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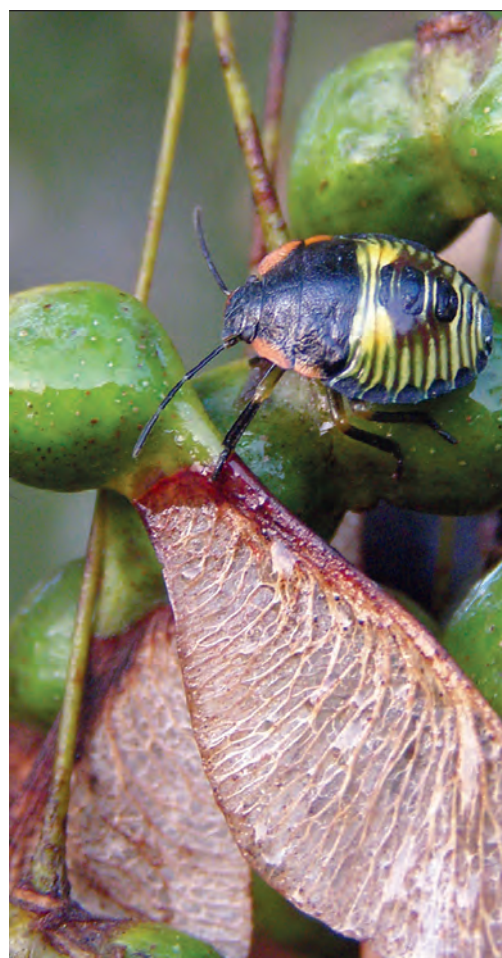


PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

Colorful green stink bug nymph visiting maple seeds.

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

Magical Moments

Though the sun was rising, the paper had not yet arrived. Walking slowly back up the drive, my eyes were captured by clusters of emerald green. The sun had illuminated the paired winged seeds, samaras, of the big southern sugar maple, Acer barbatum (formerly A. saccharum ssp. floridanum), shielding our house from the road.

Brilliant red samaras of red maple, Acer rubrum, against a clear blue sky provided similar moments last spring. Curiously, the seeds of red maples mature quickly and spiral, helicopter-like, to the ground during the spring. In contrast, seeds of southern sugar maple hold on, maturing slowly, to spiral earthward during the fall.

My magical green seed moment progressed to another one. While absorbed in the beauty of the seed clusters, I became aware that one of the seed bodies was altered in an odd way, and when it moved I focused on a beautifully colored insect, the likes of which I had never before seen.

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Voting set to begin in historic election

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

Voters can't start queuing up at the first actual polling locations until next Thursday, Oct. 16, but as of Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 8, more than 462 people in Orange County had already voted.

County Board of Elections director Tracey Reams said turnout is expected to be heavy and the elections office has been steadily training workers to get ready for the start of one-stop voting next week.

"We're pretty much doubling our staff and all our equipment at the one-stops," she said.

One early indication of the turnout is that so far, with the deadline to request mail-in ballots not until Oct. 28, more than 2,599 absentee ballots have been sent out by the elections office and 462 completed and returned. That compares to 3,039 total mail-in absentee ballots in the 2004 presidential race.

Registration numbers are also soaring. On Jan. 1, 2007, Orange County had roughly 89,467 registered voters. By the May primary, the number of voters had swelled to roughly 96,000 and as of

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

A packed house watched Tuesday's presidential debate at The Station.

