



FREE - TAKE ONE!

Volume Seven - Issue 9, November, 2016

A 501(c)3 Non Profit Organization

Published by Waldo Historical Society, Inc.

www.WaldoHistoricalSociety.YolaSite.com

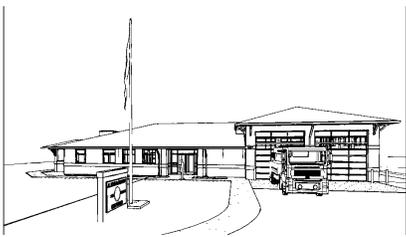
Like us on Facebook

City of Waldo News

by Kim Worley

City Manager

Congrats to the City of Waldo and Alachua County on building a new Fire Station!



The scheduled October 7, 2016 groundbreaking ceremony was cancelled due to the inclement weather caused by Hurricane Matthew. The Alachua County Commission will re-schedule to celebrate the site work and construction of the new Alachua County Fire Station #23 in Waldo.

The address of event and location of the new station is 14377 N.E. US Highway 301, Waldo. The public is encouraged to attend.

Alachua County Manager Dr. Lee Niblock is the Master of Ceremonies. The event includes comments from the Alachua County Commission Chair Robert "Hutch" Hutchinson, Waldo Mayor Louie Davis, Alachua County's Facilities Director Charlie Jackson, and Alachua County Fire Chief William Northcutt. In attendance will be City of Waldo Council members Chuck Hall, Carolyn Wade, Irvin Jackson, Rick Pisano and Glen Johnson.

"With this new station the County Commission is again demonstrating that public safety is at the forefront of their budget priorities," said County Manager Lee A. Niblock, "Nothing is more important than the welfare and safety of our citizens."

The new fire station should be completed by June 2017, at a cost of \$2,122,904. The single story concrete masonry facility will feature energy efficient equipment and sustainable design building features, with 100% back-up generated power. It is 5,684 square feet. The building will be certified as Green and Sustainable pursuant to the guidelines established by the Green Building Initiative (Green Globes). Brame Heck Architects provided architectural and engineering services for the project, and the D.E. Scorpio Corporation is the construction management firm "At Risk."

This new fire station provides adequate space for the existing Fire Rescue crew that is currently operating from an old structure in the City of Waldo. Building this facility provides critical space for staff and equipment. It will allow for enhanced fire rescue services to citizens in the Waldo area of the County.

For information, contact Alachua County Facilities Capital Project Coordinator Bryan Schneider at 352-374-3190, or

Alachua County Facilities Director Charlie Jackson at 352-374-5229.

Waldo YARD SALE

Thursday and Friday
November 3rd and 4th
14224 NE 148th Avenue

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Luggage

*19" Television

*TV Table

*Chest of Drawers

**Much More
Don't Miss This Sale!!**

FOR SALE

Beautiful Wedding gown with beaded lace - long train - by Michelangelo. Size 14. \$50.00. Call 665-9707



Tim Dorsey Book Signing by Carolyn Wade



Tim Dorsey spoke about his latest book, *Coconut Cowboy*, at the Waldo Community Center, on September 23, to a crowd of approximately 30 people. *Coconut Cowboy* is Tim's 19th book and continues the saga of the book's main character, Serge A. Storms. I had the opportunity to interview Mr. Dorsey and would like to share that with you.

Dorsey grew up in Riviera Beach, a small town just north of West Palm Beach. He attended Auburn University where he became editor of the student newspaper, *The Auburn Plainsman*. After graduation, he moved to Montgomery, Alabama, and served as police reporter for a local newspaper. In 1987, he moved to Tampa, Florida and became a reporter for *The Tampa Tribune*. He worked as a political reporter, copy desk editor, night metro editor and news coordinator until 1999. He currently lives in Tampa with his wife and two daughters.

