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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

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Things Sure are Quiet Here In Waxhaw....

by John Tiley

"All is quiet, not a thing is stirring, not even a mouse...." and I always thought that only applied to Christmas Eve! None of my usual sources have anything to report; in fact it seems everybody must be waiting to see what is going to happen now that the holidays are finally over. Now whether that means seeing how the numbers come in from the "Holiday Shopping Season" (which I am sure from all reports so far, they are pretty dismal) or hoping that as soon as Mr. Obama becomes President, miraculously the economy will get better, I'm not sure. I do know that the country does seem rudderless about now what with President Bush pretty much incommunicado and Mr. Obama not in the position to really do anything yet.

I am relieved to report that, at least the upper management at Bank of America has decided it is in their best interest not to take any year end bonuses this year. My guess is that the bad PR they got after the stock holders meeting not long ago, what with the CEO refused to pass on any of his income, at last they have realized that bonuses' would have been a major Public Relations Disaster! After all, they're only planning on firing 30,000 employees... Unfortunately, our representatives in Washington aren't paying close attention as they are going ahead and giving themselves a raise? Can you believe that, at a time like this? I think that "Non Sequitur" does a pretty good job of describing what most Americans feelings are!



Pitchforks, I like that...

One small tidbit of News...

I understand that Station 18, the newest currently under construction facility for our Volunteer Fire Department is coming along quite well. It is on my agenda to sit down with our Fire Chief, Glyn Hasty in the near future and I look forward to writing all about the progress our VFD is making.



Around Town:

From the **The New York Times**
An Op-Ed Article well worth reading!

Where Is Our Ferdinand Pecora?

By RON CHERNOW
Published: January 6, 2009

Congress should conduct an inquest into the economic crisis. For inspiration, it can turn to Ferdinand Pecora's questioning in Senate hearings that demystified the 1929 crash.
[Read the article here](#)

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Also around town;

Now that the Christmas Season is over, Cathy Murphy has already begun work on the Spring Fest...

2009 Waxhaw Spring Fest 2 day family craft & fun festival

The exhibitor ([click here](#)) and concessionaire ([click here](#)) applications for Spring Fest 2009 are now available on-line.

NEW: If your organization is a non-profit, you have an opportunity this year to waive your exhibitor and/or concession fee. You can do this by providing two adult volunteers to assist the event staff during Spring Fest. Interested? Contact Cathy Murphy at 704-843-2195 ext 26.

NEW: Non-profits, would you like to help raise funds for your organization at Spring Fest? Why not sponsor an activity in the Children's area. Once

***The Christmas Parade Slide Show has moved,
it is now posted on the "[Links Page](#)"!***

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your organization has covered the rental fee- the balance can go back to your group.

Interested? Call Cathy at the number above or e-mail her at: events@waxhaw.com



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Anybody Notice GMAC's Latest Moves?

They have changed their "structure" so they could qualify as a bank, then they receive **SIX BILLION DOLLARS** from the bailout funds!



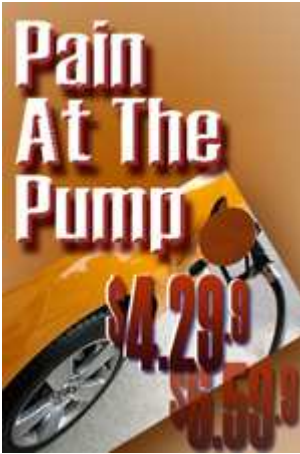
Now they went ahead with their Bowl Sponsorship and then, just to make sure they are competitive in the market place, reduced their interest rates

on new cars to 0%! While at the same time they drop their minimal credit score levels from 700 to as low as 621?

Remind anybody of the Sub-Prime Mortgage Bail-Out Mess we just coughed up 700 Billion in taxpayer's money to fix? And now GMAC is doing the same thing, only they are using **OUR TAX MONEY??**



Enough to get you steamed up a bit?



