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WAXHAW –

Backyard BBQs' Featuring Burgers and Dogs, Lemonade and Chips... Parades and Fireworks! These are the visions 4th of July bring to my mind. How much more American can you get?

Some of us go to the beach and others wish they could. It's going to be hot one because summer is already in full swing. And, if there are kids around watch out, you might even get caught by an unexpected stray water balloon or two. ...all in good summer fun. Since I have been living in the Waxhaw area I appreciate more and more the home town approach taken here.

The years festivities are kicked off at 10AM with a few announcements from the Judges Area followed by a local singer doing a rendition of the National Anthem. Then the Parade starts up featuring pretty girls and politicians, marching veterans in their immaculately cared for uniforms with even a war hero or two honored for their sacrifices; bands and kids groups, tractors and horses, if it can be in a parade, its probably going to be seen here! You just don't get that in the big cities!

Throughout the day things will be happening around town. There 's plenty of good food at the local restaurants for those of you who aren't going home to do a "proper back yard BBQ" and as always the antique shops are open for you to meander through and perhaps find just the right treasure to take home.

Around 2 pm, we have a new event; the Corn hole Tournament sponsored by the Waxhaw Business Association-Waxhaw Info Center. This ought to be interesting!

Five Thirty sees another new event, a Beach Party kicked off.



Featuring the beach music of Mark Roberts & the Breeze with Shag instruction, Kids entertainment (face painter, bouncy, crafts) BBQ, hot dogs, ice cream, Italian ice, funnel cakes and more.

Then in the evening, amongst friends and neighbors, you get to hunt to find just the right piece of grass to throw a blanket down or set up couple of chairs on ...or maybe just pull up a bit of street curb.



Around 9PM comes the main attraction starting off with a bang, one of the absolute best fireworks displays to be seen. And they will be set off in the field right there in front of you. Not some big commercial presentation launched from the tallest building around or a barge offshore. Believe it or not, I even like the insects buzzing around my feet, taking a bite or two before I can spray 'em with the Off, that was the way it was done when I was a kid and, if your asking me, it's the best way to do it today as well!!

I'm glad to be in Waxhaw this Fourth of July.... our Independence Day! What a great place to be.

Waxhaw
81°F
Weather Forecast



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American Red Cross

Blood drive in Waxhaw on Friday - **TODAY** - at the Waxhaw Professional Group from 11-3:30. more info>

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4th of July Schedule

10 am:
Old Fashion hometown Parade beginning at 10 a.m. on downtown Main St.

2pm:
Corn hole Tournament sponsored by the Waxhaw Business Association-Waxhaw Info Center
Proceeds to benefit the Autism Society of North Carolina

5:30 pm:
Waxhaw Beach Party & Fireworks (9:30 p.m.)
Featuring the beach music of Mark Roberts & the Breeze Shag instruction, Kids entertainment (face painter, bouncy, crafts) BBQ, hot dogs, ice cream, Italian ice, funnel cakes and more.

9:30 pm:
The excitement will conclude with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. across from Jackson Station and CVS in Waxhaw Bring your chair and enjoy a great day and night in Waxhaw



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And now some history. A good read.



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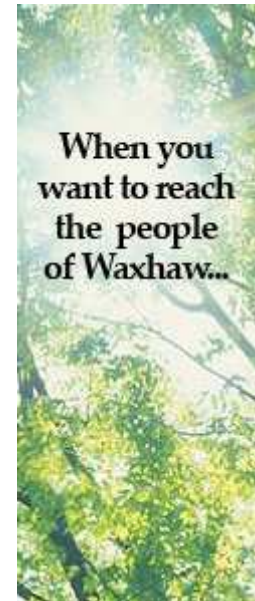
The Waxhaw Police Department would like you to know that the speed limit from Bojangles on Highway 16 / Broome Street to Couick's Marine has been lowered from 45mph to 35mph.

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Coming this summer...

CWoW Summer Movie Madness! For a complete list of details please [click here.](#)

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Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence ?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army;

Another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants,

nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly.

He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Ruttledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown , Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed.

