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## Remember back in February When the Gazette Held a Poll? Some Things Do Change.

Back then, our poll numbers reflected a very close parallel as to how the Super Tuesday voting came in! The Waxhaw area had a very strong Republican showing and the votes backed that up.

Now, as things continue to change, more is known about the candidates, the issues have taken on new meanings and it appears that Hillary will drop out of the race before August.



In the end what this means is that Barack Obama would be the Democratic Nominee and McCain as the Republican nominee.. Interestingly, it has become evident that quite a few Republicans have been moving over to the Democratic side? If this holds true in the November Election, it would mean that most likely the Democrats will win. Remember in recent presidential elections, voting was so close that popular vote supported Democrats while it was the Electoral College that cast the deciding votes for the Republicans.



Obama likely our next President

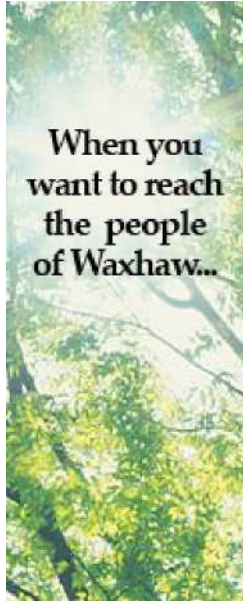
### Back In February:

#### Republicans:

John McCain 70%

#### Democrats:

Hillary Clinton 60%  
 Barack Obama 30%



## This week The Waxhaw Gazette is pleased to present TWO Great Videos:

First is a most impressive Creative Film not to be missed; **Planet Earth**. The film is set to magnificent music composed and graciously gifted for this clip by composer Jo Blankenburg.

The Second Video and appropriate to our efforts to the Troops is; **The Gratitude Campaign**



This is a campaign to show you a gesture you can use to say "thank you" to the troops. Two very special videos now showing in the Humor Section!

### Also, Don't Miss Our Featured Photo Page



**...have a Great Day!**

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)

## 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:**  
 A special thanks to Amy Jordan and Golden Leaf Nursery for their continued contributions and support of *The Waxhaw Gazette!*

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 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!

## Efforts For Our Troops From Waxhaw Is Turning Out An Avalanche Of Donations!

If you saw last week's publication, you know I ran an

Today, May 9th 2008, is the deadline for initial mail and donations as packages will be assembled and shipped tomorrow Saturday May 10th. If after this week you would still care to make donations, additional shipments will be assembled and sent on a monthly basis. This will continue until all donations have been exhausted!



Dusty and Justin Matthews

article about two brothers, twins at that who after getting out of High School, enlisted in the Army. I know both of them with plenty of memories of them running around the barber shop as munchkin's. Well, now they are both grown up and over in Iraq ....and in conversations with their Mom, Kathy Matthews, they mentioned how so few of their fellow soldiers got any mail, let alone care packages. It didn't take much to get things started, after all the barber shop is the center of all that goes on in Waxhaw! After a few weeks, I am amazed at just how far this fundraiser has gotten, especially for a local event!

Friday is the cut-off date for donations and to date there have been over 600 cards and letters written by local citizens and the school kids too. With literally hundreds of pounds of supplies accumulated for those care packages nobody should go without. Cash donations alone exceeded \$3,000! UPS offered to ship the packages at no charge to the designated Army Base from which the Army will see to it that the packages get to the troops.

Any additional supplies left over from Saturdays "Pack Up" will be held until next month for follow up shipments which will continue on a monthly basis until all of the donations are exhausted.

I will be there on Saturday to take some photos for follow-ups in the Gazette and lend a helping hand wherever they might need it.

I look forward to the reactions from these troops and will publish responses, with permissions of course, including perhaps some video messages home?

It is a pleasure to report on such an event seeing as lately little is so great.... and this group of people in the Waxhaw area, who give so willingly, really does make me proud!



*Justin Matthews*

**From the Waxhaw Gazette, a heartfelt Thank You for your time and donations!**

**...and thanks to all of our troops, here and abroad, for all they do for us here at home!**

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Additional photos have been coming in and have been added to the slide show. A special thanks to Fellow Rotarian Lenny Turi and his company, Fitness Together, for all of the additional runners he brought to the event and especially to his wife for the new photos in our photo gallery. So stop by and check them out... you never know what these candid photos have caught our Rotarians in :-)

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



Photo by Matt Tiley

## Mothers Day

Sunday, May 11th 2008



A Community Services Announcement from The Waxhaw Gazette

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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.

