

# CHAMBER INSIDER

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## Bash plans moving forward

The Halloween Bash on October 20 is shaping up to be another great Chamber event. This annual fundraiser will be held at the Wallace Elks Lodge and will include a dinner prepared by Sano Haldi, great entertainment and a live auction, topped off by a surprise drawing at the end of the event. Donations to the auction are needed and greatly appreciated. The committee is also looking for volunteer spotters, runners and helpers. Next planning meeting will be September 11 at 5:30 p.m. at City Limits.

## Flea Market continues summer events

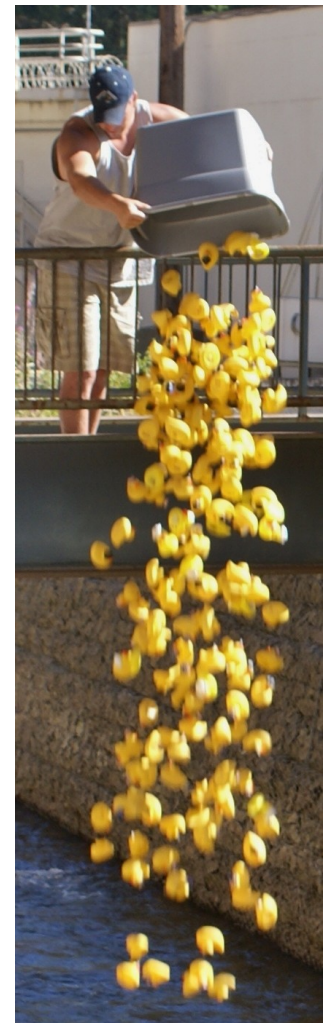
A phenomenal summer of events continues this weekend with the Under the Freeway Flea Market sponsored by the Historic Wallace Preservation Society. More than 80 vendors will be on hand with antiques and collectables, food, crafts and information. One booth will even be offering free blood pressure checks. And, the best thing about it, admission is free! Organizers said the flea market brings 5,000 to

7,000 people to Wallace over the course of four days.

As in past years, the Wallace Rotary will hold its "Running of the Ducks" event at 3 p.m. Sunday. If you haven't adopted your duck, you can do so at their booth for \$5 each or \$20 for a quackpack of five. First-place winner takes home \$500; second place \$250 and third, \$100. Winners will be announced following the race.



The 2011 Under the Freeway Flea Market & Duck Run



## September speakers will talk about Lookout seasons

As the Route of the Hiawatha prepares to end its season, and Lookout gears up for winter, its CEO and marketing director will share successes of the summer and plans for the winter.

Phil Edholm and Chris Barrett will be our speakers for the September 5 breakfast meeting at 7:45 a.m. at the 1313 Club. They will talk about how Wallace busi-

nesses can benefit from Lookout's winter season and, in turn, what Wallace can do to help Lookout attract winter sports enthusiasts.

Please contact Diane if you plan to attend so we can have an accurate meal count. The second membership meeting of the month will be September 19, with location and speaker to be announced soon.

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## Wallace Chamber says goodbye to familiar summer faces



Marcia Waite

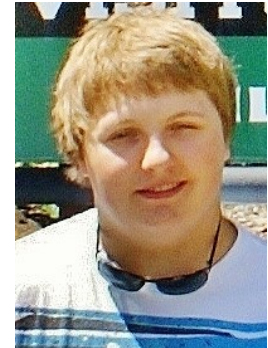
Two familiar faces at the Visitors Center and Chamber events this summer have been Dusty Williams and Marcia Waite. Both have done everything from cleaning restrooms to greeting visitors to helping with festivals.

For the second consecutive year, Dusty was able to work for the Chamber through the Idaho Department of Labor summer

youth program. Dusty is now back at Wallace High School where he is a sophomore.

Marcia was a summer volunteer for the Chamber and has now returned to North Idaho College where she is enrolled full-time in the nursing program.

Thank you, Dusty and Marcia, for all your hard work. We will miss you, but wish you the best as you pursue your education.



Dusty Williams

## CHAMBER NEWS

### Board vacancy

The Historic Wallace Chamber of Commerce will be filling a board vacancy at its September 11 Board Meeting at 7 a.m. at the Brooks. Chamber members may nominate a candidate in advance of the meeting by notifying Diane *in writing* at the Chamber office. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, however nominees must be aware of their nomination, willing to serve, and have been a member in good standing for at least a year. The person selected will serve until the annual Board elections in January.

### Eagle Park highlighted

One of our Chamber's new members, Eagle City Park, was featured earlier this year in the Idaho Senior Independent newspaper. Eagle City Park is a 35-acre privately owned recreational gold prospecting site at the old townsite of Eagle City, which was where the first gold rush to the Coeur d'Alenes occurred. The

park, owned by Bob Lowe, is open weekends through October (other times by appointment) for prospecting and dry camping.

