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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



by John Tiley

Many are wondering, as the traditional time of thanks approaches just what is there to give thanks about? Jobs by the tens of thousands have been lost. People have lost their homes and everything they had with them. The banks are collapsing left and right, stocks in what were going concerns are worthless and now the giant companies are collapsing under their own weight too. Who could have ever thought GM could end up on a death bed? Indeed it looks as though a cold winter is truly descending on us!

I wonder what those early settlers back in 1621 were thinking at their Thanksgiving. After a harrowing trip across the Atlantic in a rickety old sailing vessel, they arrived here in the "New World" only to face the back breaking tasks of building homes and shelters from the wild surroundings. And, of course, there was the planting and cultivating of crops to survive winter on.

Back then there were but a few of them to do all of those tasks at hand and as time passed, it took its toll on their numbers and in the end there were fewer of them still. Yet it was these hearty ancestors of ours that, when the harvest came in, meager though I am sure it was, they didn't complain or throw in the towel, they took the time to prepare a relative feast and give thanks for all they did receive.

I wonder what they would think if they could see us now. Would they belittle us for letting the country get into such a disheveled mess or would they scold us for complaining when we still do have so much bounty, even if we don't think so? Or both?

Back in 1621 they were thankful just for still being alive after their struggles. Not to belittle our situation but things are relative and although we are still in for a considerable amount of pain and loss before all of this passes, chances are we all will live through it and go on to be fruitful.

This country is highly capable of pulling itself out of this desperate situation, we've done it before and we can do it again. We have a new, fresh President and administration taking office at the New Year. And as a result, hopefully, Americans will regain their moral compass, get rid of the greedy profit takers who have led us down this untenable path and at that point the "reset" button will be tripped and if GM really does fail, a new and more capable company will fill the void. Americans will return to relying on each other instead of foreigners for "cheaper, more profitable if inferior" products. It has become obvious in this troubling time that, as America goes, so goes the entire world. That is because of the morality and heart that this country was built on. We are, after all the descendants and care takers of those brave and hearty folks that founded this country. We have, in fact, been the one country the entire world looks to for leadership time after time. And that is something that can't be lost to cheap labor from India or to the pockets of the greedy, inscrutable executives that only could think in terms of unearned profits, with no consideration to the pride we take in the products we make here in America.

So as Thanksgiving approaches, Take time to remember our ancestors and what they went through... I am sure the perspective will improve our view of today's troubles, and all we have to give thanks for.

Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day, is a traditional North American holiday, which is a form of harvest festival. The date and whereabouts of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of modest contention, though the earliest attested Thanksgiving celebration was on September 8, 1565 in what is now Saint Augustine, Florida. Despite scholarly research to the contrary, the traditional "first Thanksgiving" is venerated as having occurred at the site of Plymouth Plantation, in 1621. Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. Thanksgiving dinner is done in the evening, usually as a gathering of friends and/or family. This is the time for you to say all your thanks and wishes.

Definition courtesy of Wikipedia

Around Town:

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A Belated Thank You to the Veterans.

In honor of Veterans Day last Tuesday, I do hope all of you stopped, took a long look at our flag and said a silent thanks, I know I did. I took the time and remembered all of the guys I knew who didn't make it home from that war long ago, and the ones who did come home, forever changed from the experience.

And to all of you who are presently serving our country abroad, my thoughts are with you. I hope that with the coming of the holidays you will be in a dry, warm and safe place to celebrate.

And most of all I pray for a swift end to hostilities abroad so you too can come back to the homes and families you have left behind in the service of our country.

I took a long, long sad look at our flag, which seems to always be in need of payment.

Payment with the blood of our children to keep freedom alive.

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Waxhaw
 Christmas
 Traditions

The Town of Waxhaw is now accepting applications for the annual Christmas parade in historic

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Coming to the End of an Era?

One more of those recently coming to light about the economy episodes which have surfaced is that "... during the Bush administration, antitrust enforcement has been selective and often guided by a hands-off, pro-business philosophy".

