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## **W.H.S. News by Penny Dodd**

### **Seventh Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

**O**n Friday, September 6, the Waldo Historical Society will be hosting our seventh annual Spaghetti Dinner.

As always, we will be offering a full serving of delicious spaghetti topped with our own special spaghetti sauce, along with garlic toast, a garden salad and a drink. All of this, for only a \$6.00 donation to help us with our upcoming Railroad Museum in the Waldo Caboose.

Rev. Jim DuBois, Pastor of the Waldo Baptist Church has once again allowed us the use of the air-conditioned, roomy Family Life Center for your dining pleasure. Come join us for the best spaghetti you've ever tasted. Eat in or take it home to the family. You don't feel like cooking after working all week, do you?



## **Waldo Community School News Holly Burton - Principal**



Principal Holly Burton

**W**elcome Back! Another year of school has begun, and the teachers and staff at Waldo Community School couldn't be more excited to see how the children have grown this summer. We have several updates for you this year! My name is Holly Burton, and I will be your school principal. This school year, WCS has adopted the county dress code policy. This policy requires children to wear solid colored, collared shirts. The shirts may be any color, as long as the color is solid. Children may wear any color solid bottoms (jeans, khakis, solid colored dress pants/shorts/skirts), however athletic shorts are not permitted (i.e. basketball shorts). Children should also wear closed toed shoes to school for safety reasons.

Hard work on the part of WCS students, teachers, and staff has enabled our school to return to the regular dismissal time this year. Students will be released each day at 1:45. On Wednesdays, students will be released at 12:30.

We really hope to see you this year at our Open House, which is scheduled for Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Our annual Title I meeting will begin in the auditorium at 5:45. The classrooms will be open for parent visitors during two time frames: 6:00-6:30 and 6:45-7:15. Please join us at the time that works best for your family.

We are looking forward to an exciting and challenging school year. Parents are crucial to children's success, and so are community volunteers!

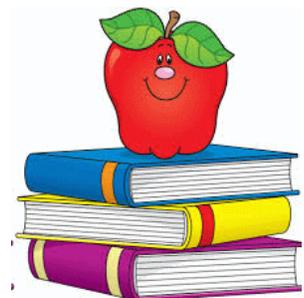
If you would like to volunteer at WCS, please contact our front office at 468-1451. Thank you!

### **Waldo Community School Calendar**

**9/2: Labor Day**

**9/24: Interim Reports sent home**

**Waldo Commodities  
Wednesday  
(Yes, Wednesday)  
September 18  
1-2 pm  
Waldo Community Center**



## Waldo Says Goodbye to "Tony"

by Catherine Hill

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, I had the un-enviable task of saying goodbye to the eldest of my three grandchildren, Melvin Anthony Hill II.

"Tony" as he was affectionately known, died on July 13, 2013 at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. There was a very nice church service in Cary, NC at his mother's church, but his Florida family wanted to do something here so we could say our farewells.

Tony spent many summers and holidays here in Waldo, where the community got to know and love him. People would see him on one of the many four wheelers that he and his dad would bring down with them from NC. They would ride through the woods and the streets of Waldo stopping here and there to say "Hi," or to give a ride to the kids they would meet. Sometimes, he and his dad could be seen working on someone's car or taking care of something for Aunt Mary Ann or any of the other friends or relatives.

Family and friends from Waldo, Gainesville, and the surrounding area came together at the Waldo Community Center to pray, laugh, cry, tell stories, share pictures and eat, in memory of "Tony." The memorial service was well attended by over 100 people, some who knew him personally and others who knew him through the many stories of him as told by family.

We, Tony's entire family, would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous support, prayers and

expressions of kindness that has contiguously been shown to us during our time of sadness.

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU!!

The Hill Family

## A Little Bird Told Me

Lucy Roe Cook

HAPPINESS IS:

Hearing the laughter again on the school grounds.

Meeting the new school principal, Holly Burton.



Bless you each one this new school year.

