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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE Pendulous male catkins of American Hazelnut

Hazelnuts and wind

FLORA

By Ken Moore

Be on the lookout for a multi-stemmed shrub that appears to be decorated with pendulous, 4-to-6-inch strips of yellow yarn. If you examine these streamers closely, gently tap several of them. You'll be surprised by the clouds of pollen. The streamers are staminate catkins, which are pendulous clusters of petalless male flowers providing pollen for the much-less-obvious petalless female flowers.

The challenge of this botany lesson is to find the female flowers. You'll have to look closely to find tiny swollen buds with clusters of rosy red threads protruding from the bud tips. These short red threads are the stigmas of the hidden female flowers. The exposed stigmas catch the passing pollen that is required for those flowers to produce hazelnuts.

Yep, you've guessed it, that shrub is American Hazelnut, Corylus Americana, and yes, they are quite tasty, but the wild critters usually beat us to the feast. We must rely on the orchards of Eurasian hazelnut species for the tasty nuts we purchase in stores.

Hazelnut is a common large woodland shrub in our forests, but it is most noticeable growing along woodland edges and sewer and power-line rights-of-way where the additional sunlight promotes heavy flower and nut production.

Another common shrub, similar in appearance to the hazelnut, is Tag Alder, Alnus serrulata. You will commonly find it along stream banks and pond edges. It likes to have its feet in the water. Tag Alder catkins are not quite as long as those of hazelnuts. The easiest way to distinguish between the two shrubs

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Transfer tax OK'd for May ballot

by Susan Dickson

Staff Writer

The Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously on Tuesday to put a land transfer tax on the May ballot.

Voters will decide whether property sellers will pay a 0.4 percent land transfer tax. If the measure passes, the county could begin collecting funds during the 2008-09 fiscal year.

In this year's state budget, the Legislature gave counties the option of a 0.4 percent land transfer tax or a quarter-cent sales tax increase to help compensate for

money taken away from counties in a deal to turn responsibility for paying Medicaid over to As a result of the budget

deal, counties lost state-supplied school construction money this year and will lose some sales tax revenue in coming years. According to county budget director Donna Coffey, the land

transfer tax would yield a little more than \$4 million in annual revenue, while the sales tax increase would yield just over \$3 million.

Commissioners said they preferred the land transfer tax to the sales tax because of the regressive nature of a sales tax.

"I certainly think there are pros and cons in terms of impact, regardless of which one of these new taxes that we pursue, and there's no way that we can completely insulate all of the people we care about in this county from this tax," Commissioner Moses Carey said.

"While a lot of people think that sales tax is fairer, and that it's going to touch everyone, and everyone is going to pay, I think that asking people to pay every day from current income, when they have no current income or



income ... is a bit much."

against the land transfer tax, saying it unfairly burdens a small population during a slow real estate market. Several

when they have no increase in county residents spoke against the land transfer tax, holding Realtors have come out signs and wearing buttons opposing it.

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PHOTO BY ISAAC SANDLIN

Carrboro Elementary School students Will Atkinson, Caroline Baker and Rick Davis dance at a '50s sock hop to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary. See our story on Page 8.

FEMA grant to help with fire department growth

by Kirk Ross

Staff Writer

Carrboro is not quite midway through an effort to add 15 firefighters, a move necessary to fully staff its new northern fire station. It's been a costly effort and six new positions added in the past two years constituted a major portion of the town's personnel cost increases.

This year, that effort continues, but thanks to a \$314,262 SAFER grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency the cost to the town of bringing on the next batch of hires will drop. For

the first year, the grant will pick up 90 percent of the cost of hiring three new firefighters.

The town received official notice last Friday of the grant, which it had applied for in the past but never won, said Carrboro Fire Chief Travis Crabtree. With the opening of the new station and the need to hire and train new personnel, the town had a strong case.

The grant extends over four years and will help the department spread out the cost of building up the staff. The department is anticipating moving a combination of experienced and newer officers and drivers to the Homestead Road station late in 2009. Before being assigned a shift, new firefighters must be trained in emergency medical care, rescue, fire prevention and fire suppression.

With six firefighters of the 15 required already hired, the chief said the town's lone fire station is starting to get crowded. "It's getting kind of tight. We put in new lockers already. We planned ahead," Crabtree said, "but there's not enough room at the kitchen table."

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Get your tickets for the Community Dinner

by Susan Dickson

Staff Writer

On March 2, nearly 600 people from Orange County are expected to gather for the 11th annual Community Dinner.

The event – which was started in 1998 as a celebration of Black History Month - draws county residents young and old, black and white and rich and poor.

"What we're hoping to do is really to eradicate the lines in the sand that divide our community," said Nerys Levy, one of the founders of the event and chair of the Community Dinner Committee. "It's an inclusive event across the board.'

Levy started the event with the help of the Carrboro Branch Library, the Cultural Arts Group and Mildred Council.

Council - more commonly known as Mama Dip - has always prepared the main dishes for the event.

"Over the past few years, we've incorporated more main-dish cooks," said Community Dinner Committee member Jackie Helvey.

This year, main courses will be provided by Mama Dip's, Bon's Home

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Downtown growth has board wary of rezoning plan

by Kirk Ross Staff Writer

Though separate items on its Tuesday night agenda, concerns about managing growth downtown have the Carrboro Board of Aldermen carefully considering next steps for traffic calming on Oak Avenue and a proposed rezoning on Center Street.

The Center Street proposal brought by a group of owners led by Jane Hamborsky asks that the town change the zoning on its property at 102 Center Street to allow for a greater variety of business uses.

The owners of the property, which is now home to Curl Up and Dye Hair Salon, want to also use the property for a photo studio. While the current zoning permits some business uses along with residential uses, Hamborsky said it makes sense to change it to B-2, the same as many nearby businesses. She said she had surveyed many of the neighbors in the area, but did not find a consensus among them on how to approach Center Street rezoning. However, Weaver Street Market general manager Ruffin Slater also asked the board to consider adding property next door at 104 Center Street to the request for B-2 as well

But Oak Avenue resident John Alderson said he did not want to see the area become more commercial than it already is. He agreed with an assessment by board of aldermen member Jacquie Gist who worried that the project would start the area down a "slippery slope." Gist also said that while Hamborsky might have the neighborhood's interests in mind, zoning is assigned to a piece of property and not a person.

Noting the pressures to grow downtown, the block, she said, could become another five-story development if the zoning change

"I don't want to open that box," Gist said.

The board, however, agreed to hold a public hearing on the proposal on March 25, but limited the request to just the 102 Center Street property. The matter now moves to a review by the town planning board.

The same concerns about growth affected another board review Tuesday night, although the subject was somewhat different.

The board looked at the results of efforts to reduce speeding on Oak Avenue, hearing from neighbors that a speed table the town installed last year is helping some, but that the road is still a popular cut-through and that speeding on the narrow street remains a problem.

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Give me two a's with an e on the end

RECENTLY ...

By Valarie Schwartz

Besides the story of how they met, my favorite story about my parents is the one where they named me while sitting on the pale yellow "glider" that now sits on my front porch. During a visit in 2002, my mother told my partner, John, and I the story while we repainted the bench (the glider part disappeared years ago).

Mama was two weeks away from delivering me on July 22, 1953, when my father came home from work and found her sitting on the glider in the backyard of their home in Dallas, Texas. She had just finished reading the Dallas Times Herald, an afternoon daily, which had a front-page story about golf legend Ben Hogan of Ft. Worth, who, with his wife, "Valarie," had been treated to a ticker-tape parade upon arrival in New

York City after he had won the British Open. It was the only time the Texas native would play in that venerable tournament, but it was the third major that he had won that year, creating the Hogan-Slam, because nobody else had ever won three majors in a year (nor would anyone again until Tiger Woods in

Hogan's triumph was even more dramatic given that he had almost died in a car accident on Feb. 1, 1949, when, returning home to Ft. Worth, his car collided head-on into a bus on a desert road 110 miles west of El Paso. His life was saved when he flung his body across the seat to protect his beloved wife, who, even after he had gone broke twice while trying to make a golf career, had been the one who believed that the quiet, small-framed, south-pawed Hogan could be

She was unharmed.

Ben survived because he had dived — the steering column had stabbed through the driver's seat — but he suffered injuries that had doctors telling him at age 37 that he'd never walk again, much less golf competi-

Eleven months later he came in second in a tournament and five months after that, won the U.S. Open.

After reading about the Hogans, Mama decided that if this third child was a girl, she wanted to name her Valarie, and spell it the same way as Mrs. Hogan — with two a's.

When Daddy sat down next to her on the glider, she offered up the name, which he liked, saying that "Kay" would sound nice as a middle name.

On Aug. 5, I was born and named Valarie Kay Wise.

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This Week: February 22 — 28, 2008

Friday

MC Chris performs at Cat's Cradle as part of the **Dirty South Improv Comedy** Festival. Show at 11, tickets \$14 at the door.



Saturday

Local 506 hosts their contribution to the **International Pop** Overthrow Festival all weekend! Lots of bands, catchy tunes.

Sunday

See the **Sixth Annual** Fearrington Folk Art **Show** at Fearrington Village. Works on display from 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. and free to see.

Monday

Traditional Irish and Scottish musicians **Boys of the Lough** perform at The ArtsCenter. Show 7 p.m., tickets \$25.

The ArtsCenter

Tuesday

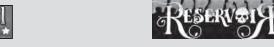
The Spider Bags play the Local 506 with **The** Selmanaires and Anna Kramer & The Lost **Cause** starting at ten.

Wednesday

Barn Burning headlines at Reservoir, playing with **The** Wading Girl and Bibis Ellison. Show around ten.

