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Summer Vacation '08 ...the Real Story



On a Side Note:

Color your holiday Red, White and Blue this 4th of July in historic downtown Waxhaw!

This year's parade theme is "From Sea to Shining Sea!" with emphasis on celebrating our country from the Pacific to the Atlantic Oceans!

Parade steps off at 10:00 am in front of the Judges station on Northwest Main Street and Hwy 16 by the Waxhaw Fire Station with Laura Pettler singing the National Anthem!

After the parade please take time out to visit our stores and unique products from antique dealers to art collections! Something to see and do in our wonderful town!

To be part of this exciting day please click for our **PARADE APPLICATION**. OR go to our News and Events Page on this web site and click on the July 4th Celebration.

Thank you for choosing Waxhaw as your destination for this year's Independence Day Celebration!

July 4th Parade and Fireworks!

Date: Friday
Jul 4, 2008
Time: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
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Most of us have or are currently raising children. They are a blessing in life and mark the passage of time with accomplishments such as walking, learning to read and playing in sports; trips to the beach and Christmas extravaganzas. And this is the way it has been for me with my only son, Matt. Now an upcoming senior at Parkwood, he is passing through the teenage years and becoming quite the man. Tall with broad shoulders, you certainly can no longer call him a child. One of the "sports" he has become seriously involved in is Paintball. He even works part time at one of the local fields. And so the story unfolds. There is a paintball event he has wanted to attend for the last few years and now, and as time is drawing short for Son and Father to spend quality time together, I reluctantly agreed to chauffeur him and two of his pals to this event. I now admit that I had no idea what I was getting myself into. First, the event is held in Oklahoma which is over 1,100 miles away. Secondly, even though the boys all have drivers licenses to one extent or another, because I had to rent a van capable of hauling four of us and all of our gear, none of the boys were allowed to drive due to insurance restrictions.... so dear old dad did all of the driving. None of us were prepared for the extent of weather we encountered once we got there either, it was blowing like you've never seen on the Carolinas unless there is a hurricane nearby, or otherwise it was raining cats and dogs! Did I mention we were camping?

When I left on the trip I had visions of spending time with Matt and a fair amount of time hanging out waiting for them to come back to camp. Well, I'm just not that kind of person. I had taken the trusty laptop so I could produce and post last week's issue of the Gazette, so in no time at all I had taken on the role of war correspondent, complete with press pass and a camo shirt emblazoned with "Big John, PRESS".



Instead of lying around camp I was out talking with the grunts, generals, owner of the facility and, of course interviewing pretty women where ever I could find them.

One of the things you have to understand about an event of this magnitude is that there are so many people involved, organization is a must.

In short order I came to refer to it as the military version of Woodstock! Tents blown all over the place and mud, the mud was just everywhere! And it was the thick gooiest kind that oozes between your toes.



[See the entire slide show here!](#)

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Welcome to this week's 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



KELLY'S HEROS:

- 1, KELLY 2, HEAD SHOT; 3, NEW YORK; 4, DOC; 5, VAN GUY; 6, PATCHES; 7, LONG; 8, OTHER GUY; 9, ZIPPER; 10, DAS BOOT; 11, CARD BOARD; 12, CURLEY; 13, NELES (NAILS); 14 TATER TOT; 15, COOKIE

The Valkyries of D-Day

Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History



It

all started in December, just six months ago... Bond Chick, (Maureen Armstrong) is the original Valkyre....after hearing all about last years shenanigans, a year long "chess game" with her husband enticed her into the game. She had been around regular paintball before ... and now decided it was time for an all-woman's team. Through on-line forums she enlisted a group of like minded women to join her for the D-Day event. Of the fifteen women that eventually showed up I had the opportunity to interview a group of them including; Doc, who at 45 is the oldest member of the team and in real life is a Doctor... was enticed into the game by her son who is 17 years old. Heidi, who was the 2nd person to join the group.... is in national guard and met Bond Chic through Bonds husband who is also in the National Guard.Sky, that is the lady that had the units emblem tattooed on her back, renewed her wedding vows at the battlefield church where everybody showed up in authentic 1940's clothing. The Vow Renewal Ceremony was a surprise for Sky. And yes, her husband and Sky did go through with it.