Pumpkin Time

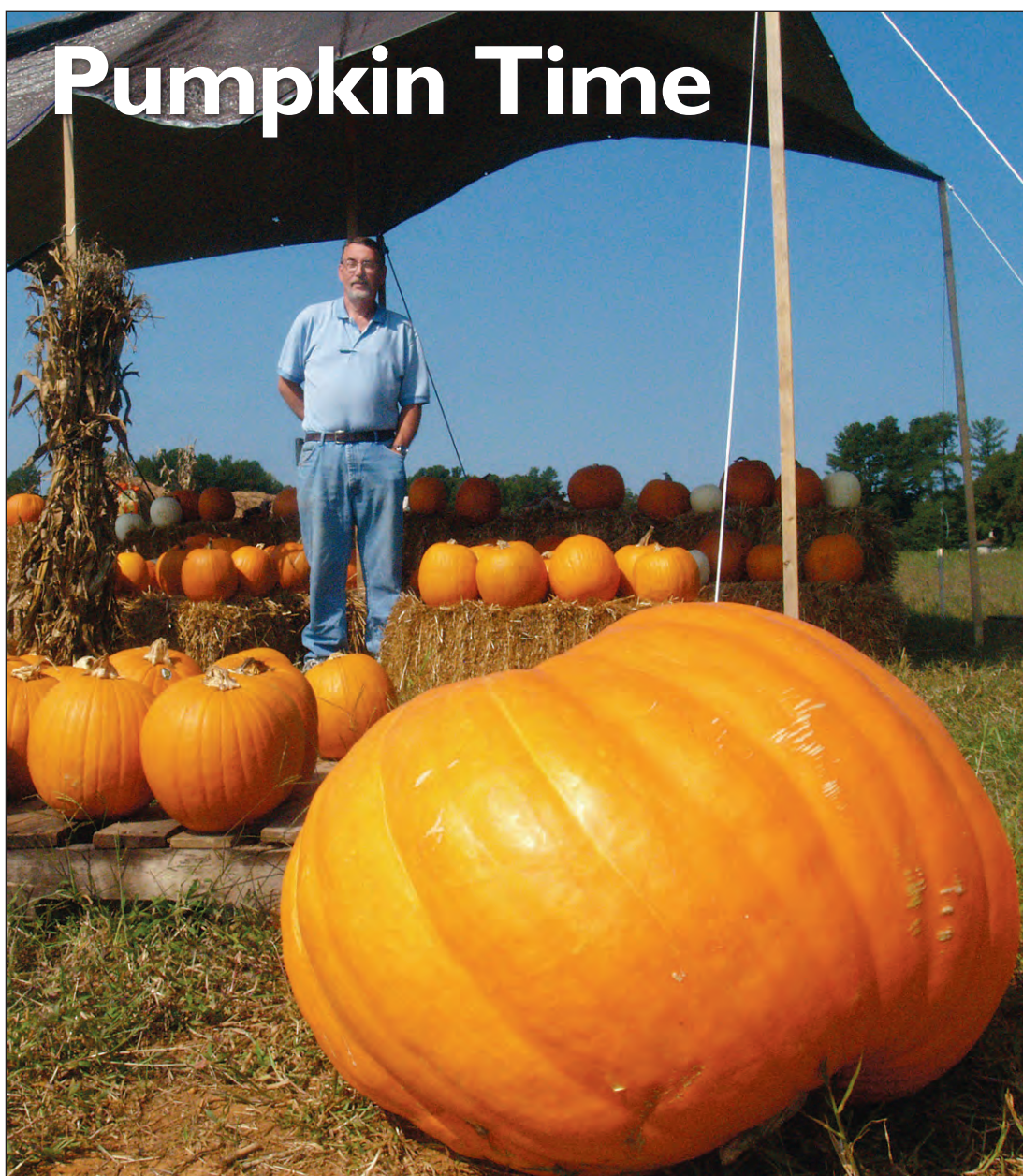


PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Jack Short set up his pumpkin stand this week in the field across from Hogan's Magnolia View Farm on Old Hwy. 86. For Short, who has sold pumpkins and Christmas trees for about 20 years, this is the second year across from Magnolia View. In addition to pumpkins from this state's pumpkin capital of Sparta, he's got broom corn from Maple View Farm and some really large pumpkins from Fuquay-Varina, the largest of which weighed in around 150 pounds, he said.

Fresh air, sunshine and creek critters

RECENTLY . . .

By Valarie Schwartz

In its fifth year, the Bolin Creek Festival has clearly caught on with young families.

What a beautiful scene unfolded at Umstead Park on Oct. 4 during its six hours of displays, music, drum circles (courtesy of Cathy Kielor's Music Explorium), a bounce house and relaxing with community along, and in, Bolin Creek, as Leigh Aultman, a McDougle Middle School science teacher led Stream Watch.

Jonathan Shectman stood on a dry rock bed while his sons Oliver, 5, and Russell, 3, hunted for life in the stream. They were among dozens of other children and adults looking for the mussels, crayfish, tadpoles, salamanders, snails and fish that flourish in this creek that runs through our two

towns. What the boys kept handing their father, however, were pieces of broken glass — a good thing to be removing.

"See, this is why we wear shoes in the creek," Shectman told his boys. "We live in Quarter Path Trace in Carrboro, about a five-minute walk to the creek," he told me. "We really enjoy going there two or three times a month. Chapel Hill and Carrboro have a cosmopolitan feel but you're never more than a few minutes from nature."

Mary Sonis lives even closer to Bolin Creek. She lives on Cobblestone in Carrboro and her property on the creek faces the Carolina North property. Her love of creeks developed as a child.

"I spent a lot of time when I was little with my dad exploring critters. He was a lawyer but I

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Mintons free on bond, more details emerge

BY KIRK ROSS Staff Writer

The parents accused of helping their son cover up a murder are out of jail after winning bond reductions this week.

Gregory Minton was released Monday after his lawyers successfully argued before Superior Court Judge Carl Fox that he was not a flight risk and that his \$1 million bond was excessive.

His wife, Mishele Minton, won release on Wednesday. Both Mintons saw their bonds reduced to \$100,000 — less than the \$250,000 Orange-Chatham District Attorney Jim Woodall had argued for, but still higher than bond guidelines.

Woodall noted on Wednesday that Fox, who served for decades in Woodall's job, had written the guidelines. The couple is under a 10 p.m.-to-6 a.m. curfew and orders not to visit the crime scenes, possess any weapons or associate with anyone connected with the Bailey case except for family members.

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Town says 'no!' to letting it lie

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

Dog owners beware — the next time your pooch does his business in someone else's yard and you don't pick it up, you could be slapped with a \$25 fine.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen voted unanimously on Tuesday to approve an ordinance requiring dog owners or persons walking any dog to pick up their dogs' poop on public or private property.

According to the ordinance, the owner or keeper of a dog, or any person walking or otherwise in charge of a dog, will be fined for failure to remove dog poop deposited by the dog on any street, sidewalk, park or other publicly owned area, or on any private property. The ordinance does not apply to property owned by the owner or keeper of the dog but applies to common areas in any multi-family residential developments.

Board members decided to make it a civil penalty rather than a criminal penalty as initially proposed. Board member Jackie Gist said she didn't support criminalizing dog poop.

"Having come out anti five story, I don't want to be pro dog poop," she said, referring to the board's recent approval of downtown developments. However: "I

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Creative Coworking offers a new dynamic

BY CAROLINE McMILLAN Courtesy of Carrboro Commons

You might call Brian Russell a "Renaissance man" of the digital world.

As a former multimedia designer, developer, consultant and blogger, Russell is used to haunting coffee shops and working alone.

Come mid-October, you'll find him in Carrboro, laptop in hand, but now he won't be by himself. Rather, he'll be brewing a pot of coffee and communing with a new set of coworkers, ranging from freelance writers and editors to multimedia programmers and professional bloggers.

This unique landscape is Russell's new business, known as Carrboro Creative Coworking. Slated to open the second week of October, the business is located in downtown Carrboro, at 205 Lloyd St., Suite 101, just a quarter of a mile from Weaver Street Market.

Originally a doctors' office, the refurbished space is 3,049 square feet and consists of nine small offices, two conference rooms, a kitchen and public workspace. But it's not an office in the traditional sense; he describes it as a professional shared workspace with a coffee shop vibe.

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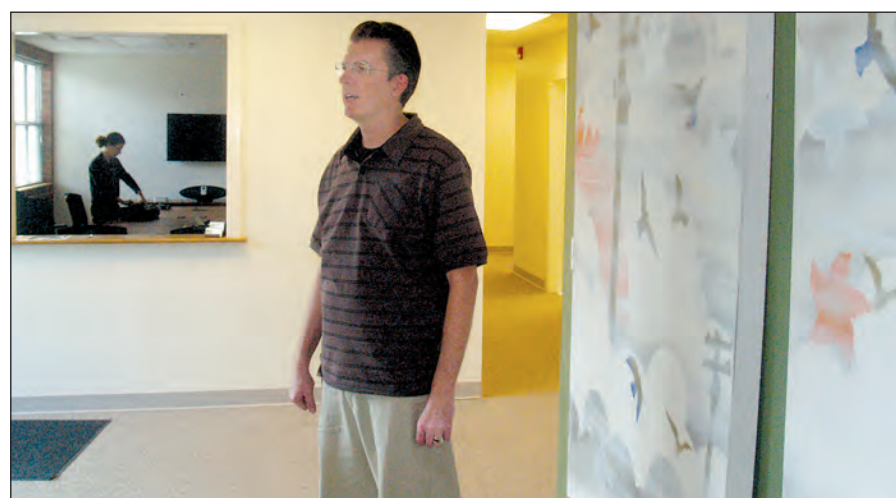


PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Brian Russell in a gathering area at the new Carrboro Creative Coworking on Lloyd Street.

