

# Wallace Chamber of Commerce

## Celebrating 51 Years of Service

### December 2010 Newsletter

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## 2010 Wallace Christmas Parade



# Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 11  
at 10:00 a.m.



Don't forget  
to drop by  
and see Santa  
after the parade!



For more information call  
Wallace Chamber of Commerce (910) 285-4044

## New Member Spotlight:



As most of you know, during a year long sickness that sidelined Jeridith Blanton, he had to resign from his position of Police Officer with the Town of Wallace. "It was most painful letter I had to make myself write, because I loved my job as a Police Officer", stated Blanton in a recent conversation. His "people personality" kept him in tune with the public as a mediator to help those in needs rather than a hardcore, in your face Police Officer. While with the Town of Wallace, Jeridith purchased his first Aflac policy to cover his family.

Once taken out of work medically, Jeridith struggled in trying to figure out what to do to support his family income needs, when he received a call from his Aflac agent who offered to file a claim on his behalf. In less than one week, Jeridith was being paid Short Term Disability for a six month period. After his six months paid out, he still was continuing to struggle with fractures in his back caused from falls due to his undiagnosed seizure disorder. Due to the back damage, Blanton's Accident policy began to pay, which ended up totaling an excess of \$8,000 in benefits. Although over the course of a year, a lot more was needed to sustain his family, it was Aflac that kept his home, vehicles, etc. from being taken by creditors. Despite his illness and income needs, local churches, individuals, as well as the Chamber of Commerce joined in an effort to raise funds for Blanton.

After lying on his back for almost a year to heal his fractures and treat his seizures, Jeridith decided to take some online training and take his NC Insurance License test. He did so and passed the requirements. Afterwards, when offered various opportunities to work with insurance companies, Blanton decided to go with Aflac. His decision was mostly in part because the way he was treated and quickly taken care of by his agent and contacts he made through the claims process. "When I sell a policy to someone, it's not for a huge commission, but it's the pleasure of knowing that if the need arises, I have technically made a huge impact in an individuals life by protecting his income and family", stated Blanton.

Aflac delivers a full range of insurance services that are payroll deducted through your employer or by direct sales. Aflac can take any employers current benefit program, if available, and enhance it to expand benefits without cost to the employer. It helps contribute to good health by employees by offering wellness programs on most of its policies; it helps improve employee morale and retention, and economically meets employees' needs in the workplace. If you are interested in learning more about what Aflac can offer to your employees, contact Jeridith Blanton at 910.441.0409 or by email at [jeridith.blanton@us.aflac.com](mailto:jeridith.blanton@us.aflac.com).

**December 5**  
**7:30 pm**

# Handel's Messiah

The Wallace-Rose Hill Friends of the Arts are once again sponsoring a free performance of Handel's Messiah. The concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 7:30 pm. The concert will be held at the Wallace-Rose Hill High School Performing Arts Center. The public is encouraged to attend this favorite event.

## The Arts were Brewing

Wallace Chamber of Commerce members manned the office and joined in the fun during the Art at the Depot sponsored by the Longleaf Arts & Crafts Guild. The celebration was held Halloween weekend. Right: Missie Wells was an elegant witch for the day. Below; Helen Glass, Lou Powell and Donna Dube enjoyed the chance to dress up and entertain guests to the depot.



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**10:00am (9:00am lineup) December 11, 2010  
Parade Entry Form**

**ALL PAYMENTS & ENTRY FORMS DUE BY Wednesday, December 1, 2010.**

**Please send both to:** Wallace Chamber Of Commerce, P. O. Box 427,  
Wallace, North Carolina 28466; Phone 910-285-4044/Fax 910-285-3310



**Entry Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Day-time Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type Entry:(please describe)** \_\_\_\_\_

**FLOAT INFORMATION**

**Chamber Member Non-Member**

“Full Float”.....	\$385.00.....	\$410.00
“½ Float”.....	\$265.00.....	\$285.00
“1/3 Float”.....	\$185.00.....	\$210.00
“1/4 Float”.....	\$135.00.....	\$160.00
“1/6 Float”.....	\$100.00.....	\$125.00

- \* Floats will be available for sponsorship. Many Floats have already been reserved, so quick response is recommended.
- \* **Your business’ name** will be placed on each side of float, by the float company **as on Entry Form above.**
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ If sponsoring a Float, I will provide my own Float Riders.  
(Max # riders per float-12 Adults, **or** 18 children with 4 adult supervisors)
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer Wallace Chamber provide my Float riders. (Scout Troops, Queens, etc.)

