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C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Nature planted the beautiful dwarf partridge pea ground cover for the botanical garden entrance sign. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Let nature help you garden

I love the new landscaping around the three buildings of the N.C. Botanical Garden's visitor education center. Garden staff are committed to planting that new landscape with native species that occur in Orange or adjacent counties. That means that all the specimen plants and sweeps of plants that are there are species of plants that we would find growing along roadsides and in local fields and forests.

That landscape of local wild plants overflows along the parking area and onto the adjacent roadside and forest edges. Every day I visit I am impressed by how so many taken-for-granted and often-considered weed natives, like poke and dog fennel, become beautiful garden specimens or appealing masses when taken out of their wild context.

Not only do staff curators Amanda Mixon, Chris Liloia and Sally Heiney deliberately place these locally wild subjects, they judiciously and selectively let thrive many plants placed by nature's wisdom.

Such is the planting of the emerald-green ground cover from which the botanical garden's entrance sign seems to arise as from a green cloud. A sweep of a sensitive plant, *Cassia* nictitans*, a common field annual in the pea family, was carefully sown around that sign by nature.

Of course, that natural planting is not completely maintenance-free – nothing is. To achieve various effects here and there, nature's exuberance does require massaging from time to time. According to Sally, the keeper of the entrance-sign roadside, she has "edited" (Sally's honorary title for her weekly weeding volunteers is the Landscape Editors) the area, but just occasionally this entire season.

I prefer to call this lush green ground cover dwarf partridge pea because it is a diminutive cousin of larger, closely related partridge pea, *Cassia fasciculata*.

The flattened bean pods of

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Teachers drop transfer appeal

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

With their request to remain at Chapel Hill High School during the appeal process denied, teachers Bert Wartski and Anne Thompson are no longer Chapel Hill High staff members, and instead will begin teaching at their newly assigned schools on Monday.

The two teachers, who were served with involuntary transfer notices in June, appeared in court Aug. 17 to petition Superior Court Judge Elaine M. Bushfan for permission to start the year teaching at Chapel Hill High School until a decision was made on

their involuntary transfer appeal.

However, after hearing their request for a stay was denied, Wartski and Thompson have decided to drop their appeals and immerse themselves in their new schools in their new positions.

Thompson will be teaching at Carrboro High School, while Wartski will be teaching environmental science at East Chapel Hill High.

Their lawyer, Tre Tanner, and a standing-room-only crowd accompanied the two teachers, who were involuntarily transferred from CHHS by Superintendent Tom Forcella, at the Old Orange County Courthouse in Hillsborough.

The large crowd was comprised of fellow teachers and CHHS parents and students in opposition to the decision to transfer the two career teachers.

"The interest of these two teachers in remaining at their position at Chapel Hill High School outweighs the interest of the board in moving them right now," Tanner told the judge.

On the other side of the courtroom was Forcella, accompanied by Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools attorney Ken Soo.

Soo reminded the judge that the board of education upheld the superintendent's decision to transfer the teachers, meaning the decision is

"assumed correct and the burden to prove otherwise is on the petitioners."

Tanner argued the teachers should be allowed to stay at CHHS until a decision on their appeal was made so that if they won their appeal they wouldn't have to move schools. Additionally, Tanner said Thompson plans to retire after this year and should be allowed to finish her career where she started.

He accused the district of not following due process in identifying and then notifying the two teachers of issues regarding their teaching practices.

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Carrboro resident John Quick deconstructs the geodesic dome he and a few friends constructed to transport out to Nevada's Black Rock Desert for Burning Man, where it will serve as a temporary venue of sorts. PHOTO BY JAMIE DEGRAW

Dome makes journey to Burning Man

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

Heading out Hillsborough Road near McDougle School earlier this month, you may have noticed an odd structure – a geodesic dome crafted entirely of raw metal tubing – but almost as soon as the dome appeared, it was gone.

The deconstructed, 47-foot dome has since made its way out to Black Rock Desert, Nev., where it will be restored to its full glory for Burning Man, an annual art event and temporary community that comes together

as a sort of festival, running Aug. 27 through Sept. 3.

This will be Carrboro resident John Quick's fourth trip out to the festival, and his second with a group of about 20 other locals. Quick and a couple of friends built the dome outside of a home on Hillsborough Road earlier this month as a test run, and last week they took it apart and packed it up.

Those who have never been to Burning Man might wonder why one would construct such a structure, but Quick said there are structures all over the festival serving a variety of needs. "There are lots of domes out there.

There are lots of other crazy structures," he said.

Last year, Quick and friends built a smaller, 32-foot dome that they covered with a parachute to use as a shade structure.

"This year we're going to be using it as more of a venue," Quick said, complete with a bar and a stage. The festival requires that attendees participate in some way, with 10 principles outlining things like inclusion, self-expression and civic responsibility.

"You feel obligated to do something for the people around you, or build something or create something,

or present yourself in some fashion," he said.

While in Carrboro, the structure drew a lot of attention from curious passersby, Quick said, much like the smaller dome, which he set up outside his home on Old Pittsboro Road this past spring.

"We met a lot of our neighbors due to it being there," he said.

Quick, a carpenter who has lived in Carrboro for three-and-a-half years, said he hopes to fabricate and build unique structures as his full-time profession one day.

Health dept. awaits next steps

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Orange County Health Department exists to enhance the quality of life, promote the health and preserve the environment for all people in Orange County, and officials say certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, affirmed earlier this summer by the Supreme Court, could help facilitate that mission.

Under the act, a vast number of uninsured Americans should obtain health coverage by 2014. In addition, the act places a focus on preventive health care – something Orange County Health Director Colleen Bridger praises.

"That's kind of the core of public health," she said, "helping people understand the importance of preventive health."

"It's nice to have the big guy in the corner when it comes to talking that talk," she added.

The health department provides a

number of health care services, including primary care, dental services, maternal health care, immunizations and HIV/AIDS testing and counseling. But beyond medical care, the department also takes an educational role, promoting safe and healthy lifestyles for county residents.

One of the department's primary roles is that of a safety-net provider for those who can't afford to obtain medical care otherwise – including many uninsured and Medicaid patients. Some have argued that once most Americans become insured in accordance with the PPACA, safety-net providers like the health department won't be needed – but Bridger disagrees.

"When you increase the number of people who have some sort of insurance coverage without increasing the number of people who can provide it, everybody who provides that service is going to be busier than they were before," she said. "With more and more people having a payer source, they're going to come seeking medical services

more frequently, and so the private practices aren't going to have enough capacity to serve everybody who needs to be served anyway."

In addition, safety-net providers like health departments serve a certain niche of patients, Bridger said, like those who might be late to appointments because they have to use public transportation or those who have mental as well as physical issues they need served.

"They really need a lot more time and attention than can happen in a private setting," she said.