According to Wikipedia, "All of Dorsey's novels feature Serge A. Storms as the primary character. The character has several coexisting mental

illnesses that render him obsessive, psychopathic, schizophrenic, and frequently homicidal, but Storms serves as the anti-hero in Dorsey's works due to his strong sense of moral absolutism and justice. Serge is intelligent and frequently devises wildly inventive ways to condemn villains."

There are two phrases in *Coconut Cowboy* that got my attention: Florida is a ... "Twilight zone of insane phenomena...and the nation's pace car of dysfunction." I asked Dorsey if he really thought Florida was that insane or dysfunctional or did he just live here and heard more about quirky stuff. He grinned and replied, "Oh, Florida is definitely off the chart with weird stuff. Pursuing this further, I asked why. "Number one is the unstable neighborhoods and number two is the good weather suitable for the lack of stability."



Concerning his writing schedule or habits: he is a late night writer and he jots ideas down as he gets them to use for later narrative. Dorsey often takes photos with his phone to jog his memory later. He sticks to the fiction genre except for an occasional magazine article on assignment. His favorite places to live other than Florida would be New York City or the Bahamas. Favorite place in

Florida is the Dry Tortugas, home of the Dry Tortugas National Park, located about 68 miles west of Key West. The Park preserves Ft. Jefferson and the seven Dry Tortugas islands with many coral reefs. One of his favorite authors is Kurt Vonnegut. He started writing at the age of 12 on a manual typewriter with a satire on Nixon. He is an only child and at the age of 10 asked for a soldering iron (which he got) and with that started taking things apart and putting them back together. Little did he know this was a great education for later tinkering as described in many situations in subsequent books.

Is Serge a vigilante and do your books deliver a message? According to Dorsey, Serge just wants people to stop being jerks. Like the jerk in *Coconut Cowboy* who took money from the tip jar on the counter to pay for a cookie. If you read the book, you will find out what happened to that jerk.

Not necessarily using a formula, Dorsey has churned out 19 books since 1999 – at least one a year and some years, two. All of his books are set in Florida.

Coconut Cowboy is not your typical Bible Belt read or church group book club pick, but is entertaining in an abrasive kind of way.

This was Dorsey's second visit to Waldo. Spearheading the preparations to ensure this book signing was a success were: City Manager Kim Worley who provided the table decorations that pretty much portrayed a time line from the beginning of *Coconut Cowboy* to the end. You pretty much would have to have seen it to believe it. She also

provided her own handmade shell caricatures for door prizes and plenty of food. Mary Ann Rich and Thelma Bay provided assistance as well. The Alachua County Public Library staff Kerry Dowd, Melanie Aultman and John Nowak provided food and help as needed.

I believe Tim Dorsey appreciated the effort expended and that he had a successful book signing. Maybe word will spread among other authors and more will come to enjoy the City of Waldo's and Alachua County Public Library's hospitality!

VOTE!



**A Little
Bird Told
Me
by Lucy
Roe Cook**

This is Thanksgiving month. Let us be thankful. Our days are shorter and cooler. Our days of 90 degrees are gone until next summer. Fall is here.

This Little Bird saw Penny Dodd and Lucy Roe Cook of the Waldo Historical Society at the Waldo Historical Railroad Museum on Sunday, September 25, and again on October 16, giving a tour to over 40 people. Children were wonderful and wanted to learn about the caboose and the history of the railroad. We thank the parents and all of those who came.

This Little Bird flew over the lot at the corner of Cole Street and Hwy. 301 at the

bottom of the overpass and the work for the new firehouse is underway.

The Friday morning Breakfast Bunch of the W.H.S. were seen at the Melrose Café recently, after which they went to the Woodhouse house for a meeting in Waldo. On Tuesdays, the W.H.S. has a work day.



Friday, November 11th is Veterans Day. The City of Waldo will be hosting an event at Veterans Park:
Program 11 a.m. - 12:00 noon
12:00 noon - Hot Dogs, Chips and soda in the park.

The Waldo Historical Railroad Museum will be open after the program at 12:00 noon.

