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# C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN

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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Goldenrod flower stems produce fluffy seed heads that provide food for birds and winter interest in gardens and fields.

## FLORA BY KEN MOORE

### Putting the garden to bed with nature

The "fall is for planting" counterpart to the spring gardening frenzy is in full swing. While I marvel at the energy of gardeners planting, pruning, cleaning and "putting gardens to bed for the winter," I just can't bring myself to direct energy on any of these activities. I'm way too absorbed trying to keep pace with nature's gardens peaking everywhere just now.

For me, the notion of "putting the garden to bed for the winter" has a sinister tone of finality about it. Though many plants take a so-called rest, the garden doesn't stop in the winter.

Observing nature, you'll note that some plants send up their leaves in the fall to take advantage of the winter sunlight. For many plants, the winter months are the true growing season.

Take special care of perennials with evergreen foliage or newly emerging green basal rosettes, like the hummingbird's favorite cardinal flower. If you put those plants to bed with a blanket of mulch, you'll lose them.

If you plan to cut down all those dried stems and fluffy seed heads, take another hint from nature's wild gardens: tall branching stems and variously shaped capsules and fluffy seed heads remain standing to provide food and shelter for birds and other critters. In addition, the standing stems provide winter beauty with the play of sunlight and the capturing of dew and raindrops and, on rare occasions, snow and ice. Consider leaving a few of those seed heads and stems for the birds and added points of interest in your own garden.

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## Voting begins in town, school races

BY KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

Voters in Orange and Chatham counties can start making their way to the polls next week, with early voting in municipal and school board races set to begin next Thursday, Oct. 15 at the board of elections office in Hillsborough.

Early voting in southern Orange — at Carrboro Town Hall and Morehead Planetarium — begins on Monday, Oct. 19. Those who wish to vote on Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 3) must register by this Friday (Oct. 9).

Tracy Reams, director of the Or-

ange County Board of Elections, said Wednesday the elections staff is busy getting both people and machines ready for the work ahead.

"We're looking good," she said. "We're testing the voting machines today and making sure everything is up and running."

Reams said training for poll workers at the one-stop sites finishes up next Tuesday and that there should be enough workers to staff at least three check-in stations at each site at all times.

With the opening of voting closing in, candidates have been making the rounds in neighborhoods and at forums to try to draw support.

As *The Citizen* went to press Wednesday evening, candidates for mayor and town council were preparing for another in a series of election forums. Tonight (Thursday), Carrboro candidates gather at Town Hall for a 6:30 p.m. forum (see a list of forum times and locations on page 3).

The opening of the official tally begins as the latest round of campaign-finance reports shows that the Chapel Hill's mayor's race, which



features a town-first four candidates actively campaigning, could prove to be the most expensive race in town history, eclipsing the 2001 race between council member Lee Pavao and eventual victor Kevin Foy, in which more than \$51,000 was spent. The cost of the Foy-Pavao race was one of the driving forces in the town's efforts to create a public-financing system.

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PHOTO BY RICH FOWLER

Rev. William Barber, president of the NAACP of North Carolina, speaks Tuesday at a news conference and rally at the Peace and Justice Plaza in Chapel Hill.

## State NAACP calls for action in Brown case

BY RICH FOWLER  
Staff Writer

**CHAPEL HILL** — Surrounded by local supporters, Rev. William Barber, president of the NAACP of North Carolina, spoke out Tuesday against the Chapel Hill Police Department's findings in the Charles Brown case during a news conference at the Peace and Justice Plaza in Chapel Hill.

"To even hear in this time in which we live that somebody was stopped, searched and seized, and even after the cops found out they

had the wrong person, the allegations are that this person was still taunted. This is wrong, it must be repaired, and it is a stain on this city until it is corrected," Barber said.

According to Brown's account of events, at approximately 11:35 on the night of June 1, he was stopped by Chapel Hill police while he walked on West Rosemary Street near Breadmen's. He subsequently was handcuffed, searched and held for more than 40 minutes in a case of mistaken identity.

According to a tape recording, at 12:14 a Chapel Hill police offi-

cer called in and had Brown's name checked in several criminal databases. The police officers contend that Brown was stopped immediately prior to the call. By Brown's account, the call was placed a half hour or so after they knew they had the wrong man. (The police initially believed Brown to be a man named Fearington wanted for outstanding warrants.)

After an internal investigation, the police department exonerated the officers involved of any wrongdoing.

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## Winmore decision delayed again

BY BETH MECHUM  
Staff Writer

**CARRBORO** — At the Carrboro Board of Alderman meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, the board honored a request from the Goddard School to postpone its next public hearing until Nov. 17. Representatives from the school want more time to meet with the Carrboro Planning Board before they again bring their plans before the aldermen and public.

The public hearing initially had

been moved to Tuesday night, after the aldermen came up with more questions than answers at the Sept. 24 meeting. Traffic concerns in the Winmore neighborhood kept the board from approving a minor modification to the Goddard School conditional-use permit.

In other business, the board approved a request that would allow residents of the Cedars neighborhood to keep chickens on common land within the neighborhood.

Alderman Rande O'Donnell wanted to make sure

there was a point person before approving the request, in case problems arose with the livestock.

Jacquie Gist, who lamented that her husband is already researching getting chickens online, assured Haven-O'Donnell that would not be a problem.

"The Cedars have been working long and hard on this; they are very well organized and ready to go, and they have several point people," she said.

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## Festifall draws a crowd



Sparky, of the Chapel Hill Fire Department, tries out a hula hoop at Festifall on Sunday. Town officials say good weather and plenty of art and music drew a crowd between 12,000 and 15,000.

PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

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Surf movie benefit to be held at Johnny's

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## Election '09: Carrboro Aldermen

BY BETH MECHUM  
Staff Writer

**CARRBORO** — Two incumbents and three challengers are vying for three seats on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. The third seat became open when John Herrera resigned after moving to Holly Springs.

The challengers are Sharon Cook, a planning board member and the lone representative from northern Carrboro; Tim Peck, a local business owner; and Sammy Slade, a community activist.

They are running against one-term incumbent Rande O'Donnell and five-term incumbent Jacquie Gist.

Early voting will begin Oct. 15, and the candidates have been out for weeks canvassing the town.

This was the year **Jacquie Gist**, 54, thought about not running for Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

"It's been 20 years, and there might be some other things I'd like to do," she said.

But there are some outstanding initiatives she's approved in her time as alderman that she'd like to see through to fruition.

"As construction happens, it is real important that it is phased and staged in such a way that it has minimal impact over the years," she said. "Because it will take years."

She also wants to keep up her work with the Orange County 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, though she hates the name of the program.

And she's developed a special interest in keeping the town money in local banks, and she'd like more time to push those efforts through.

"I want to see the money that comes from Carrboro used to support local home owners and local business instead of being shipped up north or down south, so to speak," she said.

Gist has her "Re-Elect Jacquie" signs ready to go and she also plans to canvass neighborhoods and invite citizens to coffee meet-ups.

Continuing her already-established work as a Carrboro alderperson is **Rande O'Donnell's** main motivation for running for re-election.