Breanne Pianfetti, AKA Sether is at 10 years old, the youngest on the team and has been a player since Jan 1st

There are two sides in this WWII reenactment game - The Allied and The Axis Powers, or "The Good Guys" and "The Bad Guys". Since Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History, the Valkyries play with the side that is known for their strategic superiority, The Germans, specifically, the 6th Fallschirmjagers.



As an All-Female Paintball Team for the Oklahoma D-Day Scenario game, (in addition to other games across the Nation) the Valkyries continue to enrich the family spirit and tradition of Paintball by inviting all females, regardless of age and experience, to play. Have you wanted to play but wanted to be with more women? Maybe you resisted because you felt you were too 'new' and had nothing to offer. Experience and age do not matter. It's all about having a positive attitude and the willingness to try.

Whether you've played for years or are a hardcore female baller with the leadership skills and experience to lead, or are just beginning and need a place to start -. Courage, honor and integrity is what are needed...



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!

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Summer Vacation '08 The Real Story

Just like the events of the World War Two namesake, you had the Allied (good Guys) and the Axis Powers (Bad guys). Broken down from there were units and platoons, etc. all with assignments for the big battle that took place on Saturday. Assignments like take the beach, hold the high ground, defend the town and secure the airstrip. Our group, we became know as Kelly's Misfits of the 1058th MEK. The guys all had nick names as handles, 15 in all. Kelly's Heroes included: Master Sergeant Kelly, Head Shot, New York, Doc, Van Guy, Patches, Long, Other Guy, Zipper, Das Boot, Cardboard, Curley, Neles (pronounced nails), Tater Tot and Cookie. All of the nicknames had their origins in something that had happened to them... some obvious, some not. And me, well the crew decided to name me "Durdy John" partially because I managed to get the van seriously stuck in the mud once, my inclination to interview women at every opportunity and my fire side story telling style.

Our "guys" did extremely well in the battles. The Germans won this time and Kelly's Heroes fought on till the very end. Long after many had dropped in the heat, humidity and intensity of the fighting. No place for sissies here.

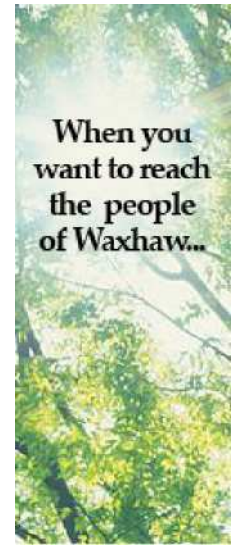
And what did we come away with besides victory? A camaraderie that can not be duplicated! What with the thousands of people there, us fifteen, sixteen if you count me, became a close knit family. I now better understand the meaning of the term "band of brothers". With all of us coming from far flung corners of the country, the likelihood of us ever getting together again is slim, but for the time we were together we came to know and rely on each other for friendship and cover. Unlike "the real thing" all any of us came away with was a few bruises, a welt or two and maybe a bit of trench foot. And the memories of all of us together for that one week in the midst of all of that confusion surrounding us, those memories and experiences will remain with us for our entire lives.



Somewhere in the future, something will trigger these memories and we will raise a toast to thoughts of friends and time past spent together.

And for Matt and me, well we have the added pleasure of having had this time together and the once in a lifetime memories only a father and his son can have.

John Tiley 6/20/08



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Oklahoma D-Day is not your typical "Big Game" where hundreds or even a thousand paintball players show up and attack one specific objective or play capture the flag. With 3,500 to 4,000 players that come to this event annually, it would be un-controllable mass chaos. Rather, like the actual Invasion of Normandy, several battles unfold across the field throughout the day. Sides are awarded points for holding or taking critical objectives at key times. It is highly advisable that you study the history of the actual invasion, including individual units and their battles, as it will give insight into the missions and objectives in Oklahoma D-Day.

