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Papery dock seeds are beautiful as they slowly

Plantain leads us to

ORA by KEN MOORE

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In the last several months, I have

been responding more and more to

comments and inquiries from Citizen

readers. These folks, in sharing their

own "closer look" observations, of-

stories already in the queue.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

turn from green to copper brown.

dock

Candidate fields grow crowded in local races

Sookram will challenge Kleinschmidt in race for mayor

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

As the filing period for this fall's municipal elections draws to a close, more candidates have signed up for the races, including Tim Sookram, who will challenge Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt.

Sookram, a web designer, moved to Chapel Hill about a year ago.

"I saw that ... Mark Kleinschmidt was running unopposed," he said. "I thought that I could have a shot and try to change things for the better here in Chapel Hill."

Sookram said he would like to see expanded public transit service, improved parking downtown and more affordable housing in Chapel Hill.

"I'm just generally interested in politics and local politics in Chapel Hill and

North Carolina in general," he said. Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton has also filed for reelection, but no one has announced an intent to run against him.

For Carrboro Board of Aldermen, former longtime board member Braxton Foushee joined the race this week. Foushee, who has recently served as Carrboro's representative to the Orange Water and Sewer Authority board of directors, said he has disagreed with some of the board of aldermen's decisions.

"My take is if you're not of their per-



suasion, you're not going to get them to hear you," he said. "That's the impression that I get."

Foushee said items at the top of his agenda include rethinking development on North Greensboro Street and identifying solutions for the day laborers who gather at the corner of Jones Ferry and Davie roads.

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School board race heats up

BY TAYLOR SISK Staff Writer

Four more candidates have filed to fill five seats on the seven-member Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education. Brian Bower, Raymond Conrad and Kris Castellano are first-time candidates, while Annetta Streater is making a bid for her third term. Streater was appointed in 2006 to complete the term of a resigning board member and was

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Farmers celebrate tomato season

BY BROOKE PARKER Staff Writer

In the peak of tomato season, the Carrboro Farmers' Market celebrates one of its most anticipated annual events - Tomato Day. This Saturday, farmers will fill their stands with juicy locally grown tomatoes to honor the festivities.

This year, local businesses are joining in on Tomato Day fun through a raffle, in which customers will receive raffle tickets for each market purchase in order to win prizes and gift certificates to local shops and restaurants.

We're extremely excited about the new raffle and know that customers will be too," said market manager Sarah Blacklin. Prizes include dinner for two at Lantern, tomato appetizers at Elaine's on Franklin, a facial at Moshi Moshi, tickets for events at The ArtsCenter, coffee from Jessee's Coffee & Bar and more.

Shoppers can find their way around Tomato Day by looking for the big red tomato signs pointing to vendors selling tomatoes.

Local farmers will showcase more than 70 varieties of tomatoes in all manner of colors, shapes and sizes.

"It's pretty creative what they



story. Flora is gradually evolving into a series of reader-inspired columns, for which I am appreciative.

ten steer me into an unintended next

This happened just this past week. In response to my description of plantain, Citizen reader Allies Scales shared that plantain leaves reminded her of the dock leaves she remembered finding in England, invariably in close proximity to nettle patches, since, as children, she and her friends learned that crushing dock leaves and rubbing them on the skin took the hurt out of close encounters with stinging nettles. Her curiosity led her to wonder if perhaps plantain and dock, both useful medicinal weeds, may be in the same plant family. She was also curious about other complimentary plant pairs that may grow close to one another.

So, thank you, Allies, for focusing my attention on dock for this week's Flora.

How convenient that my wild yard-garden is filled with dock, which I have considered featuring for years but has just never ended up in the queue.

Common dock, Rumex crispus, is frequently called curly dock, because its giant leaves are curly or wavy along the margins.

The greenish flowers of dock

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Blacklin said.

Each year, local farmers bring new varieties of tomatoes, and this year shoppers can look for new flavors such as the rich yellow Kellogg's Breakfast, purple Black Krims and the multi-colored Green Zebra.

'Tomato Day is always fun because it shows what the market really has to offer," said Alex Hitt of Peregrine Farm. He offers an exciting assortment of tomatoes including the Green Cherokee, which is brilliantly green on the inside. Hitt was one of the first farmers at the market to start producing new types of heirloom tomatoes.

"The heat has been difficult, but this crop season has been much better than

Elise Margoles of Elysian Fields Farm (right) offers a variety of tomatoes, including Big Beef, Pink Girl and Lemon Boy. PHOTO BY SUSAN DICKSON

last year," he said.

This year, the market is celebrating the "practically perfect naked" tomato to emphasize the deliciousness of a tomato on its own, and really "allow customers to taste the difference," Blacklin said.

"Market staff and volunteers will be serving sliced tomato samples in order to allow full appreciation of the complex tomato flavors. Volunteers run the show," she said. Those interested can register to

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farewell,

their



Carrboro Farmers' Market shoppers will find a wide variety of tomatoes at the market this time of year. PHOTO BY SUSAN DICKSON

Farewell to the King of Carrboro

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

There are certain people in small towns who become recognizable to many, whose stories are retold among residents, who become a part of the landscape. They become local celebrities, fixtures of the town. Robert Harman was one such person.

Harman, 73, was riding his bike in the westbound bicycle lane of Main Street on Saturday when he swerved out of the bike lane and into traffic. He later

Hospitals injuries sustained in the accident. This Harman's friends and family bid him sharing many stories and

Robert Harman memories of the

man who dubbed himself "The King of Carrboro."

It's difficult to piece together the sto-

died at UNC ries of Harman's life, as he told many from different accounts of his history to his friends in downtown Carrboro.

> "For all the things he's told me over the years, I could write a book," said week, Cliff Collins, owner of Cliff's Meat Market. "He told a lot of fascinating stories."

> > Harman could often be seen throughout downtown Carrboro - tall and gaunt, with a distinct broken gait and headphones. He spent time playing his guitar at Open Eye Café and at Cliff's Meat Market, telling Collins

about his daily encounters.

Harman was known in town as a war veteran, though depending on who you talk to, he could have fought in either Korea or Vietnam. What's been told that's most likely true is that he was a longtime coal miner, born and raised in West Virginia, who left home at 14, Collins said.

"He spent a lot of time down in the ground," Collins said. "He took lots of chances when he was there." Collins

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Carrboro calls NC-connected auteurs

RECENTLY ... **BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ**

Calling all Tar Heel filmmakers! This year, for the first time, the Carrboro Film Festival will accept film submissions with connections

to anywhere in North Carolina. For previous festivals, filmmakers had to prove a connection (past or present) to Carrboro - now it's to anywhere in the Old North State.

"We're always trying to take it to the next level in regards to the films that we get," said Jackie Helvey, who co-founded the festival with filmmaker Nic Beery in 2006. "We want to get the best

that we possibly can," which they hope will happen by opening up the parameters for submissions, she added.

"One of the things that spurred it is that we're viewing the films online this year, so there's less of an administrative process involved," Helvey said. Previously, the judges, who are the eight members of the festival committee, would each pick up a bag of films, watch them and fill out paperwork for each film, and then pass the bag along to another for judging.

"We've gone from completely 20th century with hard-copy applications to applying online, paying online and online reviews,"

said committee member Chris Beacham, who set up the online process.