### And on, and on and on It Goes



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

Every week I report on the ups and downs (well once in a long while down, anyway?) and once again we see an average of 4 to 5 cents increase in the cost of gasoline. I hear imminent predictions of \$200 per barrel of oil and see Wall Street jump through hoops and I wonder, does anybody really know what is happening? I certainly hope with the elections comes some clarity or at least logical planning to deal better than we are now. Seems to me, and maybe my memory is fading, that before a major election, things would hold steady, good or bad, but until the decision as to who was going to be in charge, status quo was the way of things. I guess perhaps that is not so currently.

From today forward, 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 March 20th we will be able to track the rate of increase through Spring and into Summer.

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

	3/20/08	5/08/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.57.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$3.55.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.54.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.55.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.60.9
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M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.56.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.56.9
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The Waxhaw Gazette welcomes your letters and opinions. Please include your name, address and a point of contact where we can reach you. We only alter your letters for grammatical and spelling issues and will, as long as they are written in good taste and are relevant, publish all letters sent.

*Thank You,*  
*The Management*

## In Your Opinion

*Do you have something to say, we want to hear it.....*

### Straight Talk on Gas Prices

*By US Rep. Sue Myrick (NC-9)*

I understand the anger and frustration with the high price of gas. I just paid almost \$50 for gas the other day, which makes me sick to my stomach. My brother is a trucker so I know what they are going through too. It takes hundreds of dollars each week to fill up his truck with diesel.

The majority party in the US House recently passed legislation that would further regulate and raise taxes on American energy producers by up to \$21 billion! I voted against this legislation because those tax increases would be passed right on to you at the pump.

Not only would this legislation cause gas prices to skyrocket, but it foolishly gives Hugo Chavez kickbacks by exempting Venezuelan-owned CITGO from the same tax increases—at a time when he is threatening to cut off oil to America!

Let's be honest. We all know we are addicted to foreign oil. I believe it's high time we tell OPEC and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez to take a hike.

We should no longer be held hostage at the pump!

We need to wean ourselves off foreign oil and become self sufficient. We need to expand American energy production by drilling for oil in Alaska and off our coasts.

Right now, Cuba is allowing China to drill for oil less than 90 miles off the Florida Coast—but we can't drill there. Cuba is, in effect, selling our oil while our hands are tied! It makes no sense. That is why I'm going to introduce legislation that would remove the current moratorium which prevents drilling off our coasts and give coastal states the right to determine if they want to drill for oil or natural gas.

We also need to build more American oil refineries.

Our existing refineries are taking measures to increase their efficiency, and we are refining more oil than ever, using fewer and fewer refineries. However, it is not enough. America is vulnerable to gas price spikes if even a few refineries are shut down—as we witnessed after Hurricane Katrina.

We have not built a new oil refinery in America since the 1970s. Over 30 years later, complex and outdated regulations still make new refinery construction incredibly challenging and costly.

I say we cut the bureaucratic red tape so that oil companies don't have an excuse not to use their profits to build them here at home!

We cannot ignore the fact that unless we increase refining capacity, we are always one unexpected event away from catastrophic gas prices. We also cannot ignore the fact that we are paying foreign companies to refine our oil offshore rather than pay Americans to refine it in America. This is not only stupid, but wrong.

Addiction to foreign oil is not just hurting our pocketbooks, but is also a national security issue. That is why I support Senator Richard Burr's idea to make the position of Energy Secretary part of the National Security Council. We simply must wake up and realize that if we don't control our energy production we are dangerously vulnerable to those countries that have abundant energy and wish us harm.

If we want to see gas prices drop, we need to make automobiles more fuel efficient. We all know car makers can build cars that can get a lot more miles to the gallon than they do now. It's time to do it.

If we want to ensure fuel prices are affordable in the future, we need to support the development of hybrid powered cars and alternative fuels.

It's time we solve this problem.

It's time we start drilling for oil here in America. It's time we build new refineries, and it's time we produce fuel efficient cars until our cars can run on something other than gasoline.

No more gimmicks, no more procrastination, no more excuses. Let's get the job done.

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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.

