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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

Back on line at last

I am happy to announce that, at long last, problems the company we employ to host the Waxhaw Gazette have been resolved. I have been assured this was beyond even their control and should not happen again.

We apologize for any inconvenience the late posting may have had and hope you enjoy this weeks edition.

John Tiley, Editor & Publisher



Around Town:

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Celebrate the arrival of Fall during our two day arts and crafts festival!

Waxhaw's Autumn Treasures arts and crafts fair officially begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and continues through Sunday.

Kid's Autumn Art Treasures starts at 10:15 and continues all day, both days, featuring live entertainment, crafts, balloon sculpting and face painting.

On the main stage, bluegrass fans can savor the sounds of Cane Creek Band at midday and enjoy live entertainment throughout both days of the festival.

More than 80 fine artists and crafters are featured during the two-day festival. DrumSTRONG and a visit from Radio Disney on Sunday are planned. Information: 704-843-2195 ext 26 or e-mail at: events@waxhaw.com.

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Waxhaw Woman's Club presents the 2008 Holiday Tour of Historic Homes ...Click Here For More Info!

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The Two Faces of Development in Waxhaw

by John Tiley

The landscape of Waxhaw has two distinct faces of development happening; One where companies come in, have a plan and execute that plan to completion such as Lowe's is currently doing and Cureton has done so far. The other face is that of less scrupulous developers that come in, clear cut and re-shape the landscape and never finish what they begin. Currently, hard as it is to believe, we have six developments that have faltered indefinitely! They are as you head toward Charlotte on route 16;

1, At the NE corner of North Broome and Blythe Mill Road, a project that was started many years ago and still sits as an empty and overgrown lot.

2, The infamous Jackson Station Project that with the exception of CVS #1 and one other building sits vacant and at last word still hung up in court?

3, Although the State Credit Union and one other concern is now in place, the bulk of the property that was clear cut of beautiful old hardwoods sits raw and empty with nothing more than a sign on it.... A sad tale that one!

4, Across the road is a new strip of business' that have a considerable amount of acreage behind them cleared for new building, office space and the like, I believe that sits untouched as well.

5, Without a doubt, the most distressful of all is the project on 16 by Twelve Mile Creek. A project by Prescott Development, Terry Predzinerski has put the property on the market for \$25 Million after he clear cut I don't know how many acres and proceeded to fill in unprecedented amounts of dirt to create a level environment for building. This project was obviously done on speculation and now there are no prospective buyers, no prospective business' for the location and the property is bare, ugly and is depositing massive amounts of topsoil into Twelve Mile Creek. The area has not been planted in and the four-wheelers and dirt bikes have taken over carving out a race track in it. I'm amazed the EPA has allowed this to happen?

With the economic landscape as it is I find it unlikely that much will happen to these ugly scars on our town, but perhaps if something can be done with Economic Development as I suggested in an earlier article, perhaps a good and value added use can be brought to these unfortunate broken dreams.

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What Are The Banks Hiding?



by John Tiley

How could juggernaut banks like Wachovia, CITI etc, with all of their Harvard & Yale MBA types, allow themselves to get into trouble like this? Could this be just poor management run rampant through upper echelons or are there hidden agendas that nobody wants us to know about? With all of the last minute wrangling with government bailouts and such, it is inconceivable things could get so bad without somebody noticing? Bankers have traditionally been such conservative stick in the mud's something smells to high heaven here.

- We already know Retail is way down and isn't expecting to recover before the holidays so you can count on it not being pretty at the unemployment lines come January.
- Not only our stock market, but the international markets continue in their downward spirals even as the Feds have lowered the "rate".
- And the FBI has already begun investigating quite a few suspects in the damage done. Hopefully, like Enron, a lot of those highly educated thieves who are

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- We, the people, have obviously been kept out of the loop as long as possible; in fact, that this erupted before the elections is highly suspect in itself... Traditionally things are held in status quo until the “new Guy” gets into office.

responsible will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and sent to prison where they belong. I cannot begin to fathom the damage their corrupt actions have done to our Country.

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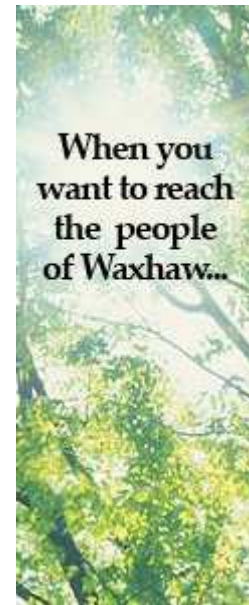
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Just for your edification, here are some of the responsible CEO's and the obscene income they wrung out of their companies these last few years:

- **CSO Angelo Mozilo** of Countrywide; \$361.7 Million
- **CEO Daniel Mudd** of Fannie Mae; \$11.6 million even after losing his Golden Parachute worth \$9.8 million
- **Freddie Mac CEO Richard Syron**; \$12.9 million before losing his \$9.8 million Golden Parachute.
- **CEO James Cayne** of Bear Sterns; \$42.3 million including \$29.8 million Bonus Pay
- **CEO Richard Fuld**; \$186 million as Lehman Brothers failed
- **CEO Martin Sullivan** of AIG; \$25.4 million
- **CEO Stan O'Neal** of Merrill Lynch (one of the most industrious of the Wall Street toxic-debt machines); \$66 million
- **CEO Kerry Killinger**, Washington Mutual; 36 million that included an \$11 million dollar bonus
- **CEO G. Kennedy Thompson** of Wachovia; 16 million
- **CEO Charles Prince** (who has since left the company). He earned \$35.6 million in bonus pay during the boom years of 2005-07 and took home a total of \$41.5 million. (another of the toxic-debt machines).