Haven-O'Donnell, 58, said her work for the Economic Sustainability Commission, the Environmental Advisory Board, the Greenways Commission, the Local Living Economy Task Force and other programs have her invested deeply in Carrboro, and she'd like to continue helping the people of Carrboro to invigorate its local economy.

"The underlying core values that are at the heart of my running for alderperson are community; social justice; environmental advocacy; and to have mindful, inclusive, representative government," she said.

Haven-O'Donnell said keeping Carrboro affordable also is an important point in her campaign, and she's seeking input from residents whenever she can, which is why most of her campaign activities include going door-to-door and meeting with folks in small gatherings and in forums.

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MUSIC CALENDAR



I WAS TOTALLY DESTROYING IT  
Cat's Cradle  
Saturday October 10

**THURSDAY OCT 8**  
**ArtsCenter:** Cowboy Junkies. 8pm. \$32  
**Blue Bayou:** Jaafar. 9pm  
**Cats Cradle:** Andrew Bird, St. Vincent. 8:30pm. \$25  
**The Cave:** LATE: Ilad, Only Living Boy  
**The City Tap:** Daniel Sean, Steve Harvey. 7pm  
**Local 506:** Tomorrows Bad Seeds. Phoebe's Carousel. 9:30pm. \$8/\$10  
**Reservoir:** The Alcazar Hotel, Decoration Ghost, Instant Jones. 10pm  
**Southern Rail:** John Howie. 9pm  
**FRIDAY OCT 9**  
**ArtsCenter:** Cowboy Junkies. 8pm. \$32  
**Blue Bayou:** Hell Camino. 9:30pm. \$8/\$10  
**Caffe Driade:** Saludoes Compay.  
**Cats Cradle:** Blitzen Trapper, Wye Oak. 9:30pm. \$10/\$12  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Ashley Chambliss, Jimmy Landry. LATE: Danny Mason  
**The City Tap:** The Buzzkillz. 7pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Jeff Crawford and Friends. 8:30pm  
**Harry's Market:** Raymond Ward. 7pm  
**Local 506:** Titus Adronius, The So So Glos, Wild Wild Geese. 9:30pm. \$8/\$10

**Nightlight:** Jews and Catholics  
**SATURDAY OCT 10**  
**Blue Bayou:** The Lids. 9:30pm. \$6/\$8  
**Caffe Driade:** Plan B. 8pm  
**Cats Cradle:** I Was Totally Destroying It, Lonnie Walker, Des Ark, Rat Jackson, Lake Inferior. 8:30pm. \$7/\$10  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Mary Johnson Rocer, Matt Urmy. \$5. LATE: The Red Hot Poker Dots  
**The City Tap:** Mikki Meets the Hibachi. 8pm  
**Harry's Market:** Lynn and Eckli. 5pm  
**Local 506:** Birds and Arrows, The Never, Mt. Moriah. 9:30pm. \$7  
**Nightlight:** Tone Ghosting, Promute, Ben Miller. 10pm. \$5  
**Open Eye Cafe:** Walker Elliot.  
**SUNDAY OCT 11**  
**The Cave:** Andrew Vladeck, Bill Malchow. 9pm. \$5  
**Daniels Auditorium:** Stringband Music from the Carolina Piedmont. 3pm. Free  
**Fuse:** Jazzbeau. 9:30pm  
**Local 506:** Phosphorescent, Alberta Cross. 9:30p. \$8/\$10  
**Memorial Hall:** Bela Fleck, Zakir Hussain, Edgar Meyer. 7:30pm.  
**University Mall:** Chris Reynolds Swing 'N' Jazz Trio. 2pm

**MONDAY OCT 12**  
**The Cave:** LATE: Tony Williamson. Band. \$5  
**Local 506:** Anti-Pop Consortium. 9:30pm. \$8  
**TUESDAY OCT 13**  
**Cats Cradle:** Ramblin' Roadshow and Memphis Revue, Amy LaVere, Cedric Burnside and Lightnin' Malcolm. 9pm. \$12/\$15  
**La Residence:** Big Fat Gap Band. 6:30-9pm  
**Local 506:** Drink Up Buttercup, The Uglysuit, Givers. 9:30pm. \$10  
**Nightlight:** Spider Bags, Pinche Gringo, Harlem. 9:30pm. \$5  
**WEDNESDAY OCT 14**  
**Blue Bayou:** Lisa Kyle and Friends. 8pm. Free  
**Caffe Driade:** Emily White and Tyler Lyle. 8pm  
**Cats Cradle:** Chuck Ragan, Jim Ward, Tim Barry, Dave Hause, Jenny Owen Youngs. 8:30pm. \$13/\$15  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Drew Bowen. LATE: Scarlet Virginia  
**Local 506:** Drummer, Royal Bangs. 9:30pm. \$10  
**THURSDAY OCT 15**  
**ArtsCenter:** Red Molly. 8:30pm. \$15  
**Carrboro High School:** Carrboro High School Orchestra and Chorus present "From Renaissance Spirit to Spirituals." \$5/adults, \$3/children

**Cats Cradle:** Bassnectar, Heavy-weight Dub Champion. 9:30pm. \$18/\$20  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Will McFarlane, Chris Wimberley, Harmonica Bob and Near Blind James. LATE: Firehouse Rhythm Kings. \$5  
**The City Tap:** Great Big Gone. 7pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Tony Gailani Band. 7pm  
**Local 506:** David Bazan, Say Hi. 9pm. \$12/\$14  
**Nightlight:** Caleb Caudle and the Bayonets, Brad Hoshaw and The Seven Dead, Kennebed. 9:30pm. \$5

**FRIDAY OCT 16**  
**Blue Bayou:** Andy Coats Band. 9:30pm. \$6/\$8  
**Caffe Driade:** Daniel Sean. 8pm  
**Carolina Inn:** Down River.  
**Cats Cradle:** Om, Six Organs Of Admittance, Lichens. 9pm. \$12/\$14  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Jake Melnyk, Patrick Turner. LATE: 100 Yorktown, The Mercators  
**The City Tap:** When Cousins Marry. 7pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Mary Jo Rockers, Jocelyn Arem. 8:30pm  
**Harry's Market:** Mark Cool. 7pm  
**Local 506:** Atlas Sound, Broadcast, The Selmanaires. 9pm. \$12/\$14  
**Nightlight:** Megafauna, Black Twig Pickers, Charlie Parr  
**SATURDAY OCT 17**  
**ArtsCenter:** Feeding The Fire and Lasting Happiness. 8:30pm. \$8  
**Blue Bayou:** The BackBeat. 9:30pm. \$8/\$10  
**Cats Cradle:** Polvo, My Dad Is Dead, Savage Knights. 9:30pm. \$10  
**The Cave:** EARLY: Firelight Saga. LATE: The Dirty Little Heaters  
**DPAC:** The Australian Pink Floyd Show. 8pm  
**General Store Cafe:** Megan Jean. 8:30pm  
**Harry's Market:** Shacktown. 5pm  
**Local 506:** Luego, The Tomahawks, The Huguenots, 9pm. \$5  
**Nightlight:** Glen Iris, Valleys. 10pm  
**Open Eye Cafe:** Finger Puppets. 8pm

SPOTLIGHT



Dear & Yonder Film Screening

Tuesday, Oct. 13 - 7:30pm  
Johnny's of Carrboro

Wednesday, Oct. 14 - 7:30pm  
Pittsboro General Store

There will be a screening of the surf film *Dear & Yonder* at Johnny's of Carrboro on Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. The screening will be preceded by dinner at 6 p.m. with local foods from Harland's Creek Farm, Chicken Bridge Bakery and Chapel Hill Creamery. Cost of the dinner is \$15 and all proceeds will go toward the outstanding production costs of the film. Reservations are required for the dinner and are limited to 100 people. Please register at harlands-creek-farm.com. The screening is free, but donations will be greatly appreciated. Johnny's will be open for drinks and snacks throughout the event.

