

**WFVD selects 2024-26 officers and awards scholarships**



The Wallace Fire Department presented the Sally Jerome Townsend Scholarship to two firemen's daughters on 1/4/24 Pictured (l-r); Chris Herring, Taylor Herring, Fire Chief Taylor Johnson, Jorja Wells, Jason Wells

During their January meeting, the Wallace Volunteer Fire Department met and selected its officers for the next two year term.

**Officer for the 2024-2026 term are:**

- Fire Chief - Taylor Johnson
- Assistant Fire Chief - Wayne Rich
- 1st Battalion Chief - Stanley Skidmore
- 2nd Battalion Chief - Chris Herring
- 1st Battalion Captain - Jeremy Strickland
- 2nd Battalion Captain - Lex Marshburn
- Training Officer - Jason Davis
- Incident Safety Officer - Sammy Marshburn
- 1st Battalion Lieutenant - Steven Scott
- 2nd Battalion Lieutenant - Jeff Morrison
- Secretary/ Treasurer - Jason Davis

The Wallace Volunteer Fire Department is actively recruiting new members. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM at the fire station.

Please reach out to Fire Chief Taylor Johnson at 910-289-5149 or stop by the station on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM to learn more about being a member of our team.

**Annual Wallace Gala at the Depot scheduled for March 24**

The Wallace Depot Commission Annual Fund-raiser and the dedication of the Ed Braks Garden Railroad will be held Saturday March 24, 2024 from 6-10 PM at the Wallace Depot Complex. Music will be provided by River Landing's *River Bandits* and gourmet Greek, Italian and Vegetarian Cuisine will be prepared by Chef Isaac Georgiadis

Ticket Price \$100.00 per person (of which \$50.00 is a tax deductible contribution to the Wallace Depot Commission)

For more info please contact Paul Izzo at 856-577-3683 or paulizzo1@gmail.com

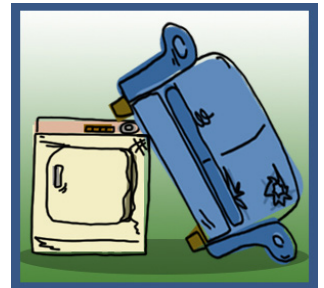


**Big Trash Day is Thursday, February 1**

The Town of Wallace provides Big Trash day once a quarter. All items should be placed at the curb by 7 am on the day of pickup. Items that can be picked up are home furnishings, appliances, etc.

We can not accept batteries, paint, tires, and building materials (examples are shingles, wood, etc.)

If you have any questions, please contact the public works department at 910-285-2812.



**Thelma Dingus Bryant Library**  
409 West Main Street • Wallace

**February Storytime**

**Feb 1 - Shapes & Shadows**

**Feb 8 - Mail**

**Feb 15 - Valentine's Day**

**Feb 22 - Dental Health**

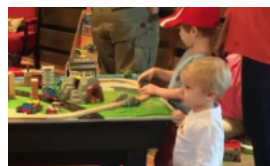
**Feb 29 - Birds**

**Libby - Your Online Library!**

To use Libby, download the Libby app to your device and sign in using your Thelma Dingus Bryant Library card. Browse the available items, borrow them and enjoy them on Phones, tablets, and Kindles can be used and audio books can play in the car if you have Bluetooth capability.

**Second Saturday at the Wallace Depot**  
206 SW Railroad St. • Wallace

The Wallace Train Depot will be open on the **second** Saturday of the month from 10 am-Noon! The Model Train Room will be open with an interactive layout that allows children to help run the trains, and the new outdoor Garden Railroad will also be running-weather permitting. The Learning Station at the Depot will be open with lots of activities, including the ride'em Thomas the Train and interactive train table.



The Wallace Train Depot is available to rent for birthday parties, weddings and wedding events. For information on prices and availability, please contact the Wallace Area Chamber of Commerce at info@wallacechamber.org or (910) 665-9535.

**Carolina Strawberry Festival Recruiting Volunteers for 2024**

The 2024 Carolina Strawberry Festival is coming sooner than you think! The strawberry plants are in the ground getting ready to produce the best North Carolina strawberries just in time for the Wallace festival. The bands, rides, vendors and dinosaurs are all ready and waiting for May 3 & 4!!

The festival doesn't just happen on its own.... it takes a lot of folks behind the scenes...and it takes volunteers for many positions. High School students can apply for credit hours but many slots need adult volunteers. Please fill out the form on the CSF website to become a 2024 volunteer!