"The online submission process is quick and simple and environmentally friendly," Beery said. "It's all the things we wanted to achieve as we head into our sixth year of the festival

"It's quick because if a filmmaker has a short film or two, all they need to do is go to our site and click submit and the form is online."

Beery further explained that if their films are online, filmmakers need only provide a link and password - no need to mail a DVD.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY JULY 14 Ba-Da Wings: Tim Stambaugh. 9pm

The Cave: EARLY: Lynn Williams LATE: Howlies, The Blue Party. \$5

City Tap: Sarah Shook and The Devil. 8pm Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Friends

of Yours, The True Jacqueline. 8pm Local 506: Farewell Drifters, Sinful Savage Tigers. 9:30pm. \$8

Weaver Street Market: Mystery Hillbillies. 6pm

FRIDAY JULY 15 Bynum General Store: The Small Ponds. 7pm Caffe Driade: Durham Ukulele

Orchestra. 8pm Carolina Inn: Big Fat Gap. 5pm

The Cave: EARLY: Shakin' Sherman and DT's LATE: Southern Hostility

City Tap: Tad Walters, Chatham County Slim and Papa Mike. 7pm

General Store Cafe: Brenda Linton, 8pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Puritan Rodeo, Patrick Blackburn. 8pm

Katy's Music Bar: Jambalaya. 8pm Local 506: Bill Callahan, Ed Askew. 9pm. \$13/15

The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY JULY 16 Caffe Driade: Better Off Dead. 8pm

The Cave: EARLY: DTL LATE: The Breaks, Killer Filler

City Tap: Great Big Gone. 8pm General Store Cafe: Backbeat. 8pm. \$5

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Will Filer, Sarah Klein. 8pm Local 506: The Dirty Guv'nahs, Dark Water Rising. 9:30pm. \$10

Nightlight: IKOT, Yohimbe. 10pm. \$5

The Station at Southern Rail: Lee Gildersleeve and Bad Dog Blues Band. 6pm

SUNDAY JULY 17 The Cave: EARLY: Rock Camp LATE: Hank Hall

Local 506: Hadwynn, The Future Is Me, Sumerlin. 9pm. \$6

Southern Village: Big John Shearer and The Blue Side Up Band. 7pm

The Station at Southern Rail: The Red Hot Poker Dots. 3pm The Dave Spencer Band. 8pm

Weaver Street Market: Olivarez Trio. I lam

TUESDAY JULY 19 The Cave: LATE: Chop Chop

Piola Restaurant: Chris Reynolds. 7pm

The Station at Southern Rail: Mysti Mahem. 9pm

WEDNESDAY JULY 20 Caffe Driade: Rafael Green. 8pm The Cave: EARLY: William Michael

Dillon Century Center: Jonathan C

Ward. 7:30pm \$3

Local 506: The Veritise Brass Band Nightlight: John Wesley Coleman, Rayon Beach

THURSDAY JULY 21 Ba-Da Wings: Tim Stambaugh.

9pm The Cave: EARLY: Triple Fret LATE: The Trillions, The Awesome Few

City Tap: Jo Gore and The Alternative. 8pm

General Store Cafe: Tony Galiani. 8pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: TD Verts, Wayne Graham. 8pm

Local 506: Heartless Bastards. 9pm. \$12/14

Nightlight: Monoslang, Honey Rider, Neurovine. 9;30pm. \$5

The Station at Southern Rail: Penny Prophets. 11pm

Weaver Street Market: Different Drum. 6pm

FRIDAY JULY 22 Bynum General Store: Swift Creek. 7pm

Caffe Driade: Nate Robertson Jazz Group. 8pm

Carolina Inn: Mick Mixon and the Franklin Street Band, 5pm

Cat's Cradle: Dex Romweber Duo, Birds of Avalon, Eric Sommer. 9pm, \$10

The Cave: EARLY: Zen Frisbee LATE: Zen Frisbee

City Tap: Alia. 7pm

General Store Cafe: Big John Shearer. 8pm

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Zoo. 8pm

Local 506: My Dad Is Dead, Doug Gillard, Bastages, JPhono I. 9:30pm. \$7

Nightlight: Eugene Chadbourne, Stephanie Rearick. 9:30pm

Open Eye Cafe: New Hope Creek. 8pm

The Station at Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm

SATURDAY JULY 23 Caffe Driade: Mercuriel and

Evenkeel, 8pm Cat's Cradle: Girls Rock NC

Showcase. 7:30pm. \$5 The Cave: EARLY: New Hope Creek. \$5 LATE: Dylan Gilbert, Bibis

Ellison, Crystal Bright and The Silver Hands Century Center: The Neuse River Flute Circle, Autumns Child.

Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm. \$15

City Tap: The Swang Brothers. 8pm

Century Hall: Mark Holland and Autumn's Child. 7pm. \$15

Jessee's Coffee and Bar: Alberts Adams, Amy Allen, Lost Trail. 8pm

Local 506: Embarrassing Fruits, The Trillions, Blag'ard. 9:30pm. \$7

Open Eye Cafe: Tad Dreis. 8pm

The Station at Southern Rail: Maiani-Largent Trio. 6pm

MOVIE LISTINGS

We suggest you call for exact show times. All listings start Friday.

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM 309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030

Closed temporarily for renovations. Will reopen in August for the N.C. Gay & Lesbian Film Festival and resume regular movie screenings in October.

CHELSEA THEATER Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005 Beginners; Buck; Midnight in Paris;

The Tree of Life

THE LUMINA Southern Village, 932-9000

Cars 2; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2; Horrible Bosses; Transformers: Dark of the Moon; X-Men: First Class; Zookeeper

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6 120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Cars 2; Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2; Horrible Bosses; Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D; Zookeeper

THE VARSITY 123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665 Thor; Rio; Water for Elephants

SPOTLIGHT: BILL CALLAHAN



Bill Callahan will perform at Local 506 on Friday, July 15 at 9 p.m.

Callahan recorded more than 20 albums under the name of Smog before dropping the pseudonym in 2007, and is described by his booking agency as "a tastefully rampant singer-songwriter, a heartthrob, a visual artist, a statesman for the times and an author." He is known for his baritone voice and unemotional delivery and prefers a free-form approach to songwriting.

Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., and Ed Askew will open the show.





Explore the harmonic roots of the Farewell Drifters, a Nashville-based bluegrassy Americana quintet, tonight at Local 506.

The Nashville Scene says the band "has gone from playing crisp, '60s Southern California-inspired bluegrass to smart, baroque acoustic pop." Nashville Review adds: "If a young Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel had ever gathered with Brian Wilson and the young Beach Boys and formed a Nashville string band, it might just have sounded like The Farewell Drifters.'

The band is out now in support of its third album, Echo Boom. Local boys the Sinful Savage Tigers open. Doors are at 9 p.m., show's at 9:30. Eight bucks gets you in.