There will be another screening event on Oct. 14 in Pittsboro at the General Store Cafe that will begin at 7 p.m. with an introduction and discussion by Chatham County native and filmmaker Andria Lessler. The movie starts at 7:30.

<b>CAT'S CRADLE</b>  FR 10/30 WHY? WE 11/4 BROTHER ALI	 FR 10/9 BLITZEN TRAPPER	 SU 10/25 GALACTIC	 TU 10/13 LUCERO	 TH 11/5 MATTHEW SWEET & SUSANNA HOFFS THE ARTSCENTER
<b>TWO NIGHTS: WE 10/7 AND TH 10/8</b> <b>SOLD OUT</b> ANDREW BIRD W/ST. VINCENT	FR 10/9 BLITZEN TRAPPER W/WYE OAK**(\$10/\$12)	MO 10/26 KMFDM W/ANGELSPIT**(\$20/\$23)	WE 11/11 LOTUS W/BIG GIGANTIC**(\$15/\$17)	 FR 11/20 AMANDA PALMER THE ARTSCENTER
SA 10/10 CD RELEASE PARTY I WAS TOTALLY DESTROYING IT**(\$7/\$10) WITH GUESTS LONNIE WALKER, DES ARK, RAT JACKSON AND LAKE INFERIOR	TH 10/28 THE BLACK HEART PROCESSION W/THE MUMLERS**(\$12)	TU 10/27 PINBACK W/BELLINI**(\$14/\$16)	TH 11/12 LAST WALTZ ENSEMBLE**	<b>ALSO PRESENTING</b>
TU 10/13 LUCERO W/AMY LEVERE, CEDRIC BURNSIDE AND LIGHTNIN' MALCOLM**	TH 10/29 JUNIOR BOYS W/WOODHANDS**(\$12)	FR 11/13 MINUS THE BEAR W/TWIN TIGERS**(\$18/\$20)	FR 11/14 DAN AUERBACH W/JUSTIN TOWNES EARLE AND JESSICA LEA MAYFIELD**(\$20)	<b>LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL)</b> WE 10/15 DAVID BAZAN (WITH BAND) W/SAY HI
WE 10/14 REVIVAL TOUR CHUCK RAGAN, JIM WARD, TIM BARRY, DAVE HOUSE, JENNY OWEN YOUNGS	FR 10/30 WHY? W/AU AND SERENGETI & POLYPHONIC**(\$10)	SA 11/14 DAN AUERBACH W/JUSTIN TOWNES EARLE AND JESSICA LEA MAYFIELD**(\$20)	TH 10/22 JER COONS WE 11/4 KURT VILE AND THE VIOLATORS	<b>NIGHTLIGHT (CHAPEL HILL)</b> WE 10/21 SEAWOLF W/PORT O'BRIEN, SARA LOV
TH 10/15 BASSNECTAR W/HEAVYWEIGHT DUB CHAMPION**(\$18/\$20)	SA 10/31 TOUBAB KREWE W/FLOATING ACTION**(\$14/\$16)	SU 11/15 LANGHORNE SLIM W/DAWES**(\$13/\$15)	<b>THE ARTSCENTER (CAR)</b> 2ND NIGHT ADDED! TH 10/8 AND FRI 10/9	<b>COWBOY JUNKIES</b> TU 10/27 MIKE DOUGHTY (THE QUESTION JAR SHOW)
FR 10/16 OM W/SIX ORGANS OF ADMITTANCE AND LICHENS**	MO 11/2 SILVERSTEIN W/MADINA LAKE, I SEE STARS, CLOSURE IN MOSCOW AND THE WORD ALIVE**	MO 11/16 MUMFY TROLL**(\$20/\$23)	TH 11/5 MATTHEW SWEET & SUSANNA HOFFS (SID N SUSIE)	MO 11/9 ALELA DIANE / MARISSA NADLER
SA 10/17 POLVO W/MY DAD IS DEAD SAVAGE KNIGHTS**(\$10)	WE 11/4 BROTHER ALI W/EVIDENCE, TOKI WRIGHT, BK ONE**(\$12/\$14)	TU 11/17 PRETTY LIGHTS W/GRAMATIK**(\$14/\$16)	FR 11/20 AMANDA PALMER W/NERVOUS CABARET	<b>CAROLINA THEATRE (DUR)</b> WE 10/7 DAVID CROSS W/TODD GLASS
SU 10/18 BUILT TO SPILL W/DISCO DOOM AND VIOLENT SOHO**(\$20/\$22)	TH 11/5 THE JESUS LIZARD W/HEX MACHINE**(\$20)	WE 11/18 MC CHRIS W/WHOLE WHEAT BREAD, I FIGHT DRAGONS**	<b>TIX VIA CAROLINA THEATRE BOX OFFICE &amp; CAROLINATHEATRE.ORG</b>	<b>OVENS AUDITORIUM (CHAR)</b> FR 10/9 ROBERT BELL TIX VIA TICKETMASTER
MO 10/19 ART BRUT W/BEN DAVIS & THE JETTS**	FR 11/6 THE OLD CEREMONY W/MODERN SKIRTS**	TH 11/19 BADFISH A TRIBUTE TO SUBLIME		
WE 10/21 DR. DOG W/JEFFREY LEWIS**(\$15)	SA 11/7 CHATHAM COUNTY LINE W/MANDOLIN ORANGE**(\$12/\$15)	FR 11/20 PIETASTERS W/LIONIZE, ANTAGONIZERS**		
SA 10/24 ELECTRIC SIX**(\$12/\$14) W/THE GAY BLADES, MILLIONS OF BRAZILIANS	SU 11/8 SAY ANYTHING, EISLEY, MONEEN, MINIATURE TIGERS**(\$16.50/\$19)	SA 11/21 STEEP CANYON RANGERS W/SHANNON WHITWORTH**(\$12)		
SU 10/25 GALACTIC W/THE HOOD INTERNET**(\$18/\$20)	MO 11/9 BLIND PILOT W/THE LOW ANTHEM**	FR 11/27 POST TURKEY DAY JAM		
	TU 11/10 THE GET UP KIDS W/KEVIN DEVINE AND MANSIONS**(\$18/\$22)	SU 11/29 EMILIE AUTUMN**(\$15)		
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		WE 12/2 EL VEZ / LOS STRAITJACKETS CHRISTMAS SHOW**(\$14/\$16)		
		FR 12/4 WXYC 80S DANCE**		
		SA 12/5 TREKKY YULETIDE ORCHESTRA**(\$8/\$10)		
		SA 12/5 SOUTHERN CULTURE ON THE SKIDS**(\$12/\$14)		

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**OBITUARIES**

**William Medford**

William Gerald Medford, 68, died suddenly, but peacefully, of heart failure at his home on Sept. 27, 2009.

