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## Care Packages For The Troops From Waxhaw!

Article written by Bob Young:

Our favorite barber Kathy has been taking on a drive for snacks for our troops, and also requesting hand-written letters to our boys in uniform; I got my haircut this morning and was ASTOUNDED by the response of packages, food snacks and letters that was being dropped off as I waited. The pile was 5 ft high and at least that wide and just starting! She told me that an elderly woman dropped off a check for \$1K yesterday at her sister-in-laws hair salon, who also is helping with this.

These "Care Packages" are being assembled for the troops in Kathy's sons' Units. Army Spec. Dusty Matthews is with the 4th Infantry Unit currently stationed in Sader City and his brother, Army Spec Justin Matthews, is with the Combat Engineers in Mazule.

The initial shipment deadline is May 9th and additional shipments will be sent on a regular basis.



Dusty and Justin Matthews

Remember, many of the soldiers over there don't get anything from home. This is what prompted KATHY to take this HUGE Project on! So anyone who would like can help out... just stop by or give Kathy a call at The Broome Barbershop on North Main or call her at: (704) 843-1892.



Justin Matthews

*Bob "Rusty" Young is an contributing Reporter for the Waxhaw Gazette and can usually be found roaming around the town or rummaging in his shop where he works on classic project cars as a pastime.*

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](mailto:jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com)

I also 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 announcement, 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!

## The Week Ahead:

SpringFest, **Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday, May 18 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.**

Arts Crafts & Homes: Golden Leaf, Contributing Writers add once again to this months advice

## The Third Annual Town & Country Race has a Strong Finish...

even better than last year!

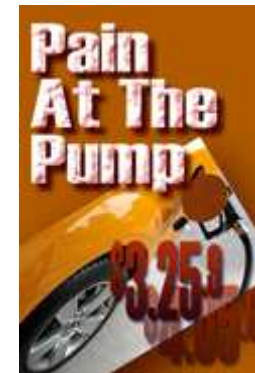
Race Czar, Larry Hook has done it once again. After an amazing job last year he has bettered himself in this years effort! More racers, larger crowds and a great list of sponsors who have stood behind his efforts once again this year. Most of which have been on board from the begining!

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## If You Thought Last Weeks News Was A Bit Much,

### This Is Over The TOP!



## HANG ON TO YOUR WALLETS EVERYBODY!

Last week I reported on the Fortune 500 listings which showed where Exxon reported profits of \$40 Billion Dollars! Well yesterday they released their First Quarter results and have the second biggest Profit **ever reported** in US history: \$10.9 Billion Dollars. If this continues with no further increases, that would mean that by the end of this year Exxon would have profits in excess of 43.6 Billion Dollars. That is over a **\$3 BILLION DOLLAR INCREASE** over last year! And that is IF prices stay where they are and don't increase?

I wonder what could be done in this country with \$3 Billion Dollars if it went into healthcare, or how about new jobs for the unemployed? Mmmmm.

## Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area as of 9:00 AM. , 5/01/08

	3/20/08	5/01/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.53.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$3.55.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.54.9

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Photo by Matt Tiley

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From this point on I am listing my first reported cost for gas at these select Waxhaw area gas stations in the left column and this weeks pricing to the right. As this report originated on March20th we will be able to track the rate of increase through Spring and into Summer.

Shell:	<b>\$3.24.9</b>	<b>\$3.55.9</b>
Wax. In n Out:	<b>\$3.26.9</b>	<b>\$3.60.9</b>
<i>Are they still open for business?</i>		
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	<b>\$3.20.9</b>	<b>\$3.53.9</b>
Texaco:	<b>\$3.21.9</b>	<b>\$3.53.9</b>
BP	<b>\$3.21.9</b>	<b>\$3.53.9</b>
<i>on New Town</i>		

*I strongly recommend, no, your Editor Insists that we make sure to remember our pain this coming November!*

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## The Third Annual Town & Country Race has a Strong Finish... even better than last year!

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Waxhaw, N.C., -- April 25, 2008

The Waxhaw Town and County Run hosted by the Waxhaw-Weddington Sunrise Rotary Club was a success Friday evening, April 25, with 217 runners participating in the 5K race and more than 200 also participating in the fun run and fitness walk. In all, about 1,000 participated in a fun evening enjoying the race, the Michael Davis Band, and complimentary food from local vendors.