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IN SEASON



ILLUSTRATION BY PHIL BLANK

## Family Day Wednesday at the Farmers' Market

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

To celebrate its last Wednesday market of the year, the Carrboro Farmers' Market will host an afternoon of family activities, food and pumpkin decorating at the market's Family Day.

This is the first year the market has hosted a Family Day to celebrate the last Wednesday market.

"We just thought we'd step it up a little bit," said Sarah Blacklin, manager of the Carrboro Farmers' Market. "We've had so much fun in our Wednesday markets this year."

The event will have a little

something for everyone, and Blacklin encourages folks of all ages to come out.

"We're going to do a combination of food and family/kids events," Blacklin said.

Family Day will feature a number of children's activities, including arts and crafts, games and a scavenger hunt with prizes donated by Kidzu Children's Museum. Participants can also paint pumpkins donated by local farmers in the market's grassy area.

In addition, Andrea Reusing, chef at Lantern restaurant and a local Slow Foods proponent, will lead cooking demos and provide samples throughout the event.

*"It's a bunch of us just coming together and wanting to do a project for the community,"*

—Sarah Blacklin, manager, Carrboro Farmers' Market

"She'll be doing some fall-themed foods," Blacklin said, adding that Reusing's creations will likely derive from what's available at the market. Cider will also be available.

The event is sponsored by the Orange County Partnership for Young Children's Healthy Kids Campaign, Kidzu Children's Museum and Lantern restaurant.

"It's a bunch of us just coming together and wanting to do a project for the community," Blacklin said.

Family Day will be held during regular Wednesday market hours, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Carrboro Town Commons.

The Wednesday market at the Carrboro Farmers' Market will reopen the first Wednesday in April of next year. The Saturday market runs year-round, but will switch to winter hours, 9 a.m. to noon, on Nov. 6.

## The Eater

### Slow Food chicken

There are still tickets left for Sunday's big all-farm-raised chicken dinner, with pastured poultry from Castle Rock Gardens and Castlemaine farms, plus farm-raised sides, local bread, some bluegrass pickin' and a guest chef from the acclaimed Asheville restaurant Table.

The event is a fundraiser to help local farmers attend this fall's Slow Food Terra Madre conference in Italy.

Joanne and Brian Gallagher from Castlemaine and Ristin Cooks and Patrick Walsh from Castle Rock are farmer delegates to the conference.

All tickets are \$25 per meal and are sold in advance. They're available at the farms' booths at farmers' markets in Carrboro and Durham or you can call Castle Rock Gardens at 636-0832.

### Brunch hideaway

The folks at Citrus in Southern Village probably would rather we not describe them as tucked away in Southern Village, but they are down the hill a bit from SoVo's commercial center. That said, it's worth seeking them out, especially on Sunday. An eater reports that the huevos rancheros were dandy. Here's the description from the menu: Abuela's — Chef Marc's grandmother's huevos rancheros. Two eggs poached in homemade salsa and layered on corn tortillas with charro beans and queso blanco. Garnished with sour cream and avocado.

Just \$7.85, ranch hands.

### Aww, shucks

Ah, the months with "r" — and we're not talking like a pirate here.

Oyster season is upon us. Please be careful with those knives. The main trick to not stabbing yourself is to not be in



too big a hurry. It also helps to set your beer down first.

If you'd like to see the champions at it, and want to satisfy your oyster cravings in a big way, you may wish to head down to Brunswick County, specifically to Ocean Isle beach on Oct. 18 and 19 for the 28th Annual North Carolina Oyster Festival.

A few years back, The Eater stumbled upon this event, which is kinda like a county

fair with an unlimited supply of oysters. There are shucking championships and an oyster stew cook-off. The smell of a dozen or so steaming stations first thing in the morning is incredible.

For what it's worth, North Carolina oystering is making a bit of a comeback since an all-time low harvest of only 38,000 bushels in 2000. In 2006, the harvest was up to 85,000 bushels. Still quite a bit down from the heydays in the late 1800s when harvests annually approached half a million bushels.

*So, in celebration of "erster" season, let us know your favorite ways to consume this slipperiest of all bivalves. Send your oyster recipes to eats@carborocitizen.com*

## Carrboro FARMERS' MARKET

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SATURDAY MARKET: 7 a.m. - Noon

### What's at Market?

#### Check out what's at the Year-Round Farmers' Market:

Figs, apples, tomatoes, pumpkins, arugula, salad mix, pac choy, beans, flour, shiitake mushrooms, muscadine grapes, peppers, basil, cilantro, winter squash, potatoes, sweet potatoes, eggplant, gomphrena, zinnias, lilies, and many more flowers, baked goods, jams, wines, grass fed beef, pastured pork, pastured chicken, grass fed lamb, buffalo, sausage, chorizo, ground bison, smoked cheeses, goat cheese, jams, jellies, pottery, hats, rugs and more!

### Fall Family Day!

#### A celebration for the community:

The Carrboro Farmers' Market would like to invite everyone to Fall Family Day. On Wednesday Oct. 15 the Market, in cooperation with Kidzu Children's Museum, The Lantern Restaurant and the Orange County Partnership for Young Children, will host an afternoon of fun activities for everyone in the family. Enjoy pumpkin decorating, kids games and cooking demos and sampling from the Lantern Restaurant. This will be the last Wednesday Market for the season and we would like to see you and your family there. Fall Family Day will be held at the Carrboro Farmer's Market in the Carrboro Town Commons from 3:30-6:30pm. For more, please visit [carborofarmersmarket.com](http://carborofarmersmarket.com).