This little bird has heard the joy of friendship as a group of ladies get together to play Canasta. Marie Ankney, Mary Ann Rich, Penny Dodd, Vera Mauldin, Chris Mays, and Lucy Roe Cook. All are welcome. They eat refreshments and talk and play cards. Such joy rises from inside.

August and September are the hottest months and the most mosquitoes and we are right in the middle of it. October will begin to cool. All of this rain this summer has kept fires away. I will say that this little bird would rather be soaked than to have my tail feathers singed. Although hitching a ride on the fire truck is exciting.

While flying over the Mauldin home of Cracker Hill, during the week of Vacation Bible School, I witnessed a wonderful, unselfish act.

Penny Dodd and Lucy Roe Cook drove over in Penny Dodd's car to pick up Vera Mauldin.

The rain had been pouring

down for days and as we began to drive away down the ever so muddy driveway, the wheel jerked and threw Penny's car into a really deep mud area of the drive and mud flew everywhere on the car.

Vera called into the house and Carla Mauldin, dressed so nice for V.B.S., and Anthony Mauldin, all cleaned up, came out to push the car.

After much pushing and mud flying, the car leapt out of the mud and they were on their way. A young man watched from the sidelines.

Thank you, Carla and Anthony. You were a blessing.

When outdoors, take time to smell the flowers and watch the sunsets. See you as I fly by.

## Turtle With Blisters On Its Feet

By Eldon Darrah



It was one of those not so rare occasions in a parents' life, when one of their children comes to them in search of

answers to something perplexing to the child's inquisitive nature. If you're a parent you know exactly what I'm speaking of. Questions like: 'Mom, how-come frogs hop?' or 'What holds those clouds up there?' or 'why do we have toes?' or 'Mom, can we go to God's house so I can meet him?'—It can put you in a mental quandary trying to put the right words together in an attempt to respond with some semblance of intelligence. (Tuff job)...

However, the story I'm about to relate has nothing to do with any of this.

"MOM!... MOM!".. She heard him. Oh God, now what? She thought as she threw down the little pair of stiff, muddy, britches she'd just found stuffed under the laundry hamper in the upstairs bathroom. She threw the crusty evidence into the bathtub as she headed out the bathroom door to the top of the stairs. The tone of her four-year olds voice telling her it was one of excitement and not fear or distress. He had been playing in the enclosed patio off the kitchen, where we'd set him up a terrarium. (AKA--- prison for lizards and things)--- She started down the stairs...

"MOM!".."COMING" she answered, just as Brandon began to bolt up the stairs. "Slow down young man! You know better than to be running on these stairs!"..."Mom, there's something wrong with the turtle you got me yesterday!"

It was one of those little green striped turtles, about the size of a half-dollar. We had been to the pet store the day before in search of possible additional inmates to keep his already captured (imprisoned) lizard, and two snails company, who were already doing hard-time in Brandon's maximum security facility. He simply fell in love with this little turtle at the pet shop. It was cute, with its little yellow, black, and green stripes. We thought it would make the perfect addition to his terrarium.

"Look Mommy" he said, holding the turtle up at arm's

length, toward her face. "He's got blisters on his feet!"

What!" she responded, struggling to suppress an instant urge to laugh out loud at the mere thought of such a thing. "You're just noticing the little pads on his feet", she assured him.

"NO MOMMA, they're blisters!", Brandon countered, with his demeanor of absoluteness.

"We'll see", She said...let's take him to the kitchen where we can get a good look at him. I think you'll find tha..."

"THEY ARE BLISTERS MOMMA!" he cut her off - his toddler patience wearing thin.

"My Lord," she thinks to herself, as they head to better lighting to inspect the turtles feet "The things a parent goes through."

"Mom, why do turtles get blisters on their feet?" he asked in route to the kitchen.

"Son, I've never, ever, heard of turtles getting blisters on their feet...never, ever... You sure you're not just noticing those little soft pads on his fe...?"

"They're blisters mom!" he insists again.