The Medicaid question

Exactly how many uninsured health department patients will gain coverage under the PPACA is somewhat unclear, with the federal penalties for states opting out of the act's expansion of Medicaid – the joint state-federal insurance program for

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District ready for start of school

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

After 11 weeks filled with family vacations, summer camps and sleeping in, summer break comes to an abrupt end Aug. 27, when students in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district return to class.

Although students have had time off, the district has been busy preparing for the 2012-13 school year since graduation. From renovating schools to updating curriculum and websites, Todd LoFrese, assistant superintendent for support services, said while students are gone the district is busy making improvements to infrastructure.

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A quiz on Chapel Hill and Carrboro

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MUSIC CALENDAR



THURSDAY AUG 23
The Cave: LATE: Electroprohnic Users Guide
City Tap: Tracy Wiebeck. 8pm
Linda's Bar and Grill: Robert Griffen. 7:30pm
Local 506: Diali Cissokho and Kairaba, Zansa. 9pm. \$8
Southern Rail: Doug Largent Trio. 7pm. Holiday Parking. 9pm
Wallace Plaza: Mipso Trio, Morning Brigade. 7pm. Free
Weaver St. Market (CBO): Equinox. 6pm
FRIDAY AUG 24
Bynum Front Porch: The Bluegrass Experience. 7pm. Donations
Coffee Driade: Chuck Champior. 8pm
Carolina Inn: Franklin Street Band. 5pm. Free
Cat's Cradle: Holy Ghost Tent Revival, Annuals. 9pm. \$10/12
The Cave: EARLY: Chris McFarland LATE: Straight 8's, B-Side Project
City Tap: Con Acento. 8pm
The Depot: The Doc Branch Band. 8pm
The Kraken: Too Much Fun. 9pm. Free
Local 506: Big Something, Dan-

germuffin. 9:30pm. \$8
Nightlight: Reigning Sound, Last Year's Men. 9:30pm. \$12
Open Eye: Loose Mood. 8pm
Southern Rail: Alex Bowers and Friends. 7:30pm
SATURDAY AUG 25
The ArtsCenter: The Ayr Mountaineers, Jennifer Curtis. 7pm. \$9
Coffee Driade: Sawyer-Goldberg. 8pm
Carolina Brewery (Pitts): See No Weevil. 7pm. Free
Cat's Cradle: Chatham County Line, Tonk. 9pm. \$15/18
The Cave: EARLY: Hannah Thomas, Beautiful Small Machines LATE: River Rats
Chapel Hill Underground: Dex Romweber, Sara Romweber, Carrie Bobis. 9:30pm
City Tap: Mysti Mayhem. 8pm
The Depot: Rootzie. 8am
Jack Sprat Cafe: Something For Now, The Northerners
The Kraken: Johnny Staxx and the Dirty Boyz. 8pm
Memorial Hall: Tony Trischka, Riley Baugus and Kirk Sutphin, Dom Flemons. 7:30pm

Nightlight: Chiffon, Lands and Peoples. 9:30pm \$5
Open Eye: Chris McFarland. 8pm
Southern Rail: Lee Gildersleeve and Bad Dog Blues Band. 6pm
SUNDAY AUG 26
The ArtsCenter: Y La Bamba, Birds and Arrows. 7pm. \$16/20
Cat's Cradle: Snarky Puppy, Maz. 9pm. \$12
The Cave: Russ Thompson LATE: David LK Murphy
Southern Rail: WestWend. 3pm. Machalo Jazz. 7pm
Weaver St. Market (CBO): Charles Pettee and Friends. 11am
MONDAY AUG 27
Chapel Hill Underground: Hull and Caltrop. 9:30pm
TUESDAY AUG 28
The Cave: Doug Largent Trio LATE: The Moms
The Depot: Nash Street Ramblers Sing Along. 7:30pm
Nightlight: Animal Alphabet, Christopher Bell, Justin Johnson. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Stripmall Ballads. 10pm
WEDNESDAY AUG 29
The Cave: EARLY: Beaver Nelson LATE: Crumb Catcher
Local 506: Dash Rip Rock, Jeff Hart. 8pm. \$8
Nightlight: Blood Jar Creepers, Thollem Electric. 9:30pm. \$5
Southern Rail: Gmish Klezmer. 7pm. Skylar Gudasz and the Ugly Girls. 10:30pm
THURSDAY AUG 30
The Cave: LATE: Darien, Space-ship Days
Chapel Hill Underground: Wolves and Jackals. 9:30pm
City Tap: Dimitri Resnik Band.

SPOTLIGHT: LADY DJ NIGHT



DJ Steph Russ PHOTO BY JULIANA THOMAS

Lady DJ Night at Local 506 on Saturday, Aug. 25 will benefit the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

The OC Rape Crisis Center has served Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough and surrounding communities for almost 40 years. The center works to stop sexual violence and its impacts through support, education and advocacy, and donations are vital to continue the center's vast outreach. Lady DJ Night will provide groovy jams, jives and, most importantly, an opportunity to support the OCRCC. Don't miss out on some of the best DJ sets around.

The doors open at 9 p.m. and music kicks off at 9:30. Tickets are \$5, and all proceeds go to the OCRCC. More information on donating can be found at ocrcc.org

MOVIE LISTINGS

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

CAROLINA THEATRE OF DURHAM
 309 W. Morgan St., 560-3030
 Farewell My Queen; The Queen of Versailles; Do the Right Thing; She's Got a Have It; Scanners & Altered States

CHELSEA THEATER
 Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
 Moonrise Kingdom; Beasts of the Southern Wild; Farewell My Queen; The Queen of Versailles

THE LUMINA
 Southern Village, 932-9000
 The Expendables 2; ParaNorman; The Bourne Legacy; The Campaign; Hope Springs; The Amazing Spider-Man

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6
 120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
 Hit and Run; The Expendables 2; Sparkle; The Odd Life of Timothy Green; The Bourne Legacy; The Campaign; The Dark Knight Rises

THE VARSITY
 123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665
 Magic Mike; Ted; Madagascar 3; Europe's Most Wanted; Men in Black 3

CAT'S CRADLE		SA 9/22
		BETH ORTON
FR 8/24	SU 10/28	
HOLY GHOST TENT REVIVAL	STEPHEN KELLOGG & THE SIXERS	
SU 9/9	FR 8/31	
YEASAYER	ABBEY ROAD LIVE!	
SA 9/1	SA 9/1	
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August 9, 2012**

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is hereby giving notice that the Exceptional Children's Program will be destroying non-current records in accordance with federal and state policy. This message is for students born between January 1, 1984 and December 31, 1984 that received Exceptional Children's Program (EC) services while attending Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools or parents or guardians of those students.

