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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. As I continue the process of building out our e-mail list, I will use it to send out announcements at time of publishing, with additional updates as warranted, so if your not already on our list and wish to become a subscriber, please drop me a line with your request.*

*And remember, there is never a charge to be a subscriber!*



## A Real Hometown Celebration

By John Tiley

**F**orth of July, 2008 is now a memory and, without a doubt, one of the best I've had the pleasure to have enjoyed. Starting off the festivities with an impromptu event around 7 AM, the day got kicked off with citizens and town officials dancing up a storm on the newly rebuilt foot bridge (music supplied by Oldies 106.1). It was a beautiful day and we had an excellent, if not record attendance, with people lined up all along the parade route in anticipation of the events to come. The Beauty Queens, Politicians and Floats were great! I know the judges had a hard time coming up with winners. Kudos goes to Bonnie McManus and her crew for herding all of the participants into correct order of appearance.



just the parade! .

I do not know the total number of participants but after editing all of the photos Matt and I took, I have over 100 shots in the adjoining slide show, and that's

Heartfelt thanks go to Ken Conrad of Oldies 106.1 for an excellent job as announcer (and DJ for the early dance!), along with all of the Judges who included; Former Mayor Gary Underwood, David Barns, David Godfrey, Terry Haines, and Greg Mhar



Winners in this year's competition are:

- **Best State:** Sue Hanson, horse rider, representing Iowa.
- **Best Float:** JAARS with an International Theme
- **Universal** (and this is my personal favorite): Woody Roller and his home made, "Howard Hugh's Bumble Bee Look Alike" Peddle Plane starring His Daughter in the Pilots Seat!
- **Most Patriotic:** Bud Sloan as "Uncle Sam"
- And last but not least, **Best Group:** Waxhaw Universal Karate; and the great show they put on

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## Waxhaw Gazette Passes Milestone

**T**he Waxhaw Gazette has now been in publication for six months. And it has been a very busy time here. I have met many people and the response has always been great. If they don't know about the Gazette, they want to and if they are familiar with it, they like it. Not one person who has read it has been negative. Perhaps a topic or two wasn't to their liking, hitting a little too close to home perhaps, but everybody keeps coming back. And those topics have covered everything from land development to the opening of new business establishments throughout the town.

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## On a Side Note:

### Special Announcement to Advertisers:

The stats for the Gazette have shown an exceptional interest by readers....

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### From the Town: 4th of July Post Script:

**L**ate Thursday afternoon I had the pleasure to speak with Town Officials about the festivities and I found out some interesting bits of information such as; Did you know that the very first 4th of July Parade was held in 1989 as part of the Centennial Celebration of Waxhaw ...and that Frankie Thompson was responsible for it.

In this year's celebration, the replacement for the Events Coordinator was not yet in place and Officials asked Bonnie McManus to handle the production and coordination of the event. She was pleased to be offered the opportunity on the condition that the entire town pitched in, and did they ever! Bonnie insists that the credit for this year's event being so successful goes to all of the people involved, from Town Employees, Police Department and Volunteers. Karen Johnson, an acquaintance of Bonne's and volunteer, really took the request seriously, stepping up throughout the entire process. Thanks also are extended to: Waxhaw Business Assoc., Lisa and Amy over at Blue Ribbon Realty for helping out with the VIP room, Jon Wilson from Fox News Rising and all of the folks at Oldies 106.1.

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Gardner, but this little girl stole my heart and hereby is crowned "Best of Show" by the Waxhaw Gazette!

Then in the evening, Waxhaw outdid itself with a really wonderful Fireworks Display. From the cadence of the fireworks to the specialty works, a really impressive job. And throughout both events, our police department did an excellent job moving people and cars in and out in a very organized manor. Better by far than in the past. Keep up the good work.

Thanks to all of you who made this Forth of July a holiday to remember! You did a great job! Now let's see, I think Christmas is next on the agenda? I wonder what the Town has in store for us then.... an event to look forward to I'm sure.

