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# EXTRA - EXTRA - EXTRA

## Your Editor Published Too Soon!

Dateline: Saturday, April 19th, 2008

Shortly after finishing the days work yesterday it came to my attention that once again, the Big Oil Power Brokers decided the current gouge wasn't deep enough. As of Friday afternoon, the average price rose to \$3.45.9 per gallon. Now, just in case nobody out there remembers their high school math, this represents just under a **7% rise over the last week** ( 8 days) and, if you extrapolate that out.... a whopping **300+% APR** ! Just a bit above inflation I'd say. And you know what? Nobody that I could find, and it is now Saturday afternoon as I write this addendum... ABC, NBC, CBS, AAA, none of the media at large, NOBODY has raised even a squeak about it. Does Washington and the Oil Brokers really believe all of us have our heads buried in the sand?

John Tiley, Editor & Publisher, The Waxhaw Gazette

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## Well, Perhaps \$4.00+ by this Summer isn't such a Reach?

I am without a doubt amazed how the PR Prophecy of higher dollar gas is coming true. In one short week the rate of cost has risen three fold what it had in the month before. How much more can be expected to be gouged before the backs of the consumers are broken remains to be seen. I do know that many people are just running up their credit cards with the cost. I suppose that in short order a whole new round of bankruptcies will hit the Nation and the banks will try to get the Government to bail them out again. All the while the Oil Companies and the Profit Takers on Wall Street continue to laugh all the way to their off shore accounts. Time will tell and I am afraid it will be a sad time for us all.

## HANG ON TO YOUR WALLETS EVERYBODY!

Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area as of 9:00 AM, Thursday 4/17/08, 2nd update 8PM 4/19/08:

Texaco:	<del>\$3.33.9</del>	<b>\$3.43.9</b>
Pure:	<del>\$3.34.9</del>	<b>\$3.41.9</b>
Little General:	<del>\$3.25.9</del>	<b>\$3.44.9</b>
Shell:	<del>\$3.39.9</del>	<b>\$3.45.9</b>
Wax. In n Out:	<del>\$3.36.9</del>	<b>\$3.36.9</b>

Are they still open for business?

Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	<del>\$3.33.9</del>	<b>\$3.42.9</b>
Texaco:	<del>\$3.33.9</del>	<b>\$3.43.9</b>
BP		
on New Town	<del>\$3.33.9</del>	<b>\$3.45.9</b>



From Four Weeks Ago through last week gas prices in our immediate area had risen 7 - 10 cents. In just the week since, No this isn't a typo, prices have gone up **another 7 to 10 cents** per gallon.

**That's 14 to 20 cents a gallon in 4 Weeks!**

*I strongly recommend, no, your Editor insists that we make sure to remember our pain this coming November.*

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*I encourage all of you to pass our link along to your Waxhaw friends and relatives so they too can enjoy our paper. Remember we will be publishing every Friday with updates as they come out. I continue the process of building out our e-mail list which I will use to send out as an announcement at time of publishing so if your not already on our list and wish to become a subscriber, please drop me a line with your request.*

## NEW!

### Featured Photo show

## The Week Ahead:

Events Updated: Queens Cup Steeplechase 13th Annual Running of Champions, 3rd Annual Union County Red Cross Charity Ball; The Scottish Society of the Waxhaw's invites the public to support the Scottish Highland Games by coming to their BBQ, April 26, at the American Legion Post 208



Maximized Living Makeover; Rotary 3rd Annual 5K Race; Golden Leaf Calendar Plus SpringFest

Arts Crafts & Homes: Golden Leaf, Contributing Writers add once again to this months advice

Humor: I do a lot of my shopping online, and this might be why?!

Advice: I think maybe this girl has been rear ended one too many times?

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

**Air travel in the US ....never worse!**  
FAA Crackdowns | Flight Cancellations | Rising Fuel Costs | Airlines driven out of business | Runway Congestion equals flight delays at airports across the country!