The entire event runs for a week with the D-Day game starting on Saturday morning at 9 AM. During the week there are several mini-scenarios, qualification courses, and walk on speed ball games. There's even a SPPL qualifier, the weekend before. Camping is available for a minimal charge of \$5.00 and the week turns out to be an experience that you'll never forget. What you put into it, is basically what you'll get out of it.

for more info go to <http://www.ddayadventurepark.com>

Another source for info is at: <http://www.paintballnews.com/articles/july82006/fp.html>



Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area as of 6/19/08

	3/20/08	6/19/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.89.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$3.92.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.95.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.93.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.96.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.89.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.89.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.88.9

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The 3rd Annual Waxhaw Town & Country Run

For the slide show please go to: **Race Results Photo Gallery**

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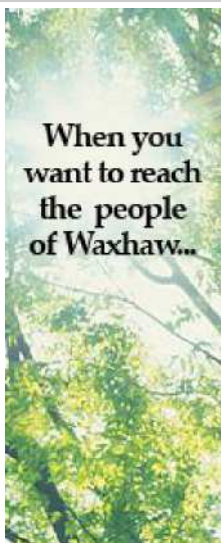
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Arts, Crafts & Home: Now In The Garden

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Golden Seeds of Wisdom

Summer is here and our landscape is drinking up more and more water as the temperature continues to rise. Our turf, plant material, and containers all require more water during this time of year. In conclusion to our three-part series, we thought that we would share with you the ways that you can continue to help conserve water throughout your home, this time focusing on the outdoors. Again, the one common denominator throughout this water conservation series is YOU. You are the only one that can help protect the precious resource of water. Start today with the simple suggestions listed below and see what a difference a few new habits can make.

Conserving Water Outdoors

Water used outdoors can be reduced by as much as 60% with the proper methods. Xeriscaping is a popular thought to help conserve water as beds require less water than turf does. Using drought tolerant plants that are successful in our region is another way to help conserve. If you must turn the hose on however, use the methods listed below to help reduce consumption in your yard.

- Use mulch to cover bare ground in gardens and around trees reducing water evaporation and retaining moisture. Savings = up to 420 per month
- Install drip irrigation. Savings = 25 to 60% in landscape watering
- Capture and use rainwater for outside watering. A 2,000 square foot roof will yield 1,250 gallons of irrigation water with a one inch rain. Rainfall in many NC cities averages 50 inches plus.
- Practice water wise gardening - in addition to mulching and installing drip irrigation, water only the root zone of the plants, add organic matter to your garden, water when the sun is down, plant trees to produce cool shade in your garden, use drought/heat tolerant plants and turf grass, group plants according to their water needs, reduce your lawn area, keep plant beds weed free, use best horticultural practices regarding pruning, watering and fertilizing to keep plants healthy, and incorporate water absorbing pellets and compost when planting.
- Set lawn mower blades on notch higher since longer grass reduces evaporation - leave grass clippings on the ground to conserve moisture.
- Avoid hosing down your patio or deck - use a blower or broom instead. Savings = up to 425 gallons per month
- If you have a pool, use a cover to cut down evaporation which will keep the pool cleaner and reduce the use of chemicals. Savings = up to 1,050 gallons per month
- Take your car to a car wash that recycles its wash water. Savings = up to 150 gallons per wash.

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Every garden has the ability to attract birds.

With the proper considerations and plants, even a seemingly barren landscape can be turned into a thriving, lush habitat for birds. There are six basic principles when landscaping for birds: food, water, shelter, diversity, protection, and plant selection and planting procedures. Each consideration contributes to the quality of a landscape for a proper bird habitat.