ALSO PRESENTING LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL) FR 7/15 BILL CALLAHAN W/ED ASKEW TH 7/21 A SPECIAL ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH HEARTLESS BASTARDS **SA 7/30 JOLIE HOLLAND SU 9/11 MINIATURE TIGERS** WE 9/14 DAN ANDRIANO IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM (FEAT. DAN ANDRIANO OF ALKALINE TRIO) TU 9/20 SECRET CHIEFS 3 WE 9/21 NICK 13 (OF TIGER AR TU 10/25 THE WOMBATS W/TH POSTELLES AND STATIC JA ON SALE JULY 15 FR 11/11 THE SEA AND CAKE RALEIGH AMPHITHEATER FR 7/29 BON IVER W/THE ROSEBUDS VIA TICKETMASTER WE 9/21 FLEET FOXES TU 9/27 WILCO W/NICK LOWE ON SALE JULY 15 KINGS (RALEIGH) FR 7/22 MOONFACE 8PM SHOW TH 9/22 MATT POND AND ROCKY VOLATATO KOKA BOOTH AMPHITHEATRE (CARY) MO 8/8 DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE)-PRESENTED WITH OUTBACK CONCERTS TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CAT'S CRADLE WITHOUT SERVICE CHARGE M0 9/19 **RAY** LAMONTAGNE THE ARTSCENTER (TU 8/16 ERIC JOHNSON WE 8/24 AN EVENING WITH RICHARD BUCKNER AND DAVID KILGOUR TU 9/20 ADRIAN BELEW POWER TRIO AND STICK MEN FEATURING WITH CRIM-CENTRIC ENCOR \$32 / VIP \$45 SEATING 8PM SHO LINCOLN THEATRE (RALEIGH) TU 9/13 OKKERVIL RIVER TH 9/22 THE HEAD AND THE HEART W/THAO WITH THE GET D STAY DOWN AND THE DEVIL WHALE DOV TH 10/6 THE BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA **MOTORCO (DURHAM)** SA 9/17 FRUIT BATS HAW RIVER BALLROOM (SAX) SA 10/1 STEPHEN MALKMUS AND THE JICKS DISCO RODEO (RALEIGH) WE 10/12 ARCTIC MONKEYS W/SMITH WESTERNS *(\$24/\$27) ON SALE JULY 15



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Briefs

Work starts on shelter neighbor plan

The first Good Neighbor Plan Advisory Committee meeting for the development of a plan regarding the Inter-Faith Council's new men's homeless shelter held its first meeting on Monday, but a representative from A Better Site, a group of neighbors opposed to the project as sited, did not attend.

The Chapel Hill Town Council approved the development site, near the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Homestead Road, earlier this year and asked the IFC and others to develop a Good Neighbor Plan for the project. According to A Better Site, the group did not send a representative to the committee meeting because the developer denied their requests to open the meetings to the public and neighbors and follow open meeting law, and because the developer stacked the committee with known project supporters.

Chatham sets redistricting hearing

The Chatham County Board of Commissioners will host a second public hearing this Monday in the Agriculture Auditorium in Pittsboro to receive input on three proposed options for redrawing the five commissioner districts based on 2010 census data. The hearing will be part of the 6 p.m. regular commissioners' meeting.

A copy of the current commissioner district map and the three proposed options are available at chathamnc.org/Index. aspx?page=35. Residents also can review the maps weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the county manager's office at 12 East St. in Pittsboro.

To sign up to speak at the hearing, fill out the form on the county website or email sandra.sublett@chathamnc.org

One-lane traffic on Mason Farm

Roadwork began Monday on Mason Farm Road near its intersection with West Drive. The road will be reduced to one lane from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

The project is expected to be completed by July 27.

OWASA distributes water report

OWASA has issued a report indicating that it surpassed federal and state standards for drinking-water quality in 2010.

According to the report, OWASA tested its water some 45,000 times in 2010 for more than 150 contaminants; only 13 were present at detectable levels and all were below limits set by the EPA.

Testing results are reported in the utility's annual "Water Quality Report Card," which is being mailed to OWASA customers, and can be found at owasa.org

OWASA will test any customer's drinking water for no charge. Contact Rachel Monschein at 537-4227 or rmonschein@owasa.org

Town begins maintenance in annexed areas

The Town of Carrboro has taken over maintenance of the approximately 3.86 miles of streets in Northeast Annexation Areas A and B.

The town informed the N.C. Department of Transportation not long after annexation that deficient sections of streets needed to be improved before the town would consider taking them over for maintenance. Sections of the state system were improved in 2010 and the board of aldermen subsequently adopted a resolution requesting these roads be transferred to the town. The request was approved in June.

Additionally, Meadow Run Court, which was not on the state system, was recently resurfaced by the adjoining homeowners association and also has been accepted into the town's system. Once the roads are added, they will be eligible for funding under the Powell Bill.

For more information, contact Lakisha White-Kelly at 918-7425 or lwhite-kelly@townofcarrboro.org

TOWN **ELECTIONS** FROM PAGE

Carrboro Board of Aldermen incumbents Dan Coleman and Lydia Lavelle and newcomer Michelle Johnson have also filed to run for seats on the board. Board member Joal Hall Broun has said she will not seek reelection.

For Chapel Hill Town Council, incumbents Donna Bell and Matt Czajkowski announced this week that they would seek reelection. Jon DeHart, who ran for council two years ago, has also filed for election. DeHart has lived in Chapel

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recalled Harman telling him of an accident in which Harman broke his neck, causing his head to forever have a slight tremor.

Following his life as a coal miner, Harman spent time working on the parking deck at UNC Hospitals, boxing in Alabama and working in Charlotte, Collins said.

Regardless of whether he was a miner, war veteran or boxer, what is certain is that Harman was a man who loved to make friends, talk with strangers and chat with children. He loved music - especially country - and taking pictures, which he often made prints of to give to his photographic subjects.

"He was a loner at first," Collins said, recalling the first time he met Harman sometime around 1999 or 2000. Harman

Hill for seven years and has served on the Chapel Hill Transportation Board and was a member of the Chapel Hill Citizens Police Academy. He is a manager with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

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DeHart said he wants to focus on three issues: "Housing affordability, sustainability - both environmental and economic - and public trust in our leaders and increasing transparency in local government."

Bell, who was appointed to the council in December 2009, said she wants to focus on the economy, making sound decisions for the future and harnessing the power of diversity.

was riding his bike past Collins' store and yelled something at him, and Collins yelled back. Harman then came up to him and asked for a job.

A few years later, Harman was kicked out of the homeless shelter for fighting and had nowhere to live. Collins agreed to let him stay in one of the downtown apartments he owns for a few months. A few months turned into seven or eight years, he said, laughing.

After some time here, "his life blossomed," Collins said.

Over the years, Harman had several run-ins with cars, including a particularly bad accident near the corner of Greensboro and Main streets in 2003. The accidents didn't keep him from being active, however, and he continued walking and riding his bike around town until the end.

"The circumstances of his death really suit him. I don't think there's a way he'd rather

"I have 15 years experience as a nonprofit leader and educator listening and learning from communities to work with people to help solve problems and build collective capacity," Bell said in a statement. "This is the role I want to continue

to play on the council." Czajkowski said the economy will be a greater challenge for the council in coming years.