Records may contain information useful for social security benefits or other purposes. If a copy of the record is desired a written request should be submitted to the address below within 90 days of this publication. Please include the student's name, date of birth, current phone number, last school at which they received EC services and address to which the record should be mailed. The request must be signed by the former student (18 years or older) or legal guardian.

If you have further questions please call 919-967-8211 ext. 28278.

Send written request to:
**Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
 Exceptional Children's Program
 750 South Merritt Mill Road
 Chapel Hill, NC 27516**

FR 8/24	TH 9/27**	SU 11/18
HOLY GHOST TENT REVIVAL	ANTIBALAS	DAVID BAZAN BAND
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CHATHAM COUNTY LINE	BEN SOLLEE	SU 11/25
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SU 8/28	FR 10/1	DANIEL HIGGS
SNARKY PUPPY	POLICA	W/STEPHEN KELLOGG & THE SIXERS
W/MAZ	W/GARDENS AND VILLA	FR 11/30
FR 8/31**	WE 10/3	STEEP CANYON RANGERS
ABBEY ROAD LIVE!	THE GREEN	SA 12/1
PERFORMING THE BEATLES' "ABBEY ROAD" LP AND MORE	W/STICK FIGURE	PENTATONIX
SA 9/1	TH 10/4	TH 1/24/13
BOMBADIL	GODSPEED "BLACK YOU" EMPEROR	MARGARET CHO
W/YOU WON'T	W/AIRSTRIPE SOLD OUT!	FR 12/1
SU 9/2	FR 10/5	THE WHIGS
THE OM SHOW	W/PONDEROSA	SA 12/1
W/PHIL ADE	SA 10/6	EASY STAR ALL-STARS
FR 9/7	W/AGGROLITES	FR 10/15
PERPETUAL GROOVE	W/10/9	TENNIS
SA 9/8	WE 10/10	MELVINS LIVE
WHO'S BAD?	TH 10/11	FR 10/12
THE ULTIMATE MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE	SA 10/13	YE 15 YEAR CELEBRATION FOR YEP ROC RECORDS
YEASAYER	W/NICK LOWE, ROBYN HITCHCOCK, FOUNTAINS OF WAYNE, ELENI MANDELL, JOHN DOE, THE SADIES & MORE	MO 10/15
W/DAEDELUS	MO 10/15	JENS LEKMAN
W/STREET DOGS	W/TAKEN BY TREES	FR 10/16
W/DOWNTOWN STRUTS, ROLL THE TANKS, KOFFIN KATS	THE TEMPER TRAP	W/THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
FR 9/14	FR 10/19	FATHER JOHN MISTY
AMANDA PALMER & THE GRAND THEFT ORCHESTRA	SA 10/20	W/LA SERA AND JEFFERTITI'S NILE
FR 9/15	SA 10/20	LANGHORNE SLIM & THE LAW
THE FEELIES	SU 10/21	AFGHAN WHIGS
W/TWO SETS NO OPENER	W/WUSSY	FR 10/24
TU 9/18	WE 10/24	FAT WIRECHORDS TOUR
THE ADICTS	W/LAGWAGON	FR 10/26
WE 9/19	W/DEAD TO ME, FLATLINERS, USELESS ID	THE SEA AND CAKE
TYCHO	TH 10/25	SHARON VAN ETEN
FR 9/20	FR 10/26	OLD 97S
THE ALBUM LEAF	SA 10/27	THE FAR TO CARE TOUR
FR 9/21	SU 10/28	W/SALIM NOURALLAH AND RHETT MILLER
THE OLD CEREMONY	SU 10/28	STEPHEN KELLOGG & THE SIXERS
FR 9/22	TU 10/30	NOUVELLE VAGUE
BETH ORTON	TH 11/1	ELECTRIC SIX
W/SAM AMIDON	W/LITTLE HURRICANE	SA 11/3
SU 9/23	SA 11/3	MIPSO
TWIN SHADOW	FR 11/9	THE HEIST
W/NIKI AND THE DOVE	W/MACKLEMORE AND RYAN LEWIS	W/DIRTY GUV'NAHS
MO 9/24	WE 11/14	ALL TIME LOW
MARGARET CHO	W/THE SUMMER SET, THE DOWNTOWN FICTION AND HIT THE LIGHTS	SA 11/17
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TU 9/25	TH 10/18	PASSION PIT
BROTHER ALI	W/MACKLEMORE AND RYAN LEWIS	W/DIRTY GUV'NAHS
W/BLANK TAPE BELOVED & MORE	SA 11/18	BEN GIBBARD
WE 9/26	SA 11/19	ADVANCE BASE
STARS	SA 11/19	W/ADVANCE BASE
W/DIAMOND RINGS AND CALIFORNIA WIVES	SA 11/19	BEN GIBBARD
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Briefs

East Main Street to close Saturday

On Aug. 25, the N.C. Department of Transportation will close East Main Street to through traffic from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. East Main will be closed to through traffic between the intersections of Roberson and Lloyd streets to allow the Norfolk-Southern Railroad to replace the rail crossing.

While the NCDOT anticipates the road reopening by 6 p.m., if there are delays the roadway will remain closed overnight and reopen once construction is complete.

Detour signs will be posted for motorists to use alternate routes, while pedestrians and bicyclists are instructed to use the Libba Cotton Bikeway as an alternate route.

Additional railroad crossings will be closed at Estes Drive on Aug. 28, Seawell School Road on Aug. 29 and Homestead Road on Aug. 30. For more information, visit ncdot.gov/travel

Wilson Park path construction

Construction has begun on a 10-foot-wide shared-use path that will extend from the southern section of Wilson Park to the western side of Estes Drive Extension south of the railroad tracks.

The shared-use path will serve as an off-road alternative for bicyclists and pedestrians using Estes Drive Extension. Crews will be working from 7 a.m. to sunset, and the construction project, which also includes a new high-visibility crosswalk on Estes Drive Extension, is expected to be completed by Nov. 30.

UNC to address academic-athletic balance

UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp has announced that former N.C. Gov. James Martin, Association of American Universities (AAU) President Hunter Rawlings and management consulting firm Virchow, Krause & Company have been brought to UNC to help address different aspects of issues related to an internal investigation of the African and Afro-American studies department.

Martin and Virchow, Krause & Company will lead an independent review of academic irregularities that may have occurred before 2007. The consulting firm will also review new academic performance policies, procedures and controls put in place in the African and Afro-American studies department to ensure they represent best practices.

Rawlings will help the university examine future relationships between academics and athletics on campus.

Chapel Hill Transit detours and delays

Due to NCDOT work on multiple railroad crossings in Orange County, Chapel Hill Transit will implement detours to various affected routes and riders should expect minor delays.

Today (Thursday), the 420 route (Hillsborough to Chapel Hill) bus stops on N.C. 86 at Millhouse Road will not be served all day and minor delays are expected for the evening commute.

