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Making Williston Musical Memories

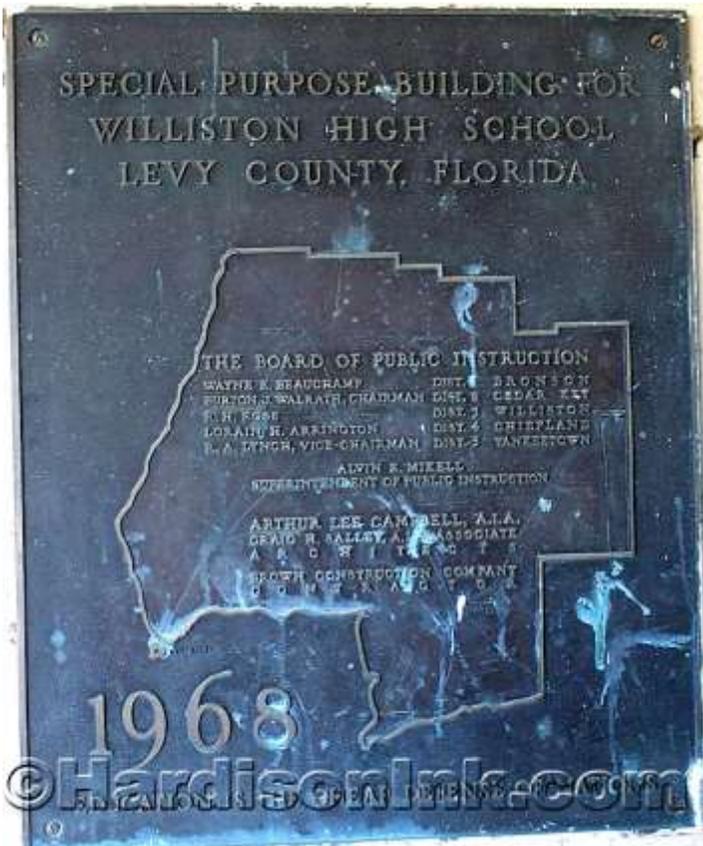
Williston City Clerk Fran Taylor holds the tag that once adorned the door to the WHS Band Room. Since WHS joined with Williston Middle School at the new campus of Williston Middle High School, the old building has been empty. Now that construction has started to build a new Williston City Hall, those office workers, including City Clerk Taylor and City Manager Scott Lippmann have moved all City Hall operations to what has become known as the WHS Multi-Purpose Building. When it was opened in 1968, that building was called the Special Purpose Building. With this move to the temporary site for the next nine to 12 months, the Williston City Council will be meeting there too.



It is in the former WHS Band Room that those meetings will be the entire City Council, clerk city manager and city attorney are seen in this new open layout. Meanwhile, as for the day-to-day work at the temporary facility, Clerk Taylor and City Manager Lippman are in a room that was formerly used as a science class laboratory. As for the musical element, however, Taylor said that she did not foresee returning to the WHS Band Room, which is where she will be taking minutes for the short-term while the City Council meets

there. Taylor still performs with other WHS alumni, where she plays flute and trumpet. Back in her high school days, Taylor also played saxophone and marching trombone. Her three daughters are musically talented as well. Mary Beth Weatherly, a WHS alumna, still plays flute, according to her Mom (Fran Taylor) and she joins with the other alumni of the band to play together on occasion. Fran Taylor's next oldest daughter Katie Taylor is in her senior year at WMHS in the band, and she is a drum major. In addition to those leadership duties, Katie Taylor plays the trumpet, as does her younger sister Lauren Taylor who is in the WMHS Band.

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This plaque for the old Williston High School Special Purpose Building shows the following information from when it was opened in 1968

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The Board of Public Instruction
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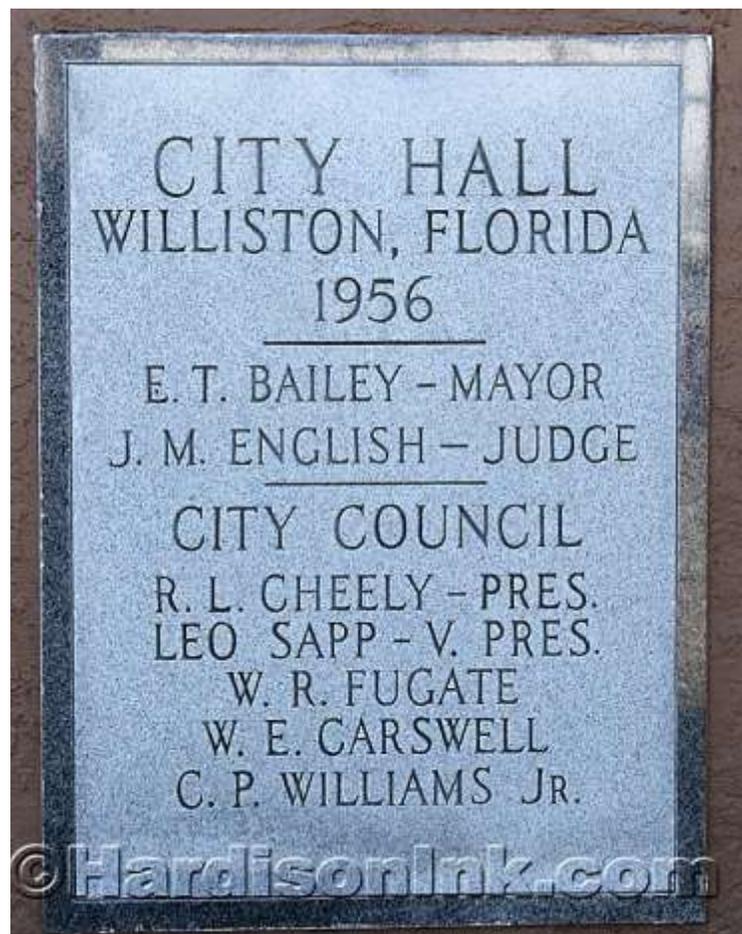
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R.A. Lynch, Vice Chairman Dist. 5

Yankeetown

Alvin E. Mikell Superintendent of Public Instruction

'Education Is The Cheap Defense Of Nations' - It notes.

This plaque on one of the columns on what is going to become the old Williston City Hall may be placed somewhere on the new structure. That answer is expected to be certain within a year.



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This weather-beaten aerial photograph from olden days shows a relatively unbuilt city. Williston appears to be striving to increase its residential and business structures nowadays, and has seen significant success – including the phenomenal improvements at Regional General Hospital, the initiation of adding fiber optic cable via Likwid Communication and the positive efforts at Municipal Williston Airport.



This is an artist's rendering of what the front of Williston City Hall will look like when it is finished.

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