Gerald's body has been donated to the UNC School of Medicine to advance the study of human health and well-being.

A native of Bryson City, Gerald was the third child born to Bill and Bert Medford. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Charles and Adrian.

A 1965 graduate of Western Carolina University, Gerald enjoyed a career in banking and sales, beginning with First Union National Bank and later with United Laboratories. He and his wife, Becky, also were owners and operators of several motels in Lenoir and Myrtle Beach, S.C.

In his retirement years, he enjoyed part-time employment at the Waynesville Country Club and at Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill. A sports fan his

entire life, Gerald enjoyed a special allegiance to UNC athletics, particularly football, basketball and baseball.

Gerald is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Rebecca "Becky" S. Medford of the home.

**Joan Pedigo Wallace**

Joan Pedigo Wallace, a lifelong resident of Birmingham, Alabama, died on Sept. 21, 2009, surrounded by her children. She was 77 years old. She is survived by her four children, Rangeley Wallace, Holland Wallace, Daniel Wallace and Barrie Wallace, and by her grandchildren, Daniel Denvir, Jamie Denvir, Emma Denvir, Jack Denvir, Basie Settle and Henry Wallace, and by the family's beloved and caring friend, Velma Henderson.

Joan was cherished by her friends and family, who will miss her free and generous spirit, and who will remember her as a unique and beautiful woman, full of warmth, charm and charisma. She loved living in the Magic City, and she loved her



Joan Pedigo Wallace



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**FARMERS' MARKET**

Sat: 7am-Noon • Wed: 3:30-6:30pm Thurs/So. Village: 3:30-6:30pm

**What's at Market?**

Check out what's at the Carrboro Year-Round Farmers' Market . . .

New Item this Week: **CHARD**, celery, shiitake mushrooms, radishes, turnips, honey, garlic, fall plant starters, green tomatoes, sunshine squash, figs, salad mix (spicy and non), arugula, muscadine grapes, asian pears, butternut squash, concord grapes, apples, eggplant, melons, corn, heirloom and various varieties of tomatoes, basil, beans, tomatillos, okra, blueberries, bell peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, summer squash, new potatoes, lettuce, onions, wheat flour, collards, fresh herbs, kale, sweet potatoes, pecans, flowers such as zinnias, sunflowers, lilies, and gladiolas, meats like goat, beef, pork, lamb, chicken, buffalo, and various specialty meats like liverwurst, bologna, hotdogs, etc, cow's and goat's milk cheeses, eggs, breads, doughnuts, tortes, pies, cakes, jams, and relishes.

**Blue Plate Special**

Featuring Farm Fresh Recipes from 7 Local Chefs Who Regularly Shop at the Carrboro Farmers' Market!

**Macaroni and Cheese**

Recipe Provided by: *Bill Smith, Crooks Corner*

This recipe has been cut down from a larger restaurant sized one in hopes that it can transfer to home use, but I didn't have time to test it so it may make more than I think. Serves 6-8.

**Ingredients & Procedure:**

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 1/2 pound, elbow macaroni, cooked according to instructions; rinsed, drained and kept warm
- 4 cups sliced mushrooms\*
- 1 small onion\*, medium chopped
- 2 tablespoons whole butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pepper to taste
- 2 Tablespoons whole butter
- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 2 1/2 cups hot milk
- 1 generous teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 1/2 cups grated Hickory Grove cheese\*
- 1/2 cup crumbled Chapel Hill Creamery farmers' cheese\*
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup more grated Hickory Grove cheese\*

Cook the onions in butter until soft, about five minutes, then add the mushrooms and continue cooking until the juice they release is almost gone. Season with the salt and pepper and set aside.

Make a roux by cooking the flour and butter together until ivory colored, then slowly stir in the hot milk. Let simmer to

thicken a little and season with salt, white pepper and cayenne. Stir occasionally. Fold the roux into the cooked, drained pasta. Then fold in the first portion of Hickory Grove and the farmers' cheese

Layer half of the macaroni in a 10 x 12 x 3 1/2 casserole dish. Spread the mushrooms over this. Then cover with the rest of the macaroni. Mix the rest of the Hickory Grove with the bread crumbs and sprinkle over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes or until the top has browned and the edges have begun to get crunchy. Let set 20 minutes before serving.

**Red Sauce**  
1 28 oz can whole peeled tomatoes with juice  
1 6-8 oz can of pimientos, drained

1-2 Tbls of Texas Pete  
Simmer the whole peeled tomatoes, with their juice, and the pimientos for 10 minutes, then puree

and add a tablespoon or two of Texas Pete, depending on your heat preference.

\* Seasonal ingredients available at the Carrboro Farmer' Market  
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dear circle of friends. She loved traveling, sailing, the beach and the mountains, books, art, Willie Nelson and the Dalai Lama. She remained proud of her active part in the civil rights movement, and was overjoyed to live to see the culmination of that work when Barack Obama was elected president. The family will be hosting an open house for Joan's friends and acquaintances to share their memories of her on Oct. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Please contact daniel@danielwallace.org for location and other information.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Community Kitchens of Birmingham, (205) 251-3569.

**Saber Lazarus Long Benson**

Saber Lazarus Long Benson, 26, of Chapel Hill, passed away on Sept. 28, 2009.

Saber was the son of Rebecca May West and Michael Leslie Kenwell Benson. He leaves behind his wife and childhood sweetheart, Jessica Benson; his two younger siblings, Harley Charles and Gates Benson; his brother-in-law and best friend, Tristan Charles; and his two

older half-siblings, Heidi Wolin and Mike Benson.

Saber will be remembered for his energy, generosity and big heart, as well as for his unrestricted, full-throttle approach to life. He welcomed everyone into his heart and never made anyone feel like a stranger. His family consisted of kin in addition to a large group of friends that stayed close through trying times.

**Pauline Jacobs**

Pauline Rose Jacobs, 88, passed away Thursday evening, Oct. 1, 2009, at UNC Hospitals, with her family at her side.

A native of Mansfield, Ohio, she is survived by her husband, Paul Jacobs of Chapel Hill, a son, Rich Swain of Pittsboro, and a daughter, Chris Broach of Graham.

She loved and cherished her family and church family and especially her six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, who would always make her smile. She will be greatly missed by all her friends and family.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the doctors and nurses at UNC Hospitals.

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## LETTERS

## Wolff again

Having twice been defeated in his runs for mayor of Chapel Hill, Kevin Wolff is trying it a third time, and he's as silly as ever. In a half-page advertisement in your excellent newspaper, Mr. Wolff asks one of his opponents to withdraw from the race simply because Mr. Wolff deems himself the better candidate. Why does Mr. Wolff stop there? Since he believes himself to be the best candidate, why does he not ask all of his opponents to withdraw from the race so that he can become mayor by acclamation?

