



The Waldo Phoenix



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**Waldo Historical Society News
Submitted by Penny Dodd**



Your Historical Society has been busy as usual, planning lots of fund raiser events for you

and your family.

~ Annual Spaghetti Dinner ~

Mark your calendars: Friday, September 9 from 4 pm until 7 pm, you can stop by the Waldo First Baptist Church on the Waldo Road and enjoy a fantastic Spaghetti Dinner. If you've been to one of our Spaghetti Dinners before, you know how good it is. More than just spaghetti - you get hot garlic bread, garden salad, a cold drink and dessert. Bring the family and eat at a table in the beautiful, air-conditioned Family Life Building, or take it home. All for just a \$6.00 donation, which will help us obtain space for our ever-growing collection of historic Waldo artifacts, photos and documents, so generously donated by local (and not so local) Waldonians.

~ Halloween Party ~

Friday, October 28 from 6:30 pm until 8 pm at the Waldo Community Center.

Our first ever Halloween Party. Come join us at the Waldo Community Center for some good old-fashioned Halloween fun. Meet Mariah the Witch and her pet broom, Snaggletooth. Have your fortune told by Miss Lucy. No one admitted without a costume. Games for children and treats for everyone. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Following the party, the WHS will be conducting the Annual Halloween Tour of Spooky Waldo.

Do you know where the ghosts are in Waldo? Do you know which houses/businesses are haunted? Have you been to the cemetery at night?

Ride along with us in our air-conditioned Tour Van (Miss Bellamy). We'll tell you all we know. If you know of any Waldo haunts, or if you're planning to decorate your yard for Halloween, call us. 468-1910. We want to see your yard. We want to meet your ghosts. Mwahahahahahahah!

Looking For Waldo People

Alysse Rasmussen came to Waldo City Hall recently, looking for information on some of her family ancestors. She is searching for information on the families of Shuman, Burton and Bowen, who, she said, are all buried at Laurel Grove Cemetery.

If you have any information on these families, please contact us by email: historicwaldo@Windstream.net, phone: 352-468-1910 or mail: P.O. Box 459, Waldo, FL 32694. If you have ever tried searching for your family information, you know how frustrating it can be, so any help at all is always so appreciated.

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

Four and twenty black birds were at the Ankney yard on Cracker Hill. It was told to me that



Mrs. Marie Ankney was unable to catch them to bake up in a pie.

The Ankney's beloved dog Shiloh was thought to be dead after eating a Skink. In the morning she was up and running around like a puppy. Go figure.

Next door at the Mauldin home, Mrs. Vera Mauldin was seen being led about town by a beautiful little girl named Evon. Evon is three years old and kept her Nana running. They lunched with the ladies and had breakfast with the WHS. Evon said they went to the Ginger Dollar, to the party's (Hardees) and to Wendy's House, (Wendy's). She stayed with Nana for a week and then was joined by her family of six.

Christine Mays is happy to announce that her son is attending P.K. Yonge school this year. They do grow up.

Our cemetery has been cleaned and unmarked graves are marked. It is a beautiful sight to see. Thank you Fred and Judy Donaldson good work.

I was flying down to the Cigar Factory and a pretty little orange almost brown cat with beautiful green eyes looked up at me and smiled and I flew up up. It is a lost cat. If you are missing it, you will find it around the sign man's Cigar Factory. Cats sweet as they are can tend to make this little bird nervous.

The Spaghetti Dinner is Sept. 9, 2011 on a Friday from 4pm to 7pm. Get your tickets at the door or from members of the WHS. The WHS is giving a Halloween party at the Community Center on Friday, October 28 from 6:30 till 8 pm. At 8:30pm there will be a Halloween Tour. Fun for all. I will be watching from above for my feathers will ruffle so at the sight of witch Mariah.

Waldo Jr. High School Memories

~ The Rec Center ~



The Rec Center was located behind the school cafeteria on what is now NW 1st St. It was opened sometime during the 1950s through much of the '60s.

It consisted of a large room for dancing with seats around the room. There was a jukebox. There were two smaller rooms, one a T.V. room and the other (I think) had a ping pong table. It was chaperoned.

Here are some early comments from the Waldo Florida Group on Facebook concerning the Rec Center:

Many Waldo kids of the late 50s and early 60s loved going to the rec center and had wonderful times. They loved dancing to tunes on the juke box and occasional bands that played. Echoing some comments on the group site -- "These were some good times."

Someone said, "I loved the rec center. That is where I danced the night away. If I got put on restriction my parents would keep me from the rec center. That was torture."

