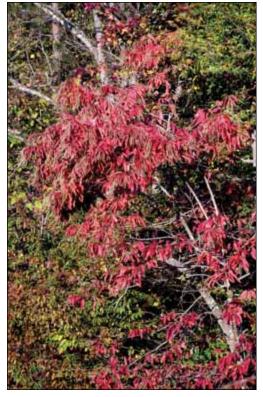




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'Peak' burgundy-red foliage of sourwood persists for weeks.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE



Chasing the 'peak'

At this time of year, I poke fun at the craze to travel far and wide to view "peak" fall color. I remain suspicious that "peak" is a ploy by the tourist industry to lure us up to our mountain counties for a once-in-a-lifetime experience to see all the colors at one perfect location on a single perfect day.

All the times I've traveled west for the "peak," I've been greeted with: "Oh, you should have been here last week!" or "Sorry, you're a bit early; you'll have to come back next week to catch 'peak.'''

I may have caught "peak" one year, but through the fog and

Big decisions for voters



Renee Price and Mary Bushnell (right) enjoy a light-hearted moment with Mayor Mark Chilton and the candidates for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen at a forum hosted by the Orange County Democratic Women earlier this election season. PHOTO BY ALICIA STEMPER

BY TAYLOR SISK, ROSE LAUDICINA AND SUSAN DICKSON

Staff Writers

Growth. Economic development. Budgetary woes. A new school super-



in Orange County than usual. As Election Day draws near, The Citizen asked a number of individuals who keep a close watch on local government what they believe to be the most important issues confronting those who will be holding office on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, Chapel Hill Town Council and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education. As a refresher, as you head to the polls, here's a sample of their responses.

Carrboro

Incumbents Dan Coleman and Lydia Lavelle and challengers Braxton Foushee and Michelle Johnson are vying for three open seats on the board of aldermen. Mayor Mark Chilton is running unopposed.

"Which candidates are going to work tirelessly to keep taxes where they are?" asks James Carnahan, a founder of the Village Project and former chair

ning Board. Property are already too high, Carnahan said.

said, and any increase will be punitive

"If Carrboro is ever going to be

transit friendly and affordable to the diverse population we keep saying we want, we're going to have to grow our economic base, and that's not going to happen if we NIMBY [Not In My Backyard] these developments to death," he said. "In the current economy, it is a wonder anyone wants to build anything."

Proposed mixed-use development Shelton Station will put many

more residents within walking distance of downtown businesses, Carnahan said, and a multi-use proposal for the northeast corner of N.C. 54 and Old Fayetteville Road could provide affordable

housing and healthy competition to Carrboro Plaza merchants.

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Main Street sewer repair stalled

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

CARRBORO – Attempts to resolve a sewage problem on the south side of Main Street have run into unforeseen difficulties, leaving businesses to rely on a temporary fix that state officials could deem unsuitable early next year.

Owners of property on the south side of the block of Main Street from Armadillo Grill to Friendly Barber have been working to fix the problem since Aug. 26, when sewage began to discharge in the parking lot behind the businesses. The problem was cleaned up and temporarily fixed, but without a long-term solution the blockage could force the closure of the restaurants and bar on the block.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen approved a \$60,000 loan from the town's revolving loan fund for the property owners earlier this fall to repair the private sewer line that runs behind the buildings, along the side of Friendly Barber and out to Main Street, where it connects to the public main.

However, property owners ran into issues with the repair, which would require crossing over the property of Jean Ward, who owns the building that houses Friendly Barber and the Orange County Social Club.

"I have an option that none of the other property owners could have, and that is that I could separate and I could have my own sewer line, and that is probably the route that I am going to take," Ward said. "I just think that would be in my interest right now and in the future."

Carrboro economic development director Annette Stone said the town is working with Ward's representatives to negotiate a public easement through her property. Last week, the

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intendent. It's an even more transitional time

of the Carrboro Plantaxes

Carrboro is already barely affordable for senior citizens and those with

fixed and limited incomes, Carnahan for many residents.

V O Early voting – Thursday and Friday (times vary by location check www.co.orange.nc.us/elect);

Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Election Day – Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

rain, I had to imagine it with the leaves clinging to the car windows.

This year is different! Driving for the past three weeks on back roads to and from the southwestern edge of Alamance County near Alamance Battleground, I've enjoyed a slow subtle progression of colors from greens to all shades of autumn. Last week, the shades were close to blindingly brilliant, so perhaps I've caught peak.

But on second thought, I'm not sure. There's still quite a bit of green left on deciduous trees. The many different oaks are just beginning to show some of their red colors deep inside their spreading canopies. The burgundy-reds of the dogwoods and sourwoods have been evident for weeks, as have some of the shiny-reds of sumacs and red gum.

Leisurely strollers around the rolling landscape of Chapel Hill's Merritt's Pasture will have noted colorful mosaic patterns of the gold and yellow tulip poplars,

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Tax options summarized

BY ROSE LAUDICINA Staff Writer

Even if the quarter-cent sales-tax referendum gets voted down this Election Day, the Orange County Board of Commissioners is committed to improving the county's schools and economic-development efforts, and might consider implementing a slight increase in the property tax to do so, commissioners said Tuesday.

In a presentation to the board regarding the campaign to educate the public about the proposed sales tax, Assistant County Manager Gwen Harvey reminded commissioners that they had made it their priority to help the schools as their budgets continued to be slashed, while also increasing the county's economic-development efforts.

In order to do this, the money needed would have to be acquired elsewhere if the sales tax doesn't pass, Harvey said.

"Should the voters not approve this, the board will be considering a 2 cent increase in the property tax rate in order to address schools and jobs, which you all felt was your commitment as commissioners," Harvey said.

Aldermen mull deer measures

BY SUSAN DICKSON Staff Writer

CARRBORO – In an effort to curb the growth of the exploding deer population in town, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Tuesday voted unanimously to ban the intentional feeding of deer within town limits and scheduled a future discussion to consider allowing bow hunting in town.

The ordinance prohibits residents from placing any fruit, grain, mineral, plant, salt vegetable or other material outdoors on any public or private property for the purpose of feeding or attracting deer. Violators are subject to a warning, followed by a \$25 fine if materials aren't removed within 48 hours. The ordinance also requires residents to remove or prevent access to anything on their property to which deer are attracted or from which they actually feed.

The ordinance doesn't apply to naturally growing materials, stored crops or feeders used to provide food for domestic animals or livestock.

Ashley Stanford, a resident of Hillsborough Road, said the growing deer population is a danger to residents.

"The deer are everywhere, and if you stick your head in the sand and think ... everything will be OK, you're wrong," he said. "They're a health and safety issue, and they're also aggravating."

"We need a solution now. Whether its bow hunting by people who are proficient at it or whether its me in my own backyard bow hunting, there has to be something that is done," Stanford added.

Several representatives from bow hunting organizations urged the board to consider allowing bow hunting in town. Chapel Hill allows bow hunting if explicit permission is given by property owners.

Robert Reda, president of the local Broken Arrow Archery Club, said bow hunting is a safe, effective way to help control the

deer population, noting that in a Chapel Hill neighborhood bow hunters removed 17 deer last year, effectively reducing the neighborhood's deer population by 39 this year because of the number of does taken.

Board members said they felt torn on the issue of bow hunting and needed to hear from the public before making a decision.

"I think this is one of these issues where I feel like I need to hear from a whole bunch more people who live in Carrboro than we have heard from thus far," Mayor Mark Chilton said. "I'm open to the possibility, but I'm also concerned about safety issues."

Board member Lydia Lavelle said she was concerned about the safety of bow hunting in a densely populated town like Carrboro.

"In the densest part of Carrboro, I really, really have an issue with it," she said, adding that she might consider it in other parts of town.

The board will revisit the issue at a public hearing in January.

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Book Harvest donates thousands of books

RECENTLY **BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ**

Around the time their kids become teenagers, many parents become afflicted with a syndrome that exhibits itself in a variety of ways. The symptoms for some include well-documented exhibitions of self-absorption as they realize that they are old enough to have teenagers.

For others, there's an urgency to express gratitude for what they have by doing something for others. Last fall, Ginger Young's symptoms began to surface with the desire to provide the support required for every child in our greater community to know success. She met with experts and began learning statistics about children and books that opened the door to her founding Book Harvest, now a nonprofit with a 12-member board dedicated to getting books into the homes of all children in central North Carolina.

Young started Book Harvest with a book drive that culminated last January during the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at the Carolina Friends School where her three kids, ages 17, 15 and 13, have spent their academic careers.

With very little effort, Young said, they collected more than 6,000 new and gently used books, and the harvesting continues.

"My kids won the lottery of life," Young said from the book-lined family room in her home in the woods off Mt. Sinai Road. "But some kids

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Michele Lynn and Ginger Young in a garage filled with the bounty from Book Harvest, which collects and distributes books to children who need them PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

HALLOWEEN ON FRANKLIN STREET

Franklin Street drew a crowd of approximately 27,000 for this year's Halloween festivities on Monday. The celebration was smaller than in years past, in accordance with the town's efforts to limit the size of the event. Police arrested three people in the closed area.

PHOTOS BY DUNCAN HOGE



Patrol cars sweep the streets after the crowd disperses.



Crowds fill Franklin Street to celebrate Halloween.



Kim Cox (left) and Ganesh Raj (right) discuss the scene below at Top of the Hill.