Fortunately, here in America we let the people decide which of the candidates is most suitable for office, and do not overly rely upon the candidates' self-assessments or self-delusions. So in this case, Mr. Wolff is once again having his cherished moment in the limelight, we once again need to put up with his antics and after Nov. 3 we'll once again be rid of him – at least until the next election comes around.

LAURENCE KIRSCH  
Chapel Hill

## The IRS explains

The "Cash for Clunkers" program for new cars may have ended, but the IRS wants to remind taxpayers that many people might overlook another special break available. If you buy a new vehicle this year, there's a special federal tax deduction available that can help you save money, in some cases hundreds of dollars. This tax break will allow people who buy a new vehicle in 2009 to deduct the sales and excise taxes they pay when they file their tax return next year. The tax deduction is available on the 2009 federal tax return even for those who claim the standard deduction.

The deduction is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and applies to taxes paid on up to \$49,500 of the purchase price for qualified new cars, light trucks, motorcycles or motor homes. Generally, vehicles weighing 8,500 pounds or less qualify. This means that most new cars and many new trucks will qualify. New motor homes qualify regardless of weight.

Buyers are entitled to a partial deduction if they earn between \$125,000 and \$135,000 (\$250,000 and \$260,000 for joint filers). The deduction is eliminated for those who earn over these amounts.

To qualify, the vehicle must be new and purchased in 2009 after Feb. 16 and no later than Dec. 31. There is still time left, but the clock is ticking.

More information is available at IRS.gov/Recovery

TERRY L. LEMONS  
Director of Communications  
Internal Revenue Service

(Note: We omitted the end of this letter in last week's paper.)

## Meet the voters

Low voter turnout is always discouraging. It speaks of disengagement and disenchantment. It is a demoralizing commentary on democracy. But what do you do when even the candidates hardly come out?

I went to the Orange County website: We are having an election in Carrboro! Did the Carrboro Board of Aldermen pass an ordinance forbidding local political campaigns? The candidate with the most campaign signs seems to be a person named "Yard Sale." Is it too much to expect the candidates to actively seek your vote? I know there have been forums, but I can't make those because of my schedule. With a Saturday morning trip to the Farmers' Market and then a few short carbon-less footsteps to the daily town forum at Weaver Street Market, the candidates have an easy opportunity to meet the voters. They could even do it more than once. Let's air the issues. What about a debate between mayoral candidates at the Town Common's gazebo? How about the challenges letting us know why they should be chosen rather than the incumbents? Have the citizens of the Paris of the Piedmont abandoned the barricades, fled the streets? Is our new motto "Ennuui is enough for us"?

JACK HAGGERTY  
Carrboro



## ELECTION LETTERS

## For Kleinschmidt

I live in Chapel Hill and own a business in Carrboro. With a foot in both communities, I want to express my support for Mark Chilton and Mark Kleinschmidt for mayor of our two towns. In my experiences with Mayor Chilton, I've found him to be a great leader who has one eye on the future while maintaining a keen understanding of and respect for the core and history of Carrboro. Chapel Hill has a critically important decision to make at this election and I put my support squarely in Mark Kleinschmidt's camp. He best represents Chapel Hill's proud heritage and is the right person to lead us over the next term as we look to revive our downtown while keeping true to our social beliefs and responsibilities. Both towns face challenges. Both towns need to navigate the path of growth. Each town needs to preserve and protect the best of its history and character. Mark Chilton and Mark Kleinschmidt are both, in my opinion, best positioned to help us succeed in all of these areas. While I can only vote in Chapel Hill, I will root for both come Election Day.

JESSE KALISHER  
Chapel Hill

## Supporting Czajkowski

Matt Czajkowski is Chapel Hill's chance to bring some type of order to our wonderful town government.

His platform for fiscal responsibility: freezing property taxes for two years, managing growth (i.e., done in a way that is responsible to the character of CH but also done in order to improve the town's tax base) and bringing vitality back to downtown. How often is downtown thought of as a destination?

His ideas are all focused on improving our town. Matt has the solutions to the problems that have been ignored for over eight years.

DAN JENSEN  
Chapel Hill

## Brownstein for schools

I've always admired people who could manage things well. They seem to be able to achieve more than most of us. They always get asked to be on this committee or that, or to run something that needs to be run, when there aren't a lot of volunteers who will do it.

That's one of the main reasons I admire and support Michelle Brownstein for school board.

I've worked with her on school-district issues, I've watched her in meetings and I've had coffee with her to learn her views on various issues. The impression I've come away with is that she is a person who gets things done because she is so capable. She organizes, analyzes and executes projects extremely well.

Somehow, while being the mother to four children in the CHCCS, she also works in the schools, on the district level and on the state level to improve the educational opportunities for all our children.

The CHCCS have been going through a prolonged period of change, and much more is coming. Michelle is the kind of person who will do an excellent job in helping the district manage that change in a way that will ensure the positive results our students and teachers need.

GARY WALLACH  
Chapel Hill

## Vote for Lee

As a 24-year veteran of high school teaching in Chapel Hill and mother of four graduates, I would like to enthusiastically encourage everyone to vote for Christine Lee for school board.

Christine's many, many contributions to our schools are way too numerous to list. Please check them out at ElectLee.org. Anyone who knows Christine will tell you

that everything she does is marked by thoughtfulness, determination, tact and grace. She accomplishes so much because of her remarkable ability to work harmoniously with everyone without compromising her principles. She will devote dynamism, experience and wisdom in service to every child.

BETSY DAWSON  
Chapel Hill

## Slade for alderman

As someone who will be greatly affected by changes in northern Carrboro, I am pleased that Sammy Slade is running for alderman. North Carrboro has wonderful homes, schools and neighborhoods, but it lacks community centers with commercial, recreational and public spaces. Sammy Slade has dedicated himself to creating such spaces through such projects as the Carrboro Greenspace Center for Community and Sustainability, the Urban Farm Tour and the MLK Jr. Community Garden. As chair of Carrboro's Local Living Economy Task Force, Sammy Slade is leading the town in crafting a cutting-edge economic development strategy. Please join me in supporting Sammy Slade, a candidate who understands how community and economy intersect and support one another. It's what northern Carrboro and all of Carrboro need.

ZEMO TREVATHAN  
Carrboro

## For Czajkowski

For over 20 years, I was privileged to own and operate Swensen's Ice Cream Shop in University Square on West Franklin Street in Chapel Hill. During that time, I watched our town grow and change.

Chapel Hill is still growing and changing and needs strong leadership to make sure we successfully continue positively in these very demanding times.

## ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

The Carrboro Citizen welcomes letters of endorsement for candidates in the 2009 municipal and school board elections.

We ask that you keep letters in support of individual candidates to 325 words and multiple candidates to 375 words.

As with our general letters policy all letters must be accompanied by the author's name, address and contact information. We will publish one letter per author per month. Typed letters are preferred and email even more so. Lengthy letters written in longhand will become mysteriously lost.

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I am convinced Matt Czajkowski is the most capable to lead our town as mayor, because of his straight talk, business experience and leadership qualities. Please join me in supporting Matt and electing him, so our town can be assured it will have an outstanding leader for its future.