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**Two chances to be heard:**  
**5:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

More info@ [www.chtransit.org](http://www.chtransit.org)

**MARK TRAIL**

MOST OF US ARE INTRIGUED BY THE OCEAN'S BEAUTY, ITS POWER AND ITS MYSTERY, AND WATCHING THE SEA BIRDS AS THEY SKIM OVER THE SURFACE IS ALWAYS INTERESTING

PELICANS ARE OUR MOST FAMILIAR COASTAL BIRDS, WHERE THEY ARE OFTEN SEEN BEGGING FOR FOOD

WHEN CRUISING IN ECHELON FORMATION, EACH INDIVIDUAL BIRD FLAPS ITS WINGS IN TURN WITH THE PRECISION OF A CHORUS LINE

THE BROWN PELICAN IS AN ACCEPTED SYMBOL OF MANY COASTAL BEACHES, AND IN THE AIR IT IS A PICTURE OF GRACE

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THESE BIG BIRDS HAVE FEW NATURAL ENEMIES, BUT FISHING LINES AND OTHER DISCARDED TRASH KILL MANY OF THEM

**puzzle solutions**

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Wednesday afternoon Reams reported the rolls had reached 101,788.

The breakdown, she said, is 54,248 Democrats, 19,420 Republicans, 61 Libertarians and 28,059 unaffiliated.

That number will continue to climb. Reams said the elections office is still processing 2,500 registrations that arrived earlier in the week.

This year, the push is on to ed-

ucate voters about the new registration rules. If you want to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4, you must register by Friday. If you miss that deadline, you can still register and vote under the state's new same-day registration system at one-stop voting centers in your county.

In Orange County, there are five one-stop sites — at the Orange County Library in Hillsborough, Carrboro Town Hall, the Seymour Senior Center, Morehead Planetarium and in the northern portion of Orange County at the Northern Human Services Center on Hwy. 86.



**One-stop voting**

**Group 1**

**Locations**

Morehead Planetarium, 250 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill  
Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W. Main St., Carrboro  
Orange County Public Library, 300 W. Tryon St., Hillsborough

**Dates & Times:**

Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 16-18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Monday-Saturday, Oct. 20-25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Monday-Friday, Oct. 27-31, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Group 2**

**Locations:**

Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill  
Northern Human Services Center, 5800 NC Hwy 86 North, Hillsborough

**Dates & Times:**

Thursday-Friday, Oct. 16-17, noon-7 p.m.  
Monday-Friday, Oct. 20-24, noon-7 p.m.  
Monday - Friday, Oct. 27-31, noon - 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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think he loved nature more," she said in-between teaching children and their parents about the creatures they can find in the creek and the woods around it at the "Crittter Corner" table. Her display was filled with fabulous finds from her daily excursions along the creek. There was a box filled with leaf litter and worm snakes, which she would guide willing hands into for holding the squirmy, harmless creatures. There were glass-lidded boxes filled with tiny skeletons of crustacea; a wooden box with dead cicadas, beetles, butterflies and other insects; a container of snake skins; a beaver skull she used to demonstrate how the dam builders self-sharpen their teeth; turtle shells; and photos. When an adult asked how she got the photos of the beavers, she explained, "I go to the chiggers for my photos." She knows no other way to get in as deep as the animals than to crawl her way through brush that inevitably exposes her to the pests that leave her itching for weeks.

But her exposure brought her new friends.

"The beaver built a small lodge near where she lives this year and she patiently befriended the

beaver family to the point they wandered right up to her," said Dave Orto, founder of Friends of Bolin Creek, the organization responsible for the festival.

Sonis also knows the birds and had an electronic gadget that could play the calls of the owls and hawks in our area.

She clearly enjoys educating people with the knowledge she has gained through keen observation and had an answer for every question.

No child left her table without a souvenir of either a feather found at the creek or an origami cicada kept in a jar there.

Enviroscape was a big hit with children, as well as Wendy Smith, Trish D'Arconte and others with the Chapel Hill Stormwater Management Department demonstrating the effects of stormwater runoff.

At least one consistency with previous years was the delicious Indian cuisine provided by Vimala Rajendran, who told me she's getting ready to launch a restaurant in Carrboro.

"This is the best cook in the world," said Lopaz Evans, 14, as he arrived with his father.

There's something for everyone at the Bolin Creek Festival. Watch for it next October!

Contact Valarie Schwartz at valarietkays@mac.com or 923-3746.

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don't know if having a law against it is even practical. I don't want to have laws that are unenforceable."

Gist suggested having baskets with bags for dog poop along the town's major sidewalks.

"Before we get to the criminal part of it, I'd like to see us have public education," she said.

Mayor Mark Chilton said he felt it was important that the board set expectations for the town.

"I think there are some times and places where it really is up to us to outline what sort of social norms are acceptable," he said. "As our town has become more densely populated, I think this will become more and more of an issue."

Board member John Herrera agreed.

"There are some folks who just don't care," he said. "It has to be on the books; otherwise, people will not respect it."

Board member Randee Haven-O'Donnell said she would

**MINTON**  
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Mishele Minton



Gregory Minton

They are accused of helping their son Brian Minton, who along with five others, is charged with first-degree kidnapping and murder in the death of Joshua Bailey. Also charged with first-degree murder and kidnapping are Jacob Alexander Maxwell, 18, Matt Johnson, 21, Brandon Hamilton Green, 26, Ryan Ladar Davis Lee, 20, and Jack Johnson II, 19, all of Chapel Hill. Brian Minton's parents and Chris Manley, 23, of Carrboro, were indicted as accessories to murder.

Bailey's body was found off Big Woods Road in Chatham County. An autopsy concluded he had been killed by a gunshot on July 29.

According to recently issued search warrants, including those for the Minton's home and vehicles, investigators believe Gregory and Mishele Minton assisted in helping acquire the materials used to conceal Bailey's body, which was first buried in the wooded area off Twisted Oak Drive, where investigators believe he was killed and buried and later moved to Chatham County.

The warrants describe a conversation relayed by a confidential informant in which Brian Minton said his father suggested materials needed "in order to conceal or obscure evidence of Bailey's murder," including clear plastic sheeting, a tarp and white plastic suits. Some of the items described were found by investigators at the Twisted Oak Drive site.

The warrants state that another informant was with Brian Minton and Maxwell when Mishele Minton drove them to Lowe's Home Improvement to purchase two gallons of muriatic acid. Surveillance video from the

store identified the Minton's 2005 Toyota Sequoia at the store on August 25, the warrant states.

Investigators also believe that Mishele Minton rented a U-Haul under an assumed name that was used to transport the body to the Big Woods site. Minton's Glenn Lennox BP, owned by Gregory Minton, rents U-Haul trucks.

The search warrant for the Minton home at 714 Smith Level Road near Carrboro High School states that an informant told investigators that Bailey was first assaulted and interrogated at a garage behind the home, then bound with duct tape and transported to the place where he was killed.