### Wallace featured

A photo of Wallace has been selected to illustrate the first round of entries in the Prettiest Painted Places in America contest which highlights painted buildings in the U.S. ([Link](#))

Chamber President Mike Feiler submitted a portfolio of photos in the contest's under 10,000 population category. The contest will select 60 semi-finalists in September and name 12 winners in October.

### July visitors

A total of 1,940 signed the Guest Registry at the Visitors Center in July compared to 1,964 in July of 2011. The number of volunteer hours this July was 206, compared to 264 hours in July of 2011.

### WELCOME!!

The Chamber welcomes the following new members:

**R.E.S.T.  
A Ministry of Rural  
Shepherds Network**

Art Fleming  
Wallace

**Eagle City Park**

Bob Lowe  
Wallace

Total members: 144

### *Car business, museum archives are topic of August meetings*

The internet not only saved Dave Smith Motors when it was experiencing hard times but propelled the Kellogg-based company to becoming a leader in the auto sales industry.

Eric Smith, who with his brother Ken run the company their father founded, was guest speaker for the Chamber's August 1 meeting. Outlining the ups and downs of the business, he explained how staying on the cutting edge of technology has grown the business into the #1 internet dealership in 7 of the last 10 years, and brought accolades such as the world's largest Dodge dealer nine consecutive

years and #1 GM Dealer in the Northwest for 13 years. The company credits changing with the times, being pro-active and providing exemplary customer service as the keys to its success.

Thank You, Eric, for a great insight into the auto industry!

Also in August, the Chamber heard from the Wallace Mining Museum director, Jim McReynolds, on the museum's digitization project that has received the state's Records Preservation Award. State Sen. Joyce Broadsword was on hand to present the award on behalf of the state. Our thanks to Jim and Joyce!

TIDBITS

**Accolades**

Congratulations to the Sierra Silver Mine Tour for earning a "Recommended on TripAdvisor" sticker.

The recognition is based on positive reviews by visitors to TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel website.

**Tours coming**

The Wallace Inn reports these tours scheduled this month:

Utopia, Sept. 6; Sun Fun, Sept. 6 and Sept. 15; Raindance, Sept. 2; Paramount Travel, Sept. 13; 50s-70s Group, Sept. 21.

Sierra Silver Mine Tour has 100+ people from Mukagawa Fort Wright Academy coming for a tour on Sept. 28.

**Trip giveaway**

Tickets are still available for the Hawaiian vacation being raffled as a fundraiser for Good Sam Silver Wood Village. Tickets are \$20 each and only 200 will be sold. The winner will be drawn at the Historic Silver Valley Gold Diggers event Sept. 22.

Chamber hosts two successful festivals in August

An accordion celebration parade, a concert at the Elks Lodge, music in the gazebo and dancing in the street were all part of a very successful second annual Accordion Festival sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Feedback has been extremely positive and plans are under way to expand the event next year.



Professional accordionists Johnny Vukonich and Michael Bridge bring people to their feet for impromptu dancing on Sixth Street.



Purple, purple, everywhere.

Purple prevailed as a new event, the Purple Shade Parade, kicked off another successful Huckleberry Festival. Also new this year was a Salsa Challenge, in addition to the traditional Huckleberry Bake-off. The 5K Walk/Run again proved popular, with more than 80 runners. This year's Huckleberry Festival brought a record number of vendors to the streets and Depot lawn.

**Quilt raffle helps Cheerleaders**

Anne Alexander presented School Superintendent Bob Ranells with a \$200 check for the Wallace High School Cheerleaders. The money was raised through the raffle of a music-themed quilt handcrafted by Anne. Tickets were sold before and during the Accordion Festival. The lucky winner was Yudira Zito of Coeur d'Alene.





Plans and schedules can change. Always confirm dates, places.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	The Historic Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual fundraiser, the Gold Diggers Auction, on September 22. For tickets or more info, Call Colleen at 208 784-0821.					1 Under the Freeway Flea Market
2 Under the Freeway Flea Market	3 Under the Freeway Flea Market LABOR DAY	4	5 Chamber Breakfast, 1313 Club, 7:45	6 Good Sam Good Neighbor BBQ	7 Wallace First Friday	8 Mine to Vine Ride; SMC Golf Classic
9 Staff House Museum Social & Free Day	10	11 Chamber Bd. 7 a.m., Brooks	12 City Council mtg. 6 p.m.	13	14 Wallace Elks Roundup	15 Fuller Center Walkathon
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 SMC Kids Health Fair; Gold Diggers Auction
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Harvest Fest & Bike Event, Silver Mtn.
30 Harvest Fest & Bike Event, Silver Mtn.	September 30 is the final day for the Route of the Hiawatha this season					Please email Janet Feiler if you have a calendar listing for October.

Mark October 20 for the Historic Wallace Chamber's Halloween Bash.