## Waxhaw, North Carolina .... A Really Great Place to Live!

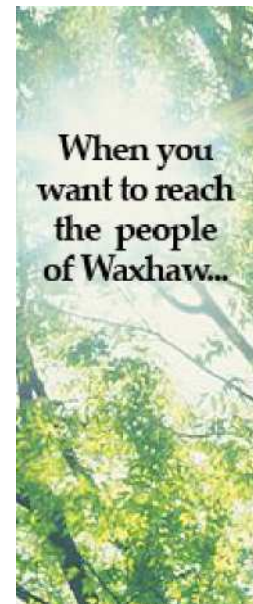
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Last month, just under 16,000 people came by to read the Gazette..... that is well over half of the population of Waxhaw stopping by every week! In addition, it's interesting to know just how widely the Gazette is getting read. There are International readers regularly stopping by from Germany, the United Kingdom. Spain and the Seychelles... Japan, China, Australia and Poland visit regularly too. And let us not forget the Canadians who are consistent visitors. Even more interesting are the Washington folks that stop by. Although I do not have the capabilities of knowing just who it is that is visiting, I can see an awful lot of people from US.GOV are spending time! .....and I don't think it's the tax guys? I hope?

Special thanks go out to the military personnel that also are consistent readers. Many folk from both the Marines and the Army come by! I don't know what happened to the Navy and Air Force though? Must be an interagency secret we're keeping from them? Business and Town Officials alike have responded favorably as well in any and all requests I've made.

And because of you, the readers of the Waxhaw Gazette, we have grown into a respected part of the community.



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## Correction:

So there is no confusion about Laura Pettler's credentials, currently she already has a Masters degree (2003), and expects to graduate with a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice in 2010.



## Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area as of 7/10/08

According to all stations, everybody I called today are reporting prices at \$3.99.9 per gallon. It will be interesting to see if the

pricing remains the same tomorrow, the official 1st day of the holiday weekend. And, Oh Yes...Up They Went!

	3/20/08	7/10/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$4.01.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$4.01.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.99.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$4.09.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.99.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$4.09.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$4.09.9
BP	\$3.21.9	\$4.09.9
on New Town		

## Factoid(s) of the day

....In this edition of "The Week" the topic once again is Oil. The most interesting item that I take from this, is believe it or not, per capita oil production was at it's highest in the late 70's at 5.4 barrels per person, compared to todays amount of 4.5 barrels per person. That is about right as I think about the old blue wood paneled station wagon that my parents used to tote my brothers and sisters and I around in.

The problem... there are a whole lot more people in the world today than there was in 1979.

**Side Note From The Editor:** My son, who is just getting his drivers liscence has to pay these prices to go hang out with friends... when I got mine gas was around 40 cents a gallon! And for 4 Dollars you could cruise the entire evening.... couldn't do that now! The world sure has changed.

## Special Announcement to Advertisers:

from Front Page

The stats for the Gazette have shown an exceptional interest by readers for the Business Listing pages. Visitation for this specific area follows closely behind the news in first place and the opinion page in second. As this information has proved out, the Gazette is offering, for a limited time only, a special offer to buy space on the Business Listing Page. **This will be available in one inch by one column increments only, so call now to reserve your space while it's still available. 704.296.2200**

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*Thank You,  
The Management*

## In Your Opinion

*Do you have something to say, we want to hear it.....*

### From The New York Times:

Op-Ed Columnist

## Behind the Bush Bust...

By PAUL KRUGMAN

Published: New York Times, July 7, 2008

By huge margins, Americans think the economy is in lousy shape — and they blame President Bush. This fact, more than anything else, makes it hard to see how the Democrats can lose this election.

But is the public right to be so disgusted with Mr. Bush's economic leadership? Not exactly. We really do have a lousy economy, a fact of which Mr. Bush seems spectacularly unaware. But that's not the same thing as saying that the bad economy is Mr. Bush's fault.

On the other hand, there's a certain rough justice in the public's attitude. Other politicians besides Mr. Bush share the blame for the mess we're in — but most of them are Republicans.

And bear in mind that John McCain has gone to great lengths to affirm his support for Republican economic orthodoxy. So he'll have no reason to complain if, as seems likely, the economy costs him the election.

[Read the entire article here >](#)

Op-Ed Contributor

## We Should Still Like Ike

By JEAN EDWARD SMITH

Published: July 7, 2008

Huntington, W.Va.