"I think that the demonstrated ability and willingness to address fiscal matters and other issues head on, to explain the logic of one's decision, are criteria that every voter in Chapel Hill should be examining in regard to the candidates because that's what we're going to be

go," said Lydia Lewallen, one of

Harman's close friends and his

former neighbor, who first met

Harman walking around down-

The two shared a hallway be-

"Most of our time was sharing

space," Lewallen said. "It was re-

ally difficult to have a conversa-

Still, they managed to have a

"He was very much interested

things like human dignity, rac-

in his personal dignity," Lewal-

len said. "He had a lot of shame

surrounding that. I didn't know

his psychiatric history and I don't

Harman was an extremely

giving person, and spent much of

his mining pension buying gifts

for others, Collins said.

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doing," he said.

In addition, Czajkowski wants to focus on getting a variety of residents involved in the revision of the town's comprehensive plan, especially those who have never participated in town boards and committees before.

The candidates join Jason Baker, Augustus Cho, Laney Dale and Lee Storrow in the race for town council. The terms of Mayor Pro Tem Jim Ward and council members Bell, Czajkowski and Sally Greene will expire this year, leaving four open seats. Ward has not announced his plans, while Greene said she will not seek reelection.

The filing period closes Friday.

Lewallen said when her bike was stolen, Harman left one outside her apartment door with a bouquet of fake flowers.

"There was a lot of gift giv-"He yelled at me one day. He ing," she said. called me 'Red," said Lewallen, Lewallen

Lewallen also recalls Harman's confidence, and the pleasure he took in being a local celebrity.

"He always used to call himself the King of Carrboro. He was definitely into being known," Lewallen said.

"He was so impressed with number of conversations, about himself," Collins added. Harman once told Collins that he was the most popular man in Carrboro.

"He was a true character. I know that I'll never forget him," Lewallen said.

A memorial service for Harman will be held today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Walker's Funeral Home. Open Eye Café plans to hold a memorial soon as well; check Open Eye for updates.

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help out at the market's website.

Tomato season is one of the most exciting times to be at the market, and Tomato Day gives us a chance to show off and educate our community on the truly unique and high-quality tomatoes our local farmers produce every year," said Erin Heiderman, the market's new assistant manager.

The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. For more information, visit carr-

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"And at the end of the submission form, they are able to pay online, so no more writing a check and having town staff run to the bank and use gas," Beery said.

The festival also provides an inexpensive submission cost until Aug. 20, the submission fee is \$10; after that, it's \$15 until the closing deadline on Sept. 30. There is no limit to how many films a person may submit, but a film may be no longer than 20 don't have to live in North Carolina - they must simply prove a tie to it.

"A lot of our award-winning films have been made by people who came to school here to learn filmmaking at UNC, but have moved on," Helvey said.

Last year's festival saw more than 100 submissions, but Beacham said that almost 20 have already been received this

"I'd say that 75 percent of them are from professionals and 25 percent are students," he said. "They're coming in pretty consistently, one about every other

most to choose from ever."

"The bigger the pool you have to choose from, the higher the quality," Helvey said.

Anyone who has attended any of the previous festivals knows the quality has been stimulating.

Find out more (and maybe become inspired to shoot your own film) at carrborofilmfestival.com.

For those who just like to watch the films, mark your calendar to attend the festival on Nov. 20.

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

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Briefs

Potluck at Johnny's

Johnny's will host a community potluck on Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for community members to share ideas on the potential future of the Johnny's space.

The coffee shop and music venue recently closed after owners Jan Halle and Brian Plaster parted ways. A new Facebook page for the popular gathering spot refers to the business as "Johnny's Gone Fishing." Potluck attendees should bring their own food, beverages, plates, forks and musical instruments.

Johnny's is located at 901 W. Main St. in Carrboro.

Senior care event

Carrboro and Chapel Hill community members are invited to attend a free event to prepare families for emergencies dealing with their senior loved ones. The Home Instead Senior Care office will host the event at 104 S. Estes Drive, building 102, on Tuesday at noon.

Attendees are asked to bring their own lunch, and

beverages will be provided. Everyone who attends the event will receive a free senior emergency kit.

Registration is recommended. To register for the event, call 933-3300 by Friday.

Flag football in Chapel Hill

The Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for youth flag football for ages 5-6 and for youth tackle football ages 7-12. Teams will participate in the Central Piedmont Football League.

Practice begins in August and games start in September. Registration cost for flag football is \$50 for Orange County residents and \$60 for non-Orange County residents. Tackle football registration is \$60 for county residents and \$72 for non-county residents.

Birth certificates are required for registration. Register at the Parks and Recreation office at 200 Plant Road. For more information, contact Mike Troutman at 968-2736.

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 questions or comments to yourhealth@unc.edu

Dear HOUSE Calls, I've had an arthritic hip for several years and I was wondering if that might impact my knees?

The answer is yes, for any type of arthritis. Depending on the type of arthritis, the reasons vary. Let's assume you mean osteoarthritis. This is the most common type of arthritis, and increases with age. Most people develop this from wear and tear on the joints, carrying too much weight, a problem with alignment or just use over many decades. Old injuries can set off alignment problems, especially broken bones and joint injuries. Once you have arthritis in one joint, you might redistribute the load in a way that accelerates damage to other joints. The good news is that the treatment will largely be the same. Weight loss, if applicable, will minimize ongoing damage. Also, anti-inflammatories (like ibuprofen) will help with all of your joints. And exercise will help with both joint mobility

significant arthritis, we will usually recommend avoiding running, tennis and other types of high-impact exercise. But cycling, swimming and modest weight training can be a huge benefit. So work with your doctor and possibly a physical therapist to figure out what will help you the most.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I

don't eat enough fruits and vegetables. What are the best supplements to get those nutrients that I need?

It's great that you're paying attention to this. However, you might not like our answer. We recommend vegetables and fruits in the whole form. We know eating lots of vegetables and fruit is associated with diabetes and heart disease, and healthier weight, etc.). We really can't say the same about supplements. The better supplements are closer to whole fruits

and vegetables, but more expensive. Juices tend to drive up the blood sugar, are loaded with calories and don't have the fiber of whole vegetables and fruits. Vitamins don't have the sugar, but neither do they have the fiber nor do they provide a sense of fullness. If taste is the challenge, there are some great quick and healthy vegetarian cookbooks. With the globalization of our food economy, you can get a huge variety of relatively fresh vegetables and fruits. Frozen products are a decent alternative in terms of nutrition. A daily smoothie is a good way to sneak in a couple of servings of fruit, mixed with some fat-free yogurt. Rather than using supplements, we really prefer you get four or five servings a day of vegetables and fruits.

