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# C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



A great blue heron takes refuge in foliage of pine and tulip poplar on the edge of Cane Creek Reservoir.  
PHOTO BY MARGARETTA YARBOROUGH

## FLORA BY KEN MOORE

### Flora and fauna on Cane Creek Reservoir

I thank UNC librarian and Flora reader Margaretta Yarborough for sharing stories and pictures of her frequent Cane Creek Reservoir paddling adventures. As a kayak-birder, she manages to capture some engaging images from her kayak. Those images influenced me to go paddling on the lake this past Saturday.

When I arrived at the lake office to check in, pay the modest fee for boat rental and get suggestions from the helpful lake wardens, I encountered Lucretia Kinney, another Flora reader and an avid birder. She had already enjoyed a morning of birding. Unlike Margaretta, Lucretia birds on foot, and I see her frequently at Mason Farm Biological Reserve beyond Finley Golf Course. She posts her bird sightings on eBird.com, where I learned that OWASA's Cane Creek Reservoir (ccreek@owasa.org) is one of North Carolina's birding "hotspots."

Lucretia's description of Saturday morning is noteworthy: "I had an excellent birding morning, with 33 species identified – very exciting. One thing that makes the reservoir special is the habitat diversity, including pines at the entrance, mixed hardwoods along the nature trail along the creek, the agricultural fields, the well-kept lawn and the lake. No wonder it's a 'hotspot' birding area."

Though I didn't match Margaretta's spring wood duck sighting, the bald eagle that launched into flight from its perch high above my canoe definitely made my day!

In spite of other paddlers and a number of fishermen, the lake was so quiet and peaceful that I felt that I had it all to myself. Everyone out there, engaged in different interests, seemed to be sharing a special moment in time "at nature's pace."

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## County cuts deal for downtown library site

BY KIRK ROSS  
*Staff Writer*

**CARRBORO** — A 2.9-acre parcel of land adjacent to Carrboro Elementary School could become the site of a downtown branch library, county officials announced Wednesday afternoon.

Commissioners approved a contract on the parcel, which has an easement to Hillsborough Road but sits just off the western edge of the school's front parking lot and baseball diamond.

According to the contract, the county has agreed to pay

\$610,000 for the site. According to a statement released Wednesday announcing the contract, the county has 180 days to review the site before deciding whether to go ahead with the purchase.

"We are happy to move forward in providing library services for the southern part of Orange County. This fulfills a goal and desire the commissioners have had for some time," Valerie Foushee, chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners said in the statement.

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The potential library site at edge of the Carrboro Elementary's ballfields  
PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS



A jumping spider by local photographer Stan Lewis using his reverse-lens technique. A show of Lewis' work opens this week at Open Eye Café.

## Early voting picks up steam

More than 10,000 voters have cast their ballots early as elections officials ready for Election Day on Tuesday.

Unofficial tallies as of late Wednesday afternoon show that 3,322 voters have cast their ballots at Morehead Planetarium, 3,606 ballots were cast at the Board of Elections office in Hillsborough and 3,112 ballots were cast at the Seymour Senior Center on Homestead Road.

All three sites are open Thursday and Friday of this week with the planetarium and elections office sites open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the senior center site open from noon to 7 p.m.

The elections office and senior center sites will also be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, but the planetarium site will be closed due to a conflict with the UNC football game.

Polling places countywide will be open Tuesday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sample ballots and voting information is available at the Orange County Board of Elections website at [www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/index.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/index.asp)

The Citizen will publish results of the election on our website at [carrborocitizen.com/main](http://carrborocitizen.com/main)

—Staff Reports

## Board approves NTA commercial zone

BY KIRK ROSS  
*Staff Writer*

**CARRBORO** — After years of discussing the idea of adding commercial space to the town's Northern Transitional Area, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen Tuesday night set the wheels in motion for up to 16,000 square feet of commercial space near Old N.C. 86 and the proposed Twin Creeks Park.

At its meeting at Town Hall,

the board debated and approved a rezoning request from M/I Homes for phases 3 and 4 of the Ballentine subdivision. Construction of the residential-only first two phases of Ballentine is already underway. Last year, the board asked the developer to consider some commercial space in the new phases. M/I representatives asked for the zoning change ahead of submitting a detailed site plan for the area.

At the close of a public hearing on the matter Tuesday, Mayor Mark Chilton noted that while it is not often that a zoning change is considered without an accompanying development plan, in this case M/I was trying to gauge whether the board was serious about a commercial project before putting resources into a new set of plans.

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## District launches superintendent search

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
*Staff Writer*

The search for a new superintendent for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is officially underway, with the selection by the school board earlier this month of the North Carolina School Board Association as the district's superintendent search agency.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education will hold its first meeting with NCSBA on Friday to discuss the search process and strategy.

At its Oct. 7 meeting, the board heard proposals from NCSBA and Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates, the top candidates in a pool of applicants. Board members voted 4-2 to choose NCSBA, citing the firm's experience working successfully with other districts in North Carolina. NCSBA's proposed fees were about \$15,000, compared with about \$30,000 in HYA's proposal.

Board members in August decided against conducting the search on their own, saying they did not think they were qualified

to do so and that district staff did not have the time, and requested proposals from outside firms to aid in the search. The move followed Superintendent Neil Pedersen's July announcement that he will retire at the end of next June.

"We are at the very, very beginning," board member Jamezetta Bedford said. "I'll be looking to [NCSBA] for guidance on next steps, first steps."

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## Grant could bring infrastructure to Rogers Rd.

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
*Staff Writer*

Orange County will submit an application on Friday for a block grant to fund water and sewer hookups for eight homes in the Rogers Road neighborhood.

The N.C. Department of Commerce's Division of Community Assistance invited the county to apply for \$75,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for an Infrastructure Hook-Up program. The Orange County Board of Commissioners held two public hearings on the grant application, one on Tuesday and the other earlier this month. Members of the Rogers Road community spoke at the first public hearing to urge the board to consider using the potential grant funds to provide water and sewer connections for homes in their neighborhood.

