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The penstemons (beardtongues) are beginning to flower at Mason Farm.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

### FLORA BY KEN MOORE

### A spectacular Piedmont wildflower display

ey there folks, this is advance notice that the penstemons at Mason Farm are beginning to flower!!

Last week, a few earlyflowering stems were evident. A "closer look" brought into focus hundreds upon hundreds of plants that will be coming into full, peak, flowering during the next two weeks.

Folks who enjoy walking the trail around Mason Farm's Big Oak Woods during all the seasons may recall the charred, blackened appearance of some of the fields back in February and March. It's unbelievable that spectacular masses of white flowers appear in those fields just two months after the N.C. Botanical Garden's "fire crew" burned them.

The penstemon flowering will be more spectacular this year than last. Members of the garden's fire crew said that prescribed burning (carefully planned and supervised fire used as a vegetation management tool) helps increase the diversity and flowering of plants in the fields. Fire also helps control some of the unwanted exotic invasives.

You'll want to take a close look inside the snapdragon-like flowers to discover why they are called beardtongue. To avoid the poison ivy and ticks in the fields, I like to have binoculars handy for viewing flowers up close for surprising details. Those fields of wildflowers and grasses also attract all kinds of colorful pollinators, and binoculars help bring them in for close inspection.

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# Men's shelter plans approved

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

After months of presentations, hearings and deliberations, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted 6-2 to approve plans for the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service's proposed Community House Men's Shelter.

Approved plans for the project call for a two-story, 16,250-squarefoot shelter with 52 beds, 17 emergency cots for use on "white-flag" nights during inclement weather, 16 parking spaces, offices and clinic space. UNC is providing the 1.8-acre property for the project - located at 1315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., near the intersection of Homestead Road – at virtually no cost.

Prior to the decision to approve the plans, the council continued a March 21 public hearing regarding the proposal. Supporters and opponents of the plan packed the Chapel Hill Town Hall council chambers, with fire marshals turning others away as the room reached capacity, and public comments and discussion continued until after midnight.

Most of those in attendance were in support of the IFC's plans.

Council members Matt Czajkowski and Laurin Easthom voted against the plan. Czajkowski had proposed an alternate resolution that would have approved the special-use permit for the project, but without the 17 emergency cots. He urged the council to postpone approving the emergency beds while the IFC and others in the community looked for alternative solutions.

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Sadie Rapp completed a mural on the side of Balanced Movement Studio to benefit the Painted Walls Project for her eighth-grade project at the Duke School. PHOTO BY SUSAN DICKSON

### **BY SUSAN DICKSON**

Staff Writer

When Duke School eighth-grader Sadie Rapp was presented with the challenge of creating a project that would give back to the community, she wasn't sure where it would take her, though she knew it would have something to do with art.

She'd been toying with the visual aesthetic for as long as she could remember, so art was the first thing a year ago, after one of her teachers she thought of when she was assigned the project.

"I've always kind of been interested in murals," she said. "The process is really interesting to me."

So Sadie did some online research and came across an article about the Painted Walls Project, an effort by the Chapel Hill Preservation Society and the community to

restore and preserve Chapel Hill's downtown murals.

"All the murals around Chapel Hill mean a lot to me," she said, so her own mural would be the perfect way for Sadie to give back.

Since February, Sadie has been painting a mural on the side of Balanced Movement Studio on Weaver Street, which she hopes to complete this week. The design of the mural was based on a painting she did about commissioned her to paint a small piece, with the caveat that it had to have something to do with dogs.

With three family dogs at home, Sadie had a good handle on her subject. But the more lifelike she painted the dogs, the less fun the project felt, so she began to focus on bright colors and almost cartoon-like shapes.

"I decided to go with a more Keith

Haring-style," she said. The finished product is a collage of 35 brightly colored dogs tumbling around a lost cat.

The dogs can be "adopted" for a \$50 donation to the Preservation Society; the cat has already been auctioned off to one of Sadie's classmates. Thus far, Sadie has raised more than \$700 through adoptions, and all the money Sadie's project raises will go toward restoring the enormous sea turtle mural on Rosemary Street.

The public is invited to an opening for the mural at Balanced Movement at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Sadie plans to continue raising money for the Preservation Society until all the dogs are, in spirit, adopted. To adopt a dog, email Sadie at sadie.rapp@dukeschool.org and for more information about the Painted Walls Project, visit chapelhillpreser-

# **County addresses EMS**

BY WILL BRYANT

Staff Writer

Though it was only a work session for the Orange County Board of Commissioners, members of Orange County's emergency services and fire departments packed the small room at the Link Government Services Center in Hillsborough on Tuesday night to hear the results of the first phase of a study assessing the performance of emergency crews in the county.

The board and those in attendance came expecting to hear feedback on EMS and fire department performance, but most left the meeting without a clear understanding of

the study's results and implications. Attendees were particularly interested in the study because of a March 2010 EMS report that county EMS was failing to meet performance goals and would remain unable to do so unless additional resources were allocated to the department.

Average response times and other data were missing from fire departments in northern Orange County, a fact that raised concerns with some members of the board.

"There are parts of Orange County that you don't have data for, and that needs to be reconciled," said Commissioner Alice Gordon. "They are getting money from us, so we need that data."

MMA Consulting Group Inc., hired by Orange County to carry out the study, said there were gaps in the data from departments in Mebane and elsewhere in the northern county, and didn't want to risk compromising the accuracy of the study.

Board Chair Bernadette Pelissier said that the missing data brings the study to a halt.

"İt's not just an issue of unusable data," said Pelissier. "It's an issue of missing data. We have some of the data, but we can't really use it."

Other commissioners also expressed concerns about the validity of the study.

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### **Chapel Hill** manager's budget includes no tax increase

BY SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writer

Chapel Hill Town Manager Roger Stancil presented a budget to the town council on Monday recommending no tax increase and no layoffs for town employees.

The \$50.5 million budget holds the property-tax rate at 49.4 cents per \$100 of valuation, or \$988 on a \$200,000 home, the same rate that applied in 2009-10 and 2010-11. The budget also maintains the downtown service district tax rate of 7.1 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Stancil's proposed budget includes a 4 percent decrease in general fund expenditures, which he said he achieved with a \$740,500 reduction in capital projects funding, replacing \$661,000 in street paving funding with bond funds and finding \$584,346 in miscellaneous budget cuts.

Other cuts include the elimination of the town's Fourth of July fireworks display, for about \$37,000 in savings; the elimination of Project Turn Around, for \$76,844 in savings; the use of bond funds for library transition costs, saving \$229,700; and a \$247,669 reduction in matching funds for the fire grant.

"The recession has been a very challenging time," Stancil said. "I think that we've weathered it well. We need for the economy to begin to grow."

The only new item in the budget, Stancil said, is the town's comprehensive plan, which represents a \$250,000 increase. Budget increases include a \$520,250 increase in health insurance costs and a \$128,620 increase in employer contributions to the state retirement system.

The budget also includes a one-time \$800 payment for employees to help them with rising fuel and health care costs.

To balance the budget, Stancil used about \$1 million from the available fund balance, which, though less than the amount taken from fund balance in recent years, lowers the town's undesignated fund balance from 19 percent to about 12 percent - below average for those with triple A bond ratings.

'We're one of the smallest towns in the country to have a triple A bond rating," Stancil said, adding that maintaining the fund balance and consequently the triple A bond rating is important for the town's ability to borrow money at favorable interest rates.

The council will hold a public hearing and a work session on Stancil's proposed budget on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Town Hall.

### Transit

On Tuesday, the council heard from transportation director Steve Spade in a work session regarding the 2011-12 Chapel Hill Transit budget, which includes about \$900,000 in potential savings through the elimination of service for certain trips and routes. The savings could help close a \$2.3 million budget gap for CHT.

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# A home, a community

### RECENTLY ... BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Persecution, destruction, flight, fear, capture, escape, refugee - these words can be used to tell the story of some of our neighbors: the Karen people of Burma (now called Myanmar). It's a cruel, malicious and little-known history of a growing segment of our population in Órange

But the bright side to their harsh past is that they are building a community here, aided greatly by the benevolence of those whose lives they touch - the churches they attend and the University of North Carolina, where many of them work as housekeepers on campus or at UNC Health Care. From these sources, the once impossible dream of a home of their own has come true through partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

On May 7, the five members of the Krit Heh Htoo and Say Ray Htoo family stood

before their new home and thanked the many new friends who made this dream a reality in the Phoenix Place subdivision off Rogers Road in Chapel Hill. One does not come to live in a Habitat for Humanity home without making

"Bringing people and resources together to help families build and own quality affordable homes" is how Habitat for Humanity of Orange County has always operated, said executive director Susan Levy.