On Saturday, all bus stops between the Carrboro Century Center and The ArtsCenter will be closed, affecting the CW route. The Saturday CW route will be detoured along Merritt Mill Road and Greensboro Street and alternate stops will be located on Weaver Street at Lindsay Street, Rosemary Street at Greenbridge and Rosemary Street at Sunset Drive.

On Wednesday, all bus stops on Seawell School Road will be closed, but the stop at Chapel Hill High School will be served. The HS route will be detoured along Homestead Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Estes Drive.

West Franklin improvements

Improvements are being made to the sidewalk and streetscape from 502 W. Franklin St. to North Graham Street on the north side of the block.

The improvements include constructing 220 feet of concrete sidewalk, installing trash receptacles, replacing bike racks and adding bus-stop amenities. While making these additions, two trees are slated to be removed – an elm in poor condition and a maple damaged by severe weather.

The construction is expected to be complete by mid-September and is part of the West Franklin Streetscape Project Site Plan.

Beloved crossing guard dies

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — As the school year starts on Monday, members of the McDougle School community will head back to class, but a familiar face won't be there to greet them on their way to school.

James Paul Burnette, beloved longtime crossing guard at McDougle, died last week at UNC Hospitals. He would have been 75 this past Monday.

After retiring from his career as an operating-room technician at UNC Hospitals, Burnette became a crossing guard in 1994. He quickly became known for his on-duty high fives and fist bumps, his greeting to every parent and child who crossed Hillsborough Road safely under his watch.

"Each morning, he gave a boost to every child and parent who walked through his crossing to McDougle, then did it again that afternoon," said John Mader, a nearby resident whose children attended McDougle. "And when my son and daughter made their way to Chapel Hill High School and UNC, he was there with a wave for me whether I passed by on a jog or in my car."

"What a difference that high-five, a smile and a good heart can make."

Members of the Chappell family said in an email that they will miss Burnette, who always made an effort to know each child and was "fiercely protec-



Longtime McDougle School crossing guard James Burnette greets students crossing Hillsborough Road in 2008. Burnette, who died last week at UNC Hospitals, will be sorely missed by the community. PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

tive of everyone who crossed his path."

"There will never be another crossing guard as kind and friendly as James," said 9-year-old Crosby Chappell.

Parent Becky Laskody said she always looked forward to Burnette's high-fives while walking her son to school.

"I loved this human contact with a friendly school official,"

she said. "His ready willingness to literally connect with every member of the school community inspired hope for this institution which can be depersonalizing in the mad dash to meet government-mandated metrics."

Elisabeth Allore, whose children attend McDougle, noted Burnette's across-the-board camaraderie with all members of the community.

"It just didn't feel right on the days that he wasn't there, and it certainly isn't going to feel right now," she said. "He will be sorely missed."

Funeral services were held Sunday at Second Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, and Burnette was buried at Westwood Cemetery in Carrboro.

BOCC plans government campus

BY ROSE LAUDICINA
Staff Writer

At their first meeting following summer recess, members of the Orange County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday discussed future plans to consolidate and centralize county services and create a Southern Orange County Government Services Campus.

The campus would be located on county-owned property off Homestead Road where the

Southern Human Services Center, Project HomeStart and the Robert and Pearl Seymour Center are located.

The long-term project would be developed in collaboration with the Chapel Hill Town Council, as the property falls under the town's jurisdiction.

The commissioners and the town council will work together to formulate a master plan for the campus, and the county got its first glimpse at two proposed plans Tuesday night.

"These 33 acres are a great opportunity for the county to provide services in a very meaningful, compact and convenient way for Orange County citizens," said Roger Waldon of Clarion Associates, the firm hired to help develop plans for the project.

The county is looking to develop the site with as much flexibility for adding buildings and as much capacity potential as possible, while still preserving some of the property's natural features, such as a pond and mature hardwood forest.

"We do need to take into account that we have no idea exactly how many buildings we will actually need, and I would like the greatest amount of flexibility possible," board Chair Bernadette Pelissier said.

To achieve this flexibility, Pelissier and the rest of the board expressed support for a plan that they said had the most options

for development and the best traffic-flow plan.

While Waldon said he was happy to receive commissioner feedback, he urged them to engage in a constructive dialogue with the town council regarding the plan to allow both parties to be satisfied and the permitting process to run more smoothly.

"We spend a lot of time talking about moving forward towards high-density, more urban-style development ... with the advantage of what will meet transportation needs and accessibility to services, and this past June we passed to place on the ballot a half-cent sales-tax referendum for a transportation plan which focuses more on higher-urban style development," Commissioner Earl McKee said.

"We've been talking the talk, this just gives us the chance to walk the walk."

CARRBORO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The Town of Carrboro is now accepting applications for the following boards:

- Board of Adjustment (1 ETJ Seat)
- Appearance Commission (2 Seats)
- Transportation Advisory Board (1 Seat)
- Recreation and Parks Commission (1 CHCCS Seat)
- Human Services Commission (1 Seat)
- Greenways Commission (seats will open in July 2012)

For more information, or to obtain an application form, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 918-7309 cwilson@townofcarrboro.org or visit the Town's website at <http://www.townofcarrboro.org/AdvBoards/advbrdapp.htm>

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HEALTH DEPT
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low-income Americans – struck down in the Supreme Court decision.

North Carolina lawmakers have not yet indicated whether or not the state will participate in the act's Medicaid expansion provision, which would expand Medicaid eligibility to include anyone making less than 133 percent of the federal poverty level. For safety-net providers like the Orange County Health Department, that decision will seriously affect their budgets.

"We are of course very interested in what is going to happen with that decision," Bridger said. "There's really nothing we can do other than just keep watching. The interesting thing about

health care for the last 10 to 15 years is that if you're not changing, you're not doing it right, so being able to turn on a dime is less of a big deal for us now than it was 10 years ago."

At this point, Bridger said the department will simply proceed with the assumption that Medicaid funding won't be lower than current levels.

"It's always easier to operate from that assumption," she said.

Should North Carolina choose to participate in the Medicaid expansion, that could free up some much-needed dollars for the health department, according to Corey Davis, a member of the Orange County Board of Health and a public health attorney with the National Health Law Program.

"Every dollar that safety-net hospitals, that community

health centers, that health departments aren't paying for care out of their budgets, things that they're already providing out of state dollars, out of local dollars ... that frees up funds for other things," he said.

"The more federal dollars that come into public health departments for medical activities mean that we are likely to be able to provide more and more-comprehensive medical activities," Davis continued. "That means looking at things like community gardens, like walking paths. It could mean stepped-up surveillance activities ... to more quickly recognize and address things like a whooping cough outbreak."

In addition, Davis said the Medicaid expansion could enable the health department to spend more dollars taking on

community-wide issues like obesity.