FROM Ronald Reagan to George W. Bush, the Republican Party has assiduously courted the core of the old Roosevelt coalition: poor, white, working-class voters — mostly rural, often elderly, sometimes sparsely educated and frequently fundamentalist. But in so doing, Republican presidential candidates have shortchanged a vital component of their party: the Eisenhower Republicans.

These are the affluent, well-educated, mostly white suburbanites and exurbanites who once dominated Republican politics. Fiscally conservative but socially progressive, they catapulted Wendell Willkie to the Republican nomination in 1940 and then rode to victory on the coattails of Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952. They believe in rule of law at home and collective security abroad, and they cringe at the mantra that Washington is the problem, not the solution.

Eisenhower has been ignored by Republican power brokers for the past 40 years. Yet with the exception of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eisenhower was the most successful president of the 20th century. He ended a no-win war with Korea with honor and dignity, resisted calls for preventive war with China and the Soviet Union and weaned the Republican Party from its isolationist past.

The supreme commander of Allied forces during World War II, Eisenhower believed the United States should not go to war unless the nation's survival was at stake. "There is no alternative to peace," he said. He refused to engage American troops in brush-fire wars for political abstractions. After Eisenhower made peace in Korea, not a single American died in combat for the rest of his presidency.

Eisenhower believed traditional American values encompassed change and progress. "Should any political party attempt to abolish Social Security, unemployment insurance, and eliminate labor laws and farm programs, you would not hear from that party again," he wrote his brother Edgar. "There is a tiny splinter group, of course, that believes you can do these things," he continued, but he added, "Their number is negligible and they are stupid."

[Read the entire article here >](#)

Jean Edward Smith is the author, most recently, of "F.D.R."



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## Waxhaw's Events Calander



*Fitness Together Charlotte is proud announce that is has been selected to host the Southeast Regional Casting Call for NBC's hit reality TV show **The Biggest Loser** Saturday July 19th at FITNESS TOGETHER in CHARLOTTE, NC*

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**When: Saturday July 19th**  
**What Time: 10AM to 6PM**



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~ Map ~

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## Scrapbook "Book in a Night" Class Thursday July 24th 6pm

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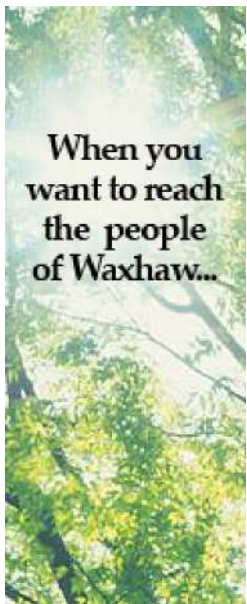


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## Arts, Crafts & Home:

### Amy of Golden Leaf returns

**SPROUTS**  
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The second Saturday of each month is dedicated to our littlest green thumbs. While the adults enjoy some “quiet” time or a cup of coffee at our coffee shop, the kids will have a blast creating and learning at our arbor as well as feeding the fish at our pond. We have projects that allow each child to express themselves through plants, crafts, and nature as well as learn something in the process. So bring the kids out to come play in the dirt with us while you take advantage of some free shopping time. Sprout’s Club is open to all children ages 4 to 10. No reservations or fee required. See our What’s Growin’ On Calendar of Events to discover what we are making each month.



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with flowers. We bring the soil, gloves, pots, plants, and know-how, and your guests bring the fun. We explain the importance of plant choice, sun or shade location, and all the steps to create a combination container of plants and flowers. Your guests can purchase just what they need, put it all together, and go home with instant porch décor! If you don’t have the space for friends and pots, just come down to the beautiful Arbor at our nursery at no extra cost. Estimated expenditures for each guest: \$25 - \$50 depending on individual selections. Contact us to schedule an event for you and your friends! We are still accepting reservations for Summer. Spaces are limited and times fill up quickly, so call today!



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## STROKE: Remember The 1st Three Letters.... S.T.R.

Clots/Stroke - They Now Have a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue.

STROKE: Remember The 1st Three Letters.... S.T.R.

My nurse friend sent this and encouraged me to post it and spread the word I agree. If everyone can remember something this simple, we could save some folks. Seriously . . .