The Htoo family was sponsored by their church, First Baptist of Hillsborough, but three other Karen families moved into homes this year in the same neighborhood through sponsorship of the United Church of Chapel Hill. Flicka Bateman, a member of United Church and a Habitat board member, has become an ambassador for the Karen community, even learning the difficult language

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The family of Krit Heh and Say Ray Htoo were welcomed to their new home at a Habitat for Humanity dedication on May 7. Daughter Dah Eh spoke for the family, which includes sisters, Tee See and Gay Doh. PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

### **MUSIC CALENDAR**

### **THURSDAY MAY 12**

Cat's Cradle: Thursday, Pygmy Lush, I Was Totally Destroying It. 8pm \$15

The Cave: LATE: Gods of Harvest, Quilty

City Tap: Sarah Shook and The Devil 7pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Billy Bauer Band, Patrick of Don't Battle with Monsters, C.Smoak. 8pm

Nightlight: Animal Alphabet,

Arborea, Wildegeeses. 9:30pm. \$5

The Station at Southern Rail: Stephanie Nilles. 10pm

### **FRIDAY MAY 13**

Bynum Front Porch: Al Batten and the Bluegrass Reunion. 7pm

Cat's Cradle: Lost in the Trees, The Toddlers, Towers. 9pm. \$12

The Cave: EARLY: Old 86. \$5 LATE: Burke and The Vice Grips, Rocket Cottage

**City Tap:** Gasoline Stove, Chris Chappell. 7pm

General Store Cafe: Westglen. 8pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Harrison Ray, Ani Stark. 8pm

Katy's Music Bar: The Ends.

**Nightlight:** Crystal Bright and the Silver Hands, Fan Modine, Felix

Open Eye Cafe: The Carrboraters. 8pm

### **SATURDAY MAY 14**

Caffe Driade: Chris Wimberley. Cat's Cradle: Tres Chicas, Great

Big Gone, Lynn Blakey and Ecki Heins. 8pm. \$10/12

The Cave: EARLY: Too Much Fun LATE: Mumu Tutu, The South French Broads

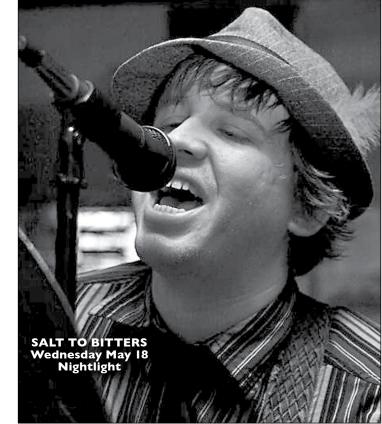
City Tap: Milagro Saints, Marc Brown, 8pm General Store Cafe: Backbeat.

8pm. \$5 Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Nick

Driver, Dead Sea, Sparrow, Scarlet Virginia, Ian Mcferon. 7pm

**Nightlight:** Gut Lightning. 9:30pm Open Eye Cafe: Saludos Cmpay. 8pm

Southern Village: New Town Drunks, Brother Esau. 4pm





### **SUNDAY MAY 15**

**The Cave:** LATE: The Molasses Gospel, Tooth and Wail, YVA las vegass

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Sarah Klein, 8pm

Southern Village: Musical Ensemble of Christ Church, Brassissimo. 6:30p

Weaver Street Market: The Magnolia Klezmer Band, Ham

**MONDAY MAY 16** Nightlight: Pikacyu, Makoto Kawabata, MuguGuymen, Clang Quartet, Three Brained Robot. 9:30pm. \$7

### **TUESDAY MAY 17**

The ArtsCenter: Crash Test Dummies, 8:30pm, \$15

Cat's Cradle: Junip, The Acrylics. 9pm. \$15

The Cave: LATE: Henbrain

Nightlight: III FAmily, Flying Field **WEDNESDAY MAY 18** 

Cat's Cradle: Dawes, Luego, Wylie Hunter and The Cazadores. 8:30pm, \$10/12

The Cave: EARLY: Ani Stark LATE: Viva DeConcini, Moonlight Towers, \$5

**Nightlight:** Salt to Bitters, The Drawlstrings, Tin Whistle. 9:30pm

### **THURSDAY MAY 19**

The ArtsCenter: Damon and Naomi, Amor De Dis. 8pm, \$12/10

The Cave: EARLY: Dead Sea Sparrow LATE: Mangosteen, Moonfisher

City Tap: E Train and The Rusted Rails. 7pm

**General Store Cafe: Tony** 

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: DTL, leff Waters, Guilty Pleasure, 8pm

**Nightlight:** Americans in France, Heads on Sticks. Le Weekend.

The Station at Southern Rail: Justin Johnson, 10pm

### **FRIDAY MAY 20 Bynum Front Porch: Rye**

Mountain Boys. 7pm

Caffe Driade: Debonzo Bros.

Cat's Cradle: Mac Miller, Rapsody. 9:30pm. \$15

The Cave: EARLY: Brit Price LATE: Blood Red River, Phatlynx,

Dust vs Dirt

City Tap: Tracy Wiebeck, Joe Bell and The Stinging Blades, Tristan Omand. 5pm

General Store Cafe: Jenne Sluder, 8pm

Jack Sprat Cafe and Bar: Dead To Society, The Long Drive,

The Bamfs, 10pm Free lessee's Coffee and Bar: Fuii-

yama Roll, The Fooligams. 8pm Nightlight: The Riff, Nine Lives, Leaving Venus. 9:30pm. \$5

### **SATURDAY MAY 21**

The ArtsCenter: Dealt Raei Benefit Concert. 8pm. \$13/15/20

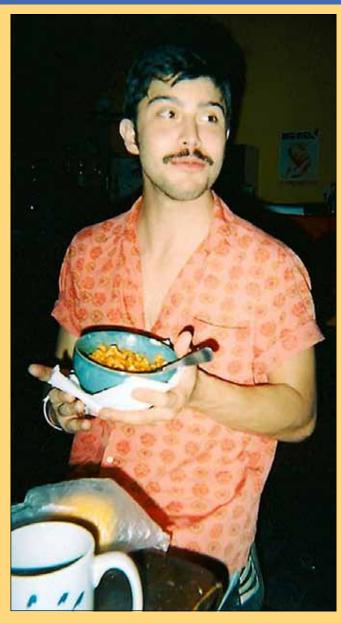
Caffe Driade: Loose mood. 8pm Cat's Cradle: The Old Ceremony, Dexter Romweber and the New Romans,. 9pm. \$10/12

The Cave: EARLY: dAshton LATE: Blotter Benefit: Spiralfire, Stranger Spirits, The Vagbond Union

City Tap: Guilty Pleasures, Steph Stewart and the Boyfriends. 8pm General Store Cafe: Rootzie.

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Supreme Fiction, Three Days in Vegas. 8pm

### **SPOTLIGHT: TOWERS**



### Towers will perform at Cat's Cradle on Friday, May 13, opening for Lost in the Trees.

Local multi-talented and Seriously Adequate Studio collaborators Derek Torres, Sam Logan and Alex Maiolo, plus Karen Blanco, make up the unique blend of fluid, lush and sometimes improvisational sound that is Towers. They've got a unique charm, and, in Maiolo's words, their songs are written and formed by the folk tradition, then electrified with a smattering of the psychedelia. Torres, also the maestro behind the local underground "secret show" acoustic series, is the songwriter and visionary of the band. This will be Towers' fourth show, and we are sure to see plenty more to come.

Lost in the Trees is an eclectic ensemble of classically trained musicians playing orchestral pop. Through their music and composition, the band paints a new sound world, fusing pop and classical music.

The Toddlers will also play. Tickets are \$12. Get yourself to the Cradle early for this one – the show starts at 8:30 p.m.