"Mine too, I would beg for a spanking instead of restriction but they knew keeping me home would hurt the most.

"I'm laughing Ha! Ha! That did hurt the most and besides that there was only the Davis house between ours and the rec center so I could see and hear everything going on"

Sandra Donaldson's mom and dad was a couple that kept or ran the

Recreation Center where we all danced and if they were not available G L Lester opened.

"We as kids had a lot of fun playing on the school grounds before it got dark, then we were supposed to stay inside but some times when the older kids went and sat in their car, we would knock on the windows and scare them. Remember?"

"I remember going, I remember Virginia and her cousin Cindy could dance like they were born on the dance floor. I remember it was a chance for me to see and hang out with Janet. I know it was fun and great memories and your parents (Sandra Donaldson's) were wonderful to run it."

"I had so much fun at the rec center."

"The rec center building was the school cafeteria for years. After the new cafeteria was built they turned it into the rec center.

The rec center had one little room with a television in it. I remember people lined up to sit in there to see the brand new hit TV show, "The Flintstones." Some of the older (and cooler) kids would come sit on the porch, but they didn't like to come in where the "kids" were dancing. I remember Bobbie Miley's (I think) finger waved hair, and I can't remember this one girl's name, but she came with - again, something very new and hip - a Peter Paul and Mary Album. I lived at Santa Fe Lake, so I had to get my mom to take me to Waldo and sometimes to Linda Hall's house, or Cilla's, or Paula Shields. I went to Barbara Gwin's house instead one night, and we fixed each other's hair. Lord, the things that stay in your mind!!

I think Barbara and I were listening to Bobby Vinton singing Blue Velvet while we got ready to go.

I remember you doing our hair, you always knew what to do - the french twist? Braiding, etc. It was fun.

Going to the rec center and dancing and seeing friends was a highlight of many teenager's weekends, especially before getting their driver's licenses and/or cars. In addition to the jukebox, they were occasionally able to dance to local bands, one of which was Jimmy Tuten's band. Bob Haines was one of the original members of the band playing rhythm guitar.

A bass guitar was added and soon a snare drummer. With those few members and instruments, great music was performed and everyone enjoyed dancing.

Not too long after the band was formed, the name, Jimmy and the Boll Weevils was adopted.

One of the dancers many of the group recalled was the great dancing of Jimmy's brother, Billy.

The band practiced many hours at the Tuten home. As the band progressed it played in other locations, including driving to Lake Butler and other places. Once it performed live at the WGGG radio station.

At one time, Jimmy had a nice new 1959 Chevy convertible and after a gig, would drive home under the stars with the top down.

The band learned and played many popular songs of the era, including, "Have You Heard the News, There's Good Rockin' Tonight" (Elvis), as well as many original tunes written by Jimmy, himself.



Does this bring back fond memories? Everyone loves reminiscing. Let's hear your stories of growing up in Waldo.