HOUSE Calls is a weekly column by Dr. Adam Goldstein, Dr. Cristy Page and Dr. Adam Zolotor on behalf of Your Health and the UNC Department of Family Medicine.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY JULY 14

Locally Grown Film — Showing Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Wallace Plaza, 8pm Free locally-grown.com

Movie Screening — In the Realm of the Senses to be shown. Internationalist Books, 7pm Free

FRIDAY JULY 15

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Contra Dance — Presented by The Carolina Song and Dance Association, with live music by The Carolina Cut-Ups. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm/workshop, 8pm/dance \$8 csda-dance.org

SATURDAY JULY 16

Car Wash — Proceeds to benefit Chatham Habitat for Humanity. Chatham Habitat office parking lot, 10am-3pm Chathamhabitat.org

SUNDAY JULY 17

CASTLE Benefit — Women's Voices Chorus to present "A Feast for the Senses to benefit the Center for Acquisition of Spoken Language Through Listening Enrichment." United Church of Chapel Hill, 4pm womensvoiceschorus. org Free

Woman's Day Celebration -With speaker Rev. Sarita Allen-

Medlin. First Baptist Church, 11am 942-2552

Sunburst Projects — Fundraiser with live music, spoken word, comedy, fashion show, fire dancer and chair massage. Proceeds benefit the psychosocial needs of children. teens and families living with HIV/ AIDS in Kenya. The Looking Glass Cafe and Boutique, 4-9pm sunburstprojects.org/Kenya.html

MONDAY JULY 18

Book Group - Evening BookGroup will discuss The Daily Coyote by Shreve Stockton. Chapel Hill Public Library, 7pm Free 968-2780

Community Potluck — Share food, music and ideas for the community space at Johnny's. 901 W. Main St., 6:30-8:30pm carrborogreenspace.org

TUESDAY JULY 19

Movie Showing — The Tourist, starring Angelina Jolie and Johnny Depp to be shown as part of the Adult Summer Reading Program. Chapel Hill Public Library, 6:30pm Free 969-2028

Cornucopia Event — First of a four-part series, "Getting Your Bearings," is open to individuals at any stage of their cancer journey.

5517 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd., Suite 1000, Durham, 10:30am Free 401-9333

Fracking Bewareness — With speaker loe Hackney and excerpts from the documentary Gasland. Fearrington Barn, 6:30 Free chathamcitizens.org

WEDNESDAY JULY 20 **Book Sale** — Christmas in July more than mini-book sale. Cash or checks only. Chapel Hill Public

Library, 3-5pm Ionathan Ward — Native American Flutist to perform at Carrboro Century Center, 7:30-9pm \$3

THURSDAY JULY 21

Movie Showing — Megamind will be shown as part of the Locally Grown Series. Wallace Plaza, 8pm

Dulcimer Players — Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players will meet, with both beginners and experts welcome. Carol Woods Retirement Community, 7pm 929-5359

Documentary Showing — If a Tree Falls: A Story of the Earth Liberation Front, about the ELF and Daniel McGowan. Internationalist Books, 7pm Free

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by Linda Thistle

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Carrboro Creative Coworking to close its doors in September



Brian Russell of Carrboro Creative Coworking

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BY TAYLOR SISK Staff Writer

Carrboro Creative Coworking will close its doors at the end of September, founder and owner Brian Russell announced on Tuesday. The shared workspace has been in operation at 205 Lloyd St. since October 2008.

"At this time I have no plans to continue operations with CCC, although I believe in coworking as strongly as ever," Russell wrote in a statement on his blog, "and I'm pursuing options that would continue my involvement in the coworking movement."

Russell said Carrboro Creative Coworking was established as an affordable environment for workers who have "escaped traditional nine-to-five jobs," most particularly freelancers, telecommuters and entrepreneurs. He has described the business as a "professional shared workspace with a coffee shop vibe."

"Unfortunately," Russell wrote, "the costs of my current coworking business model have turned out to be higher than the potential maximum revenue."

The number of coworkers Russell has been able to recruit has been fewer than hoped, he said, due to a reluctance to commute from outside the immediate area and a poor economy that has reduced personal and business budgets.

The floor plan of the Lloyd Street building was also an issue. Russell's original business plan called for an open floor plan, a bullpen-type environment inspired by start-up companies in big cities that set up shop in warehouses, though on a smaller scale. Such an arrangement,

Russell said in a Wednesday interview, "allows for collaboration and thus more productivity."

Russell points to Durham as a mid-sized city with "these amazing buildings" being used as innovative work environments.

"But when I was starting CCC up, that kind of office space wasn't available in Carrboro," Russell wrote.

In order to qualify for a Town of Carrboro revolving loan, he was required to find a place in downtown Carrboro, and settled on the Lloyd Street location.

"In retrospect, that was a mistake," he wrote, "and I take full responsibility for it."

A floor plan comprised of two common areas, a break room and several small offices "dictated a major change to my business model, forcing me to be in the office lease business."

Under this revised model, Russell said, more square footage was desirable, and he considered growth scenarios in which he would be selling executive office space, with coworking on the side. "Unfortunately, the economy worsened, and the startup capital necessary to fund a largescale expansion became scarce."

Carrboro Economic and Community Development Director Annette Stone said on Wednesday that the CCC loan is secured with real property: "We do have backing for it."

Russell said he hopes to continue to pursue means of providing sustainable office space, but that his first priority must be providing for his family. He also said he intends to write about what he's learned in hopes of better informing those who explore coworking opportunities.

Briefs

Kennel opens in CH

Chapel Hill Boarding Kennel, a new boarding kennel and dogtraining center, has opened on New Hope Church Road.

The 20-run facility plans to provide upscale lodging for dogs and a wide range of obedience training and problem-solving services. The 3,000-square-foot facility includes a 1,000-square-foot indoor activity room for obedience classes, training and playtime and doggie daycare.

A grand opening celebration will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Chapel Hill Boarding Kennel is located at 719 New Hope Church Road.

Coffee shop needs partners

Tim Peck of Peck and Artisans hopes to bring a coffee shop to the lower level of his building, located on the corner of East Main and West Main streets.

Peck has partnered with Tim Toben, developer of Greenbridge Condominiums, to launch the business, and the two are looking for other potential partners.

For more information, contact Peck at tbpeck@earthlink.net

Jewelry studio opens

The James Carter Studio and School of Jewelry Arts recently

For more information, visit James-CarterStudio.com

SCORE recognized

The Chapel Hill Chapter of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) is one of 36 chapters nationwide to receive recognition from the parent organization in Washington, D.C., for its excellent performance this year.

The recognition was based on the chapter's Local Service Index, the measure of performance for all chapters, which was more than four times the national average. Volunteer business counselors provided more than 400 client services this year.

SCORE members provide free consulting services to entrepreneurs seeking to start a business and assist established companies. For more information, visit scorechapelhill.org

Surplus Sid's receives energy-efficiency loan

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen on June 28 approved an Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan (EERLF) for improvements to Surplus Sid's.

The improvements will be the first project funded by the Carrboro WISE (Worthwhile Investments Save Energy) Program, which is operated via a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. The WISE EERLF program was designed to achieve a minimum of 15 percent energy savings per project.

than 24 years, could see a 35 percent annual energy reduction through the proposed retrofit measures to the building, which was built in 1946.

CitiFinancial becomes OneMain Financial

The CitiFinancial office at Carrboro Plaza has changed its name to OneMain Financial.

Branch manager Meryl Almond said the name change will not impact the office's products and services. To celebrate the new name, the branch will hold a sweepstakes throughout the month of July in which customers and community members could be eligible to win a Blu-ray player.

OneMain Financial is a community lender with more than 1,300 locations across the U.S.

New leadership for DSI

DSI Comedy Theater recently announced that Paula Pazderka has taken over as the company's new artistic director and comedy school manager, with John Reitz serving as assistant director and production manager.

Pazderka and Reitz will re-

place founder and executive producer Zach Ward, who recently announced that he would leave Carrboro to take the helm of ImprovBoston. Ward will remain executive producer, but Pazderka and Reitz have assumed the dayto-day operations of the theater.

