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Our Town

The First of a series of articles about the people and places that make Waxhaw the place it is!

This week's interview: Waxhaw's Town Manager, Michael McLaurin
by John Tiley

I have had the pleasure of meeting our Town Manager, Michael McLaurin on a number of occasions recently and have found him to be a friendly, reserved fellow who seems to know just about everything that is going on in town.



He of course has a very important position here in Waxhaw and if anything is likely to get done I can assure you he most likely knows all about it and had something to do with getting it done. In fact you never know where he is liable to show up either. After the Fourth of July Parade I found him walking up East North Main Street

all alone.

When I jokingly asked him if he missed his ride from the end of the parade he told me he spends quite a bit of shoe leather walking the town *just making sure* things get done right.

He is the kind of guy that always returns a call... it may not be right away or even in the same day but he does follow through.

In fact you never know where he'll call you from. The first time he called from the Police Station I saw the caller ID and wasn't sure if I should answer it! On first meeting him, you will be reminded of the father "who knows best" or perhaps the high school teacher that nothing can get past. A benevolent person, he certainly is a good person for job, putting the Town's best interest up front.

In our conversations we talked about a number of things ranging from how important it is for him that the Town is there to serve the citizens and business of Waxhaw. Customer service is the key word here whether it is planning or the police, help is the objective. Topics turned to economics and just like all of us, the town is reeling under the pressure of energy costs. Police now patrol regularly on foot for a portion of each hour on duty. Everywhere, short term belt tightening is in order.

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Is There A Plan?

There is no doubt that we have entered a very real energy crisis. Talk has gone about its coming for years. Now oil prices and the associated price of gas at the pump have gone through the roof...not to mention that the inflationary cost of goods and services that simply can not absorb these increases continue to snowball more every day. And we are just beginning to see the effects on a daily basis. All of this culminates in the threatening of our very way of life in a far more profound manner than even 9/11 did!

As we are nearing the Presidential Elections it has become painfully clear that the current administration has done nothing to address, let alone solve, these problems...to the point in my humble opinion, of being criminally neglect. And so far, I haven't heard anything encouraging from either of the up and coming candidates! No leadership and no real plan... What, increase drilling off shore? A little late and not nearly enough to meet demand! And that is only if they are successful and we can last the five or ten years before we realize any benefit from these "new oil deposits".

In the meantime we bankrupt the country with the unimaginable number of dollars constantly flowing out of the country to pay exorbitant prices where and when we can get oil? Now this may be hearsay and I certainly don't know how to qualify it, but I understand that at least one of the major US oil companies is anticipating closing down in the near future. What in the world is happening to those Billions they are reaping in windfall profits? Or perhaps the real question should be what is the information they possess that we know nothing about.... yet. I quote from an article from MSN:

ExxonMobil
Is ExxonMobil's future running dry?

By Jim Jubak
Are we witnessing the death of ExxonMobil?

Strange question to ask with oil above \$120 a barrel and ExxonMobil reporting \$11 billion in first-quarter profits?

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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 of the Waxhaw Gazette!

On a Side Note:

Bret Favre Coming Out Of Retirement?



I think the world of Bret, he has been without a doubt one of the most talented players ever to stand on the field. But after all he has gone through at which he finally decided to retire at the end of last season, for him to attempt a return? Well personally I think he just can't come to grips with getting old.



Granted he can still probably run circles around many of the younger guys out there, but how much damage does he have to endure before he realizes a person just can't recover like a twenty something year old at his age. And damage he will endure if he plays again. To Bret I say, you have nothing to prove, you are already standing amongst the best the league has produced and we won't think anything less of you for realizing you are a mature man now, no longer the golden any of us once were. And don't allow yourself to fall into obscurity. Stay involved in the game.... we do want to see and hear more from you, just not at the bottom of the pile!

If there is anything I like more about living in the Waxhaw area it is that no matter what, I seem to be able to find something interesting, even unexpected to write about every week. I find it reminiscent of the old TV Series, "The Naked City...and this is just one of the stories".



So, on a typically hot North Carolina summer day last week I found myself driving down Route 84. On the right side of the road, heading towards Monroe, sits a small white building all by itself.

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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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Not if you understand that ExxonMobil's management has bet the company. If that bet is wrong, over the next 15 years or so, investors will get to watch the gradual disappearance of ExxonMobil.

In one scenario, the company disappears as a public company, going private by 2018 after buying up all its public stock. In another, the company simply liquidates as it distributes its cash to shareholders until there's nothing left.