As a result, this particular story relates to the Justice Departments criminal investigations that led to charges and the subsequent fining of a "cartel of flat-screen producers for international price fixing. All done with with the sole intentions of keeping artificially inflated prices on any number of LCD devices.



The manufactures named in the proceedings so far include: LG Display, Sharp and Chunghwa Picture Tubes of Taiwan. After pleading guilty, these companies are paying over \$550 Million in fines. Investigations are continuing and additional prosecutions are expected.

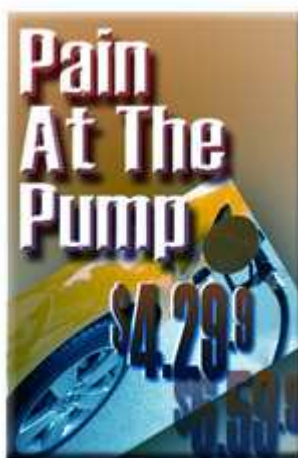
I wonder if we'll see the prices drop in time for Christmas?

Probably not....

Just In:

News of the "Best Buy Black Friday Ad" has leaked out and it appears even though there are a few decent bargains this year, the company known for having great Black Friday Deals isn't going to come through this year. Flat Panel TVs they are including are not deeply discounted but comparative to on-going sales elsewhere. It is speculated that with Circuit City effectively "out of the picture" Best Buy is going to hold out on the discounts. So you may want to save your buying at least until post holiday?

Of course, news that retail sales have taken a record plunge *just announced this morning* may have an effect as well. I believe we may be in for a roller coaster ride this season!



Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area:

	3/20/08	11/14/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$2.15.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$2.15.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$2.29.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$2.16.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$2.29.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$2.15.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$2.15.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$2.15.9

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.

Let's "Keep Waxhaw Alive" folks by supporting our local merchants!



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Getting the Deal Done!

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Don't Forget November 18th at 6 PM...



the town will hold a forum on "liquor by the drink". This is your opportunity to show up and have your say as to why we should or should not allow Liquor by the drink here in Waxhaw. Individuals will be given a maximum of five minutes to have their say. Good conduct is expected from all participants and will be enforced. All comments will be taken into consideration by the commissioners.

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Waxhaw's Events Calendar

The Town of Waxhaw presents...



The Town of Waxhaw is now accepting applications for the annual Christmas parade in historic downtown Waxhaw, N.C. The parade will take place on December 14th (Sunday) at 3pm. The deadline for applicants is December 5th. Holiday festivities (snack/photo with Santa, crafts, Christmas carols and the Mayor's tree lighting) will follow the parade. Applications for entrants are available at www.waxhaw.com or through Cathy Murphy at 704-843-2195 ext 26 or events@waxhaw.com. You are encouraged to represent your neighborhood, business or group in this old fashioned and traditional Christmas parade.



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

National Collection Week is November 17-24.

How to Pack a Shoe Box

1. SHOE BOX

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

2. BOY OR GIRL?

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label shown above. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

3. FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the bottom of this page.

4. INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online by using our EZGIVE option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in

5. DROP OFF

Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop off your box(es) at:

Ice Cream & Pizza Works
any time before November 22nd.

You can also send your shoe box gift to:
Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child
801 Bamboo Road
Boone, NC 28607 | 1-800-353-5949.

GIFT IDEAS

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

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an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.



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note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



Waxhaw Woman's Club presents the 2008 Holiday Tour of Historic Homes

Waxhaw, NC (September 14, 2008) – The Waxhaw Woman's Club presents the Holiday Tour of Historic Homes on Saturday, December 6th from 10 am to 8 pm and on Sunday, the 7th from 1- 5 pm. The Holiday Home walking tour features eight homes in Waxhaw's Historic District. Ticket prices are \$15 per adult and \$7.50 for each child ages 2 - 12. Presale tickets to groups of 4 or more are \$12.00 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at select Waxhaw merchants and at the Waxhaw Woman's Club located at 200 East South Main Street on the day of the Home Tour. For more information contact Paula Kovack at (704) 243-4049.