Orange County EMS tend to a Halloween night reveler. EMS responded to nine calls, with three people transported to UNC Hospitals. Seven of the nine calls were related to alcohol intoxication.

MOVIE LISTINGS

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

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Margin Call; The Way; Jason and the Argonauts (Friday only); The 7th Voyage of Sinbad (Friday only)

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Road, 968-3005 Margin Call; Take Shelter; The Mill and the Cross

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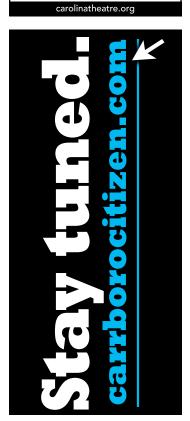
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas; In Time; Paranormal Activity 3; Puss in Boots; Tower Heist

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A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas 3D; Tower Heist; In Time; Paranormal Activity 3; Puss in Boots 3D; The Rum Diary

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Briefs

Council approves Dawson Place closure

At the Oct. 26 meeting, the Chapel Hill Town Council voted to approve the closure of the Dawson Place right-of-way located off west Rosemary Street.

Larry Short, who owns property at 333. W. Rosemary St., submitted the request to the town so that he could begin to redevelop the property for retail, commercial and residential use.

The town council had already postponed voting on the closure at their Oct. 10 meeting, due to council members' confusion about the intent of the closure and the lack of communication between Short and surrounding business owners.

The town council voted to allow the closure of the Dawson Place right-of-way, but only after a new public easement to replace Dawson Place has been built and dedicated.

Info on deer hunting with dogs

Orange County Animal Services has put together an informational brochure about the legal requirements and responsibilities of deer hunting with dogs.

Deer hunting with dogs is lawful in northern Orange County, specifically the portion of the county north of I-85. Written permission must be obtained to hunt on someone else's private property.

The brochure's main purpose is to inform hunters, residents and landowners of their rights and responsibilities regarding deer hunting in an effort to minimize community conflicts, and to ensure public health and safety during the upcoming gun season.

For more information, visit www.co.orange.nc.us/AnimalServices/DeerDogHunting.asp. A sample written permission form is available from the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission at ncwildlife.org/Hunting/WheretoHunt/PrivateLands.aspx.

Efland sewer groundbreaking ceremony

To celebrate the groundbreaking for the central Efland phase II and north Buckhorn Sanitary Sewer System, the public is invited to a groundbreaking ceremony.

The new systems, which cost \$4 million, will include a sewage lift station and more than 4.5 miles of gravity system, which will provide service to hundreds of residents and businesses.

The ceremony will take place on Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the Efland Ruritan Club, located at 3106 U.S. 70 West.

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School board candidates get final chance to express views

BY ROSE LAUDICINA *Staff Writer*

CARRBORO – The Lake Hogan Democratic Precinct school board candidate forum provided candidates with a last chance to voice their opinions and their proposed solutions to the most pressing issues facing the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Six of the seven candidates attended the forum, held last week at the Lake Hogan Farms Clubhouse, to discuss issues ranging from the amount of stress and pressure put on students to the ever-present question of how to address the achievement gap.

Raymond Conrad did not attend.

James Barrett discussed his qualifications with forum attendees, noting his work with education through Orange County Justice United and his experience as a product of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools system.

Barrett also applauded the previous school board when asked about the budget and what programs he would never choose to cut, no matter how small the budget.

"It is difficult being a challenger because the previous board has left us in a much better state than other boards around the state," he said. "I would keep things that provide effectiveness, such as the Blue Ribbon Mentor program, which takes very little money to run."

Incumbent Mia Burroughs said she believes the new superintendent, Tom Forcella, will be instrumental in making smart cuts.

"The district under the leadership of our previous superintendent has been very fiscally conservative," Burroughs said. "We have not made cuts to the core of education yet, and I am hopeful we may not have to do that, the core thing being excellent teaching."

Incumbent board Chair Jamezetta Bedford addressed what she would cut if the need arose, and what she would never cut.

"I would never cut the arts and PE," Bedford said, "but I would cut the half-time gifted-education specialist," as achievement levels have risen only slightly.

In order to balance the school budget, which has suffered major cuts from the state legislature, and avoid cutting school programs, all candidates said they support the quartercent sales tax that will also be



on the ballot.

Kris Castellano, who serves on the school improvement team for McDougle Middle School, said she knows firsthand how tight the budget is, and how without the extra money from the proposed tax most of the repairs needed to improve school environments will not happen.

"It is for our schools," Castellano said of the tax. "School improvement teams have to make a long list of schools' needs, and a lot of them are around repairs."

As the state legislature cuts funding, new housing developments continue to be built in the school district, and candidates were asked how the board should accommodate the rising number of students under these circumstances.

"It is the duty of the school system to educate every child who lives here, and the schools can't do anything about the growth," incumbent Mike Kelley said. "Elementary school number 11 construction is hopefully being moved up to 2013, but if that doesn't happen, then SAPFO might be invoked." SAPFO, the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, mandates that adequate school space must be available in order for new residential developments to be approved.

When asked about the achievement gap – which seems to be the standard question for all school board forums – incumbent Annetta Streater said the gap is rooted in stereotypes that need to disappear.

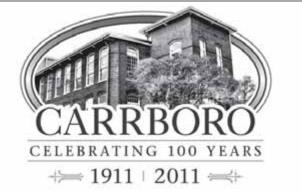
"It correlates strongly with an economic gap ... and it historically has been linked to socioeconomic status," Streater said.

"Unfortunately, administrators and teachers alike hold onto those stereotypes and put systems into place that perpetuate that. Until they stop using those, we won't get a closing of the gap."

Previously, eight candidates were running for the four fouryear-term seats and one twoyear unexpired-term seat available on the board, but candidate Brian Bower dropped out of the race, although his name will still appear on the ballot.

Of the five candidates elected, the one with the least number of votes will serve the twoyear term.





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

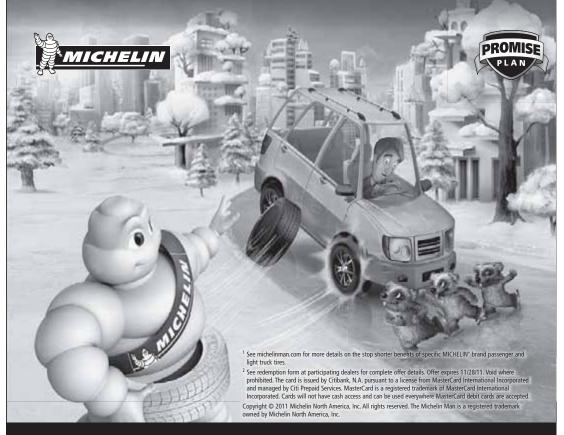
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School Briefs



The Chapel Hill High School Marching Tiger Band wins big at the Brick Capital Classic in Sanford. PHOTO BY CINDY PARKS

More awards for CHHS band

The Chapel Hill High Marching Tiger Band continued its award-winning ways in the band's final competition at the Brick Capital Classic in Sanford last Saturday. The band earned a Superior Rating and won first place 3-A Drum Majors, first place 3-A Percussion and first place 3-A Band.

John Carmichael is in his second year as director of the bands program at the school.

PTA Thrift Shop gives back

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools in September, significantly increasing its donation from last year. The funds are generated based on the PTA Thrift Shop's net proceeds from two retail stores located in Carrboro and Chapel Hill.



In 2010, the nonprofit gave 17 district schools and Pace Academy, a Carrboro-based charter school, a total of \$221,000. The PTA Thrift Shop announced plans in June to redevelop its facilities and build additional commercial space at its Carrboro location and launched a \$1.7 million community fundraising campaign to support the project. The PTA thrift shop started in 1952 as a

Amanda Hartness nonprofit donating to local public schools through the Parent Teacher Association from each school.

Hartness named principal of year

Superintendent Tom Forcella announced last week that McDougle Elementary School Principal Amanda Hartness was named principal of the year by Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Hartness was selected by her peers due to her numerous accomplishments including her dedication to wellness. Hartness has served as principal at McDougle Elementary since 2008. She was previously the assistant principal at Carrboro Elementary School. She joined the CHCCS district in 2006 after serving in the Alamance-Burlington Schools and the Cherokee County Schools.

Students selected for new project

Ephesus Elementary School fourth-graders Nekayla Williams, Nina Susann, Léo Le Hir de Fallois, Joey Kocienda, Sasha Freedland, Sydney Jernigan, Stephen Cho and fifth-graders Megan The PTA Thrift Shop gave amounts totaling \$265,000 to the Shohfi, Jared Garcia-Aguilar, Annie Braker and Nicole Davis have



Ephesus Elementary future educators

been selected to represent Ephesus as the new 2011-12 members of Project C.A.F.É. (Calling All Future Educators).

Project C.A.F.É. is an initiative by the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina (FLANC) to encourage young people to consider a career in teaching foreign languages. These students exhibit an aptitude and enthusiasm for the French language, and they were honored at last month's FLANC conference in Winston-Salem.