It has been reported to this Little Bird that Vera Mauldin of Cracker Hill is feeling so much better and has been seen out and about with W.H.S., of which she is President, and with her family. Welcome back, Vera.

Penny Dodd, our Editor-In-Chief, is recovering from a recent nasty fall.

If you are interested in Museums or with this Waldo Phoenix, please let us at W.H.S. know by contacting members or by emailing historicwaldo@gmail.com, or by phoning 352-468-1910. It really

makes you feel a part of your community.

Come join the Waldo Historical Society members in all the events and all of the many activities going on.

May you be blessed in all that you do.

**Every Litter Bit Hurts
by Jacqueline Betz**

On any street in Waldo you can find discarded bottles, cans, and fast food wrappers. Organized road cleanups and conscious homeowners struggle to keep ahead of removing other peoples' trash. The trash is depressing, disrespectful to our community and a danger to the people, the animals and the plants that call Waldo HOME.

Roadside litter is also dangerous, causing an estimated 80-90 deaths each year and over 25,000 car crashes in the USA! Thankfully, most people don't litter, but the estimated 16% of Americans who do litter create a real eyesore.

If you are a litterbug, part of the deplorable 16%, the rest of us implore you to stop trashing our country and our community.

Take pride in America, take pride in Waldo, our home. Carry a litterbag, put trash in your receptacle at home or in the trash cans provided at convenience stores and fast food joints. Put your cigarette butts in your ashtray, stop pitching them out the window.

We who love Waldo are tired of picking up your Popeye boxes, your McDonald's food wrappers, and your drink

containers, especially glass containers.

Waldo is not a dumping ground, we are families with children that teach respect for each other and our earth and the litterbugs set a terrible example for our children.

What YOU do matters. If everyone in Waldo picked up 3 pieces of litter each day, this town would be a better place to live! No one in Waldo is named "Oscar the Grouch" and no one here wants to live in a trash can! Please stop littering today!



Waldo Community Center News by Thelma Bay

Greetings to all of you from all of us at the Center. We hope you are enjoying this cooler weather as much as we are.

We have had a great month during October. On October 1st, we had the Kelley Christie Dance Group from Lake Butler, come and perform. These kids are dedicated and nearly perfect in their dancing. We hope to have them back as soon as possible.

On Thursday, October 20th, we had Ms. Gainey from ElderCare share a program on vision problems. There are a lot of free items to help you see better. For more information, you can call Ms. Gainey at 352-264-9040. Be sure and ask for her by name because the number I have given you is a switchboard.

We continue to have Bingo on Monday mornings and dominoes on Wednesday mornings.

Also, If you are 60 or above, we offer a free meal 5 days a week.

Letter To The Editor

This is a note of thanks. Waldo Chapter 120 of the Eastern Star is a small, charitable, non-profit group that contributes to needy national and local endeavors. In order to pay our necessary expenses and to be able to help others, we do annual fund raisers that include garage sales. These sales, in spite of local signs and advertisement in Gainesville & Starke newspapers, have been so poorly attended that we started holding them in Gainesville instead of in our local Masonic Lodge. But this year we tried something different, by putting flyers in the Waldo Phoenix. First a flyer for our smoked Boston Butt sale and then another later for a Labor Day garage sale. The Boston Butts sold out and the garage sale, in spite of the Labor Day storms and electrical outages, surprised us all. We had great local participation, plus folks came in from surrounding communities, and even a few from Gainesville. We had good items to sell and very reasonable prices but, without a doubt, we credit the good turnout and the success of the sale to the Waldo Phoenix. We will certainly put the Phoenix first on our list in advertising from now on and we encourage others to take advantage of the very good bargain of an ad or a flyer in the Phoenix.