- Food is critical to a bird's survival and often birds' food preferences change throughout their lives or seasons. It is important to have not only nectar-producing plants for hummingbirds, but also a range of seasonal fruit-producing plants for others. Examples of nectar-producing plants are lantana and hibiscus. Summer fruiting plants produce fruit or berries from May to August. These plants include blueberry, blackberry, and serviceberry tree. These plants attract robins, woodpeckers, cardinals, mockingbirds, and others. Fall and winter berry-producers, like hollies, will often cater to a different family of birds, but all are desirable in the landscape. In late summer and autumn, the perennial bed can provide a feast of seeds for finches. Purple coneflower is one of their favorites.
- Water is an easy way to attract more birds to a garden. Creating a simple source of water that drips, splashes, or moves will double the appearance of avian wildlife. Birdbaths, small ponds, and a water garden are just a few common examples. The Gardener's Sundries Shoppe has many ornate, handmade birdbaths that are perfect garden additions for both bird and bird-lover.
- Shelter for birds is not as difficult as it may seem. Any type of conifer, like pines, firs, cedars, and junipers, offer a significant amount of coverage from predators and extreme weather. In addition, ornate long grasses provide coverage for birds that nest on ground level. Even brush mounds on the boundaries of the yard create excellent shelter for many varieties of birds.
- Diversity is something always to keep in mind. Creating a garden full of the same plant will only result in one thing: monotony. By keeping the garden or backyard filled with many different plants, you will see occupants that are also more diverse.
- Protection, after food and water, is probably the most important consideration when landscaping for birds. Be aware of dangers, like prowling cats. Placing feeders, plants, and birdbaths away from places where cats could hide while the birds eat, bathe, or nest is essential. Also, pesticides and herbicides can harm any number of birds so only apply these when needed and only after following the instructions explicitly.
- Plant selection and planting procedures refer not to the birds' survival but to the plants' in the garden. This is a significant principle, because, without the proper soil amendments, watering, and other horticultural considerations, the plants will not survive and the birds will no longer be present in the garden. With these six simple principles, a garden can easily become an avian sanctuary. Paying close attention to the arrangement of plants, and using plants that work best in your area will lead to an ever-thriving habitat for birds.



Plant of the Month
Kaleidoscope Abelia
Abelia x grandifolia
'Kaleidoscope'



Kaleidoscope Abelia (*Abelia x grandifolia* 'Kaleidoscope') is a low growing, evergreen shrub that grows 24-30 inches high and 36-42 inches wide. With its bright red stems, the vibrant green and yellow variegated foliage pop in the spring and summer months. The fall, however, sparks the kaleidoscopic effect of this abelia. The leaves begin to show shades of orange and fiery red. By mid-fall, the leaves become a deep scarlet with deep green centers. This abelia also has small white blooms in both summer and fall. The Kaleidoscope Abelia does best in partial sun to full sun areas and requires only a medium amount of water in order to thrive once established. The low-growing and mounding form of Kaleidoscope Abelia makes it a great addition to the landscape where a small evergreen, yet colorful shrub is desired.



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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!



The Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. And it really doesn't help you or them to throw it back at them, either. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning or go to bed at night with regrets, so..... "Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't."

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2. ONE TEQUILA, TWO TEQUILA, THREE TEQUILA, FLOOR.....
3. ATHEISM IS A NON-PROPHET ORGANIZATION.
4. IF MAN EVOLVED FROM MONKEYS AND APES, WHY DO WE STILL HAVE MONKEYS AND APES?
5. THE MAIN REASON SANTA IS SO JOLLY IS BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHERE ALL THE BAD GIRLS LIVE.
6. I WENT TO A BOOKSTORE AND ASKED THE SALESWOMAN, "WHERE'S THE SELF-HELP SECTION?" SHE SAID IF SHE TOLD ME, IT WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE.
7. WHAT IF THERE WERE NO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS?
8. IF A DEAF PERSON SWEARS, DOES HIS MOTHER WASH HIS HANDS WITH SOAP?
9. IF SOMEONE WITH MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES THREATENS TO KILL HIMSELF, IS IT CONSIDERED A HOSTAGE SITUATION?
10. IS THERE ANOTHER WORD FOR SYNONYM?
11. WHERE DO FOREST RANGERS GO TO "GET AWAY FROM IT ALL?"
12. WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE AN ENDANGERED ANIMAL EATING AN ENDANGERED PLANT?
13. IF A PARSLEY FARMER IS SUED, CAN THEY GARNISH HIS WAGES?
14. WOULD A FLY WITHOUT WINGS BE CALLED A WALK?
15. WHY DO THEY LOCK GAS STATION BATHROOMS? ARE THEY AFRAID SOMEONE WILL CLEAN THEM?
16. IF A TURTLE DOESN'T HAVE A SHELL, IS HE HOMELESS OR NAKED?
17. CAN VEGETARIANS EAT ANIMAL CRACKERS?
18. IF THE POLICE ARREST A MIME, DO THEY TELL HIM HE HAS THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT?
19. WHY DO THEY PUT BRAILLE ON THE DRIVE-THROUGH BANK MACHINES?
20. HOW DO THEY GET DEER TO CROSS THE ROAD ONLY AT THOSE YELLOW ROAD SIGNS?
21. WHAT WAS THE BEST THING BEFORE SLICED

...A little boy wanted \$100.00 very badly and prayed for weeks, but nothing happened.

Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100.00.

When The postal authorities received the letter to God , USA , they decided to send it to the President.

The president was so amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5.00 bill.

The president thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00 bill and sat down to write a thank-you note to God, which read: Dear God: Thank you very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you sent it through Washington, DC, and those politicians deducted \$95.00 in taxes.

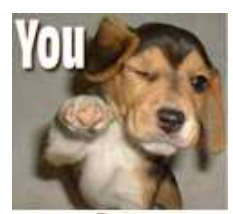
2008 American Presidential Elections, from the Irish point of view:

"We, in Ireland, can't figure out why you are even bothering to hold an election in the United States.

On the one side, you have a lawyer, married to a lawyer, running against a lawyer who is married to a lawyer.

On the other side, you have a war hero married to a good looking woman who owns a beer distributorship.

What are you lads thinking over there?'



...have a Great Day!

And just in case you missed it....

Withering Heights and...



..... can still be seen here!

BREAD?

22. ONE NICE THING ABOUT EGOTISTS: THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE.

23. DOES THE LITTLE MERMAID WEAR AN ALGEBRA?

24. HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A CIVIL WAR?

25. IF ONE SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMER DROWNS, DO THE REST DROWN TOO?

26. IF YOU ATE BOTH PASTA AND ANTIPASTO, WOULD YOU STILL BE HUNGRY?

27. IF YOU TRY TO FAIL, AND SUCCEED, WHICH HAVE YOU DONE?

28. WHOSE CRUEL IDEA WAS IT FOR THE WORD "LISP" TO HAVE "S" IN IT?


29. WHY ARE HEMORRHOIDS CALLED "HEMORRHOIDS" INSTEAD OF "ASSTEROIDS"?

30. WHY IS IT CALLED TOURIST SEASON IF WE CAN'T SHOOT AT THEM?

31. WHY IS THERE AN EXPIRATION DATE ON SOUR CREAM?

32. IF YOU SPIN AN ORIENTAL MAN IN A CIRCLE THREE TIMES DOES HE BECOME DISORIENTED?

33. CAN AN ATHEIST GET INSURANCE AGAINST ACTS OF GOD?

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

Dear Amber,

I have a friend, "Bethany", that I've known my whole life. We lived next door to each other and when we were little kids we did everything together. That continued into middle school and later into high school. Then came college and I got accepted into my first choice and she got accepted into my first choice too! And even though it wasn't her first choice, she decided to attend the same college that I did. This was kind of nice since it was our first time away from home and it was comforting to have someone there that I already knew. This fall I will be going to Brussels for a semester as part of my coursework toward a degree in international studies. When Bethany learned about this she had a panic attack and is now talking about changing majors so that she can go to Brussels too. Amber, I love my friend dearly and don't want to say or do anything that would hurt her but as my junior year approaches I realize that I haven't met that many people because Bethany and I usually spend most of our spare time together. We even hang out together when she's with her steady boyfriend who she met right after we moved on-campus. While I enjoy her company, she has no desire to travel or learn about other cultures. On the other hand, I want to meet people who are from other parts of the world and who have different life experiences to share. How do I tell my friend that she should stay on campus and that I want to study and travel in Europe without her?

Explorer

Dear Explorer,

It sounds like you and Bethany have the typical "odd-couple" relationship. It's wonderful to have someone that you know you can always call on to be there for you. I get the feeling that both of you have been holding onto the comfort of a known friendship so that you don't have to get out there and meet new people. You'll want to talk to Bethany before she actually changes her major. Tell her what you wrote in your letter (without mentioning the part about wanting to go without her) and let her know that she'll always be your best friend but this is something you have to do on your own. You could suggest that she visit you while you are in Brussels - that way you can both share in the experience and after she has returned home you can continue to explore your new surroundings. A semester abroad will be a great experience and is the perfect way to start your career as a world traveler.

Amber

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