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Your are cordially invited to Chamber After Hours



The River Landing Clubhouse

You are cordially invited to join us

Thursday, September 16

from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

*In the upstairs Banquet Room at the new
River Landing Clubhouse*

for

Chamber After Hours.

*Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available during an evening
featuring the work of Thomas Bennett*

Artist in Residence at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences.

R.S.V.P. by September 14 to Lou Powell by phone at

910-285-4044 or by email at lou@wallacechamber.com

*Please join us at this beautiful facility for an evening of fellowship and
networking with other chamber members.*

New Member *Thomas Bennett* Spotlight:

Thomas Bennett has been painting for years. The Wallace resident is best known for his nature inspired pieces. His talent and perspective has been called "Audubon inspired" by many. It is his ability to capture the beauty in North Carolina wildlife that has earned him a position as an Artist in Residence at the North Carolina Museum of Natural History.

In addition to his painting of nature, Bennett has done a commemorative painting for the North Carolina Muscadine Festival, and a festival promotional painting that was adapted as a label for one of Duplin Winery's "festival wines". He also painted the "Spirit of Airborne"



commemorative poster which celebrates the achievements of the airborne units at Fort Bragg.

Bennett recently donated a print of "Cardinals in Dogwood" to the Wallace Chamber of Commerce. The piece is on display at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Wallace Depot.

There will be a showing and sale of some of Bennett's work at the Chamber after Hours being held at the River Landing clubhouse in September.



Thomas Bennett, artist in residence at N. C. Museum of Natural Sciences donated this print "Cardinals in Dogwood" to the Wallace Chamber of Commerce.

Pet Friends 2nd Annual 5k Run & 3k Walk

Pet Friends of Duplin County will hold its second annual 5k Fun Run and 3k Pet Walk on Saturday October 30, 2010. PFDC is a non profit 501-C (3) organization committed to the plight of abandoned, unwanted and abused animals.

Pet Friends of Duplin County provides rescue services from area shelters and foster homes until these loveable and deserving animals can be placed in a suitable home for adoption. PFDC also has a low cost spay, neuter and rabies program. A transport service for these animals to safe havens is another service. PFDC conducts free pet care educational programs to the local schools in Duplin County.



Last year Pet Friends of Duplin County rescued and transported over 300 puppies, dogs, kittens and cats. There were 320 spay and neuter surgeries. A total of 10,000 miles were traveled to transport animals to safe havens.

We need your support to assist our four legged friends by participating in the PFDC Paws for a cause 5k Fun Run and 3k Pet Walk. The event starts at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 30, 2010. We are looking forward to seeing you there with or without your pet friend. If you cannot attend, your contribution to this worthwhile cause will be greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to Pet Friends of Duplin County, PO Box 152, Wallace, NC 28466. For more information, contact Bob Farina at 910-665-1133.

GOLD SPONSOR-\$250- Includes your name and logo on t-shirts, your name on a sponsorship sign along the walk/run route, and inclusion in our printed material.

SIVER SPOSOR-\$100- Includes your name in medium size block lettering on tee-shirts and inclusion in our printed material.

BRONZE SPONSOR-\$50- Includes your name on a sponsorship sign along our walk/run route and inclusion in our printed material



**Stop by Friendly Ford before
September 9, 2010 to register to
win a new 2011 Ford Mustang!**

Duplin County Partnership for Children Book Drive

Duplin County Partnership for Children is having a Book Drive for child care facilities in Duplin County, Parents as Teachers families, parent workshop attendees, families of other Smart Start funded programs and other organizations and families in need of children's books. For more information, please contact DCPC at 910-296-2000.



Book drop off locations in Wallace are: the Wallace Chamber of Commerce office from 1:00-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, Advance Auto, The Butter Box, Farm Bureau Insurance, Peebles Department Store, Piggly Wiggly and RCA Realty.

Duplin Christian Outreach Ministry opens thrift store

The Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries has opened the Blessings in Store thrift shop at 114 SW Railroad St. Items are donated to the ministry, and sold at reasonable cost to the community. They have a large selection of clothing for children, ladies and men, with prices ranging from \$1.00-\$6.00. There is also a good selection of houseware items and linens at equally reasonable prices.

The store is open Thursday from 1:00-6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information about the store or to arrange to make a donation, please call 910-285-5557.



JSCC Small Business Seminars

The Fall session of seminars sponsored by the James Sprunt Small Business Center is really exciting! The seminars are free, and are certificate sessions. To register for any of the seminar sessions call 910-2962430 or email sbc@jamesprunt.edu.

Entrepreneur Academy 2010

Boyette Bldg, Room 113, 6-10 p.m.

How to Finance Your Business- Tuesday - September 7-Learn the facts about adequate financing for your small business.

How to Market Your Business- Tuesday- September 14-Learn to develop an effective marketing plan.

Tax Reporting Requirements- Tuesday- September 21-Learn the basics of state and federal tax requirements and filing.

Small Business Record Keeping - Tuesday- September 28-Learn to manage the balance sheet, income sheet and cash flow for your business.

All seminars are free, and a Certificate of Completion will be given to those who attend all six sessions.

Fundamentals of Supervision and Management

Hoffler Building-Monk Auditorium, 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.

How to find, hire and keep great people- Thursday - September 30 - Learn to find and keep great people for your organization- John Formica

Coaching your employees- The Disney way to get positive results- Thursday - October 28- This session will focus on results oriented leadership styles, effective communication skills, and coaching skills that motivate and result in increased performance from your team. -John Formica

Diversity Awareness-Building Better Relationships- Thursday- November 18 - Learn to identify the barriers to diversity, four steps to building better relationships, guidelines for managing a diverse workplace and how to meet the needs of your diverse customers.- John Formica

All seminars are free, and a Certificate of Completion will be given to those who attend all four sessions.



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**Wallace Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2010 1:00 p.m.
Western Sizzlin' Restaurant**

**Speakers: Don Spry, Small Business Administration Area Manager
& Bob Roman, Pet Friends of Duplin County**

**CHAMBER AFTER HOURS
September 16, 2010**

**Christmas at Twilight
Meeting, September 2**



Mark your calendar, and plan to join us for a Chamber After Hours event, Thursday, September 16, 2010. The event will be held upstairs in the Banquet Room of the new River Landing Clubhouse. The evening will run from 6:00 p.m. and until 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be offered, and a cash bar will be available.

Renown artist and Wallace resident, Thomas A. Bennett, Artist in Residence at the North Carolina Museum of Natural History, will have his paintings on display, and prints of several will be available for purchase at the event.

You must RSVP by September 14 to attend this event. Please call Lou Powell, Executive Director of the Wallace Chamber of Commerce at 910-285-4044 or email your acceptance of the invitation to lou@wallacechamber.com.



The next planning meeting for 2010 Christmas at Twilight will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 2. The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Wallace Depot.

Please come out and find out how you can help to make this year's Christmas at Twilight the most successful event yet. If enough people volunteer to help in the planning or during the event, the amount of time and effort asked by each person will be small.

Once again this year, we will be calling on businesses to sponsor the event, and looking for donations of goods and services needed as well. We appreciate all the businesses that support this event.

**Mark your calendars!
Christmas at Twilight will be held
Saturday, November 20 this year!**