Far-fetched? Not at all. The warning signs were pasted all over the company's May 1 earnings report.

As reported in MSN Money Jubak's Journal 5/9/2008

Go here for his entire story

This is not nor has it ever been the American Way. I was taught that if there was a problem, then I needed to come up with a solution. Our very way of life is dependant on a stable energy plan so manufacturing can generate new jobs and produce and ship goods that our citizens need and can afford. Let's remember to insist that the leaders we elect in November be leaders when they "get in" and that this blight on our land is made right! We can't afford to let this go anymore.

Go to the Opinions Page for an introductory to T. Boone Pickens energy plan. An interesting person seemingly coming out of nowhere. You may have seen his ads running on television recently. I do wonder what his agenda might be?

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Our Town

Recession or not, Waxhaw continues to grow and the Town has a real job just keeping up. More Police and Fire Departments, Zoning and Planning, everything needs to not only just keep up, but plan for the future needs as well. Not just wait until a need arises and then try to figure out how to deal with. Rather "we need to budget as best we can now for the increased need tomorrow will certainly bring". Longer term, the age and quality of equipment is now being planned for replacement in an organized manor. Modern Police cruisers that are more fuel efficient and dependablethis morning I saw one of our cruisers pulled over with the hood up... you can't expect cars with over 120,000 miles on them to be entirely dependable no matter how much maintenance is put into them, especially when you rely on them to be ready and available 24/7. Personnel are a priority as well. When you have a town growing like Waxhaw finding the right people is a challenge, you have a percentage of turnovers like anywhere else and also the need to expand ...it takes time and effort to find the right people for the job.

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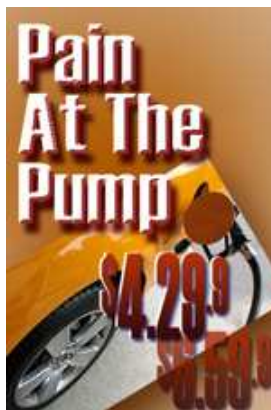
\$1.00 Ice Cream Cones!

On the right side of the road, heading towards Monroe, sits a small white building all by itself. In the years I have been here the building has gone through any number of re-incarnations. I believe it was originally a gas station, and more recently a dry cleaner, then a consignment shop. Well on this hot afternoon I realized it has entered yet a new incarnation called the "Shoppe's at Willoughby" with an image of an Ice Cream Cone underneath. Immediately I was entranced, knowing I wouldn't be happy until I had the chance to come back and see just what kind of cones they were selling (I do like my ice cream)!



Located at 4021 Route 84 It's hard to miss the cone!

Being a bit tongue in cheek when I designed the "Pain at the Pump" logo pricing was then at less than \$325 per gallon. As a spoof I ghosted a price of \$4.05.9.... I really didn't think we'd see a \$4 plus gouge, at least this early in the year. I am revising the "Pain" logo now, so I guess we'll see just how deep the pain can go?



Area prices for gas in the

Waxhaw area as of 7/17/08

	3/20/08	7/17/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$4.04.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$4.04.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.99.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$4.04.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$4.04.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$4.09.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$4.09.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$4.09.9



Recently two people have been replaced and one new person in Planning is being sought.

Waxhaw is a great place to live and work, but a lot of that has to do with having the right people in government working for us. In the upcoming weeks I will continue to meet with and write about the people we have in our town hall. And give you a chance to meet them as well.

Waxhaw Town Manager, Michael McLaurin can be reached at: mmclaurin@waxhaw.com PO Box 6, Waxhaw, NC 28173, Ph: 704-843-2195 ext. 25



From A Bankers Point of View

So, this past weekend, there was 'The largest bank failure in the United States in over 20 years'. Indymac Bank was the name, and the FDIC came in and replaced the existing management. Do not get me wrong, I absolutely sympathize with anyone who may have been left holding the bag here, but by the same token, lets put it in perspective. Primarily, they were/are a mortgage lender, specializing in the bad words we hear all the time now: adjustable rate mortgages, non conforming loans, subprime mortgages. You know those used car lots you drive by 'Bad Credit, No Credit, No Problem'.

From a banking standpoint, since it was the 'largest failure in twenty years', in perspective, in terms of market breadth, Wachovia has about 4000 banking locations, Bank of America has about 6500. Getting smaller, BB&T 1500, Microscopically smaller, American Community has 13 branches & Citizens South has 14. For my New York clients, Astoria Federal, 86 branches.

Indymac, 33 branches, with one under construction.