Prior to assuming their new roles, Pazderka and Reitz worked with and performed for DSI.

New automotive inspection business

tomotive pre-purchase mobile inspection service based in Hillsborough, opened for business last month.

auto inspections and automotive consulting.

For more information, visit yourautomatters.com

Furniture Follies closes

Furniture Follies has closed its store at 404 E. Main St. A sign in the window of the business said that Furniture Follies' last day was July 9 due to "redevelopment of the property."

New information will be

posted at furniturefollies.com as it becomes available. For more information, call 929-7233.

Business After Hours

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce will host Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on July 21 at University Mall.

The networking event will be held in conjunction with University Mall's Sweet Carolina Summer Concert Series, featuring music by Chairman of the Board, beverages and a children's corner.

The event is free for chamber members and no registration is required. For more information, contact Laura Morrison at 357-9989 or lmorrison@carolinachamber.org

Bastille Day at Provence

Provence will celebrate Bastille

Day today (Thursday). Festivities for the French National Holiday will include live music, an introduction to pétanque and a special tasting menu with 14 "petits plats" offered at \$4 each.

Live music starts in the garden

at 6 p.m. Berets are optional. Call 967-5008 for reservations.

Nelson reappointed to **Durham Tech board**

The Orange County Board of Commissioners last month reappointed Aaron Nelson, president and CEO of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, to the Durham Technical Community College board of trustees.

Nelson is serving a second term as the Orange County representative to the board. DTCC is a twoyear public institution serving Orange and Durham counties.

Net Impact happy hour

The Kenan-Flagler Net Impact Chapter and the Center for Sustainable Enterprise will hold a networking happy hour event at The Crunkleton on Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event will provide opportunities to network with sustainably minded UNC Kenan-Flagler MBA students and local professionals.

RSVP to Michelle Patrick at Michelle_Patrick@kenan-flagler. unc.edu



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Please submit the following information: industry/business type; business name; address; phone number; web URL.

To view listings from last year's directory, visit www.carrborocitizen.com/print/Guide2010.pdf. Send all data to Robert Dickson at publisher@ *carrborocitizen.com* by July 29, 2011.

For information regarding advertising in the Resource Guide, please contact Marty Cassady at marty@carrborocitizen.com or 919-942-2100.



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If you have used your debit or credit card or your Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) benefits at Carrboro Farmers' Market and received tokens to buy local farm products, then you've been participating in North Carolina's 21st Century Farmers' Markets program, a free-ofcharge program for customers. Since 2010, the Carrboro Farmers' Market has been participating in the statewide program, a state-sponsored and federally sanctioned agricultural retailer program, which 27 other N.C. farmers markets share in common.

The N.C. 21st Century Farmers' Markets program is made possible by the leadership of Chapel Hill-based Leaflight, a statewide nonprofit, with support from the N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services; N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services; USDA FNS; farmers; and citizens.

Thank you, Carrboro citizens, for your participation in our program! As the Carrboro Farmers' Market increasingly generates market revenue through the ATM machine, and \$5 tokens are no longer sold, \$5 tokens will continue to be accepted by farmers. One-dollar tokens will remain for sale to FNS recipients all season.

For more information about the N.C. 21st Century Farmers' Markets program, visit leaflight.org

ROBERT ANDREW SMITH *Executive Director, The Leaflight Inc.*

Above and beyond

My family has always enjoyed going to the Carrboro Branch Library. It is such a cozy, friendly place, where patrons feel right at home. Last summer, I visited the library with large groups of children from a local neighborhood and the staff could not have been more friendly and helpful as we flooded in weekly to check out books. Recently, some of those same staff members went above and beyond even their usual graciousness and visited a neighborhood in Carrboro, Abbey Court Condominiums, to invite and encourage parents and children to sign up for library cards. Some of the adults in this neighborhood are not fluent in English, so a staff member who speaks Spanish came to assist with communication and filling out forms. The branch librarian, who so wonderfully welcomed the children last summer, also came with a third staff member whose own children made a beautiful, colorful sign, and they all personally invited families to come and enjoy all that the library has to offer. They even brought bus schedules to show patrons how to reach the library on the public buses! Thank you, Anne, Lisa, Vanessa and Orange County commissioners. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful public library in our community, and we are even more fortunate that the staff makes the library a true community treasure.



IT LIKES TO KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES.

Strange difficulty in recognizing a win

BY KIRK ROSS

Hey, all you library patrons, here's something for your summer reading list: a six-page team-written work of nonfiction that while kinda dry — OK, really dry — spells out how the county and Chapel Hill are going to move forward on the library issue.

The title just jumps right off the shelf: "Interlocal Agreement by and between Orange County and the Town of Chapel Hill Regarding Funding of the Chapel Hill Municipal Library and Improved Interoperability of Library Systems." If you ask the clerk nicely, she may even get you a signed copy.

The lengthy battle over library funding flared up about four years ago as the town contemplated how to cover the costs of a voter-approved expansion of the library building. It arose from a long-running dispute over county support of Chapel Hill's library, which by policy treats all county residents as it would town citizens.

The issue all along has been about money. The county's \$250,000-per-year support remained static for more than a decade while Chapel Hill's costs went up. With the library expansion, those costs were really going to jump. County officials were certainly aware of the difficulties and costs of staffing a bigger library – the costs of opening the new main branch of the county system in Hillsborough spurred many hours of discussion by the commissioners.

So for four years, the question was how much more dough the county would pony up and with what strings.

The answer is spelled out in the above-mentioned six pages, and I'm glad to hear that the town has decided to push forward toward an agreement. implementation.

That recognizes the difficulty in getting different systems and teams of people working together. Interoperability, as we've found in public safety, recreation and housing, takes time and a lot of thought to work. It's a good goal, but it makes no sense to try to push it while the library is at University Mall.

The deal is also a win for the county because it moves the discussion beyond the funding issue and sets a mechanism that could eliminate most of the annual budget-season static about library funding.

And thankfully, the deal has put to rest the idea of charging nonresidents, which was a horrible idea. Charging those

who live beyond the confines of the municipality was a money loser, an added layer of bureaucracy and an impediment to the use of a public good, all rolled into one. We have very porous borders in southern Orange and a shared school system with Carrboro and other county residents. The library's open-door policy served us

well all these years and contributed to the quality of life of this place. And, really, it is beyond me how anyone can in one breath talk about an overworked staff and in the other advocate them having to implement what would become a logistical nightmare and a change of culture none of them would want to see.

There may be a temptation to say that without the actual threat of going to a pay system for county residents, the commissioners wouldn't have come around. But that sounds a little like Donald Trump patting himself on the back for the president finally releasing his long-form birth certificate.

To the contrary, the tough talk probably had a deleterious effect on the negotiations. According to folks on both sides, it hardened positions and dragged things out. And it sets up more obstacles in the future. In any negotiation, one of the things you have to do is dial down the signal-to-noise ratio. The library deal finally came down not because of tirades and outrage, but because both sides managed to get beyond that and set about negotiating in the real world.

Broken promises and double standards

BY CHRIS FITZSIMON

Not long after the 2010 election, the leaders of the new Republican majorities backed away from their long-standing support of an independent redistricting commission, saying there wasn't time for a commission to draw the new lines for Congress and the General Assembly in 2011.

