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# Queen's Cup Steeplechase

## The 14th Annual Running of Champions

by John Tiley

Come on out Saturday, April 25, 2009 for the party event of the year!

In just over two weeks the Queens Cup Steeplechase will once again grace us with some of the best horse racing in the world. Having lived in the Waxhaw area for many years I can say with certainty a person knows when this event is getting ready to run.



Direction signs go up. Advertising starts appearing in local papers and television. Chatter at all of the local restaurants includes at least some mention, especially if any of our numerous equestrian types are present. And all of this comes to a head on Saturday, April 25th when over 14,000 people are expected to show up for an entire days worth of events. Rain or Shine nothing is going to slow this happening down. I understand the "Tailgating" there makes anything seen at a Panthers game look downright amateurish?



And just for , "this biggest event of the year..." Mayor Daune Gardner of Waxhaw still has a few tickets to the Friends of Waxhaw Private Tent on Heartbreak Hill. Proceeds from this effort benefit the Waxhaw Arts Counsel. Come out for a day at the races (if you are local). Meet Mayor Gardner and many other fine folks of Waxhaw, hang out with LPM, and enjoy the festivities of the day!  
Email Daune at [daune@creativeplus.com](mailto:daune@creativeplus.com) for details and to buy tickets.

### Laura Petler Music Performance Schedule 2009

April 24, 2009 3pm National Anthem, Waxhaw, Bridge Dedication Ceremony  
May 16, 2009, 5pm-6pm, Spring Fest, Waxhaw Bandstand, Waxhaw, NC  
May 23, 2009, time TBA, Memorial Day National Anthem, Waxhaw, NC

\*\*We are grateful for every opportunity extended to us to serve our communities.\*\*

### Town of Waxhaw Plans Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony

Waxhaw, N.C. Plans are under way for the 2009 Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony in historic downtown Waxhaw. The program is slated for Saturday, May 23rd beginning with breakfast and registration for veterans at 9am. The official public program will begin at 10am in front of the Waxhaw Military Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor is located in the East North

Waxhaw 73°F  
AccuWeather.com Weather Forecast  
**Overhead Bridge Dedication**

The Town of Waxhaw will be holding a dedication ceremony for the overhead bridge on April 24th, 2009 at 3pm. We will be installing a beautiful bronze plaque to thank our generous contributors, Town of Waxhaw Public Service and CSX railroad. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.



The Waxhaw Farmers Market will open for the 2009 season on April 4th.



Through the cooperation of the "Habitat Road Trip Craziest" as well as over 200 volunteers, the Union County Habitat for Humanity will soon be changing the world for three local families. Watch for details over the next few weeks on how you can help in this upcoming event.



Welcome to this weeks edition of The Waxhaw Gazette! If you own a business and have any news worthy happenings planned or know of someone new coming in, send me a press release and I will be happy to include it. Contact me directly with comments or suggestions at: [jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com](mailto:jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com)

Main Street block in historic downtown. The program will be emceed by Ken Conrad and will include: the changing of flags by American Legion Post 208, The National Anthem by Laura Pettler, Laying of the wreath, guest speaker John W. Falkenbury Lieutenant colonel, U.S. Army, retired and President of the N.C. USO., a three round volley from the overhead bridge, taps, Ken O'Neil on bag pipes and a symbolic releasing of doves. The public is urged to attend this event to commemorate all war veterans. Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice in the memories of future generations This event is free to the public. For more information on the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony please go to [www.waxhaw.com](http://www.waxhaw.com) or call 704-843-2195 ext 26.

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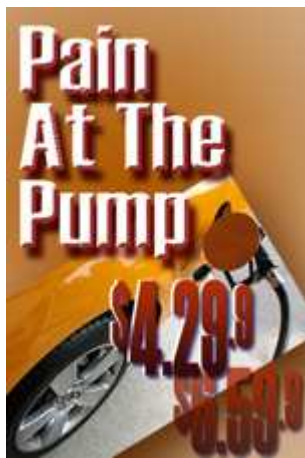
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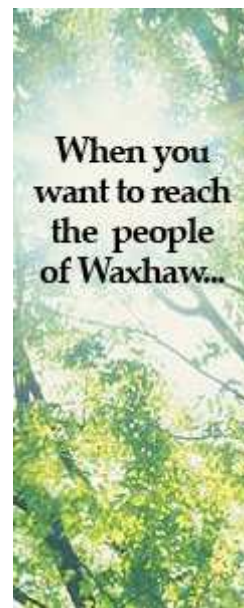
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### Prices for gas in the Waxhaw area... Where are they headed this week?

	3/20/08	4/10/09
Texaco:	<b>\$3.19.9</b>	<b>\$1.91.9</b>
Pure:	<b>\$3.24.9</b>	\$
Little General:	<b>\$3.24.9</b>	\$
Shell:	<b>\$3.24.9</b>	\$
Wax. In n Out:	<b>\$3.26.9</b>	\$
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	<b>\$3.20.9</b>	\$
Texaco:	<b>\$3.21.9</b>	<b>\$1.91.9</b>
BP on New Town	<b>\$3.21.9</b>	\$

*Editors Note: Usually I personally check the prices posted for the above companies. However, occasionally when time is short I call the stations on the phone to check for current prices. If no pricing is offered the above reflects the last visually confirmed pricing.*



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**"Always do right -  
This will gratify  
some people and  
astonish the rest."  
--Mark Twain**

# And now, Our Weekly Dose of Humor directly from the Internet.....

bits and pieces that your Editor will not testify to for correctness, accuracy nor even believability but they are certainly humorous? So Enjoy!

## QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME....

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? ((They're going to see you naked anyway.))

Why is 'bra' singular and 'panties' plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Why do they call it an asteroid when it's outside the hemisphere, but call it a hemorrhoid when it's in your butt?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

## Why, Why, Why ...

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they KNOW there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, 'It's all right?' Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, 'That really hurt, why don't you watch where you're going?'

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

And my FAVORITE.....



The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons are suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.

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