Moral of the story: Big media wins again.



Julie Nutly with her helpful daughter, Katie (on the left)

Originally from Connecticut she and her husband, now a successful builder, met and made their life together. At first in New England then for two years in her husband's native Ireland and now, six children, two major moves and six months later, she is an area resident finally following up on

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And that evening I did just that. Arriving around 8:30 PM there was a good crowd of people there, some sitting outside and more inside in line at the counter. It was immediately evident the new management has been very busy. Outside as you pull up, the building clean and very white sporting flowers everywhere. And with plenty of chairs and benches for patrons to drip ice cream from (if they aren't fast enough) it made a great place to settle in on a summers evening. Inside was not at all what you might expect. The walls are freshly painted with artwork hanging everywhere, and all of it for sale. There are rooms you can go into and sit down for a private conversation or just view the art while enjoying your treats. Of course the Manager/Owner was very busy but I did manage to set up an appointment to come back by and get her story which turned out to be more of a story than I might have imagined.....

her ice cream dream! A vibrant and highly motivated woman I enjoyed our conversation immensely. She told me about her plans, not to go head to head with the typical Ice Cream Parlor with 2,700 different varieties and expensive helpings, but rather stick with the basics... Here you can get a chocolate or vanilla soft cream in a waffle cone, sugar cone or cup and enjoy any or all of the toppings of your choice. And they have just about anything imaginable. Personally I'm just old fashioned and went for good old vanilla dipped in chocolate. And the best part of the entire experience, no matter what concoction you can come up with, is that you only pay One Dollar! Now that's a deal! Julie told me that's the basis of her business model and regardless what other offerings may be coming, the cones will always be just one dollar.

So, if you are tired of the heat and long for something cold and refreshing, trundle the family and friends into the car and head on out to Julie's place where, just like when you were a kid, you can enjoy a cone or even two with everything on it for just a buck apiece! And while your there ask her to save some vanilla for John :-)



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In Your Opinion

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



America is addicted to foreign oil.

It's an addiction that threatens our economy, our environment and our national security. It touches every part of our daily lives and ties our hands as a nation and a people.



The addiction has worsened for decades and now it's reached a point of crisis.

In 1970, we imported 24% of our oil.

Today it's nearly 70% and growing.

As imports grow and world prices rise, the amount of money we send to foreign nations every year is

soaring. At current oil prices, we will send \$700 billion dollars out of the country this year alone — that's four times the annual cost of the Iraq war.

Projected over the next 10 years the cost will be \$10 trillion — it will be the greatest transfer of wealth in the history of mankind.

America uses a lot of oil. Every day 85 million barrels of oil are produced around the world. And 21 million of those are used here in the United States.

That's 25% of the world's oil demand. Used by just 4% of the world's population.

Can't we just produce more oil?

World oil production peaked in 2005.

Despite growing demand and an unprecedented increase in prices, oil production has fallen over the last three years. Oil is getting more expensive to produce, harder to find and there just isn't enough of it to keep up with demand.



The simple truth is that cheap and easy oil is gone. What's the good news.....

Go to Pickens Plan Web Site..... there are some answers there!

Editorial

Welcome Rout on Medicare

Published in the New York Times, July 17, 2008

The surprising thing about the intense Congressional struggle over a modest bill to improve Medicare was how quickly it turned from a cliffhanger into a rout. President Bush's veto was easily overridden as Republicans in droves abandoned his misguided effort to help the insurance industry hold on to its large subsidies.

See the entire story here

The Waxhaw Gazette welcomes your letters and opinions. Please include your name, address and a point of contact where we can reach you. We only alter your letters for grammatical and spelling issues and will, as long as they are written in good taste and are relevant, publish all letters sent.

Thank You,
The Management

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Waxhaw's Events Calander



Biggest Loser Tryouts at Fitness Together in Charlotte!



Get ready! Fitness Together Charlotte is happy to host the tryouts for NBC's hit reality TV show the Biggest Loser – Season 7. A open casting call will be held at our Plaza Midwood studio on Saturday July 19th from 10:00 AM to 6 PM. Teams of 2, Families of 3 and outgoing individuals are welcomed to audition. This is a great way for sisters, brothers, mothers and daughters, best friends... to get in shape together.

The first 500 people in line will be seen. Fitness Together in Plaza Midwood is located at 1318 Central Ave.

Visit www.fitnessstogethercharlotte.com/media/biggest-loser for more info & directions. See you there!



