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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

Our Town

The Fourth in a series of articles about the people and places that make Waxhaw the place it is!

This week's interview: Waxhaw's Town Clerk, Bonnie McManus by John Tiley

This has been my most enjoyable interview to date. Bonnie is an absolute joy to spend time with, and knows more about Waxhaw than anybody I have met so far, in fact I am sure she even knows which closets all of the skeletons are hidden in!

First of all, June 11th has been proclaimed "Bonnie Day" by the Town and was celebrated last June with a dozen red roses for the most beloved town employee on her 30th anniversary with the town! She is married to Clarence, and is active in the Waxhaw Baptist Church. She grew up in Waxhaw in the family house located at 307 South Broome Street and in her youth aspired to one day become the Town Clerk! And when she realized her ambition, Waxhaw was still the little country town already know for its antiques with a population of just 800 plus people.

For years that population topped out at whopping 1,208 and the town reflected its size with a small staff of just one full time and one part time employee, then growing to two staffers and two policemen. A far cry from the forty plus people now employed to serve the 7,500 plus residents... so far. In the early days she got the nick name of the Waxhaw Sewer Queen because it was she that went out at whatever time the calls came in to assist in repairs when there was only one other person.



It only took twelve years after she came to work for the town to get those sewers! That was the original 12 Mile Creek facility. Certainly she has been willing to do whatever it

took to keep the town running! And, now she even has an office with a window... a feat that took her over twenty-five years to accomplish. When I asked her what her most favorite memories were, at first she couldn't pin it on just one but finally settles for the first "Old Fashioned Down Home Christmas" of seven years ago. Bonnie has seen a lot of change over the years and one of the most rewarding is the State Wide Clerk Net she participates in. Fellow Clerks post queries and problems in search of solutions where fellow clerks are happy to share their experience. Now, I would love to tell you a few more stories that she passed on, but she swore be to silence on those!

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News Around Town:

U.S. Unemployment Rate Hits a 5-Year High

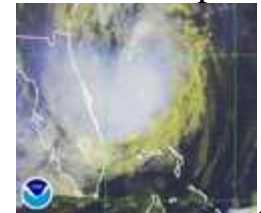
Jobless rate rose to 6.1 % in August; Employers cut 84,000 jobs From the AP, click here to see the story

Second set of cuts Decimate Observer Staff.



See Story On Page Two

Hanna is almost here and Ike is following fast on her foot steps...



...are you prepared?

See the Red Cross Preparedness Article

From the Mayor: This Coming Weeks Agenda

Is Bush Pushing America into a Third War?

The Hawkish Bush Administration is rattling its sword at Russia again! ...and aggregating the situation with an additional BILLION DOLLARS in Support for Georgia?

by John Tiley

hn Tiley

We have already sent over \$30 Million Dollars in support for the Georgians directly through Government/Military channels... Note, the Red Cross who is supposed to head these types of efforts wasn't involved, but rather the Air Force and the Navy! And this is above the paltry \$16 Million in aid we had already sent originally.

This posturing, done without the help or even blessing of NATO is concerting in the sense that as a nation, America simply cannot afford another ill thought war under this administration. I generally don't speak to the



As a country we are TRILLIONS of DOLLARS in debt over these wars, debt that our grand children will be saddled with. And with the state of our economy, something the "current Administration" is in complete

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ambitions of politicians but in this case it seems that the only way the outgoing Bush group can justify itself, is as a War Administration! In the past eight years we have been in two wars, Afghanistan and Iraq. In the post 9/11 era, we went into Afghanistan with eyes wide open looking for Osama Bin Laden and the Taliban! Eight years later we have no clue as to where Osama is and the Taliban that we banished are back in power and hostilities are on the rise again. Are we going to have to continue to re-fight this conflict as well as remain indefinitely in Iraq, the war justified by allegations of weapons of mass destruction and Osama support.... and then on top of all that, go to war with Russia too? Just so the Bush group can go out as a War Administration?

denial over, what will the results of these foolhardy adventures be? Will the next poor decision be the straw that will break the camels back, so to speak, sending the United States into an uncontrollable economic spin?

The point of this editorial, as we approach the elections are not so much the deeds of the outgoing group, but the hope that whoever comes into the oval office will have the ethics, leadership abilities and vision to gather the citizens of this country, re-instill some confidence and show us the way back to prosperity.

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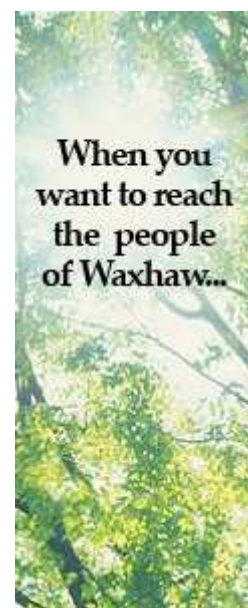
Second Set of Cuts Decimate Staff. Observer Goes Through Yet Another Round Of Staff Cuts!