"This \$75,000 grant would fit right into the Rogers Road neighborhood," said Robert Campbell, a leader in the community. "We have several homes that have contaminated water. We have families that have been affected by the contaminated water."

"We want to try to improve our community as development is occurring around our community but is leaving us behind. This is the opportunity to move us forward with development," he added. "We've watched funds pass us by to other programs."

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# Calendar

**THURSDAY OCT 28 Poetry Reading** — Jeffery Beam to read a selection of poems. N.C. Botanical Garden, 7pm Free 962-0522

**Democratic Women** — Meeting with Gary Saunders to discuss The Role of Nuclear Power in North Carolina's Energy Future. A.L Stanback Middle School, 7pm 593-1904

**Carrboro HS Theatre** — To perform Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None. Culbreth Middle School, 7:30pm \$5 students/\$8 adults chsreservations@gmail.com

**Friends of the Downtown** — Valerie Foushee, chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners, to speak about how actions of the county government affect the downtown. Franklin Hotel, 9:30am

**FRIDAY OCT 29 2nd Annual Harvest Banquet** — Banquet and Silent Auction to benefit the Youth of Grape Arbor. Friday Center, 7pm \$25 967-9661

**Haunted Walking Tour** — Old Chapel Hill Cemetery, 7pm \$10 942-7818

**SATURDAY OCT 30 Gridiron Glory** — Archival films about Tar Heel football. Pleasants Family Assembly Room, Wilson Library, Shown every 20 minutes starting at 12:30pm

**Fright Night** — For teens, with bands The Verge and Above Gravity. The ArtsCenter, 8pm \$5/6 artscenterlive.org

**School Carnival** — Fall Festival for the whole family. McDougle Elementary School, 11am-3pm

**SUNDAY OCT 31 Nosferatu** — Film inspired by Dracula to be shown with music by Vamplfire. Carrboro Century Center, 7:30pm \$12 mahaloarsts.com/nosferatu

**MONDAY NOV 1 Time Out on WCOM** — With Carol Hammerstein and Cesar Castro. 103.5FM, 5pm

**WEDNESDAY NOV 3 Growing Fruits** — Part 1 of a home gardening class on growing local food. Pittsboro Library, 9:30am 542-8202

**THURSDAY NOV 4 Growing Fruits** — Part 2 of a home gardening class on growing local food. Pittsboro Library, 11:30am 542-8202

**Project Homeless Connect** — One-day event to serve those who are or are at risk of homelessness in Orange County. Hargraves Community Center, 9am-3pm

**FRIDAY NOV 5 Fall Concert** — Bluegrass Experience 39th Anniversary Concert with Tommy Edwards. Barn in Fearington Village, 8pm \$15/20 chathamarts.org

**Gratitude** — Improvised show at The ArtsCenter. 8pm \$14/12/7 artscenterlive.org

**SATURDAY NOV 6 Play Slam** — Three-minute plays. The ArtsCenter, 8pm \$8 artscenterlive.org

**Tap Concert** — Footnotes, Taptations, Friends on Tap and the Seymour Center Tap Dancers to perform. Seymour Center, 12pm \$5 footnotestapensemble.org

**Crafts Fair** — Annual Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the Carrboro Civic Club. Civic Club Building, 102 Bim St., 8am-1pm

**Studio Tour** — The Orange County Artists Guild sponsors the 16th Annual Open Studio

Send your submissions to calendar@carrborocitizen.com

# Day of the Dead celebrates life

BY SUSAN DICKSON  
Staff Writer

This weekend, as local trick-or-treaters take to the streets for Halloween, skeletons will be deployed as scary decorations and costumes. Meanwhile, in Mexico, skeletons will be dressed up in colorful clothing, given instruments or other props and posed in funny positions.

Colorful, dancing skeletons and skulls are some of the symbols of the Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos, a holiday celebrated on Nov. 1 and 2 in Mexico and in Mexican households in the United States. All Saints Day, a similar holiday celebrated all over the world, also celebrates the lives of those who have passed, “but not the way that they’re celebrated in Mexico,” said Sharon Mújica, a teacher at the CHICLE Language Institute in Car Mill Mall, who gave a talk about Day of the Dead at the institute on Sunday.

The holiday has roots in Aztec traditions and ties to Monarch butterflies, which typically arrive in Mexico around the first of November and were believed to



Sharon Mújica lights the candles on CHICLE's Day of the Dead altar. Mújica gave a talk about the traditional Mexican celebration at CHICLE on Sunday. PHOTO BY SUSAN DICKSON

represent the souls of the dead.

For the holiday, families assemble altars in their homes to honor the dead and attract the spirits. Traditional Day of the Dead bread is often used in the altars, as are cempasuchil flowers, calaveras, or skulls, candles, photos and the favorite foods and drinks of those who have passed away.

“You want to be sure that [the spirits] are well taken care of,”

Mújica said.

On the evening of Nov. 2, families go to cemeteries, where they sit on the graves of their loved ones, “and they have a party,” Mújica said, eating the foods they’d placed on the altars they’d assembled.

“People said they like to be with others to remember someone they loved,” Mújica said. “We don’t have much space for that in our society.”

## HALLOWEEN TIPS

### Towns offer tips on Halloween

Come Sunday evening, if you want to visit a business in Carrboro or get to your home in downtown Chapel Hill, be prepared to talk with a law-enforcement officer or a parking monitor.

Both towns have plans to reduce Halloween-related parking and traffic downtown. Chapel Hill will barricade downtown neighborhoods and only allow residents and guests with a specific destination through.

Carrboro will have officers patrolling downtown to redirect traffic away from residential neighborhoods. Both towns plan to tow illegally parked vehicles and Chapel Hill will tow vehicles on downtown streets slated to be closed at 6 p.m. Traffic into downtown will be reduced, with lane closures starting at 7 p.m.,

and sections of Franklin, Columbia, Raleigh and Henderson streets will be closed from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Chapel Hill is also imposing a 1 a.m. rule for drinking establishments, with no new patrons allowed into bars after that time. Carrboro has not made the rule mandatory, but has asked that places serving alcohol comply voluntarily.