Prices for gas in the Waxhaw area... Headed Up Again!

And they are predicting over \$2.00 by the time Spring gets here?

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.

	3/20/08	1/9/09
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$1.72.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$172.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$1.72.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$1.72.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$1.72.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$1.72.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$1.72.9



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Waxhaw's Events Calendar

From the Mayor:

Dear Friends,

The Waxhaw Board of Commissioners will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 13th, at 6:30pm at the [Museum of the Waxhaws](#). [Click here](#) to view the agenda at the www.waxhaw.com website. If you have trouble finding or viewing the agenda, call Town Hall at 704-843-2195.

I will be available at the following times and places over the weekend with the agenda packet for those who would like to look over that information or would just like to chat:

- ~ **Friday, January 9, 5-7pm @ Café Fino**
- ~ **Saturday, January 10 , 8:30-10am @ Crossroads Coffeehouse**
- ~ **Sunday, January 11, 2-3:30pm @ Café Fino**
- ~ **Monday, January 12, 7:30-9am @ Main St Grill**
- ~ **Monday, January 12, 5-7pm @ Marino's**

Please stop by and visit with me if you can!

Daune Gardner, Mayor of Waxhaw
PO Box 6, Waxhaw, NC 28173

704-843-2195 (Town Hall) | 704-843-5040 (Business) | mayor@waxhaw.com

Vacancies on Union County Boards and Committees

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Union County Board of Commissioners is requesting that persons who are interested in serving on the following Boards and/or Committees complete a personal profile sheet.

1. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC): a) District Attorney or designee; b) Substance Abuse Professional; c) Two persons under the age of 18; d) Juvenile Defense Attorney
2. Nursing Home Advisory Committee
3. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
4. Vacancies on the Board of Health for a licensed optometrist, nurse, engineer, and citizen representative.
5. Union County Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee
6. Farmers Market Committee (Vacancy for member at large)
7. Library (Vacancies representing: Marshville (1), Waxhaw (1), Weddington (1) and one member at large)

Profile sheets may be obtained by calling Lynn West at 704-283-3810 or from the County's Web site at www.co.union.nc.us. Please submit completed profile sheets by Tuesday, January 13, 2009 to the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, 500 N. Main Street, Room 922, Monroe, NC 28112, or by fax 704-282-0121 or by email to west@co.union.nc.us. Note: Information provided in the profile sheet shall be considered a matter of public record and may, therefore, be subject to disclosure upon request pursuant to North Carolina's Public Records Law,

N.C.G.S., Section 132-1, et seq.

Fitness Trainer & Personal Chef Join Forces to Expand Services

Fitness Together® Waxhaw owner /trainer Lenny Turi and local personal chef Debbie Burgess, owner /executive chef of The Hungry Fox Personal Chef Service, LLC have joined forces to help their clients reach their fitness goals in 2009.

“This collaboration offers an incredible benefit to our clients,” says Turi. “We both have clients whose goal is to be healthier through exercise and nutrition. Our trainers guide our clients through exercise programs and our dietician advises on nutrition, but often following through with the recommended meal program is the wild card for our busy clients. This is where Chef Debbie can help them improve the odds of reaching their fitness goals.”

“The personalized one-on-one service to the clients by the trainers at the studio is matched by the customized nature of my personal chef service,” adds Burgess, who is a certified personal fitness chef. “Each client's meal plan is designed after consulting the dietician, trainer and, of course, the clients to find out what they like to eat. The key to sticking to a meal plan is having appropriate snacks and meals at hand that are delicious, portable and convenient.”

By combining services, Turi and Burgess are able to offer discounts and expanded services, enabling current and future clients to better focus on their fitness goals. For more information, contact Lenny Turi at Fitness

Donate To Steve's Coats For Kids



Dear Waxhaw Volunteer Fire Department and community friends!