They said the same thing after the session began in January – that they still supported a commission but not this year, as they wanted to get a version of the new district maps done by April or May and have them approved by the first of June.

But with the release of the maps this month, we now know why – and time had nothing to do with it.

The Republicans had no real interest in an independent commission this year because they wanted to gerrymander the lines to eliminate key Democrats and try to consolidate their own power for the next 10 years.

There's no other way to look at the maps. They are the purest form of raw partisan politics. Even a quick glance at the maps shows that gaining partisan advantage was not only a consideration, it was the driving force.

That's the only way to explain why small towns are split in half in the new legislative districts and urban areas are sliced up to form parts of three or even four new congressional districts.

> No independent commission would ever draw maps that look anything like the ones the Republicans are now proposing.

Some voters in Wake County will share a district with folks in Surry County. It is hard to think of two counties more different.

Key Democratic legislators like House Minority Leader Joe Hack-



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This was a clear win for Chapel Hill. The county has proposed a floor for funding, a reasonable formula for increasing it and an equitable way to balance increased support for Chapel Hill and improvements to the county system.

As for interoperability, the agreement is appropriately flexible, requiring the county and town staffs to report on the matter by year's end, but setting no hard rules or deadline for

Proposed Medicaid cuts misguided

BY VERLA INSKO

Official Washington is gripped by heated and contentious budget talks that include many misguided ideas for reducing federal spending on health care. Among the proposals under consideration are several that would slash as much as \$150 billion from Medicaid by shifting costs from federal to state governments. This crude approach appeals to those who value protecting corporate CEO profits and tax breaks for billionaires over everything else, but here in the real world we need to achieve a budget agreement that protects middleclass families and state budgets.

As a state representative and a former health care administrator, I know how important Medicaid funding is to our many neighbors who are seniors, low-income children and people with disabilities. Adequate Medicaid funding ensures that our folks have access to the kind of care we expect in times of need. Whether it's an extended stay in a nursing home, a quick visit to a doctor's office, inpatient hospital care or access to services that improve the lives of people with disabilities, it's no exaggeration to say that Medicaid-funded care is a lifeline to thousands of people in our area.

If these benefits falter because of actions in Washington, it would devastate the people of North Carolina, damage our state budget and deal a blow to our local economy.

Medicaid is already under the gun because of funding cuts passed by the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, and seniors would be big losers. In North Carolina, Medicaid pays for 67 percent of those who need nursing home care.

Seniors and people with disabilities make up one-quarter of the Medicaid enrollees but account for two-thirds of Medicaid spending. Medicaid acts as the primary payer for 64 percent of all nursing home residents. Big cuts to Medicaid would force our middle-class families to use their own nest eggs to pay huge costs for their parents' nursing home care while struggling to make ends meet and save for their own retirement and children's college tuition. The average cost of nursing home care in the U.S. is \$74,800 a year, while the median household income is only about \$52,000.

Medicaid funding helps support the local economy. Particularly in rural areas across the state, where there tend to be disproportionately high numbers of elderly and people with disabilities, health care providers are always among the biggest employers and purchasers of goods and services and therefore are a critical driver of the local economy. Medicaid funds pour into our hospitals, such as WakeMed and UNC, as well as medical practices, testing centers, nursing homes, home health agencies and every other kind of provider that depends on Medicaid funding for its survival. It's a far more important program than a lot of people realize. A recent report by Families USA shows that cutting Medicaid by onethird would result in a \$6 billion loss in business activity and almost 60,000 lost jobs in North Carolina alone.

It deeply concerns me to think of the substantial and irreversible economic damage that would happen here if these cuts were enacted. Business activity would surely slow – not just in health care, but in all the businesses that rely on paychecks from health care providers. Jobs would be lost across North Carolina as this crucial economic force dries up. At a time when the local economy is so fragile and the outlook for jobs is so precarious, cutting Medicaid is the last thing we need.

Turning the Medicaid program into a block grant will shift the cost burden onto families and states that simply don't have the wherewithal to take up the slack. North Carolina is already struggling to sustain Medicaid services with the existing matching funds from the federal government. The Republican plan would make our Medicaid program buckle under the pressure.

This plan unfairly targets our most vulnerable populations: the elderly, people with disabilities and low-income children. Moreover, eroding the safety net will undermine the economic security of struggling families across America. Directly or indirectly, the middle-class majority will suffer without affordable health care.

The budget negotiators should focus on ending wasteful tax subsidies and loopholes for large corporations that don't need it. Our big companies already are sitting on \$800 billion in cash that they aren't investing to create jobs while they post the greatest profits of all time. The budget deal should end tax breaks to the wealthy and super-wealthy individuals, who are making more money than ever without paying their fair share for the privilege of living in a remarkable country that has given them the opportunity to fulfill their dreams. The budget deal should include a balanced approach that doesn't devastate the middle-class families who rely on Medicare and Medicaid.

High unemployment, high gas prices, rising food costs and a weak housing market are already conspiring against our community. We don't need to make matters worse by removing the safety net that protects millions from the disastrous costs of essential health benefits.

Verla Insko represents Orange County in the N.C. House of Representatives.

ney and House Minority Whip Rick Glazier are among several Democrats that are put in districts with other Democratic incumbents.

The plans pack African-American voters to increase the number of safe Republican seats and diminish the influence of African-Americans across the state. Republicans cynically defend that practice by pointing to the Voting Rights Act, a law Republicans have long criticized and some have fought to repeal.

No independent commission would ever draw maps that look anything like the ones the Republicans are now proposing. They are literally choosing their voters to stay in power and that is exactly what they promised not to do.

Conservative groups were happy in the past to join with progressive organizations and complain about the gerrymandering that Democrats proposed when they were in control of the House and Senate.

But now that it is the Republicans abusing the redistricting process for political gain, all seems quiet on the right-wing front. Apparently, good government practices are only important when Democrats are in power.

The Republicans only defense of their outrageous plans is first to claim that they are fair and legal, which no one in Raleigh believes, and then to remind people that the Democrats did it too.

The new districts have a long way to go even after their almost certain passage later this month. The U.S. Justice Department has to pre-clear the plans under the Voting Rights Act and then the battle moves to the courts.

Much of this could have been avoided if Republicans had kept their word and taken the politics out of drawing the district lines. And there was plenty of time. There was simply no will to do the right thing.

Power was far more important than keeping a promise.

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

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Goat Cheese Stuffed Tomatoes Recipe provided by Melanie Raskin

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup plain goat cheese
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- I tablespoon chopped onions or scallions
- 4 teaspoons chopped sage leaves
- 4 large tomatoes, cored/"coned"

Procedure:

Mix the cheese, onions, sage and salt. Smush into "coned" tomatoes, then grill the tomatoes about five minutes, cheese side up. Serve over warm pasta (or as a side). I even like these cold, just as a side dish.

Tar Heel teams continue building foundation for the future

BY EDDY LANDRETH Staff Writer

A strong foundation is key to Carolina being one of the elite overall athletic programs in the nation each year.

Such a foundation rests on the broad shoulders of the gifted athletes who wear the school's uniforms.

What has made UNC's overall athletic program special is the consistency of excellence generated by so many different players



who progress through the natural cycle of college athletics.

As a group, UNC's coaches do this as well as any in the country.

