Florence Jones, 92, has been a volunteer at Community Outreach of Archdale-Trinity since it started in 2003. In the above photo, she arranges holiday items for a Christmas sale to take place each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Dec. 22 at 10607 N. Main St., Archdale. Proceeds from the sales will benefit needy people in the Archdale-Trinity area. To find out how you can help call 336-434-3663.

Photo by Debbie Hightower

TRINITY — N.C. Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey was on hand Monday at Wheatmore High School to honor the contributions of two community members who rescued two others from a mobile home fire.

Wheatmore teacher Kelly Ivey received a plaque before many of her students commending her actions as the first person on the scene of a near-fatal fire.

"In North Carolina this year, we've had 124 people die in house fires," Causey said to the students who crowded into the Wheatmore gymnasium. "That's a tragedy, and it's a shame."

"But I'm going to tell you a little story. On June 7 this year, Kelly Ivey was on her way to pick up her two sons from Hopewell Elementary School, but before reaching the school, she saw heavy smoke coming from inside a mobile home on Welborn Road here in Trinity."

According to Causey, the teacher stopped at the scene and heard a woman banging on the door, asking for help from inside the home, because she could not get out. The doorway was obstructed by pieces of wood, so Ivey moved the wood away and got the woman safely outside the home.

Ivey and Randolph County Sheriff's Deputy Cody R.

RCSO deputy, Wheatmore teacher honored for heroism

BY DANIEL KENNEDY

ARCHDALE — Don't miss the Archdale Christmas Parade set for 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 on Main Street in Archdale.

Leading off this year's festivities will be two inspiring individuals — Grand Marshal Jerome Davis and Junior Grand Marshal Tyler Rosa.

An Archdale resident for most of his life, Davis rose to stardom when he became the 1995 PRCA World Bull Riding Champion. Davis was the only bull rider in PRCA history to be ranked in the top five each year since 1993.

“I was pretty excited that they would want me to do it,” he said. “I thought it was pretty cool. And glad that they even considered me to do it.”

Don't look for Davis in a shiny convertible, though.

"I'll probably just wash my truck and get my wife to ride with me," he said. Davis' life changed considerably March 14, 1998 after he was thrown from a bull and broke his neck. Although the accident left him paralyzed from the chest down, it didn't take away his positive outlook.

He and his wife, Tiffaney, continue to play a significant role in the bull riding circuit.

Photo by Debbie Hightower

Tiffany and Jerome Davis are pictured.

Community Outreach of Archdale-Trinity Christmas sale

BY DEBBIE HIGHTOWER

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Jordan were named recipients of the Commissioner's Award for Heroism. As the fire spread inside the home and Ivey worked to get the woman outside the residence, Causey said, Jordan arrived on the scene.

Upon his arrival, Jordan freed another resident from the home. "If it hadn't been for the quick actions of Kelly and Deputy Jordan, the two women may have been seriously injured or worse," Causey said. "There could have been other fatalities to add to our already-high number. A lot of people wonder where today's heroes have gone. Today, we're looking at (them)."

Causey's recognition came four months after the Randolph County Sheriff's Office honored the deputy. Jordan was presented the “Life Saving Award” by Sheriff Robert Graves after he responded to the call on Welborn Road. Graves announced the honor in the sheriff's office Facebook page, saying Jordan responded with pride and valor.

"Deputy Jordan quickly ran to the window of a front bedroom, where the family inside was trying to escape," Graves said. "Jordan then pulled a toddler from a small opening in the window and carried him to safety. Jordan then returned to the window and used his (baton) to create an opening big enough for the adult resident to escape."

The adult resident Causey referred to previously broke her foot in a separate incident, Graves said, and was unable to escape the building under her own power. Jordan reached through the window and pulled her through to safety.

"Deputy Jordan's quick thinking and selfless actions show that he went above and beyond the call of duty to serve, protect and preserve life," Graves said. "Deputy Jordan continues to be an exemplary law enforcement officer and his commendable performance during this incident is in good keeping with the highest traditions of law enforcement service, and reflects great credit upon himself, the patrol division and the Randolph County Sheriff's Office."

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