Always a sad topic, people losing their jobs and fellow news people is a bit close to home for me of course. In the past you may have occasionally detected a needling from me as to the "competition's" direction or tone, but when it comes to people losing their jobs, it becomes serious. Traditional newspapers are a declining media struggling to stay afloat in a terrible economy leaving few if any job alternatives for these people to pursue. And for the people who do remain employed, they have an even tougher job of trying to keep the level of material up to reasonable standards. And, sadly, it is beginning to show. There has been more and more content from the A.P. and less and less local coverage. And if things aren't bad enough in "Up Town", the status of the Union County section of the Observer has turned into



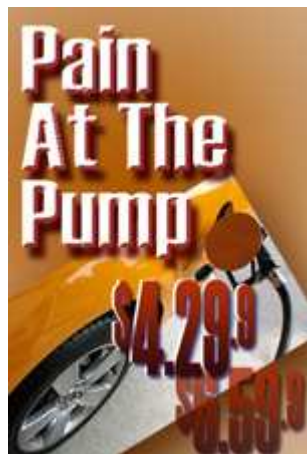
nothing more than a calendar listing and whatever ads they have managed to sell down here. Adding insult to injury, they printed this Thursday's edition showcasing an event from Dilworth? Perhaps they fired one too many editors in their zeal to cut expenses?

The future of the Observer seems cloudy at best, and I would hazard a guess we won't be seeing these localized add-on sections for much longer... it's just a matter of time, and our loss.




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Area prices for gas in the Waxhaw area have been holding pretty steady lately. Lets hope they will hold or even drop more.

	3/20/08	9/05/08
Texaco:	\$3.19.9	\$3.65.9
Pure:	\$3.24.9	\$3.65.9
Little General:	\$3.24.9	\$3.65.9
Shell:	\$3.24.9	\$3.65.9
Wax. In n Out:	\$3.26.9	\$3.65.9
Mineral Springs:		
M. S. Grocery	\$3.20.9	\$3.65.9
Texaco:	\$3.21.9	\$3.65.9
BP on New Town	\$3.21.9	\$3.65.9

Editors Note: Usually I personally check the prices posted for the above companies. However, occasionally when time is short as it is today, I will 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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Is America Headed for a Third War?

I won't be the one writing the history book, the academics will be doing that, but I can say

that as this administration comes to a close, George W. Bush and his group has produced the worst Presidency ever, leaving behind a country utterly demoralized! The worst economy, healthcare, response to National and International natural disasters, a military force that has been abused and over extended time and time again only to come home to be forgotten when they need help healing the wounds of war. It has been a take what you can grab and damn the people holding the ball eight years.

Even in the worst of the Vietnam Years the confidence in government leadership was never as low as it is now! Why are we getting involved with so many other peoples business, sending so much money (ostensibly to buy international influence we can't seem to earn) and antagonizing situations instead of attempting to nullify them?

As elections draw close both parties are spouting rhetoric and promises. Yet neither are endorsing any comprehensive plan that approaches fixes to our crises in: energy, economic and healthcare. And what is even scarier is the fact that we citizens don't have a say... oh, yes, we vote but it is the "Electoral College!" that elects the President and we don't have much of a say in that.

If only somebody like Pickens was running I, for one, would have a lot more confidence in where this country is headed!

1 From Wikipedia

The Electoral College is a body of 538 popularly elected representatives who formally select the President and Vice President of the United States.[1] The Electoral College is an example of an indirect election.

Rather than directly voting for the President and Vice President, U.S. citizens cast votes for electors. Electors are technically free to vote for anyone eligible to be President, but in practice pledge to vote for specific candidates[2] and voters cast ballots for favored Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates by voting for correspondingly pledged electors.[3] Most states allow voters to choose between statewide slates of electors pledged to vote for the Presidential and Vice Presidential tickets of various parties; the ticket that receives the most votes statewide 'wins' all of the votes cast by electors from that state. U.S. Presidential campaigns concentrate on winning the popular vote in a combination of states that choose a majority of the electors, rather than campaigning to win the most votes nationally.

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Waxhaw's Events Calander

Dear Friends,

The Waxhaw Board of Commissioners will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 6:30pm at the [Museum of the Waxhaws](#). The agenda is below.

One note – the public hearing for B&H Holdings, Inc., applicant for the Village Shoppes project on 16 between Alma Blvd & Red Oaks Trail, may be rescheduled given that the applicant has submitted a letter to the board requesting that the public hearing be moved to our November meeting.

I will be available at the following times and places over the weekend with the agenda packet for those who would like to look over that information or would just like to chat before the Tuesday meeting:

~ **Friday, September 5, 5-7pm @ Café Fino**
~ **Saturday, September 6, 10-11:30am @ Manhattan's**
~ **Sunday, September 7, 2:30-4pm @ Café Fino**
~ **Monday, September 8, 7-9am @ Crossroads Coffeehouse**

Please stop by and visit with me if you can!

Best,

Daune Gardner
Mayor of Waxhaw

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Agenda

Location: Museum of the Waxhaws
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Note: The policy of the Mayor and Commissioners is to allow public comments on any item of the agenda. Time limit is two minutes. If a group organization is present to speak on any agenda item, only two designated representatives will be allowed to address the Commissioners. Once action has been taken, no additional comments will be permitted.

