Emory's Uncle, Brainerd Harvey, worked for the railroad for 56 years, and was Mayor of Waldo at one time.

He remembered the cigar factory building had a grocery store downstairs and was operated by a man who lived upstairs in the 30s. The barber at the Barbershop was Mr. Clark.

Mr. Robinson donated the land the Waldo Community School was built on.

There was a large school next to the phone company building.

This stop sign on Sydel Street was apparently in the wrong place at the wrong time. On Friday, April 21 at approximately 7:15 p.m., a blue pickup truck was seen leaving the scene after nearby residents heard a very loud BANG, then noticed the stop sign leaning almost horizontal. The sign was back in it's original upright position just hours later.

Laugh and the world laughs with you.  
Snore and you sleep alone.



**RESTAURANT REVIEWS**

**By Linda Hall Vlacos**  
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Wahoo is a very nice place to eat. Penny Dodd, Sarah Edmondson and I went to lunch on Wednesday, April 19. We tried the lobster rolls, which were very good, but Penny said they aren't made like they make them in New England (with melted butter). Sarah said the shrimp and cole slaw was very good.

If you haven't tried Wahoo yet, I'm sure you will enjoy it.

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Country Foodly is a small restaurant in Gainesville, Open for breakfast and lunch seven days a week. The W.H.S. went there for breakfast on Friday, and the food was excellent. The service was great and the portions were ample. Try it - you will like it.

**50/50 RAFFLE**  
Blood drive 9am till 3pm

**2ND ANNUAL BASS FISHING Tournament**  
Sponsored by Waldo Rotary Club (Newcomer \$2.00)

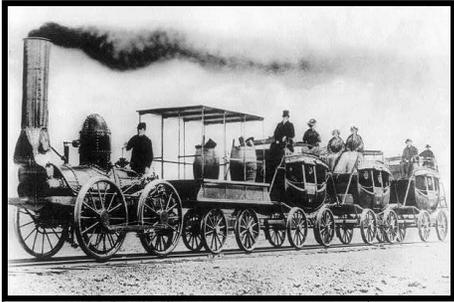
**North Central Florida Bass Fishing Tournament**  
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Adults: 1st & 2nd Place Payout based on length and weight (limited to 3)  
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Kid's Dock Tournament: payout based on length only (limited to 1) \$2 entry fee  
\* Age categories: 1-6yrs, 7-13yrs and 14-17yrs All groups going to be a payout for 1st, 2nd, 3rd  
50% of funds raised goes to HVMF Bicycle Donation Project for parts & supplies (50% goes to prizes and 20% parts 20% operating cost)  
All bicycle new or old donations are welcome!  
\* All state rules must apply or you and team will be disqualified!  
We will be having yard sale! There cost will be \$10.00 donation all money will be paid by May 1, 2017.  
Refreshments available by: Adult refreshments available  
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Burgers, French Fries, (Beer and wine for 21years and older)  
\* HVMF gets a \$1 from each plate food sold

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## A Little Railroad History

The City of Waldo has always been involved with the railroad, and now has a beautiful Railroad Museum. We will be sharing some interesting facts about the history of railroads in future issues of the Waldo Phoenix. Here are a few facts about the railroad that you might not know:



In 1831, the first steam train in New York State was pulled by the locomotive DeWitt Clinton. The cars looked like stage coaches.

Some early engines had upright boilers and were nicknamed "Grasshoppers". Phineas Davis of York, PA, built several of this type.

The British built locomotive, John Bull, first put into service in New Jersey in November, 1831 was soon equipped with a cab and the new American invention, the "Cowcatcher."

Another famous engine was "Old Ironsides," built by Matthias Baldwin, one of our pioneer locomotive builders.

The first President to ride on a train was President Andrew Jackson. "Old Hickory", on June 6, 1833. He rode from Ellicott's Mills, Maryland, to Baltimore, and he was really impressed with the speed and smoothness of his journey.

A "Sleeping car," the world's first - was operated between Harrisburg and Chambersburg, PA.