Carrboro businesses owners with questions about Halloween are asked to call 918-7410 prior to Oct. 31.

Downtown residents of Chapel Hill and anyone curious as to the rules and street closings for Halloween this year

should visit ci.chapel-hill.nc.us/index.aspx?page=512

To allow public works crews to aid in cleanup, Chapel Hill trash collection normally scheduled for Monday will be picked up Wednesday.

A survey of Halloween events can be found on page 5 of this week's copy of MILL.



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**Charlie & the Chocolate Factory** • FRI 12/10 - 12/19

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Nosferatu, Sunday only at 3 p.m.; You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger, nightly at 7 & 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 & 4 p.m.; Never Let Me Go, nightly at 7:10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:10 p.m.; Jack Goes Boating, nightly at 9:15 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 4:15 p.m.

**CHELSEA THEATER**  
Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005

The Duel; Conviction; You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger

**THE LUMINA**  
Southern Village, 932-9000

Hereafter; Paranormal Activity 2; Red; Secretariat; The Social Network

**REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6**  
120 Banks Drive, 933-8600

Hereafter; Jackass 3; Life as We Know It; The Social Network; Paranormal Activity 2; Red

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Briefs

UNC Med School adds campuses

The UNC School of Medicine announced this week the expansion of its medical school to two regional campuses in Asheville and Charlotte.

The expansion, aimed at addressing a physician shortage, allows the school to increase its class size from 160 students to 170 in 2011 and to 180 in 2012 by sending some third- and fourth-year medical students to Asheville and Charlotte to complete their clinical education.

The Asheville Regional Campus will operate in collaboration with Mission Health System and the Mountain Area Health Education Center.

The Charlotte Regional Campus will operate in collaboration with Carolinas Health-Care System and UNC Charlotte.

Police seek information in armed robbery

The Chapel Hill Police Department is looking for information related to an armed robbery on Franklin Street on Saturday afternoon.

According to police, a suspect described as a 6-foot-tall black male pointed a gun at a victim in the parking lot of an apartment building at 1513 E. Franklin St. near the intersection of Elliot Road at 12:45 p.m. The victim gave the suspect her purse and he left in an early '90s model white Toyota Camry with a second suspect, described as a black male with dreadlocks. They were last seen heading toward Durham.

Police ask that anyone with information related to the incident contact the police department at 968-2760.

Hillsborough to enforce parking rules

Beginning Nov. 15, the Town of Hillsborough will issue tickets for parking violations downtown.

Police will issue warnings prior to Nov. 15. Parking will be enforced between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday in all town-owned parking spaces, on-street spaces and the Bank of America parking lot to ensure the town's free parking is accessible to residents and visitors throughout the day. Cars will not be towed.

The town recently reduced the amount of hours for many free parking spaces from three to two hours.

A map of time limits for town-enforced parking spaces is available on the Parking and Transportation page of the town's website under "About Hillsborough."

Robbery suspect in custody

Raleigh and Durham police have arrested a man they believe is responsible for a series of bank robberies, including one Oct. 4 at the BB&T branch on Rosemary Street in downtown Chapel Hill.

Lee Bennett Pope III, 37, was arrested on an outstanding warrant in Durham this week and transferred to Raleigh police. He was charged with seven counts of common-law robbery and is being held in Wake County on slightly more than \$1 million bond.

Council to receive updates on Glen Lennox, elections rules

The Chapel Hill Town Council was scheduled to meet Wednesday evening after *The Citizen's* press deadline.

At the meeting at Town Hall, the council was expected to receive an update on the proposed neighborhood conservation district for Glen Lennox. A conservation district plan proposal is scheduled to be ready for the town planning board by next June.

Other items on Wednesday night's agenda included:

- an update on the town's Voter-Owned Election Program and possible adjustments to the program prior to its use in the 2011 municipal elections;
- a report from Friends of

Bolin Creek on efforts by its Bolin Creek Conservation Study Group on remediation efforts and potential costs to restore the creek; and

- consideration of a \$560,000 grant through the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Surface Transportation Program for phase 2 of the Morgan Creek Trail project. Phase 1 of the trail, which is currently under construction, begins just north of the Southbridge neighborhood and ends at Merritt Pasture. It includes about 4,600 linear feet of trail, primarily on the north side of Morgan Creek.

Phase 2 would connect the existing Fan Branch Trail with the section of the Morgan Creek

Trail that is now under construction. The phase 2 project would involve the construction of about 1,200 linear feet of trails with two bridges and an underpass of Culbreth Road.

Also on Wednesday night, the council was expected to hear from suspended Chapel Hill Public Works Department employee Kerry Bigelow during its public comments session. Bigelow and co-worker Clyde Clark say they were targeted for having filed grievances in the past alleging racial bias in job placements and promotions. According to their attorney, the men planned to hold a press conference prior to the council meeting.

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The plan has met with opposition from nearby residents already concerned about construction of the first phases of Ballentine.

Resident Albert Vickers said not knowing how many residential units would accompany the commercial space and what the plans for the area look like had neighbors worried.

"This is like a pig in a poke," he said.

In terms of raw acreage, the

new zoning could allow up to 101 townhouses on the property — a number several members of the board and representatives of the builder said was far higher than what would be proposed.

Also stressed was that the

"We don't walk away tonight, if approved, free to build what we want," said Jeremy Finch, an engineer with John R. McAdams Company, who is working on the site plans.

M/I Homes Jeremy Medlin said the builder sees potential for roughly 55 to 75 homes and ball-parked a selling price between \$200,000 and \$225,000.

Board member Jacquie Gist said in addition to adding some commercial amid all the northern residential developments, having more modest-priced housing close to a park was appealing.

*"We don't walk away tonight, if approved, free to build what we want."*

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The neighborhood has been home to the Orange County Landfill for more than 35 years.

"With determination, dedication and collaboration we have slowly accomplished our goal of infrastructure in our community many times, one house at a time," Campbell said. "After all these years, with your help we can ... see the light at the end of the tunnel."

County staff worked with members of the Rogers Road community to identify low- and moderate-income households in need of water and/or sewer connections, and included eight such homes in the grant application.