"We'll see, we'll see" she said, as they enter the more hospitable lighting of the kitchen.

Once in the kitchen, she took possession of the turtle. Even though the pet-store owner assured them that this critter was not likely to bite anyone—But she was still not totally convinced, the mouth on that thing was not capable of inflicting some sort of irreparable damage.

"Mommy, do turtles die from blisters on their feet?" Brandon now exhibiting concern for his little green friend.

"I don't think so honey", she says, in an effort to console him.

With the little turtle-shell lightly grasped from the sides, between her thumb and fingers, the turtles legs, and feet, clawing at the air, it's head and neck stretched back over its shell... looking for a finger, to bite the hell out of! Once she became convinced her fingers were out of harm's way--- She turned the turtle belly up. BLISTERS!

Never for a second did she expect to find blisters on this creature's feet, but there they were.

"See the blisters mommy?" Brandon's question momentarily distracting her from what now began to concern her. Had they brought a sick or diseased pet in contact with their pride and joy?

"Yes Brandon" she replies. "I see them, You were right, there are blisters on its feet."

"I told you mommy!" "Brandon, did you throw that little box away that we brought the turtle home in yesterday?"

"No." Brandon replied. "Well go get it, so we can put him back in it. We're taking it back to the pet shop."

"AM I GONNA GET A NEW TURTLE MOMMA!?"

"We'll see Brandon, we'll see"

She was pleased to notice there was no one else in the pet store as they entered. The man who had sold them the turtle was behind the counter emptying a box of smaller boxes of fish-food.

"Yes, may I help you," he asked as he straightened up from his task. "Oh," he said in recognition as he glanced down at Brandon and the turtle box. "The



new turtle owner - did you decide to get a mate for your little friend after all?" he asked the boy.

"MY TURTLE'S GOT BLISTERS ON HIS FEET!" Brandon responded, with the tone of a very dissatisfied customer. The turtle merchant, now sporting a bewildered look, turns his attention to the mother.

"Blisters?" he asks.

"I didn't believe it either, when he told me." She informed the shop owner.

"A turtle, with blisters on his feet." The clerk mused, with the same sort of restraining laughter smirk on his face, as she had had on hers, only an hour earlier.

"It sounded pretty funny to me too, until I took a look for myself." She lamented to the store owner. "But now, after seeing the blisters, I'm very worried it may be diseased or something."

Noting the mother's genuine concern, the merchant asks Brandon for the turtle.

"Am I gonna get a new turtle?" Brandon quizzed the kindly gentleman.

"We'll work something out son. Brandon slides the turtle-box up on the counter.

"I want a new turtle." He again reminds the store owner.

"Don't worry son, we always make our customers happy." The clerk removes the turtle from its card-board confine, and sure enough, those dreaded blisters, right there for the world to see.

"Ma'm" The turtle dealer says, "I've been in this business for over twenty five years, and I've never, ever, never, seen a turtle with blisters on its feet till now. But I can assure you, that being in this business, we are trained to spot diseases in animals, and rest

assured, this does not fall under any disease symptoms I've been trained to look out for."

"Well, I'm sure relieved to hear that." She says.

"Am I gonna git a new turtle" Brandon reminds all available ears

"OK son." The turtle trader now speaking to Brandon, but the conversation actually directed at his mom. "I'll get you another turtle and I'll have this checked out thoroughly, and let you know what I find out."

"Thank you so much." Brandon's mother replied. The pet-store owner assuring her he was very interested in finding out what went wrong here.

"Come with me Brandon, and I'll let you pick out your new turtle."

And they headed off to the turtle display. Once there, Brandon looks, squirms, ponders and finally decides which turtle he's going to take home to meet his lizard and snails. After several minutes and some coaxing from mom, he makes his selection. The pet merchant reaches into the glass tank as per Brandon's guidance, and removed the chosen turtle. He hands it to the boy.