Thursday

More at Reservoir: Colossus performs with **Freedom** Hawk and Fighting Poseidon. 10 p.m.



Arts Calendar



See "Primary Colors," Watercolor and acrylic by Miriam Sagasti at NC Crafts Gallery.

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FR 3/7 CHATHAM COUNTY LINE

TH 2/21 MELISSA

FERRICK TRIO**(\$14/\$16)

FR 2/22 & SA 2/23 DSI FESTIVAL

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W/JONATHAN RICE**(\$10/\$12)

FR 3/7 CD RELEASE PARTY

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COUNTY LINE W/

EVERYBODYFIELDS**(\$12/\$15)

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W/HADWYNN, FLOWERS FOR

FAYE, THE MOONATIKS**(\$8)

MO 3/10**(\$23/\$25) MESHELL

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FR 3/14 WOODS SCHOOL BENEFIT:

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GONE, LYNN BLAKEY/

CHRIS DENNY**(\$13/\$15)

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W/ABSTRACT RULE, TOKI

WRIGHT, BK-ONE**(\$10/\$12)

Carrboro

Because We're Still Here (and Moving): Mapping a World of Black History in Our Own

Backyard — photography exhibit & interactive installation, Center Gallery. Acrylic paintings by DiGiulio, East Gallery. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St. 929-2787, artscenterlive.org.

Mixed media by Chief — a tribute to the artists' new daughter. The Beehive Salon, 102 E. Weaver St. 932-4483, thebeehive-salon.com.

Under the Big Blue Sky

works by self-taught artist Valerie Tan. Showing through Feb. Century Center. 100 N Greensboro St. 918-7385, townofcarrboro. com/rp/cc.htm.

Bolin Creek and Woodlands:

Natural Treasures — photography by Dave Otto, Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W Main St. 942-8541, townofcarrboro.com.

Stoneware serving sets & digital photos of Japan — The Clay Centre Gallery and Studio, 402 Lloyd St. 967-0314, www.claycentre.com.

Works by Jamie Nervo - everyday events and characters with a twist. Fleet Feet Gallery, 406 E Main

St. 942-3102, fleetfeetcarrboro.com. **The Road Home** – new paintings by Chapel Hill artist Melissa Miller. NC Crafts Gallery, 212 W Main St.

942-4048, nccraftsgallery.com.

Paintings by Laura Williams. Nested, 118-B E Main St. 338-8023, nestedhome.com.

MIKEY DOUGHTY'S

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ALSO PRESENTING

SU 3/16 BLACK LIPS

Paintings by Mary Charlton and multimedia work by Miles Murray. Open Eye Café, 101 S Greensboro St. 968-9410, openeye-

Controlled Chaos — acrylic paintings by Catharine Carter. Through Mar 31. Panzanella, Carr Mill Mall, E Weaver St & N Greensboro St. 929-6626, panzanella.com.

Images from Chatham County — photography by Dwain Ritchie. Weaver Street Realty, 116 E Main St.

929-5658, weaverstreetrealty.com.

Chapel Hill

Picturing the World: Carolina's Celebrated Photoiournalists – showing through Apr 6. Perspectives on Public Justice — showing through May 4. Ackland Art Museum. S Columbia St & Franklin St. 966-5736, ackland.org.

PepperPot: Multi Media Installation, Meaning, and the Medium in Contemporary African

Diasporic Art — a contemporary multi media exhibit featuring work by four outstanding young emerging artists. Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History. UNC campus. Opening reception Fri, Feb 22, 7pm. Through May 11. Call 962-9001 for more info.

Pablo Picasso – Imaginary Portraits. Showing through Mar 13. Animation and Fine Art, University Mall, S Estes Dr. 968-8008, animationandfineart.com

Paintings by Lynne Clarke -

heavy texture, inclusion of divergent, interesting found materials, strong color and the shape of mass and volume. Caffé Driade, 1215-A E Franklin St. 942-2333, caffedriade.com

The Faces of Child Trafficking

– Photography by Angela Harper. Showing through Feb 25. FedEx Global Education Center, 301 Pittsboro St. 962-2435, international.unc. edu/GEC.html.

Color & Pagentry — works by world renowned artists. Turning Point Gallery, University Mall, S Estes Dr. 967-0402, harmonyfineart.com.

Paintings by Cat Moleski Bright, insightful & contemplative work. Bagwell, Holt, Smith, Tillman

& Jones, PA, 400 Market St, Ste 103. 932-2225, bhspa.com Hillsborough

Winter Blues – art by the artists of

Hillsborough Gallery of Arts. Through Feb 23. Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, 121 N Churton St, Ste 1-D. 732-5001, hillsboroughgallery.com.

Pittsboro

It's a Dog's Life — whimsical paintings of canine shenanigans by Shannon Spoor Bueker. Carolina Brewery & Grill, 120 Lowes Dr. Opening reception Sun, Mar 2, 4-6pm. Showing through Mar.

Music Calendar



The

Huguenots

International

play the

Рор Overthrow Festival at the Local 506 on Saturday.

THURSDAY FEB 21

Blue Bayou Club: Delta Drift. 8:30pm

Blue Horn Lounge: Bill West.

Cat's Cradle: Melissa Ferrick Trio.

9pm. \$16

The Cave: Early: 3 Feet Up. Late: Sol Driven Train.

General Store Café: Tony Galiani Band, 8pm **Local 506:** International Pop

Overthrow Festival: Down By Ava-Ion: The Love Willows; Love Jones; Airspace; Midnite Sun; We Know, Plato; Brett Harris; SNMNMNM. 7:30pm. \$8

Nightlight: Love Language (Solo), Heads on Sticks, Monologue Bombs. 9pm. \$5

FRIDAY FEB 22

Blue Bayou Club: Will McFarlane Band. 9:30pm

Blue Horn Lounge: Dogwood Deddy. 10pm

The Cave: Early: DL Token. Late: Green Level Entertainers.

General Store Café: Jeff Crawford. 8:30pm

Local 506: International Pop Overthrow Festival: Broadfield Marchers, The Fire Apes, GogoPilot, In Technicolor, The Treasury, Michael Slawter & The Saving Graces, Stratocruiser, Terry Anderson and the Olympic Ass-Kicking Team. 8pm. \$10

Nightlight: Bellafea, Coyote, Mtn. High, Peterson and Shillace. 9:30pm.

SATURDAY FEB 23

Blue Bayou Club: Cool John Ferguson. 9:30pm

Blue Horn Lounge: Rootsie.

The Cave: Early: Lucy Sumner Late: Killer Filler with Dynamite Brothers General Store Café: Barrowburn. 8:30pm

Local 506: International Pop Overthrow Festival: Admit One, The Young Sons, The Huguenots, The Stars Explode, Absolutely The Maybes, The Above, Mondo Topless, The Gondoliers. 8pm. \$10

Reservoir: The Nein, Impossible Arms.

SUNDAY FEB 24

ArtsCenter:

Boys of the Lough. 7pm. \$25

Local 506: International Pop Overthrow Festival: Tony Low, Dan Bryk, Leisure McCorkle, The Frauds, The Sketches, Shame Idols, James Deem, Ed James, Velvet. 4pm. \$8

MONDAY FEB 25

Blue Horn Lounge: Open mic.

Local 506: Taz Halloween Chatham County Luau. Time & price

TUESDAY FEB 26

Blue Bayou Club: Open Blue Jam with Butch Haas. 8pm

Blue Horn Lounge: Jamie Purnell.

Cat's Cradle: Dean & Britta, Keren Ann. 8:45pm. \$18

Local 506: Spider Bags, The Selmanaires, Anna Kramer & The Lost Cause. 10pm. Price TBA.

Nightlight: MI Ami- DC, Food for Animals, FrequeNC. 9:30pm. \$6

WEDNESDAY FEB 27

Blue Horn Lounge: Blue Diablo's Pete Waggoner. 10pm

Cat's Cradle: Brand Nubian, Connie Price & The Keystones, Soup, DJ

Cosmo Baker. 9:30pm. RSVP The Cave: Early: Alias Smith &

Jones. Late: Carolina Clearwater. Local 506: Kris Roe, En Serenade,

Cool Ethan. 9pm. \$10 Nightlight: Tiger Piss, Dutchess

Headbanger, The Ropes. 9:30pm Reservoir: Barn Burning, The Wad-

ing Girl, Bibis Ellison.

THURSDAY FEB 28

Blue Bayou Club: Taz Halloween & Robert Griffin. 8:30pm

Blue Horn Lounge: Tokyo Rosen-

Cat's Cradle: Toubab Krewe.

The Cave: Early: Blue James Band. Late: Americans in France with The

General Store Café: Jazz with Bo Lankenau & Friends. 8pm Local 506: Boxbomb, Telescreen.

Reservoir: Colossus, Freedom Hawk, Fighting Poseidon.



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News Briefs

UNC law school to relocate

The UNC School of Law plans to relocate to Carolina North by fall 2012, Jack Boger, dean of the law school, announced Friday.

The decision to leave main campus came after architectural reports by the SmithGroup concluded that construction of a new building to facilitate growth within the law school would be more practical than expanding and renovating the building that currently houses the school.

Preliminary reports showed that construction of a new building would cost about \$93 million, and the school could add to a new building over the next several decades if necessary. Expansion and renovation of the school's current home would cost about \$91 billion and leave no room for expansion in the future. Additionally, a new building could be ready to occupy by 2012, but renovations could take more than a decade to complete.

If the school does relocate to Carolina North, it will be the first school or department to do so.

Youth poetry contest

The Town of Carrboro is accepting submissions for the Carrboro Youth Poetry Contest.