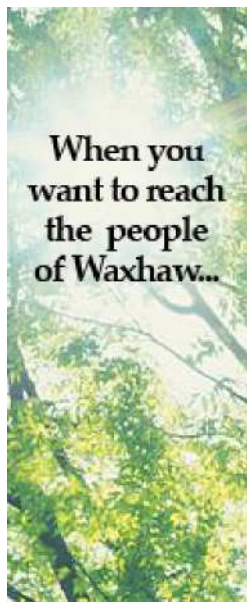
Doggie Idol is sponsored by K-9Z To 5 Dog Training and The Furry Godmother benefiting animal rescue in Union County. Come early, registration begins at 9:00 a.m. the first 100 will receive a gift bag from Nutro Natural Pet Food.

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)

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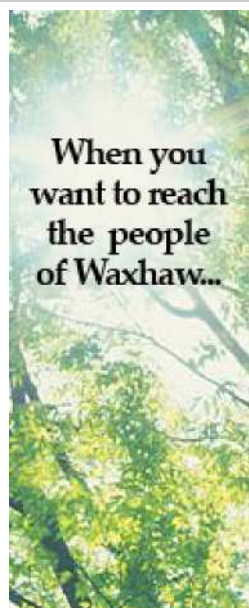
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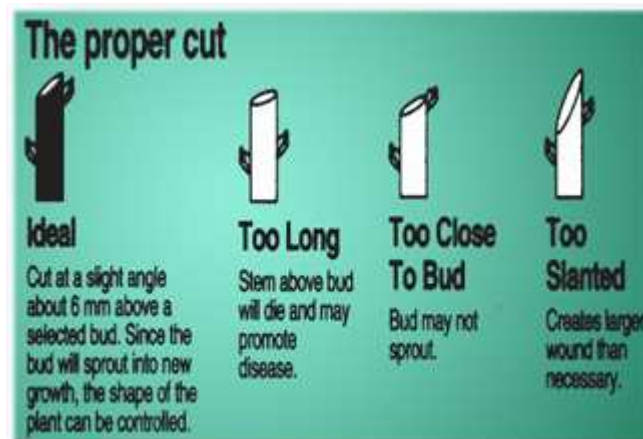


## Arts, Crafts & Home: Now In The Garden

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### What Should I Prune?

Spring/Summer



#### What Tools Do I Use?

- Hand pruners are used for cuts on stems that are less than one half • inch in diameter.
- Lopping shears are used for stems and branches that are larger than ½ inch yet smaller than 1 ½ inches in diameter.
- Pruning saws are best for branches that are larger than 1 ½ inches in diameter.
- Pole saws are cutting blades or saws on a long pole and are used for pruning tree branches that are too high to reach from the ground.
- Hedge shears are manual, gas powered or electric tools that are used to shear hedges for a neatly trimmed appearance.

#### When Do I Prune?

- Avoid pruning during the fall or early winter as new growth is encouraged and may be damaged by cold weather.
  - These shrubs should be pruned after flowering as they produce flowers on the previous season's growth or "old wood."
- Alternate-leaf Butterfly-bush (Buddleia alternifolia) Indian Hawthorn (Raphiolepis umbellata) Azalea (Rhododendron species) Japanese Kerria (Kerria japonica) Beautybush (Kolkwitzia amabilis) Japanese Pieris (Pieris japonica) Bigleaf Hydrangea (Hydrangea macrophylla) Mockorange (Philadelphus species) Bradford Pear (Pyrus calleryana 'Bradford') Oakleaf Hydrangea (Hydrangea quercifolia) Bridalwreath Spirea (Spiraea prunifolia) Pyracantha (Pyracantha species) Clematis (Clematis species) Redbud (Cercis species) Climbing roses Saucer Magnolia (Magnolia x soulangiana) Crabapple (Malus species) Star Magnolia (Magnolia stellata) Deutzia (Deutzia species) Thunberg Spirea (Spiraea thunbergii) Dogwood (Cornus species) Weigela (Weigela florida) Doublefile Viburnum (Viburnum plicatum var. tomentosum) White Fringetree (Chionanthus virginicus) Flowering Almond (Prunus species) Winter Daphne (Daphne odora) Flowering Cherry (Prunus serrulata) Wisteria (Wisteria species) Flowering Quince (Chaenomeles species) Witchhazel (Hamamelis species) Forsythia (Forsythia species) (Excerpted from the South Carolina Master Gardener Training Manual, EC 678.)