"It's exactly the kind of problem that is difficult to solve without a commitment at the county or state level. It's exactly the kind of thing that health departments should be doing," he said.

However, especially during tight budget years, health department dollars are stretched and "there is no extra money," Davis said, and "if we have that \$1,000 and we have kids with whooping cough, we're going to treat the kids with whooping cough."

Regardless of the Medicaid expansion, Bridger said she does worry that some politicians want to overturn the entire bill.

"That is certainly on our minds," she said, "and it would be unfortunate for access to care."

Price is right

BY EDDY LANDRETH
Staff Writer

Junior defensive back Jabari Price has shown he can be the kind of cornerback Carolina's new coaching staff seeks.

"I'll take all the Jabari Prices we can get," first-year head coach Larry Fedora said.

The Tar Heels will open the season on Sept. 1 at 12:30 p.m. against Elon at Kenan Stadium.

Price brings a combination of athleticism, experience, eagerness to learn, sound fundamentals and a willingness to be physical and force turnovers



Eddy Landreth

that Fedora loves.

"He is that boundary corner who is going to be able to make a lot of plays for us with the coverages we play," Fedora said. "And he is physical enough to do it."

"He's made a bunch of plays in fall camp."

The Tar Heels held the final day of camp on Monday. Now the focus is on their game plan for the opener.

Fedora and his coaching staff brought new schemes – or styles – to the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. The basis for these new formations on defense is a relentless pursuit of the ball.

The Tar Heels sometimes played a sagging defense during the last few seasons, and it often hurt the team late in games. Price said this new philosophy of attacking should be more productive, and it is definitely more fun to play.

"I have to be aggressive," Price said. "A lot of teams try to pick on the backside in the boundary. The coaches have faith in me to put me on the backside and trust me to make the right run fit or cover a guy man-to-man. I have to be confident in myself."

"I'm not soft at all," Price said. "I like to stick my nose in there and get it dirty. I'm not going to back down from anybody. I may be 195 pounds, but I'm going to bring it to anybody. I'm not going to run from a fight."

He showed this attitude is more than words. In an early

scrimmage, he produced just what the coaching staff wants to see.

"I had nine tackles and a forced fumble," Price said.

Some cornerbacks want to do little more than play basketball on the football field and cover receivers as they run around the field. Many of those guys shy from the contact.

Price admitted that he used to be that way, but he says he has changed his attitude dramatically.

"I refrain from the finesse-corner type," Price said. "When I was in high school I didn't tackle as much. I just wanted to cover. Now I'm more physical, bump-and-run, in-your-face type of guy. I'm not shying away from contact, and I'm not going the other way."

His leadership is helping the entire secondary improve each day.

"Every day we're getting a few more [interceptions]," Fedora said. "That is what wins games, turnovers. The secondary has done a nice job of that."

Safety Tre Boston and Price are both from Florida, and each played as true freshmen for the Tar Heels. Boston is now a safety, but Price said their connection still works well for them on the field.

They have also encouraged one another to teach the younger guys and help them fast-forward their learning curve.

"The good leaders are guys who do the right thing on and off the field, setting the right examples," Price said. "This summer, we took it upon ourselves to come out here on Saturdays and Sundays on Navy field and work on our weaknesses. We were just pushing each other."

"We called the young guys and got everybody out here to all get better together," Price said. "Guys like T.J. Jiles and Malik Simmons, they came in athletically gifted. But on the collegiate level you are going to need technique as well. So I'm helping the young guys further their game to the maximum."

"And I also try to lead by example and show the right way to do it – that is how you want to make plays and how you want to set the tempo."

BACK TO SCHOOL
FROM PAGE 1

"Summertime is always a busy time for us. We have a lot of different areas of the district that do some major projects over the summer," LoFrese said.

Some of the major projects were construction-based, including roofing work at McDougle, Phillips and Glenwood; athletic facility construction at Carrboro High; and bathroom renovations at Frank Porter Graham, LoFrese said.

Frank Porter Graham Principal Rita Bongarten said she is grateful for the renovations and general sprucing up of the campus grounds that occurred over the summer.

While many of the school improvements were repairs, some were done to increase capacity at district schools.

A major concern for the upcoming school year, according to LoFrese, is overcrowding at the elementary-school level.

To help alleviate overcrowding, mobile units for pre-K

classes were added at Estes Hills while the basement at Glenwood was completely renovated, allowing for more usable space.

However, despite these additions LoFrese said overcrowding will occur and additional actions will be taken as the school year progresses.

"We are kind of running out of options, and schools like Seawell and Glenwood are extremely overcrowded," he said. "While elementary 11 will be opened next year, we really needed the school this year to address overcrowding."

LoFrese added that construction on elementary 11, located in the Northside neighborhood, was moving ahead on schedule.

In addition to construction, the district has also been making major staffing changes, which have kept the human resources department busy, LoFrese said.

"We had well over 150 vacancies in teaching and staff positions," he said. "The [human resources] department has been working diligently to get the

positions filled and [they] have done an outstanding job meeting staffing needs by the start of the year."

Some of these vacancies were filled internally, such as the Carrboro High principal position, which was filled by LaVerne Mattocks, former Phoenix Academy principal.

However, there are still a few positions to be filled, including an assistant principal position at CHS, which is the school's only remaining vacancy.

Mattocks said she is confident the position will be filled promptly, and in the meantime is increasingly excited about her first day.

"I feel very good about things. We have been working as a team to tighten things up and I think the school is ready for the start of the school year," Mattocks said.

While she feels her staff is prepared, Mattocks acknowledges it will be a transformative year as the district begins to switch over to the Common Core curriculum, a standardized curriculum that the school

board approved for the district last year.

"The good thing about this year is everybody is going to be learning and growing and doing something new together," she said regarding the Common Core.

Bongarten also believes the transition to Common Core will be a big challenge and focus for the 2012-13 year.

The new curriculum isn't the only major transition Bongarten and her staff will face this year at FPG. While the school celebrates its 50th anniversary, 2012-13 is the last year FPG will function as a traditional school. For the 2013-14 school year, it will become a Spanish dual-language magnet school for the district.

"We are celebrating all the good work we have been doing while knowing that we will be transitioning," Bongarten said. "It will be a challenging year for sure ... but as we always say, put your best paw forward and think about the positive that comes with the changes."

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by Linda Thistle

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PET OF THE WEEK

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Meet Norman & Davidson! These handsome boys are members of "The Iredell Dozen," cats rescued from a hoarding case discovered in Iredell County in July.