The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

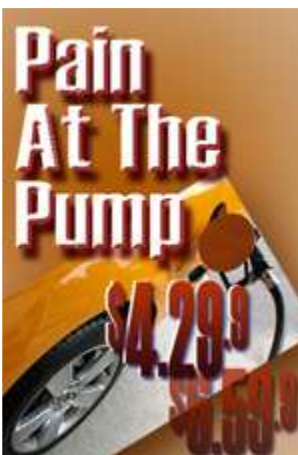
John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying.

Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: freedom is never free!

And the Fourth of July has more to it than beer, picnics, and baseball games.



Keep Your Eyes Open...

Blink and the price just might change!

Start Tracking 3/20/08	One Year Ago 5/23/08	Current 7/3/09
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Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.81.9	\$ 2.64.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$	\$ 2.64.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.74.9	\$ 2.64.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.72.9	\$ 2.64.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.74.9	\$ 2.64.9
Mineral Springs:			
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.81.9	\$ 2.64.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.81.9	\$ 2.64.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.89.9	\$ 2.64.9

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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Save a Life!

July 3rd, 2009

Red Cross Blood Drive

Hello everyone. We are holding a blood drive in Waxhaw on Friday at the Waxhaw Professional Group – beside Waxhaw Family Physicians and across from Couick's Marine from 11-3:30.

We are looking for all blood types – especially in critical need of blood types O negative, A negative and B negative. We will be giving away Red Cross t-shirts and water bottles.

If you are able to give – we appreciate it. When else do you get the opportunity to save 3 lives.

Have a wonderful and safe July 4 weekend.

Sheila

Sheila Crunkleton

Director of Development

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The Town of Waxhaw has the following seats available for reappointment:

Waxhaw Planning Board 3 seats  
Waxhaw Board of Adjustment 2 seats  
Waxhaw ABC Board 1 seat  
Historic Commission 1 seat

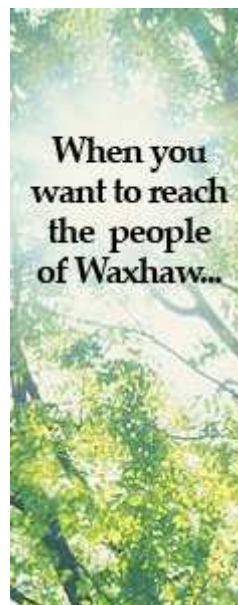
The deadline for volunteer applications for these boards is July 30th, 2009 by 12 noon. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Applications should be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office Waxhaw Town Hall 317 N. Broome Street(P.O. Box 6) Waxhaw, N.C. 28173. Please [click here](#) to download an application and a description of each board. You may also obtain an application at Town Hall. These are three year rotating terms that expire in July of each year. If you have any questions please contact Bonnie McManus (Town Clerk) at 704-843-2195 ext 22.

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## 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!

### In God We Still Trust

*This is a GREAT one for the 4th of July!  
Enjoy!*

*If the video doesn't play, click here.*

## ...How old is Grandpa?

Stay with this -- the answer is at the end. It will blow you away.

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events.

The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The Grandfather replied, 'Well, let me think a minute, I was born before:

- ' television
- ' penicillin
- ' polio shots
- ' frozen foods
- ' Xerox
- ' contact lenses
- ' Frisbees and
- ' the pill

There were no:

- ' credit cards
- ' laser beams or
- ' ball-point pens



Man had not invented:

- ' pantyhose
- ' air conditioners
- ' dishwashers
- ' clothes dryers
- ' and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and
- ' man hadn't yet walked on the moon

Your Grandmother and I got married first, . . . and then lived together.

Every family had a father and a mother.

Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, 'Sir'.

And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, 'Sir.'

We were before gay-rights, computer- dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy.

Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense.

We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege.

We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends -not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, frozen yogurt, or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios.

And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan ' on it, it was junk.

The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.

Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of.

We had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents.

Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel.

And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600, . . . but who could afford one?

Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In my day:

- ' grass' was mowed,
- ' coke' was a cold drink,
- ' pot' was something your mother cooked in and
- ' rock music' was your grandmother's lullaby.
- ' Aids' were helpers in the Principal's office,
- ' chip' meant a piece of wood,
- ' hardware' was found in a hardware store and
- ' software' wasn't even a word.

And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us 'old and confused' and say there is a generation gap... and how old do you think Grandpa is?  
I bet you have this old man in mind...you are in for a shock!

Read on to see -- pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time.

This man would be 59 years old

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