Five Reasons To Advertise

~~~All the Time~~~

- I. **Customers Forget.** Did you happen to see an ad today for Coke? Pepsi? McDonalds? Burger King? Wendys'? I'm guessing you probably did or at least someone in your family did. The reason for this question is why? Isn't the hard work done? These companies have certainly established their brand names. In the case of Coke it's arguably the most well known brand name in the world. So why not cut back on the advertising a little? Put some of that ad money to the bottom line or make the stockholders happy with an extra dividend. The reason is very simple- We the customer forget without constant reminders. Each day a customer doesn't hear about your company is one more day they start hearing about your competitor.
- II. **Name Recognition.** When a customer thinks of a product whom do you want them to think of? Target? Wal-Mart? Or you? It's pretty hard for them to immediately think of you if they don't see your name anywhere.
- III. **People often take their time when buying.** I often use a laptop when I travel and the time is coming for a new one. So I'll be shopping for that. Am I going out to buy it tomorrow? Probably not. I'll start watching the ads studying the available brands and assembling the features I need. I may not make the purchase for several months but when I do I will probably have a dealer in mind and they will get a shot at my business.
- IV. **Customers move.** Studies show that 25% of your customers will move each year. A tip I have given for years is to have a yearly "Grand Opening" to attract that new 25% percent who move to your selling area each year.
- V. **A portion of the market is always shopping.** Did you notice the tire ads in the paper today? If you need tires you did. If not you probably didn't give them a second glance. Not everyone is your customer every day. But each and every day there is a portion of the population that is looking for your product. And you need to be there when they are ready to start looking for that product.



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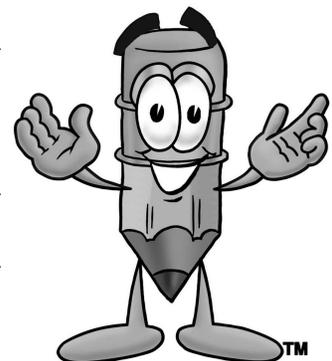
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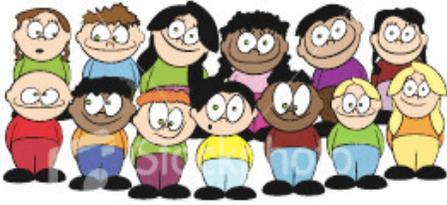
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## Waldo's Kids by Thelma Bay



**F**irst of all, let me say CONGRATULATIONS to all parents and grandparents who suffered through one of the hottest summers on record. School has started!

Special recognition to all of you who kept your sanity, didn't sell the kids into slavery, or move to Alaska just to cool off.

Our school supply give away was successful as always and more necessary than ever for many parents. We have so far given away 113 filled backpacks with a few left over for any new students coming in to Waldo School.

Bible School at Waldo First Baptist was so much fun. We pretended that we were in New York City for this year's theme and with an average nightly attendance of 180 plus, we took a lot of folks with us! The Church has Bible school every summer and there are classes for all ages, crafts and snacks included, no charge for anything.

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. First Baptist Waldo will be having a huge rummage sale in the Family Life Building. Don't miss it. There are wonderful bargains at very reasonable prices.

There are several other events coming up that need to be mentioned. The Waldo Historical Society will be

having their Annual Spaghetti Fund Raiser dinner at the Family Life Building on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 at the door. Yum Yum!

Monday night, October 31<sup>st</sup> at Family Life Building from 6 to 8 will be our Fall Festival. This festival provides a safe, indoor place for families to have fun, food and fellowship.

Fall Festival at Waldo Community School will be held sometime in October. Date to be announced next month.

Hope all of you are keeping cool and looking forward to the rest of the year. Take care and I'll see you next month.



### Dear Gabby

Dear Gabby:

I am the corner sign painter mentioned by Anonymous in the August, 2011 issue of the Waldo Phoenix. I'm please that you support free speech but I'm a little disappointed by your response. you allowed several inaccuracies to stand that I would like to correct. Since you mentioned me in your column, I hope you will extend to me the courtesy of printing my response.

First, I do not hate Cliff Stearns as implied by her use of the term, "Hate Cliff Stearns signs." The word "Hate" has not been on any sign I've painted and does not accurately reflect my intent.

Second, Anonymous seems to think she can speak for all of Waldo but she can only speak for herself. Most of the comments I've heard have been positive, not negative as implied.

Third, Waldo does not have an image problem except in the minds of a

few disgruntled citizens. Waldo is a wonderful place to live.

In 1988, I actively campaigned for Cliff Stearns. He was the "outsider" who believed in term limits. He pledged that he would serve no more than five terms (10 years) in congress. He broke that pledge when he ran for office in 2000. Today he has served a total of 22 years. We've had 22 years of Cliff Stearns and look at the mess we're in.

We are in danger of losing our country and our liberty, yet Cliff Stearns refuses to commit to cutting spending and reducing government. I see him as a man holding up a wet finger to test the political wind before each congressional vote. I believe his removal from office is essential to our long term survival. To this end, I plan to paint a new sign each week until November, 2012 to remind voters that business as usual cannot continue.

My motivation is simple. We have a national emergency and Cliff Stearns is a part of the problem. He is a threat to our national security and personal liberty., This statement is not hate speech. It is an exercise of free speech. Rather than trying to curb my free speech, Anonymous should get involved and support the issues and candidates of her choice.