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Football Scores

CARRBORO (8-3, 2-2) Oct. 28: defeated Providence Grove. 27-14 Nov. 4: at South Granville (2-AA playoffs)

CHAPEL HILL (9-2, 3-3) Oct. 28: lost to Orange, 15-6 Nov. 4: vs. Asheboro (3-AA playoffs)

EAST CHAPEL HILL (3-8,

3-3) Oct. 28: defeated Person, 35-21 Season over

ORANGE (6-5, 3-2) Oct. 28: defeated Chapel Hill, 15-6

Nov. 4: at Fayetteville Douglas Byrd (3-AA playoffs)

CEDAR RIDGE (3-8, 1-3) Oct. 28: lost to Northwood, 22-20

Season over **NORTHWOOD** (4-6, 3-1)

Oct. 28: defeated Cedar Ridge, 22-20 Nov. 4: vs. Franklinton (2-AA playoffs)

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School Lunch Menus

FRIDAY II/4

Elementary: Chicken Nuggets, Cheese Quesadilla w/Salsa, Beffaroni, Tater Tots, Seasoned Green Beans, Blueberry-Peach Crumble, Fresh Apples

Middle and High School: Penne Pasta w/Italian Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Locally Grown Seasoned Broccoli

MONDAY 11/7

Elementary: Teacher Workday Middle and High School: Teacher Workday

TUESDAY II/8

Elementary: Vegetable Lasagna w/ \Garlic Bread, BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Spinach Salad, Southwest Black Beans, Carrot & Broccoli Cup, Pineapple Cup, Raisins Middle and High School: Fajita Chicken, Beef Taco Meat, Tortillas, Brown Rice, Southwest Black Beans

WEDNESDAY 11/9

Elementary: Chicken Pot Pie, Cheese Pizza, Bagel w/Yogurt & Peanut Butter, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Banana, Fruited Jell-o

Middle and High School: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Wheat Roll, Seasoned Turnip Greens

THURSDAY 11/10

Elementary: Chicken Nuggets, Turkey Corn Dog, Fruit & Cheese Plate w/Yogurt, Tater Tots, Chilled Peaches, Fresh Apples

Middle and High School: Sesame Chicken, Oriental Brown Rice, Peach Crumble, Locally Grown Baked Sweet Potatoes

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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PET OF THE WEEK **ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES —** Meet

Karl and Wilhelm. These two brothers around 3 years old

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for the Holidays event with a half-price adoption fee, beginning Nov. I! On top of that, our volunteers think they fit so well together that they've sponsored one of the two adoption fees so that these pals stay together. That means you can get the pair for only \$50! Visit them today at Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill. You can also see them and other adoptable animals online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp

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Heels zero in on Wolfpack

BY EDDY LANDRETH Staff Writer

As the UNC football team ran to the locker room following a 49-24 victory against Wake Forest last Saturday, someone associated with the team yelled the question of the season.

"Can we beat [friggin'] State?" He actually yelled it quite loudly and several times – with emphasis.

It's a question interim coach Everett Withers is anxious to get answered.

"Right after that ball game on Saturday, we started getting ready for this one," Withers said. "It's important for us. I grew up a Carolina fan. I'm a Carolina guy. I never once thought about N.C. State."

Withers said this is the kind of game that makes college football so special.

"College football needs rivalries," Withers said. "I think it's important to have rivalries in your the maturation process of a young state.

Senior defensive tackle Tydreke Powell said the players know the score, and right now it's Wolfpack 4, UNC 0.

"There is no doubt everybody gets it," Powell said. "Carolina hasn't won in four years. It's going to be a great battle."

UNC could use a repeat of quarterback Bryn Renner's performance against the Deacons. He had his best day as a Tar Heel, completing 21 of 28 passes for 338 yards and three touchdowns. He did not throw an interception.

He read his progressions well and took advantage of the short routes that were open, utilizing the athletic skills of his backs and wide receivers.

"I believe it's just a matter of Bryn getting to those [shorter] routes," Withers said. "Those routes have been there all year long. It's quarterback: You don't have to throw it 80 yards down the field."

Hitting those shorter routes is also an efficient way to avoid throwing interceptions. Renner has now thrown 19 touchdowns and nine interceptions. With his uncanny accuracy, he is capable of improving that ratio by season's end.

"The quarterback needs to be the point guard out there and get the ball in their hands," Renner said. "I try to do that."

Maybe what helped Renner more than anything, though, was the continued success of redshirt freshman running back Giovani Bernard, who gained 154 yards on 27 carries against Wake Forest.

Bernard took some vicious hits, including a helmet-to-helmet blow that left him on the ground for a few moments.

"He got drilled a lot of times," Withers said. "Gio is a special, special player. He's competitor. He's quiet. He just does his job. We never ask these guys to be superman, but Gio has a little something about him."

Bernard rushed for two touchdowns and scored one on a reception. He has now rushed for 965 yards this season on 168 carries. His 11 rushing touchdowns are the most by a Tar Heel since Leon Johnson scored 12 in 1995.

His reception for a score gives him 12 TDs overall, tops in the ACC.

"He can do it all," Renner said. "He caught the ball out of the backfield. He made great runs. He made one at the end of the game, a 54-yard run that was amazing."

Now it's time for the moment of truth – at N.C. State.

And the question remains the same: Can the Tar Heels beat the Wolfpack?

FROM PAGE I The 2 cent property-tax in-

TAXES

crease would give the county approximately the same amount of funding that would be received from the quarter-cent sales tax.

If passed, the sales tax is projected to generate \$2.5 million per year, which would be split equally between economic development and the county's two school districts.

The county estimates that about 20 percent of the money generated would come from tourists, while a property tax increase, if implemented, would be drawn from property-owning county residents.

Laurie Paolicelli, executive director of the Chapel Hill and Orange County Visitors Bureau, is hoping to entice more visitors to the county with a rebranding of the bureau. She said that Orange County is seeing its tourism increase by about 11 percent and is drawing in more tourism dollars than state and national averages.

County commissioners also heard presentations from Steve Brantley, the recently appointed director of economic development, and Craig Benedict, the director of planning and inspections.

Brantley told commissioners that in addition to recruiting more visitors to Orange County, he is working on recruiting and retaining major businesses by revamping how the county markets available land and buildings to interested parties.

"In what I think is a change, I have been hearing talks all over North Carolina about how Orange County is an economic-development friendly area," Brantley said.

County commissioners agreed that Orange County being perceived as open and friendly to development is a new notion. In the past, the county has been seen as resistant to new large developments, something the board has been working to change.

CHS FIELD HOCKEY DEFEATS MT. TABOR



Carrboro High School's Claire Scott drives the ball downfield in the first half of Friday's convincing 5-0 firstround playoff win over Mt. Tabor.

PHOTO BY TED SPAULDING

Pearl Seymour Pearl Francis Seymour, 84, of

OBITUARIES

Chapel Hill, N.C., passed away on Oct. 28, 2011. Pearl was born to Sallie Bailey

and Paul Francis in LaFollette, Tenn., on June 23, 1927. Preceding her in death were her parents and her brothers, Paul Bailey Francis

and William Clark Francis.

She received her education beginning in Columbia, Mo., at Christian Junior College, followed by a BA in music from the University of Michigan in 1949 and an MA in music from Mills College in Oakland, Calif., in 1952.

An accomplished pianist and organist, Pearl started her career teaching in the music department of Mars Hill College, and was also the organist of the Mars Hill Baptist Church. Following her marriage to the Reverend Robert Edward Seymour Jr., the couple moved to Chapel Hill in 1959, where she served as the organist for the Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church for 30 years. She also taught local piano students in her home.

Pearl was an active member of the community, serving as an early president of the Chapel Hill Service League and a member of the Chapel Hill Music Teachers' Association. She was recently honored with her husband in the naming of the new Chapel

Hill Senior Center as the Robert and Pearl Seymour Center.

Pearl enjoyed playing tennis, though her primary athletic passion was as a fan of Carolina basketball.

She will be greatly missed by everyone whose life she touched, and her gift of music will be perpetuated by all for whom she played and taught.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Robert Edward Seymour Jr.; a son, Robert Edward Seymour III and wife, Kelly, of Raleigh; a daughter, Frances Jane Seymour and husband, Michael Kopetski, of Bogor, Indonesia; a sister, Anne Margaret Knott of New York City; and a brother, Phillip Meyrick Francis of Naples, Fla. Pearl especially delighted in her four grandchildren: Leigh Francis Seymour, Robert Edward Seymour IV, Macy Elizabeth Seymour and Emme Grace Seymour.

The family extends special gratitude to the staff of the Carol Woods Health Center for their loving care and support during her illness.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes contributions to the Ministry of Music or the Endowment Fund of the Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Funeral arrangements are being made by Walkers Funeral Home in Chapel Hill.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church in Chapel Hill.

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Cracks in the GOP leadership

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It hasn't received much mainstream media attention, but there appear to be cracks forming in the Republican legislative leadership.

House Speaker Thom Tillis told a town hall meeting in Robeson County last week that North Carolina lost a Continental Tire plant to South Carolina in early October because legislators were divided about giving the company \$45 million up front to locate the plant in the southeastern part of the state.

That's not entirely a surprise. Incentive policy has long divided both political parties, with conservative Republicans and the most progressive Democrats opposing what they both call corporate welfare, and the business wings of both parties willing to grudgingly support using cash and targeted tax breaks to attract jobs.

But the news in Tillis' statement didn't have anything to do with incentives. It was that his explanation of why North Carolina lost the tire plant directly contradicted the story of Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger.

Right after Continental officials announced their decision to locate the facility in South Carolina, Berger told reporters that North Carolina lost the jobs because the site being considered by the company was owned by Democratic political donors. Berger called that pay-to-play politics that Republicans could not support.