Participants must be 18 or younger, a resident of Carrboro and a poet. The contest will be divided into elementary, middle and high school levels, and each level will have one first-place winner and one honorable mention.

Winners will read their poems in a ceremony at Carrboro Day on May 4, and first-place poems will be published in The Citizen.

To submit a poem, mail it to: Carrboro Youth Poetry Context, Attn: Kim Andrews, 100 North Greensboro St., Carrboro, NC, 27510. Submissions should include the poet's name, address, phone number, email address and date of birth, as well as the name of the poet's school and a little about the poet. Submissions must be received by April 4.

Burning ban

The Orange County Fire Marshal has issued a countywide open-burning ban.

The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued an open-burning ban for all 100 counties in the state last week. The state ban prohibits all open burning 100 feet or more from an occupied dwelling. Orange County expanded the ban to all open burning, regardless of the distance from a structure.

Open burning includes leaves, branches and other plant material. It is illegal to burn trash, lumber, tires, plastics or other non-vegetative materials.

The ban was prompted by the recent rash of wildfires across the state and the diminished water supply due to the drought.

For more information, contact the Orange County Fire Marshal at 968-2050 or the Orange County Forest Ranger at 732-8152.

Rabies in Efland

A raccoon found in Efland tested positive for rabies on Monday at the State Laboratory of Public Health. Residents in the vicinity of Carrington Lane and

Chestnut Ridge Church Road on Monday found their three dogs attacking the raccoon.

All three dogs were currently vaccinated against rabies but will receive rabies booster shots, which are required within 72 hours of exposure. In addition, because of the residents' possible secondary exposure, an Orange County communicable disease nurse will work with them to determine if medical treatment is needed.

So far this year, Orange County Animal Services has received two positive rabies tests. Last year, there were 19 positive rabies tests for the county. If any possible exposure to a bat, raccoon or fox is suspected, contact Animal Control at 245-2075 or call 911.

Rabies vaccines

A low-cost rabies vaccination clinic will be held Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Orange County Animal Shelter on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

The vaccination fee is \$5, which must be paid in cash. Pets can receive one- or three-year vaccinations. For a three-year vaccination, bring your pet's most recent vaccination certificate.

Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers. Animals that may be nervous or unsettled should be kept in a vehicle for their vaccination.

For more information, call 245-2075.

Transfer station siting criteria examined

By Taylor Sisk Staff Writer

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed site selection criteria for a solid-waste transfer station this week, settling on a process that starts by eliminating environmentally sensitive areas and that looks for sites close to major roads and heavy trash generation.

At a Tuesday night work session, the commissioners heard from Ed Shuffler of Olver Inc. regarding progress made in establishing a search process for the siting of the transfer site in Orange County. Olver is the consulting firm hired by the county to establish criteria, conduct the search and advise the commissioners on the selection of a site.

The majority of Tuesday night's meeting held prior to the commissioner's regular session - was concerned with a discussion of preliminary exclusionary criteria, which is scheduled to be nailed down on March 18. The list of this criteria includes wetlands and floodplains; endangered and protected habitats; protected sites of historical, archeological or cultural significance; and park preserves. This proposed criteria further indicates that the site should be at least 25 acres, that it be located in Orange County and that it be within three miles of the county's major arteries - though the commissioners and Shuffler discussed reducing this distance to one mile.

Proposed technical siting criteria were also discussed. These include stipulations that the transfer station be placed in a location within a given radius of the center of trash generation (as calculated by Olver); Shuffler suggested a 10-mile radius. Other proposed technical criteria include truck and traffic compatibility; access to major transportation routes; buffer space; and space for recycling, composting and public education.

An "Orange County Transfer Station Siting Process Resolution Commitment to Public Participation" was read and unanimously adopted at the close of the meeting.

During a public comments session, Neloa Jones of the Coalition to End Environmental Racism (CEER) expressed her concern that some potential sites would be eliminated from consideration by exclusionary criteria before community-specific criteria are established. It is with community-specific criteria that environmental justice concerns are addressed.

Members of CEER have argued that Eubanks Road should be taken out of consideration as a potential transfer station site under federally established principles of environmental justice. Eubanks Road has been the site of the Orange County Landfill for more than 35 years. (To learn more about environmental justice and the Rogers-Eubanks roads community, visit www. carrborocitizen.com/main/rogers-road.)

Last spring, the board of commissioners

voted to site the transfer station on Eubanks Road, then in November announced they were reopening the search, though Eubanks remains under consideration.

"You must first develop the criteria - all of it," Jones said in a Wednesday interview. "This process is not in keeping with what the EPA rec-

According to the county's proposed transfer station flow chart, potential sites are scheduled to be identified prior to either the technical or community-specific criteria and their weighting factors being established.

Environmental Protection Agency policy recommends that: "To maintain objectivity in the facility siting process, the community-specific criteria should be prioritized before potential sites are known."

At the close of Tuesday night's work session, board Chairman Barry Jacobs pointed out that social justice language in the public-participation resolution was added at the commissioners' initiative and that comments from the public regarding environmental justice concerns had been well heard.

He reiterated though that the commissioners are presently limited in what they could say in this regard due to an administrative complaint filed against the board, among other local and state administrative bodies, by members of the Rogers-Eubanks roads community with the EPA's Office of Civil Rights, alleging environmental injustice.

OBITUARIES

Hanson Douglas Sessoms

Hanson Douglas Sessoms Ph.D., 76, of Chapel Hill, died Tuesday Feb. 12, 2008, at home after an extended battle with melanoma.

Mr. Sessoms was the son of the late Hanson and Sadie Edens Sessoms. He was a very caring individual who was loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He had a deep care and passion for his students, profession, community and family. He was an active volunteer for the Meals on Wheels foundation in Chapel Hill.

Born in New Hanover on July 18, 1931, he received a diploma from New Hanover High, Associates in Arts degree from Wilmington Junior College (UNC-Wilmington), a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina, a master's degree from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. from New York

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University.

During his retirement, he polished his photography skills with particular interest in wildlife and landscape photography. He had a very strong passion for Native American culture and art. He and Anne thoroughly enjoyed traveling the world throughout their retirement.

He was a retired UNC professor, after 41 years of dedicated service from 1954 to 1995. He received the Distinguished Professional and National Recreation and Park Association awards in 1989 along with many others honors and awards over the years.

He was a well known professor in his field of Leisure Studies and Recreation. Along with serving as curriculum chairman from 1963 to 1990 at UNC he also served as a visiting professor at 11 Universities throughout the United States and Canada and did eight accreditation visitations. He gave lectures in the Netherlands and authored or edited ten texts and over 150 pertaining to his field of Recreation and Leisure. Dr. Sessoms was passionate about his work and studies and became well known world wide from his devout interest and knowledge.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Anne Lassiter Sessoms of the home, sons Benjamin Payne and wife Margaret of Greensboro; Robert Payne and wife Ellen of Graham; grandsons Douglas Payne of Raleigh; Ricky Payne of Greensboro; Josiah

articles and chapters on matters Payne of Graham; granddaughters Katie Payne of Greensboro; and Abigail Payne of Graham; aunt Jane Edens Cherry of Wilmington; and many other extended family members.

> A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to honor Dr. Sessoms.

> The family requests that memorials be sent in his honor to the Sessoms Melanoma Education Fund at UNC Lineberger Cancer Center, CB# 7295, Chapel Hill, NC, 27599.







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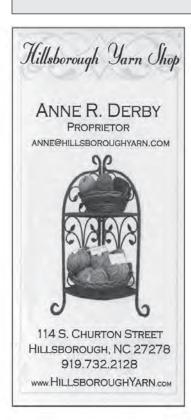
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COMMUNITY

Community Briefs

Tie and tails

The Carnivore Preservation Trust will host its inaugural Black Tie and Tails Ball on Saturday at the Marbles Kids Museum in Raleigh.

The event will start at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction, which will feature more than 70 items, including artwork, jewelry, iPods and more. A seated gourmet dinner and a live auction, featuring trips to Spain and Florida, Carolina Panthers tickets and more, will follow. The evening will conclude with

Attire is "Safari Formal," and acceptable dress is formal attire, safari-style costume or some hybrid of the two.

Tickets are \$125 per person and may be purchased online at www.blacktieandtailsball.com or by phone at 542-4684, ext. 3003. Proceeds will benefit the animals of the Carnivore Preservation Trust, a 55-acre wildlife sanctuary east of Pittsboro.

Dance Marathon

More than 1,100 UNC students have committed to stand on their feet for 24 hours on Friday at the 10th annual UNC Dance Marathon.

The event celebrates the conclusion of the participants' yearlong fundraising efforts in support of North Carolina Chil-

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dren's Hospital.

The UNC Dance Marathon, held in UNC's Fetzer Gym, kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday and concludes 7 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited to attend the event, which will feature performances by UNC and community performance groups, varsity athletes, bands and guest

The event has raised more than \$1.3 million over the past nine years, each year surpassing the previous year's fundraising

Funds raised by UNC Dance Marathon are donated to North Carolina Children's Hospital to help with families' extra costs not associated with health care expenses that they might not otherwise be able to afford.

For more information, to view a web cast of the event or to make a donation, visit ww.uncmarathon.org. tions may also be made at the

Pauli Murray Awards

The Orange County Human Relations Commission and the Office of Human Rights and Relations will host the 2007 Pauli Murray Human Relations Awards on February 24 from 3

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FEBRUARY 28: Joe Woodson & the Bean Trees—Singer

specifically gospel and folk, have stayed in Joe's Blood.

songwriter has been an entertainer for over 25 years. Music of all kinds was played around the house, but acoustic music,

MARCH 6: Worthington—Over the past five years Michael and John have been playing an acoustic duo, putting their harmonica, guitar and vocal together on a variety of home blues

Investments

Newman Catholic Student Center Parish; dance performance by the Instruments of Praise Dance Troupe; readings of the 2007 Human Rights Student Essay Contest winning essays; and the recognition of the 2007 Pauli Murray Human Relations Award recipients.

