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W.H.S. News by Penny Dodd

Eudailey, Kitchen Chief, made everyone's job easier by preparing

and the lucky winner was local business woman, Donna Jones, of Tom's Cypress. Congratulations, Donna.

Spaghetti Dinner Update



We are so thankful to all of you who came to support us at our tenth annual Spaghetti Dinner on

September 16. The turnout was much greater than we had anticipated. Without your continued support we would have nothing. We appreciate all of you.

Our kitchen help was



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the best spaghetti this side of Heaven.

We want to thank all of those who helped in the kitchen, and those who helped to spread the word about this annual event. It proves what can be accomplished when everyone works together and supports each other.

We especially want to thank Rev. Jim DuBois and the Waldo Baptist Church for allowing us the use of their wonderful facilities each year. But no amount of thanks will ever be enough to truly show how much we appreciate their kindness and generosity.

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Mary Baxla served the tea



Destiny Harrison and Ellie Floyd cheerfully served the spaghetti



Ms. Donna Jones, local business woman, receiving \$50.00 gift certificate to Francesca's Trattoria, in Gainesville.

extraordinary this year - everyone knew just what to do. Shake

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It's Great To Be A Lion by Millie Keirnan



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2016 - A Landmark Year for Waldo Lodge No.10

By Mary Baxla



2016 is a notable landmark year for Waldo Masonic Lodge No.10— it is the 150th anniversary of their existence! 150 may not be a centennial, but most of the



Group picture of Grand Lodge Officers and Waldo No. 10 members MWM Steven Boring is in back row wearing hat; with Waldo Lodge Master, Jack Ganstine to his left and District Deputy, Rick Goodnight to his right.

current Masonic Lodge 10 and Eastern Star Chapter 120 members aren't likely to be around to celebrate a 200th anniversary in the year 2066 and 2016 seems like a good opportunity to give thanks for the past 50 years and share some Waldo history.

On Jan 27,1966 the Gainesville Sun published a front page article about the "100 years of progress" of Waldo's local Masonic Lodge, Waldo Lodge # 10 of the Free and Accepted Masons, (F&AM), of Florida. The article dealt with the events of the Lodge's two-day huge centennial celebration, with many public addresses of welcome and congratulations by noted dignitaries that included, among

others, Ralph C. Page, University of Florida Dean; Clyde A. Gleason, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida; Ralph C. Page, Grand Lodge Chaplin; T.E. Malloy, Master of Waldo Lodge10; and state Senator J. Emory (Red) Cross. Waldo Lodge member event chairman, G.L. Lester, Jr., coordinated the speeches as well as an old fashioned fish fry for more than 1000 people, the formal cutting and sharing of a huge birthday cake and a special program presentation by the ministers of the Waldo Churches.

At that time in 1966 when Waldo Lodge celebrated that 100th anniversary and laid the



Bob Williams' wife fastens on Bob's 60 yr. Pin as the presenter, MWM Steven Boring, looks on.

cornerstone of the current building, the now current Master of the Lodge, Jack Ganstine was there with his father Gerald E. Ganstine, Secretary and Fred Donaldson, Treasurer, and T.E. Malloy, Master of Lodge #10.

For the commemoration of this 150th anniversary the Lodge chose to thank God for His favors and to renew the 1866 commitments by rededicating or

reconstituting the Lodge in a duplication of the ceremony



50 yr. pin is presented by MWM Steven Boring to Jack Ganstine and wife Mildred

performed at the original Constituting of the Lodge in 1866. It was a very solemn and subdued program compared to the Gainesville Sun's report of the Lodge's 1966 centennial celebration but it was a very impressive ceremony. The Grand Master of Florida F&AM, Steven P. Boring, with other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Florida, conducted a very moving replication of the Lodge's original 1866 chartering ceremony, using the original Waldo 10 charter. The ceremony was attended by friends and family who later enjoyed a spaghetti dinner provided by District Deputy Rick Goodnight, with dessert brought in by the Eastern Star Chapter.

Following the rededication ceremony honors for landmarks of their own were extended to two Waldo Lodge members. The Grand Master presented Jack Ganstine with his 50-year Masonic pin and Bob Williams with his 60-year pin.

The Waldo Lodge is one of Florida's oldest Masonic lodges. The building noted in the 1966 Gainesville Sun article truly signified tangible progress for the

local organization. Erected on Seydel Street, on property just behind what is now the parking lot of the Waldo Library, the building is still there. Addressed now as 14730 NW 142nd ST, it continues to house Waldo Lodge # 10 and Eastern Star Chapter 120. The Lodge has had a variety of homes throughout the past 150 years. In an excerpt from Betty DeSha's book, East Side of Eden, the Lodge is said to have first occupied "a small sturdy building, 18x18 feet in east Waldo". In about 1876 the lodge apparently moved elsewhere deciding to "make do with rooms in a two-story building in back of and across Kennard Street from then new Waldo House."