# CAT'S CRADLE



TH 5/12 THURSDAY W/PYGMY LUSH AND I WAS TOTALLY DESTROYING IT\*\*(\$15) FR 5/13\*\*(\$12) LOST IN THE TREES W/THE TODDLERS

**AND TOWERS** SA 5/14 WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL BENEFIT FOR

TORNADO VICTIMS
W/TRES CHICAS,
GREAT BIG GONE AND
LYNN BLAKEY
& ECKI HEINS\*\*(\$10/\$12)
TU 5/17 JUNIP (ELIAS

TOBIAS WINTERKORN) W/THE ACRYLICS\*\*(\$15) WE 5/18 DAWES\*\*(\$10/\$12) W/LUEGO AND WYLIE HUNTER & THE CAZADORES

SOLD FR 5/20 MAC MILLER

SA 5/21 THE OLD CEREMONY\*\*(\$10/\$12) W/DEXTER ROMWEBI AND THE NEW ROMAL

TH 5/26 CORROSION
OF CONFORMITY
AND SCREAM
W/DEVOUR\*\*(\$16/\$18)

FR 5/27\*\* **DUB ADDIS, ALEX WEISS &** DIFFERENT DRUM AND DIALI CISSOKHO

WE 6/1\*\*(\$16/\$18) OKKERVIL RIVER **AND FUTURE ISLANDS** 



TH 6/2 MATT AND KIM W/THE HOOD INTERNET\*\*(\$25)

FR 6/3\*\*(\$15/\$18) NASHVILLE PUSSY W/KOFFIN KATS

SA 6/4\*\*(\$15) PAUL THORN W/DARK WATER RISING **WE 6/8 THE JET LIFE TOUR** 

**CURRENSY** W/TRADEMARK, YOUNG RODDY, FIEND AND **CORNER BOY P\*\*(\$16/\$18)** 

TH 6/9\*\*(\$15) SONDRE LERCHE W/NIGHTLANDS AND **KISHI BASHI** 

SA 6/11 FREE SHOW **ALBUM RELEASE PARTY** BRICE RANDALL **BICKFORD** 

SU 6/12 SEATED SHOW **JOE PURDY** W/THE MILK CARTON **KIDS** \*\*(\$15/\$17)

TU 6/14\*\*(\$15)SEATED SHOW **JONNY (NORMAN** BLAKE FROM TEENAGE **FANCLUB AND EUROS CHILDS OF GORKY'S ZYGOTIC MYNCI)** W/APEX MANOR

TH 6/16\*\*(\$17/\$20) DAVE ALVIN AND THE GUILTY ONES AND LOS STRAITJACKETS









SA 6/18 FREE SHOW SPLIT 7: RELEASE PARTY! JENNYANYKIND / THE MOANERS W/SPECIAL GUEST PINCHE GRINGO FR 6/24 BEN SOLLEE

W/THOUSANDS\*\*(\$15/\$17) SA 6/25 UNC BURN UNIT BENEFIT SOUTHWING, REBECCA & THE HI TONES ND WILLIE PAINTER BAND

TU 6/28 MUSIC FROM THE FILM WINTER'S BONE PERFORMED LIVE FEATURING: MARIDETH SISCO, DENNIS CRIDER, BO BROWN, VAN COLBERT, TEDI MAY AND LINDA STOFFEL\*\*(\$15/\$18)

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LEIGH FARM PARK (CHAPEL HILL)
SA 5/14 PIEDMONT WILDLIFE **CENTER FESTIVAL FOR WILDLIFE** W/NIKKI MEETS THE HIBACHI, TOO MUCH FUN, JIM SMITH, SECOND WIND, STELLA

THE ARTSCENTER (CARRBORO)
TU 5/17 CRASH TEST DUMMIES TH 5/19 AMOR DE DIAS /

SU 6/5 SAM BRADLEY FR 6/17 LLOYD COLE M0 7/11 DAVID WILCOX **RALEIGH AMPHITHEATRE** 

SA 6/11 THE DECEMBERISTS W/BEST COAST CO-PRESENTED WITH LIVE NATION FR 7/29 BON IVER

LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH) TH 6/16 NOAH AND THE WHALE IS POSTPONED KOKA BOOTH AMPITHEATRE (CARY) M0 8/8 DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE

W/FRIGHTENED RABBIT
TIX VIA TICKETMASTER CO-PRESENTED
WITH OUTBACK CONCERTS M0 9/19 RAY LAMONTAGNE W/BRANDI CARLILE ON SALE FRI 5/20 VIA TICKETMASTER

RECENTLY

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"Eleven years ago, a Karen family of five moved in across the street," Bateman said. "I took them under my wing, taught them how to drive, helped the children get scholarships." She speaks of the successes of the now college-educated children as though they were her own. The more Karen people she meets, the greater her respect for them. "They are such a deserving group."

Their stories, however, are harrowing. Bateman has become particularly close to another young family, Star Thi and Pay Yeh, who were delivered to an apartment in Carrboro late one night in 2007. The couple had met in a refugee camp after each had seen their village destroyed and their parents taken into labor camps.

Pay Yeh's life began as her parents were fleeing their village; her mother delivered her while running for her life. With childhoods spent hiding and starving in the jungle, before finding each other among the squalid conditions of a refugee camp in which 9,000 people lived together on 15 acres of land, imagine their confusion when left alone in an

Estes Park apartment with such strange objects as a stove, refrigerator and toilet.

More Karen families will move into the neighborhood as the UNC Build-a-Block campaign of building 10 homes this year reaches its goals. This enormous effort will provide homes for 10 families of UNC employees and will be completed later this year.

Each home requires the support of the Orange County community because each house begins on land that Habitat has been able to acquire - and we all know the high value of land in Orange County. The historical source for land-buying assistance has been the Orange County Affordable Housing Bond Program, which is now depleted. Fortunately the Stewards Fund has provided a \$75,000 challenge grant, whereby the gifts of any new donors (anyone who has not given within the past 12 months) will be matched if a minimum of \$75,000 is raised

by June 30. As the 2010 census shows, our demographics are changing, with the Asian population growing at the fastest rate. Habitat for Humanity helps them find homes. Your donations further their efforts. See orangehabitat. org for more information.

### MOVIES We suggest you call for exact show times

### **CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM**

309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030 Everything Must Go, nightly at 7:15 & 9:15 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:15 & 4:15 p.m.; 13 Assassins, nightly at 7 & 9:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees 2 & 4:30 p.m.

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### **Briefs**



### Judicial center groundbreaking

Nearly 150 people attended the official groundbreaking of the Chatham County Judicial Center on May 5. When completed, the facility will house all judges and court staff and will include courtrooms for Superior Court and District Court.

### **Umstead detours**

Umstead Drive between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Umstead Park is closed to through traffic and will remain closed for about seven months for an OWASA sewer-replacement project. Chapel Hill Transit will implement detours on the A, N, Saturday JN and Saturday T routes.

The detours will increase travel times for customers in the affected area and result in the closing of bus stops along Umstead Drive, Pritchard Avenue Extension, Longview Street and Bradley Road. EZ Rider service will not be affected by the project. Additional detours and stop closures are likely as the project progresses beyond Umstead Park.

For details, visit goo.gl/eiTad or call CHT at 969-4900.

### Hillsborough proposes budget

The Town of Hillsborough's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012 includes no increase in the property-tax rate but does raise rates for water and sewer service.

General fund expenses would decrease 17.5 percent from 2011 and water/sewer fund expenses would decrease by 9.1 percent.

To maintain the current tax rate of 62 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation - \$1,550 on a house valued at \$250,000 - six positions are proposed for elimination as well as a combination of service-level reductions, efficiency improvements and cuts in spending. The assistant town manager/public works director position, which is filled, is proposed for elimination, along with five positions that are vacant.

Hillsborough's multi-year financial plan shows significant deficits projected in the second and third years: \$512,770 in FY13 and \$783,459 in FY14, equating to property tax increases of 7.3 cents in FY13 and 3.9 cents in FY14.

A 5.9 percent increase in water rates and an 8.8 percent increase in sewer rates are proposed to pay for rebuilding much of the town's aging water and sewer system. The proposed waterrate increase would cost an extra 43 cents per 1,000 gallons for in-town customers and 84 cents for out-of-town customers. The proposed sewer rate increase would mean an additional 70 cents per 1,000 gallons for in-town customers and \$1.37 for out-of-town customers.