The commission presents the Pauli Murray Award annually to an Orange County youth, adult and business that have served the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice and human rights for all

The ceremony will be held in the Little Theater at New Hope Elementary School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the Office of Human Rights and Relations at 960-3875.

RECENTLY FROM PAGE |

And like Mrs. Ben Hogan (that was how she always signed her name when asked for an autograph), whose name was really "Valerie," my name has been misspelled pretty much ever since.

Check out last week's Carrboro Citizen: "Recently by Valerie Schwartz.'

As soon as editor Kirk Ross saw it, he e-mailed an apology saying he had no idea how it got spelled wrong. On Saturday, he stopped by (we are neighbors) with ice cream, saying that before the copy went to press he had known something was wrong and that it had to do with a "v" and an "a" and had doublechecked both "Valentine" and the spelling of County Commissioner Valerie Foushee's name,

finding nothing amiss.

I laughed and told him how I had come to have such a differently spelled name — through a newspaper typo — prompting this column.

While researching the facts, besides learning that Ben Hogan, like me, was a left-handed Texan (and my size), two other things I learned sent chills down my spine: the date and location of Hogan's accident. You see, also on Feb. 1, (like the Hogan accident), but 17 years after I was born, my father had a car accident that left doctors telling him that he would never walk again - that accident occurred 100 miles EAST of El Paso. He too proved the doctors wrong and, though he did nothing to merit a ticker-tape parade, lived a life that brought pleasure to others, as the cook at his church and a guitar-playing singer of faith and

cowboy songs.

Both men lived to be 85. Valerie Hogan died two years after her beloved, whom she knew for 74 of her almost 88 years.

Ben Hogan loaned his name to some of the best golf equipment available for serious golfers because he only wanted his name associated with the best.

He once told a golf writer something his mother had taught him, saying, "Your name is the most important thing you own. Don't ever do anything to disgrace it or cheapen it."

All this puts fresh perspective on a misplaced vowel.

My mother, who now lives around the corner, says she's never regretted spelling my name

Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or valariekays@mac.

Community Calendar

Special Events Ist Annual Collectors Fair

hosted by the Town of Carrboro and the N.C. Recreation and Parks Department. Sat, Feb 23, 9am-3pm. Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St. Colectible items such as coins, stamps, trading cards, comic books, dolls, toys & more will be on hand. Vendor booths available for \$25-\$35. Call Brendan Moore at 918-7392 or bmoore@townofcarrboro.org for more info.

Lunchbox Concert Series

— Thursdays through Mar 6. Bring lunch to the Century Center and hear live music from noon to Ipm. Free coffee provided by Open Eye Café. 100 N Greensboro St. Call 918-7385 or visit townofcarrboro. com/rp/cc.htm for more info.

Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players will meet at 7pm, Thu, Feb 21. Carol Woods Retirement Community, 750 Weaver Dairy Rd. Beginners & experts are welcome. Call 929-5359 or e-mail ShirleyRay@aol. com for more info.

Thoughts on Reentry: American Politics After Returning From Syria — Lecture by Sarah Shields, Ph.D. Sun, Mar 2, 11am. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St. Hosted by The North Carolina Society for Ethical Culture. Free and

open to the public. Monitoring Civil Rights on the **Ground** — screening of footage by local videographer of UNC students supporting citizens of Jena, La., during the town's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and discussion of local civil rights issues. Wed, Feb 21, 7pm. Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Hosted by the Orange County Bill of Rights Defense Committee. Open to the

public. Kids

Toddler Time – At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. For more info, call 969-3006.

Preschool Story Time – At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Saturday at 10:30am. All preschoolers are invited to this free program. For more info, call 969-3006.

ComedySportz 4 Kidz - Games & improv for the 12 & under crowd. Saturdays, 5pm. \$10, students \$8, kids under 5 \$5. DSI Comedy Theater, 200 N Greensboro St, Ste B-II, Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro, 338-8150, www.dsicomedytheater.com.

Express Yourself! - Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Weekly art projects for children & adults to explore their own creative paths; registration requested. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 & 11:30am-noon. \$2. Kidzu Children's Museum, 105 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. 933-1455, www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org.

Volunteers

Meals on Wheels - Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. For more info, call 942-2948.

Goathouse Cat Refuge – Seeks volunteers to help with rescued cats & kittens. For more info, call Bonny at 545-2825 or email her at brooze@embargmail.com.

English as a Second Language Conversation Club seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students Fridays from 11:30am-1:30pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin Street. Call 967-1448 or email harwellia@

Health & Wellness Community Grief Support

bellsouth.net.

Group, offered by UNC Hospitals' Bereavement Support Services. Group will focus on sharing and moving toward healing in a safe, supportive setting. Mondays through Mar 10, 6:30-8pm. United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Free and open to anyone, regardless of faith background. To enroll, contact Heidi Gessner at 966-0716 or hgessner@ unch.unc.edu.

Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer – A bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd

Wednesdays of every month, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, III Cloister Ct, Ste 220, Chapel Hill. 401-9333, www.cornucopiahouse.org.

NAMI Family-To-Family Education Program will host a series of 12 weekly classes for people who have family members with a serious mental illness. Classes offered in Chapel Hill. Contave Gove Elder, 967-5403. Classes begin Mar 4. Registration required. Email confidential inquiries to gbelder@bellsouth.net.

The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the death of a child. Free and open to all adults grieving the loss of a child or sibling. Third Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 11098 Highway 15-501. Call Julie Coleman at 967-3221 or visit www. chapelhilltcf.org.

Museums Planetarium & Digital Theater

Shows - Science LIVE Demos. Ongoing. Morehead Planetarium, 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Info hotline 549-6863, office 962-1236, tickets 843-7997. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, 6:30-9:15pm. Tickets \$5.25; \$4.25 seniors, students & children. For more info, visit www.moreheadplanetarium.org.

A Nursery of Patriotism:

The University at War, 1861-1945. Exhibit on war's historic impact on UNC-Chapel Hill. In the Manuscripts Dept (4th floor), Wilson Library, UNC campus, through Feb 29. www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/universityatwar.html.

Films We Shall Not be Moved: A

History of the Tillery Resettlement (2007) — A history of the New Deal resettlement community of Tillery, N.C. from slavery to present through archival film and video footage, historical photographs and narratives by Tillery's elders. Thu, Feb 21, 7pm. Free and open to the public. Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History. 150 South Rd, UNC campus. Call 962-9001 for more info.

Dance

Havana Nights – Cuban Salsa. Ist and 3rd Thursdays, 10pm. Mansion 462, 462 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 967-7913, www.mansion462.net.

Salsa/Mambo - 3rd Saturdays, lesson 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. \$7, 358-4201, salsa_4u2@yahoo.com. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Rd, Durham (Hillsborough).

Ballroom - Dancing. 4th & 5th Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, \$2.933-8982. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, 968-2070.

Literary Discussion/ **Open Mic** What Are These Graphic

Novels I've Been Hearing So **Much About?** — A discussion led by Chapel Hill Comics owner Andrew Neal. Thu, Feb 28. Reception at 5pm, program at 5:45pm. Wilson Library, UNC campus. Call 962-4207 or e-mail liza_terll@unc. edu for more info. Free & open to

Open Mic - For poetry, music & short fiction. Tuesdays at 7pm, Market Street Books & Maps, Southern Village, 610 Market St, Chapel Hill. 933-5111, www.marketstreetbooks.

Other

Public Art 360: A Symposium from Seven Perspectives — a national convention to address the functional and aesthetic interaction among public art, profession design disciplines, private development and government. Registration for the April 11-12 symposium is \$60 before Feb 22, \$70 after Feb 22. Visit www.publicartcollaborative.org for more info.

VITA, a free tax assistance program for low- to middle-income clients runs through Apr. For info visit www.co.orange.nc.us/aging/VITA.asp.

Introduction to Buddhism.

Wednesdays through Mar 5, 7:30-9pm. Piedmont KTC Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center. 35 Perkins Dr, Chapel Hill. Call 933-2138 or visit www.piedmontktc.org

Weekly Peace Vigils. Fridays, 5-6pm. At the corner of Elliot Rd & E Franklin St. Call 942-2535 for info.

Learn to incorporate a solar hot water system into construction projects and homes. Wed, Feb 27, I-5pm. Central Carolina Community College, Pittsboro. Workshop presented by GreenPros LLC. \$60. Call 542-6495, ext 223 for registration info.

Got a Community Event you'd like us to know about? Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

PETS OF THE WEEK



APS OF ORANGE COUNTY — Why hello there! My name is Joyce and I am a stunning young female orange tabby cat that is soft like feathers. I am proud of my beauty and like to show it off by lying around in the window where everyone can see me. As you can see, I am quite photogenic, so just imagine what I look like in person! Visit me today at Animal Protection Society of Orange County, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at www.animalprotectionsociety.org.



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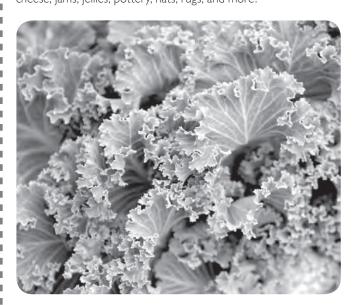
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Recipe of the week KALE CEVICHE

Recipe provided by Market Manager: Sarah Blacklin

I made this one for the Carrboro Farmers' Market annual meeting this week and a few farmer friends inquired about the recipe. I don't cook anything that's too difficult and this one is about as easy as it gets – you don't even have to cook the kale!