In 1839, young railroad conductor William Harnden, put a new idea to work - Express Service. Beginning with only a carpet bag in which to carry parcels between Boston and New York, he soon had a box-like "Express Car" place behind the wood-burning engine. Express cars have been "heading up" trains ever since.

In March, 1855, the Niagara Suspension Bridge was completed - and on the other side of the continent, the Iron Horse reached California aboard a sailing ship around the "Horn" in 1855.

The first railroad bridge across the Mississippi was opened at Davenport, Iowa, in 1856, and in 1859, the Iron Horse reached the Missouri at St. Joseph.

By that time, tracks were stronger, trains were heavier, locomotives were a lot bigger and stronger, too, and cars had been improved. In 1859, the first Pullman sleeping car went into service.

In 1861, the war between the states broke out. Railroads went into action at once. In both the North and the South, they performed a tremendous service of supply. This was the first war in which railroads had figured, and both North and South came through with flying colors.

Railroad trains transported troops to training centers and to the fighting fronts. Heavy guns, mounted on railroad cars, were moved right up to the battle lines. Sometimes the trains were in the actual fighting.

## RANDOM FACTS

Memorial Day is a time to be grateful to those who gave their lives to the service, what many Americans will be doing today is barbecuing, or grilling out, if you prefer. So let's learn a little bit more about this very American and very delicious activity.

The most popular holidays for barbecuing are, in order, July 4th (71 percent), Memorial Day (57 percent), and Labor Day (55 percent).

Technically, to barbecue means to slow-cook meat at a low temperature for a long time over wood or charcoal. What most people do in their back yards is more commonly referred to as grilling.

Charcoal briquettes aren't actual charcoal, but a combination of charcoal and other ingredients molded into easy-to-light lumps. Kingsford Charcoal, for example, by far the most popular brand in the US, is made up of bits of charcoal, coal, starch (as a binder), sawdust, and sodium nitrate (to make it burn better).

### Bonus Fact:

There is no definitive history about how the word "barbecue" originated - or why it's sometimes used as a noun, verb, or adjective. Some say the Spaniards get the credit for the word, derived from their "barbacoa" which is an American-Indian word for the framework of green wood on which foods were placed for cooking over hot coals. Others think the French were responsible, offering the explanation that when the Caribbean pirates arrived on our Southern shores, they cooked animals on a spit-like device that ran from "whiskers to tail" or "de barbe a' queue."

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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



## May Birthdays

<b>2 Carson Andrijanoff</b>	<b>3 Jordan Morris</b>
<b>4 Glenn Gay</b>	<b>4 Bryce Kimber</b>
<b>5 Lola Fraiser</b>	<b>7 Kim Worley</b>
<b>8 Lucy Roe Cook</b>	<b>10 Sara Bedford</b>
<b>11 Vic Ankney</b>	<b>12 Linda Vlacos</b>
<b>12 Jessica Dowling</b>	<b>12 Craig Green</b>
<b>13 Tim Edmondson</b>	<b>15 David Nugent</b>
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<b>18 Robert Hill</b>	<b>20 Ellie Floyd</b>
<b>21 Greg Green</b>	<b>23 Barbara Vacchiano</b>
<b>23 Jerry Keirnan</b>	<b>24 Bob Edmondson</b>
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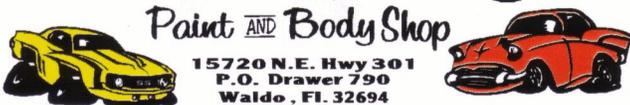
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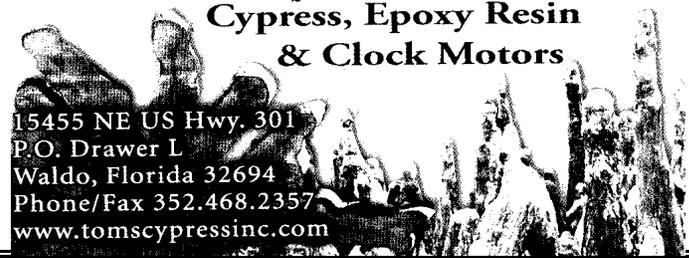
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