#### How Should I Prune?

- First, remove branches that are rubbing, crossed over each other, dead, diseased, or dying.
- Next, determine if you need to prune to reduce height and spread, to thin, or to shape. You may want to consult the NCSU or Clemson University websites for detailed information regarding these issues.
- Making the proper pruning cut is very important for the appearance and the health of the plant. Remember to always cut back to a bud, a lateral branch, or the main trunk.
- When cutting back to a bud, the cut should be at a slight angle just above the bud.
- The figure on the front shows the proper way to make cuts. Note how the proper cuts are made at a slight angle to the branch.
- Trees and shrubs that are overgrown
- Plants damaged by disease, insects, or weather
- Plants that are crowding others or are poorly shaped

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### Plant of the Month 'Thundercloud'



**Purple-Leaf Plum**  
*Prunus cerasifera* 'Thundercloud'

A great specimen tree, the Thundercloud Purple-Leaf Plum is a wonderful addition to any landscape with full sun. With a height and spread of 15 to 25 feet, small light pink flowers unfold to ruby red leaves which then turn reddish-purple at maturity. Tolerant of clay soil, this tree is a great choice for our region. Selected for its color by many, the Thundercloud Purple-Leaf Plum is a nice contrast to the numerous green-leaf trees found in landscapes. Many individuals choose to substitute this tree for a Japanese Maple in their landscape due to lack of shade that Japanese Maples require. Come out to the nursery and see what a nice specimen tree this would be for your landscape.

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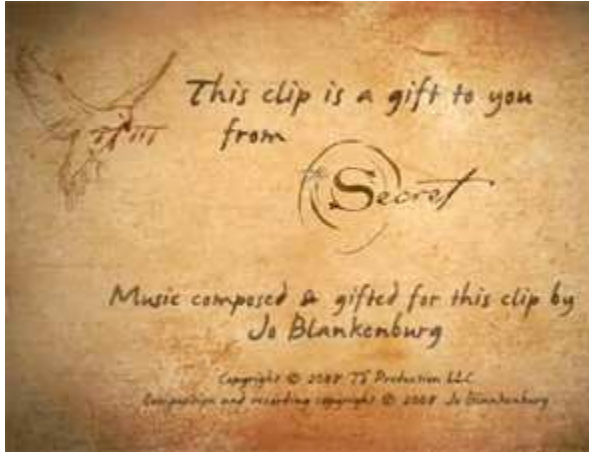
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## And now, directly from the Internet.....

bits and pieces that your Editor will not testify to for correctness, accuracy nor even believability but they are certainly humorous? So Enjoy!

### Video Links

#### Planet Earth



When you experience Planet Earth, you will emit positive forces of energy across Planet Earth that will reach every single living thing on it. You will lift yourself, and as you lift yourself, you lift the entire world.

The magnificent music was composed and graciously gifted for this clip by composer Jo Blankenburg.

From The Secret to you, here is Planet Earth.....

Go here for **The Video** .....and enjoy!

This has to be the 'Photo of the Year' or darn close to the top!!

Friendship, cooperation and love defined in a single photo

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we should help each other enjoy it.....



### Video Links

#### The Gratitude Campaign



### THE STORY OF HOW THIS GOT STARTED...

For the past several years as I've been traveling around the country, I've been approaching soldiers in the airports and thanking them for serving for us. On several occasions I have noticed that it felt a little awkward for both of us. There are several reasons, some of which I am even just now learning as I produce this film and talk to more soldiers. But they have always appreciated being thanked, and I have always felt better having expressed my gratitude.

I started to think that it would be nice if civilians had a gesture or sign that they could use to say "thank you" quickly and easily without even having to approach. I did some research and found the sign that we are now using.

Is this limited to the military? Not at all. If you look around you I'm sure that you'll find lots of people who are serving their communities, from local to global. If you appreciate their service, give them a sign. Say "thank you."

-Scott Truitt, FOUNDER, The Gratitude Campaign

Go here for **The Video**



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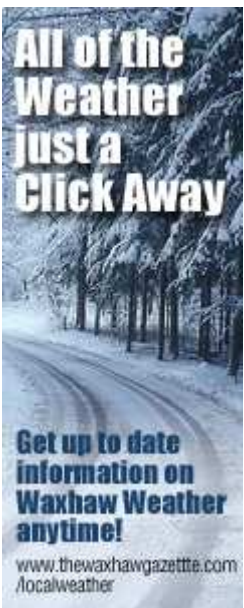
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