Woodall said investigators are piecing together the case and believe they know why Bailey was killed, but said he could not elaborate since the investigation continues.

The rest of the defendants in the case re-

main in custody. "Nobody else has filed a bond motion," Woodall said.

An administrative hearing in the case has been set for Oct. 28. Woodall's office also filed notices of a Rule 24 hearing, which is required if a district attorney intends to seek the death penalty.

Woodall said the hearing is typical in such cases and does not indicate that he has decided to seek the death penalty against any of the defendants.

"No decision's been made," he said, adding that the hearings are required if the state doesn't want to "close the door" to the death penalty.

The Rule 24 hearing is also scheduled for Oct. 28, but Woodall said there are already indications that some defendants' attorneys may not be able to be present and that he expects it to be continued.

**Missy Julian Fox now director of UNC Visitors' Center**

*UNC News Services*

The new face at the front door of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will be a familiar one to the community. About a year and a half after handing over the reins to Franklin Street landmark Julian's College Shop to her brother, clothing designer Alexander Julian, Chapel Hill native Missy Julian Fox has become the new director of the UNC Visitors' Center, also on Franklin Street. She started her new job Monday, Oct. 6.

"Missy Julian Fox knows our campus and community as well as anyone," said Nancy Davis, associate vice chancellor for University Relations. "She'll be a

great ambassador for us — whether our campus visitors are from the local community or from out of town."

Fox will market the Visitors' Center across the university campus and help groups in planning events and in providing services for visitors. She will manage a group of undergraduate students who provide tours and services to visitors, working closely with the offices of undergraduate and graduate admissions and the Chapel Hill and Orange County Visitors Bureau.

A Tar Heel born and bred, Fox received a bachelor's degree in English from Carolina and a master's degree in education

from Boston University. After working as a medical editor for the Lahey Clinic, she taught in Boston and Chapel Hill schools. She was a leader in the Triangle-wide movement to start a children's museum in the mid-1980s that created the Blue Marble, A Children's Center for Design and Invention, where she served as chair of the board of directors during its decade-long span. She has created her own line of clothing for children, Missy Julian Inc., with fabrics designed by her brother, and assumed her father's place in running Julian's College Shop after his death in 1993.

Fox was a 17-year member of the Board of Visitors of the Line-

berger Comprehensive Cancer Center and was the founder of the center's signature fundraising events, the Beach Ball and Ticked Pink. Active in both the Downtown Commission and the Downtown Partnership, she has also served as a board member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce and as chair of the Chapel Hill Historical Society.

The Visitors' Center is located at 250 E. Franklin St., at the west entrance to the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center. Its hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Visitors' Center website: www.unc.edu/visitors/

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 163-33(8), NOTICE IS**

**HEREBY GIVEN** to the qualified voters of Orange County that the General Election shall be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 to elect Federal, State, Judicial and County Officers. The polls shall be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Residents who are not registered to vote must register by October 10, 2008 to be eligible to vote in this election on November 4. Registered voters who moved within Orange County should notify the Board of Elections, in writing, of their address change by the same date.

You may also register in-person and vote at one of the One-Stop Early Voting Sites. In order to register and vote prior to Election Day, a citizen must (1) go to a One-Stop Voting site during the one-stop voting period, (2) fill out a voter registration application, and (3) provide proof of residency by showing the elections official an appropriate form of identification with the citizen's current name and current address. The new registrant may vote ONLY at a One-Stop Early Voting site beginning October 16, 2008 and ending on November 1, 2008. It is important to recognize that in-person registration is not permitted on Election Day.

**LOCATIONS AND TIMES FOR ONE-STOP VOTING SITES**

- Carrboro Town Hall** - 301 W. Main St, Carrboro
- Morehead Planetarium** - 250 E. Franklin St, Chapel Hill
- Orange County Public Library** - 300 W. Tryon St, Hillsborough  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Thursday-Saturday, October 16 - 18  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Monday-Saturday, October 20 - 25  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Monday-Friday, October 27 - 31  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Saturday-November 1
- Seymour Senior Center** - 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill
- Northern Human Services Center** - 5800 Hwy 86N, Hillsborough  
Hours: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Thursday – Friday, October 16 – 17  
Hours: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Monday – Friday, October 20 – 24  
Hours: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Monday – Friday, October 27 – 31  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Saturday- November 1

Qualified voters may also request an absentee ballot by mail. The request must be submitted in writing to the Orange County Board of Elections, PO Box 220, Hillsborough, NC 27278 and received by the board office by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

Citizens with questions concerning registration, absentee ballots, location of polling sites or other related matters, should call the board office (919-245-2350) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or inquire at our website at www.co.orange.nc.us.

The Orange County Board of Elections will hold absentee meetings in the Board office at 110 E. King Street, Hillsborough, NC at 1:00 p.m. on October 14, October 21 and October 28. Additional absentee meetings are scheduled to be held at 2:00 p.m. on October 31, November 3 and November 4.

The Orange County Board of Elections will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14, 2008 in the board office at 110 East King Street, Hillsborough, North Carolina to canvass the results of the November 4, 2008 General Election.



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Oct. 10 — 16

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**Wednesday** — Chicken patty sandwich, baked potato with meat and cheese with wheat roll, traditional mixed vegetables, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding  
**Thursday** — Oven-baked BBQ chicken with wheat roll, grilled cheese sandwich, "Fun on the Run," baked beans, collard greens, grapes

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**Friday** — Pork rib-B-Q sandwich, macaroni and cheese with wheat roll, traditional mixed vegetables, chilled pineapple  
**Monday** — Beef and cheese nachos with salsa, chicken nuggets with wheat roll, baja black beans, chilled apricots, fresh oranges  
**Tuesday** — Pork BBQ on a roll, turkey, dressing and gravy with wheat roll, cole slaw, seasoned green beans, chilled pears  
**Wednesday** — Meatball sub, sweet and sour chicken, brown rice pilaf, asian mixed vegetable, fruited gelatin  
**Thursday** — Fried chicken with wheat roll, mozzarella sticks with marinara dipping sauce, carrot and celery sticks, steamed broccoli with cheese sauce, fresh orange

## School board Chair Pam Hemminger resigns

BY MARY LIDE PARKER  
Staff Writer

Pam Hemminger has submitted her resignation as chair of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education, effective Dec. 1, to fill a seat on the Orange County Board of Commissioners. Hemminger has served on the school board for the past four years and served as the chair for the past year. She recently filed to run for one of two seats representing District One on the Orange County Board of Commissioners and is running uncontested. Hemminger said being chair of the school board is like having a part-time job.