Now that we have been clearly blessed with wonderful gifts, good health and terrific friendships I am asking for the season of giving to go a bit longer and into the New Year!

Steve Udelson with Channel 9 organizes every year a coat drive for needy kids called "Steve's Coats For Kids." These coats are distributed to the children in the Charlotte community. This year the Charlotte Fire Department is getting involved by being a designated coat drop off point.

Glyn and I began tonight collecting coats and have already collected 6 coats from our own closet! I am e-mailing in hopes that you join us in taking time to clean out your closet and give to those less fortunate. If you have any coat that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Waxhaw Fire Station and place them in the box marked "Steve's Coats For Kids" and Glyn or I will pick them up and take them to Station 39.

Coat collections end on January 17. All coats will be distributed by **Crisis Assistance Ministry**.

Please drop me a note with any questions that you may have!

Again, thank you for extending the season of giving and give the gift of warmth in the New Year!

Glyn and Caroline Hasty

For more information please click here:
<http://www.wsocv.com/family/18237161/detail.html>

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Channel 9 Eyewitness News **Chief Meteorologist Steve Udelson** is asking viewers to donate new or gently used coats for needy children in the Charlotte area. All sizes of coats are needed, particularly adult-sized coats for larger children. There is also a need for heavy coats with zipout linings that can be worn even when it is not so cold. All coats will be distributed by **Crisis Assistance Ministry**.

Together®
 Waxhaw at 704-243-1130 and visit <http://fitnesstogethercharlotte.com>, or contact Chef Debbie at 803-804-3541 and visit www.thehungryfoxpcs.com.

The Hungry Fox Personal Chef Service, LLC is fully insured and provides meal service for busy people as well as cooking classes, private dinners, wine tastings, and catering for special events for clients in Lancaster County, SC, and the Waxhaw, Monroe, Ballantyne and South Charlotte areas in NC.

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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!

I noticed your screen needs cleaning so I've sent over my screen cleaner to get the thing cleaned up for you.



[Click here to get him to work:](#)

Working Replica of Noah's Ark Opens In SCHAGEN, Netherlands

This is truly amazing! One cannot even imagine the work, time, and money that went into this venture. It's also amazing to see how large this is - and that the fact it is to scale but is as noted on the site 1/2 the length and 1/3 the width of the dimensions noted in Genesis - it is not full scale - if it was built full scale it would be twice as big. Enjoy.

The massive central door in the side of Noah's Ark was thrown open Saturday for the first crowd of curious Pilgrims and townsfolk to behold the wonder. Of course, it's only a replica of the biblical Ark , built by Dutch Creationist Johan Huibers as a testament to his faith in the literal truth of the Bible.



A contractor by trade, Huibers built the ark of cedar and pine - Biblical Scholars debate exactly what the wood used by Noah would have been. Huibers did the work mostly with his own hands, using modern tools and with occasional help from his son Roy. Construction began in May 2005.



On the uncovered top deck - not quite ready in time for the opening - will come a petting zoo, with baby lambs and chickens, and goats, and one camel.



Visitors on the first day were stunned. 'It's past comprehension, ' said Mary Louise Starosciak, who happened to be bicycling by with her husband while on vacation when they saw The ark looming over the local landscape.



The ark is 150 cubits long, 30 cubits high and 20 cubits wide. That's two-thirds the length of a football field and as high as a three-story house.



Life-size models of giraffes, elephants, lions, crocodiles, zebras, bison and other animals greet visitors as they arrive in the main hold.



'I knew the story of Noah, but I had no idea the boat would have been so big.' There is enough space near the keel for a 50-seat film theater where kids can watch a video that tells the story of Noah and his ark.

Huibers said he hopes the project will renew interest in Christianity in the Netherlands , where



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church going has fallen dramatically in the past 50 years.

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"If You Need Help, Ask God. If You Don't, Thank God"...

'Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.' Psalm 23:6

Here's your 'Awwwww' for the day!!!



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