Tillis explicitly said that concerns about who owned the land were not a factor in losing the tire plant to South Carolina.

Somebody is not telling the truth. The episode is a public display of the behind-the-scenes tensions between Republican leadership of the House and Senate that surfaced during this summer's legislative session.

House leaders worked hard to convince Republicans to support the consumer-finance industry's effort to raise already exorbitantly high interests rates and fees on small emergency loans. The legislation was opposed by the U.S. Department of Defense and the commander of every base in the state because the loan companies often target members of the military.

Many rank-and-file House Republicans were initially opposed to the legislation but were convinced by House leaders to support it, and it eventually passed the House. Democracy North Carolina reported at the time that the consumerloan industry shifted most of its political giving to Republicans not long before the 2010 election. Senate leaders made no effort to even discuss the proposal, much less push for its passage. The House leadership has been much more aggressive in pushing restrictions on voting. The House and Senate both passed one of the most restrictive voter ID laws in the country, which was vetoed by Gov. Beverly Perdue. But the House also pushed for restrictions on early voting, Sunday voting and even get-out-the-vote efforts. Reportedly, House leaders wanted to take up the restrictions in one of the special sessions held this fall, but Senate leaders balked.



The best choice for Bolin Creek

JOHN N. MORRIS

Well, it's enough to restore your faith in reasoned discussion and democracy! After a healthy debate for more than a year about whether the OWASA easement along Bolin Creek in Carrboro should be a paved greenway, the best choice is emerging. When the town board received a consultant report on proposed greenways, the board adopted some of the recommended routes, but did not approve the route along the creek, directing that a range of alternatives should be studied. The Carrboro Greenways Commission, with leadership by Mayor Mark Chilton and Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Randee Haven-O'Donnell (both members of the commission), decided to set aside consideration of the route along the creek. For one thing, any funding for such projects is years away. More importantly, the commission saw the need to take into account all of the planning underway for Carolina North and for other bike routes in Carrboro and Chapel Hill, to make sure that new projects are best located to be part of a useful transportation network. The following considerations influenced these decisions.

Effective transportation: Carrboro wants to encourage bike use as much as possible to reduce gas consumption and improve air quality, but a paved route along the creek just isn't a good bike route. What's needed is a north-south route to connect Chapel Hill and the UNC campus with Carolina North, also providing access from neighborhoods to schools along Seawell School Road. The university, in the Carolina North development agreement, has already made a farsighted commitment to build a safe bike route along Seawell School Road, which will link with the planned campus-to-campus connector. The university is now constructing an east-west gravel bikeable trail across Bolin Forest from Tripp Farm Road to Seawell School Road, complete with a bridge across the creek. These routes are complemented by Carrboro's plan to build a greenway connecting the neighborhoods north of Homestead Road with the three schools. These bike routes provide an excellent network and make a route along the creek unneeded. Environmental damage: Paving a greenway along the OWASA easement would damage water quality. A 10-footwide paved greenway can't be delicately placed like unrolling a rug. We can see what a paved greenway would look like at the Morgan Creek Greenway, now completed in Chapel Hill. Despite admirable efforts to limit the impact, the cleared and graded strip is, at a minimum, 25 feet wide, often much wider where drainage requires culverts and hardened ditches. Putting a paved greenway on the Bolin Creek sewer easement, which is largely within 30 feet of the creek, would tear up tree roots and remove trees that are holding

the creek banks in place and providing shade for the stream. A state Division of Water Quality publication explains in detail why greenways should be kept out of the riparian buffer to protect water quality.

What some paving advocates are missing is that the paved greenways that we are familiar with along Bolin Creek, Booker Creek and Morgan Creek in Chapel Hill are built away from the creeks, leaving a wide, protective buffer in all but a few spots. There is no precedent in Orange County for building a greenway right on the creek bank, where the OWASA Bolin Creek easement is located.

A big bill: We now have some real numbers to use to estimate the cost of paving along Bolin Creek, based on the Morgan Creek greenway, which was recently constructed. Using the per-foot cost for Morgan Creek, the greenway along Bolin Creek (referred to as segments 3 and 4) would cost about \$4 million. The cost would surely be higher, because the terrain is steeper at Bolin Creek and construction access is much more difficult. Carrboro would also be taking on a big ongoing maintenance cost. In these times of tight budgets, available federal, state and local transit funds should be reserved for urgent needs.

The small group that promotes a paved trail along Bolin Creek describes the area as "degraded" and presents paving as a way to "restore" it. This is a myth that just does not fit the facts. I have walked the trail after heavy rains and observed that the OWASA easement is only a very minor and localized source of sediment to the creek. There are simple and inexpensive solutions to these small problem areas. The thorough studies of Bolin Creek by the N.C. Ecosystem Enhancement Program and the N.C. Division of Water Quality make clear that the significant threat to Bolin Creek is from land development and stormwater runoff from the developed and developing parts of the whole watershed, not from the forested area and not from the OWASA easement. The trail along the creek is a beautiful place where many en-

joy the wildflowers, magnificent trees and birds. More than

to the leadership of the university and Carrboro, we can have

safe bike routes that connect to the schools, neighborhoods

and Carolina North. Bolin Creek can be spared pavement

and be appreciated for the natural values that make it so

popular. And the residents of Carrboro can save their tax

John N. Morris was director of the N.C. Division of Water

Resources from 1980 to 2008, an agency responsible for water-

supply and river-basin planning and for water-use regulation.

dollars for something that's really needed.

Fortunately, there is a happy ending to this story. Thanks

1,100 persons have signed a petition opposing the paving.

A few odds and ends

KIRK ROSS

Pardon me while I sort through this shoebox full of odds and ends



collected in case I ever needed an odd tale, quip or fast fact to toss into a column of random ideas. It is the close

of election season, and I am under the old habit of not saying nuthin' ahead of the election that can't be corrected in print. I hope you vote.

... We sure have a good-looking basketball team this year. Everyone seems to think so. The other night, that team from UNC-Pembroke, which was founded in 1887 as the Croatan Normal School, didn't have a chance.

One reason is that we have a very tall center. He's from Indiana. I'm from Indiana. This makes me both proud and upbeat about the season ahead. In recent years, when UNC's men's basketball team had a center that hailed from the glorious state of Indiana, the team did pretty well. Eric Montross was from Indianapolis. Sean May played ball at my alma mater in Bloomington.

(OK, Tyler Zeller is listed officially as a forward, not a center, but c'mon, he's 7 feet tall.)

The Zeller family is from Washington, Ind., a small town in the southwestern part of the state, which has been doing some very good work using wetlands and other mitigation strategies to manage its wastewater. The town's Combined Sewer Overflow project was recently named the top such project in the country for 2011 by Water & Waste Digest. Congratulations, Washington, Ind. Good work.

... This is as good a time as any to clear up a few matters in wastewater terminology, specifically the difference between sewerage and sewage. Sewerage is the infrastructure through which the sewage flows (hopefully). These terms were drilled into every student in Intro to Environmental Protection, taught for many years at UNC by the dynamic Don Francisco, a professor in the School of Public Health and a national expert in wastewater management. Francisco, who threatened to lower our grades if we called during a basketball game, was quite familiar with the inner-workings of OWASA's Mason Farm treatment facility. In fact, a tour of the plant was included with the lecture fee for the class. Unfortunately, on the appointed day for my class's tour I had fallen ill (really). To this day, I have never seen a flocculator in action. ... I have, however, seen plenty of federal campaign-finance reports, which at times give off a similar odor. On a recent visit to the Federal Elections Commission website, I ran across the third-quarter filing of David Rouzer, who is co-chair of the N.C. Senate's Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources committee, a body, which like the rest of the state legislature, is intent on gleefully undoing just about any regulation they can lay their hands on. This particular report was interesting because state legislators are not allowed to solicit money from lobbyists ever or to raise money period while they're in session. But because he's running for U.S. Congress, the esteemed state senator is free to have at it. When I opened the contributors file from the FEC site, it was like a drive down a back road in Sampson County on a warm summer night with a light wind. The list was a veritable who's who of lobbyists for and luminaries of Big Ag. You can hardly blame them. They're just playing a game of their own invention. The people might elect their politicians, but at a certain point they stop dancing with us. I'd like to think over the next year we'll be treated to an adventure in real democracy, but that's dreaming. Money is speech in politics. The Supreme Court has told us that repeatedly. The odds are that we'll get drowned out again by the \$1,000-aplate dinners and the trade association junkets, by the big donors, discreet bundlers, well-oiled PACs and wealthy freaks who dabble in power. And it all clumps together and settles into our already polluted political system. I may not have made it out to the Mason Farm plant for a tour, but I think I know a flocculator when I see one.

Senate leaders also seemed far less excited about the anti-gay marriage amendment that passed in September and will be on the ballot in May. Berger said he supported the amendment to let the people decide the issue once and for all.

House Majority Leader Paul Stam was the outspoken champion of the amendment and demonized gay men and lesbians in the process. Senate leaders deserve no credit for being less willing to support allowing the majority of voters to write discrimination into the constitution – they still voted for it, after all – but it is another example of their uneasiness with the hard-right conservative agenda of Stam and other leaders of the House.

There are more examples of tensions and disagreements, but until now Republicans have been able to shrug them off, publicly at least, as just part of the legislative process.

But not anymore, not when the speaker of the House says the Senate president pro tem wasn't telling the truth about why North Carolina lost more than a thousand jobs.