New Town Bridge Closure



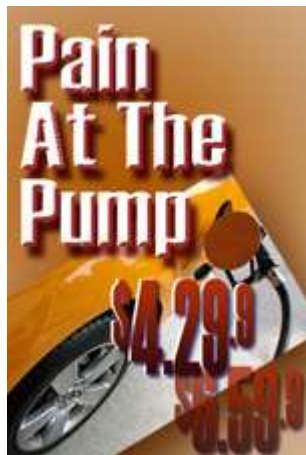
According to NC DOT web site, the bridge Near Waxhaw that was damaged when we had those heavy rains I believe, is closed and will remain so through November 17th. According to the Web site, it is for maintenance: "Road Closed with Detour. New Town Road will be closed just west of Twelve Mile Creek Road for a bridge replacement project. New Town Road, near SR-1341 (Moore Rd) will be closed in both directions with a detour.

New Town Road to Twelve Mile Creek Road to N.C. 84 to N.C. 16 back to New Town Road.



The re-arrangement of the intersection Route 16 and Cuthbertson Road is in progress with the new light already installed and road construction nearing completion.

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Every week brings new prices, availability and just why is Waxhaw 1, higher priced and 2, really slow in getting supplies when prices and availability over on Independence (and most other places I've been lately) are considerably better?

Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area

	3/20/08		10/10/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	Reg Only	\$3.63.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	No Report	
Little General:	\$3.24.9	Reg Only	3.59.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9		3.69.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	No Gas, Due Tonight	\$3.59.9
Mineral Springs:			
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	No Gas	\$3.99.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	Reg Only	\$3.63.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	Gas	\$3.59.9

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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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 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.



NEED LABELS?
[Click to download.](#)

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

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a 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 snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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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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Announcing NEW 4-H Horse Program group forming at Monarch Farm, North Carolina!

We are pleased to announce that a new 4-H Group is forming! The Breakaway Riders will be a 4-H Horse Program chartered in Mecklenburg County with meetings in the Monroe area. We will be a part of the newly redistricted West Central 4-H District. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A HORSE TO JOIN!** Our leaders and members' families have access to a number of safe horses and ponies that you would be able to use in any activities requiring your own individual mount.

We will be following the 4-H Horse Program goals (listed below) as well as doing community service work to benefit local equine groups in our area.

4-H HORSE PROGRAM GOALS

The purposes of this program are to encourage 4-H members:

1. To develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities.
2. To experience the pride of owning a horse or pony and be responsible for its management.
3. To develop an appreciation of horse-back riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.
4. To learn skills in horsemanship and an understanding of the business of breeding, raising and training horses.
5. To increase knowledge of safety precautions needed to prevent injury to yourself, others, and their mounts.
6. To promote greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them.
7. To be better prepared for citizenship responsibilities by working in groups and supporting community horse projects and activities.
8. To teach good sportsmanship through a friendly, competitive atmosphere.
9. To promote future horse industry development and expansion.

Our first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 26th at 3:00 PM at the Union County Saddle Club in Monroe, NC (off East Sandy Ridge Road between Stack Road and Hwy 207/Wolf Pond Rd.) Prospective members and parents are cordially invited to attend in order to learn more about our group, the leaders, and our goals for the 2008/2009 season.

The meeting will include a planning session for the parents to share their input in picking regularly scheduled meeting dates and times.

If you have further questions concerning the North Carolina 4-H Horse Program, you can go their website for information: it is http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/4h_Horse/4hmain.htm

If you have questions concerning our group in particular before the meeting scheduled for October 26th, please contact Miranda Kaplan at mfk@alltel.net or Erin Desloge at MonarchFarmNC@aol.com

Hope to see you in October!



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

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!

Investment tips for 2008/09

For all of you with any money left, be aware of the next expected mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks. Watch for these consolidations by the end of 2008:

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| <p>1.) Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W. R. Grace Co. Will merge and become: Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.</p> <p>2.) PolygramRecords, Warner Bros., and ZestaCrackers join forces and become: Poly, Warner Cracker.</p> <p>3.) 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMMGood.</p> <p>4. ZippoManufacturing, AudiMotors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become: ZipAudiDoDa.</p> <p>5. FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become: FedUP.</p> | <p>6. Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become: Fairwell Honeychild.</p> <p>7. Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: PouponPants.</p> <p>8. Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become: Knott NOW!</p> <p>And finally....</p> <p>9. Victoria 's Secret and Smith & Wesson will merge under the new name: TittyTittyBangBang</p> |
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Comments made in the year 1955! That's only 53 years ago!

'I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00.'

'Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2, 000.00 will only buy a used one.'

'If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous.'

'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?'

'If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.'

'When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.'

'Kids today are impossible. Those duck tail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls.'

'I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either HELL of DAMN in it.'

'I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.'

'I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.'

'It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.'

'It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.'

'Marriage do esn't mean a thing any more, those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat.'

'I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.'

'Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress.'

'The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.'

'There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend, it costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel.'

'No one can afford to be sick anymore, at \$35.00 a day in the hospital it's too rich for my blood.'

'If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it.'



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YOUR
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'Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.'

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