The role of the chair includes being an ambassador and spokesperson for the school board as well as a lobbyist to county commissioners and state legislators. The chair and vice chair attend school graduations to show their support to the students and they attend chamber meetings to stay in touch with the community. "It's been a very exciting time," Hemminger said. "As a school board member, you think you're coming to help out but we get an education too." Issues that have come up during Hemminger's term include increasing technology in the classroom, decreasing the drop-out rate, assisting teachers through professional learn-

ing communities and developing new education models for ESL students. Hemminger said the job is challenging but rewarding. "You do it for the kids; you want to make the educational experience the best it can be for all the kids," she said. "And you do it for the teachers, because they need support — their job is really hard." Hemminger was happy to note that this district has one of the lowest teacher turnover rates in the Southeast. The district also has the second-highest graduation rate in the state. Hemminger said that in order to continue to decrease the drop-out rate, teachers and parents need to find and resolve

students' issues earlier. "We need to start earlier — kids are already shutting down in middle school," she said. Hemminger said she is excited about her new position but also a little sad to be leaving the board. "We have really appreciated her service on the school board and we are sorry that she is leaving, but we are also very happy that her service to the community will continue," said Vice Chair Lisa Stuckey. The board plans to hold interviews to fill the vacancy on Nov. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. Those interested in applying for the position must submit an application with three supporting letters by noon on Nov. 6.

An optional orientation for interested candidates will be held Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Center. All interested candidates are strongly encouraged to attend in order to gain an understanding of the expectations and time commitments associated with serving as a member of the board of education. All candidates must reside in the school district, not be a convicted felon, not have a current conflict of interest situation with the district, be a registered voter and be at least 21 years of age. For more information or to download the application, visit [www.chccs.k12.nc.us](http://www.chccs.k12.nc.us) and click on "Board Vacancy."

### School Briefs

**Book chat**

The Carrboro High School Orchestra and Chorus Concert will be held Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Culbreth Middle School auditorium. The concert will feature music by Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland and Randall Thompson. In addition, the orchestra will perform a medley from *Wicked* and the chorus will perform a campaign free-for-all with campaign songs dating back to George Washington.

**Jazz combos**

The jazz combos from Chapel Hill High School and East Chapel Hill High School will present an evening of jazz at Hanes Theater at Chapel Hill High on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The combos will perform a variety of jazz standards, many of them arranged by students, as well as the

music of Louis Armstrong, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington and more. The concert is free and no tickets are needed.

**Bullying lecture**

Emerson Waldorf School will host a lecture by Kim John Payne, noted author and educator in the field of bullying, on Friday at 7 p.m. in the Brown Room of the high school building at Emerson Waldorf. Payne's lecture is entitled "Social Inclusion and the New Rites of Passage: Addressing Isolation, Teasing and Bullying." Payne specializes in social inclusion as an approach to help overcome anti-social behavior. A \$10 donation is suggested. To attend, register by emailing [events@emersonwaldorf.org](mailto:events@emersonwaldorf.org)



PHOTO BY AVA BARLOW  
Carrboro Elementary School held Hispanic Culture Awareness Week this week, starting with a cooking demonstration on Monday by parent volunteers. Sandra Velasquez, right, serves bunuelos, a fried dough pastry with sugar and cinnamon sprinkled on top, to Taukaila Riggsbee. Taukaila is a student in Helen Crompton's fifth-grade classroom. Also pictured are Madupe Snell, left, Sharmaine Mitchell and Rashaun Mosley, center, with Crompton in the background.

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Julia Holt of Carrboro High School makes a putt on the 2nd green at Monday night's match at Chapel Hill Country Club. The match included teams from Burlington High School, Northwood, Southern Lee, Chapel Hill and East Chapel Hill.

## Sports Briefs

### Disc golf tournament

The Carrboro Parks Project will hold a disc golf tournament at UNC on Nov. 2 to raise money for a disc golf course at Anderson Park.

The project has already raised about \$4,000 of \$8,500 needed to design and build the course. The tournament will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the disc golf course on the UNC campus. The course is located at UNC's Outdoor Education Center off Hwy. 54.

Entry fee is \$30 and includes lunch. For more information, email [info@carrboroparks.org](mailto:info@carrboroparks.org). To donate to the project, visit [www.carrboroparks.org](http://www.carrboroparks.org)

### CHS boosters

The Carrboro High School Athletic Booster Club is looking for sponsors for the 2008-09 sports programs.

Sponsor names will appear in the sports program booklet that will be sold at athletic events and in the student store. Sponsors can choose to contribute to a specific sport: 75 percent of the donation will go to all teams and 25 percent to the designated team.

Sponsorship forms must be received by Friday and are available on the Carrboro High School Athletic Booster Club's website: [www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/educa-](http://www2.chccs.k12.nc.us/educa-)

[tion/sportszone/sportszone.php?sectiondetailid=43753](http://tion/sportszone/sportszone.php?sectiondetailid=43753). For more information, contact George Thomason at [wgthomason@bellsouth.net](mailto:wgthomason@bellsouth.net).

### Tigers beat Wildcats

The Chapel Hill High School football team defeated East Chapel Hill High School 37-0 on Friday, marking the Tigers' fifth consecutive win over the Wildcats.

Winston Washington, Rodney Torain, Stephen Moore, Doval Watson and Rufus Lassiter had touchdowns for the Tigers, while Justin Kircher kicked four extra points and a 34-yard field goal.

## HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY

### FOOTBALL

#### Carrboro

Lost to Hobpton, 14-7, Friday night. The Jaguars stand 8-4 overall, 7-4 in conference. They play Granville Central away at 7:30 Friday.

#### Chapel Hill

The Tigers shut down East Chapel Hill High in a home game Friday, defeating the Wildcats 37-0. The Tiger defense recovered two fumbles, blocked two punts and had eight sacks. The Tigers go to Northern Durham Friday.

#### East Chapel Hill

Next game is Friday against Person at home, 7 p.m.

### SOCCER

#### Carrboro

The Jags came back from a 2-1 deficit at halftime to beat the Cummings Crusaders 4-2 on Monday. They play Cedar Ridge Monday.

#### Chapel Hill

Defeated Northern Durham Monday night, 1-0. They play East Chapel Hill High at home Friday.