LEON M. TODD  
Chapel Hill

## Vote McElveen

One of our votes in the school board election will proudly go to our friend and former neighbor Greg McElveen. As one currently serving on the board, he has demonstrated the qualities required to make our great district even better. His active involvement in the PTSA board, the SGC and the District

Strategic Planning Committee are just a few of his efforts. Greg is committed to bringing about excellence for all students. We encourage voters to go to his website, mcelveenforschoolboard.org, and learn more about Greg.

SYLVIA AND FRED BLACK  
Chapel Hill

## Vote Czajkowski

I support Councilman Matt Czajkowski for mayor. I admire his lone stand against lifetime health insurance benefits for town council members – a majority of one. He is an immigrant and the son of immigrants. He served his country for four years in the Navy. He went on to graduate from Harvard College and Harvard Business School. A former investment banker, Matt has an understanding of money and finance, which is sorely needed on any town board. Matt is the sensible choice. I urge you to vote for Matt Czajkowski for mayor of Chapel Hill.

MIKE TAYLOR  
Chapel Hill

## Open letter to the town on Bolin Creek greenway

The draft alignment of the proposed Bolin Creek greenway was presented at the Century Center on Sept. 21. The proposed alignment opts for the "creekside" route in preference to the upland forest route. The bases for and stated purposes of this route selection do not seem to be supported by the facts, and we think are contrary to the long-term interests of the community and to the Bolin Creek corridor.

First, the preference for the creekside route was said to reflect the preference of the attendees at the May 20 workshop. However, an analysis of the limited sample does not support that conclusion. In fact, while the favorable opinions for the upland route were roughly in the same proportion as for the creekside route, more than double the proportion of attendees strongly opposed the creekside route than the upland route (7 of 28 responders, or 24 percent, rated the creekside route between 1 and 3 on the scale of 10, while only 3 of 26, or 11 percent, rated the upland route at 1 to 3). This reflects that while both routes would apparently be pleasing to roughly the same proportion of people (to the extent the sample has validity), a higher proportion of interested parties strongly oppose the creekside route than oppose the upland route. This level of opposition should have led to a preference being stated for the upland route rather than for the creekside route.

Further, the reasons for the opposition to the creekside route are

substantial and relate to the harm that would be caused to the corridor (both temporary and permanent) by the construction of a significant hardened route through the length of the creek. In that regard, while the staff and the others involved to date have presented the creekside route as having environmental benefits – indeed, benefits to the creek and preservation of the natural area are featured as reasons for the project superior to transportation – as staff and the Greenways Commission know, the project is a N.C. DOT-funded project, which prescribes a transportation purpose and transportation-related conditions. Project funds are specifically not granted for construction of a greenway and very clearly are not available for buffer restoration or stream-bank improvements.

In fact, the DOT-imposed conditions for a hardened surface of a minimum 10-foot width, which would run approximately two and one half miles, would introduce roughly three acres of pavement into the Bolin Creek riparian buffer. This new impervious surface may well cause more environmental harm than benefit by acting as a more efficient surface for transport of runoff into the creek. The paved surface may also promote erosive flow in some areas and will promote the addition of nutrients to the creek due to the increased pet traffic to be anticipated. Further, although certain areas of the existing creek buffer zone may be proposed

to be closed temporarily, in general it should be expected that trails will continue to be formed in the unpaved areas of the buffer and that the existing problem of erosion and sedimentation in the creek will not be solved. (The fundamental cause is the use of the buffer for OWASA easements, which precludes restoration of a forested buffer whether or not this transportation route is constructed.)

Virtually lost in the town's calculus appears to be the harm to the natural environment threatened by this project. The Bolin Creek corridor from Estes Road to Homestead Road runs through a 1,000-acre forested heart of our increasingly urbanizing area. Peter White, director of the N.C. Botanical Garden, calls this corridor our "Great Smoky Mountains" due to its biodiversity. The area is greatly enjoyed and appreciated for its natural area qualities, whether for recreation, hobby or science. Although hardly pristine or untouched by past and present human activity, it nevertheless contains areas of high-value upland and lowland forests, wetlands and a riparian zone that, together with its sheer expanse, create a relative urban wilderness. For the simple value of preserving and protecting this area, we should not introduce the proposed three acres of pavement, which will have both obvious and subtle adverse effects on the semi-wild character of the corridor.

Finally, a significant legal and policy problem exists with the proposed alignment. Under the new Jordan Reservoir Nutrient Management Rules,

as of Aug. 11, the town is not permitted to undertake construction of a hardened path in the 50-foot riparian buffer of Bolin Creek without a certification from the state that there was "no practical alternative" that would cause less disturbance to the buffer (15A NCAC 02B.0267(11)). By definition, one such alternative exists in the upland route, and there are others. Therefore, should the town attempt to pursue the creekside route, the state should deny the certification.

The town should get its purposes straight and attend to each separately. By all means, try to find funds (as the economy improves) to do what can be done to improve the Bolin Creek riparian buffer and to restore damaged stream banks. There are many measures that can be taken, including tree and other plantings to the extent consistent with the OWASA easement, natural-surface path improvement, erosion-control devices constructed from natural materials, diffuse flow measures and stream-bank restoration. Seek other sources of funding for those measures. DOT's money is for transportation, not for environmental rehabilitation. If the town desires transportation and "connectivity," do so along existing transportation corridors such as Seawell School Road, and don't do harm to our high-value natural area under the guise of illusory environmental benefits.

DICKSON PHILLIPS, TOM CORS  
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**VOTING**  
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So far, council member Matt Czajkowski has been the top spender. In a report filed last week with the state board elections, he reported raising \$17,434 and spending \$9,299.68, with \$8,134.32 cash on hand as of Sept. 22, the cutoff date for the latest reporting cycle.

In his report, candidate Kevin Wolff lists raising \$10,210, mainly from a \$10,000 loan he made to his campaign. Wolff lists \$3,458.32 in expenditures and \$6,751.68 in cash on hand.

In his bid for mayor, council member Mark Kleinschmidt reports raising \$4,505 and spending \$2,988.85, with cash on hand of \$1,516.15. Kleinschmidt, who has qualified for public financing, can draw up to \$9,000 from the public fund during the race.

Candidate Augustus Cho reports raising \$1,095, spending \$881.93 and cash on hand of \$213.

**In the Chapel Hill council race:**

• Gene Pease has raised \$5,975 and spent \$3,332.60, with \$2,642.40 cash on hand;

• Penny Rich, who has qualified for public financing, reports raising \$4,131.40, spending \$1,012.24, with \$3,706.32 cash on hand;

• Matt Pohlman reports raising \$3,704.39 and spending \$3,043.30, with \$661.09 cash on hand;

• incumbent Ed Harrison reports raising \$2,105 and spending \$516.50, with \$1,961.65 cash on hand;

• incumbent Laurin Easthom reports starting the race with \$338.91 cash on hand and spending \$274.18, leaving \$64.73 cash on hand;

• incumbent Jim Merritt reports raising \$840 and spending \$68.80, with \$771.20 cash on hand;

• Will Raymond reports raising \$305 and spending \$8.20, with \$296.80 cash on hand;

• John DeHart reports raising \$300 and spending none of it.