Why write about the airline crisis? No, there isn't an International Airport planned for the Waxhaw area, not even a hub. I expect the biggest airport (and certainly a very good one) that could affect us

On a more local level, light rail will defiantly need to expand. The way we have had it with our personal cars, driving to and from work every day

release and I will be happy to include it. Contact me directly with comments or suggestions at: [jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com](mailto:jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com)

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is the Monroe Airport, but that's not what this article is about. It is about yet another troubling aspect of our lives that is succumbing to primarily, the oil crises and secondly to the "upper management" crisis. Now, perhaps once again I am giving away my age, but I remember when flying was fun, an absolute pleasure. What I don't think people in general remember is that flying back in the 70s or earlier was a real treat, reserved mostly for successful businessmen... the Movers & Shakers! We didn't have the instant communications we enjoy today and face to face business was expected. So if you did business in Pittsburg or Santa Clara, you had to fly in to write that contract. Only the VERY AFFLUANT people flew for pleasure. They even had a name for them, "the Jet Setters". Back then the planes were new, service superb and the costs were, well downright expensive. The average person simply didn't fly, at all, ever. My grandparents never once, *ever*, set foot on an airplane. Over the years in-fighting and competition has done its damage to the airlines... to the point they are barely surviving.

Now, we are used to jumping on a plane at the drop of a dime to gamble in Las Vegas or lay on the beach in the Bahamas... for a weekend getaway! On the cheep!! Today businesspeople use the high-speed internet to video conference with business partners on the other side of the world. And they avoid commercial travel at all costs. Of course, the upper level moguls fly around the world in their company owned Lear's these days, not in the least affected by what is going on.

#### What does all of this mean?

The business has changed and airlines haven't. They have cheapened their product to the point that business people travel only when they absolutely have to. On a retail level customers expect the very cheapest of fares. The airlines fleets of planes are getting extremely old and expensive to keep in service. And of course, the fuel crises are hitting them like everybody else. Therefore they cannot possibly support a viable business model, at least not one that resembles their past, not in today's world. I suspect that in time you will have two classes of airlines that do survive. One very expensive product using newer equipment, prompt service, with a hefty price tag for their service. Then a second level one that resembles something out of a third world comic, one that specializes in getting from point a to point b, eventually. Cheep and trashy! They even might let you bring live chickens on board?

will just get too expensive to support. Either we all move closer to where we work so we can walk or ride mopeds, or we find a cheaper, more sustainable means of getting to and from where we need to be. This isn't an environmentalist talking, I am a realist. The handwriting is on the wall, billboards and the front page, every day in one way or another. I think there is another way and it will come into focus in its own time. What is sure, things are changing.

#### Imagine, just for a moment:

Here in Waxhaw, an enterprising group of investors acquires the rights to build a new boarding platform between Rippingtons and the Barber Shop. Maybe even with a spur running into the industrial area just around the curve on 75 for freight reasons. We could do with a bit fewer trucks belching their way through town.

We the residents, instead of spending \$40,000 or more on a vehicle and another \$150 to \$200 a week to feed it gas, take the rail into Charlotte for business. It takes just over a half hour, every day with no traffic jams and no stress, rain or shine. Plenty of time to read the paper, do a bit of work, or just relax before or after the day.... How about a trip to the beach or mountains.... No more "601", just a scenic ride through the country side. And when you arrive, again in a predictable, stress free amount of time (sorry, we still can't help with the "Mommy, Daddy, aren't we there yet? But at least going to the bathroom won't be a problem). You have pre-arranged to rent bicycles, mopeds or maybe a golf cart to get around in. Hey, you're not going far now, you're already there. You don't need a "car".

Perhaps Opec and the global market has been doing us a favor these past five or ten years, leading to some changes that will, or certainly could, make our lives more pleasant and less stressful. And don't worry, none of us will be giving up our cars anytime soon, we just won't be using them so indiscriminately. Give it some thought people. We are in for change whether we want it or not. And remember, this country was built on railroads, not airlines. Going back, at least part way to our roots may be our salvation.