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

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LETTERS

Landreth should get over it

Being a fan of many UNC sports, I think it would be nice to see something besides the weekly football coverage. But if Eddy Landreth was hired to only write about Carolina football, so be it. But Mr. Landreth: We all know by now that you love Carolina football, hate Holden Thorp and are in love with former coach Butch Davis. Well here's some news for you: Davis is gone and he isn't coming back! Get over it!

> MIKE MCKINNEY Chapel Hill

Wolff campaign relying on fear

A recent flier seen around Chapel Hill ends with the words "people trust Kevin Wolff." Currently running for mayor of Chapel Hill, Mr. Wolff is a patent lawyer with more than a decade of law experience, a master's degree in business administration and a JD. He is obviously a capable and intelligent man. This said, he seems to be relying on fear, stereotypes and ignorance as a campaign platform. His recent flier stated that "If the town council, mayor and the IFC are allowed to put the new men's homeless shelter next to Homestead Park, as presently planned, then a child will be assaulted, molested, kidnapped or killed in that park." Let's take a minute to examine the messages in this statement. Is this man, who would like to be the mayor of our entire town, saying that poor people are rapists? Child molesters? Criminals? Is he saying that if you are homeless, you

are inherently evil? Statistics have shown that people experiencing homelessness are more far more likely to be victims

of a crime rather than perpetrators. Mr. Wolff wants us to think of the homeless population as different from us, as less worthy because they do not have a home. It is exactly this sort of stigmatization that allows for horrible offenses such as hate crimes, beatings and sexual assaults of the homeless. By making this sort of broad statement, Kevin Wolff tells us people are not homeless due to disabilities, illnesses and the economic downturn, but rather due to their laziness, criminality and dishonesty.

What really separates people experiencing homelessness from the rest of us? Often it is simply the lack of a support system when a crisis occurs. The loss of a job, domestic abuse or divorce can force a person from their home and onto the streets. We as a society should not punish people for their lack of a safety net. Rather we should be that safety net. While I respect Mr. Wolff's desire to protect the youth of this town, I feel that his sentiment and position are misguided. People experiencing homelessness are no different from you or me. They are men, women and children down on their luck and without resources. I urge Mr. Wolff to be part of the solution. Rather than discussing the inherent criminality of the homeless, I would encourage him to think proactively about ways to find permanent, affordable housing, support the needs and reintegrate the homeless community into mainstream society.

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ENDORSEMENT LETTERS



Support Czajkowksi

I strongly support Matt Czajkowski for reelection to Chapel Hill Town Council. He's always received my vote because of the way he votes! Matt's "no" votes on critical issues (such as publicly financed elections and health benefits for town council) are why he has my endorsement. When the votes are tallied, that's what really matters and shows whether our town's actions benefit all our citizens.

Matt understands our fiscal situation and the need for adequate water resources in times of drought, and recognizes problems like panhandling. He is indeed the "Voice of Reason" and we need that more than ever.

> TERRI TYSON *Chapel Hill*

Vote Barrett

I wholeheartedly support James Barrett for Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board. He's a great candidate, and I especially appreciate his emphasis not only on closing the achievement gap, but on focusing on growth for every child, and putting an end to the pitting of groups against one another in the district, especially in budget decisions. Too often we portray parents who advocate for their children as being elitist or unconcerned with all the other children in our district. James intends to put an end to that – and reduce the need for such advocacy in the first place. He's thoroughly prepared, knows the issues and has listened to the stories of many parents from many backgrounds. Please join me in voting for James Barrett for School Board.

> JEANNE JARRETT *Chapel Hill*

Support the sales tax

We have an opportunity to make a long-term investment in the lives of our young people and the future of our community by voting for the 1/4-cent sales tax. County commissioners have pledged to invest these monies in classrooms, economic development and jobs for the next 10 years - vital components to the future of our local community. For every \$4 you spend on items such as clothing, fast food and lodging, this new tax would cost you 1 penny. You would not pay this sales tax on vital purchases such as groceries, gasoline, prescription medicines and most farm supplies and equipment. · Half of our elementary schools were built during the Eisenhower administration - more than 50 years ago - and most of our other schools are at least 30 years old. While these schools are sound physical structures, they all face problems common to older schools and large heavily used buildings - heat/air systems are high energy users and inoperable at times, windows and doors are old and in terrible shape, roofs leak and bathrooms and entry ways need to be updated. Orange County Schools plans to use proceeds from the new tax to be aggressive in getting these problems fixed.

Orange County students deserve to be on equal footing with their peers as they transition into life beyond high school. Yesterday's classrooms are not physically or logistically equipped with tools to ready our students for jobs of the future. Our children are digital natives. Teaching and learning in today's classrooms must be engaging. We would use these monies to put technology tools into the hands of our students now as we prepare them for the digital world of today as well as tomorrow.

We are blessed to have strong schools, made possible by a local community that recognizes the importance of public education – a community that, in spite of decreasing state and federal resources and additional legislative constraints, believes our children deserve quality public education.

This is the only question on the ballot for voters in areas of our county that don't have municipal elections - that makes it even more important for all of us to go to the polls to show our support for our children and their future. For me the question is simple - I believe that high quality public education is the foundation of economic sustainability and the long-term success of our children. Voting yes for the 1/4-cent sales tax affords all of us an opportunity to show that we fully support our community's investment in both.

> DONNA COFFEY Chair, Orange County Board of Education

Vote Coleman, Lavelle and Johnson

I look forward to voting for Dan Coleman and Lydia Lavelle for reelection to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, and for Michelle Johnson to join them.

Four years ago, I supported Dan because he had quickly proven himself to be a well-prepared, thoughtful alderman whose commitment to progressive policymaking and extensive experience with local issues promised to bring Carrboro closer to homegrown sustainability. He hasn't disappointed. It is hard to imagine the board now without the understanding and creativity Dan brings to its decision-making. Lydia Lavelle is also the right choice for reelection. Shortly after becoming a Carrboro resident, Lydia jumped in as an energetic, constructive board member. In addition to serving on the board of the visitors bureau and as liaison to the planning board, she has become a valuable advocate for the town's local and regional transportation interests, including chairing the regional transportation advisory committee of elected officials from Orange and Durham counties. Lydia knows that strong transportation planning promotes economic and environmental sustainability. Michelle Johnson will make an important addition to the team. Like Dan and Lydia, she seeks out opportunities to study the issues. Michelle's campaign itself

has stressed the importance of listening to and learning from the many voices in our community. Her experience as a social worker, artist and social justice activist will also bring a unique perspective to the board.

Please join me in supporting Coleman, Lavelle and Johnson for Carrboro.

> DAMON SEILS *Carrboro*

Vote Foushee

I am Liz Mason Carter, former member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education. I am asking for your support for Braxton Foushee on Nov. 8, 2011 for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. He is locally grown and cares about this community.

I have always known of the Foushee family, but got to know Braxton when I served as a Girl Scout leader. His daughter, Janice was a part of the troop. Braxton was always volunteering his service to our troop, particularly when we went camping. He is an experienced camper and enjoys it. He would pitch our tents, start fires and help prepare the meals.

Braxton is a person of integrity, good character and one that is committed to serving this community. He has served on various local boards, including the OWA-SA board and the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. He worked 30-plus years for UNC Hospitals, worked as a dialysis technician for a period of time and currently works at Culbreth Middle School. He raised his children here in Carrboro. The children are grown and he continues to call Carrboro home.

Please support me in voting for Braxton Foushee on Nov. 8, 2011! He has been consistent in serving the community in which he calls home

> LIZ MASON CARTER *Carrboro*

Support Burroughs

My family and I strongly support the reelection of Mia Burroughs to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools school board. Elected in 2007, Mia has helped usher in change - helping to hire a new superintendent, initiating annual evaluations of school board practices and making necessary budget cuts while fighting to maintain the quality of education. Looking to the future, Mia has worked to build stronger relationships with elected town, state and county officials, establishing a place at the table for CHCCS at a time when important decisions will impact area schools and our children. Please cast your vote for Mia Burroughs – a strong voice for our schools.

initiatives, there's been a constant: Kris Castellano. With our kids at about the same ages and often at the same schools, I saw a lot of Kris. She always found time to step up and volunteer at whatever level to help our schools. She has a gift for bringing people together and for getting people to work together.

I don't believe Kris operates from some ideological perspective. Rather she focuses on providing teachers the support they need to do their jobs and on speaking up for our kids - especially those who need advocates. From years of experience, Kris knows how the CHCCS system works and many of the people involved, from receptionists to family counselors to program directors to the superintendent. If elected to the CHCCS Board of Education, she will continue to be diligent in getting the best for our kids.

> MAYI SANCHEZ *Carrboro*

Vote Ward, Bell, Baker and Storrow

The next Chapel Hill Town Council will play a critical role in creating a new comprehensive plan. Choosing members with the vision to keep the town on a path of sustainability through environmental protection, economic health and social inclusion is vitally important.

I urge your support for Jim Ward, Donna Bell, Jason Baker and Lee Storrow.

Ward, seeking a fourth term while working for the N.C. Botanical Garden, has been a reliable voice for balancing these interests. Working beside him for eight years has been a pleasure.

In her two years on the council, preceded by service on the planning board, Bell has put her perspective as a social worker to productive use, often approaching issues from angles the rest of us have missed.