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Campus thrills

UNC Chancellor Holden Thorp will lead students in the Thriller Dance in The Pit on the UNC campus at noon Monday to help create a buzz for the annual Eve Ball on Nov. 5.

The ball is in honor of the late Student Body President Eve Carson and raises money for the scholarship fund established in her name.

The costume ball is from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Carolina Club. Details are available at franklinstyoga.com/eveball.html and information on the Eve Carson Scholarship Fund is at evecarson-scholarship.unc.edu

Bus ideas welcome

Chapel Hill Transit is conducting a comprehensive analysis of its operations in cooperation with Chapel Hill, Carrboro and UNC. The analysis is expected to lead to recommendations for service improvements for overall system efficiency and effectiveness. Transit officials began gathering input this week with a series of workshops Monday and Tuesday and ask that residents who were unable share their suggestions at the session send in ideas and thoughts via email, phone, fax or snail mail by calling the transit system at 969-4900 (press 1); emailing coa@townofchapelhill.org; faxing 968-2840 (Attn: COA); or sending a note to CHT, Attn: COA, 6900 Millhouse Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516-8175.

Fur Ball

A “Furr Ball, Howl-o-ween Portrait Party” and pet adoption event will take place at Framer’s Market and Gallery in Chapel Hill on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photographer Melissa Dejesus will be available to take a professional portrait of pets, so visitors are invited to dress them up in a Halloween costume.

The Orange County Animal Shelter will have pets available for adoption on hand and adoptees receive a free photo.

Police seek input

The Chapel Hill Police Department is seeking community input on a strategic plan to help shape the department’s future.

Residents are asked to bring their ideas to public sessions at Extraordinary Ventures on Elliott

Road scheduled for 4:30 to 5:25 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. on Nov. 4.

For more information about the strategic planning sessions and key goals the department has identified to improve service and community relations, contact Assistant Police Chief Chris Blue at cblue@townofchapelhill.org and Assistant Police Chief Bob Overton at boverton@townofchapelhill.org

Job fair

In celebration of Employ a Vet Week, there will be a Veteran’s Day job fair at the Orange County Job Link Center on West Franklin Street on Nov. 8 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participating businesses include BB&T, A Southern Season, General Electric, Carolina Dining, Carolina Meadows and Lowes Home Improvement. All job seekers are welcome.

Panel to discuss Murray

As part of a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Pauli Murray’s birth, a free public panel discussion about the black civil rights advocate will be held Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Wilson Library on the UNC campus.

A historian, attorney, poet, activist, teacher and Episcopal priest, the Rev. Pauli Murray (1910-1985) worked to address injustice and promote reconciliation among races and economic classes.

The discussion will highlight Murray’s unsuccessful attempts in 1938-39 to gain admission to UNC.

Pumpkin recycling

There will be specially marked containers available at the Pittsboro, Siler City and Cole Park collection centers on Tuesday and Wednesday for jack-o-lantern recycling. Residents are asked to remove all decoration and candles. The organic material will be taken to one of two— commercial composting operations in the county.

Chatham County Waste Management also offers Earth Machine compost bins for sale at a cost of \$40 while supplies last. Bins can be purchased at the main Waste Management facility at 720 County Landfill Road, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HOUSE Calls

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



This week we respond to questions about rashes from viruses and foot problems.

**Dear HOUSE Calls,** My daughter had a fever and a rash and the doctor told me that it was a virus that caused it. I also have an 8-month-old at home. How can I protect my baby? If he does get the fever or the rash, do I need to bring him to the doctor?

We call these types of fever/rash combinations viral exanthems. There are several that are well described like chicken pox and roseola. Generally, viral exanthems are not serious and you don’t need to worry too much about the baby. Breast feeding is great protection from viral exanthems. These are generally very common childhood conditions, and you were probably exposed as a child and can share antibodies with your baby. It will also help to pay attention to good general hygiene (hand washing, changing towels and covering your mouth

and nose when coughing). One problem is that by the time we see the rash, the virus has already been contagious for several days. Generally speaking, there is not much for the doctor to do for these types of rashes in healthy children; but if your baby has signs of dehydration or severe illness (not eating, drinking, peeing or can’t wake him up), be sure to get him to the doctor. Some of these rashes can be a problem if previously unexposed pregnant women catch them. This is particularly true for fifth disease (slapped cheek disease) and chicken pox.

**Dear HOUSE Calls,** I have really high arches and my feet hurt from it. What do you recommend for your patients with this problem?

There’s not a lot you can do to change the way your body is made, but you can support your feet in a way that makes it less painful. Most foot problems come from shoes — either those that are ill fitting, worn out

or poorly designed for the foot and the purpose. It is really important to look at the shoes and make sure that you’re getting shoes that have really good arch supports and if you are not, you might need some orthotics. Go to a good athletic store and get someone to help you find shoes that support your feet, and find some good orthotics. You can get good ones that only cost \$20 to \$30 that can support your arches, but some people choose custom orthotics, which are a lot more expensive. Get out of your shoes when you can, massage your feet, get a foot massage or use a foot-massage device. Treat your feet like royalty, and you will be rewarded. Try to find ways to prevent the pain rather than respond to it.

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

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Bedford said she wants to hear from the public on the kind of superintendent they would like to see lead the district, and added that she is looking for someone who is “supportive of minority children’s achievement, of exceptional children’s achievement ... of children that are different.” “I’m looking for somebody who can make changes that will benefit children who aren’t achieving,” she said.

Board Chair Mike Kelley said he would like to discuss with NCSBA ways of collecting community input throughout the process, adding that he would like to hear what kind of candidate both the board and the community would be interested in pursuing. “I think that there are a couple different dimensions that can be considered,” Kelley said, citing personal characteristics, educational background, work experience and areas of candidate focus as possible considerations for the board.

At this point, Kelley said the board will focus on determining what should be included in the advertising for the position, including what characteristics they are looking for. Board members have not determined an official timeline for the hiring process, but have said they would like to appoint a new superintendent by April. The board of education will meet with NCSBA at 7 p.m. on Friday at Chapel Hill Town Hall. The meeting will be broadcast on Chapel Hill Channel 18.