**Many thanks
Waldo Eastern Star
Chapter 120**

A BIRTHDAY WISH FOR MILLIE KEIRNAN by Donna Durden

The first born child is Sandra Lee
What an experience she was to you
To teach the new things in her life
That were also to you quite new

The feedings and bottles and all the rest
That kept you up at night
You were a new mom and you did your best
Not knowing your life long plight

Then three years later along came a boy
To whom you gave the name Jerry
It was like giving Sandy a brand new toy
For the two of them were so merry

To play with and argue and fight with each other
To blame and point a finger
How great it was for a sister and brother
To have a love that still lingers

And again 3 years more along came the third
Another girl to gang up on the boy
But who would know the girl preferred
To be like her brother with joy

You name her Donna Dianne hey that is me
With the blonde curls and the blue eyes
Who looks the most like you of the three
And has the skills of one of the guys

Then Robin Joyce came along in 6 more years
And we all just stood all around and stared
By then the house was full of laughter and tears
A full circle of family we had formed and shared

Every kid should have a mom like you
to guide them through all their years
To hold them and love them as you always do
Through laughter and all the tears

To know when to say no and when to say yes
To let them try things alone
But to be right behind them no matter the quest
Your love has truly shone

And as they grow up and leave the nest
The wisdom and love you have shown
Will always be with them, they will try their best
No matter how old they have grown

Today is your birthday, a years older you'll be
but no matter how old you are
The light will shine for all to see
you are our shining star

So eat and drink and be merry today
As you are on all the others
Let us give you happiness on your special day
And be together as sisters and brothers.

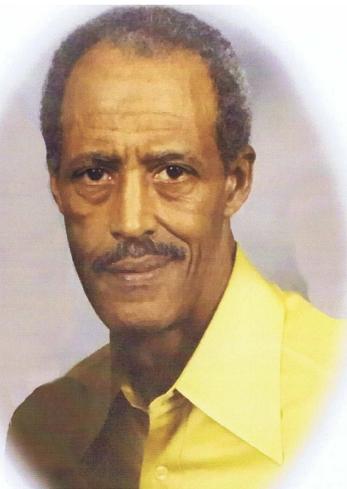


OBITUARIES



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

ANDREW CORTHRAN MITCHELL



It was a joyous occasion on July 13, 1943 in Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, when Andrew Mitchell and Ruby Lucille Corthran Mitchell (both deceased) became the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy whom they named Andrew.

Andrew attended the public schools in Gainesville, graduating in the class of 1961 of Lincoln High School where he played football (Defensive end) for the Lincoln Terriers. After graduation, Andrew left Gainesville and attended Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU). After a short stay he relocated to Orlando.

Andrew met Anna Taylor (Mitchell) whom he fell in love with and married and to this union two beautiful daughters were born. After a span of time, Andrew met his "soul-mate" Alice Faye Clark of whom he had a long courtship. In February, 1990, they were married and

have lived happily ever-after until the Master called last Saturday for His child to come home.

Andrew was employed by UPS, Orlando Police Dept., was a bus driver for Greyhound Bus Lines. He owned his own business, Mitchell's Window Service for at least twenty (20) years. He finally found his "nitch" and was employed by Orange County as a Firefighter. His first assignment was at the Pine Castle Fire Station. As he progressed in his career, his hard work and dedication, he became the first African American firefighter and advanced to promotion of Lieutenant retiring in 1997. After Andy retired, he stayed active fishing, bowling, and eating breakfast at the Waffle House and Ihop regularly. He continued to assist "Woody" with other odd jobs, electrical, installation of windows, etc.

Andrew joined New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership and pastorate of Reverend Henry L. Postell, II. Andy, along with his wife, were placed on Class #1. He acknowledged God as his personal Savior and served the Church well. His commitment to serve and service included being a member of the Board of Trustees, percussionist (drummer) for the Angelic Echoes of Zion Choir and Voices of Praise. He attended Bible Study. Even when suffering with some health challenges, he would come to worship and be in fellowship with other Believers.

Andrew was affiliated with International Free and Accepted Modern Masons of Florida and Order of Eastern Star.