Baker, who works for Weaver Street Market and has a professional interest in economic development, has led through serving on the planning board. I have admired his persistence in making the case that environmental and economic interests are mutually reinforcing.

Storrow has earned my vote by

looming in the near future, it is without hesitation that I ask my fellow voters to reelect Jamezetta Bedford to the CHCCS Board of Education.

Ms. Bedford has been a member of the school board for many years and served two terms as chair for the board. I think her history speaks for itself regarding her work ethic, concern for all students and, most importantly, her ability to lead.

I believe that Jamezetta Bedford can bring her wealth of experience and provide the continuity that we need during this transition with a new school superintendent. She is direct and forthright but respectful. She advocates for all students at all times.

As a mother of three children that qualify for all different types of programs within our district, I am happy to endorse Ms. Bedford for reelection. I hope you will join me in this effort.

> ADELA VAN NAME *Chapel Hill*

Vote Lavelle

It is my pleasure to endorse Lydia Lavelle for reelection to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

I have lived in Carrboro for more than 25 years and have known Lydia even longer.

I could write about her attention to detail, her desire to hear all sides, her commitment to represent all constituents or her passion to live and act on principle. I've borne witness to these in Lydia in both her professional and political lives. What I think people should note is her efforts to communicate with citizens, not just during any campaign season, but on a continual basis through her annual emails and website (LydiaLavelle. com).

If you have concerns, call her, as I did when I wanted to learn more about the Shelton Street project. Not only did she bring me up to date on both the process and details of the project, but she also had the developer contact me. If you want to learn more about Lydia, check out her website.

Lydia is a committed servant of the community; we need to reelect her.

NANCY DUFFNER *Carrboro*

Support Coleman

A vote for Dan Coleman is a vote for a healthy economic future for Carrboro.

> BRIAN RUSSELL Chapel Hill

Vote Foushee

Braxton Foushee would be a wonderful asset to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. I remember him most as a nice, compassionate and involved neighbor. He was actively involved in numerous community organizations, and when he previously served on the board, he served well. His interests were clear and represented the citizens whose voices were not heard. Carrboro has made a lot of growth, which I'm really proud of, but Carrboro needs someone on the board who hasn't forgotten the needs of the people who elected him/her to do the job. He will not forget the voices of those who have no one to speak for them. If Braxton Foushee is elected, he will represent the needs of the community. Carrboro needs Braxton Foushee to be elected to the board of aldermen. Vote for Braxton on Nov. 8, he is "a voice of the community."

> LORIE L. CLARK *Carrboro*

Vote Johnson

Recently, I attended a "Meet and Greet" for Michelle Johnson, a Carrboro resident running for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. Though Michelle is a very talented, energetic and active member of our community, that is only one small part of why I fully support her candidacy. Michelle is a clinical social worker by training and has served in this capacity at many community organizations including the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, UNC and East Chapel Hill High School. She is also the face of our community as a yoga instructor at Carrboro Yoga Company and an artist out of her in-home pottery studio. Her passion for social justice, her tenacious work ethic and her strong belief that "we can be the change we wish to see in the world" add credibility to why she is so well-suited for this role.

Local government is a place where we can really see and feel the effect of change. Electing someone who is open and willing to listen to her constituents and act on their ehalf is our responsibility. Michelle, we have a candidate who is passionate about the many issues that face our community including affordable housing, the health and safety of our citizens, protection of our environment, parking/ transportation and a thriving local economy. She also cares deeply about the issues that make Carrboro such a unique treasure: its support of locally owned shops and the ability to walk and bike safely in our community. Michelle's leadership and communication skills, human service work, political activism and her vision and enthusiasm to see ideas through to implementation make her a candidate that can and will make a difference in our community! Make your vote count on Nov. 8; vote Michelle Johnson for Carrboro Board of Aldermen!

JEANNE BROWN *Chapel Hill*

Vote Castellano

For 10 years I've pitched in to try to support the students and teachers of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools system. Looking back through the various schools, SIT, PTA and school board meetings, principals, sports teams, programs, conferences and demonstrating a solid understanding of the issues and an eagerness to follow through by raising and exploring perceptive questions. A promising leader, he brings to his energetic campaign successful experience as a community advocate through his work in health policy.

Ward, Bell, Baker and Storrow share a commitment to a community that's environmentally, economically and socially sustainable. During the process of rewriting the comprehensive plan, they will work with us and for us as we redefine our vision for Chapel Hill's future.

> SALLY GREENE Chapel Hill Town Council

Vote Bedford

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools system opened this 2011-12 school year with a new superintendent. With many changes

I've been impressed with Alderman Dan Coleman's service to the Town of

Carrboro. He's a progressive leader who understands business. He works hard to find ways for the town to assist businesses in these tough economic times. As a board liaison to the Town of Carrboro Economic Sustainability Committee, he listens and then acts.

Dan is constantly learning and searching for ways to improve the quality of life for citizens of Carrboro. Whether it be fighting for the rights of citizens on Weaver Street lawn or working for smart growth downtown.

In our new economy, we must have leaders who understand how to balance the concerns for the environment and business. One does not have to care about only one. To do this we must be creative and try new things. Dan has the experience and intelligence to do this.

REBECCA A. ESSINGER-BOSWORTH *Carrboro*



Community

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Community Briefs

CD and record show in Carrboro

Gerry Williams will host the 13th Bi-annual Carrboro CD and Record Show on the second floor of the Carrboro Century Center on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Attendees can browse through 40 tables of new and used CDs, vinyl records and music memorabilia. Admission is free.

For more information contact Williams at 260-0661 or musical_roots@bellsouth.net.

Dine out for hunger

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service will host RSVVP, a fundraiser for the IFC's hunger relief efforts, on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.

More than 100 restaurants will participate in the event and donate 10 percent of the tab of each meal purchased to the IFC. Much of the success of this fundraiser is a result of the dedication of the local community and participating restaurants.

Local residents are encouraged to take out or eat out breakfast, lunch and dinner at local restaurants participating in RSVVP. For information about participating restaurants, visit ifcweb.org.

Salute community heroes

Community members have the opportunity to nominate men and women for the Salute to Community Heroes award through Nov. 11.

In December the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber will recognize men and women who are committed to making the area a thriving, healthy and sustainable community. The four awards are:

• Citizen of the Year – presented to an individual who has embraced leadership and citizenship as two essential tools to the community's well being

• Town & Gown Award – presented to an individual who fosters a mutually beneficial relationship between the community and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

• Jim Gibson Volunteer of the Year – presented to an individual who has shown commitment to volunteerism and service to community

• Irene Briggaman Lifetime Achievement Award - presented to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime of exceptional public service and volunteerism

The 2011 Salute to Community Heroes is presented by Time Warner Cable Business Class and sponsored by Piedmont EMC, State Farm - Pam Herndon and BB&T.

For more information contact Laura Morrison at 357-9989 or by email at lmorrison@carolinachamber.org.

IFC rewards community service

Sandra Clark, M.D., was honored with the 13th annual Mildred Berkeley Community Service Award from the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service on Oct. 20.

Like Mildred Berkeley, for whom the award is given in memory of, Clark exemplifies a life of service. For nearly 15 years, she volunteered and ran the IFC's Robert Nixon Free Clinic for the Homeless, which provides health care to homeless persons through partnerships.

In addition to serving as the medical director at the IFC's clinic, Clark has started a service-learning program in a rural area of Mexico and has led many other community health initiatives.

Citizen Police Academy graduates second class

The Chapel Hill Police Department completed its second Citizen Police Academy on Oct. 25 after eight participants completed a 10-week program.

The program was designed to introduce participants to the inner workings of the police department. Participants met one night per week and studied basic law enforcement training, the criminal justice process, patrol operations, traffic enforcement, use of force, firearms, investigation, crisis unit, gangs and more.

Low-cost rabies vaccine clinics

Chatham County Animal Control will partner with several veterinary clinics across the county in offering low-cost rabies vaccinations for cats and dogs during mid- November.

Chatham County Animal Control and other veterinary clinics offer quarterly discounted vaccines for \$5 per animal to encourage pet owners to get their dogs and cats vaccinated.

The Animal Control Office at 725 Landfill Road in Pittsboro will offer the vaccines for \$5 on Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon, while veterinary clinics will offer vaccines at various times. Participating clinics include Hope Crossing Animal Hospital, Jordan Lake Animal Hospital, Hill Creek Veterinary Hospital, Pittsboro Animal Hospital, Tysor Veterinary Clinic, Third Street Veterinary Clinic and Chatham Veterinary Services. Call clinics for dates and times.

Bluegrass Experience anniversary

The Chatham County Arts Council will host The Bluegrass Experience's 40th Anniversary Concert at the Barn in Fearrington Village in Pittsboro on Friday at 8 p.m.

Band members include co-founder Tommy Edwards, the group's lead guitarist, vocalist, song-



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writer and storyteller; Thomas "Snuffy" Smith on bass; Stan Brown on banjo; Mike Aldridge on mandolin; and Al McCanless on fiddle. Former members Leroy Savage, Keith Thomas and Jimmy Cameron will also be performing with the band.

Tickets can be purchased online for \$15 or at the door for \$20. They can also be purchased at the Music Loft in Carrboro, or in Pittsboro at the Home Store Too, McIntyre's Books in Fearrington or Red Gate Music, Art and Antiques.

Students can purchase tickets at the door for \$10, ID required.