But while the 2010-11 season saw Carolina's teams excel, this was more of a year in which many teams refitted their foundations. Even the men's basketball team, which finished first in the ACC regular-season standings and made it to the round of eight in the NCAA Tournament, was more about reestablishing itself as a national contender than what any of its immediate efforts yielded.

The women's soccer team could say the same. Carolina went 19-3-2, an excellent year for most teams. But the Tar Heels failed to make the final of the ACC tournament for the first time ever and didn't make the semifinals of the College Cup either. Last season's team had lost seven starters from the 2009 national championship team.

on Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at Nebraska, UNC's foundation will be set for a run at another NCAA championship either this season or next, which would be the school's 21st in women's soccer.

The men's basketball team will face similar expectations to the 2009 team, which dominated the NCAA tournament on its way to the school's fifth national championship.

When Tyler Zeller, John Henson and Harrison Barnes all decided to return to Carolina rather than play professionally, UNC vaulted to the head of the nation in the chase for the 2012 national title. UNC will have a contender for the nation's best individual player in Barnes, the ACC's top point guard in Kendall Marshall and the top shot-blocker in the country in Henson. And there is no big man in college basketball who runs the floor better than Zeller does.

The baseball team should be in a similar spot next February. Third baseman Colin Moran, a first-team All-American as a freshman, and 2011 freshman All-American left-handed pitcher Kent Emanuel will form the cornerstone for a club with a realistic chance of making its sixth College World Series appearance in seven vears.

If anything, this past season should help the fans who root for UNC to appreciate what 2011-12 may bring, rather than take any

accomplishment for granted. UNC's coaches do such a remarkable job of recruiting and directing their teams that even Carolina's rivals expect the Tar Heels to be one of the teams to beat every season.

So an occasional rebuilding season should remind fans of just how well the school's athletes and coaches perform on a regular basis. As with so many things in life, people are easily spoiled when a wish granted becomes a seeming entitlement.

For the athletes, there is nothing magical about it. As they progress from high school to college, competition is a stern teacher that championships are won as much with the sweat of off-seas

outs as with scoring and defense during the season. Hard work will not guarantee success, but the lack of a year-round work ethic will almost certainly diminish the chance for success at the collegiate level in this day and age.

Luckily for Tar Heel fans, there were plenty of young players learning these lessons this past year. So when success returns to the Carolina campus in the school year to come, it will not be a surprise so much as satisfaction earned from the effort in recruiting by the coaches and the work in the weight rooms by the athletes.

This is the cycle behind all those championships we witness from a distance.

From basketball to field hockey

Heels

Eddy Landreth to soccer to baseball - and more - the Tar Heels are annual contenders for championships at the conference and national levels.

Generating this kind of success demands an unrelenting pursuit of new players to replace the ones

The future was secured with young players such as Crystal Dunn, a freshman who was named the ACC's defensive player of the year.

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Dock flower/seed stems stand tall above large, basal curly leaves. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE flora).

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almost immediately develop into the characteristic winged seed of buckwheat. Dock is in the smartweed family, Polygonaceae, not the plantain family. The smartweed family contains the well-known buckwheat. The buckwheat-like winged seeds of curly dock are beautiful as they turn from pale green to crispy burnt-brown colors. To me, they appear as tiny jewels of form and color during the transition.

For years, I have been cutting the stems of dock's clusters of greenish flowers and ripening seeds to enjoy singly or with other plants as indoor flower arrangements. Like so many weedy plants, when we step back and take a thoughtful look we can find amazing beauty.

I vividly remember an older friend visiting in the springtime, running around the yard like a madman, collecting fresh leaves of our dock plants, scolding us that we were letting all those fresh, healthy green leaves go to waste. Now, years later, I'm much more appreciative of his "wild weeds" wisdom.

Leaves in the early spring, fresh or cooked, are rich in protein and vitamin A. If leaves are tough, they need to be boiled a couple of times and the liquid tossed.

Dock also has numerous medicinal attributes – too many to describe in this limited space

And yes, Allies, there are other companion plants growing nearby, like our native jewelweed, reverently held as a cure for poison ivy, but that's a Flora story queued up for sometime in the future.

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then elected to a full term in 2007.

Incumbents Jamezetta Bedford and Mia Burroughs and challenger James Barrett announced their intentions to run remains active as a School Imlast week. Incumbent Mike provement Team member. Kelley has not yet announced whether he'll file for reelection. Bower calls his campaign for the board "a bit of a political stunt." A Ph.D. candidate in genetics and molecular biology at UNC, he's filed to run in hopes of increasing his chances of gaining residency for in-state tuition. Bower said that he needs to "build a body of evidence" to prove that he's a state resident, and that since only county

school board, his candidacy should improve his chances.

He's said that he has no platform and that he would hate to accidentally win.

Castellano has been a Triangle resident since 1991. She's been involved in her three children's schools since 2001 and

"I have always been an

residents are allowed to run for objectives, as well as closing the achievement gap and addressing school safety and budget issues.

> Conrad has been a Chapel Hill resident for the past three years. He's married with one grown son, has a degree in education from Drake University and was an educator in the Air Force.

"I felt running was a good opportunity to get involved in the

The Boys of Summer, 1954

rom the 1954 bound volume of Roland Giduz' Chapel Hill News Leader comes this image of the Boys of Summer 57 years ago. After shooting the photograph with his 4x5 Speed Graphic camera, Roland wrote this caption: "Members of the newly organized Chapel Hill Junior High baseball team, shown above in their fresh-monogrammed CHJH uniform T-shirts are, kneeling, left to right: Charles Hubbard Jr., Randy Blackwell, Bobby Madry, Benjy Potter and Jimmy Jamerson; second row: Charlie Shaffer, Mike Culbreth, Joe Burket, Jack Burket and Ronnie Vick. Back row: Monte Milner, Mark Perry, Baldy Williams, Paul Houston, Co-captain Ruffin Harville, Co-captain George Shepard and Coach Gordon Blackwell." Roland reports that the team had just played the Carrboro Elementary School squad, and doesn't say where - but it had to be at the present day Carrboro Town Commons (site of the present day Carrboro Farmers' Market) or the red-clay field located behind the old Chapel Hill Elementary and High School on Franklin Street, which is now Granville Towers. And notice the honest-to-goodness wooden bats.



A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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community and use my experience," Conrad said. He intends to better familiarize himself with the issues and prioritize his objectives as his campaign progresses.

Conrad said that an effective board member should be walking the halls of the schools: 'Only attending board meetings isn't my idea of being an active board member."

Streater is a registered dental hygienist and clinical practitioner.

"I made the decision to run for another term because I am still excited about the work of school district governance," Streater said. She wants to continue "engaging with other board members as well as other community leaders to make sound decisions that can positively impact stu-

the beehive

dent learning, student success and student engagement."

She intends to continue to advocate for processes that allow the board to closely monitor its programs and services and evaluate their effectiveness, and she looks forward to working with the new superintendent as he transitions into office.

The filing period will close on Friday.

cate for all children to be successful, socially and academically," Castellano said. "I have had the opportunity to work with the district office, principals, teachers, staff and other parents over the years on various programs and initiatives and feel that I bring commitment for common goals."

She cites the district's listed achievement goals as her primary

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