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## Coming Next Week: Coffee and a Park Side Chat with the Mayor

Earlier this week your Editor had the opportunity to sit down with Mayor Gardner to begin our weekly Park Side Chat. We discussed the objectives of the reporting and to what end it could serve the people of Waxhaw and assist the Mayor in her duties. We ironed out a number of details and starting next week a series of ongoing "Chats with the Mayor" articles will commence. With the purpose of helping Waxhaw move into the future I look forward to seeing where this story will lead us, so be sure to check in every Friday. I also look forward to community response to these stories. There will be a special place in the opinions section for your thoughts.



Mayor Gardner

John Tiley



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Following Up!

## Main Street Grill Now Open for Breakfast & Lunch

Dinner Soon to Follow!



Breakfast, Lunch & Greek

I had the pleasure of meeting Mary & Billy Demarkos yesterday morning. They recently opened their restaurant, The Main Street Grill in the space formerly occupied by Uncle Sonny's, at: 201 W South Main Street, Waxhaw, NC 28173

Even tho the menu touts pretty much all American fare, remember they are Greek, so I am sure there might be a dish or two offered in the near future for those who are looking for something a bit different. I look forward to many a great meal there so, lets make it a point of stopping by and welcoming them to the community.

John Tiley

Part Five,  
Will appear next week .



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### The Scottish Society of Waxhaws Invites teh Public to a Barbecue April 26

This is the Society's First Step to 29th Annual Games in October



Waxhaw—April 12, 2008

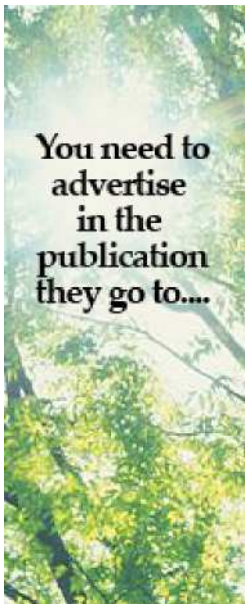
The Scottish Society of the Waxhaws invites the public to support the 29th annual Waxhaw Scottish Highland Games on October 25 by coming to their barbecue April 26, at the American Legion Post 208 in Waxhaw located at 801 South Main St. Marietta Morrison, the Waxhaw Scottish Society Chieftain, says, "Spring is already here, and that means we are actively planning for the October 25th games. We are looking for people to become involved and help us in many ways so we can again have a successful event for people from across this whole region to enjoy."

The Scottish Society of Waxhaws, Ltd., is a community organization dedicated to fostering a knowledge of Scottish heritage and culture through various venues, the largest and most popular of which is the Waxhaw Scottish Highland Games. Butch Kelley's tasty barbecue will be served 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost for the dine-in or take-out barbecue plate is \$7.00.

For more information contact:

Chieftan Marietta Morrison, 803-818-5272 [mjorchard@comporium.net](mailto:mjorchard@comporium.net)

Or go to [www.wshg.org](http://www.wshg.org) for more information on the Waxhaw Scottish Highland Games



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### And They're Off!

### Queen's Cup Steeplechase; A Win-Win for Charlotte and the Region



Mineral Springs, NC.

On Saturday, April 26, 2008 the thirteenth running of the Queen's Cup Steeplechase will, once again, thrill its spectators with the thunder of hooves, flash of colorful silks, and dazzle of the winner's circle when some of the country's most magnificent horses race for fame and fortune.

Gates open at 10 AM and post time for the first race is 1:00 PM. There are five races with purses totaling \$100,000. The day's festivities also include a raffle, hat and tailgate contest, terrier races, children's activities area and a Hot Walk Party after the last race. Opening ceremonies will include the "Walking of the Hounds" by the Mecklenburg Hounds, the Grandfather Mountain Highlanders Pipe Band.