The case involved the seizure of over 200 cats that were being kept inside a 900-square-foot house in conditions that were considered poor and cruel. Orange County was among those that offered to help relieve some of the burden. Norman and Davidson are around 8 months old and have become best friends. These cute lads are adorable together, wrestling for hours and then curling up together to nap. They would love to find a home where they can go together, and because they're part of our summer adoption special, they can each be adopted for \$50 through Labor Day Weekend. This makes them the price of one regular kitty together, with twice the love and fun! Adopt or sponsor their adoption today at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill. You can also see Norman, Davidson and other adoptable animals online at www.orangecountync.gov/animalservices/adoption.asp

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Food Truck Benefit — Funds raised help children and adults with special needs. Food trucks include Pie Pushers, Local Yogurt, American Meltdown and The Humble Pig. NC Therapeutic Riding Center, 5:30pm-dusk \$5

Voices Auditions — The Chapel Hill Chorus opens auditions, by appointment only. St. Thomas More Church, 6-8pm voiceschapelhill.org/getinvolved.html

Burwell Exhibit — A Family Legacy: The Burwells and Women's Education opens. Wed-Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm burwellschool.org

Blood Drive — Community Room, OWASA, 11am-3:30pm redcross-blood.org

FRIDAY AUGUST 24

Artists' Salon — Sponsored by the Orange County Arts Commission, the August salon will focus on Emergency Preparedness for Artists with speaker Eddie Bernard. West End Theatre, The ArtsCenter, 6:30pm

SATURDAY AUGUST 25

Banjo Symposium — UNC Library presents The Banjo: Southern Roots, American Branches. Wilson Library, 10am-4pm Free (tickets available at Memorial Hall)

Decorating Workshop — Vickie McDaniel to present a home-decorating workshop. Orange County Main Library, 2pm Free (919)245-2536

Music Hall — With host Rocco, featuring popular music favorites. WCOM 103.5FM, 9am-noon

Active Families Day — The event encourages and promotes healthy and active lifestyles with educational booths and family activities. Orange County SportsPlex, 101 Meadowland Drive, 11am-4pm Free (919)644-0339

SUNDAY AUGUST 26

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TUESDAY AUGUST 28

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29

CH Service League — A local nonprofit aimed at helping women and children in Chapel Hill and the surrounding area, will hold a New Member Information Fair. Horace Williams House, 7pm chapelhill-serviceleague.org

Carolina Parakeet — Lecture on The Carolina Parakeet and Relatives: A Look at Some Natural, Un-natural and Cultural Histories. Wilson Special Collections Library, 5:45pm Free

THURSDAY AUGUST 30

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Friends of the Downtown — Monthly meeting with speaker Bubba Cunningham. Franklin Hotel, 9:30am Free

Ted Obomanu — To discuss his book *Drive to Passion*. Flyleaf Books, 7pm Free

FRIDAY AUGUST 31

Latin Jam — Betto teaches popular Latin dances, such as mambo, salsa, cha cha and merengue. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30-9pm \$3 (919)918-7364



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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 questions or comments to yourhealth@unc.edu



This week we respond to questions about mononucleosis and burning with urination.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I was told by my doctor that I have mono. I saw her because I was fatigued. I had a mono test that was positive, but I have not had fever or sore throat. Do I really have mono?

When we refer to "mono," we are generally referring to a set of conditions with common clinical features. The most common cause of mono in adolescents and young adults is Epstein Barr Virus, or EBV. We used to call this the "kissing disease." The hallmarks of mono are fever, sore throat and swollen lymph nodes. After recovery from the acute infection, fatigue can last for weeks or longer. This is probably why your doctor checked you for mono. It would be unlikely to have had mono without at least some of the hallmark symptoms.

However, there is a test known as the mono-spot test, which is a simple positive or negative test that usually remains positive for many years after infection. There are specific antibody titers that can show more recent or past infections with somewhat more clarity. It is also important that you and your doctor keep in mind that there are hundreds of causes of fatigue — anemia, sleep apnea, depression, diabetes and thyroid conditions, to name a few. Based on the little information we have, we think you might not have mono. If you are not feeling better, go back and see your doctor.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I went to the doctor recently with burning when I urinate. My urinalysis came back negative for a urinary tract infection (UTI). What do I have?

Usually a UTI is fairly easy to diagnose from a urinalysis.

Occasionally, the tests are indeterminate and a urine culture helps us to be more certain. However, there are a number of other conditions that can cause burning with urination, including: inflammation from a recent UTI (which your body recovered from without treatment); dehydration; urethritis from sexually transmitted infections (gonorrhea, chlamydia and herpes most commonly); vaginal irritation from yeast infections or bacterial vaginitis; trauma or direct irritation; and interstitial cystitis. If the symptoms persist or recur, go back and see your doctor.

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.

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Community Briefs

Cornucopia receives \$75k

Cornucopia Cancer Support Center has received \$75,000 in donations and pledges in the month of August.

The donations include an anonymous \$60,000 mission-support donation and a pledge to support That Cancer Show, Cornucopia's weekly radio talk program.

Cornucopia Cancer Support Center offers non-clinical cancer support services such as motion therapy and support groups. For more information, visit cancersupport4u.org

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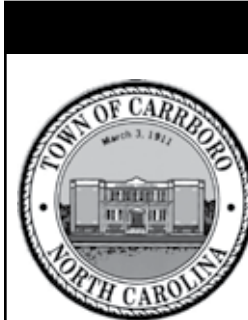


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CHRIS FITZSIMON

Gov. Beverly Perdue headed to Cherokee Tuesday to join officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to open live table gaming officially at Harrah's Casino and Hotel. By the time you read this, the first hand has already been dealt.

It's not the biggest story of the week. It doesn't have anything to do with the election or Medicare or a U.S. Senate candidate claiming that women can't get pregnant when they are raped.

In fact, it's almost a nonstory, announced by press releases published in places like the *Casino City Times*. But there's something about it that is worthy of a discussion, and it boils down to a simple question: Is this the kind of state we want?

Think about it. The governor of North Carolina is celebrating not only the launch of live table gaming in North Carolina but also the latest escalation in the cozy relationship between the state and the predatory gambling industry.

Officials in the Perdue administration negotiated the deal that allowed live dealers at the casino in exchange for the state getting a cut of the profits, a few million dollars a year for education. And it was a plan with bipartisan support. The Republican-led General Assembly approved it.

This is not about the morality of gambling. It is about the State of North Carolina literally partnering with the predatory gambling industry to help fund our schools – and predatory is the right word.

Les Bernal with the national group Stop Predatory Gambling came to Raleigh earlier this year and laid out the disturbing facts at an N.C. Policy Watch Crucial Conversation luncheon.

Casinos make the vast majority of their money off a small percentage of customers, mostly problem gamblers or folks on the way to a serious problem. Bernal described how the most sought-after players were the folks who repeatedly used the ATM machine in the casino to keep getting more cash to keep gambling.

Casinos have a deal with the company that operates the cash machines to sell it the names of the people who make withdrawals, as they are the most likely customers to return. The prospects are then lured back with vouchers or a free hotel room to get them back in front of the live dealers that Perdue is celebrating this week.