Chatham nonprofits eligible to apply for preservation grants

The Chatham County Soil & Water District has set aside \$1.7 million for each of the next two budget years for farmland preservation grants.

Chatham County nonprofits interested in farmland preservation may be eligible for these grants through the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, according to Brenda Williams, director of the Chatham County Soil & Water Conservation District. The deadline for submitting applications is 5 p.m. on Dec. 15.

Williams said funds can be used for projects that secure agricultural conservation easements on lands used for agricultural production; support public and private enterprise programs that promote profitable and sustainable agriculture, horticultural and forestland activities; and help develop agricultural plans.

Nonprofits seeking assistance from the Chatham County Soil & Water District should call 542-8240. A copy of the application forms and guidelines for the 2012 funding cycle are available online at neadfp.org or by calling 707-3071.

'Paint your Pet'

Orange County Animal Services will kick off their annual Home for the Holidays campaign with an art event called "Paint Your Pet" on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Conference Room of the Animal Services Center at 1601 Eubanks Road in Chapel Hill.

Participants will be taught how to create a professional-looking painting of their favorite pet on an 8-by-10-inch canvas.

Registration for the event is \$30, and pre-payment is preferred. To register, contact Sarah Fallin at sfallin@co.orange.nc.us or 942-7387, ext. 224.

For more information, visit www.co.orange. nc.us/animalservices.

The Independent Weekly^{*} and the North Carolina Sierra Club agree!

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> -Catherine Devine, 2008 Carrboro Volunteer of the Year

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"rooted in what makes Carrboro unique, and has" proven she's ready to thoughtfully consider the town's business.... We are excited by what Johnson can bring to the town."

-Independent Weekly

"Michelle has a fresh and imaginative approach to town government and will work with all members to make the Board of Aldermen one of the best in a long time."

> -Frances Shetley, former Carrboro Alderman

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"earns the Sierra Club's continued support for his" consistent leadership on environmental issues... In particular the club supports his work on solid waste and helping shape development in Carrboro to support walkability, bikability, and mass transportation.."

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY NOV 3

Stone Center Lecture — Dr. Janet Southerland, dean of the School of Dentistry at Meharry Medical College, to lecture on "Health Equity: Oral health disparities and the need for new models of care." Sonja Haynes Stone Center, 7pm sonjahaynesstonectr.unc.edu

Holly George-Warren — To lecture on "The Music Biography: From Gene Autry to Alex Chilton." Wilson Special Collections Library, 5:30pm Free library.unc.edu

CHS Theatre— Carrboro High School Theatre Department opens its 2011-12 season with William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. Performances continue through Nov. 5 7:30pm \$8 adults, \$5 students

Brian Allen — To speak on "Printing on Paper in the Manner of the 15th Century." Ackland Museum Store, 7pm

Instrument Zoo — NC Symphony staff bring musical instruments for this family event, Who's Making That Noise. Carrboro Century Center Hall, 3:30-5pm Free

kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Audubon Meeting — Gail Abrams of Piedmont Wildlife Center to speak at the monthly meeting. N.C. Botanical Garden, 7pm Free

FRIDAY NOV 4

Trivia Night — To benefit Habitat for Humanity. Wilson Special Collections Library, 6pm \$10 person/\$5 students 962-1172

BBQ Dinner — To benefit the Orange County Historical Museum, sponsored by The Historical Foundation of Hillsborough and Orange County. Daniel Boone Big Barn, 5pm \$7 732-2201

SATURDAY NOV 5

Global Initiatives — 2011 Visualizing Human Rights Conference with Dick Gordon's *The Story*, spoken word performances, dance, and discussion. FedEx Global Education Center, 9am-4pm Free with RSVP unc.edu/vhr

Book Sale — Sponsored by The Friends of the Carrboro Library. Mc-Dougle School Cafetorium, 8am-3pm Continues through Nov. 6 969-3006

Studio Tour — 17th Annual Orange County Open Studio Tour opens. Tour brochures with maps are available at FRANK Gallery and Hillsborough Gallery of the Arts. orangecountyartistsguild.com

Birthday Bash — For Mental Health America. Silent Action, raffle, food and music by Up Cane Creek. Shared Visions Retreat Center, 3729 Murphy School Road, Durham, Free 942-8083

Holiday Boutique — Handmade items with proceeds to benefit Abundant Joy Center for Women's Ministry. Advent Lutheran Church, 230 Erwin Road, 9am-Ipm adventlutheranch.org

The Prologue — Playmakers and Friends of the CH Public Library partner for a pre-show conversation about *The Parchman Hour*. CH Public Library, University Mall, I2pm Free

Steamwatch — John Kent will lead the New Hope Creek Steamwatch monitoring. jnkent25@gmail.com

Oakwood Park — Celebrates the re-opening of its play area. 10am Free OC Beekeepers — Hosts an introductory beekeeping class. Unitarian Universalist Congrega-

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tion of Hillsborough, 1710 Old N.C. 10, 9am \$15 theocba.org/ introduction-to-beekeeping-class/

SUNDAY NOV 6

Chicle Event — Joseph Jordan will report on Venezuela and on the UNC Stone Center Afro-Venezuela Study Abroad Program. Chicle Language Institute, 5pm

Memorial 5K — Carolina Athletic Association sponsors the Michael Hooker Memorial 5K to raise money for Lineberger Cancer Center. Hooker Fields, 10am bit.ly/Hooker5K

Record Sale — Country, folk, blues, jazz, and rock recordings will be sold. Items consist of CDs, LPs, 45s, 78s, cassettes, and 8-tracks, including some rare and out-of-print recordings. Wilson Special Collections Library, 9am-1pm 962-1345

TUESDAY NOV 8

Sydney Nathans — To lecture on Generations of Captivity in North Carolina: The Bennehan-Cameron Plantations, 1776-1865. Wilson Special Collections Library, 5:30pm Free 548-1203

WEDNESDAY NOV 9

Marketing Your Business — Bill Luther to present a talk on Marketing Your Business. Orange County Main Library, Hillsborough 6pm 245-2536

THURSDAY NOV 10

Mark Samuels Lasner — To lecture on the work of Aubrey Beardsley. Wilson Special Collections Library, 5:30pm Free 548-1203

Film Showing — Destricted, consists of short, sexually explicit vignettes. Internationalist Books, 7pm Free

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

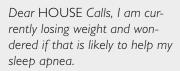
This week we respond to questions about back pain and sleep apnea.

Dear HOUSE Calls, I have degenerative disc disease in my lower back and I am in constant pain. I am now seeing five different doctors; I am looking for some help in dealing with this chronic pain.

We are so sorry that you are suffering. Degenerative disc disease refers to the discs in between the vertebrae getting worn down over time. This is extremely common. It is the reason most of us lose about I inch of height in our later years. It is not well understood why some people with this condition will have a great deal of pain and others will not. Living with chronic pain can be really difficult. The good news is that for most people, it will not get worse and can be controlled to a tolerable level. Five doctors sure sounds like a lot. We won't have a magic answer for you that all of these doctors could not give you. For most people,

includes staying as active as possible. Lying in bed or sitting on the couch is quite bad for your back, not to mention the rest of your health. We also would encourage you to work on strengthening your core, including your abdominal muscles, back muscles and oblique muscles. Swimming can be great core exercise. Physical therapy can help with core and back strengthening and stretching exercises. Medicines can help as well, especially anti-inflammatory medicines like ibuprofen. We usually avoid stronger medicines, such as oxycodone (Percocet) and hydrocodone (Vicodin), for long-term treatment of back pain. Over time, they don't do much good and they cause many other problems. A team approach is important for you. That team should involve your primary-care doctor, probably a physical therapist, possibly a pain specialist and possibly a mental health specialist who can help with coping with chronic pain. Good luck, and we hope you get some relief.

treatment of lower back pain



Congratulations that you are working on losing weight. The good news is, yes! We talk about sleep apnea machines that help keep a relaxed airway open, but two of the most common reasons people get sleep apnea are excess weight and smoking. So working on either one of these problems, or both if they apply, can make a big difference. Not to mention that losing weight will improve your overall health and may, in and of itself, help with daytime sleepiness and fatigue. Congratulations again, and thanks for sharing your good news.

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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ELECTIONS

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Putting a CVS at the corner of North Greensboro and Weaver streets, he said, "would underutilize a strategic downtown site with a two-story building, where zoning allows four floors."

Joal Hall Broun, who chose not to run for reelection after serving on the board of aldermen since 1999, said how the incoming board deals with the siting of a downtown library is an important issue. The question the board must confront, she said, is whether it wants to take a downtown property off the tax roles.

Affordability for the middle class – the ability to purchase a home and pay property taxes – is of concern to Broun.

Also: "Is the board really committed to the increase of commercial and economic development?" she asks.

"The commitment would entail actually approving commercial development instead of nixing the idea of larger commercial retail and office areas where appropriate," she said.

Broun said the board must be realistic about how to provide an adequate water supply – a decision that will affect "future development in all of southern Orange County and impact UNC's ability to develop Carolina North."

Broun is also concerned with the position the board takes on closing the county landfill and any settlement or remediation for Rogers Road residents for having had the landfill in their neighborhood for nearly 40 years.

Former board member Mark Dorosin shares that concern.

With the county moving forward with mitigations for the Rogers Road community, Dorosin will be watching "whether and how the town will fulfill its obligations to the residents that were annexed by Carrboro a few years ago.

