

Trumpet pitcher plants flower before their leaves mature.

PHOTO BY DAVID SWANSON

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

A natural garden is worth a paddle

“I thought I’d died and gone to heaven!” That’s an expression I learned years ago to describe anything wonderful beyond description. Seeing acres and acres of yellow pitcher plants, trumpets, *Saraccenia flava*, flowering on the inner ring of a pond cypress, *Taxodium ascendens*, swamp, is definitely such an experience.

Three lucky couples from Carrboro and Chapel Hill joined Robert (Muskie) and Vikki Cates for a paddle on Horseshoe Lake in Suggs Mill Pond Game Land southeast of Fayetteville two weeks ago.

Muskie and Vikki paddle a lot. Muskie plans his trips well in advance and he has objectives, like on this last one: “I think we’ll catch the pitcher plants in flower.” He was dead on target. In all my years of botanizing in wild places, I’ve never seen anything like this! Thousands of yellow-flowered trumpets on floating mats of sphagnum moss encircling Horseshoe Lake were a died-and-gone-to-heaven surprise.

Paddling on that horseshoe-shaped Carolina bay lake was like stepping way back in time to experience wild nature before humans had progressed very far. And there are hundreds of Carolina bays scattered across the coastal plain.

Carolina bays are curious elliptical-shaped configurations, all with a northwest to southeast orientation. These distinctively shaped landscapes are easily identified on satellite photos. Most of them are densely vegetated evergreen shrub bogs or bay forests. A few, such as Singletary Lake and Jones Lake, are still open water, bordered by swamp or bay forests. Horseshoe Lake’s distinguishing horseshoe shape results from vegetation slowly filling into the lake center from the northwestern end.

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Mayor lays out case for Smith Level Road plan

Says it may be now or never for sidewalks, bike lanes

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — After a public hearing Tuesday night at Town Hall in which more than a dozen residents along the Smith Level Road corridor expressed their strong opposition to a new widening plan for the road, Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton recognized himself and gave a sometimes-passionate plea for the plan along with several testy retorts to some of the charges residents made about the project.

Chilton, who bounded to the podium in support of the project after it was pointed out no one had spoken in support of it, said he believes the compromise for a two-lane road with bike lanes and sidewalks is likely a now-or-never deal for the town to improve the road.

Chilton acknowledged his willingness to compromise last year on a possible four-lane design — he

was the lone “yes” vote for the plan, which was defeated 6 to 1 — but said he has been adamant with state Department of Transportation officials since then that the town would not accept a four-lane road.

The latest plan, Chilton said, came after he had a tense exchange last year with DOT Chief Operating Officer Jim Trogdon at a conference in Charlotte. Trogdon had been explaining to a group of mayors how the DOT was trying to be more responsive to communities’ priorities and Chilton cited the stalled Smith Level plan and the DOT’s unwillingness to compromise in response.

Chilton said a few months after the exchange, he was invited to a meeting in Raleigh where he was shown three more four-lane plans and a two-lane plan similar to the one before the board.

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PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Pierre Monnet (left front) and a group of his neighbors talk with DOT representatives Jim Dunlop and Ed Lewis before a hearing at Town Hall on the new design for Smith Level Road.

Fun at Abbey Court



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Performers from Mariachi Amanecer Tapatio ham it up during last Saturday’s combination fiesta and Burmese water festival at Abbey Court. Musicians and dancers entertained residents from the Latino and Karen community who gathered to celebrate their cultural heritages at the all-day event, which was sponsored by the Human Rights Center of Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Early-vote totals low as Election Day nears

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

Early-vote totals finally cracked the 1,000 mark this week, as election officials ready precincts for Tuesday’s primary and school board elections.

The Orange County Board of Elections reported that as of Tuesday, 562 voters had cast their ballots at the board of elections office in Hillsborough and 570 had done so at Morehead Planetarium — the

only two early-voting sites.

