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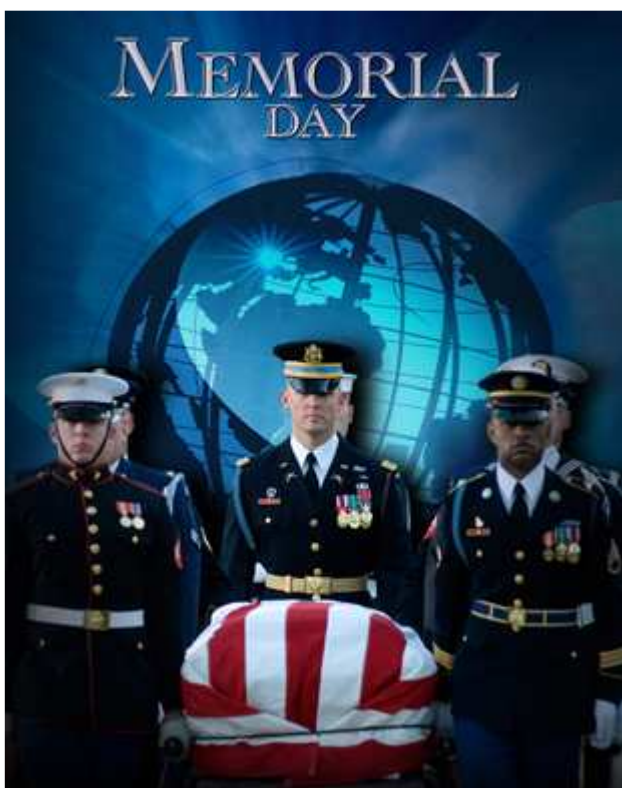
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Memorial Weekend, 2009



Rolling Thunder* Protesting In Washington this Memorial Weekend

Continued Focus on Finding Live POWs/MIA's
I find it amazing that after over forty years there are still living POWs in Vietnam and that we haven't gotten them home. It is bad enough we haven't retrieved all of the MIA's presumed dead.

From Rolling Thunders Web Site:

"There is a desire on the part of many in the government (and the public) to put the entire POW/MIA issue to rest. Noteworthy in this regard is the U.S. Navy's recent efforts to re-classify Capt. Scott Speicher from Missing/Captured to MIA, clearing the way to have Capt. Speicher declared dead and remove him from the POW/MIA list once and for all. President Obama signed an executive order (reversing President George W. Bush's EO) to open up previously restricted presidential records and documents. It is possible that these records may provide

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EMORIAL DAY

Memories from my childhood, it was called Decoration Day back then, included flags everywhere ...of the time I took decorating my bicycle with streamers and crepe paper in red, white and blue And when it passed inspection, riding it up and down the street looking for the best vantage point to watch the upcoming parade. The Veterans would be in their uniforms all pressed and perfect, marching in front with assorted flags from their respective branch of the service.

There was always someone special out front carrying the American flag. The Armory would bring assorted military vehicles from jeeps to armed personnel carriers and if we were lucky



maybe even a rocket launcher! Then, when all of the soldiers had passed, came the high school cheerleaders and marching bands playing all kinds of military music. There might be three or four bands in all and, weaving in between, would be convertibles with the Mayor and other "dignitaries".

Then, at the end of the parade, all of the older kids got to ride their decorated bikes in the parade where, at the end of the festivities, the best decorated bike won a prize! I remember how much I wanted to be in that parade too. To be on my bike and maybe even someday, up front with the soldiers, all looking so proud and somber at the same time.

Sadly, we don't celebrate it as Decoration Day anymore let alone on the right day of the month. It's supposed to be on the 30th of May. Now it's Memorial Day and it's not even a day, but a weekend, a time where most of us see it only as an opportunity for recreation. Barbequing and boating, beach time and hanging out at the ball park. But things change and with our people still overseas in Iraq and elsewhere, at least I hope all of you will take just a little time to remember the fallen and what it continues to take to keep freedom our way of life ...and be sure to proudly fly your American Flag!

John Tiley, Editor & Publisher
Reprinted from Memorial Weekend, 2008

information about the government's dedication and commitment to the search for live POWs/MIAs. We call on the new administration to make public documents that might shed new light on the status of efforts to locate and return live POWs/MIAs. Families of these missing service personnel deserve closure."

** Namesake for this non profit group taken from the heavy bombing efforts from the early war years known as Operation Rolling Thunder. This group of Vets has been instrumental in keeping up the interest in POW/MIA's through many efforts; most notably the Motorcycle Protest Rides mainly in the Capital. Rolling Thunder®, Inc.'s major function is to publicize the POW-MIA issue. To educate the public of the fact that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all past wars. To help correct the past and to protect the future veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners Of War/Missing In Action. We are committed to helping American veterans from all wars. Rolling Thunder, Inc. is a non-profit organization and everyone donates his or her time because they believe in the POW/MIA issue.*



Welcome to our special Memorial Day Edition of The Waxhaw Gazette!

As we come into the holiday weekend I wanted to take the time to wish all of you a happy and safe holiday.

Take your time getting wherever you are going and save the partying till you get there.