The proposed budget can be found at ci.hillsborough.nc.us/ sites/default/files/BUDGET\_DOCUMENT\_FY12\_REC-OMMENDED.pdf

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# **Weaver Street update**

CARRBORO – Water main installation in the west block of Weaver Street continues, with the westbound lane closed as work moves toward Carrboro Town Hall, while the east block of the street remains closed to all vehicular traffic.

In the west block, a new water main has been installed from North Greensboro Street to the Weaver Street/Elm Street intersection. The road will typically be open to vehicle traffic and pedestrians, though there may be times of

The east block will remain

closed until late May or early June as work continues on the yearlong project to replace the street's collapsing roadbed and the 80-year-old sewer line beneath it.

The contractor continues removing existing storm sewer, installing new storm-sewer piping and replacing the road base. Storm sewer work and road removal/rebuilding will continue in the east block for the next several weeks.

Pedestrian access remains open along Weaver Street, though pedestrians may be directed to one side of the street or the other.

The bus stops at Weaver Street Market and the Carrboro Century Center are temporarily closed. Passengers may board the CW bus at the alternate bus stops on Main Street at Jade Palace (westbound), on West Main Street between the Framer's Corner and the Inter-Faith Council (westbound) and on Main Street at Weaver Street Realty (eastbound).

The bus stops on Weaver Street at Lindsay Street also are temporarily closed. Passengers may board the bus at the alternate bus stops on Main Street at Carrboro Town Hall.

Town officials have said drivers should expect congestion downtown, and suggest using Estes Drive Extension and N.C. 54 bypass for through traffic and Jones Ferry Road as an alternate route into downtown. – *Staff Reports* 

### **SHELTER**

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IFC executive director Chris Moran said having the 17 emergency cots was of critical importance.

"It would be like building a hospital without an emergency room," he said in a Tuesday interview. "It's so important that those folks not be left behind. What makes them different than those occupying the 52 beds?"

Easthom expressed concern about how men would be transported to the shelter to use the emergency cots. IFC has said it would transport those men from its offices on Main Street in Carrboro to the shelter – a plan that

it proposed to help ease concerns that the shelter would become a walk-up facility - but has not yet developed a specific plan.

The facility, which under the approved permit must be completed by May 2015, will enable the IFC to move its men's shelter out of the town's old municipal building on the corner of Rosemary and North Columbia streets, which it has used as a temporary location for more than 25

Opponents of the plan – many who live near the site - argued that the new facility increases an already unfair burden on their neighborhood. IFC's Project Homestart, a transitional shelter for women and children, and

Freedom House, a substanceabuse recovery center, are both located close to the site. Opponents also cited concerns regarding the site's proximity to Homestead Park and several preschools.

Mark Peters, who lives close to the site, said there should have been an open process to investigate possible sites for the facility.

"This is still a backroom deal," he said, adding that the site was inappropriate for the project. "What we're talking about is an over-concentration issue."

The council also voted unanimously to require that IFC develop a Good Neighbor Plan for council review and approval prior to entering into a lease for the Community House.

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt urged neighbors of the proposed project, many of whom came out in opposition of the IFC plan, to get involved with the IFC in developing the Good Neighbor Plan. The council asked the IFC to come back with a report on the plan in September.

Moran said that the IFC's next steps will be to get zoning permits, raise more money and put the project out to bid. Once the project is complete, he said, the organization will be better able to work toward its mission.

"Our primary functions in the future will be to feed folks that are hungry and shelter folks that are homeless," he said.

### COMMISSION

FROM PAGE I

According to the consulting firm's presentation, Orange County Emergency Services responds to approximately 11,500 emergency medical calls for service annually. Ambulance transport services are required in approximately 7,000 of these incidents. The fire and rescue departments respond to approximately 10,000 calls for service annually.

Commissioner Barry Jacobs brought to the attention of the board that a high percentage of the calls were doublecounted or triple-counted, in that all three services may have received a call for only one incident. It was also pointed out that the study may not have accounted for secondary calls.

However, some useful information did come out of the study. The consulting firm provided significant information on the strengths and weaknesses of the emergency crews' performance over the past year.

Strengths included a strong central dispatch and infrastructure. According to the MMA presentation, 98.5 percent of rural roads in Orange County are within six miles of an existing emergency rescue station.

Weaknesses included radio limitations and delays in service. The March 2010 EMS report states that it takes an average of 17 minutes for a paramedic to reach a patient in Orange County.

But the board showed on Tuesday that they are prepared to do whatever it takes to fix these problems, and they are calling on the help of emergency crew representatives in the area to get it done fast.

Several of the commissioners agreed that the study shouldn't move to the next phase until input is received from representatives of the fire department and emergency services.

"I'm not going to move forward with the next phase of the study until the data is filled in and a sit-down is had with the joint group," said Pelissier. "All three parties should have a response."

### **BUDGET**

FROM PAGE I

According to CHT projections, the potential service reductions could affect more than 1,000 riders a day, including 68 patrons of EZ Rider, CHT's paratransit program that provides shared-ride transportation for disabled individuals.

Spade said ridership is booming, with more than 134,000 rides per week. However, he said, CHT is facing potential maintenance cost increases in coming years, as 62 percent of its fleet will be more than 12 years old next year.

CHT's \$17.7 million expenses are shared by Chapel Hill, Carrboro and UNC and partially funded through federal and state revenues and miscella-

Council members have discussed bus advertising as a way to collect additional revenue and stave off service reductions, and on Tuesday indicated they would like to further investigate that possibility. According to Spade, CHT could potentially raise more than \$500,000 with a six-month contract for ads on 15 of its buses.

"It seems to me that there's a market here," Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt said.

Spade told council members that the proposed service reductions would need to take effect in August in order for CHT to realize the savings, and that the council would need to collect public comment regarding the proposed reductions prior to a June 13 decision.



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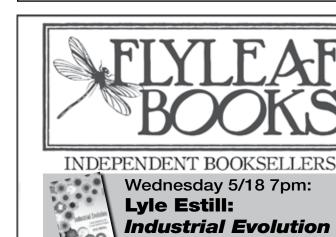
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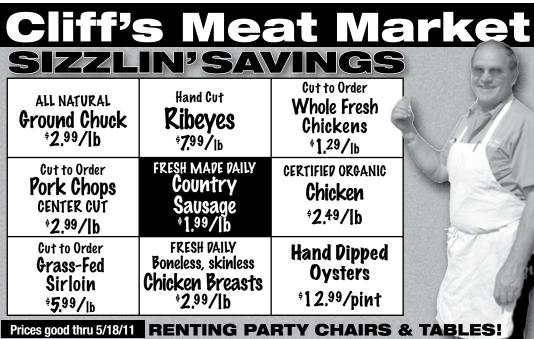
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### **School Briefs**

### **Creamer named Ephesus** principal

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education last week appointed Tori Creamer as principal of Ephesus Elementary School. She will replace Phil Holmes, who was named



principal of Smith Middle School last fall.

Creamer has served as interim principal at Ephesus since Holmes left for Smith and previously served as assistant principal at Ephesus. She has also taught math at Culbreth and Smith middle schools, as well as at Stanford Middle School in Orange County Schools. She holds a bachelor's degree in middle grades education and a master's degree in school administration from UNC.

### **Immunization contest**

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools nurses and the Orange County Health Department are holding an immunization contest in recognition of Adolescent Immunization Month, which was April.

For the contest, students need to receive at least one vaccine between April 1 and May 31. For a meningococcal vaccine, students will receive two contest entries, while students will receive one entry for Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/ pertussis) and HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccines. To be eligible, students must take proof of the vaccine to a school nurse by 10 a.m. on June 1. A school administrator will select three winners: a fifth-grade winner of an iPod, a middle school winner of an iPod and a high school winner of a laptop.

The meningococcal vaccine is recommended for children aged 11-12 and again for adolescents aged 16-18. Tdap is required for all students entering sixth grade unless they have received a Td (tetanus/diphtheria) vaccine in the past five years. The HPV vaccine is recommended for any student aged 9 or older. To make an appointment for a vaccination at the Health Department, call 245-2400 (Hillsborough) or 968-2022, ext. 2 (Chapel Hill). The department will hold three immunization clinics in Hillsborough from 3 to 6 p.m. on May 10, 11 and 12 and three clinics in Chapel Hill from 3 to 6 p.m. on May 17, 18 and 19. No appointment is necessary for the clinics.