Supporters of the casino compact tout the dealer jobs that will be created and the increase in tourism that new live games will bring to that area of the state. It's economic development, they tell us.

Then why only the casino in Cherokee? Why not live gambling in state-sanctioned casinos in Pinehurst or the Outer Banks or Charlotte, maybe right next to the NASCAR Hall of Fame? Think of the jobs we could create and all the money we could raise for our schools by luring problem gamblers into all those places too.

You might be thinking that it's not a big deal that the state is now a more involved partner with the predatory gambling industry since the state already operates a lottery.

That's true, and that is a problem too, judging by the strong evidence that low-income people play the lottery at higher rates than the general population.

The folks who run the lottery and the people who defend it tell us virtually every day how much money schools are getting from the "education" lottery, but they never talk about where it's coming from. In fact, they don't keep any demographic information at all.

They just keep up with how much they make by convincing people to waste their money on a one-in-a-million chance of striking it rich because politicians of both parties would rather not raise money for education honestly and fairly.

They'd rather prey on the poor and the desperate the same way the casinos do.

It's bad enough that Perdue and her legislative partners in predatory gambling approved the Cherokee deal. Now she's appearing at the casino to celebrate it. This is not the kind of state we want, but it is the one we are getting. And it's disgusting.

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ought to be a no-brainer

ADAM SEARING

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the Affordable Care Act, North Carolina is uniquely positioned to move forward with implementing this expansion of coverage for our 1.5 million citizens who lack health insurance.

Thanks to the behind-the-scenes hard work of many health leaders, from hospital directors to consumer advocates, the N.C. Institute of Medicine has developed a plan to make reform work for North Carolinians (see nciom.org), easing the way for tax credits so families and businesses can purchase coverage, strengthening our community health system and making it easy for people to sign up for a health plan if they are self-employed or work in a small business that doesn't already provide coverage.

North Carolina and other states have one more decision to make, however, as a result of the Supreme Court ruling – whether or not to extend Medicaid benefits to the lowest-income adults as part of the Affordable Care Act.

For North Carolina and moderate states with a long history of advancing innovative health programs, this decision will be easy. Morally, leaving 500,000 of our poorest fellow citizens uninsured while we move forward with tax credits to help make coverage more affordable for middle-class families is an unthinkable step for most of us. A family of three would have to be making less than \$2,116 a month in total income before they would qualify for Medicaid under the expansion; that family deserves affordable health coverage just as much as anyone else.

Financially, the decision for North Carolina to expand Medicaid coverage is an easy decision too. Under the Affordable Care Act, the federal government will pay for an average of 93 percent of the costs of the expansion. The most conservative financial estimates show that while North Carolina will pay about \$138 million a year, the federal government will pump \$2.5 billion a year into the state – more than \$15 billion over the next six years – to care for people who sign up for Medicaid.

LETTERS

McCrory taxes would hurt low,
middle-income families

Once again, Pat McCrory has proposed a policy for North Carolina with no explanation of how to pay for it. First, it was his education proposal, which calls for sweeping reforms with no mention of funding. Now, it's coming in his constant praise for the tax policies of Florida and Tennessee.

In those states, with little to no personal income tax, their citizens pay tremendously high sales and food taxes. Implementing a plan like this in this economy would be a devastating blow to North Carolina's already struggling lower- and middle-income families.

High sales and food taxes disproportionately affect those who are already at a disadvantage. And while a higher food tax may not mean much for Pat McCrory, for many North Carolinians it means having to make tough choices.

Yes, you got that right: Pat McCrory wants to slash income taxes while raising taxes on working- and middle-class families. Eliminating the state's largest source of revenue, just to put higher taxes on the things North Carolina's families need the most? That's the Pat McCrory way of reforming North Carolina's economy for the super-rich. We deserve better.

MATT HUGHES

Chair, Orange County Democratic Party

Supporting the Jaycee Burn Center

On Aug. 18 at Cat's Cradle, our family hosted "Healin' With A Feelin': A Night Of Burnin' Love," a benefit for the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Hospitals. In its second year, the event was our way of showing our deep appreciation to the center for Kim's treatment there after his injuries in a 2010 house fire, and a way of helping other survivors of similar injuries. This joyful event was supported by hundreds of people who attended, by area residents and businesses who donated nearly 90 silent-auction items, by Frank Heath and the Cradle staff, by 25 musicians in four bands and by many

North Carolina's share is just about 2.6 percent more than we would have spent without expanding coverage and doesn't include substantial savings to county and local governments that are already picking up a great deal of the cost of health care for people currently without health insurance.

And this \$15 billion federal infusion will truly provide a massive and much-needed boost to the economy. This money will go directly to doctors, nurses, hospitals and many other health professionals all over North Carolina. Especially in rural areas, many of our smaller hospitals, physician practices and health clinics already take care of many of the 500,000 people who are now uninsured but will be able to sign up for Medicaid.

Rural hospitals and rural health practices are especially hurting because of the large number of people they take care of who can't pay their bills. With the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion, even in the poorest areas of North Carolina most of the people needing hospital care or showing up in a community health clinic will be people who have coverage. That's a welcome change, not just for the patient but also for the rural hospital desperately watching the bottom line.

Finally, the Medicaid expansion makes a significant promise to all North Carolinians, rich or poor – and this is a promise that makes the expansion worthwhile almost on its own.

Under the Affordable Care Act, expanding Medicaid means that all citizens, no matter their changes in circumstances or the ups and downs of their lives, can be assured that health care will always be there for them and their family. Challenges like losing a job, a loved one's death or serious illness or utter disaster from a hurricane or other natural event will still be hurdles North Carolinians may face. But with a firm safety net of health coverage through Medicaid, even those of us who are unfortunate enough to lose everything will know there is something critical to our lives we can always count on – our ability to go to the doctor or hospital when we are sick.

Adam Searing is director of the Health Access Coalition at the N.C. Justice Center.

event volunteers. We raised nearly \$10,000, which will be added to the established Anderson Family Fund at the burn center. The fund has already purchased and distributed sun-protective garments, sunscreen, scar-care lotion and similar aftercare supplies to burn survivors.

Dr. Bruce Cairns, a Chapel Hill High School classmate of Frank Heath's and the director of the burn center, was joined onstage by 9-year-old Taylor C., herself an 8-year burn survivor, as he told those in attendance about the innovative and dedicated work of the center, which celebrated its 31st anniversary this year and is the largest such facility between Baltimore and Miami. Accredited for treating both children and adults, the center's programs have a regional, national and international impact.

Throughout Kim's hospital stay we were never treated with anything less than complete respect, honesty and expert care. We are forever grateful to the Jaycee Burn Center and to the many friends and supporters of our efforts to help other survivors.