PET OF THE WEEK

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School Briefs

McDougle Elementary to host carnival

McDougle Elementary School will host its annual Fall Festival on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The carnival will feature games with prizes, an inflatable obstacle course, a dunk tank, food and a raffle for the whole family.

The event is open to the public. McDougle Elementary is located at 890 Old Fayetteville Road.

Carrboro High presents mystery

The Carrboro High School theater department will present Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None* on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. each night in the Culbreth Middle School auditorium.

In the classic murder mystery, 10 people of different social classes, all of whom have been implicated in various murders, have been invited to a mansion on Indian Island, where, one by one, they disappear mysteriously.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. To make a reservation, contact chsreservations@gmail.com

VFW scholarship applications due

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapel Hill Post 9100 is accepting applications for two annual youth scholarships until Monday.

The Voice of Democracy scholarship program is an audio-essay contest for high school students that provides more than \$3 million in scholarships annually. Patriot's Pen, a youth essay-writing contest, is a nationwide contest that gives sixth- through eighth-grade students the chance to win up to \$10,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds by writing essays expressing their views on democracy.

Submissions are due to the Chapel Hill post no later than Monday. For more information, call 741-5183 or visit vfw.org

VFW seeks nominees for top teacher

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapel Hill Post 9100 is looking for three local teachers to represent Chapel Hill in this year's VFW Teacher of the Year competition.

Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for the award. Last year, Chapel Hill High School teacher William Melega won the national contest in the high school division.

Nominations are due to the Chapel Hill post no later than Monday. For more information, call 741-5183 or visit vfw.org

School Lunch

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| <b>Friday 10/29</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken; Oriental Brown Rice; Chicken Nuggets/VWV Roll; Tuna Salad Plate; Baked Beans; Herbed Potatoes; Wild Greens Salad; Chilled Peaches | Potatoes/Gravy; Marinated Tomato & Cucumber; Black Eyed Peas; Chilled Peaches   |
| <b>Monday 11/1</b> Chicken Broccoli Rotini/ww Roll; Baby Sub Sandwich/VWV Bun; Beef Taco; Whole Kernel Corn; Fresh Spinach Salad; Local Fresh Apple; Fresh Grapes              | <b>Wednesday 11/3</b> Baked Chicken/ Brown Rice; Baked Turkey Corn Dog; Turkey Chef Salad; Local Baked Sweet Potato; Steamed Local Cabbage; Chilled Peas; Orange Smiles   |
| <b>Tuesday 11/2</b> Homemade Salisbury Steak; Honey Wheat Breadsticks; Cheese Sticks/Marinara; Tuna Salad Plate/Crackers; Mashed   | <b>Thursday 11/4</b> Spaghetti/ Italian Meatsauce; Honey Wheat Breadsticks; Grilled Chicken Sandwich/VWV; Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad; Wild Greens Salad; Baked Potato Wedges; Steamed Broccoli; Rosy Applesauce |

Heels must regain the emotional edge

BY EDDY LANDRETH  
Staff Writer

When Carolina fans thought about the 2010 football season back around Memorial Day, few would have imagined Saturday's 3:30 p.m. kickoff against William & Mary could be called a critical game.

Back when runners evoked images of who would carry the ball and tutors were not even a thought, this game appeared to be one UNC could get by on its talent. After a string of emotional games to open the season, the Tar Heels would not have to dip into its emotional reservoir for once, or so it seemed back then.

Suspensions and injuries have shredded those thoughts, at least among the fans. Certainly, if the team hopes to win this game and stay in contention for a bowl bid, the players had better understand the critical nature of this

week's game.

The Tribe (6-1) is an elite team in what we used to call Division I-AA, the same classification as Appalachian State and Furman and Richmond. Teams from this category have defeated Division I-A schools through the years.

"If you don't respect your opponent, I think it's the biggest trap in America," Coach Butch Davis said. "That is why I've always tried to make such a big deal that it really isn't about the opponent. It doesn't matter who the other team is. It's more about how you play."

What makes this game so important is that Carolina stands at 4-3 after losing 33-10 at Miami on Saturday.

By the end of that game, in-



juries had cut the Tar Heels' depth in the secondary to the bone. Kids who would have been third-string contributors were on the field against Miami's first-string offense.

Yet even before that happened, Carolina had problems stopping the run because of suspensions and the lack of recruiting at defensive tackle.

Now UNC, quite simply, cannot afford to lose this game.

A victory would leave UNC with four games to play, and it would need two wins to earn a third consecutive bowl bid, which would be a considerable accomplishment given the controversy and troubles this team has endured.

Carolina has to regain some

of the emotional edge and crispness of execution that helped it win four straight before losing at Miami.

"We had a meltdown on Saturday," safety Deunta Williams said. "The biggest thing that I think was a factor was that they could turnaround and hand the ball off any time they wanted to."

"I think we did a good job sometimes in controlling the run, when we lined up right. But we've just got to man up and go play."

No one should have been surprised that Carolina would lose its edge for one week. But one week is all it can afford.

"This group of kids and this football team has been remarkably resilient all year long, to deal with all the things that they have had to deal with," Davis said.

Resiliency will be among the qualities needed most at 3:30 on Saturday.

High school sports reports

BY HENRY GARGAN  
Staff Writer

FOOTBALL

Cedar Ridge 20 - Carrboro 14

While this season will undoubtedly be remembered fondly by Jaguar fans, that didn't keep any of them from shaking their heads on Friday night as they watched their boys in purple drop a second straight game.

Cedar Ridge improved to 8-1, as it eked by Carrboro, 20-14. Defensive consistency was the key to the game for both squads and turned out to be the key to victory for Cedar Ridge, which, with the Jaguars threatening deep in the red zone late in the game, forced and recovered a Derek Bryant fumble.

For both teams, the bulk of offensive production took place on the ground. Cedar Ridge quarterback Cam Pappas provided two rushing touchdowns and Brent Burnette added another. The Jags' two TDs came in the form of a Torrell Farrar run and a Demarcus Powell/Tobias Sales blocked-punt/return combo.