Public Hearings -6:30 p.m.

CU-2008-005 – B&H Holdings – recommendation for Conditional Use Permit for the property identified by parcel number numbers 06-141-001.

TA-2008-007- Text amendment proposal to change the UDO Zoning Table of Uses in the C-4 district

Regular Meeting

1. Call to order by Mayor
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
3. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Unfinished Business

A.

Board Appointments: (Discussion and consideration of Board Appointments)

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Historic Commission (Ryan Tobin)

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Board of Adjustment (Resignation and appointment)

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Beautification Committee

B. Agreement for use of fields at Kensington- Harvey Clay Nesbit Park

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MICHAEL McLaurin, TOWN MANAGER

BONNIE B. McMANUS, TOWN CLERK
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6. New Business

A.

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B.

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7. Consent Agenda

A. Resolution of Consideration-(Approval of current map for annexation consideration for future extended boundaries)

B. Revised Fee Schedule(Revised Fee Schedule for additional fees and correction of clerical error).

C. Resolution Regarding Personal Property Lost or Damaged on Town Property(Policy was reviewed and sent to September meeting for approval)

D. Keith Robinson Construction – (Construction of restrooms in town park in the amount of \$38,786.00)

E. Approval of Contract with Southern Software- (approval of invoice for \$12,974.00 to be paid in three installments upon completion of training)

F. Amendment of Skateboard Ordinance- (Recommend adoption of the amended Skateboard Ordinance as presented by Attorney Spencer).

G. Curfew for Halloween Night –(Request 9:00 p.m.)

H. Resolution – Constitution Week (Request by the Daughters of the American Revolution)

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8. Manager's Reports/Requests

9. Informal Comments

Informal Comments are permitted on any subject. The time limit is three minutes to speak with a total limit of fifteen minutes for informal comments. If a group or organization is present to speak, only two designated representatives will be permitted to speak. Mayor will call time for each speaker and close the session at the end of fifteen minute period.

10. Comments: Mayor and Commissioners Comments

11. Closed Session

1. Personnel, contractual matters and to seek legal counsel per G. S. 143.318.11(a).

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Personnel

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Contractual Matters

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Real Estate

12. Adjournment



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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!

I Wish I'd said that!

'The crime rate in Washington, DC could be cut 75% simply by moving Congress somewhere else.'
-George W. Bush

'If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.'
-Mark Twain

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress....But then I repeat myself.
-Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.
-Winston Churchill

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.
- George Bernard Shaw

A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.
-G. Gordon Liddy

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.
-James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.
-Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.
-P.J . O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.
-Frederic Bastiat, French Economist (1801-1850)

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases:
If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.
-Ronald Reagan (1986)

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!
-P.J. O'Rourke

I don't make jokes! I just watch the government and report the facts.
-Will Rogers

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.
-Voltaire (1764)

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!
-Pericles (430 B.C.)

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.
-Mark Twain (1866)

Talk is cheap...except when Congress does it!
-Unknown

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.
-Ronald Reagan

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings.
The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.
-Winston Churchill

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.
-Mark Twain

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.
-Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher (1820-1903)

There is no distinctly native American criminal class ... except Congress.
-Mark Twain

What this country needs is more unemployed politicians.
-Edward Langley, Artist (1928 - 1995)

A government big enough to give you everything you want,
is strong enough to take everything you have.
-Thomas Jefferson

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HEADLINES FROM THE YEAR: 2029

- Ozone created by electric cars now killing millions in the seventh largest country in the world, Mexifornia,
- 85-year \$75.8 billion study: Diet and exercise is the key to weight loss.
- Average weight of Americans drops to 250

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



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HAVE A
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PROBLEM WITH
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- formerly known as California.
- Spotted Owl plague threatens northwestern United States crops and livestock.
 - Baby conceived naturally! Scientists stumped.
 - Couple petitions court to reinstate heterosexual marriage.
 - Iran still closed off; physicists estimate it will take at least 10 more years before radioactivity decreases to safe levels.
 - France pleads for global help after being taken over by Jamaica . No other country comes forward to help the beleaguered nation!
 - Castro finally dies at age 112; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking.
 - George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2036.
 - Postal Service raises price of first class stamp to \$17.89 and reduces mail delivery to Wednesdays only.
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 - Global cooling blamed for citrus crop failure for third consecutive year in Mexifornia and Floruba.
 - Senate still blocking drilling in ANWR even though gas is selling for 4532 Pesos per liter and gas stations are only open on Tuesdays and Fridays.
 - Massachusetts executes last remaining conservative.
 - Supreme Court rules punishment of criminals violates their civil rights.
 - Average height of NBA players is now nine feet, seven inches.
 - New federal law requires that all nail clippers, screwdrivers, fly swatters and rolled-up newspapers must be registered by January 2030.
 - IRS sets lowest tax rate at 75 percent.
 - Floruba voters still having trouble with voting machines.

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