It has been another goal of our event to help keep our community aware of the tremendous world-class resource we are fortunate enough to have within life-saving minutes of our homes and businesses. We are grateful to *The Carrboro Citizen* for the coverage provided for this fundraiser, both last year and this, helping us to continue to focus this community awareness.

STEPHANIE AND KIM ANDERSON
Chapel Hill

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Test your
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BY KIRK ROSS

This is that time of year when the streets are teeming with new residents. It's when the old Chapel Hill lightbulb joke is most apt.

Q: How many Chapel Hillians does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Four. One to change the bulb and three to talk about how cool the old lightbulb was.

In a town with built-in tides of change, clinging to the old and cherishing what was is tradition. Here are some questions about downtown Chapel Hill and Carrboro in various eras that are sure to include stumblers for nearly everyone, maybe even a few of you natives.

1. Heading from campus toward Hillsborough, the streets in order are Cameron, Franklin, Rosemary and what?
2. Two men who have run establishments downtown have had the nickname "Papa D." What are their actual names and their establishments?
3. Name two bookstores that were located in the 100 block of either East or West Franklin.
4. Where did Marty Ravellette hang out in the mornings?
5. Where was the Sidetrack tavern?
6. Where did the sidetrack it was named for go to?
7. Name one of the two people who tackled Wendell Williams and the intersection where it happened.
8. Where did former Chapel Hill Mayor Jimmy Wallace teach?
9. What large downtown structure is named for him?
10. Where and when was the first civil rights Chapel Hill sit-in?
11. Say something Cat Baby would say.
12. Carrboro used to have a Western Auto store. Where was it?
13. What was the first name of the late, great Friendly Barber?
14. In what famed Chapel Hill clothing store did Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts play on Hot Diggity Days?
15. What building is named for Doug's mother?
16. Where was the Dairy Bar?
17. What is the name of the big hill you travel down heading east from downtown on Franklin Street?
18. What is the shared last name of Bill, Matt, Sheila and Moreton?
19. When did Julian Carr buy the mill in Carrboro?
20. What did Professor Venable teach?
21. Where is "Chapel Hill's Oldest Tavern"?
22. Whereabouts on the hill was the original New Hope Chapel?
23. The parade of history mural in Porthole Alley ends with a sink and the signature "R Mutt." What does this name refer to?
24. Where was the first automatic traffic signal in Chapel Hill located?

Good luck. Answers next week.

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"The reasons given [for transfers] are frankly somewhat unsubstantiated," Tanner said. "There was nothing in either personal file where they were told 'you were engaging in "x" personal conduct and you are expected to do "y" to fix it.'"

Soon after becoming aware of the transfers, the CHHS community responded in overwhelming opposition, writing letters and attending school board meetings to show their support for keeping the teachers at CHHS.

According to Forcella, the decision to move Wartski and Thompson was based on a year of observing and talking with past and present staff, administrators, parents and students. Soo said district administrators had received reports that the two were "railroading" younger teachers and were resistant to change.

Thompson and Wartski, who have served a combined 45 years at CHHS, chose to appeal the transfer to the board of education on July 19.

A week later the board notified Thompson and Wartski their appeals had been denied, leading the two teachers to submit a final appeal to Orange County Superior Court.

"If teaching is truly their calling, then you would think they would be excited to go teach [regardless of the school]," Soo said in court.

After hearing both sides, Bushfan told the crowded courtroom she would reach a conclusion by the beginning of the following week, and returned the verdict Monday that she would not grant the stay.

Bushfan said she did not feel the teachers had made a compelling case for why they should be allowed a stay during the appeal process.

OBITUARY



Patsy Jean Slaybaugh

Services for Patsy Jean Slaybaugh, 81, of Copperas Cove, Texas, will be held on Friday,

Aug. 24, 2012, at 1 p.m. at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Copperas Cove with burial to follow at 3 p.m. at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery.

Patsy Jean Slaybaugh was born Nov. 3, 1930, in Carrboro, N.C., to Alton Banks Council and Fannie Lee Hunley.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Douglas T. Slaybaugh; two sons, Gerald Slaybaugh and James Slaybaugh; a brother, Darrell Council; and her parents.

Survivors include her sons, Douglas T. Slaybaugh II of Wichita Falls and Philip T. Slaybaugh of Temple; daughters, Nola R. McDowell of Commerce, Denise R. Rankin of Copperas Cove, Dawn R. Lyons of Copperas Cove, Rhonda Michael of Harker Heights and Soine R. Fisher of San Antonio; a brother, Kenneth Council; a sister, Cleo Perry; 19 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She died on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012 in Temple.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, from 6-8 p.m. at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Copperas Cove.

Words of comfort may be left at crawfordbowerscopperascove.com

Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Copperas Cove is in charge of arrangements.

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CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: Serendipity?
Happiness is truly out a destination we reach only when we are trying to get somewhere else - British author Matthew Syed, quoted in the London Times



Flowers of common partridge pea are large enough to be showy.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA
FROM PAGE 1

both species contain seeds that are a favorite food for bobwhite quail, of which we have way too few. The pinnately compound, fern-like foliage is sometimes browsed by deer, of which we have way too many. This valuable native plant of fields and other disturbed sites also serves as a larval host for several butterfly species.

The larger partridge pea is showing off now in some of the fields of Mason Farm, though not as spectacularly as in some past years. Typical of annuals, population size varies from year to year, depending upon natural invasion by perennial plants and/or lack of natural or human-caused disturbances.

Most likely that superb dwarf partridge pea ground



You have to take a very close look to see the flowers of dwarf partridge pea.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

cover at the garden entrance won't be quite so exuberant next year. Gardening with nature is like that – no two years are ever the same!

During the next couple of weeks you can take a closer look at both partridge peas at the botanical garden entrance drive – the dwarf is on the right, beneath the sign, and the big one is on the left along the footpath.

And thank you, Mixon, Chris and Sally for bringing so many of our local natives up close for our appreciation.

There are so many unusual local natives newly displayed around the visitor center that I am hoping to have nursery manager Matt Gocke describe more of them in Flora next week.

**For the taxonomic purist, Cassia is now officially Chamaecrista.*

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at [The Annotated Flora](http://TheAnnotatedFlora.com) (carrborocitizen.com/flora).



The kids are back in town

As longtime residents of Carrboro-Chapel Hill know, there are only two seasons in our communities: Students Here and Students Gone. With the return of thousands of students, this week marks that calendrical shift into the fall semester. And with that, everything changes. A simple walk across campus brings the roving photographer upon a rowdy bunch of clowns posing at the Old Well. Actually, they're upperclassfolk serving as counselors for the Campus Y's annual freshman orientation camp, which this year featured a circus theme.



A THOUSAND WORDS
BY JOCK LAUTERER

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