#### East Chapel Hill

Lost to Sanderson last Thursday, 5-0.

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## In Brief

**Rare Earth Beads opens**

The Rare Earth Bead Shop recently opened on West Main Street. The store offers a selection of gemstone beads, as well as silver findings, pearls, Swarovski crystal, Czech crystal, jewelry and tools. In addition, the store offers free classes to the public and provides services such as stringing, crimping and wire wrapping.

Previously located only in Durham, Rare Earth Beads now has an additional location at 210 W. Main St.

**Recovery Room opens**

The Recovery Room, a new restaurant, café and bar, opens this week in the former Hector's space on Henderson Street in Chapel Hill.

The Recovery Room will serve local coffee in the morning, lunch in the afternoon, dinner in the evening and late-night food after 10 p.m., when it becomes a bar until 2 a.m.

The Recovery Room is located at 108 Henderson St. between Rosemary and Franklin streets.

**Chamber survey**

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce is conducting a survey of businesses to gauge changing expectations of the chamber as the economic climate changes.

The chamber hopes to determine what issues are more pressing to local businesses in order to deliver the most timely services, programs and initiatives.

The five-to-10 minute survey is anonymous and is available online until Friday at [www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=4xDdxYK\\_2fyXijjARUtAC-F8A\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=4xDdxYK_2fyXijjARUtAC-F8A_3d_3d)

**Seagrove Pottery opens**

Seagrove Pottery, a gallery of the works of Seagrove, NC potters, recently opened a location at 206 E. Main St. in Carrboro.

Seagrove, located south of Ashboro, has been an important center of pottery for more than 200 years and is the largest community of potters in the United States.

The gallery also has locations in Seagrove and in Raleigh's Cameron Village.

**The Merch arrives in downtown Carrboro**

BY BRITTANY JACKSON

*Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons*

The owners of downtown Carrboro's The Merch don't just stick to screen-printing and design. But what they do stick to influences their business, from their artistic backgrounds to playing in bands to skateboarding.

"Since I was about 12, I've been obsessed with music," said Patrick Cudahy, one of the two Merch owners. "My mom was way into art and I think I got that from her. Design-wise I've always been drawn to record covers and skateboard decks."

Cudahy and his business partner, Chip Hoppin, started The Merch, a screen-printing and design shop located on Lloyd Street in downtown Carrboro, in 2001 when they decided to leave a large-scale screen-printing company and go into business for themselves.

"The reason Pat and I did this was because we were going to go crazy if we did another cookie-cutter design," Hoppin said. "We knew enough people and had enough experience – now over 20 years combined – to start something of our own."

The two owners, who moved the store to Carrboro from Chapel Hill in May, branched out to create and sell their own designs but also to "serve the local businesses and independent musicians within the community," according to the welcome statement on their website.

"We started going after bands first because they just don't have that much money, and we understand from our own musical backgrounds that bands need merch," Hoppin said. The term "merch" that he and Cudahy throw around is a term commonly used by bands to refer to the merchandise sold at shows.

The Merch has taken on jobs from bands around the area – Two Dollar Pistols, Roman Candle and Black Taj – as well as those from elsewhere, such as Andrew Bird and Arcade Fire. They also are involved in two side gigs, Fanatic Masks and Mini Cassette Tees.

Hoppin and Cudahy welcome everyone through the doors of their warehouse-type shop, which houses their offices, two printing presses, a darkroom, a ping-pong table and a shop set up to sell their own designed t-shirts.

"Obviously, when we first started we weren't as busy as we are now, so we had tons of time to work on our own designs, to do our own shirts," Cudahy said. "We would still like to do some printing, but also have a really stocked shop of just our designs. We want it to be what the shop is now, but a lot bigger."

For now, the t-shirts are sold in only two other places around the area – Bulls Head Bookshop on the UNC campus and Nested boutique in downtown Carrboro. Erica Eisdorfer, Bulls Head manager of 20 years, said she begged Cudahy to sell some of their shirts in the bookshop.

"The designs are so edgy and creative. I think that's why people go for it," Eisdorfer said. "I think Carrboro's edgy and smart, and that's how they reflect the town. When you're a buyer for a store, you try to know your clientele, and this seemed like exactly the kind of thing the people who shop at our store would like."

Cudahy said their goal is subtlety when it comes to advertising, as manifested in the shop's small sign.

"We're both into more subtle things. I like the idea that it's like, what is that little sign?" Cudahy said. "It just has this generic feel – no explanation behind it. I like the fact that we're not everywhere, the shirts aren't everywhere. You kind of have to search it out."

Word-of-mouth and flyers around town and beyond are the primary ways customers and clients search out The Merch. Cudahy said having their shirts in local stores is better than having them mass-marketed.

"I've lived in Carrboro for about 10 years, and I'm just into Carrboro," Cudahy said. "Lloyd Street is good – it seems like there's a lot of foot traffic, curious people looking in. It's a nice quiet street, and Weaver Street is right out our back door. It's good for what we need, and we're glad to be here."



PHOTO BY BRITTANY JACKSON  
Patrick Cudahy, left, and Chip Hoppin, co-owners of The Merch, stand in front of the store in downtown Carrboro. The screen-printing and design company moved from its previous location on Graham Street in Chapel Hill to Lloyd Street in Carrboro.

Those who wear and sell the shirts in and around Carrboro are glad they are here too.

"I love these shirts because they're local and made by a small, local place," Eisdorfer said. "You can buy one of these things and not feel like you're going to see 10,000 of them."

As for what the future holds for these young entrepreneurs – Hoppin is 33; Cudahy, 36 – they want to remain in the design business, serving local bands with their talent while being their own bosses.

"It looks like a lot of fun but it's also a lot of clean-up and a lot of wear and tear on the body," said Hoppin. "Ideally, though, I see us being here until we retire. I don't see myself wanting to do anything else."

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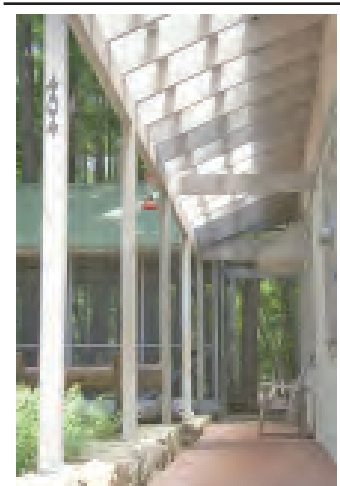
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### COWORKING FROM PAGE 1

In addition to playing a major role in the 2006 launch of the Carrboro Commons, Russell has helped run a number of high-traffic websites, such as orangepolitics.com and his personal blog, yesh.com. And with more than 15 years of online multimedia design and development experience, Russell said he knows the difficulties of working independently. He explains it in terms of an "evolution."