To cherish his legacy and memories are a loving and devoted wife of twenty-six years,

Alice Faye Mitchell, Orlando; two daughters, Teresa (Mark) Cuyler, Wildwood, FL and Beverly Mitchell, Orlando; one son, Neimiah (Denise) Anthony, Apopka; three grandchildren, Na'Ryah, Nya and Gabriel Anthony, all of Apopka; one sister, Gwendolyn "Tee-Babe" (Willie) Price, Columbia, SC; one brother, Bobby Joe Mitchell, Conyers, GA; two brothers-in-law, Wilbert Clark and Christopher Clark, both of Savannah, GA; three sister-in-law, Minnie Mozee, Newark, NJ, Gwendolyn Clark and Shirley Gaines-Clark, both of Savannah, GA; three aunts, Frances Mobler, Mildred Snead and Rosebud (Andy) Williams, all of Orlando; one uncle, Rev. D. Luther (Maggie) Bell, Titusville; a loving God-daughter, Sharlae Carne, Orlando; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, former co-workers and a neighborhood that will surely miss him.

GLADYS ELIZABETH GRIFFIN

Gladys Elizabeth Griffin was born in Brooklyn, New York to the late Gladys Wells and the late Samuel Griffin on July 22, 1941. She was one of five children. While living in New York, Gladys attended school in the Brooklyn public school district. She later moved to Philadelphia where she attended and graduated from Roxborough High School. Raised by the late James and Bea Griffin, they encouraged her lovingly with life lessons. Gladys accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Galilee Baptist Church in 1959. She sang on the youth and Chancel choirs and served on several organizations in the church.

Gladys' sweet voice and personality attracted the eye of the late Arthur Thornton. They were united in holy matrimony in 1960, and from that union two children were born. Jason Thornton and Tanya Thornton. Years later, she met the late Frank Clark, Sr. On January 27, 1968, Gladys married Frank, the love of her life, and from that union two children were born, Crystal Clark and Frank Clark, Jr.

Gladys was a God fearing woman who served the Lord; she was classy, humble, and generous. Gladys was a loving daycare provider for several decades. Under her watchful eyes, she cared for over one hundred children. In 2014, Gladys retired from the job she loved. Her kind heart and love for children forced her out of retirement and she resumed babysitting until her death on Friday, July 29, 2016. Gladys was an excellent cook and love to bake. She loved to travel and travelled to many places. She loved to dance, and was especially fond of line dancing. Gladys also loved to sing and her singing allowed her to sing at weddings, parties, and home going services. She loved her family and friends dearly and they affectionately love her in return.

Gladys leaves to cherish her precious memories, sons, Jason (Lydia) and Frank Jr.; daughters, Tanya and Crystal; one sister, Priscilla Thornton, three brothers, Samuel, who preceded her in death, Charles and Larry; five grandchildren, Christopher, Shikira, Ashley, Charysse, and Isiah; five great grandchildren, Syneeir, Aja, Elijah, Mekhi and Aaliyah; one sister-in-law, Jackie (Clara) Clark;

two dear friends, Rosie Avery and Massie Horsey and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



We have a presidential election coming up, and I think the big problem, of course, is that someone will win.



RANDOM FACTS

The famous pilgrim celebration at Plymouth Colony Massachusetts in 1621 is traditionally regarded as the first American Thanksgiving.

However, there are actually 12 claims to where the 'first' Thanksgiving took place: two in Texas, two in Florida, one in Maine, two in Virginia, and five in Massachusetts.



RESTAURANT REVIEWS

83 West

by Rev. Jim DuBois



If you are looking for a wonderful day trip that would include a nice meal, Cedar Key, Fl. just might be for you. If you have never visited Cedar Key, it is a must see even if you do not stay for a meal at one of the restaurants.

My wife and I visit often for the fishing, scenery and food. There is a lot of history and it is a nature's paradise. Accommodations are abundant. We have eaten at each of the restaurants a number of times. We don't have a favorite as each has its own specialty.