Carrboro, which fell to 1-2 in the Carolina 9 and 7-2 overall, will continue conference play this week on the road against Granville Central.

**Oxford Webb 22 - Chapel Hill 21**

The Tigers dropped another conference game on Friday night, losing by just a point to the Warriors of Oxford Webb (5-4, 2-1 Carolina 6). A scoreless first half might have left fans yawning, but the sheer absurdity of the game's end more than compensated.

Running back Daniel Watson threw three second-half touchdown passes to R.J. Quick out of the wildcat formation, which was used extensively due to the absence of injured starting quarterback T.J. Johnston. Webb, however, made it a shootout, and with two and a half minutes remaining, closed the margin to 20-21. The Warriors converted on the two-point conversion, and took the lead.

Chapel Hill (4-5, 1-2) then marched down the field to Webb's

15-yard line, and with 30 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter seemed ready to attempt the winning field goal on fourth down. This, however, did not occur – rather, inexplicably, the Tigers spiked the ball, turning it over to the Warriors on downs.

Chapel Hill will attempt to atone when they face Southern Vance on the road this week.

**Southern Durham 48 - East Chapel Hill 26**

The Wildcats kept things interesting last Friday against a Southern Durham team that should have, by all accounts, left with a more resounding victory.

East Chapel Hill (1-7, 0-4 PAC 6) led the Spartans early on, 12-7, and didn't panic when Southern Durham (4-6, 4-1) bounced back ahead, 21-12. In fact, the Wildcats had re-

possessed the lead by the half, 26-21. Sophomore quarterback Jackson Boyer, who has replaced starter Drew Davis since Davis' injury against Riverside, connected with receiver Alex Moore for one touchdown and ran for another.

As it turned out, however, the Wildcats didn't have what it took to seal the deal in the second half. Fatigue, the effects of which were compounded by the loss of senior running back Jordan Barkley to injury, was an obvious factor in the later stages, as the Spartans steamrolled for 27 unanswered points. Barkley rushed for 165 yards before leaving the game, a total that included a 60-yard TD run straight up the middle.

East Chapel Hill will take another trip to Durham on Friday, as they take on undefeated Hillside.

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FROM THE EDITOR

As you may have noticed, much of this page is filled with letters and essays in support of a quarter-cent sales-tax increase for Orange County.

There is strong support for the tax. Passage of the referendum authorizing it has been heavily backed by the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. There’s been so much support, in fact, that it was tempting for a while to go contrarian and rail against it. That inclination went away in no small part due to the tax increase’s support from Justice United, whose coalition members have traditionally argued against regressive revenue measures.

The tax is not a done deal – there’s still a vote coming up, and in a year with this much anti-government fervor anything with the word “tax” associated with it is iffy.

Many of us who will vote for this increase will do so warily. High hopes for the \$2.3 million or so in additional revenue must be tempered by the fact that counties statewide are still in a hole and a new General Assembly, shaped by next Tuesday’s results, is not likely to make it any easier for them to dig out.

There will be great temptation to use the additional revenue from the sales tax to fill gaps rather than initiate long-term improvements. The fact that the lion’s share of the tax revenue would go toward deferred maintenance and improvements at our schools should tell you something.

Those charged with distributing the new monies collected will need to work hard to keep faith with the voters. Meanwhile, don’t look for instant results.

Some of the rest of the revenue from the tax is pledged to shore up emergency services and increase support for libraries. At a time when both are underfunded and, in recent years, operating under budgets that are moving targets, it will be hard at first to tell the tax’s true impact.

Likewise, improvement in the infrastructure necessary to build a more diverse and thriving local economy will take time. While that’s happening, let’s hope those in charge of building a new economic reality in Orange County step up their game.

In the past few years, we’ve been told first that a new UNC airport and then a giant destination retail and housing development on Buckhorn Road would bring a new day. Neither is going to happen.

What *is* going to happen is research at the university and what has to stop happening is the departure of UNC spinoffs to counties to our east. It is encouraging to hear more talk of cooperation in that area.

The proof of success in these areas will be borne out in the next census. The one just coming out shows a highly stratified Orange County with one of the highest per capita incomes, yet a poverty rate that matches the state’s dismal average. On Tuesday night, tax supporters may celebrate a win, but turning the income disparity around would be the real victory.

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Support the tax to improve our economy

KATHLEEN FERGUSON AND ALLAN ROSEN

As part of their pledge to utilize the proceeds from the proposed quarter-cent sales tax for Orange County’s most pressing needs, our county commissioners are asking voters to support an historic investment in economic development, which will be used for “funding infrastructure improvements needed to recruit new businesses and expand existing businesses ... business loans and grants to grow businesses in Orange County ... [and] targeted business recruitment, retention, and expansion efforts.” The commissioners realize that without new sources of revenue, future budgets will be even more painful and challenging to balance than those of the past two years. Based on their commitment to economic development, we wholeheartedly recommend that Orange County voters approve the quarter-cent Sales and Use Tax referendum.

This proposal is estimated to raise \$2.3 million annually and the commissioners made a five-year pledge to allocate 42.5 percent of the funding – nearly \$1 million – to economic development as well as 42.5 percent to the local schools systems and 15 percent to be split between emergency medical services and libraries. Importantly, the quarter-cent sales-tax increase does not apply to groceries, gas or prescription medicines.

While committing proceeds to schools, libraries and emergency management is vital, directing resources to economic development is the only allocation that will grow the county’s tax base. Retaining successful local businesses and attracting new businesses is critical to Orange County’s fiscal health. The new commercial property and sales-tax receipts will support essential services that would be in jeopardy otherwise, while also reducing the pressure to increase residential property taxes. Furthermore, an improved business climate will increase employment opportunities for county residents.

Based on their recent track record (shown below), we are confident the commissioners, county manager and the county’s economic-development professionals will continue to make smart decisions regarding economic development.

Two years ago, the commissioners approved the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, which committed the county to pursue “viable and sustainable economic development that contributes to both property and sales tax revenues, and enhances high-quality employment opportunities”.

