

# Waldo Connection

**Quote of the Month:** I never had a policy; I have just tried to do my very best each and every day.  
- Abraham Lincoln

## Congratulations on 25 Years, John Faw!

"I can hardly believe that I have been here over 25 years. I can recall the visit I had with Dave Waldo oh so many years ago. He asked how I felt about opening a new office. I responded that I had never worked in an office, so I guess it would be all right. There I was, green and fresh off the farm and starting a new career in sales. We—Barbara Waldo, Kris Warren, and myself—in a new office and a new career. Deer in the headlights comes to mind. It has been quite a ride, meeting many new people, making many new friends, solving problems, and making dreams come true along the way. It is still fun coming to work, and I also still get to work with many of the same people that I started with as well as many new faces along the way. I am proud to say that I have been working with Waldo Real Estate for over 25 years.

*Thank you for all you have done over the years, John!*

## Congratulations on 20 Years, Scott Lamb!

"Twenty years ago I met Dave Waldo in his office, and we mutually agreed that I would become a part of Waldo Real Estate. I had just retired after many years with Albertsons, my wife and I sold our farm, and I embarked on a new venture. With the help of Dave and Barbara Waldo, I became licensed as a realtor, and the rest is history. I have been in so many homes, walked hundreds of farms, and driven through the most beautiful ranches in my quest to help the people I have met with their real estate needs. I have so enjoyed the people and the lasting relationships which have been formed. The Waldo team is a great group to work with. I have so enjoyed the past 20 years and look forward to a few more."

*We are grateful for the past 20 years with you, Scott!*



**John Faw**  
Principle Broker,  
GRI, OR/ID



**Scott Lamb**  
Broker, GRI,  
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## Heteronyms & Homographs

het-er-o-nym hedə-rə-nim/ *noun*

plural noun: **heteronyms**

1. each of two or more words that are spelled identically but have different sounds and meanings, such as *tear* meaning "rip" and *tear* meaning "liquid from the eye."
2. each of two or more words that are used to refer to the identical thing in different geographical areas of a speech community, such as *submarine sandwich*, *hoagie*, and *grinder*.

hom-o-graph hä-mə-graf, 'hō-mə-graf/ *noun*

plural noun: **homographs**

each of two or more words spelled the same but not necessarily pronounced the same and having different meanings and origins (e.g., *bow*<sup>1</sup> and *bow*<sup>2</sup>).

### Took a lot of work to put this together!

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and ham-mers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

Source: Unknown



## May Events

5/5 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Dave Waldo!**

5/10 **All Employee Meeting 7:30am**

5/15 **Mother's Day**

5/29 **Offices Closed for Memorial Day**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8:00am - Agency Department Meetings



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# What People Are Saying...

*"I just wanted to take a minute of your time to express my appreciation for the excellent service we have received working with Dawna. She has a caring approach and she is a true professional. She has been our agent for many years; always willing to go the extra mile to help—never too busy to help us out. I can't tell you the times I have called her worried about something and within a matter of minutes all is better—I just wanted to take a minute to let you know how thankful I have been over the years knowing she always had us covered. Employees like Dawna are a great asset to your company."*

- Marcia Smith



**Dawna Runnels**  
Agent

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According to **Mutual of Enumclaw Insurance**, broken washer and refrigerator hoses are the leading cause of water damage in homes, and as Murphy's Law would dictate, it usually happens when you are away. Protect your home from severe water damage by replacing hoses at least every two years.

## May is National Bike Month

Sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling—and encourage more folks to give biking a try. Bike to Work Day is May 19.

The League's five Rules of the Road prepare you for a safe and fun bicycling no matter where you're riding.

### **FOLLOW THE LAW**

Your safety and image of bicyclists depend on you. You have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers. Obey traffic signals and stop signs. Ride with traffic; use the rightmost lane headed in the direction you are going.

### **BE PREDICTABLE**

Make your intentions clear to everyone on the road. Ride in a straight line and don't swerve between parked cars. Signal turns, and check behind you well before turning or changing lanes.

### **BE CONSPICUOUS**

Ride where people can see you and wear bright clothing. Use a front white light, red rear light and reflectors when visibility is poor. Make eye contact with others and don't ride on sidewalks.

### **THINK AHEAD**

Anticipate what drivers, pedestrians, and other people on bikes will do next. Watch for turning vehicles and ride outside the door zone of parked cars. Look out for debris, potholes, and other road hazards. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.

### **RIDE READY**

Check that your tires are sufficiently inflated, brakes are working, chain runs smoothly, and quick release levers are closed. Carry tools and supplies that are appropriate for your ride. Wear a helmet.

Source: <http://www.bikeleague.org/content/rules-road-0>

## A solemn tradition: Memorial Day

Memorial Day began in the 19th century as "Decoration Day," when citizens were encouraged to decorate the graves of soldiers who'd died in the Civil War. After World War I, Decoration Day expanded to include ceremonies honoring the dead in all of America's wars.

Decoration Day officially became Memorial Day in 1967. In 1968 the Uniform Holidays Act established it as one of three holidays (including Veteran's Day and George Washington's birthday, now called Presidents Day) celebrated on a Monday to create a convenient three-day weekend. Memorial Day is now observed on the last Monday in May.