Campaign reports may be read online at [www.sboe.state.nc.us/content.aspx?id=106](http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/content.aspx?id=106)

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**Leffler to buy WCHL**

Barry Leffler, general manager of NBC-17, has bought a minority stake in WCHL and has plans to purchase complete ownership, the station announced Friday (Oct. 2).



"This is a major and, I think, historic move for Chapel Hill-Carrboro's radio station," WCHL majority owner Jim Heavner said in a statement released by the station. "It represents the culmination of a process to which I committed when we returned WCHL to the community in 2002 to provide for long term local ownership. It is impossible for me to imagine a more capable successor than Barry Leffler, who brings a lifetime of broadcast experience, personal leadership, creativity and commitment to WCHL and this community."

Leffler said he sees the station as "a great radio play" and hopes to further develop the station's local-news mission.

"This presents us with enormous opportunities to develop integrated local media to create a new 'medium of record' for Chapel Hill-Carrboro and the growing surrounding areas. That is my objective," he said.

Leffler will leave his post at NBC-17 and assume the roles of CEO and managing partner, with Heavner continuing as company chairman.

Heavner said he had been looking for a buyer that would retain the station's ties to the community.

WCHL, founded by former Chapel Hill Mayor Roland McClamroch, first hit the airwaves in 1953. McClamroch and Heavner shared ownership until the late 1970s, when Heavner became sole owner. He sold the station to Curtis Media in 1995 and the station moved to Durham.

Heavner bought the station back in 2002. — Staff Reports

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**CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER:**

Barack Obama, in his congressional bid to be president, did not take this course, but was determined to be the best.



## LUNCH MENUS

## ELEMENTARY

**FRI 10/9** — Spaghetti & Meat Sauce; w/Garlic Bread; Corn Dog; California Mixed Vegetables; Sweet Yellow Corn; Fresh Apple Halves

**MON 10/12** — Hamburger on a Bun; Fish Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Tater Tots; Peas & Carrots; Fresh Apple Halves

**TUE 10/13** — Three Cheese Rotini; w/Garlic Bread; Chicken Tacos w/Lett, Tom.; Cheese & Salsa; "Fun on the Run"; Vegetable Rice; Steamed Broccoli; Chilled Peaches

**WED 10/14** — BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Vegetarian Baked Beans; Seasoned Collard Greens; Fresh Grapes

**THU 10/15** — TChicken Patty Sandwich; Baked Potato w/Meat & Cheese; and Wheat Roll; "Fun on the Run"; Traditional Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Pineapple Tidbits; Chocolate Pudding

## HIGH SCHOOL

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**MON 10/12** — Beef & Cheese Nachos w/Salsa; Chicken Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Baja Black Beans; Chilled Apricots; Fresh Apples

**TUE 10/13** — Pork BBQ on a Bun; Chicken Trazzini w/Wheat Roll; Green Beans; Steamed Carrots; Chilled Pears

**WED 10/14** — Meatball Sub; Sweet & Sour Chicken; Brown Rice Pilaf; Asian Mixed Vegetables; Fresh Bananas

**THU 10/15** — Spaghetti with Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread; Corn Dog; California Mixed Vegetables; Sweet Yellow Corn; Banana Pudding

## School Briefs

## Asian parent night

The second annual CHCCS district-wide Asian Parent Night will be held Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at Smith Middle School auditorium. Robin Visser, associate professor of Asian studies at UNC, and Je-Yeon Jo, lecturer of Asian Studies at UNC, will speak on differences between the Asian and American cultures, followed by a panel discussion with four to six college students who have gone through CHCCS and will share their experiences of growing up in one culture and attending schools in another.

Parents with any connection to Asian culture, middle and high school students, principals, ESL teachers and any staff or faculty who would like to learn about the cultural differences are invited. Child care will be provided for K-5 grade students.

## Fall concerts at East Chapel Hill

East Chapel Hill's fall concert season is almost under way. The choral concert is Oct. 10; the band concert, Oct. 20; and the orchestra concert, Oct. 22. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and are \$5 at the door.

Volunteers are needed for the box office and as ushers. (Students can earn service hours for this.) If you'd like to volunteer, contact Valerie Hudock at [vwhudock@mindspring.com](mailto:vwhudock@mindspring.com). Let her know the date and time you are able to help.

## Auction for science education

Morehead Planetarium will host an online auction Oct. 10-18 to raise money for planetarium technology and science education throughout North Carolina. Items for auction include an evening with the Carolina women's soccer team or dinner and stargazing at Morehead with a UNC astronomer. Visit [moreheadplanetarium.org](http://moreheadplanetarium.org) for more information.

## Mentors needed

The Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate (BRMA) program is looking for volunteers.

BRMA is the flagship mentoring program of the CHCCS. The program relies on the relationship between mentor-advocates and students as the foundation for providing a variety of individualized services.



Morehead Planetarium Control Panel

BRMA needs volunteers this year more than ever before. There are 15 students already in the program who need new mentors, eight more students are on the waiting list and at least 20 new referrals are expected.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, email [brma@chccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:brma@chccs.k12.nc.us)

## National Day on Writing

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools will participate in the National Day on Writing on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The event is sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

The purpose of the program is to encourage, celebrate and honor writing. District English and language arts coordinator Karyn Gloden has created the CHCCS online Gallery of Writing to align with the NCTE's National Gallery of Writing. Students and staff from across the district are invited to contribute a selection in any genre in response to the question, "What makes your heart leap up?"

The theme is based on William Wordsworth's poem that begins, "My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky." The idea is to capture the joy in our community.

The online writing gallery will open for public reading of the submitted selections on Oct. 20, but students and staff may begin submitting selections now.

For information on how to participate, visit the English/Language Arts website at [www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/elarts](http://www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/elarts)

Questions may be directed to Karyn Gloden at [kgloden@chccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:kgloden@chccs.k12.nc.us).

## Compassion will guide Smith Middle

Compassion is the word at Smith Middle School, as teachers, students and staff prepare for Global Connections Night, Nov. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Because "compassion" and "passion" are words found in "compassion," the school's theme has become "Compassion: A Compass to Guide You ... The Passion to Drive You." Student exhibits on Nov. 19 will highlight local as well as global compassionate acts, events and people.

As a hands-on extension of this theme, Smith will hold a Compassionate Service Day on Dec. 5 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. After a pancake breakfast in the cafeteria, Smith students and their families will volunteer two hours at a local nonprofit agency doing work such as refurbishing porches at the Ronald McDonald House in Durham.

If you know of a service organization that would welcome youth and adults as volunteers on Dec. 5 or an organization interested in volunteering food or time for the breakfast, contact Robin McMahon at [rmcmahon@chccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:rmcmahon@chccs.k12.nc.us)

## Local educators honored

UNC's School of Education honored five exceptional alumni, two with local ties, at its annual Alumni Awards Ceremony on campus.

Barnett Wayne Berry of Hillsborough, who received a doctorate from the school in 1984, received an Alumni Achievement Award. He is president and CEO of the Center for Teaching Quality Inc., a research-based organization that advocates for teachers in the debate over the future of the profession.