### **Budget webinar today**

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will hold a one-hour webinar on the 2011-12 budget outlook today (Thursday) from 7 to 8 p.m.

The webinar will review the recently approved House budget. Panelists will answer questions posted to the webinar panel and to the district website. Panelists include Superintendent Neil Pedersen; Denise Bowling, assistant superintendent for instructional services; Todd LoFrese, assistant superintendent for support services;

Ruby Pittman, executive director of budget and finance; Hazel Gibbs, executive director of human resources; and a school board member.

Reserve a webinar seat at gotomeeting.com/ register/195689968

### **Student wins business**

East Chapel Hill High School junior Yougi Tang won second place in the business law competition at the State Future Business Leaders of America contest, held April 14-16 in Greensboro.

### **Scroggs PTA wins awards**

The Scroggs Elementary School PTA will receive two awards at the N.C. PTA Parent Education Conference in Fayetteville on Saturday.

Scroggs will receive a Ruby Acorn Award for enrollment efforts and an Achievement Award.

### **Student receives Shakespeare honor**

Chapel Hill High School student Alexa Yeames was a semi-finalist at the English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition, held May 2 at Lincoln Center in New York City.

Yeames qualified for the competition by winning the ESU Research Triangle Branch regional competition. The English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition is a school-based program to help students develop their speaking and critical thinking skills and their appreciation of literature as they explore the beauty of the language and timeless themes in Shakespeare's works.

### **East students receive** scholarships

Two East Chapel Hill High School seniors received prestigious national scholarships last

Young-Eun Hyun has been named one of 141 2011 Presidential Scholars nationwide. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selected the scholars based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership and demonstrated commitment to high ideals. The scholars will be honored for their accomplishments in Washington, D.C., June 18-21. Hyun will attend Yale University.

Andrea Mendoza has been named a Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient. The program, administered by the United Negro College Fund, provides leadership training, mentoring, academic and social support and financial support to 1,000 students annually. Mendoza will attend Duke University.

High schools to face off in quiz bowl

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Teams from Carrboro, Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill high schools will square off in the second annual High School Quiz Bowl to be broadcast live from University Mall on 1360 WCHL on Monday at 7 p.m.

# **Baseball leads Carolina** sports into summer months

**BY EDDY LANDRETH** 

Staff Writer

Graduation has come and gone, the school year is at an end, but sports at Carolina continue into the late spring and early summer.

Now is the time when teams will determine the memories players, coaches and fans carry into the future.

The men's lacrosse team is coming off an overtime victory against No. 3-ranked Notre Dame on senior night at Fetzer Field. Carolina will now advance to the NCAA Tournament, where the Tar Heels will play Maryland on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Chapel Hill.

The women's lacrosse team is the No. 3 seed in the NCAA Tournament and will play Virginia at home on Saturday at 1

The softball team is still playing, as are the men's and women's tennis teams, the track and field teams and the women's golf

But without a doubt, the group most people will focus on is the Carolina baseball team. After a run of four straight trips to the College World Series, including an initial visit that should have resulted in a national championship, the Tar Heels barely edged into the NCAAA Tournament a year ago.

This season has been so much different. Carolina has been one of the pleasant surprises in the nation throughout this season, from a hot start in Southern California to a sweep of rival Clemson and a thrilling successful weekend at Florida State, winning two of three.

Pitching has been, for the most part, better than many

expected. There was no Andrew Miller, Daniel Bard, Alex White, Matt Harvey or Adam Warren, at least as far as we knew.

But as it turns out, there are some freshmen who have been exceptional and some experienced players

who have grown and advanced to further the tradition being established under Coach Mike Fox and his staff.

Freshman left-handed pitcher Kent Emanuel of Georgia is in the mold of those greats who came before him and played such a huge role in Carolina playing four straight years in the College World Series.

The Pittsburgh Pirates drafted him in the 19th round of last summer's draft. If Emanuel continues to progress as he has this season, his decision to attend Carolina is going to pay handsomely after his junior season, when he'll again be eligible for the draft.

The kid is 6-feet-4-inches and can just flat-out pitch. He is 6-1 with a team-leading earned run average of 2.73, which is extraordinary in a game played with aluminum bats. His control has been exceptional, as he has struck out 59 batters while walking just 13.

Émanuel isn't the only newcomer to excel. Third baseman Colin Moran entered this week leading the team with a .362 average. He is just the fourth freshman in the history of UNC baseball to have 60 runs batted in. As the week began, he led the team in doubles (16), home runs (8), total bases (107) and slugging percentage (.615), and

was second to star shortstop Levi Michael in walks, with 35.

One of the secrets to being a successful hitter is knowing how to work the count. In youth baseball, you hear the dads screaming, "Swing

the bat; swing the bat." Unfortunately, you also hear a lot of their coaches saying the same thing.

Having the nerve to make a pitcher throw the ball where you want it separates so-so hitters from great ones. This sometimes means going deep in the count.

Former Carolina All-American Dustin Ackley was one of the best two-strike hitters I have ever seen at any level. He had no fear of waiting for the pitch he wanted, and he rarely struck out.

Of the top four hitters on the Tar Heels' roster, in terms of batting average, Moran has the second-fewest strikeouts, yet he leads by a wide margin in home runs. If you don't think that's a statistic that warms Fox's heart, then you truly have no concept of what baseball is all about.

The toughest part of the season is here, so we will soon find out just how good this year's baseball team is. First there is this weekend's series at Georgia Tech and then a regular seasonending series at home against the nation's top-ranked team in some polls, Virginia.

That will be followed by the ACC Tournament and the NCAA Tournament. The NCAA Tournament is when Carolina will have a shot to put a stamp on the season that could place it alongside some lofty company of the recent past.

The three teams will switch off roundrobin style before competing in a final round. Students will compete on behalf of charities they have chosenthemselves, and the winning team's charity will receive a gift basket of prizes for the people who spend countless hours working for that charity.

### **FPG PTA thanks teachers**

The Frank Porter Graham Elementary School PTA sponsored a teacher appreciation luncheon featuring the Crook's Corner mobile kitchen last week.

The event, part of National Teacher Appreciation Week, took place in a specially decorated room at the school and featured gourmet Southern cuisine. The Crook's Corner 28-foot mobile kitchen enabled the restaurant to provide a buffet - including Crook's Corner's famed shrimp and grits - for more than 90 faculty and staff members at the school.

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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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### **School Lunch**

### Friday 5/13

Chicken Fajitas, Corn Cobettes, Oven Fries

### Monday 5/16

Chicken Cacciatore, Seasoned Pasta, Local Squash & Onions

### Tuesday 5/17

Sesame Chicken, Stir Fried Green

Rice, Eggs & Ham,

Local Cabbage, Apple Crumble

Local Squash & Onions, Steamed

### Wednesday 5/18

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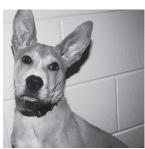
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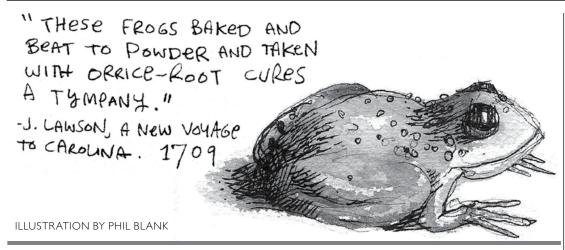
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# Community



### **Briefs**



Miss Jabberwock Jasmine Boler and Little Miss Jabberwock Olivia Taylor

### Miss Jabberwock crowned

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Delta Foundation and Chapel Hill-Carrboro Area Alumna Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority recently crowned the 2011 Miss Jabberwock and 2011 Little Miss

At a program held at Northwood High School, Jasmine Alycia Boler, 16, was crowned Miss Jabberwock, and Olivia Alexandra Taylor, 8, was crowned Little Miss Jabberwock. Other contestants included Kortni Synclair McKinney, 16, Evelyn Shanklin, 16, and Niambi Anyanna Diab, 7. Contestants participated in a number of activities, including the annual MLK Parade, an etiquette workshop, the Delta Seminar for Teens and Delta Gems programs.