The overall men's winner was Jayce Watson of Wingate, 21, with a time of 15:59.0. The overall women's winner was Amber Hines also of Wingate, 21, with a time of 18:49.0

Rotary International is an international service club with 1.2 million members worldwide. Members volunteer their time and talent in living out the Rotary motto, "Service above Self." The Waxhaw-Weddington Sunrise Rotary Club has 24 members. Proceeds from the race will go to community and international service projects and to strengthen the club's educational programs.

The title sponsor this year was, once again, Farms and Estates Realty.

A special thanks goes out to all of our sponsors who, once again, showed great support for the event! Especially to Robert Sabin of Clearly Carolina Water & Coffee Co. who has been involved in every event the Rotary has sponsored.

## 13th Annual Steeplechase has Lady Luck on her side!

On what was predicted to be a rather wet and rainy Saturday, the festivities were blessed with only a light sprinkling and them absolutely lovely weather for their event. Thousands of people attended and the 13th Annual Queens's Cup Steeplechase went off without a hitch. With weather reaching the mid sixties tailgating and tents were decorated set for the parties.



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## Waxhaw's Events Calander



### The Town of Waxhaw Announces Sponsors for Annual Spring Event *Come Play in Our Streets!*

Waxhaw, N.C. February 25, 2008—

*The Town of Waxhaw invites families to play in its historic downtown on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday, May 18 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. to celebrate Spring Fest '08.*

This year's headline sponsors are The Waxhaw Exchange, The Waxhaw Business Association, K-9Z to 5 Dog Training, The Furry Godmother and The Community Works of Waxhaw

Both days will bring exciting opportunities for everyone in the family to enjoy. Pick up your copy of The Waxhaw Exchange at the festival to view the great collection of open market finds such as antiques, arts, crafts, wood art, collectables, food and exciting band stand entertainment. The Waxhaw Business Association returns with the 4th annual Kids Zone designed for kids of all ages!

Saturday features two returning events to jump start the weekend: the 3rd Annual Doggie Idol Competition and the 2nd Annual SK8 Competition. Bring your pooch to the Waxhaw Band Stand to compete for ribbons in categories such as shortest/longest tail, best dressed, most hair, and pure breed. The most talented dog will take home the Doggie Idol trophy.

Doggie Idol is sponsored by K-9Z To 5 Dog Training and The Furry Godmother benefiting animal rescue in Union County. Come early, registration begins at 9:00 a.m. the first 100 will receive a gift bag from Nutro Natural Pet Food.

The SK8 Competition, hosted by Community Works of Waxhaw, invites all Skateboarders, In-line Skaters and BMX Bikers to the Waxhaw Church Street Park at 1 pm. to compete for trophies and ribbons. Registration begins at noon. Participants must bring and wear helmets and knee pads to compete.

The weekend continues with exciting events at the bandstand and throughout the festival. For up-to-date information please go to the Town of Waxhaw web site at [www.waxhaw.com](http://www.waxhaw.com)

*Spring Fest '08 is a rain or shine event*

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### JAARS MUSEUM OF THE ALPHABET CONTRIBUTES TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF LANGUAGE OPENING IN MARYLAND

Waxhaw, N.C. May 4, 2008

The National Museum of Language will open its doors tomorrow in College Park, Maryland and visitors will see displays from Waxhaw, N.C.'s Museum of the Alphabet. Dr. Amelia Murdoch, president of the National Museum of Language (NML), says, "The Board of Directors of the National Museum of Language deeply appreciates the assistance of the Museum of the Alphabet in developing the opening exhibit of the NML entitled 'Writing Language: Passing It On.' We highly value the cooperation of the Museum of the Alphabet as we pursue our common goal of better informing the general public of the importance of language."

The National Museum of Language (NML), a small museum that explores the transformative powers of language, opens to the public after more than ten years in the making. A trail-blazer in the field—there are no more than three museums in the world with a similar focus—the NML will examine the history, impact and art of language.

The opening exhibit "Writing Language: Passing It On" displays how language developed over time and uses the Museum of the Alphabet displays. Attention is given to alphabetic and pictographic writing systems.

The alphabetic exhibit was constructed by Museum of the Alphabet Director

La Donna Mann and her staff in collaboration with Dr. Janet Chernela of the University of Maryland, and is based on displays at the Waxhaw museum. It traces the beginnings of the most widely used alphabet, the Roman, from Sumerian clay tablets, as well as depicting the Greek, Arabic and Hebrew alphabets.

