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## Join the Spring Rights Movement Today!

*by John Tiley*

May has arrived, the pollen is pretty much history and despite what Eric and Larry say, we seem to have once again skipped spring and moved directly into summer. Somehow 90 degree days in the first week of May just doesn't seem fair! With the overbearing pollen pretty much a memory, isn't it a little too early to be faced with ozone already? I would love to know how it is possible to continue to quote temperature averages in the 70s for this time of year when, at least to my recollection there hasn't been many days over the past few years we have been able to open the windows and let the fresh air into our homes.



I'm not sure, but perhaps some time with the Farmers Almanac would help those

forecasters?

I say its time to do something about it! March on Washington and demand legislation barring over 80 degree days at least until Memorial Day! Lobby for fresh cool air rights and set early morning time aside for crispy cool walks around the farmers market!! No severe thunderstorms or tornadoes, only spring showers allowed! Make it against fashion code to sweat in public!! And most importantly make it illegal to forecast that bad summer-like weather... holding the forecasters accountable for this uncomfortable temperature fix we find ourselves in ...punishable by making them drive around in an non-air-conditioned car in the middle of the afternoon!

Get proactive! Don't let Summer in the front door until its time has come! Join the movement!!

Forecast for

# Today



**High: 89°F**  
**RealFeel: 93°F**

*Sunny; breezy this afternoon, maybe?*

...oh well, we can dream, can't we?



The Town of Waxhaw invites everyone to come and enjoy the beautiful days of spring in historic downtown on Saturday, May 15th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, May 16th from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Featuring over 75 local artist and craftsmen, live entertainment, food court and a separate Kids Zone, Spring Fest promises an affordable and fun event for the entire family. Walk the historic streets of Waxhaw and view and purchase beautiful jewelry, clothing, wood works, candles, home decor, wreaths, spices and much more.

Our Kids Zone at Waxhaw United Methodist Church will offer face painting, sand art, inflatables, Flexflyer ride, Discovery Place of Charlotte, The Carolina Raptor Center, Greg Zelnik-Magician, Ryan the Balloon Guy, Obakunle Akinlana presents African Folktales. Don't miss The Clever Canines, Glen Shelton, Sacred Nation, Joe & Rachel, Tim & Dewey, CWOW Block party and more at the Main Stage.

A wide selection of foods will be available at the food court including: BBQ by Butts R Us, hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, funnel cakes, ice cream, sno-cone and much more.

*Waxhaw Spring Fest is a rain or shine event and is free to the public.*

The 6th Annual Spring Fest is sponsored by; Carolina Chiropractic & Wellness, Dixie Home Crafters, The Balanced Body, Bathfitters, Fifth Third Bank, Five Stones Church, Waxhaw United Methodist Church, The Original Gutter Guardian and White Oak of Waxhaw & Autumn Rehab.



## Short Takes

The Waxhaw Historic Preservation Commission is here to protect Waxhaw's uniqueness! New boundaries are being set to preserve the historic buildings, landscapes, landmarks and district!

[Read the entire story >](#)

## Historic Markers

Not to long ago the Parks & Recreation Department designed a Historic Walk through the city, so that people could walk through town and see all the historic buildings. The walk included a brochure, offering the reader directions and information for all the historic buildings on the walk. Now they'll be setting up markers for each building and landscape on the walk that include all the information on the historic site. The markers will cost roughly \$3000 dollars and the money will be coming out of surplus in the Beautification Fund.

The other day I read an editorial cartoon on the Oil Catastrophe in the gulf... Sure am glad the government is going to make sure

Big Oil is going to cover the clean-up!  
 Of course, coincidentally the price of gas is going up and up again too. You didn't really think Big Oil would pay for this out of their profits did you?

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## Don't Miss the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

for Waxhaw Fire Department-May 15th Saturday of SpringFest  
 7:30am-10:30am Old Fire Station 18 115 North Main St.  
 Call Hannah at 704-743-7204 with any questions.

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## Waxhaw sure is excellent

Every year the Centralina Council of Governments issues an Excellence in Planning Award to one town in the region that they feel has stood out in the crowd. This year, the Waxhaw Community Development & Planning Staff was the group left standing. Go Waxhaw! Accepting the award was Greg Mahar. The only thing he needed to say was how proud he was of his whole team for all the work they've done. So now let's keep up the good work!

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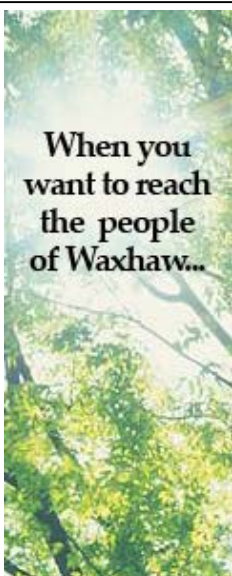


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## Waxhaw's Events Calendar

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# Union County Saddle Club

### Open Horse Show – this Saturday, May 8th!

Just a few quick "thanks" and reminders:

We would like to thank the exhibitors that are choosing to pre-register online - you can do so up until midnight Friday night.