Jabberwock, an educational scholarship program for students in Orange, Durham and Chatham counties, is aimed at convening various community organizations to foster positive relationships and provide an evening of fun and entertainment. Proceeds are designated for scholarship and community projects.

### **Strawberry Jamboree**

May is strawberry season in the Piedmont, and the Carrboro Farmers' Market will hold its annual Strawberry Jamboree Saturday at 8 a.m. to celebrate. Vendors will offer free samples of homemade strawberry shortcake made with fresh strawberries. The event is a continuation of the market's Unique Tastes of the Piedmont series, which highlights the many unique foods produced and prepared by market vendors. For more information, visit carrborofarmersmarket.com

### Pollinator garden dedication

The Orange County Beekeepers Association will hold a dedication for its new pollinator garden Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Alexander Dickson House at 150 E. King St. in Hillsborough. A ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. The event is free and all are welcome. For more information, contact Inge Kautzmann at ibk@imageray.net or (336) 364-4077, or visit theocba.org

### **Medication drop-off**

The Chapel Hill Franchise of Home Instead Senior Care will partner with the Chapel Hill Police Department to present "Mission Medicine," a medication take-back program, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at University Mall. The event will provide a safe way to dispose of unused and expired prescription drugs before they are introduced into landfills or the water supply. Chapel Hill police will oversee the medicine's incineration at a private crematorium.

### Community picnic

The Youth Community Project will hold a global-themed community picnic and all-ages open mic Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Carrboro Town Commons.

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to bring a dish celebrating their heritage or another culture. The event will feature kickball, finger painting, board games, arts and crafts, a community poem and open mic performances. Performers will have the chance to sign up before and during the event. For more information, or to sign up to perform, contact Rachel Valentine at Rachel Valentine NC@

### **ArtsCenter competing** for \$50,000

The Arts Center is in the final round of voting to receive a \$50,000 grant from Pepsi. The grant would go toward a series of 10 concerts by emerging local artists. The contest requires the public to vote online through May 31 to determine the 10 final recipients. The ArtsCenter is in the top one-third of entries and needs the community's help to get into a top 10 spot. Visit refresheverything.com/artscenterlive and cast your vote once per day.

### Festifall planning committee

The Town of Chapel Hill is recruiting volunteers to serve on a special-event planning committee for the Festifall Arts Festival in October. Members of the committee dedicate roughly 10 to 15 hours per month, working closely with staff liaisons to develop, plan and evaluate. Roles include entertainment, artist, publicity, logistics, volunteer recruiting and more. To participate, visit townofchapelhill.org/communityevents, print and complete an application, then fax it to 932-2923. For more information, call 968-2823

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## Reusing, Crook's earn **Beard honors**

Andrea Reusing of Lantern was named Best Chef of the Southeast and Crook's Corner was presented with an America's Classic Award on Monday by the James Beard Foundation.

Reusing is chef/owner of Lantern, which has consistently garnered national recognition for its innovative fusion menu and dedication to the use of local ingredients. In 2006, Lantern was selected by Gourmet magazine as one of the nation's top 50 restaurants. Reusing is now sharing her recipes in a new cookbook, Cooking in the Moment: A Year of Seasonal Recipes.

John Fleer of Canyon Kitchen in Cashiers was the only other North Carolina finalist in the regional best-chef category.

The America's Classic category honors "restaurants with timeless appeal, beloved in their regions for quality food that reflects the character of their community."

In praise of Crook's, the Beard Foundation quoted Christiane Lauterbach of Atlanta Magazine:



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"Bill Neal was one of the first American chefs to explore the cultural import of the regional food he worked to revive. ... Since Neal's untimely death in 1991, Gene Hamer has served as the restau-



Bill Smith of Crook's Corner PHOTO BY ALLISON RUSSELL

rant's steward, while Bill Smith has overseen the kitchen, cooking iconic Crook's dishes like shrimp and grits, hoppin' John, jalapeno hushpuppies, and persimmon pudding." – *Staff Reports* 

### Calendar

### **THURSDAY MAY 12**

**Movie Night** — Defamation, directed by Yoav Shamir, studies antisemitism today. Internationalist Books, 7pm

**OC Beekeepers** — Monthly meeting. OC Agricultural Extension office, 306 Revere Road, Hillsborough, 7pm theocba.org

### **FRIDAY MAY 13**

Joy Night — An evening of singing, praise and dance presented by youth from various area churches. First Baptist Church, 106 N. Rober-

### **Strawberry Jamboree** — Carrboro Farmers' Market. Carrboro

Town Commons, 8am

required: 942-8083, ext. 2

son St., 7pm 929-1550 **SATURDAY MAY 14** 

Parent Training — "Antidotes for Stress: Self-Care for Parents of Special Needs Children," sponsored by FAN. Orange United Methodist Church, 9:30am Registration

**Community Potluck** — With a global theme, hosted by Teen Support Coalition. Bring a favorite dish along with your own plates and utensils. Carrboro Farmers' Market, 4-8pm

### Green Home Tour — A self-guided tour of certified green

homes in the area opens, continuing on May 15, 21 and 22. 12-6pm trianglegreenhometour.org

### **SUNDAY MAY 15**

Path to Geshe — By filmmaker William C. Judge, leads up to the Drepung Gomang Monastery Sacred Arts Tour. 523 E. Franklin St., 2pm Free info@townofchapelhill.org

**Garden Dedication** — Of the Dickson House Pollinator Garden. Corner of King and St. Mary's, Hillsborough, 12pm

### **MONDAY MAY 16**

Adult Book Group — Discussing Collapse, by Jared Diamond. Chapel Hill Public Library, Free 968-2780

### **TUESDAY MAY 17**

Bike Breakfast — Featuring bike checkups, bike maintenance, food, raffle and giveaways. Municipal parking lot across from Armadillo Grill, 7-10am bikecarrboro.com

### **WEDNESDAY MAY 18**

Mission Medicine — Third annual medication take-back event where members of community can simply drive up, drop off, and drive out - no questions asked. University Mall parking lot, 10am-2pm 933-3300

### **THURSDAY MAY 19 OC Democratic Women -**

Meeting with speakers Ellie Kinnaird, Verla Insko and Joe Hackney and a presentation from Susan Romaine. OWASA, 7pm 593-1904

World Watch — Connie Walker. General Manager of WUNC North

Carolina Public Radio, will discuss, "Competing in the Age of Instant Global Communications." Seymour Center, 2:30pm. Free 968-2070

### **FRIDAY MAY 20**

**Book Sale** — For members. Chapel Hill Public Library, 4-6pm

Artists' Salon — Sponsored by the OC Arts Commission with guest Joy Javits speaking on "How to Present Your ... Art." The ArtsCenter, 6:30pm

### **SATURDAY MAY 21** Golden Hour — Benefit for

PORCH (People Offering Relief for Chapel Hill Carrboro Homes), which helps support five local food pantries. 506 Oak Ave., 6-8pm \$50 per household porchnc.org

**Book Sale** — Open to the public. Chapel Hill Public Library, 9am-5pm

**Spring Hike** — With guide Dave Otto, along the Bolin Creek and Winmore trails. Meet at the Winmore roundabout, 2pm Free

### Ongoing

**Cancer Support** — Support groups at Cornucopia Cancer Support Center for cancer patients and their families. Cancersupport4u.org 401-9333

**Cancer Support** — Support groups and wellness programs sponsored by N.C. Cancer Hospital. unclineberger.org/patient/support/ supportgroup.asp

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### **HOUSE** Calls

Practicing family physicians from the UNC Department of Family Medicine have teamed up with The Carrboro Citizen to bring you a weekly feature responding to your questions about health and medicine. Send your guestions or comments to yourhealth@unc.edu



Dear HOUSE Calls, My 10-year-old recently had bad stomach pains. He was doubled over, and I was worried about appendicitis. Thankfully, he was just constipated and got better with an enema. I feel like I should not have taken him to the emergency room. How am I supposed to know when to take him?