Homemade Float.....\$25 Entry Fee...Business Vehicles...\$60 Entry Fee

**OTHER ENTRIES**

- Fire/Rescue Vehicles/JROTC/NC State Forestry Service-no Entry Fee
- Groups/School Clubs/Scouts/Churches-no Entry Fee unless on a self-constructed/homemade float-\$20.00
- Self-Constructed/Homemade Floats/Non-Business Vehicle/float: \$20.00 Entry Fee
- Self-Constructed/Homemade Floats in Contest-\$25.00 / Business vehicles- \$60
- Non-Business Indiv./Group/Misc. Type Entries: \$15.00-\$20.00/Entry Fee per vehicle (provide own sign)
- Sudan Classic Car Convertibles Sponsor: **Car Sponsor Fee: \$75.00**
- Out of County Queens: personal car/Sudan car/Float rider-\$40.00; Duplin County Queens: Sudan car rider-30.00, personal car-\$20.00, Float rider-\$10.00, (all must provide own sign)
- Business-walking individual (characters, etc.): Chamber Member \$40.00/Non-member \$50.00.
- Business Vehicle-\$60.00; Dealerships only: one vehicle @ \$60.00/ two or more vehicles @ \$25.00 each.
- Horse entry: horse group entry-\$60.00; Horse individuals-\$10.00 each/3 Horses-\$20.00; (see rules on next line)  
Horse/4-wheeler Combo Clubs: \$70.00. **Each horse rider must have Coggins Certificate with them at all times & must have a cleanup crew/diaper. Each motorized rider must sign the Parade/Law Enforcement Agreement.**
- Motorcycles-\$5.00 each & signed Parade/Law Enforcement Agreement
- Antique/Classic Cars/tractors-(cars prior to & including 1970) No Fee; Modern Car Clubs or Individuals-\$10.00/car

**\*Please.....No Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus costumes in the parade...No Exceptions!!! Santa & Mrs. Claus will be at the end of the parade as always on his float and another Santa or Mrs. Claus would be confusing to children. Thank you for your cooperation.**



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**Wallace, NC**  
**28466**

## WALLACE CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 11, 2010

**SAVE  
10%**

**on your 2011 Wallace Chamber of  
Commerce Membership Dues  
When you pay before January 31!**

***There will be no monthly membership meeting in  
December because of the Christmas Parade.***

## **November Membership Meeting Notes**

The November Meeting of the Wallace Chamber of Commerce was held at the Mad Boar restaurant Thursday, November 11. The speaker for the meeting, which was held on Veterans Day, was WECT-TV news personality Bob Townsend of Wallace. Townsend brought a video presentation on the Honor Flight project, which is working to send veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the WWII Monument. The Eastern North Carolina Chapter serves local counties, including Duplin County. Townsend had accompanied one of the flights, and shared how emotional and meaningful the experience was for the veterans, and the guardians who accompanied them.

There have been two flights of veterans to the memorial this fall and the organization is planning another flight in the spring of 2011. There is no charge to the veteran for the trip, which costs \$400. To learn how to donate or nominate a veteran, visit the Honor Flight website at [www.honorflightsenc.org](http://www.honorflightsenc.org)



Members of the Wallace Chamber Board of Directors posed with speaker Bob Townsend after the November Chamber of Commerce meeting. Pictured (L-r): Lou Powell, Missie Wells, Teyaka Pickett, Bill Cook, Bob Townsend, Davis Carr, Sheila Young.