And in the midst of barbeques and beach games or whatever your weekend entails take a moment to remember why we are having this particular holiday. And if you happen to get some good vacation photos remember we are looking for good local photographers to showcase. Please contact me directly with any comments or suggestions

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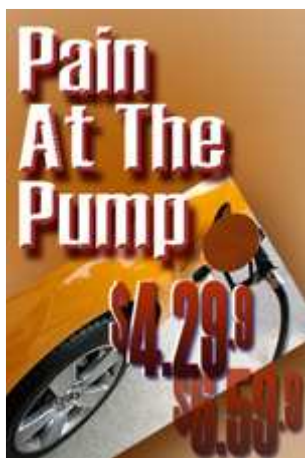
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Waxhaw, N.C. Plans are under way for the 2009 Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony in historic downtown Waxhaw. The program is slated for Saturday, May 23rd beginning with breakfast and registration for veterans at 9am. The official public program will begin at 10am in front of the Waxhaw Military Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor is located in the East North Main Street block in historic downtown. The program will be emceed by Ken Conrad and will include: the changing of flags by American Legion Post 208, The National Anthem by Laura Pettler, Laying of the wreath, guest speaker John W. Falkenbury Lieutenant colonel, U.S. Army, retired and President of the N.C. USO., a three round volley from the overhead bridge, taps, Ken O'Neil on bag pipes and a symbolic releasing of doves. The public is urged to attend this event to commemorate all war veterans. Far too often, the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice in the memories of future generations This event is free to the public. For more information on the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony please go to www.waxhaw.com or call 704-843-2195 ext 26.

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Prices for gas...

Here we go, lets see, the economy is still in the dumps. Unemployment continues to grow and their are no new wars I am aware of? Yet the prices are rising anyway??

Oh, I know. It must be the Holiday Weekend bringing out the gougette monsters from under their rocks ...just to put the bite on us again!

On May 1st, just a few weeks ago the price was \$1.97.9 ...that is a 42 cent increase! OUCH!! Corporate America, putting it to us any way they can!



	Start Tracking 3/20/08	One Year Ago 5/23/08	Current 5/22/09
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.81.9	\$ 2.39.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$	\$
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.74.9	\$ 2.39.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.72.9	\$ 2.39.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.74.9	\$ 2.39.9
Mineral Springs:			
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.81.9	\$ 2.39.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.81.9	\$ 2.39.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.89.9	\$

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.

Liquor by the Drink. Update!

By: Hunter Croswell, Contributing Writer

From the Mayor:

Dear Friends,

Last night, the Waxhaw Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution expressing interest in supporting developing a research park in Waxhaw. There is some additional research that they want done before hosting the Stakeholder Summit so the June 18th date has been postponed for the moment. There is a possibility that the event could be rescheduled for sometime in August. In the meantime, I will continue to work on this project focusing on solidifying support among potential stakeholders and continuing the research effort.

Best,

Daune Gardner
Mayor of Waxhaw

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For a copy of the Memorial Day poster please [CLICK HERE.](#)

For a copy of the complete program please [click here](#)

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July 4th festivities Applications for parade entries are now available. Please [click hereto download an application.](#)

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SLOW DOWN!

The Waxhaw Police Department would like you to know that the speed limit from

You've probably heard of the issue going on over liquor being sold by the drink in restaurants and bars in Waxhaw. More than likely you've read about it in here. I've managed to find a little bit more information on what locals and officials are doing as of late.

Not too long ago a vote was taken by Waxhaw's board of directors concerning liquor by the drink being served in restaurants inside city limits. This vote passed, but of course, was not a vote to approve liquor by the drink, but a vote to approve another vote, to approve another vote, etc. This last meeting, more specifically, was to decide if they were going to bring the issue up at their next meeting. This meeting, as of now, is scheduled for the second Tuesday of July. At the upcoming meeting in July the board of directors will be deciding if they want to put the issue on the main November ballot instead of calling a special meeting. The only way to avoid some of this run-around is by petition.

As you may already know, a petition has been going around to approve liquor by the drink. If such a petition gets 30% of Waxhaw's population to sign it then a meeting has to be called. The board of directors will then have to validate all of the signatures as real, living people of the age to enjoy mixed drinks in bars. If enough signatures are approved, then a mandatory final vote has to be called within 120 to 150 days of validation. Unfortunately, that would put it on the November ballot anyways. It will, at least make it mandatory that the proposition be voted on.

Now, if you're interested in doing your part to help the cause, there are places to go. Roughly 1200 signatures are needed to complete the petition. If you would like to sign your name, please stop by The Main Street Grill in downtown Waxhaw. Just ask about the petition and they'll help you out from there.



Bojangles on Highway 16/Broome Street to Couick's Marine **has been lowered** from 45mph to 35mph.

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**Laura Petler
 Music
 Performance
 Schedule
 2009**

May 23, 2009, time TBA, Memorial Day National Anthem, Waxhaw, NC

***We are grateful for every opportunity extended to us to serve our communities.**

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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!

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It is good to see that
at least on South
West, the Attendants
have a bit of humor.
Enjoy the Video!



In wine there is wisdom.....



To my friends who enjoy a glass of wine... And those who don't.

As Ben Franklin said: In wine there is wisdom,
In beer there is freedom,
In water there is bacteria.

In a number of carefully controlled trials, scientists have demonstrated that if we drink 1 litre of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 kilo of Escherichia coli, (E. Coli) - bacteria found in feces. In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop.

However, we do NOT run that risk when drinking wine & beer (or tequila, rum, whiskey or other liquor) because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and/or fermenting.

Remember:

Water = Poop,

Wine = Health.

Therefore, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid,

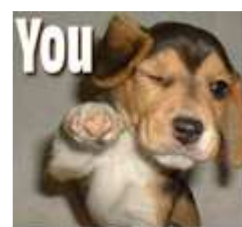
Than to drink water and be full of shit.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information: I'm doing it as a public service


*"Always do right -
This will gratify
some people and
astonish the rest."
--Mark Twain*



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Great Day!**

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