It sounds like you took him when you needed to. If he was doubled over in pain and you were worried about appendicitis, you needed to get him checked out. Nights and weekends, the ER is often our only option. They did give him a treatment and it did make him feel better. We understand that you would prefer to take him to the ER only with a true emergency, but you can't expect to be right all the time, and it's worse to miss something serious. If he had appendicitis and you let it go too long, it could rupture

and lead to a life-threatening infection. We've all brought our kids to the ER because we thought they might have a broken bone or appendicitis. Usually, we're wrong, and our kids get expensive ibuprofen and we get reassurance. Perhaps your doctor's office takes after-hours calls or uses a nurse advice line. We encourage you to use that resource, but for severe abdominal pain, you may have been sent to the ER anyway.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I recently went to the hospital for a ministroke. After the symptoms went away, I felt fine. On the day of discharge, I waited all day for the physical therapist, and he never came. Why does being in the hospital sometimes feel like you have no control?

We're so glad that you're better and we're sorry for your frustration. Sometimes the hospital feels like a big place in which you have little control. We hear this pretty frequently. But even a mini-stroke can lead to small balance deficits, so a

while a nuisance, was probably a good idea. Some hospital departments seem to be chronically understaffed, which makes getting some services difficult. To be fair, many of these services have variable demand, which makes planning tricky. To regain control, we encourage you to ask your doctor why she is making recommendations. You may consider some services unnecessary, and it is OK to tell your doctor that you feel that way. She can help you decide if it's safe to forgo or postpone these things. If you're frustrated with an experience, write your doctor a letter and copy the hospital administrator and head of the department. Hopefully, you will get at least an apology and perhaps an explanation. Good luck.

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### FROM THE EDITOR

### **Budgets, taxes and you**

Carrboro is lucky to have long had a town manager with his feet firmly planted on planet earth. It's unlucky, though, that his recent budget presentation is also his last, since he'll retire later this year.

Steve Stewart understands that times are tough for many, even in our relatively affluent community. He knows that there's no real relief in sight, so the budget he brought to the board of aldermen last week was his third consecutive one without a tax increase.

But what about the future? While Stewart says he's working to enable his successor to present a budget without a tax increase next year, he cautions that expenses are such that a revenue increase will likely soon be needed.

There's the rub. Obtaining that revenue without raising taxes would require an expansion of our tax base. Since the economic recovery that would allow such an expansion is proceeding at a glacial pace, one has to wonder if the tax base we have now is what we're going to have for years to come.

Multiple projects have been approved for Carrboro's downtown, and, if we're lucky, we may see the hotel and parking deck components of the 300 East Main project break ground later this year. But three other building projects seem to be on indefinite hold, and all bets are off as to when or if they'll materialize.

Which leads this discussion to you, the taxpayer. Without a growing commercial tax base, the burden will continue to fall increasingly on your shoulders. So you need to think seriously about how you want your town to spend your money.

The board of aldermen has a public hearing on the proposed budget every year, but attendance is often surprisingly low. This year's hearing will be held Tuesday, May 24. Since this is your chance to let your leaders know what you want in the way of expenditures for your town, don't miss it

### Season of the tick

It almost feels like a plague is upon us. That insidious little creature, the tick, seems to be everywhere we turn. Ticks fall from the trees, they crawl up from the grass and they catch a ride into the house on your dog.

Leapt up from the bed at 3 a.m. lately to remove one of the nasty things? Yes, we have too. Still scratching that bite from two weeks ago? You're not alone. Most everyone has a tick story these days.

Little ones or big ones, ticks seem to be inescapable unless you're wearing a space suit or have bathed in DEET.

Statistically, only one in 1,000 ticks in our area carries Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Those sound like pretty good odds, until you consider how many millions of ticks there must be in our little slice of the Piedmont right now. And since a neighbor had a nasty go with the fever just a few days ago, the possibility of meeting the wrong tick doesn't seem that far-fetched anymore.

The moral of this story? Examine yourself daily, and check or treat your pets frequently. And to steal from an old song, check the one you're with.

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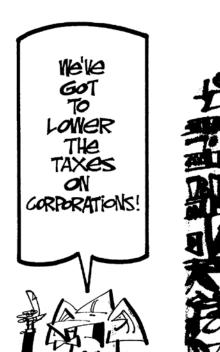
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# Don't let it bug you

### **KIRK ROSS**

The Invaders are here, now, among us, and literally crawling out of the woodwork. That hypnotic whirr is unmistakable. Cicadas – the original flash mob – have arrived by the hundreds of thousands.

Brood XIX, the Great Southern Brood and the one covering the largest territory, has returned after 13 years in hiding, covering a swath of the Midwest and South stretching from the Triangle through Georgia and Tennessee into Illinois and on to western Missouri. The last time they were here, there was no Facebook or Twitter and the locations of sightings were logged via telephones.

Judging from the enthusiasm of the social mediacharged entomologists among us, this year's emergence promises to be the most documented ever. Chatham County sightings seemed to happen first, but now you can pretty much hear them in any wooded spot in the area whether you want to or not.

A lot has happened since Brood XIX's last visit: Bill Guthridge had just taken over the basketball team, Michael Hooker was chancellor, U.S. 15-501 was pretty much just two lanes to Pittsboro and those of us who wandered around Franklin Street were still devastated by the closing of the Happy Store.

That last batch of cicadas wouldn't recognize the place. I barely do.

On the subject of growth, you might want to know that despite the economic downturn Carolina North has not gone away. The financial reality did alter the strategy, however, with the proposed public-private incubator that was to be built near the old public works area going away in favor of a good old-fashioned university office building near an area now in the flight path of the airport.

UNC officials determined last year that the building could be self-funded – a much easier category of proj-

ect to get through the General Assembly, especially these days. The building would house various university centers and institutes now residing in rental space throughout town with money that would have gone to rent used to pay for the building.

The project is on the list of UNC nonappropriated capital projects that emerged in legislation introduced this week. The bill allows for funding of up to \$6 million for a Carolina North research building.

Also on the list is \$9 million for the second phase of the Carolina Inn renovation, \$4 million for the Mary Ellen Jones building renovation and \$2.65 million for the second phase of renovations at Woollen Gymnasium.

> Recently attended an art opening at Greenbridge. Delightful stuff. (Don't ask, you can't afford it.) Couldn't help noticing that in just about every conversation, the participants had to take a moment to look around and wonder aloud what's going to happen to the place.

While nothing is certain, one fact that seems to be consistent is that if there is a giant building causing a fuss in downtown Chapel Hill, then Bank of America, née NationsBank, probably has something to do with it.

A special event for all you residents of the south side of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro metroplex is coming up on June 4 - National Trail Day - with official dedication of the latest phase of the Morgan Creek Trail. The new phase, which is scheduled to be completed in time for an 11 a.m. ceremony on that day, runs 4,200 feet along the north side of Morgan Creek from just east of Kingswood Apartments to Merritt Pasture.

The next phase of the trail, which is expected to start his winter, links up the Morgan Creek Trail with the Fan Branch Trail, which runs from Southern Community Park to Culbreth Road. Once linked up, the two trails combined will total 2.4 miles, making the route the longest paved trail in Orange County.

# Conflicting budget claims

### **CHRIS FITZSIMON**

The budget debate shifts to the Senate this week, where subcommittees will begin reviewing the House proposal, though most senators ought to have a pretty good idea what's in it. House and Senate budget writers met jointly for most of the session before the House broke away and met on its own for a few weeks to put its final plan together.

There was speculation that the Senate budget strategy had changed when five Democrats voted for the House budget, giving the Republicans a veto-proof majority if those Democrats continued to vote with Republicans and against their political party and their governor.

Senate leaders aren't thrilled with parts of the House spending plan, especially the 15.5 percent cuts to the university system, but seemed willing to put that aside for the possibility of overriding a veto by Gov. Beverly Perdue.

But at least three of the five Democrats have said they were not likely to vote for the budget again unless changes were made, and Perdue said she was confident that the Democrats would support her in the fight with the legis-

That seemed to quiet the talk of a quick Senate budget process, and scheduled subcommittee meetings this week confirmed it. Senate leaders want to put their own stamp on the spending plan, and not just by reducing the cuts to the

Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger says the Senate budget will spend significantly less overall than the draconian House plan, and reportedly the Senate budget target for health and human services is at least \$60 million less than the House proposed in its budget that slashed mental health services by \$60 million and assumed massive and unrealistic savings in Medicaid.

Several Republican senators want fewer cuts to public schools than the House leadership wants to make. Sen. Wesley Meredith says the House budget cut education too much.