The newest one is 83 West, on Dock Street (formerly the building was called The Seabreeze). It has been completely remodeled from top to bottom. The Palm Salad is amazing. The smoked fish spread, incredible. The boiled and fried shrimp are huge. The sandwiches are a meal in themselves. Order the specialty grits and you will be amazed (I'm not a grits person...but these...).

The food is outstanding and the view of the water is second to none. Watch the dolphins play, the boats go by and you will think you are in another world...which is what a day trip is supposed to be isn't it????

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

November Birthdays

1 Mildred Keirnan	20 Nakavion Robinson
3 Cali Bedford	20 Marie Gilliam
6 Glen Johnson	22 Marlene Adkins
6 Andrew Floyd	25 Ray Charles Jackson Jr.
8 Jo Dortch	25 Calvin Mitchell
11 Wyatt Davis Jacobs	25 Betty Peters
11 Marvin Fraiser	27 Mabel Vernon
12 Leota Cook	27 Cody Ankney
13 Brian Keirnan	27 Pauline Hill
16 Robin Keirnan	30 Jim Holcomb
20 Ginger Andrews	

Have Brush Will Travel



Gifford's Painting
Residential & Commercial
Power Washing
Free Estimates



Scott Grady

352-494-7501

NOTICE!

The Waldo Phoenix is growing. We need writers, reporters, advertising people. Get involved - help us make this the best newspaper for Waldo.

If you know what's going on in Waldo, we'd love to have you share it with us and everyone else.

Phone: 352-468-1910
email: historicwaldo@gmail.com

Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church Services

Rev. James W. Ramsey - Pastor
2nd and 4th 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 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

Waldo Self Storage

352-468-1042

17842 N.E. Hwy 301

P.O. Box 698

Waldo Florida 32694

Electronic Security Gate & Video Surveillance

Office Hours Mon — Sat 9 to 5 & Sun Closed

www.waldoselfstorage.com

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS. THEY SUPPORT US
AND HELP MAKE THIS NEWSPAPER POSSIBLE**

The Genuine. The Original.



Overhead Door Company of Gainesville
 POST OFFICE BOX 568
 GAINESVILLE, FL 32602
OFFICE: (352) 468-2733
FAX: (352) 468-1453

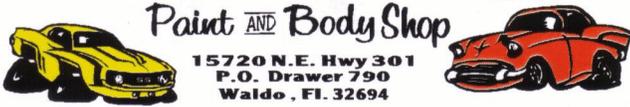


**Waldo Phoenix
Advertising Rate Sheet**
 (effective date: March 1, 2010)

Size	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months
Business Card	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$120.00
Quarter Page	\$120.00	\$180.00	\$240.00
Half Page	\$240.00	\$360.00	\$480.00
Full Page	\$480.00	\$720.00	\$960.00

Your 8-1/2" x 11" or smaller flyers will be inserted @ \$25.00/250 per month. We will work with you to create your ad. We can add clip art, photos or your logo. Call 352-468-1910 - Advertising Editor
email: HistoricWaldo@gmail.com

MINNIX'S Free Estimates



Harold Minnix Jr.
 20 Years Experience
 Auto Collision Repair
 Custom Paint and Fabrication

15720 N.E. Hwy 301
 P.O. Drawer 790
 Waldo, FL 32694

Bus (352) 468-1234
Fax (352) 468-1234

Tom's Cypress, Inc.
 Cypress, Epoxy Resin
 & Clock Motors



15455 NE US Hwy. 301
 P.O. Drawer L
 Waldo, Florida 32694
 Phone/Fax 352.468.2357
www.tomscypressinc.com



Subway of Waldo

Present this coupon for \$1 off a FOOTLONG™
 OR \$.50 off a 6" SUB!
 Located on NE HWY 301 next to Dollar General
 Call 352-468-1163 or fax 352-468-1153



**WALDO
FARMERS &
FLEA MARKET**

Billing Address:
 P.O. Box 142817
 Gainesville, FL 32614
 FAX: (352) 375-3198

17805 NE US Hwy 301
 Waldo, FL 32694

Thank You for Supporting Your Waldo Historical Society