"OH BOY, A NEW TURTLE!" And with that, he drops to his hands and knees and begins to make that all too familiar sound that all four year old boys make ""Brrrrruuuuuuummm,,Brrrrruu uuuuummm " As the turtle is swiftly driven across the pet-shop floor. Its legs flailing wildly, desperately, in search of solid footing. In its tiny dimension of horror - a nightmare, that can't be awakened from. It's legs protruded stiffly against the forces driving it to its blistered conclusion.

## Where Can I Get That?

By Penny Dodd

Have you ever had a hankering for something and wondered if you could avoid a trip to Gainesville (or even Starke) and if you could find it right here in Waldo? Like a Banana Split? Or maybe a Notary?

That happened to me, recently. I was craving an Ice Cream Sundae, and although I know there are a few places locally that sell ice cream, I didn't think any of them could make me a sundae.

A friend told me that I could get one at the **BP STATION**. Really?! She was right. The BP station actually *did* offer Ice Cream Sundaes and Banana Splits, among other ice cream treats. But



because no one knew about them, they no longer serve them. Perhaps if we started asking, they'd bring it back?

This discovery led me to a new pursuit. What else do we have right here that we might not want to have to go to Gainesville for?

Here's just a sampling of what I learned:

At **BP**, along with ice cream specialties, you can also find boiled peanuts and Krispy Kreme donuts. (Who knew?).

Of course, if you prefer **DUNKIN DONUTS**, we have

those, too - right up the street at the Sunoco station.

Need to send or receive a fax? Need a Notary? **CITY HALL** will take of that for you.

Pancakes, French Toast and all kinds of breakfast items can be ordered anytime, at **CLASSIC CAFÉ 3**, along with Fried Green Tomatoes.

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You can also find great salads (as well as a baked potato the way you like it) at **WENDY'S**.

Want to see Waldo's own amazing collection of Coca Cola bottles? Check with Donna at **TOM'S CYPRESS**.

Need a sign painted? Or something embroidered? Stop in at **DREAM WORKS**, south of the overpass on US 301.

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Speaking of **DOLLAR GENERAL**, you can get ice for your picnic at City park, fill your LP gas tank, and just about anything you're out of at home.

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We have two storage facilities for your excess "stuff." **WALDO SELF STORAGE**, and **SANTA FE STORAGE**. Both located on US 301.

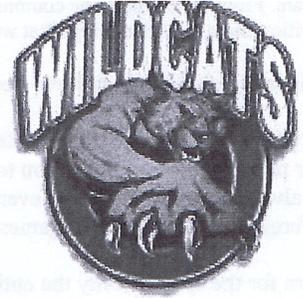
You can get your weekly Lottery tickets at the **WALDO SHELL**, along with fresh popped popcorn and other convenience items.

Don't forget the **WALDO COMMUNITY CENTER**, for a daily meal for Seniors, and be sure to sign up for Commodities.

Last, but not at all least, if you want to know what's going on in Waldo, pick up a copy of the **WALDO PHOENIX** (this paper) every month. If you get there too late, but have an email address, let us know where to send it, and we'll email you a copy every month. We'll soon have a Railroad Museum (in the caboose in City Park), to celebrate Waldo's railroad past.

For those who like old stuff, Waldo has something to please everyone. The **ANTIQU VILLAGE** (open 7 days a week) is next to the Waldo Flea Market, (where you can find just about anything not listed here). There's a new antique shop just south of Waldo on US 301: **301 COTTAGE**. They're only open on weekends for now, but that's a great time to go antiquing, right?

## Waldo Youth Football is Back in Action! By Keith Mauldin



Football season is back in Waldo. The Waldo recreation football has begun and is in full swing. Waldo football has two teams this year. A Junior Varsity and Varsity team. It is not too late to join if your child or grandchild is interested in joining. The ages for tackle football is 10-14 years old. Boys and girls are welcome. No high school students.

New this year is flag football. The ages for flag football is 5-10 years old, boys and girls are welcome.