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The nation-wide launch of the new Maximized Living Makeover program will begin on April 26th, 2008 with an expected involvement of over 20,000 participants across the country - over 600 who live here in Charlotte, NC.

“The stress and pace of ‘modern living’,” says Dr. Ben Lerner, a former U.S. Olympic Team Doctor, “and adherence to ‘conventional wisdom’ has led us to the lowest point for health in U.S. history.

Dr. Surprenant of Family Healing Chiropractic will be facilitating the Maximized Living Makeover in Charlotte, NC. “I have literally seen lives change in the program! ...people get their health, energy, and life back.” As quoted by Dr. Surprenant about Maximized Living Makeover.

Call us at: **Family Healing Chiropractic**  
**704-540-0055 and we would be pleased to**  
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- Time: 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
- Place: Historic Downtown Waxhaw
- Phone: 707-618-8087
- Contact: Larry Hook
- Email: events@waxhaw.com

**5K Run  
Fitness Walk  
1/2 Mile Fun Run  
Baby Jogger Division**

Friday, April 25th 2008  
Check-in begins at 5:30 pm

RACE begins at 7 pm  
In Historic Downtown Waxhaw

For registration and more information:  
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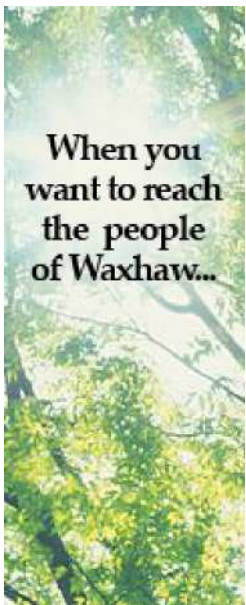
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## Spring Fest '08 Waxhaw, NC

**The Town of Waxhaw Announces Sponsors for Annual Spring Event**  
*Come Play in Our Streets!*

Waxhaw, N.C. February 25, 2008—

**The Town of Waxhaw invites families to play in its historic downtown on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday, May 18 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. to celebrate Spring Fest '08.**

This year's headline sponsors are The Waxhaw Exchange, The Waxhaw Business Association, K-9Z to 5 Dog Training, The Furry Godmother and The Community Works of Waxhaw

Both days will bring exciting opportunities for everyone in the family to enjoy. Pick up your copy of The Waxhaw Exchange at the festival to view the great collection of open market finds such as antiques, arts, crafts, wood art, collectables, food and exciting band stand entertainment. The Waxhaw Business Association returns with the 4th annual Kids Zone designed for kids of all ages!

Saturday features two returning events to jump start the weekend: the 3rd Annual Doggie Idol Competition and the 2nd Annual SK8 Competition. Bring your pooch to the Waxhaw Band Stand to compete for ribbons in categories such as shortest/longest tail, best dressed, most hair, and pure breed. The most talented dog will take home the Doggie Idol trophy.

Doggie Idol is sponsored by K-9Z To 5 Dog Training and The Furry Godmother benefiting animal rescue in Union County. Come early, registration begins at 9:00 a.m. the first 100 will receive a gift bag from Nutro Natural Pet Food.

The SK8 Competition, hosted by Community Works of Waxhaw, invites all Skateboarders, In-line Skaters and BMX Bikers to the Waxhaw Church Street Park at 1 pm. to compete for trophies and ribbons. Registration begins at noon. Participants must bring and wear helmets and knee pads to compete.

The weekend continues with exciting events at the bandstand and throughout the festival. For up-to-date information please go to the Town of Waxhaw web site at [www.waxhaw.com](http://www.waxhaw.com)

*Spring Fest '08 is a rain or shine event*

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## And now, 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!

### Video Links

## Have You Been Out Shopping Lately?



You might want to take heed after you've seen this video....

Ahh, the times we live in!

