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Bumper Crop of New Swimmers, Now in Training!



by: John Tiley

Lately I have been spending a considerable amount of time “training” over at the Monroe Aquatic Center, trying to make up for the ravages of time as well as personal neglect on my part. And while there I do get to see all types of people, all with their own agendas, and as spring turns to summer, so it brings the latest crop of young’ins ...all coming in for their first round of swimming lessons.

So, every Tuesday and Thursday late afternoon, the swimming pool is transformed into a gigantic kiddy pool, with seemingly hundreds of little people skipping and squealing their lungs out around the edge of the pool!

Anybody who has had children will appreciate the utter look of glee on the faces of the munchkins as they jump in and out of the water! There was one girl in particular, couldn't have been 4 years old... didn't seem quite sure of all that was going on around her, but, when her concerned Dad said something about maybe heading home early for dinner, boy, you couldn't pry that little girl out of the water to save your life!

That first night I must have sat there for over an hour just watching all of those kids having the time of their lives. You know the parents concern was to have their kids learn enough so over the summer they would be reasonably safe in the pools and beaches that are in the plans for visiting.



But the kids, well, they were there to experience a bit of utopia. And like all kids, they make it last as long as they possibly could, until either too tired or at a parents' insistence they were litterly dragged out of the water, bundled up and taken home where the chlorine could be washed out with as little trauma as possible. Dinner then well deserved dreams of swimming with the dolphins!

*For info on the Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center, they are located at 2325 Hanover Drive in Monroe.
Call: (704) 282-4680 or (704) 282-4681
Web: www.monroeaquaticsandfitnesscenter.com*

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Weather Forecast

Don't Forget Mothers Day, this Sunday, May 10th



A Reminder from The Waxhaw Gazette

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@](mailto:jtiley@thewaxhawgazette.com)

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The Waxhaw Farmers Market Now Open!

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Union County Saddle Club News

By: Miranda Kaplan, Union County Saddle Club

What a great first show we had April 25th! Thank you to all the volunteers and exhibitors that made our Opening Show such a great success!

I just found out that Lori Roets from LazyRPhotography was at the show during the Western Division and has posted photos that are available for purchase on her website: www.LazyRPhotography.com in the Union County Saddle Club Show - 4/25/2009 Gallery. She apologizes for not being there for the English Division, but if she gets a good enough response, perhaps we can convince her to come early at our next show May 23rd!

I would like to remind everyone again that we are always looking for volunteers to help run our shows. The Union County Saddle Club is a non-profit organization run solely by volunteers. In order to offer our monthly Open Horse Shows with low class fees, we ask for volunteers to fill different positions necessary to run the show. As we have done in the past, we will continue to offer reduced show fees to volunteers who work at the shows.

It IS possible to show and volunteer at the same show and earn reduced show fees. Here's how it works: a voucher worth \$25.00 will be issued when a Saddle Club Member works a ½ day at a UCSC horse show (classes 1 thru 27 or classes 28 thru 59.) A voucher worth \$50.00 will be issued when a Saddle Club Member works a full day at a UCSC horse show (classes 1 thru 59.) A family member or friend can volunteer and give their voucher to you, too!

Don't Forget Mothers Day

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A Community Services Announcement
from The Waxhaw Gazette

If you have further questions about volunteering, please contact me and I will be happy to send you the official "Volunteer Policy." If you would like to volunteer, please contact our current President, Dan Kaplan, at dan@surfacespecialists.com.

Lastly, the Club is looking for ways to increase attendance in both our Saddle Seat class and our Gaited Division classes. If you have any suggestions, please contact me by return email. I know these talented riders are out there!

We look forward to seeing you at our next show, Saturday May 23rd – our Judge will be Robin Lovin.

Miranda Kaplan, Reporter - Union County Saddle Club
www.unioncountysaddleclub.net



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Laura Petler Music Performance Schedule 2009

May 16, 2009,
5pm-6pm, Spring
Fest, Waxhaw
Bandstand,
Waxhaw, NC

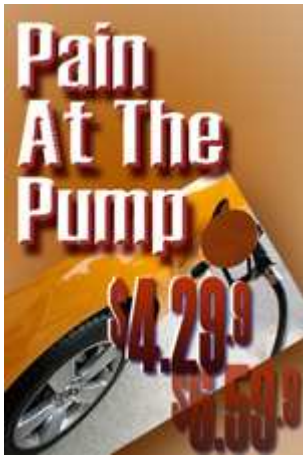
May 23, 2009,
time TBA,
Memorial Day
National Anthem,
Waxhaw, NC

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

Town of Waxhaw Plans Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony

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 in the Waxhaw area... Where are they headed this week?

	3/20/08	5/08/09
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$ 2.15.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$ 2.19.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$ 2.19.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$ 2.19.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$ 2.15.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$

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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Waxhaw's Events Calendar

On Monday, May 11, 2009 Union County Habitat will be hosting its 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the beautiful Rolling Hills Country Club in Monroe. All proceeds from the golf tournament will be used to build Habitat homes for families in our local community. Lunch and dinner will be served, along with a live auction and awards banquet immediately following. Please contact Julie Perkins, Development Director at 704-296-9414 or jperkins@unionhabitat.org for participant, sponsorship and additional opportunities.

Piedmont EyeCare Offers Marvin Ridge Scholarships

Piedmont EyeCare Associates is pleased to announce we will offer two \$1000 scholarships to Marvin Ridge seniors graduating in May of 2009. The scholarships are open to one male and one female student athlete planning to pursue a career in healthcare with a GPA higher than a 3.0 and some leadership/school involvement. Nomination forms are available in the school guidance office. Deadline for nominations is May 1st and will be awarded on May 20 during awards day.

Piedmont EyeCare is interested in expanding this program to other local high schools in the coming years.

Contact: Scott Philippe
Piedmont EyeCare Associates
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2009 Waxhaw Spring Fest *2 day family craft & fun festival*

The exhibitor ([click here](#)) and concessionaire ([click here](#)) applications for Spring Fest 2009 are now available on-line.

NEW: If your organization is a non-profit, you have an opportunity this year to waive your exhibitor and/or concession fee. You can do this by providing two adult volunteers to assist the event staff during Spring Fest. Interested? Contact Cathy Murphy at 704-843-2195 ext 26.

NEW: Non-profits, would you like to help raise funds for your organization at Spring Fest? Why not sponsor an activity in the Children's area. Once your organization has covered the rental fee-the balance can go back to your group.

Interested? Call Cathy at the number above or e-mail her at: events@waxhaw.com



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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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SHOULD CHILDREN WITNESS CHILDBIRTH?

You be the judge:

Due to a power outage, only one paramedic responded to the call...

The house was very dark so the paramedic asked Kathleen, a 3-yr old girl to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Very diligently, Kathleen did as she was asked. Heidi pushed and pushed and after a little while, Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his little feet and spanked him on his bottom. Connor began to cry.

The paramedic then thanked Kathleen for her help and asked the wide-eyed 3-yr old what she thought about what she had just witnessed. Kathleen quickly responded, 'He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place.....smack his butt again!'

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THIS IS INDIA. IT IS WHERE YOU CALL WHEN YOU HAVE A TECHNICAL PROBLEM WITH YOUR COMPUTER.

For those of you who are confused about how to avoid the Swine Flu, the CDC has just released this notice...

CDC Warning:



*****DO NOT DO THIS!!!*****



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

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