Please contact Erika Smith at [Waldorecreation@gmail.com](mailto:Waldorecreation@gmail.com), go by City Hall and pick up a form, or come out to one of our practices, if you or someone you know is interested..

Tackle football practices are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 6 to approximately 7:30.

Flag football practices are on Mondays and Thursdays from 6-7:30. The cost for registration is \$75.00. Both programs practice in the back of the Waldo Community School.

The games for tackle football begin September 3<sup>rd</sup> and they will be held at the Boys and Girls club in Gainesville. Good luck to all our players.

## "Go Wildcats"

Would you like to help sponsor a child? We have a number of children in the program that need assistance in covering their registration fee. If you are interested in covering the full cost or just helping out some, every bit counts for these children. We thank you in advance for anything you can do. Remember our motto, **"Changing lives, one child at a time..."** Thank you.

Please contact Erika Smith at [Waldorecreation@gmail.com](mailto:Waldorecreation@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out a child.

## Empty Printer Cartridges

We are still receiving your donations of empty printer cartridges. They are so appreciated. The people of Waldo are generous and continue to help us obtain needed office supplies.

For those who haven't seen them yet, our collection boxes are located at the Waldo Library, and Waldo City Hall.



Figure 9: John Winter House-120 NW 1st Avenue

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### Saving on Auto Insurance

1. **Get Married.** Insurance companies see married people as a better risk. Lower rates are not guaranteed, however. Choose a mate with a bad driving record, for example, and your rate could actually increase.
2. **Improve Your Credit Score.** Research shows that people who have good credit also tend to file fewer auto insurance claims. This usually results in insurers giving them a better rate.
3. **Reduce Your Mileage.** If you're on the road less often, you're likely to be involved in fewer accidents. That results in lower rates. But insurance rates are usually only lowered when you drive 10,000 miles per year or less.
4. **Get Out of the City.** Living in the city results in higher rates.
5. **Time To Grow Up.** Insurers care a lot about your gender, and your age. That's because statistics show that men have more accidents than women. And teens are considered a higher risk than any other age group.

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<b>Fire Emergencies</b>	<b>Call 911</b>
<b>Police Department</b>	<b>468-1515</b>
<b>Police Non-Emergencies</b>	<b>955-1818</b>
<b>Waldo Library</b>	<b>468-3298</b>
<b>Waldo Community Center</b>	<b>468-2336</b>
<b>Waldo Post Office</b>	<b>468-1970</b>
<b>Waldo Community School</b>	<b>468-1451</b>
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## September Birthdays

<b>1 Selah Miller</b>	<b>18 Mary Hersey</b>
<b>1 Victor Ankney, Jr.</b>	<b>18 Ida Bivins</b>
<b>2 Jay Fournier</b>	<b>19 Clavin Hill</b>
<b>4 Brian Bay</b>	<b>20 Darrell McLendon</b>
<b>6 Mary Jackson</b>	<b>21 Clyde Dees</b>
<b>6 Jason Tidwell, II</b>	<b>22 Devon Kimber</b>
<b>7 Thomas Bay</b>	<b>23 Charles Griffin</b>
<b>8 George Ford</b>	<b>23 Jicama Armitage</b>
<b>9 Christine Mays</b>	<b>24 Bettye McLeod</b>
<b>11 Ron Knupp</b>	<b>24 Evon Coppedge</b>
<b>13 Gert Hill</b>	<b>27 Nancy Minnix</b>
<b>13 Mary Griffin</b>	<b>28 Donna Bloomfield</b>
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& Sis. Monique Taylor for the children.  
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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 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

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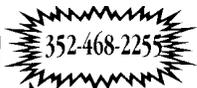
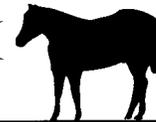
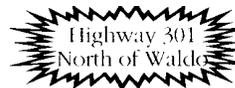


**RANDOM FACTS**

**At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize**

**Bonus Fact:**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day was not officially observed in all 50 states until January, 2000.**



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