Ingredients

- 3-4 bunches of kale
- 2 medium lemons ½ medium onion chopped or sliced julienne (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1/4 cup of olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste

Rinse kale and tear the leaves into bite size pieces, making sure to remove the stems. You'll probably need a fairly large salad bowl for this since uncooked kale can take up a lot of space. Squeeze the juice out of your lemons and mix that in with the kale. This may take a few minutes to mix since you want to make sure the lemon juice coats the kale. Once mixed, go ahead and add the olive oil, cayenne, and salt and pepper. Toss all the ingredients together and place in the fridge overnight. This recipe really needs to sit overnight to give the acidity enough time to sink into to the kale. Like ceviche, the acid from the lemon juice cooks the kale just slightly, leaving a crisp refreshing kale salad without it tasting raw or rubbery. You can also add a little fish sauce into the salad if you want a little saltier taste.

- *Total cooking time: 15 minutes
- *Available at Market

Commissioners decide county should run Hillsborough market

By Susan Dickson Staff Writer

The Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday approved a plan for the county's interim management of the farmers' market at the new Public Market House in Hillsborough.

In August, two opposing groups appealed to the board for control of the Hillsborough Farmers' Market and have since split into separate markets. Both markets asked to administer the farmers' market at the new Public Market House, but the commissioners, expressing aversion at being forced to choose between the two groups, decided the county would run the market for an interim period.

ALDERMEN FROM PAGE I

The speed table, installed after Oak Avenue neighbors successfully petitioned the town for traffic-calming measures, has dropped the speed of most of the traffic by a few miles per hour, but the volume has remained the problem, resident Chris Frank told the board. The street, he said, gets more than 1,000 cars per day, he said, far higher than any other street in the neighborhood with twice as much traffic traveling south to north than north to south.

Michelle Rivest thanked the board for the speed table but agreed that more needed to be done to prevent the street from becoming an increasingly popular cut-through as the downtown area is developed.

"Speeding is a concern, but it's really the volume" that's the problem, she said.

Board members said they'd like to look at suggestions for adding striping to the street or possibly reconsidering a proposal by the neighbors to make part of the street one-way to reduce its

"We think this is an opportunity to bring those two groups together under the auspices of the county," Assistant County Manager Willie Best said.

The county's plan includes vendor rules, market manager responsibilities and a Public Market House Interim Oversight Committee.

According to the county, the market manager and committee members will not be vendors and will not have a financial interest in any product sold at the

The committee, which will provide guidance to the market manager, review vendor complaints and review operations of the market house, is set to expire on or before February 19, 2009.

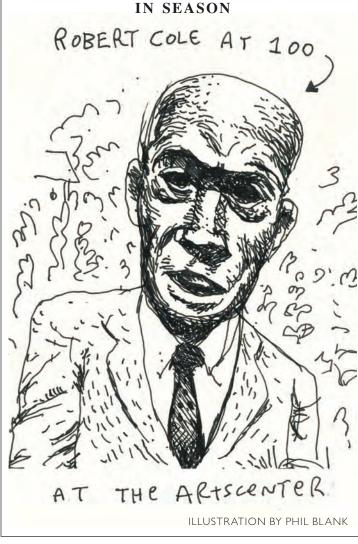
attractiveness as a cut-through.

In other action, the board rejected a request from the county to defer fee rental for groups contributing to the effort to convert Smith Middle School's two soccer fields to artificial turf. Board members said it was unclear how much the change would cost.

The board was urged to help with the project by Billy Madden, a Carrboro resident and soccer referee who said improving the field would "affect more people in Carrboro than show up to vote."

A proposal by board of aldermen member Randee Haven O'Donnell to consider waiving permitting fees for the project and consider deferring the fees for the groups failed to receive a second.

The board also voted to move ahead in conjunction with Chapel Hill on the Morgan Creek Greenway project, but decided to spend more time reviewing plans for the Bolin Creek Greenway. Both projects could receive a state transportation grant, but some board members were concerned that rules requiring that the Bolin Creek project be a ten-



Farm marketing workshop

NC Cooperative Extension Service and NC Choices will hold a farm marketing workshop tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 at the Schley Grange Hall, about five miles north of Hillsborough.

Mac Baldwin of Baldwin Family Farms in Yanceyville will discuss his marketing strategies for his grass-fed beef. In addition, Annie Baggett of Sunshine Lavender Farms in Schley will

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discuss marketing a wide variety of lavender products.

Both farmers use the Internet and websites as an integral part of their marketing plan.

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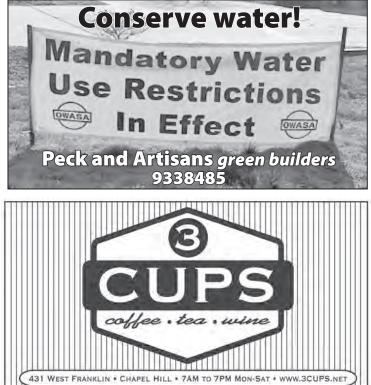
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There was a frustrating inevitability to the failure of the state's effort to farm out the care of its citizens with developmental disabilities and those in need of mental health care to the free market. The signs of an impending collapse were there and became even clearer over the past year as the leadership of the state system moved on and more and more providers said they could not continue under new payment rates set by the state.

So, an under-funded system reliant on offering profitability to its providers began a series of cutbacks and, finally last week Caring Family Network — the primary provider in Orange, Person and Chatham counties — announced that within the next month it would be discontinuing most of the services it's been offering.

More than a thousand Orange County clients and their families are now faced with an uncertain future and a rapidly dwindling access to care.

Our county is just one of many throughout the state facing similar situations where the burden shifts quickly to local social service agencies, law enforcement, health care agencies and hospitals. This is a symptom of a larger problem with the market model. The system is not just broken; it's stuck with a solution that isn't working. One fear is that the easy thing to do is to pump a little more money into such a system and hope the next time around you get different results.

Even that will take awhile, and in the meantime thousands of individuals in need of care will go without.

We hope that our community will rise to the challenge and fill the gap in care. And though any local solution will be temporary, neither should this county nor the state be in any hurry to find the next for-profit enterprise willing to take on the mission.

We need a deeper, more comprehensive solution — one that protects our fellow citizens from the combination of market forces and political neglect. The people of this state have shown time and time again that they can pull together to create a brighter future.

We need a mental health system that reflects the same sense of mission and core values that built our university and community college systems. These are our brother, sisters, husbands, wives, parents, children and friends. They should be in our care.

Yes, a market-based model for mental health care offers some efficiencies, but community concern and dedication should never be jobbed out.

Free Oak Avenue (from speeders)

There are a lot of times in local government when a group of citizens gets up before a board of elected officials and says, "If you had to approve this today, you wouldn't."

So, Oak Avenue residents were right to remind the board of aldermen Tuesday that they wouldn't allow a developer to build a 21-foot wide road (17 feet, not counting the curbs and gutters) with no sidewalks if the traffic count was upwards of 1,000 trips a day.

But that's what's going on, and even though a speed table is working to reduce some speeding, there are still plenty of folks racing down Oak every day. Plain and simple, it's a cut through to a growing downtown, and until that changes the speeding won't stop. So the residents and the town are back to square one, which includes revisiting the idea of making part of Oak one-way. The impact of that will have to be carefully

Meanwhile, one traffic-calming measure — greater police presence — has yet to be put in place. And while we're not sure where exactly Carrboro Police can set up a speed trap on the road, we're pretty sure that given the speeds seen and measured, they'll be writing plenty of tickets.



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Inspiring program helps suspended students

ISABEL GEFFNER

The recent attention given to the Report to the Joint Education Legislative Oversight Committee on the Annual Report on Dropout Events and Rates in North Carolina has brought into clear focus many of the challenges that lie ahead of us for addressing the needs of our state's most at-risk youth. Too many of our young people are turning away from school too early, and their futures may be compromised unless we do something now.

I applaud the efforts of the state to provide literacy coaches, learn-and-earn early college high schools, dropout-prevention grants, high school transformation, North Carolina Virtual Public Schools and other initiatives outlined in the annual report.

But all the best programming in the world won't effect real, enduring change unless we simultaneously transform the way we think about and relate to the thousands of young people whose futures are at risk. It takes brave visionaries and communities to make this transformation. Traditional models of intervention have emphasized remediating incapacity among these youth, but comes have been inconsistent and unsustained. Rather, focus on positive youth development that emphasizes youth potential has demonstrated enduring success. Programs that combine personal assets and skill building; academic support; family outreach; and environmental, organizational change have demonstrated a direct impact on student success.

I am inspired every day by a local program that provides a supportive environment to short-term suspended students. These are the youth most likely to drop out of school; they are often the most challenging students to deal with — academically and interpersonally — and research predicts their rate of drop-out to be three times higher than others.

Boomerang is a community-based program, housed at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA. Under the inspired leadership of its executive director, Jerry Whortan, the YMCA stepped forward and recognized that adolescents in our community who are suspended needed a place to go that would bridge their time with meaningful services and supports. Stakeholders from the school system, mental health, juvenile justice, local agencies and

even parents came together to support the idea, and two experienced, professional visionaries, Julie Wells and Tami Pfeifer, proposed the program that is now in its second year of operation.