During the many years that it stood the two-story building, according to its owner, was named The Tolar, The American, The Alto, The Renault, The Beckham, The Coleman, and

The Ayers House." The Kennard Street building was already very old when the Lodge moved in and needed

much work. The Masons did some remodeling to this two-story building but after only a year they were considering another location.

Back in 1872 one Osia Buddington, a prominent Waldo resident, was concerned and sympathetic with the financial problem of the local Methodist in need of a church and of the Masons ongoing struggle to find

an adequate meeting place. (Mr. Buddington was a Mason and his daughter was married to a former Circuit Rider Preacher, the Rev. D.I. Branning.) In an effort to resolve both of his concerns, Osia Buddington donated a plot of land that included a two-story frame building to the two organizations. The land was deeded to the Methodists to build a church "almost identical to Black Creek Church" and he deeded the building to Waldo 10 for a Lodge meeting place. The Methodists were successful in building their church and their building is still standing today but the Masons could not afford repairs necessary to make the building habitable. The Lodge ended up deeding their two story building to the Methodist church trustees, A.C. Beckham and Samuel J Kennard, who was also Waldo Justice of the Peace at that time.

In 1878 Waldo Masons were finally able to afford a more satisfactory quarters with a ten-year lease of the second story of a building in the business block of Waldo, on Sparkman ST., facing the park. But when the brick Waldo Bank was built, the Masons moved again, into rooms on the second floor of the bank building. The meeting place of Lodge 10 changed a number of times, including a probable stint in "Crescent Temple NO. 1", which was the upper floor of what later became the final location of the Entenza Cigar Factory, but prior to its current location, the Lodge remained the longest time in what is now the old bank building.

In 1921 the Waldo Lodge hosted the chartering of the

newly instituted Waldo Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and that new partnership, formed upstairs in the old bank building in 1921, still exists today. Hopefully, some of us will be around five years from now to celebrate the Eastern Star Chapter's centennial in the year 2021.

While still housed in the bank building the Waldo Lodge received a donation of land from a fellow Mason and his wife that would make the Masons' hopes for a proper facility a reality. The land on which the building was to be constructed was donated to the Lodge by a fellow Mason, Ben Green, and wife, Della Green. Ben was also an active member of Eastern Star Chapter #120 as was his wife, Della. That probably explains why the land donated was deeded part to the Masonic Lodge #10 and part to the Eastern Star Chapter #120. Star Chapter #120 did eventually deed their portion to Lodge #10.

In later years Della Green was elected Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter of Florida, and in turn appointed Waldo Eastern Star members Mrs. Bessie Beville and Mrs. Ruth DeSha as Grand Adah and Grand Ruth. Plans and construction of the current Waldo Masonic Lodge began in 1955 while the Lodge still occupied the 2nd floor of the bank building. The Masons financed materials for their new building with the proceeds from seemingly endless fish fries and did most of the work themselves.



Coleman House

What is it about Waldo? by Ben Campen



In 1948, my parents bought 40 acres in Waldo, FL where they opened a truck stop on Hwy 301 and raised their family. Of all the places in the world, why did they pick Waldo?

This question is compounded by the fact that my family's roots are deep in rural North Carolina. We are talking Revolutionary War deep. But, in 1945, the doctors recommended that my parents move somewhere near the ocean due to my father's chronic asthmatic bronchitis. With my father's health in mind, my parents packed up and moved to Ft. Lauderdale in south Florida. But as time went on, my parents questioned this move. My father was a traveling salesman and between his absences and the negative influences of the area, they were concerned about the safety and well-being of their children. Also, my parents were small town folks with small town values. And this 'big city' did not fit who they were nor was Ft. Lauderdale the environment they wanted my siblings and me to be raised in.

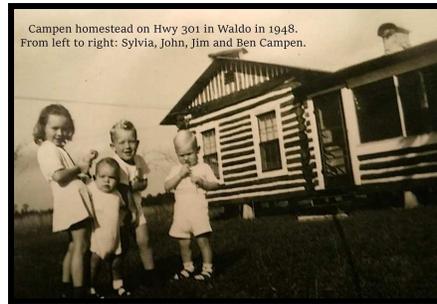
One day, as my father was contemplating this dilemma, he passed through Waldo on his way to Jacksonville and saw a "For Sale" sign on 40 acres. This acreage fronted on U.S. Highway



301 and also had a small log cabin on it.

As he looked around Waldo, he saw a town on a major artery connecting Jacksonville to Tampa and he thought, "What a great place to build a truck stop!" As he evaluated the town, he saw the things that a growing family would need: grocery stores, a hardware store, a dry goods/clothing store, a drugstore, a doctor's office, K-12 education and various churches.

But, in my father's infinite wisdom, he saw something that was even more important. He saw a community. Together, my parents decided that this would be a great place to live and raise their four youngins!



So, our family said "ado" to Ft. Lauderdale without any protest. Shortly after we moved into the log cabin, construction on the truck stop began in earnest. Once completed, the truck stop became our home. Our bedrooms were connected to the restaurant, so we did our homework on the restaurant tables.