More than a year ago, the county economic-development department began receiving regional recognition as leaders in recruiting solar-energy businesses. This leadership was bolstered when the Orange County campus of Durham Tech began offering certificates and degrees in sustainability technologies, including solar PV installation certification.

Last year, the commissioners charged the Planning Department to craft a unified development ordinance in order to signal citizens and business that the county is serious about economic development.

This year, the county maintained 100 percent funding of the economic-development department, invested \$200,000 in the county’s small business loan fund and allocated \$200,000 to fund a water and sewer engineering design for the Buckhorn Economic Development District.

Earlier this month, the county manager reported on establishing water and sewer districts to organize, finance and administer the county’s investment in infrastructure.

In addition, for almost two years the economic-development citizen advisory board has supported the evolving policy environment by providing timely reports to the commissioners, including our May 2010 strategic recommendations, which emphasized bringing water and sewer utilities to the county’s economic-development districts, streamlining regulatory policies, funding targeted research and investing in new and expanded tools essential to all local governments committed to

economic development. Our recommendations were based on homegrown research (our own and by UNC graduate students), including an assessment of Orange County’s regional competitiveness, financing options for infrastructure, factors influencing regional economic-development investments and case studies on implementing incentives programs and university-based technology transfer.

This December, the advisory board will receive a report on leveraging UNC research to promote entrepreneurship and business expansion in the county. The report is expected to highlight where investments and new policies are most likely to spur local economic development.

Later this winter, we will submit recommendations for filling the advisory board’s at-large vacancies. Particular emphasis will be placed on candidates with the expertise to ensure that the desired outcomes – a larger commercial tax base, more retail sales and improved employment opportunities for residents of all job skills and levels of educational attainment – are achieved. It’s critical that many, if not most, members have senior-level experience with business start-up, investment and location decisions, particularly with those sectors most promising for Orange County.

We have been privileged to serve on the advisory board during this transitional period. It’s reassuring that the commissioners have initiated several key building blocks for success. We hope the voters will give them a vote of confidence by approving the Sales and Use Tax referendum. Providing nearly \$1 million per year for five years for economic development will go a long way towards improving Orange County’s cherished quality of life.

Kathleen Ferguson is the chair and Allan Rosen the vice chair of the Orange County Economic Development Commission.

ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

Vote McKee

I am writing today in support of Earl McKee for District 2 commissioner.

I have had the pleasure of working with him when I served as the chief of Caldwell Fire Department.

During that 10-year period, Earl served as treasurer and as president of the board of directors. He was always mindful that the funds that were being used were not the board’s, but the citizens’ of our fire district. He looked at every major expenditure as to whether that was the best use of funds for the citizens. This experience has given him an excellent understanding of the emergency services in the county and the financial responsibilities that go along with that.

His son and stepchildren were educated in our school system, in which he was always involved. His wife worked as an elementary school educator and after her retirement has continued to tutor in our school system. This gives him a wealth of knowledge as to the needs of our students and education system.

When he started considering the position of commissioner, he realized that this would be a great commitment on his behalf. In order to educate himself about the time commitment and the business of the county, he started attending the commissioners’ regular meetings and their work sessions (for over a year). I don’t believe any other candidates have made that commitment.

In short, I would be proud to have Earl McKee to serve as our representative on the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

ANDY GATES  
Caldwell

Support libraries

If you’re looking for the heart of any community, look no further than the local library. Its doors are open to everyone.

So far this year, 177,000 Orange County residents have visited a local library and almost 50,000 of them used the public computers. They look to the library for help in filling out a job application online, using our various resources to pass an exam, checking out books for themselves or to read to their children. For some, the library is their only access to education beyond a high school level. In reality, libraries are the heart of Orange County because we are able to impact everyone who walks through our doors, no matter where they are in life.

Libraries are identified as part of the quality of life for a community. When evaluating a community, a new resident or business owner takes into account how well the library is supported and the type of resources it offers. A vibrant library is indeed the focal point of activity and growth, providing additional support for economic development.

Like all counties, Orange County has significant and pressing needs – like improving schools, infrastructure, emergency medical services and libraries.

On Nov. 2, Orange County voters will have the opportunity to vote for or against a quarter-of-a-penny sales tax increase. If passed, 42.5 percent of the funding will go to schools, 42.5 percent to economic development and 15 percent will be split between emergency medical services and libraries. The proposed County Sales and Use Tax increase does not apply to groceries, gas or most prescription medications. It’s important to provide Orange County taxpayers with alternatives to the pressure to raise property taxes to address these and other county needs.

Thank you, and remember to vote on Nov. 2.

LUCINDA M. MUNGER  
Orange County Library Director

Lawson’s double-speak

Last Tuesday, I attended a candidate forum at Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill with our congressman, David Price, and his opponent, B.J. Lawson. Knowing that Lawson opposes comprehensive immigration reform and instead emphasizes sending troops to guard the border, I was struck by Mr. Lawson’s apparently thoughtful response to a question about the DREAM Act, which would offer a path to college education for hardworking immigrant students who were brought to the United States as kids.

Lawson said it gave him “heartburn” to know the doors of opportunity were being shut to these children because of their immigration status. He said the DREAM Act was “worth discussion,” and even gave the impression that he would potentially support the bill. (Price is a longtime co-sponsor of the bill.)

To my surprise, the very next day on his website Mr. Lawson attacked David Price for supporting the DREAM Act, which he disparaged as “amnesty for illegal immigrants” and a “government handout.”

The candidate B.J. Lawson at the forum was not the same person who desperately attacked David Price the next day. And the worst part is, Lawson was attacking David for something Lawson himself appeared to support – or at least consider supporting.

One thing I know about David Price: He’s a man of his word. That’s a lot more than I can say for B.J. Lawson. Price has my vote.

HANK ELKINS  
Chapel Hill

Tax would help

What can we do to put ourselves on track for a better economy and more successful community? We can start by voting for the proposed County Sales and Use Tax on the ballot this November. This small increase is less than a penny, but it means more jobs and better schools for our community starting next year.