About Waxhaw Woman's Club

The Waxhaw Woman's Club was founded in 1911 and is a non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the community through service, fellowship, the preservation of historical heritage, and a confident look toward a bright future. The Waxhaw Woman's Club is located at the historic Belk Building in downtown Waxhaw, NC.

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PUBLIC FORUM TO PRESENT DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE TOWN PLAN SET FOR NOVEMBER 10

Waxhaw, NC – October 15, 2008 - The Town of Waxhaw is hosting the third community-wide meeting to discuss the update to the town's Comprehensive Plan. The public forum will be held at the Museum of the Waxhaws located at 8215 Waxhaw Highway on Monday, November 10 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Community residents, business owners, and other interested citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting.

The Comprehensive Plan process is being led by a Steering Committee comprised of Waxhaw residents, town planning staff, and the planning consulting firm Clarion Associates. The plan seeks to address future growth and development, economic development, design of new developments, environmental protection, historic preservation, as well as community programs and infrastructure projects through 2030. A copy of the draft plan is available for public review at Town Hall, the Planning, Zoning and Engineering Department, the Waxhaw Public Library, and various business establishments around town. An electronic copy of the draft will be available on the town's web site as of October 22.

Attendees of the Comprehensive Plan Public Forum will be offered the opportunity to provide input on the draft plan. The objective of the meeting is to educate the public on the components of the draft plan and identify areas where the plan can be improved.

For information about the project and upcoming meetings, please call Bryan Lightfoot, Waxhaw Town Planning and Zoning Administrator, at 704-843-2195 or blightfoot@waxhaw.com or refer to the town's web site at www.waxhaw.com.



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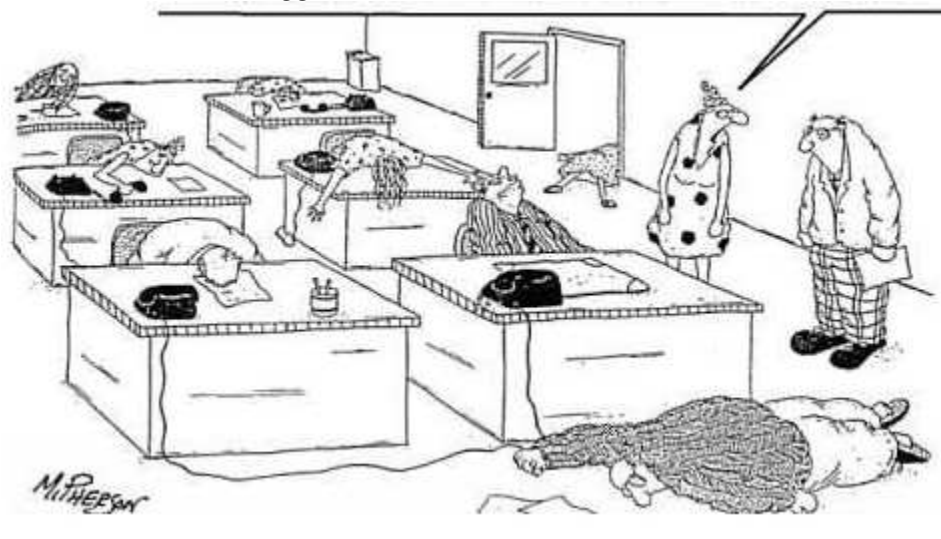
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And now, Our Weekly Dose of Humor directly from the Internet.....

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

"Todays weather is heavy overcast with intermitant rain and... the coffee machine is broken!"



Considering the market swings lately, here is my broker's latest advice:

Dear Client,

Our record show that you hold the following shares in the companies listed below:

- American Can Co.
- Western Water Co.
- Interstate Gas
- Northern Tissue Co.

Because of uncertain market conditions at this time, it is our recommendation that you sit tight on American Can hold your Water, and let your Gas go. Also you will be interested to know that today Northern Tissue touched a new bottom and thousands were wiped clean!

If you yourself own any of these shares I hope you can profit by this inside information.

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

Bill Malone performs one of my favorite card tricks: Sam the Bellhop.

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