What distinguishes Boomerang from other programs is the authentic, holistic approach to each child taken by every adult who interacts with the students. Students entering Boomerang are frequently caught off guard because staff interacts with them from a place of respect rather than power differentials. The atmosphere created at Boomerang is key to its success. It directly affects student attendance, student participation in discussions and skill groups and family participa-

"I hope we truly embrace the possibilities for every child."

tion. Different from a punitive, judgmental or otherwise challenging environment, Boomerang maintains an unfailing commitment to a respectful, participatory and nurturing environment. While rigorously structured, the program allows for flexibility and fluidity to respond to students' often unpredictable and unique characteristics so that the path for success can be individualized. Visitors are often surprised by the relaxed, often-joyful and ever-productive environment at Boomerang, uncharacteristic of many other programs. This reflects the unwavering respect for and commitment to the youth held by Boomerang staff.

The innovative program is based on resiliency research, a best-practice model for addressing the needs of disconnected adolescents most at risk of dropping out of school.

Boomerang helps youth and the community that surrounds them identify resources and supports that lead to long-term, successful outcomes. Through a rich and robust community collaborative, Boomerang provides each student it serves with a strengthsfocused environment including intensive attention to academics, psycho-social development and even substance-abuse counseling. Research demonstrates that this approach increases a youth's ability to learn, receive informa-

tion, build relationships and to be resilient (to bounce back from adversity). While acknowledging the often pervasive risk factors confronting many of the youth it serves (e.g., single-parent homes, poverty, a family history of substance abuse and physical or emotional abuse), Boomerang focuses on providing students with an environment to succeed, on effecting systemic change in our community that benefits disconnected youth and on disseminating the research and practice on which the program is based to adults in our community interacting with youth most at risk of dropping out of school.

At Boomerang, youth are met by adults who expect them to be successful. Youth are connected to advocates and mentors. They take ownership of their out-ofschool time: They determine their own short-term goals and recognize the strengths they have, guided by trained adult professionals who focus on students' strengths and potential; they are held responsible for keeping pace with their school work; and they are required to serve their community through service projects that benefit the YMCA facilities and membership. Their families are part of their work at Boomerang, and they join together during wrap-up meetings before returning to school to cultivate communication and connection. After they return to school, they are encouraged to remain connected to Boomerang staff: Some are encouraged to serve on the Boomerang Youth Advisory Board to help guide community change, and they attend monthly Boomerang reunions where they come together at the YMCA for an evening of pizza, basketball and informally structured conversation and reflection.

I hope that as we consider deeply the path ahead for our state's at-risk youth, we go beyond programs that simply focus on academic remediation and other deficits. I hope we truly embrace the possibilities for every child; I hope we respect the journeys of the most challenged youth in our schools; I hope we come together as resourceful communities and work hand-in-hand to transform the destiny for the kids who need us most.

Boomerang stands as an inspiration for us all.

Isabel Geffner is a community member who sits on the steering committee of Boomerang.

LETTERS

The cyclists' life

Thank you so much for the picture and caption highlighting recent autos hitting bicyclists. As a daily commuter to work through Carrboro and Chapel Hill, I am aware that we bikers can be hard to see and seem annoying to car drivers. But, it can be annoying to us bikers to have to avoid deadly obstacles in our bike lanes everyday, including cars, buses, broken glass and other debris. I just wanted to remind people that not only are we as bicyclists conserving energy and helping reduce carbon emissions, but we are actively making your car commute faster and easier by eliminating the number of cars on the road. So perhaps instead of honking angrily at us and veering into the bike lanes, you could give us a friendly wave and remember we are all just trying to get to where we are going, just like you.

Thanks.

Ben Davis Carrboro

Correction:

Our story last week incorrectly reported the storm-water mitigation cost estimate for a potential town-leased parking lot behind the KFC on East Main Street. The cost is estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

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Wal-Mart's corporate tax shenanigans

BY ELAINE MEJIA

Recently, a North Carolina judge ruled against Wal-Mart in the giant retailer's lawsuit against the state of North Carolina. In 2005, the state sent Wal-Mart a bill claiming that the retailer owed \$33.5 million in back taxes. Wal-Mart paid up (probably to avoid heavy interest penalties later on) but then sued in state court in 2006 to have the money returned.

At issue is a clever tax scheme that the company used to avoid paying an estimated \$230 million in states' taxes across the country, according to the Wall Street Journal. North Carolina's share of that was \$33.5 million between 1998 and 2002. So what did Wal-Mart due to earn the state's scrutiny? Essentially, the company put ownership of its properties into a "real estate investment trust." That trust was owned by Wal-Mart Property Co., a separate holding company. Conveniently, Wal-Mart owned 99 percent of this holding company. It used this complicated set-up to avoid state taxes by making rent payments on its stores to the holding company and then deducting that amount from its tax bills.

Unfortunately for Wal-Mart, the Department of Revenue didn't buy it and neither did the judge. In fact, the judge found that the scheme served no legitimate business purpose and was used solely to lower the company's tax bills.

What's lost in most of the media coverage about this case is why it really matters and what can be done to prevent these kinds of corporate tax shenanigans in the future.

So, why should North Carolinians care about this case? If nothing else, we should care because \$33.5 million dollars is at stake. But there are much bigger reasons to care. In North Carolina today, much of our quality of life depends upon healthy public structures — things like an educated workforce, the court system and good roads. It's these investments that enable companies like Wal-Mart to profit from doing business in our state. When companies like Wal-Mart don't pay their fair share, two things happen — we forego investments that would improve our quality of life and make our economy stronger and the rest of us pay more. I'd call that a "lose-lose" scenario.

There is a change we can make to our state tax laws that would prevent corporations from trying many of these types of tax schemes in the future. It's called "combined reporting." Under this system, multi-state corporations would have to file a report with the state that discloses their entire business structure, including related entities. This would include relationships with holding companies like the one Wal-Mart owned 99 percent of and paid its rent to. Over time, using this strategy to close corporate loopholes would raise hundreds of millions of dollars that could be used for investments in things like education and roads or put back into the hands of working families by expanding the state earned income tax credit.

Twenty-two states already have combined reporting and five states have adopted this reform in just the last three years. In North Carolina, not one but two bipartisan study committees recently recommended that our state adopt this strategy as well. In the end, this really isn't about one company. It's a wakeup call that should prompt us to put into place public policies that are fair to everyone and that will improve our lives and strengthen our economy in the decades ahead.

Elaine Mejia is director of the N.C. Budget and Tax Center.

FIFCTIONS

Judicial race now a three-way contest

By Kirk Ross Staff Writer

In an otherwise quiet week of candidate filings, the race for an open judicial seat for Orange and Chatham counties expanded to three names.

Assistant District Attorney Lamar F. Proctor Jr. of Efland added his name to those seeking to succeed District Court Judge Patricia Devine, who has indicated she will not seek another term. Already signed on for the Democratic primary are Page Vernon, a Chatham County lawyer and former assistant district attorney,

and Chapel Hill attorney Glenn Gerding. The judicial seat is one of three on ballot this year in District 15B, which covers Orange and Chatham counties. Incumbent judges Beverly Scarlett and Chuck Anderson, who have filed for re-election, have not drawn a primary challenger.

In other races, Tony McKnight of Hillsborough has filed to run for the Orange County Schools Board of Education which has three seats up in the May 6 election. McKnight joins former Orange County commissioner Steve Halkiotis of Hillsborough, who filed last week.

In the Democratic primary for Orange County Board of Commissioners, Bernadette Pelissier made it official, filing for the lone at-large seat. Also running for commissioner under the new district system is Tommy McNeill of Durham, who is running for the lone District 2 seat and Pam Hemminger of Chapel Hill who is running for one of two District 1 seats.

Incumbent commissioner Valerie Foushee has indicated she will run again, but has yet to file as of Wednesday at 5 p.m.

TAX FROM PAGE I

"I prefer no new tax at all," said Ryan Miller, an Orange County educator and part-time farmer. However: "I would support a sales tax. I would share the burden with all of the county residents, including our transient residents."

Others spoke in favor of the land transfer tax.

"I want to stress that the residents need to support services administered by the county,"

county resident Margaret Misch said. "[The land transfer tax] is a reasonable solution to the funding needs and it does not place a burden on the less affluent who pay sales and income taxes."

In September, the board voted to put a tax referendum on May's ballot rather than this past November's ballot, expressing concern that there was insufficient time to educate the public. In October, the board formed a Local Revenue Options Education Advisory Committee to educate the public regarding the tax referendum.

The board on Tuesday also heard the results of a countyfunded telephone poll, conducted by Hertzog Research, Feb. 6-13, to determine voter support for the land transfer and sales tax

The poll found that about 48 percent of likely voters said they would support a sales tax, while 43 percent said they would support a land transfer tax, if they had to choose between the two. According to Mark Hertzog of Hertzog Research, those results are "statistically a tie," because of the poll's four-percent margin of error.

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A large number of the tickets for the dinner are distributed to people who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend. You can feed a family of four with a \$22 donation!

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY - Because there is limited seating for this event, tickets are only available in advance, so be sure to get your tickets before we sell out.

The Community Dinner is not a fundraising event, but rather an awareness raising event, designed to bring people from all walks of life together for an afternoon of great food and entertainment.

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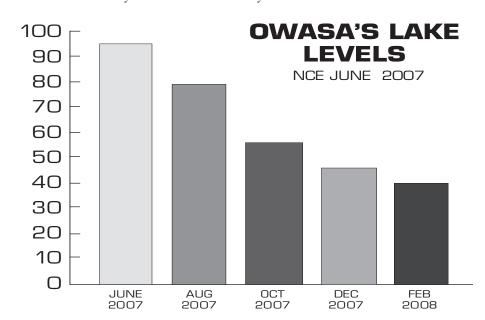
OWASA Board to consider declaring stage three water shortage on February 28,2008

n February 28th, the OWASA Board of Directors will consider formally declaring a Stage Three Water Shortage. The Stage Three declaration would result in additional water use restrictions as indicated below. The restrictions would be enforced under local water conservation ordinances for OWASA customers.