Local school boards from Morehead City to Morganton agree, and many are urging lawmakers to restore the cuts even if it means leaving the 2009 temporary taxes in place.

Wake Superintendent Anthony Tata, the darling of the Republican establishment, has said publicly the House cuts to public schools are too deep and will mean the loss of 1,000 jobs in the Wake County system

Sen. Jerry Tillman, the education budget chair, says it is almost impossible for the House cuts not to reach the classrooms, directly contradicting the claims by House leaders that their education cuts stopped at the classroom door.

And that's not the only assertion by House leaders in

dispute. House Speaker Thom Tillis keeps defending the House budget that will eliminate more than 20,000 jobs by claiming that a study by the UNC Center for Competitive Economies proves that the tax cuts the House is proposing will actually create more than 19,000 jobs.

But as the N.C. Budget and Tax Center points out, the analysis only looked at half the story, ignoring the impact of the massive budget cuts and the public-sector layoffs it would force. The author of the study pointed that out in the cover letter of the report sent to Republican legislators, but the point never seems to show up in their public remarks.

Earlier this week, the folks at the John Locke Foundation, the ex-officio policy arm of the legislative leadership, tried to help by releasing a study commissioned from the right-wing Bunker Hill Institute that claims that the House tax changes will create 9,000 jobs by 2013.

That's notable for two reasons. The job number is less than half the one that Tillis claims the UNC study shows and it comes from a source whose work has been discredited in states like Arizona, where one scholar said that the methodology was designed in a way that "biases the results toward the findings of very low impacts of government expenditures and very high impacts of tax increases."

In other words, the Locke numbers, like the House claims about protecting classrooms, are simply not believable and are part of the frantic effort to defend a budget that is being widely criticized across the state for the damage it will do to education, human services and environmental protections.

Now it is the members of the Senate's turn. Let's hope they come to their senses and pass a budget that protects the state's vital investments. The House has certainly left them an abundance of room for improvement.

Chris Fitzsimon is executive director of N.C. Policy Watch.

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### So-called 'right to know' law is a threat to women

### RACHEL SEIDMAN

Its euphemistic name is so awful, it's almost funny. But the so-called "Women's Right to Know Act" currently under consideration in the N.C. General Assembly is a serious attack on women's rights and a concerted effort to interfere in their decision-making about their lives and those of their families.

The bill mandates that every woman who has chosen to have an abortion must be subjected to an ultrasound examination at least four hours before the procedure. Clearly, conservatives hope to prevent women from exercising their legal right to an abortion by manipulating their emotions. Women already have the right to know whatever they want about the fetus and to get an ultrasound should they so choose. Forcing women to have an ultrasound is not about their "right to know" - it is about social conservatives' belief that they

know what's right. What makes this latest assault on women's lives so infuriating, however, is the context in which it is happening. At the same time that anti-abortion activists are working hard to prevent women from choosing to end pregnancies even if they do not have the resources to care for a child, conservatives are also making it more difficult for mothers (and fathers) to avoid unwanted pregnancies in the first place and to support and care for their children.

A new North Carolina law passed just two years ago, the Healthy Youth Act, mandates comprehensive sex education in our schools. Some conservatives continue, however, to try to undermine that law, even though 19,000 teens become pregnant in North Carolina each year and it has been proven that teaching young people about contraception is far more effective at preventing pregnancy than an "abstinence-only" curriculum.

Likewise, Republicans slash the budget for North Carolina's excellent child-care subsidy program, even though we already have more than 45,000 children on waiting lists. If you can't afford child care, and the state makes it even harder for you to get help to pay for it, won't you be more likely to choose abortion?

Meanwhile, pregnant workers and mothers already face harsh instances of discrimination at work. The Center for Work Life Law recently released a report on caregiver discrimination against low-wage workers, called "Poor, Pregnant and Fired." Their research demonstrates extreme hostility to pregnant women in low-wage workplaces, with many fired immediately upon disclosing pregnancy, refused simple adjustments that would allow them to continue working during their pregnancies or harassed on the job.

We can agree that unwanted pregnancies shouldn't happen. We can agree that babies who enter this world deserve love, care and a stable home. But until we as a state and a nation commit ourselves to providing effective means of preventing unwanted pregnancies, including increasing access to affordable birth control and comprehensive sex education, and to helping families support and care for the children they have through child-care subsidies, living wages and affordable housing, we have no moral ground to stand on.

For Republicans to use their power to deny women access to birth control, prevent schools from adopting comprehensive sex education, block campaigns for living wages and slash budgets for highquality child care, and then try to use ultrasounds to manipulate women who choose to have an abortion, is outrageous.

Let's hope North Carolinians don't let them get away with this shameful hypocrisy.

Rachel Seidman is associate director of the Program on History, Public Policy and Social Change and a visiting lecturer at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University.

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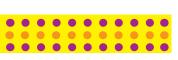


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### Recipe of the Week

Wednesday Market Salad (Serves 3 to 4) Recipe provided by Susan Reda

### Ingredients:

- I head of red-leaf lettuce, leaves separated I stalk green garlic
- 1/4 pound shitake mushrooms
- 2 small fennel bulbs 5 or 6 radishes I dozen eggs New Moon cheese
- olive oil, butter, salt and pepper, sherry vinegar and Dijon mustard, Marsala wine

### **Procedure:**

Wash lettuce in cool water and let dry on kitchen towel. Heat a tablespoon of olive oil and a tablespoon of butter in an iron skillet. Add stemmed mushrooms and sauté over medium-low heat. Add a splash or two of Marsala. Remove the mushrooms when they are tender and have absorbed the wine and keep warm in another vessel. "Shave" the radishes and fennel. Reserve the fennel fronds for garnish. Slice the cheese. I used 5 slices for each plate. Using unwashed skillet, heat a scant tablespoon of olive oil and a scant tablespoon of butter. Add eggs, two or three at once, depending on the size of your skillet. They may touch but not overlap. Cook over moderate heat until whites are set and yolk is still runny. Divide lettuce leaves between plates, scatter with fennel, radishes and sautéed mushrooms. I mixed up a little sherry vinegar, Dijon, olive oil, salt and pepper. Dress the salad very lightly. Place cheese fanned out along one side of plate. Top with fried egg garnished with fennel fronds and a drizzle of truffle oil or olive oil.

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The N.C. Botanical Garden's Dan Stern takes a "penstemon break" at Mason Farm. PHOTO BY JOHNNY RANDALL



The Botanical Garden's expert "fire crew" includes, left to right, Johnny Randall, Charlie Tomberlin, Monica Foley, Amanda Mixon, Andy Walker, Sally Heiney, Mike Kunz, Matt Gocke, JC Poythress and Irene Sadler. PHOTO BY JOHNNY RANDALL

### **FLORA** FROM PAGE I

We are fortunate to have such spectacular displays of wildflowers so easy to access without having to travel great distances.

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You can obtain a Mason Farm Biological Reserve visitor's permit at the Botanical Garden reception desk. That permit allows you to enter the security gate that protects the natural area, which is open sunup to sundown. In the interest of protecting wildlife and ongoing biological research, dogs are not permitted, but you are very welcome to have children accompany you. Their eyes are keen and will show you things you most likely will miss.

Oh, I almost forgot: The official name of those beardtongues is Penstemon digitalis. It's tall and white and covers the fields. Curiously, its



This field, burned in March, is now a sea of flowering penstemon. PHOTO BY JOHNNY RANDALL

natural range is limited to the mountains, and botanists are wondering how it arrived here, and when. Don't be alarmed if you spot a few smaller, pinkish beardtongues scattered about among the taller white ones. Not certain what that one is, botanists simply say that it requires more study!

More importantly, make note that you have two weeks to view the penstemons, whatever species they are. Plan it as a peak penstemon break. It's enough

to rejuvenate both mind and

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And Baby Makes Three

unday's Mother's Day/Commencement Exercises at UNC took on a special meaning for Carrboro residents Anne and Nicholas Johnson, who are expecting their first child, a daughter, in three weeks. I spotted this "decisive moment" at graduation ceremonies for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication: of Nicholas snapping a photo of mother-to-be Anne, who strikes a distinctive profile. Anne earned a master's degree in journalism with a specialty in medical and science journalism.



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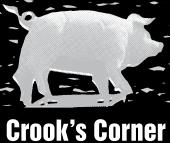
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