Please read:

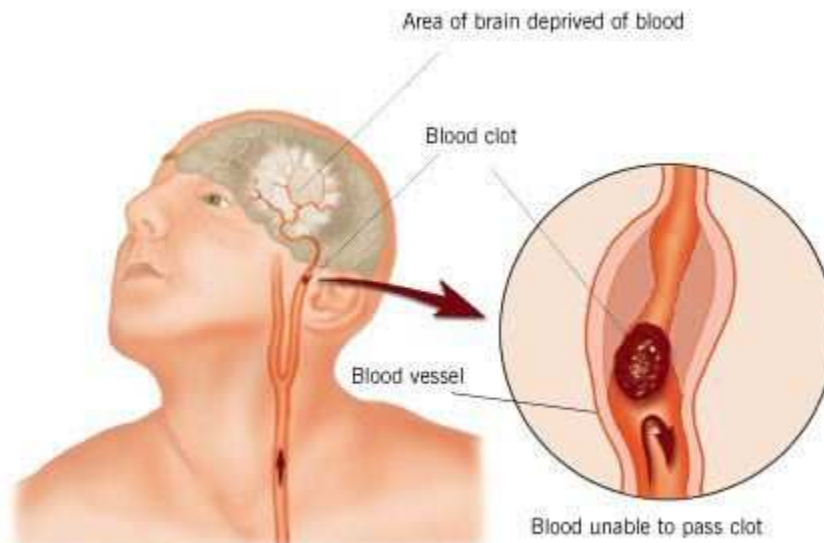
**STROKE IDENTIFICATION:**

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) ...she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today.

Some don't die.... they end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.



It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

**RECOGNIZING A STROKE**

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- S \*Ask the individual to SMILE.
- T \*Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) ( i.e. It is sunny out today)
- R \*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 999/911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue  
NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue..If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this and passes it on to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved.



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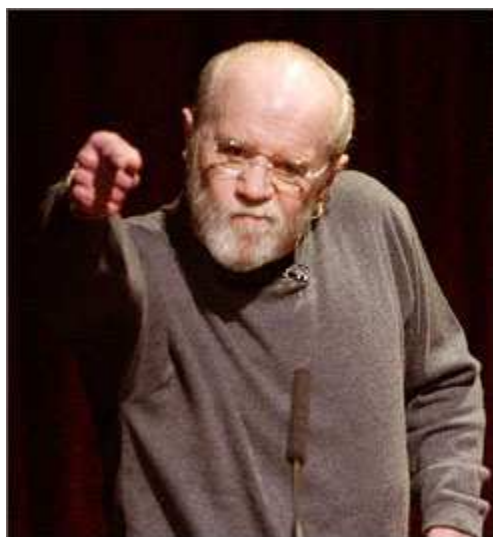
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## And now, directly from the Internet.....

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



## As most of you already know, George Carlin died last month. In Tribute to the Master :



George Carlin on age 102.  
*(Absolutely Brilliant)*

### George Carlin's Views on Aging:

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.

'How old are you?' 'I'm four and a half!' 'You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead.

'How old are you?' 'I'm gonna be 16!' 'You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life ... You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're Just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

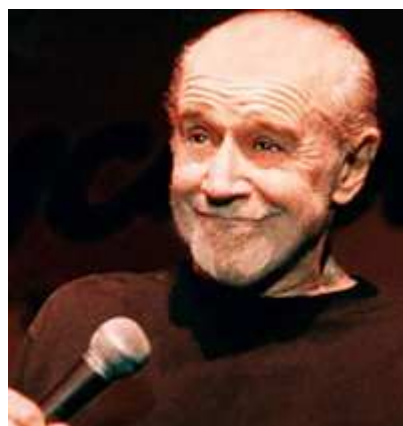
But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30 ; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90's, you start going backwards; 'I Was JUST 92.'

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!' May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!



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You ...have a Great Day!

And just in case you missed it....

### Withering Heights and...



..... can still be seen here!

### HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them.'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love , whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER :

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

And if you don't send this to at least 8 people - who cares? But do share this with someone. We all need to live life to its fullest each day

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