Briana Corke of Chapel Hill, who earned a bachelor's degree from the school in 2003, received the Outstanding Young Alumna Award. She was the 2008-09 Teacher of the Year in the CHCCS.

The awards recognize the commitment, accomplishments and ongoing contributions by distinguished alumni to the field of education. Nominations for the awards were made by alumni, faculty and friends.

## School board approves CHS lease extension

BY BETH MECHUM  
Staff Writer

At the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education meeting on Oct. 1, the board approved the Carrboro High School lease extension and amendment.

Orange County is the owner of the Carrboro High property as a result of an agreement reached during the 2006 financing plan for the original construction of the property. This current lease agreement is slated to terminate in 2021, when the entire financing package is paid in full. The district has pursued Qualified School Construction Bonds to cover the construction costs associated with the arts wing at the school. It is expected that these bonds would not be paid in full for 12 to 15 years, which would exceed the timeframe. The district needs to amend the lease agreement for an additional one to four years to cover this project. At that time, Orange County would transfer the property back to CHCCS.

The board also heard the year-one summary on the Physical Education Program grant.

Last year, CHCCS received a three-year grant in excess of \$800,000 from the federal Carol

M. White Physical Education Program.

In the first year of the grant, CHCCS saw a 10 percent increase in the number of K-5 grade students who reported engaging in at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week and in the number of 6-12 grade students who reported engaging in at least 225 minutes of physical activity per week. Pedometers have been purchased with the grant money, and other pieces of new equipment include heart-rate monitors, rowers, wii systems, stationary bikes, mini trampolines, Brain Gym, mini pulse bars, treadmills, HOPSports and Geo Fitness.

The board heard an update on Elementary #11 (in the Northside neighborhood) progress. Steve Triggiano of Moseley Architects delivered the presentation, which highlighted progress since the last board presentation in March. His presentation was organized around the concepts of sustainability, footprint and appearance.

The board discussed funding for the Carrboro High arts wing in preparation for the public workshop held on Oct. 7.

Dave Scott of the MIS Department was named the school system's October employee of the month.

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**Our Cowboy Junkies ticket winners are Arianna Witten and Diane Koistinen. They each got 2 tickets to see Cowboy Junkies at the ArtsCenter, courtesy of the Carrboro Citizen. Thanks to everyone who entered the contest!**



## Sports Briefs

**Wednesday, Sept. 30**

**MEN'S SOCCER**  
Jordan 2-East Chapel Hill 2

**FIELD HOCKEY**  
Chapel Hill 8-Riverside 0

**Thursday, Oct. 1**

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Cedar Ridge defeated Carrboro 25-19, 25-12, 25-21

Cardinal Gibbons defeated Chapel Hill 25-9, 25-17, 25-14

**TENNIS**  
East Chapel Hill 6-Reynolds 1  
Northwood 6-Carrboro 3

**MEN'S SOCCER**  
East Chapel Hill 9-Person 0

**Monday, Oct. 5**

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
Carrboro 8-River Mill Academy 1

**MEN'S SOCCER**  
Cedar Ridge 2-East Chapel Hill 0

**FIELD HOCKEY**

East Chapel Hill 10-Jordan 1

**CAROLINA CENTRAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**1st:** Northwood - 248

**2nd:** Chapel Hill - 279

**3rd:** East Chapel Hill - 315

**4th:** Cardinal Gibbons - 343

**5th:** Carrboro - 369

**Individuals**

**1st:** Emily Brooks (NHS) - 81  
**2nd:** Emma Marlatt (CHHS) - 81

**3rd:** Maggie Denny (NHS) - 81

**4th:** Avri Smith (NHS) - 86  
**5th:** Jones (CHHS) - 91

**6th:** Caitlyn Threadgill (CHS) - 99

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Carrboro defeated Durham School of the Arts 25-13, 25-19, 19-25, 25-23

Chapel Hill defeated N. Vance 25-13, 25-17, 25-17

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Swamp sunflower, coreopsis and boneset dominate the current spectacular fall wildflower display in the coastal plain habitat of the N.C. Botanical Garden. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

## FLORA

FROM PAGE 1

Over the years, I've discovered nature to be a helpful gardening partner. Many of my original plants just couldn't make it without excessive watering and other care. I simply could not water enough my favorite clump of Joe-Pye weed. Fortunately, nature moved it by seed to other locations where they thrive without any help from me.

Nature also took charge of the design around my hot west-facing deck. The colorful perennial border along the edge slowly succumbed to the root and shade competition of a southern sugar maple that volunteered there. The shade of that tree now

makes the deck habitable in the summer. I love that tree more than the original flower border.

As in nature's gardens, each year I look forward to a different garden design around my house. I never know where the passion flower will emerge. I have to be vigilant to spot where the annual wild jimson weed will occur. Perennial poke, another favorite, is more predictable, but there are always new ones I select to leave here and there to replace old ones.

I'm always on the lookout for volunteer rebuds, dogwoods, black haws, sumacs and deciduous hollies. Selecting a few to leave in place ensures me truly maintenance-free specimen plants.

Letting nature become an active partner in planting and thereby influence the design of the ornamental garden has reduced my responsibilities to occasional pruning and weeding, leaving more time for the vegetable garden.

Whether or not you choose to partner with nature as you garden, take time out to enjoy nature's gardens all along our country roadsides. A must-see natural garden is the coastal plain habitat at the N.C. Botanical Garden. It is unbelievable. At an all-time peak right now, the sculptural and color effects of the wildflowers rival the annual sculpture show outside and the paintings of Robert Johnson and botanical illustrators inside.



The return of the prodigal camera

Chickens come home to roost. And sometimes so do old cameras. Here is my high school-era beast, an early-'50s Rolleiflex that I tried to use for news, features and sports while shooting for the CHHS *Proconian*, our school newspaper. How I hated this clunky dinosaur! Everything about the thing was counterintuitive: You had to look down to focus at objects in front of you – and if they were moving – then keeping your subject in the frame and focused was a lucky guess. Plus a roll of film had only 12 exposures, most of which I muffed. So it's no surprise that I conveniently "lost" the "Rollei" on my first college-era newspaper internship in Western North Carolina. By then, I'd discovered the facile joys of a 35mm and was completely hooked. Didn't give the old thing another thought – until last year when I got a package in the mail along with a note from the folks at the *Transylvania Times* in Brevard that read: "We were cleaning out our camera locker and found this old camera. Is it yours? It doesn't work." Well, not only does the old "beast" work just fine, but also I discovered it's a spectacular portrait camera, producing wonderfully large negatives from which I now make black-and-white portrait photos. Who says a machine doesn't have a soul? My old Rollei surely has one, even if it took me 40-plus years to recognize the beauty of the beast.

## A THOUSAND WORDS

BY JOCK LAUTERER

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## Grassroots Festival

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**Meadow Stage**

**Shakori Hills Information**

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**OCTOBER 8-11**  
**2009**

4 day passes: \$85 advance, \$95 at gate, youth 13-15 \$45, 12 and under FREE  
1 day passes: \$22 Thursday, \$30 Friday, \$37 Saturday, \$26 Sunday  
\* Vehicle camping and parking additional