[Read entire announcement here >](#)

## 5th Annual Waxhaw Town & Country 5K Run



The Waxhaw-Weddington Sunrise Rotary Club hosted the Fifth Annual Waxhaw Town & Country 5K Run Friday evening. The crowds were quite large with over 500 runners and many more spectators! The Rotary club raised enough money to present a check for \$5,000 to the Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry and to fund many more service efforts this year. The overall female winner was Lisa Sluiter of Waxhaw, who ran the course in 21:32, and the overall male winner was Andrew Smith of Oakboro, whose time was 16:59.

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## Las Vegas churches accept gambling chips

**T**HIS MAY COME AS A SURPRISE TO THOSE OF YOU NOT LIVING IN LAS VEGAS, BUT THERE ARE MORE CATHOLIC CHURCHES THAN CASINOS.



NOT SURPRISINGLY, SOME WORSHIPPERS AT SUNDAY

## 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!*

### THE GERMAN ARTISTS ARE AT IT AGAIN...

Here are 7 pictures of European trucks whose trailers are decorated to look like the sides are missing and the products they are hauling are painted on the sides and back.

The first one is of a bottle of beer and looks so real, like it is coming out the side of the trailer...

The second is of canvas tote bag.

The third is of Pepsi cases and they are all stacked on the ceiling, and the bottom of the trailer is empty.

The fourth is of another truck with the windshield facing the back and there has been a driver painted in the driver's seat looking back over his shoulder to appear like he is driving backwards. (Now this one is just plain scary, even when the German text reads 'On the wrong way?')

The fifth one is of an aquarium with fish swimming in it.

The sixth one is of a bookshelf with books lined up in it and a post-it-note with an advertisement on it, probably for the company that sells the books.

The last one is for Pringles-Hot & Spicy. The 'inside' of the trailer has the appearance of having been through a fire.



### Multi-groan serial:

- 1 Puns for those with a higher IQ :
- 2 Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine .
- 3 A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

## HIGH SCHOOL -- 1960s vs. 2010

**Scenario 1:**  
Jack goes quail hunting before school and then pulls into the school parking lot with his shotgun in his truck's gun rack.

1960 - Vice Principal comes over, looks at Jack's shotgun, goes to his car and gets his shotgun to show Jack..

2010 - School goes into lock down, FBI called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again. Counselors called in for traumatized students and teachers.

**Scenario 2:**  
Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.

1960 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up buddies.

2010 - Police called and SWAT team arrives -- they arrest both Johnny and Mark. They are both charged with assault and both expelled even though Johnny started it.

**Scenario 3:**  
Jeffrey will not be still in class, he disrupts other students...

1960 - Jeffrey sent to the Principal's office and given a good paddling by the Principal. He then returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

2010 - Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin. He becomes a zombie. He is then tested for ADD. The school gets extra money from the state because Jeffrey has a disability.

**Scenario 4:**  
Billy breaks a window in his neighbor's car and his Dad gives him a whipping with his belt.

1960 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college and becomes a successful businessman.

2010 - Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy is removed to foster care and joins a

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YOU DIDN'T EVEN  
SEE IT COMING  
DID YOU?



**GOTCHA!**



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Great Day!**

- 4 Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
- 5 Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
- 6 Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.
- 7 A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.
- 8 A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- 9 Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.
- 10 Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- 11 Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- 12 When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- 13 A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.
- 14 What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)
- 15 Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- 16 In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.
- 17 She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.
- 18 A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- 19 If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed
- 20 With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- 21 The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- 22 You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- 23 Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.
- 24 Every calendar's days are numbered.
- 25 A lot of money is tainted - Taint yours and taint mine.
- 26 A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- 27 He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
- 28 A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.
- 29 Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- 30 Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
- 31 Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- 32 Acupuncture is a jab well done.

gang. The state psychologist is told by Billy's sister that she remembers being abused herself and their dad goes to prison. Billy's mom has an affair with the psychologist...

Scenario 5:  
Mark gets a headache and takes some aspirin to school.

1960 - Mark shares his aspirin with the Principal out on the smoking dock.

2010 - The police are called and Mark is expelled from school for drug violations. His car is then searched for drugs and weapons.

Scenario 6:  
Pedro fails high school English.

1960 - Pedro goes to summer school, passes English and goes to college..

2010 - Pedro's cause is taken up by state. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that teaching English as a requirement for graduation is racist. ACLU files class action lawsuit against the state school system and Pedro's English teacher. English is then banned from core curriculum. Pedro is given his diploma anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he cannot speak English.

Scenario 7:  
Johnny falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Mary hugs him to comfort him.

1960 - In a short time, Johnny feels better and goes on playing....

2010 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in State Prison. Johnny undergoes 5 years of therapy.

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