On February 14th, the OWASA Board agreed to advise customers that the Board may take action on the 28th regarding Stage Three restrictions.

All customers are invited to attend and participate in the OWASA Board meeting on February 28th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The meeting will be televised live on channel 18 of the local cable systems.

OWASA staff has recommended that the Board declare the Stage Three Water Shortage if water supplies have not risen to 45% full by February 28th. Rain in recent days has not significantly increased the supply in OWASA's Cane Creek Reservoir, University Lake and the Stone Quarry Reservoir west of Carrboro, which rose from 39% last week to only 40% full as of February 19th.



Stage Two Shortage 15% reduction goal

No spray irrigation except by persons regularly engaged in the sale of plants

Irrigation by underground, drip emitters, soaker hoses, or hand-held hoses or watering cans at any time or frequency, but limited to 1/2 inch per week

No refilling of ornamental fountains, ponds, etc.

No vehicle washing, except at commercial or institutional car washes in which 50% of water has been recycled

No filling or refilling empty swimming pools. Operating swimming pools may be topped off

No OWASA water for cleaning or washing exterior building surfaces or paved areas. Pressure washing of buildings is allowed before painting to maintain structural integrity

Residential water service terminated for use averaging over 800 gallons/day in a billing period

Stage Three Shortage 20% reduction goal

No irrigation except with hand-held hoses or watering cans, limited to 3 days per week and no more than 1/2 inch per week

No other outdoor use, except for emergency fire suppression or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety or welfare

No refilling of ornamental fountains, ponds, etc. No washing of vehicles

No filling, refilling, or topping off operating swimming pools No cleaning of building exteriors

No flushing or pressure testing of new mains unless water is recycled Water use for heating and cooling to be reduced to the maximum extent

practicable Residential water service terminated for use over 600 gallons/

day in a billing period

Water rates per 1,000 gallons in Stage Two and Three Shortages

During declared Water Shortages, higher water rates are put into effect to encourage greater conservation. The rate surcharges are increased as the severity of the Water Shortage increases. All revenues from the surcharges are used solely to pay for the costs of OWASA's operation and maintenance

programs and capital improvements projects.

Under Stage Two, water rate surcharges applied only to individually-metered residential customers. However, under Stage Three, the surcharges will apply to all customers, including businesses, the University, mastermetered residential properties, etc.

SHORTAGE	BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2	BLOCK 3	BLOCK 4	BLOCK 5
LEVEL	0-2,000 gals per month	3,000- 5,000 gals per month	6,000- 10,000 gals per month	11,000- 15,000 gals per month	16,000 or more gals per month
Stage 2	No surcharge	No surcharge	1.5 x	2 x	3 x
	Block 1 rate	Block 2 rate	Block 3 rate or	Block 4 rate or	Block 5 rate of
	is \$1.98/1,000	is \$4.70/1,000	\$8.295/1,000	\$14.92/1,000	\$39.15/1,000
	gallons	gallons	gallons	gallons	gallons
Stage 3	No surcharge	1.25 x	2 x	3 x	4 x
	Block 1 rate	Block 2 rate or	Block 3 rate or	Block 4 rate or	Block 5 rate or
	is \$1.98/1,000	\$5.875/1,000	\$11.06/1,000	\$22.38/1,000	\$52.20/1,000
	gallons	gallons	gallons	gallons	gallons

Surcharged rate for non-residential customers and master-metered residential customers:

In a Stage 2 Water Shortage, the off-peak seasonal water rate of \$3.08 per 1,000 gallons applies from October through April and the peak seasonal rate of \$5.85 applies from May through September.

The surcharge rate during Stage 3 and Emergency water shortages is 1.25 times the peak seasonal water rate of \$5.85 per 1,000 gallons (as of October 1, 2007), for a surcharge rate of \$7.31 per 1,000 gallons.

* For non-shortage conditions, the increasing block rates that went into effect as of October 1, 2007 for individually-metered residential customers are:

Block 1 1,000 - 2,000 gallons per month 3,000 - 5,000 gallons per month

Block 2 Block 3 6,000 - 10,000 gallons per month Block 4 11,000 - 15,000 gallons per month Block 5 16,000 or more gallons per month

\$1.98 per 1,000 gallons \$4.70 per 1,000 gallons \$5.53 per 1,000 gallons \$7.46 per 1,000 gallons \$13.05 per 1,000 gallons

Please feel free to visit or write to us at 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro; call us at 968-4421 or send e-mail to webmaster@owasa.org

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SCHOOLS

Lunch Menus

FEB. 22-28

Every meal is served with a choice of milk. Breakfast is served daily.

ELEMENTARY

Friday — Corn Dog; Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy & Wheat Roll; Mashed Potatoes; Collard Greens

Monday — Cheese Ravioli w/ Garlic Bread; Chicken Patty Sandwich w/ Cheese; Broccoli Cuts; Fresh Orange Wedges; Vanilla Pudding

Tuesday — Cheese Pizza; Sausage Pizza; Pork Rib-B-Q on a Bun; "Fun on the Run;" Baked Sweet Potato; Sweet Yellow Corn; Chilled Peaches

Wednesday — Beef Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread; Turkey & Cheese Sub; Tossed Salad w/ Dressing; Mixed Vegetables; Apple Halves

Thursday — Macaroni & Cheese w/ Wheat Roll; Beef & Bean Burrito w/ Salsa; "Fun on the Run;" Pinto Beans; Fruited Gelatin

MIDDLE & HIGH

Friday — BBQ Beef on a Bun; Turkey & Noodles w/ Wheat Roll; Green Beans; **Chilled Peaches**

Monday — Ham & Cheese Melt; Chicken Nuggets w/ BBQ Sauce and Wheat Roll; Steamed Carrots; Chilled Pears

Tuesday — Beef & Macaroni w/ Wheat Roll; Hot Dog on a Bun; Garden Peas; Baked Beans; Fresh Apple

Wednesday — Oven Baked Chicken w/ Wheat Roll; Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Coleslaw; Broccoli Cuts; Fresh Banana

Thursday — Beef Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Green Beans; Chilled Fruit Cocktail; Peach Cobbler





Sock hop celebrates elementary's 50-year anniversary

by Emily Burns Staff Writer

Carrboro Elementary School students got a taste of what it would have been like to grow up in the 1950s at a sock hop Friday afternoon.

The school's auditorium was packed with hundreds of smiling students clad in poodle skirts and colorful scarves, saddle shoes and bobby socks, and leather jackets and rolled-up jeans.

They danced the hand jive and sang along to songs like Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba" as loudly as they could. There wasn't a school book in sight.

The sock hop was part of a series of events that the Carrboro Elementary Parent Teacher Association is planning this school year to celebrate the 50th birthday of CES.

Students, teachers, faculty and staff were invited to wear 1950s-style outfits to school Friday, and after lunch they filed into the auditorium for the celebration.

"The teachers were very enthusiastic," said Mandy Boddy, a member of the PTA's school fair committee who attended the sock hop. "I was amazed by how many poodle skirts and bobby socks there were."

In addition to donning costumes on Friday, teachers helped students prepare for the sock hop during school last week.

In P.E. and music classes, students learned dances and songs that were popular when the school opened in 1957, and in art class they made varsity letters and poodles to pin to their outfits on Friday.

"I thought the sock hop was a blast," said Principal Emily Bivens, who emceed the event.

Bivens also said the sock hop was a great way to integrate a part of history into the celebration of the school's birthday.

"It worked out really well," said Assistant Principal Amanda Crisp. "Sometimes, kids just need to go crazy.

PHOTO BY ISAAC SANDLIN

Carrboro Elementary School students dance at a '50s sock hop to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary. From left: Emily Trusky, Troy Capalbo, Mackenzie Kopec and Vijay Dey.

"Our PTA is wonderful," Crisp said. "I have never worked in a school where the PTA is this active."

The year-long celebration of the school's birthday will culminate this spring with a design competition for the

school's new logo in April and the School Fair, which will be held on Saturday, May 3.

School Briefs

Middle college

Middle College High School at Durham Technical Community College is accepting applications for the 2008-09 school year.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools students who are at least 16 and have achieved junior year status can attend Middle College.

Middle College students earn a high school diploma and receive credit toward a post-secondary certificate or associate's degree. Classes are taught on the DTCC campus from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

More information and applications are available online at www.mchs.dpsnc.net.

Mentors needed

Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate is seeking 20-25 volunteers to begin

mentoring students in March. BRMA is a nationally recognized program aimed at helping African-American and Latino students reach their full academic, physical, social and emotional potential.

The program supports students from their fourth-grade year through college, and 95 percent of program

students have graduated from high

For more information, contact Graig Meyer at gmeyer@chccs.k12. nc.us or 918-2170.

ToH silent auction

J.P.'s Caps for Courage and the Johanna Minta Yearbook Fund will sponsor a silent auction at Top of the Hill on Tuesday, from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

In addition, Top of the Hill will donate \$1 for each of the daily special beers sold that day.

All money raised will support fundraising efforts in honor of John Paul Minta and his sister, Johanna Minta. John Paul was a rising freshman when he lost his battle with cancer, and Johanna, a former yearbook staff member, was killed in a car accident.

J.P.'s Caps for Courage supports adolescent patients at UNC's Cancer Hospital. The Johanna Minta Yearbook Fund helps purchase yearbooks for deserving students.