### Go here for Shopping .....and enjoy!

One day, a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in a very Sexy nightie. 'Tie me up,' she purred, 'and you can do anything you want.' So he tied her up and went golfing.

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A woman came home, screeching her car into the driveway, and ran into the house. She slammed the door and shouted at the top of her lungs, 'Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!' The husband said, 'Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?' 'Doesn't matter,' she said. 'Just get out.'

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Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband

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A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to apply for a driver's license. First, of course, he had to take an eye sight test The optician showed him a card with the letters 'C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.' 'Can you read this?' the optician asked. 'Read it?' the Polish guy replied, 'I know the guy.'

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Mother Superior called all the nuns together and said to them, 'I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhea in the convent.' 'Thank God,' said an elderly nun at the back. 'I'm so tired of chardonnay.'

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A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! Y ou NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the! salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!' The wife stared at him 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?' The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'

### 8 WORDS WITH DIFFERENT MEANINGS

1. THINGY (thing-ee) n. Female..... Any part under a car's hood. Male..... The strap fastener on a woman's bra.
2. VULNERABLE (vul-ne-ra-bel) adj. Female.... Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another. Male.... Playing football without a cup.
3. COMMUNICATION ( ko-myoo-ni-kay-shon) n . Female... The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner. Male... Leaving a note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys.
4. COMMITMENT (ko- mit-ment) n. Female.... A desire to get married and raise a family. ! Male..... Trying not to hit on other women while out with this one
5. ENTERTAINMENT (en-ter-tayn-ment) n. Female.... A good movie, concert, play or book. Male..... Anything that can be done while drinking beer.

6. FLATULENCE ( flach-u-lens) n. Female... An embarrassing byproduct of indigestion. Male..... A source of entertainment, self-expression, male bonding.

7 MAKING LOVE (may-king luv) n. Female..... The greatest expression of intimacy a couple can achieve. Male... Call it whatever you want, just as long as we do it

8. REMOTE CONTROL (ri-moht kon-trohl) n. Female.... A device for changing from one TV channel to another. Male... A device for scanning through all 375 channels every 5 minutes.

### AND;

He said . I don't know why you wear a bra; you've got nothing to put in it. She said . . You wear pants don't you?

He said . . .... Shall we try swapping positions tonight? She said... That's a good idea - you stand by the ironing board while I sit on the sofa and fart!

He said ... What have you been doing with all the grocery money I gave you? She said ...Turn sideways and look in the mirror!

He said . . How many men does it take to change a roll of toilet paper? She said... We don't know; it has never happened.

He said .. Why are married women heavier than single women? She said ... Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in bed and go to the fridge.

Fifty-one years ago, Herman James, a North Carolina mountain man, was drafted by the Army. On his first day in basic training, the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon the Army barber sheared off all his hair. On his second day, the Army issued Herman a toothbrush. That afternoon the Army dentist yanked seven of his teeth. On the third day, the Army issued him a jock strap. The Army has been looking for Herman for 51 years.

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#### 6th Grade Science

The 6th grade science teacher, Mrs. Parks, asked her class, 'Which Human body part increases to ten times its size when stimulated?'

No one answered until little Mary stood up and said, 'You should not Be asking sixth-graders a question like that! I'm going to tell my Parents, And They will go and tell the principal, who will then fire you!'

Mrs. Parks ignored her And asked the question again, 'Which body part increases to 10 times its Size when stimulated?'

Little Mary's mouth fell open. Then she said to those around her, 'Boy, is she going to get in big trouble!'

The teacher continued to ignore her and said to the class, 'Anybody?'

Finally, Billy stood up, looked around nervously, and said, 'The body Part that increases 10 times its size when stimulated is the pupil of The Eye.'

Mrs. Parks said, 'Very good, Billy,' then turned to Mary and Continued. 'As for you, young lady, I have three things to say:

One, you have a dirty mind.

Two, you didn't read your homework

And three, one day you are going to be very, very, very disappointed.



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