This move and business/family plan may seem a bit crazy. But think about the wisdom of their decision. Our father didn't travel anymore, so he was there to guide our path every day. We not only got to see how business worked, but we participated by pumping gas,

waiting on tables, cleaning the truck stop as well as clearing the 40 acres. This education was probably the most important of my life.

Indeed, being raised in this small town environment made a lasting and very beneficial impression on me. I was raised by wise parents and influenced by other elders in the community, many who were parents of my friends that I grew up with. Others were the wonderful school teachers, coaches, Scout leaders and my 4-H leader that became a mentor and close friend.

Thru it all, I gained a lot of what I call "Waldo Wisdom."

Over the years, I've continued to gain Waldo Wisdom regardless of where I lived - because this kind of wisdom transcends a locale and is actually a mindset. Webster defines wisdom as: knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; sagacity, discernment, or insight. Waldo Wisdom takes this a step further by adding in small town values, love for your fellow man, hard work and just plain, good ole common sense.

One of the biggest lessons that I continually learn from is that you can find wisdom in every situation if you are willing to look for it. Every bad experience and every good experience includes a nugget of wisdom if you are willing to look for it. And you can find it anywhere . . . even in Waldo.

OBITUARIES



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

charge.

McRAE, DARIYAH J.

Miss Dariyah J. McRae, 6 years of age, passed away at her home, September 11, 2016. Dariyah was a member of St. Matthews Baptist Church, and attended school at Pediatric Health Choice, in Gainesville.



She is survived by her parents; Dushawn J. McRae, Gainesville, FL, Ebonie Pope, Waldo, FL; brother Dushawn J. McRae, Jr., Gainesville, FL; maternal grandparents, Marvin Pope, Calgary, Canada, Nina Carter-Cole (Lee), Gainesville, FL; paternal grandfather, David McRae, Gainesville, FL; maternal great grandparents, Barbara Palmer, Richard Carter; paternal great grandmother, Alice Williams (Sonny), Alachua, FL; paternal great, great grandmother, Leola McRae, and maternal great-great grandmother; Bernice Garrison, Alachua, FL.

Funeral Services for Miss McRae were held 11:00am, Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Female Protective Temple, Gainesville, FL, Rev. Adrian Weeks, Officiating; burial will follow in St. Matthews Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc., 18 N.W. 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL.

Miss McRae reposed in the Chestnut Memorial Chapel on

Friday, September 16, 2016 from 2:00pm until 7:00pm and on Saturday at the Temple from 10:00am until the hour of Service.

HORTON, JOANNE HOUSE, 82



Mrs. Joanne House Horton, 82, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September

18, 2016 in Starke, Florida.

She was born on May 15, 1934 in Lynch, Kentucky to the late Elihu and Ida Ilona Sebok (aka Sheback) House. She was preceded in death by a sister, Ellen House Robinson.

Mrs. Horton was a Christian of the non-denominational faith. She retired years ago after spending many years in the restaurant field. She even grew up as a child working in the hotel/restaurant business. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend.

She loved Hungarian cooking, gardening and watching the returning hummingbirds each year to her yard. Above all her greatest joy was spending time with her family whom she loved with all her heart.

Joanne was very proud of her maternal Hungarian heritage and she instilled that in her children. Her grandparents came here from Hungary through Ellis Island and helped raise her and her 2 sisters. They taught her the language and customs and about love of family.

As a young woman she eventually moved to Summerfield, FL to live with her aunt and worked in a restaurant where she worked with her future mother-in-law. One day a man walked in and she said one day I will marry that man and the rest is history. Joanne married the love of her life, the late Ervin Levi Horton and they were married for over 47 years. The eventually settled in Gainesville, FL where they lived until his death in 2005.

She is survived by her 6 children; Dan (Linda) Horton of Bell, FL; Christa (Spencer) Frankel of Broken Arrow, OK; Ervin L. Horton, Jr., of Gainesville, FL; Bill (Paula) Horton of Waldo, FL; Sheryl (Terry) Watson of Newberry, FL, and Jana Horton (Bill) Kowitz, of Gainesville, FL; two grandchildren, Terry (Georgia) Watson, Jr., of Newberry, FL and Danielle Frankel of Broken Arrow, OK; two great grandchildren, Jackson Levi Watson and Jamie Lynn Watson, both of Newberry, FL; her sister, Esther Stevens, of Merritt Island, FL, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 12:00 P.M., in the Chapel of WILLIAMS-THOMAS FUNERAL HOME WESTAREA, 823 NW 143rd St.

The family received friends for one hour prior to the service, beginning at 11:00 A.M.



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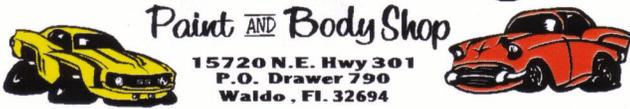


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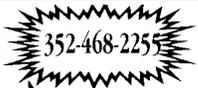
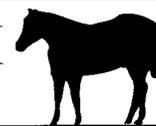
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