The revenue from the proposed sales-tax increase helps create jobs. It helps attract new businesses to Orange County and it helps grow the ones already here. Better technology and updated classrooms help prepare our students to be competitive members of a global workforce. Improved libraries and emergency response times help make our communities better and safer places to live and do business. One quarter of a cent is an additional 25 cents on a \$100 purchase. That’s a very small price for enhanced schools; libraries; EMS; and strong, successful economic development.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber, the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber, the Greater Chapel Hill Realtors Association, Orange County Justice United and a host of others have endorsed the tax through a campaign called the Campaign for Jobs and Schools. Please join the board of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber and me in supporting jobs and schools in our community by voting for the County Sales and Use Tax.

AARON NELSON  
President & CEO  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce

Vote for Price

Several years ago, I and some others met with Rep. David Price to discuss the importance of local-access TV. I continue to be impressed by Congressman Price’s practical, focus-on-the-doable approach to problems. Price does not promise pie-in-the-sky actions. He consistently represents us with intelligence and grounded integrity.

David Price’s support of good education for all, more federal college help and easier loan repayments are needed more than ever in an economic downturn to train Americans for jobs that become available across the country amid repeated job changes throughout our lives.

Price fosters realistic job and business development, knowing that public-private partnerships have been a way to get things done for over a decade, here and abroad. Infrastructure is necessarily a government responsibility and benefits both public and private sectors.

His opponent, Lawson, presents copies of the Constitution as his mark of honesty, but he is a Libertarian pretending to be a Republican, promoting policies that do not recognize all our interconnectedness in the global economy. What happens to those whose jobs disappear when a business collapses?

David Price is wise, experienced and cognizant of the interplay of many issues as he chairs the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee. Price supports a sensible immigration policy enforced fairly.

We must retain those who act with human decency in Congress. Re-elect David Price.

LYNNE KANE  
Chapel Hill

Support the tax

Orange County Justice United and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce join together in asking your support this Election Day for the proposed quarter-cent sales-tax increase. This partnership of community organizations, congregations and business leaders came together because we see the sales-tax referendum as an opportunity for Orange County to grow in the right direction.

The proposed sales-tax increase will expand our county infrastructure to long-identified economic-development districts. We see this as doing more than helping attract businesses to Orange County and growing our commercial tax base. Support from the sales tax would also provide much-needed funding for Justice United priorities (education, economic development, emergency services and sewer infrastructure for rural Orange County).

There’s a lot our county can accomplish when organizations like ours work together on common solutions. This Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., leaders will gather at the parking lot of United Church of Chapel Hill for our Souls to the Polls rally. We will all walk to the Seymour Senior Center to vote. Please join with us, and when you vote, please vote for the County Sales and Use Tax.

STEPHANIE PERRY, ORGANIZER  
Orange County Justice United  
JOANNE FIORE, CHAIR,  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce

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OBITUARIES

Larry Mann Larry Mann Sr. passed away Friday, October 15, 2010. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him. Larry loved to be outdoors, fishing with his family and working in his yard. He leaves behind his devoted wife of 37 years, Sally, his two sons Larry Jr. (Alicia) and Shannon (Farrah) and a grandson. Dorothy Vadney Dorothy J. Vadney died October 21 after a short illness. She was 86 years old. Dorothy was a retired school teacher from New York. She had lived in North Carolina since 1986. She was member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church. She will be missed by all who loved her. She loved to be outdoors, traveling with her family and volunteering at the church. Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Janet Hunker of Mebane, N.C.; her sons, Ward Vadney of Schenectady N.Y., David Vadney of Laurence N.Y., Michael Vadney of Roswell Ga.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Thomas More building brick fund, St. Thomas More, 940 Carmichael St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Online condolences can be made at walkersfuneralservice.com. Walker's Funeral Home of Chapel Hill, 942-3861, is assisting the Vadney family.

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How much can a quarter of a penny buy? The County Sales and Use Tax will increase the sales tax rate in Orange County by one-quarter of one percent (0.25%). If approved, the funds will be used for schools, libraries, emergency medical services and economic development. FIND OUT MORE AT orangecountync.gov/salestax DON'T FORGET to vote on November 2 Paid for by Orange County Government.



FLORA  
FROM PAGE I

My own attention moved back and forth from bird movements and sounds to wishing I had brought my fishing pole. But, for me, the true adventure was that wide-open vista, from water to sky, of the beginning of what some folks like to call “peak” fall color. Lake warden Eric Barnhardt, who grew up in the Carolina mountains, describes the color around the lake as being as beautiful as any in the state.

It’s just beginning, folks, and you have three more Saturdays before the lake closes for the winter season to get out there and experience a paddler’s view of fall color.

You may enjoy challenging yourself by trying to identify trees by their colors. Those bright yellows are most likely tulip poplars; golden yellows are probably hickories; burgundy reds are dogwoods or sourwoods; and brilliant, shiny reds,



Paddlers have great views of fall color. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

blackgum. Sweetgum can present a palette of colors, and sassafras is just too beautiful to describe. You’ll have to paddle nearer to make certain. A really useful guide is *Fall Color and Woodland Harvests* by Anne Lindsey and Ritchie Bell.

If you visit the lake, make certain you check

in with the lake wardens. In addition to providing lots of friendly assistance, Eric, Allen Smith and Ben Nichols will want to show you the buckeye collection. Ask for some stories from “Buckeye” Ben.

Email Ken Moore at [flora@carrborocitizen.com](mailto:flora@carrborocitizen.com).



Wood ducks are sometimes sighted on the edge of Cane Creek Reservoir. PHOTO BY MARGARETTA YARBOROUGH



Doug Eyre as Charles de Gaulle, 1966

A mentor once told me that the best teaching is a combination of two things: mastery of content and stagecraft. If that’s so, my beloved Geography 153 professor, Doug Eyre, gets the prize. In this Halloween week image from a 1966 edition of *The Daily Tar Heel*, Prof. Eyre (aka Gen. Charles de Gaulle), explains to us delighted undergrads why the French weren’t so keen about the Yanks using French airspace for U.S. fly military missions. As I remember, Prof. Eyre even attempted a French accent to help make his academic points. Now *that’s* teaching.



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BY JOCK LAUTERER

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