"People left the office and cubicle and they say, 'OK, I'm going to break out...' So you start doing that. You work at home. You want to get something better than the couch, so you get a table... You start creating an office in a spare bedroom. That works great for a while," Russell said.

"Then you get a little bored, and your spouse is like, 'Why haven't you gotten out of your pajamas in the past five days?' And so they go and get dressed and take their laptop and bag and go to a coffee shop."

"They do that for a while, but then the music starts to bug you. There aren't enough electrical outlets... You get frustrated, so you go back home."

Ultimately, all those public places with social potential don't have all the things you need, Russell said.

"There's a big gap between working at a coffee shop and owning your own office."

So Carrboro Creative Coworking is trying to fit that niche, he said. The space is outfitted with copiers, color printers and fax machines. Both conference rooms have large LCD screens that can be used for presentations. Professionals can rent spaces at the workplace based on their needs and the amount of time they plan to spend there. There are daily and part-time coworkers, as

well as fulltime coworkers who buy space for Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Then there are office coworkers who rent one of the nine small offices.

Bora Zivkovic, an online community manager with the Public Library of Science and the creator of "A Blog Around the Clock," will be sharing office space with two other individuals. Zivkovic works predominantly from home or at a coffee shop, but he said that during crunch time peace and quiet can be hard to come by.

"Most of the days, home is fine. But then there are times when ... everybody is, you know - two dogs, a cat, kids and a wife - everybody's on me," said Zivkovic. "So I'm like, 'OK, I need to go somewhere to concentrate for a couple hours.'"

And he said having the option of interaction with other professionals a couple of times a week could be really helpful.

"Everyone will bring different kinds of expertise and knowledge. It will be a place where you can get advice. Like, I have absolutely no idea how to code a thing," Zivkovic said, laughing. "I build content but I really don't know anything but HTML."

Russell emphasized that Carrboro Creative Coworking will fit in with Carrboro's environmentally conscious mentality. Although he has secured 15 parking spaces, he said he'd love for fellow coworkers to bike, walk and take public transportation.

Russell is even reconfiguring the traditional model for work-time socializing. He said there will always be plenty of caffeine to go around, as he'll be brewing fresh coffee daily. And to show his commitment to conservation, Russell has replaced the token water cooler with a Brita filter over the kitchen faucet.

But he doesn't anticipate that move will hamper social interaction. He said the coworking environment offers the unique opportunity to network while fostering

friendships.

"A lot of professional development and networking is much more casual than it used to be," he said. "Sometimes a lot of us now know more people online than we do in the physical world, and so this is an opportunity to meet some of the people we talk to online."

Russell got the start-up money he needed through the Carrboro Revolving Loan Fund, a facet of Carrboro's Community Development Block Grant income. The revolving loan fund helps finance projects that result in the creation or retention of jobs in the area.

Russell said Carrboro's economic-development directors are currently grappling with the issue of commercial development, in part because it's expensive to convince big companies to come to the area. But Russell said coworking centers like his are a great way to maintain business stability.

"I think the town of Carrboro realized that if you have a place to support these people and they do well and they learn to love Carrboro, then they'll stay," Russell said.

Russell said he'd love for Carrboro Creative Coworking to join the ranks of other successful loan-fund businesses, such as Weaver Street Market, Car's Cradle, Orange County Social Club and a more recent recipient, Neal's Deli.

Russell has only one empty office left for rent, but he is still selling spots to full- and part-time coworkers.

"These folks thrive in these communities," he said. "There are just all kinds of opportunities for that serendipity to create connections that could make a real difference."

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Beautiful winged seeds of southern sugar maple.

### FLORA FROM PAGE 1

I was unsuccessful in locating that insect critter in my basic guide. I turned for assistance to my friends at the Botanical Garden. Those folks' knowledge extends far beyond the world of plants. Curator Chris Liloia directed me to a website for the green stink bug. The little critter on the maple seed clusters was a fourth instar, the fourth of five stages, of the green stink bug nymph. Development from egg to adult takes only 35 days. It is the adult stink bug that hibernates in leaf litter or beneath tree bark to continue the cycles each summer. I made a couple of visits to those very same seed clusters during the day and found that beautiful little nymph crawling about nearby. Most stink bugs feed on vegetation, so I'm assuming some of those seed bodies were providing some source of sustenance. With thousands of seeds hanging

on the tree, there were certainly enough for many such bug nymphs with lots of seed left over to germinate on new ground. The days are full of magical moments if we open our eyes to them. Calling special experiences "magical moments" is a notion demonstrated to me by friends who are practicing new ways to share nature with children. We all have special moments, whether with the outdoors, listening to music, reading, cooking or watching sports. For me, the really special ones are in the local forests and fields. My most recent magical moment was discovering the ground beneath my favorite persimmon tree, *Diospyros virginiana*, already strewn with plump, ripe persimmons. It's time to get outdoors to collect some. If you don't already love persimmons, a magical moment for you will be your first taste of a sweetly ripe persimmon.



### Sad Little Clown

If your refrigerator is like mine, it's quilted with the visual diary of your life. That humble home gallery, with its constantly revolving content, reminds us with every image of time's passage of loved ones near and far, present and passed. Take this photo for instance — my daughter Selena, age 7, face painted like the sad little clown for a birthday celebration. Taken in 1976, the image lay latent for 25 years until I found and processed the roll of old "mystery film." Much to my surprise and delight, this was the result. Selena, now 39 and living in Carrboro, has a 7-year-old of her own. Where did little Olive get her flair for the dramatic? The apple falls not far from the tree.

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able education, craft and health workshops, has food, fun for kids, and of course, music! Come out to the Shakori Hills farmstead, support a good mission and spread the good vibrations. See [www.shakorihills.org](http://www.shakorihills.org) for tickets and a full schedule. The West End Poets Weekend comes around only once a year, and this year it's Saturday at the Carrboro Century Center and DSI Comedy Theater. The first program starts at 11 a.m. at the Century Center and will feature poetry for kids. At 12:30, The Tarheel poets will read from their works and transition over to the NC poets from 2-4 p.m. From there, the show moves to DSI



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