"Those Carrboro residents still do not have sewer service, for example, and also need support for their fledgling community center and improved bus access." Renewed outreach and engagement with the Latino community is also of concern to Dorosin. And the new board must address the "growing economic disparities in our town."

Chapel Hill

Incumbent Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt is challenged by newcomer Tim Sookram and Kevin Wolff, who has previously run for mayor.

Town council incumbents Donna Bell, Matt Czajkowski and Jim Ward are seeking reelection, challenged by Jason Baker, Augustus Cho, Laney Dale, Jon DeHart, Carl Schuler and Lee Storrow. Four seats are available on the council.

Throughout the election season, candidates have attended a number of forums and shared their views on issues running the gamut from developments and crowded schools to the county landfill and social justice.

"To me, responsible growth remains the most important issue," said Julie McClintock, president of the Friends of Bolin Creek and a former member of the council, including "how we do it and where we do it."

McClintock said the environment – and how business interacts with it – also remains a pressing concern for the town.

To determine how candidates would serve on the council, Mc-Clintock said she looks at their past work and to what degree they've been active in the groups they're a part of.

Will Raymond, a member of the OWASA board of directors, said the town faces a number of issues moving forward.

"The big one, of course, which has been brewing for a while, is the budget," he said, noting significant challenges, like the library expansion, that the town will deal with in coming years.

"We're still bringing in fairly decent revenues, but where we're putting those revenues is not very sustainable," he said.

Raymond said he's also considering candidates' stances on the comprehensive plan and whether the county should seek its Jordan

Lake water allocation, but that his main focus is on the budget.

"I don't think people really understand just how screwed up our budget is," he said. "I think people are looking for very serious folks for the next two years, because it's not going to be fun."

CHCCS

In the school board race, there are seven candidates running for five available seats: Jamezetta Bedford, Mia Burroughs, Mike Kelley and Annetta Streater are running for reelection against challengers James Barrett, Kris Castellano and Raymond Conrad.

During election season, all seven candidates have been out meeting voters and attending forums, sharing their views on issues from the schools shrinking budget to the achievement gap.

Kim Hoke, executive director of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation, said that with the district faced with reducing expenditures, budget cuts are definitely a major issue, and she would like to know the candidates' strategy for making cuts.

"At a certain point, the typical response is 'I want to protect the classroom,' and I think that is a laudable goal. However, there is a point at which the district can't achieve the cuts it needs to make without affecting structural programs," she said.

Amanda Hartness, principal at McDougle Elementary School, said that in addition to fiscal responsibility, one of the most important issues is candidates' accountability in implementing the many changes that are occurring in the school system, especially regarding curriculum.

Hartness said that in the past, each state has created its own curriculum, but with the next school year, "We will be moving into a national core-curriculum standard, which is the first time in history that has happened."

"Teachers are going to be learning a new curriculum at the same time they are going to be teaching it," she said. "We need board members that will know how it is going to impact our teachers and our schools."

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board authorized town staff to explore all options to fix the situation, and board members said they would consider providing some town funding for the repair.

"My main interest is my clients – my tenants that are in my space," Ward added.

Ward confirmed that a spokesperson was discussing an easement over her property with the town.

Implications for restaurants

Tom Konsler, environmental health director for the county, said the health department has issued an intent to suspend the permits of Acme, Armadillo Grill and Orange County Social

Club, because the temporary fix is not an approved connection. The businesses have appealed, and the appeal will be considered at a state hearing in late January or early February.

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in this area have nothing. I grew up reading books while brushing my teeth at the bathroom sink, in a house full of books." She provided the same for her own kids, also taking them to the library every other week, often returning home with 40 books. "I assumed that all kids grew up with books."

But having a garage full of books was only part of the equation. The question of how to get the books into the children's hands was answered by the nonprofits that serve them.

"We just simply needed to ask for space," Young said. There are spaces at 20 (and growing) agencies, where Book Harvest has placed bookcases that are restocked at least once a week by volunteers who have regular routes. The busiest location is at the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service in Carrboro, which is restocked "Our goal is to work with these businesses so they can continue to stay in operation until they have an appropriate and approved sewer connection," he said, adding that the county must also work to protect public health.

Konsler added that Second t



Sewage began spilling onto the parking lot alongside Friendly Barber on Aug. 26.

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Wind Juice Bar and Café, a new business planned for the former Roulette space, would not be able to secure a permit until the line is repaired or another approved connection to the OWASA line is made.

twice a week.

"It's a very simple premise," said Michele Lynn, treasurer of Book Harvest. "We collect, sort and distribute." They go to Young's house for sorting by age group, then each book receives a Book Harvest gold seal with differing messages of encouragement ("Read to succeed," "Read everyday," etc.); then they are bagged and placed in her garage for distributors to pick up and deliver. "It takes a village."

Young said there are 35 very active volunteers and another 100 or so who are activated when needed who have collected and delivered 26,000 books since January.

A book drive at Twig, nextdoor to Whole Foods, ends on Saturday with a children's story time from 11a.m.-noon and live music throughout the day. But if you miss it, there's always a collection bin at Twig.

"Why wouldn't you want to get books into the hands of kids whose parents don't have the resources?" asked Shawn Slome, Kevin Callaghan, owner of Acme, said that if he were forced to close his restaurant for a period of time, he would consider moving his business elsewhere.

"I have a responsibility for 47 employees," he said. "It's not something that we would ever want to

> do, but if push comes to shove, we would have to make a decision about that."

> Callaghan believes the town should take the lead in resolving the issue.

"You need infrastructure," he said. "It's ultimately the thing that makes businesses want to come here."

Property owners have several options: negotiate an easement over Ward's property for a shared line; make indi-

vidual connections to the OWASA line on Main Street, which some have deemed cost-prohibitive; or extend a sewer line to Roberson Street, which could cost as much as \$250,000, according to town officials.

Twig founder. "It's a wonderful thing that makes so much sense."

The Book Harvest website (bookharvestnc.org) provides information on where you can donate and where the books are placed, as well as many easy ways to help, like running your own book drive.

"The most important way to volunteer is to run a book drive," Young said. It can be at your place of work, worship, your neighborhood or school. "Or if you have a retail business, put out a bin." They will supply all the signage and tons of ideas.

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Brilliant red foliage of Virginia creeper is still evident climbing high everywhere. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

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hickories and southern sugar maples on distant forested hillsides. In contrast, one particular red maple out west along N.C. 54 has been having its very own singular peak of bright red for the past two weeks.

Maybe we simply don't have peak around our region, at least not the all-at-once, one-to-two-week show that occurs in the mountains. We all need to keep a sharp lookout for the next week or so, just in case peak really is sneaking up on us from Alamance County. Maybe we

can catch it! I have a notion that peak

is a condition of the mind, simply a manner of observing. Or perhaps our region has a much longer peak than the mountains. Some of our local dogwoods and sourwoods began turning back in early September, and I promise you there will be spots of peak all the way past Thanksgiving, with some beautiful burgundy and reds of numerous blueberries and

sparkleberries. My very own peak this year has been the Virginia creeper, *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*, unnoticed until recently, turning red within the greenery of the trumpet creeper, *Campsis radicans*, on the edge of my driveway.

Virginia creepers, beginning in late September, are still noticeable everywhere, clinging to utility poles and tall trees, and even climbing up beneath the Columbia Street overpass near the James Taylor bridge.

We're fortunate to have so many "peaks" without having to travel far.

Email Ken Moore at flora@ carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at The Annotated Flora (carrborocitizen.com/ flora).



Those Other Faces, Halloween 2011

o often we assume we know the people we see every day. And then one day, they appear as someone else. As adults, that's the fun of Halloween – when "children of all ages" get a shot at being Spock, or a gypsy fortune teller, or a Tar Heel Scrabble game. So it was with the wait staff at Ye Olde Waffle Shoppe, that iconic Franklin Street breakfast mecca I frequent on such a regular basis that a "Jock Special" starts on the grill the moment I hit the front door. This Halloween, my changelings include, left to right, Beau Redding (cool dude), K.T. Bruton (Bobby socks girl), Bettie Moore (Scrabble), Teresa Burnette (gypsy) and Matt Mader (Spock).



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Persimmon Pete's Persimmon Pudding

Editor's Note: Following last week's Flora column on persimmons, the family of Pete Ivey shared his









A caricature of Pete Ivey drawn by Bud Brexler, director of security for N.C. Memorial Hospital, for Pete's 20th anniversary as director of the UNC News Bureau on Sept. 1, 1975

Persimmon pudding is good hot or cold, and some like to add vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. Pete Ivey often froze it and his kids would eat it right out of the freezer, little sliver by little sliver, hoping the shrinking delicacy would not be noticed.

Special thanks to Persimmon Pete's daughter, Helene Ivey, for sharing his favorite recipe.

Ingredients

2 cups persimmon pulp (about two dozen persimmons strained through a colander)

- 3 eggs
- 1¹/₄ cups sugar
- 1¹/₄ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¹/₂ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup melted butter
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups whole milk
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ginger

¹/₂ teaspoon fresh grated nutmeg

Procedure

Beat all ingredients together well and pour into a 9-by-9inch well-greased baking dish. Bake at 325 degrees for about an hour or until firm. **CONCERTS:** Kaki king with Lizzy Ross • Thu 11/3 NC Songwriters CO-OP Song Contest • Sat 11/5

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