Megaconference Jr.

Students from Smith Middle School participated today (Thursday) in the fifth annual Megaconference Jr. global event.

Megaconference Jr. is a project

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designed to give students in elementary and secondary schools around the world the opportunity to communicate, collaborate and contribute to each other's learning in real time, using advanced multi-point video conferencing technology.

Smith Middle School French and global connections students observed presentations by students from around the world on topics ranging from, "Packing a Virtual Suitcase-Traveling the Globe," to hip hop poetry from a French immersion school.

Thousands of K-12 students from at least four continents and 22 U.S. states joined together through the project.

Battle of the Books

The 2008 Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Battle of the Books will be held March 7 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Culbreth Middle School auditorium.

The district's four middle schools chees.k12.nc.us/cmills. will compete for the right to represent the district at the Piedmont Regional competition later this spring.

Battle of the Books is an exciting showcase of the reading talents of Chapel Hill-Carrboro students.

Night of One-Acts

Students in the Chapel Hill High School Theater Arts program will present "A Night of One-Acts" tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in Hanes Theater at Chapel Hill High.

Students will perform Kurt Vonnegut's The Lie, directed by Zoe Symon; Kismet and a Bell, written by Juliana Brecher and directed by Olivia Grinston; a scene from Serenading Louie, by Lanford Wilson; and Four Yorkshiremen, from Monty Python.

Tickets are \$3.

Best class website

Courtney Mills of Ephesus Elementary has been named the winner of the best classroom website by the North Carolina Association for Educational Communications and Technology.

Mills will receive her award March 14 at the NCAECT conference in

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UPCOMING TAR HEEL BASKETBALL:

Men's: Vs Wake Forest at home. Feb 24, 6:30 p.m. (On FSN) Women's: Vs Miami away. Feb 21, 7 p.m.

CARRBORO HIGH SCOREBOARD

Carrboro High JV Women's Basketball

Friday, Feb. 15 (via Georg T. Gordon) Northwood: 8 10 16 5 = 39Carrboro: $14 \ 8 \ 4 \ 9 = 35$ Jamika Belk led the scoring for Carrboro with 14 points. Whitney Sharp gave the Lady Jaguars nine points. Nancy Yarnell added five points. Diara Dutton sank two points for the Carrboro girls.

Carrboro High JV Men's Basketball

Friday, Feb. 15 (via Georg T. Gordon) Northwood: 23 22 24 15 = 84 Carrboro: 10 14 13 12 = 49 Julian Van topped the scoring for Carrboro with 14 points. Carson Cone contributed II points for the laguars. Andy Knapp contributed seven points.

Sports Briefs

Cougar champs

The Culbreth Middle School Lady Cougar basketball team recently won their conference tournament with a 31-25 victory over Stanback Middle School.

The team, coached by Tim Kocher and Marissa Parker, finished the season with a 13-1 record.

College sport seminar

The East Chapel Hill High School Booster Club will host a seminar for district parents and high school students who are considering playing a sport in college on March 3 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The program will feature the personal experiences of a parent, student-athlete and a coach/administrator. Presenters will discuss recruiting and the college athletic experience.

The seminar will be held in the East Chapel Hill High School Media Center. For more information, contact John Austin at john.austin@emergent.net.

Volleyball drop-in

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department will be sponsoring a Volleyball Drop-In on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 pm, beginning March 11 and running until May 22 at Grey Culbreth Middle School. Cost is \$3 per participant. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call 918-7364.

Parent-child hoop skills

The Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department held their annual Parent-Child Shootout Sunday in the Culbreth Middle School Gymnasium. Parent-child teams competed in basketball skill and shooting challenges for trophies. And the winners

In the 7-to-8-year-old division, Jack and Steve Keadey took first with 128 points, followed by Ricky and Rick Council with 81 and Alex and David Beck took third with 56.

In the 9-10 year old division, Jake and Adam Zinn won with 101 points, followed by Jackson and Chris Cabell with 92 and Jared and Tom Weber had 88.

In the 11-12 year old division, Brooks and Lindsey Benton had first with 126 points, Elliot and Rafael Orenstein had 103; and Ricky and Rick Council took third with 81.



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by DJ Doctor Tofu

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David Bellin (DJ Doctor Tofu) is the host of Carrboro Live! each Thursday 7-8pm. He can be reached by email at WCOM@David-Bellin.com or via the station website: www.CommunityRadio.coop.



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Jamika Belk (21) of the junior varsity Carrboro Lady Jaguars keeps the ball away from a Northwood defender while still keeping her concentration on the basket during the matchup in Carrboro on Friday, Feb. 15.



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Demarcus Powell (30) of the Carrboro Jaguar junior varsity comes charging in to the basket in the Friday, Feb. 15, game against the Northwood Chargers.

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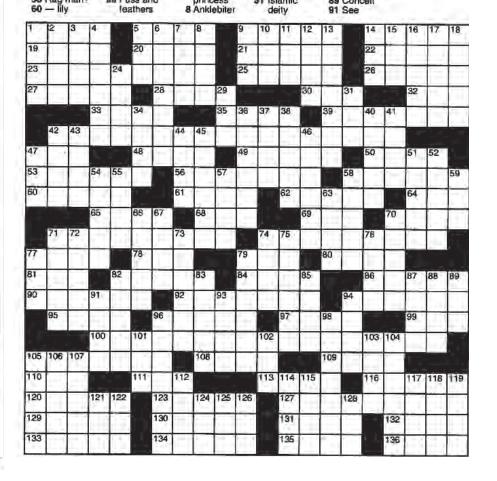
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The town now has 10 firefighters per shift with plans to go to 11 when the new hires are ready. Officers and drivers typically work ten 24-hour shifts each month.

Aside from tight quarters, the chief said the department is also trying to get in the training and experience to staff a two-station operation.

"A lot of folks have stepped up and taken on new responsibilities,' he said.

Carrboro Town Manager Steve Stewart said the new grant will help the town's bottom line in the next fiscal year. But he cautioned that construction and other costs related to the new station along with continuing sidewalk construction will still make it a tough budget year.

The board of aldermen recently authorized the purchase of a new aerial fire truck for the station at a cost of \$912,000.

SAFER grants are administered by FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration. Congress appropriated \$115 million for the SAFER Grant Program in 2007 to provide local fire departments with funds for recruiting and hiring firefighters. For firefighters hired under the SAFER Program, grant monies pay for a decreasing percentage of salaries and benefits over a four-year period. For the first year, the grant pays 90 percent and by the fourth year the grant share is 30 percent. The local jurisdiction takes full responsibility for the firefighters' salaries in the fifth vear.

THE MILL

Not for sale

FYI: The Orange County Social Club is not for sale. A sign promoting this weekend's poster show by artist Ron Liberti on the front of the club has the words "For Sale By Owner" writ large. It's caused several doubletakes for passersby. The show is from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Posters are for sale, and so are the beverages, of course.

DINNER

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Cookin', the Carolina Inn, Tandoor Indian and Bandidos.

Side dishes will feature the flavors of more than 20 local restaurants, churches and chefs, including Lantern, Jade Palace, Bonne Soiree, Margaret's Cantina and Crawdaddy's. All food is donated, and this year the dinner will feature food prepared using ingredients produced by local farmers.

"What [the founders] were trying to do is show the diversity in our community," Helvey said. "The other idea was to maybe introduce people to food that they'd never tasted before."

In addition, Levy said the committee tries to arrange a diverse group of performers for the dinner.

"We try to represent different ethnic groups. If they're not on the stage, they're on the table," Levy said.

The community dinner also provides tickets for those who are unable to purchase them, using county funding and donations from businesses and individuals, Helvey said, in order to make the event as inclusive as possible.

"Nobody knows who paid for their ticket and who didn't,"

If there are leftovers, they will be donated to the Inter-Faith Council.

Helvey added that the committee encourages people to sit down at the dinner with people they don't know.

"People get to come and meet people who they've never met before," Levy said.

Over the years, the event has drawn attention from groups in other counties; this year, Durham will have its own community dinner.

"The dinner has been used as a model in different places," Levy said.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for kids and are on sale at the following locations: the Carrboro Branch Library at McDougle School, the Ink Spot, the Chapel Hill Museum Shop, the Chapel Hill News, Mama Dip's Kitchen, the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill, Market Street Books at Southern Village, Townsend, Bertram and Co., Bon's Home Cookin' and the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce.

Levy said she expects the tickets to sell out before the event, so those who want to go should get their tickets early.

To donate or to volunteer at the event, contact Levy at rilevy@ mindspring.com. For more information, visit www.communitydinner.org.

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is to spot clusters of what appear to be miniature pine cones. The little cones of the Tag Alder are generone-half-inch long. They remain on the branches well into the second year. Your second challenge here, as with the hazelnut, is to locate the small swollen buds of the female flowers with red stigma threads reaching out for wind-borne Tag Alder pollen.

Now you're ready for your botany quiz. Female Hazelnut Flowers Why don't these early-

spring-flowering natives have showy petals? Reflect for a bit. Our early Piedmont springs are intermingled with our late Piedmont winters and native plants have devised cleaver strategies for success in the on-again, off-again cold weather. These plants don't waste energy producing showy flowers to attract insect pollinators. Earlyspring temperatures are too cold for significant insect activity, so these plants depend on the wind



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

to assist in pollination. Flower petals, in addition to wasting plant energy, would simply get in the way of wind pollination.

Taking a close-up look at the beauty of petalless flowers is a pure delight; it makes me feel like I've never had a better day! I hope you will make your day better with a closer look. Better yet, take your kids and friends out with you and give them a better day by sharing your closer look at nature's subtler beauties.

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