Wearing poppies is a popular Memorial Day tradition. The custom is generally credited to Moina Michael, a former teacher at the University of Georgia, who was working for the YMCA Overseas War Secretaries at the end of World War I.

She was inspired by reading the poem "In Flanders Fields," by Canadian poet and doctor John McCrae. The poem's opening lines read:

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row . . .

During the Overseas War Secretaries' annual conference held in New York City in 1918, shortly before the signing of the armistice that ended the war, grateful delegates gave Michael \$10 in recognition of her help with the conference. She spent the money on 25 red silk poppies to hand out to participants (or she may have used the money on materials to make the poppies herself).

The poppy became a national symbol of remembrance, and two years later the American Legion adopted it at its own conference. Poppies have symbolized the day ever since.





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Risk Management  
Specialist

## Texting at the wheel is not going away

Texting while driving is a dangerous activity, but drivers do it anyway—sometimes with tragic results. The Auto Insurance Center surveyed 2,060 drivers about their in-car texting behaviors and found out what drives them to text at the wheel:

- » Pressure to quickly reply 26%
- » Making plans 19%
- » Not wanting to delay responding 17%
- » Needing directions 15%

Also reported: boredom, pressure to respond to a work-related issue, and loneliness.

What are they texting? When asked for their most recent vehicular texts, respondents' most common answers were:

- » Running late
- » Minutes late
- » Send me the address
- » Coming home
- » Heading home
- » I'll call
- » Months ago
- » Red light
- » Stuck in traffic
- » Weeks ago



## THE HOUSING MARKET IS OUTPERFORMING



The housing market has been off to a roar this spring. In fact, the market is performing so strongly that the National Association of REALTORS® has upgraded its forecast for the year. At the start of the year, home sales were

expected to match last year's pace due to higher mortgage rates and diminishing affordability. But the market is hardly slowing down, notes Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist. He now predicts existing-home sales to rise by 3.5 percent, and home prices likely will increase 5 percent this year.

Home sales are strong: Real estate professionals report an increase in foot traffic at listings and mortgage applications to buy a home remain above year-ago levels. Also, signed contracts to purchase a home are essentially running at decade highs, Yun notes.

"Not only are the buyers out in the market, but they are committing quickly," Yun notes in a recent column for The Hill. "The typical days on the market for a newly listed property is short at only a month. A month's supply of inventory is less than four months, which is well below the six to seven months that is considered more balanced." Escalation clauses in contracts are reportedly growing. This is where a potential buyer bids on a home at one price but is willing to raise the bid if the seller receives any higher bid.

But the hot market shouldn't offer up any fears of a housing bubble, Yun notes. Unlike years past, buyers are coming in with higher down payments and higher credit scores. Also, the lack of new-home construction is another reason not to fear a bubble, he says. Prices don't drop when there are inadequate supplies, and homebuilding is basically at half the level it was in the mid 2000s.

The strengthening housing market is becoming one major contributor to economic growth too, Yun notes. Higher home prices and housing equity will help give a boost to consumer spending, he adds.

"With no imminent threat of a recession, the housing market's strong first quarter sets the foundation for continued gains the rest of the year," Yun writes.

Source: "First Quarter GDP May Be Cool, But Housing Market Downright Balm," The Hill (May 1, 2017), <http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2017/05/02/housing-market-outperforming>

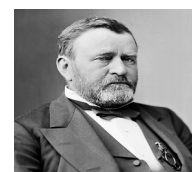
## Rules apply to everyone

During the Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant, commander of the Union forces, had to reprimand a guard who had deserted his post. "Orders must be strictly and promptly obeyed always," Grant told the young soldier.

A week later, the same soldier was told to guard a steamboat loaded with ammunition. His assignment: to make sure that nobody with a lighted pipe or cigar came near the boat. On the guard's first day at his new post, General Grant started walking toward the boat, puffing away on one of his famous cigars.

"Halt!" called the guard. "I have been taught to obey orders strictly and promptly, and my orders are to allow no one to approach this boat with a lighted cigar."

With a smile at hearing his own words repeated back to him, Grant threw the cigar in the river.



# Springtime Fun

## REBEKAH WAGSTER'S DAUGHTERS



Claire running in the 200 meter event.

Sadie receiving the baton from Claire during the 4x100 meter relay.



Sadie competing in the long jump.

## ROD ELSON



Rod Elson at the April All Employee Meeting presenting the process of selling real estate by auction.

## SCOTT BAHAM'S SON



Ty pitching for Melba High School

## DEE ANNE MOSMAN'S SONS



Soccer players, Dawson and Gage.

## LORI HYSELL'S HUSBAND



Jay displaying his defeated prey.

## DAWNA RUNNELS' GRANDDAUGHTER



Bristol earned 2nd All Around at state.



Bristol receives 1st for her Floor performance.

## JOHN FAW'S ADVENTURES



John volunteering his Search & Rescue knowledge and his vessel as a safety boat for the Riggins Jet Boat Races.



John enjoying a successful fishing trip on the Clackamas River.