The new museum's pictographic exhibit features the Chinese and Japanese scripts. For more information on the National Museum of Language, go to: [www.languagemuseum.org](http://www.languagemuseum.org)

The Museum of the Alphabet, which opened in 1990, is located on the JAARS Center in Waxhaw N.C. The Museum of the Alphabet contains a colorful and impressive array of displays and artifacts depicting the history and development of inscribed languages. More than 5,000 people visit the museum each year.

The Museum of the Alphabet was proposed by William Cameron Townsend, the founder of JAARS and SIL International, as an educational tool for the public and was 13 years in the making.

Of the world's 6,912 languages, more than 2,000 still do not have a written form. The ongoing task of modern alphabet-makers is to carry on the heritage of the past, giving the gift of written language to those still waiting. JAARS provides technical support services and resources to help in language-based development programs worldwide. These language programs involve writing local languages to be used as vehicles for literacy, education, and Scripture translation.

JAARS is committed to partnering with Wycliffe Bible Translators in "Vision 2025"—that a Scripture translation program will have begun in every language by the year 2025. To find out more about JAARS go to: [www.jaars.org](http://www.jaars.org)



...have a Great Day!

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## Arts, Crafts & Home: Now In The Garden

Articles courtesy of: Golden Leaf Nursery

*Aaahhh, an herb garden. How wonderful. How sophisticated. How scary! So, you've bought the herbs, now what? Below is a comprehensive guide on how to use these wonderful plants in your everyday cooking. - Most meats may be seasoned before, during or after cooking. Steaks and chops can be marinated and seasoned either before or after cooking. To get the most flavor from roasted meat or poultry, rub its surface with seasoning before cooking. Poultry absorbs flavors better if the seasoning is rubbed directly into the flesh, rather than the skin.*

- Soups and stews develop their best flavors when the herbs and spices are added during cooking. If they are long-cooking soups or stews, wait until the last 30 minutes to add the seasonings because prolonged cooking in liquid can dissipate the flavor. The same is true for sauces.
- For reduction of salt intake, substitute strong, flavorful spices such as black pepper, curry, cumin, basil, oregano, onion and garlic.
- To develop the flavor of dried herbs, soak them for several minutes in a liquid that can be used in the recipe.
- To release the flavor of dried herbs, crumble them before adding to the dish.
- When using herbs and spices in salad dressing, allow the flavor of the combination to develop by soaking for at least 15 minutes.
- For steamed or boiled vegetables, add the herbs or spices to melted butter and allow to stand for 10 minutes before seasoning the vegetables.
- To intensify the flavors of whole spices, toast then briefly in a dry heavy skillet.
- Dried and fresh herbs may be interchanged in most recipes. Use three to five times more fresh herbs than dried, depending on the strength of the herb.
- Exact measurements are difficult to recommend as personal tastes differ. It is often a good idea to sample an herb before you season an entire dish with it. Take a small amount of the dish you are preparing, and season it proportionally. If this is not possible, mix a bit of the herb or spice with some cottage cheese or some melted butter. Let it stand at room temperature for three minutes or so before tasting.
- Fresh herbs should be stored in the refrigerator with the same care that you give other leafy green vegetables. Wash fresh herbs gently and pat them dry with paper towels or dry in a salad spinner. Be sure they are as dry as possible before refrigeration as moisture invites mold growth. Then wrap the herbs in a cloth or paper towel, and wrap loosely in a plastic bag. They should keep for 3–4 days. If you have an overabundance of fresh herbs and want to store them, snip the leaves from their stems after you have rinsed and drained them. Place the leaves, chopped or whole, in small plastic bags and store them in your freezer. They can be used directly from the freezer for cooking.
- To dry fresh herbs either hang them in a dry airy room for several days until they crumble easily or heat them in a shallow baking pan in a 200°F oven until completely dried (15 minutes to an hour depending on the herb). Test the leaves often for dryness.
- Dried herbs can be stored considerably longer than fresh herbs, although their flavor does diminish over time. Purchase small amounts and store them immediately in small jars or bottles with tight fitting lids. Label and date the bottles and keep them in a cool dry place away from direct sunlight. Do not keep dried herbs for more than a year.

The bottom line is to experiment with herbs just as you do when gardening. Sometimes the most wonderful things are stumbled upon by mistake. Come in and check out our selection of herbs that you can experiment with. Bon appetite!

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 It came with my pea sea  
 It plainly marques four my revue  
 Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word  
 And weight four it two say  
 Weather eye am wrong oar write  
 It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
 It nose bee fore two long  
 And eye can put the error rite  
 Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it  
 I am shore your pleased two no  
 Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
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