[www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com/volunteer](http://www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com/volunteer)

## Parks & Recreation February Basketball Schedule

Admission fee for all games and sites is \$5.00 per person ages 13 and over. Ages 12 & under are free. A post season tournament for each age group will be played the weekend of Feb. 16.  
**Tournament hosts:** Chinquapin-8U Boys & Girls - Albertson-10U Boys & Girls - Wallace-12U Boys & Girls  
**Playing sites** Albertson-B.F. Grady-2627 N NC HWY 903, Albertson  
 Beulaville-Beulaville Elementary-138 Lyman Road, Beulaville  
 Chinquapin-Chinquapin Elementary-3894 S NC HWY 50, Chinquapin  
 Kenansville-Kenansville Elementary-328 Limestone Road, Kenansville  
 Wallace-Campbell Center-513 SE Railroad Street, Wallace  
 Warsaw-Warsaw Recreation Center-309 memorial Drive, Warsaw

<p>Fri. Feb. 2</p> <p>Sat. Feb. 3 (8U Boys)</p> <p>Sun. Feb. 4 (12U Girls)</p> <p>Fri. Feb. 9</p> <p>Sat. Feb. 10 (10U Boys)</p> <p>Sat. 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Lethal Ladies @ 8:00</p> <p>(10U Boys) Warsaw Hornets vs. Beulaville Dawgs @ Warsaw @ 6:00</p> <p>(12U Boys) Warsaw Hornets vs. Chinquapin Indians @ 7:00</p> <p>(8U Boys) Beulaville Panthers vs. Wallace Bullpups @ Beulaville @ 10:00</p> <p>(8U Girls) Beulaville Panthers vs. Wallace Sparks @ 11:00</p> <p>(10U Girls) Beulaville Sharpshooters vs. Wallace Storm @ 12:00</p> <p>(10U Boys) Beulaville Deacons vs. Albertson Panthers @ 1:00</p> <p>(10U Boys) Beulaville Dawgs vs. Wallace Pirates @ 2:00</p> <p>(12U Boys) Beulaville Hornets vs. Warsaw Nets @ 3:00</p> <p>(8U Boys) Chinquapin Pirates vs. Beulaville Gators @ Chinquapin @ 10:00</p> <p>(8U Boys) Chinquapin Tar Heels vs. Kenansville Wolfpack @ 11:00</p> <p>(8U Boys) Chinquapin Pirates vs. Wallace Warriors @ 12:00</p> <p>(8U Boys) Wallace Wolverines vs. Kenansville Tar Heels @ Wallace @ 10:00</p> <p>(10U Girls) Wallace Lethal Ladies vs. Beulaville Lady Panthers @ 11:00</p> <p>(10U Boys) Wallace Lakers vs. Wallace Bulls @ 12:00</p> <p>(10U Girls) Wallace Bulldogs vs. Beulaville Lady Panthers @ 1:00</p> <p>(12U Boys) Wallace 76ers vs. Beulaville Green Elite @ 2:00</p> <p>(12U Boys) Wallace Warriors vs. Albertson Panthers @ 3:00</p> <p>(12U Boys) Wallace 76ers vs. Warsaw Warriors @ 4:00</p> <p>(8U Boys) Warsaw Tar Heels vs. Albertson Panthers @ Warsaw @ 10:00</p> <p>(10U Boys) Warsaw Warriors vs. Beulaville Grizzlies @ 11:00</p> <p>(10U Boys) Warsaw Hornets vs. Chinquapin Panthers @ 12:00</p> <p>(10U Boys) Warsaw Warriors vs. Wallace Tar Heels @ 1:00</p> <p>(12U Boys) Wallace Commanders vs. Albertson Panthers @ Wallace @ 3:00</p> <p>(12U Boys) Wallace Warriors vs. Warsaw Hornets @ 4:00</p> <p>(12U Girls) Wallace Commanders vs. Warsaw Lady Tigers @ 5:00</p> <p>(12U Boys) Wallace Warriors vs. Wallace 76ers @ 6:00</p> <p>(10U Girls) Albertson Panthers vs. Wallace Lethal Ladies @ Albertson @ 6:00</p> <p>(10U Boys) Albertson Panthers vs. Wallace Bulls @ 7:00</p> <p>(12U Girls) Albertson Panthers vs. Warsaw Lady Tigers @ 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### Noah Locklear sworn in as Wallace Police officer

Congratulations to our newest team member, Officer Noah Locklear. Noah comes to us with an eagerness to serve, and will make a great addition to our team. Welcome, Officer Locklear!



THE CAROLINA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

# GARDEN GALA

## Carolina Strawberry Festival adds inaugural gala event to kick off the festival

The Carolina Strawberry Festival will start this year with a pre-festival event, the Garden Gala, on April 27, 2024 from 1-6 PM, hosted by the Gardens at Johnson Nursery. This inaugural kick-off event promises an enjoyable experience with food, drinks, music, and an opportunity to explore the beautiful gardens.

Musical entertainment will be provided by *The Catalinas* and an *After Party* will be hosted by the Mad Boar. More information coming soon! Get ready for a Berry Good Time! For tickets and further details, visit [www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com](http://www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com).

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