Readers who want to be involved can start by calling Congressman Cliff Stearns at ph 352-337-0003. You'll get to speak to his congressional aide, Jean Clough. She is a great listener and a really nice person. She can give you volumes of information and will send any message you have to the congressman. If you want to be involved in the future of this country, calling your congressman is a great place to start. Bobby Cook  
Dear Bobby Cook:

I am not sure what inaccuracies I let stand. (continued on page 6)

1. Only you know your intent. I cannot address your intentions.
2. The letter writer is not necessarily female. They too are practicing their right to freedom of speech and are entitled to their opinions.
3. Waldo does have an image issue. Some of it may not be well deserved, in my opinion. The "Speed Trap" issues are the opinion of people looking in from the outside, not the citizens. We Waldonians know Waldo has good bones, good people that are proud of our town.

Not knowing the situation, the signs give the impression you are aggressively going after Cliff Stearns. If you were to word your signs as professionally as this letter and state your opinions without personally attacking Cliff Stearns, I think people would be more understanding.

You have cleared the air and made your case. I hope it makes a difference for you and your mission. Good Luck, Gabby

### Words of Wisdom - NOT!

Submitted by Thelma Bay

This month's word is Twitterpated. Believe it or not, this is a very old word used by a local family for almost 50 years. The word has nothing to do with Twitter, Facebook, email or anything at all in the computer age.

To this family, Twitterpated meant a person was flustered, nervous, excited or embarrassed.

An example would be: "When Grandma sneezed in church, her false teeth fell out and she got all Twitterpated."

Is that clear enough? Thank you.

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Marie's Kitchen

Marie Ankey

#### NO CARB SKILLET

Take 1# lean ground beef, put in large no stick skillet. When cooked, stir in 4 beaten eggs. When cooked, cover with cheese (any kind).



## ENJOY!

### Acts of Kindness

by Thelma Bay

To all of you in the Waldo Area who have donated your time, money, food, school supplies and clothes to help our children - Thank you very much.



Last month, we told you about a new Facebook Group about Waldo, appropriately named "Waldo, Florida." We encouraged you to visit the site. If you haven't yet, you don't know what you're missing.

Some members of the Waldo Historical Society are overwhelmed by the information being disbursed on this site. The members of that group are so knowledgeable of Waldo in the 50s and 60s, and we are trying to gather it all before it disappears. This month, we are

offering some of the comments made about the "Rec Center," once located next to the current Waldo Community School.

This is a wonderful group of Waldonians and ex-Waldonians. We have met two of them in person, and hope to meet more.

We hope you enjoy reading the Facebook articles, and will add your two cents to future issues.

Send your comments by email: [historicwaldo@Windstream.net](mailto:historicwaldo@Windstream.net) - or by snail mail: P.O. Box 459, Waldo, Florida.

### Stuff You Might Want To Know

Adding three or four sugar cubes to a suitcase before storage will help prevent musty odors.



A spoonful of sugar added to a vase of water will prolong the life of freshly cut flowers

### Letters to the Editor:

I wanted to tell you how much I enjoy the Waldo Phoenix. I also wanted to tell you how wonderful the Dear Gabby column is. Gabby is a wise and clever person. Gabby's answers are so good. Please continue. Thank you for letting us know that we may get the Phoenix on line. You light my months.



"The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers." - Thomas Jefferson

## Information Please!

### Waldo Phone Numbers You Might Need

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| City Hall                     | 468-1001 |
| (After Hours Water Emergency) | 258-3110 |
| Fire Emergencies              | Call 911 |
| Police Department             | 468-1515 |
| (Police Emergencies)          | 955-1818 |
| Waldo Library                 | 468-3298 |
| Waldo Community Center        | 468-2336 |
| Waldo Post Office             | 468-1970 |
| Waldo Community School        | 468-1451 |

### September Birthdays

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Selah Miller       | 18 Mary Hersey         |
| 1 Victor Ankney, Jr. | 18 Ida Bivins          |
| 2 Jay Fournier       | 19 Calvin Hill         |
| 4 Brian Bay          | 20 Darrell L. McLendon |
| 6 Mary Jackson       | 21 Clyde Dees          |
| 6 Jason Tidwell II   | 22 Devin Kimber        |
| 7 Thomas Bay         | 23 Charles Griffin     |
| 8 Marilyn Taylor     | 23 Jicama Armitage     |
| 8 George Ford        | 24 Bettye McLeod       |
| 11 Ron Knupp         | 24 Evon Coppedge       |
| 13 Gert Hill         | 26 Donna Bloomfield    |
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| 18 Clara Gutierrez   |                        |



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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**

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#### 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

Next Waldo Historical Society  
~~~~~Business Meeting~~~~~

Thursday - October 27 - 7 pm
Waldo Community Center
Refreshments as always

If you're sitting at home looking for something different to do, come join us at our Quarterly meeting. We have many projects in the works. Help us with the Quilt Show, the Caboose Project, our Annual Calendar, or write something for our Newspaper Fundraiser. We need your input and your help. What can you do? What do you like to do? Do it with us.

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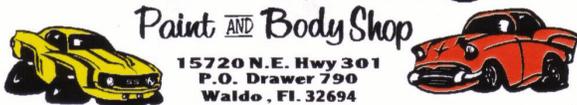


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