Fitness Together Charlotte has studios in Waxhaw, Ballantyne, Cornelius, Matthews, Mooresville, Plaza Midwood, South End & South Park. For more information about Fitness Together visit www.fitnessstogethercharlotte.com

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The Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross is once again proud to present the **Go for Blood!** Cycling Event 35 or 63 Miles and 5K Road Run, on August 2, 2008 at Cane Creek Park. For the past seven years, business sponsors like you have helped us raise thousands of dollars to support the local chapter with disaster relief, assistance for local military families, blood collections, and other emergency preparedness services. As one of our major fund raisers of the year, **Go for Blood!** makes a huge impact on the services we provide in Union County. We need your help to insure that our local Red Cross has the necessary funds to serve our growing community. We are extremely thankful for your financial support.

Go for Blood! Cyclists will take to the beautiful country roads early on August 2nd. Runners will participate in a 5K Road Race, with both events supported for safety by our Highway Patrol. Participants are welcome to run, bike, or any combination thereof, and will be treated to a picnic style lunch for their efforts. Our event site will host a blood drive, massages, music, tents, and more. For more information about event details, visit our website at www.unioncountyredcross.org.

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Bronze Sponsor - \$500 Your generous donation can help us to set up the necessary shelters during large scale weather and/or terrorists events for our community.

Contributor - \$250 Your generous donation can help us collect much needed units of blood locally.

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Vendor Donation - Product We will conduct a silent auction and appreciate vendor donations of substance for our auction.

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Withering Heights and...



..... can still be seen here!

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!

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New Element Discovered

Research has led to the discovery of the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element, Governmentium (Gv), has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons, and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312.

These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert; however, it can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A minute amount of Governmentium can cause a reaction that would normally take less than a second to take from four days to four years to complete.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of 2- 6 years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes. This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as critical morass.

When catalyzed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium, an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

Investment tips for 2008:

Maybe I shouldn't give you some of these, but here goes: For all of you with any money left, be aware of the next expected mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks.

Watch for these consolidations in 2008:

- 1.) Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W. R. Grace Co. Will merge and become: Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.
 - 2.) PolygramRecords, Warner Bros., and ZestaCrackers join forces and become: Poly, Warner Cracker.
 - 3.) 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMMGood.
 4. ZippoManufacturing, AudiMotors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become: ZipAudiDoDa .
 5. FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become: FedUP.
 6. Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become: Fairwell Honeychild.
 7. Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: PouponPants.
- And finally ...
8. Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become: Knott NOW!

...Proof That The World Is Nuts

In Hong Kong , a betrayed wife is legally allowed to kill her adulterous husband, but may only do so with her bare hands.

The husband's illicit lover, on the other hand, may be killed in any manner desired.

(Ah! Justice!)
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In Cali , Colombia , a woman may only have sex with her husband, and the first time this happens, her mother must be in the room to witness the act.

(Makes one shudder at the thought.)
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Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

(Who volunteers for these tests?)
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Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.

(Is that why Flipper was always smiling?)
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The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.
(From drinking little bottles of???)

(Did our government pay for this research???)
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(Ah, geez.)
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An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

(I know some people like that.)
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Starfish don't have brains.
(I know some people like that, too.)
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And, the best for last?

Turtles can breathe through their butts.

(And I thought I had bad breath in the morning!)

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Welcome to Waxhaw's Very Own Advice Column. "Ask Amber"

Dear Amber,

My fiancé Greg and I will be getting married this fall and are planning a formal church wedding followed by a reception at my parent's country club. The club's reception space is not very large and will only hold about 75 people. Of course, my parents and Greg's parents want to invite all of their family and a lot of friends. When we count up all of the people our parents want to invite there is no more "room" for any of our friends. We've tried to eliminate people from the existing invitation list so that our friends can attend but it just causes arguments with our parents. We want to please our parents (especially since they are footing the bill for this reception) but we want to have our friends with us on the most important day of our lives. We haven't been able to find a compromise that will work and this is creating a lot of friction in the family.

Stressed Bride

Dear Stressed,

The solution to this is easier than you think. Since your reception will be at a country club I'm going to assume that the country club has a lot of open space for things like tennis and golf and other outdoor activities. That said you should consider an outdoor reception that will allow you to have friends and family share your special day with you. Country clubs get these requests all the time and probably have a standing agreement with a local party rental company for things like the tent and the portable dance floor. While this may not have been your first choice for a reception is currently a very popular choice among brides. And there is still enough time before your fall wedding so that you'll be able to make any changes to any arrangements you may have already made so that you can accommodate the additional guests.

Amber

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