Election officials, expecting a low turnout, opted not to staff voting centers at Carrboro Town Hall and the Seymour Center, which they did two years ago when an historic presidential race with a hotly contested primary and an energized electorate drove up early-voting totals. Then, more than 9,000 voters cast their ballots early in the primary and more than 35,000 voted early in the general election in November.

At the top of the ticket are Republican and Democratic primaries for the U.S. Senate seat currently occupied by Republican Richard Burr. Burr faces Eddie Burks, Brad Jones and Larry Linney in the primary, while Cal Cunningham, Susan Harris, Ken Lewis, Elaine Marshall, Ann Worthy and Marcus Williams vie for the Democratic nomination.

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Schools unlikely to receive full funding

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners indicated on Tuesday they likely would not fully fund the requests of either the Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Orange County boards of education, citing an extremely tight budget and increased requests from both nonprofit organizations and county departments.

The commissioners met with both school boards for a joint budget work session in which the school boards presented their budget requests.

County officials are anticipating major budget shortfalls this year, as commissioners have requested a budget that includes no property-tax increase and sales-tax revenue is down. Recent budget projections show a potential \$13.4 million deficit.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools requested \$60.2 million, an increase of a little over \$1 million from the previous year’s budget, while Orange County Schools requested \$22.8 million, about \$600,000 more than last year. The Chapel Hill-Carrboro request represents a \$62 per-pupil increase over last year, while the Orange County request would maintain last year’s per-pupil allocation.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen outlined potential budget scenarios for the commissioners, asking them to consider the reductions the schools will likely face in state funding when looking at reducing county funding for the schools.

“I think that education ... is basically the economic engine in this county, whether it is the university or the public schools,” he said. “Your financing of public schools truly is an investment, not only in the children but also in the economy of Orange County.”

Board chair Valerie Foushee said the board would do the best they could, but she wasn’t optimistic.

“To hear what you’re facing, knowing what we’re facing, makes this a very gloomy day,” Foushee told the school boards. “Last year and the year before last, we talked about doing more with less ... and we know we can no longer expect you to do more with less.”

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Crowd walks out of Tancredo speech

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

Former Republican congressman Tom Tancredo’s return to the UNC campus on Monday was notably calmer than his previous visit, though he was not heard without objection, as at least 100 protesters walked out about 10 minutes into his speech.

Tancredo’s speech came just over a year after his previous visit, during which his speech was cut short after a protest was broken up by police, who said protesters

got out of hand. During last year’s speech, protesters chanted loudly and attempted to block Tancredo with a banner, a window was broken and police used pepper spray to break up the crowd before arresting several protesters.

Tancredo, a former presidential candidate, recently sparked controversy for suggesting that President Barack Obama “go back to Kenya” and is known for his strong stance against illegal immigration.

This year, a group of students organized by the Students for a Democratic Society and Feminist Students

United stood up and said, “No human is illegal” before walking out of the event about 10 minutes into Tancredo’s speech. The auditorium was mostly empty after the protesters left, with about 100 people remaining in the audience. Outside the UNC Student Union, the students who left held a protest in the Pit.

“Believe me, this is a lot better than last time I was here,” Tancredo said as the protesters left.

However, he said: “That should not be happening in a place we call an

institute of higher education,” adding that he had never seen a group of conservatives walk out on or protest a speech by a liberal.

Kevin DeAnna, founder of the Youth for Western Civilization, the student group that brought Tancredo to campus, laughed loudly as the group left the room. DeAnna blogged on the group’s website following the event, proclaiming “Victory at UNC.”

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PHOTOS BY SUSAN DICKSON

Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn perform for huge crowds at the Shakori Hills Festival of Music and Dance on Saturday. Fleck, a world-renowned banjo player, brought singer-songwriter Washburn out on stage for two songs during his performance, one of the most popular of the festival. The four-day event, which included musical performance, dance, workshops and an Earth Day celebration parade on Saturday, drew thousands of participants, despite less than perfect weather.

A word to capture the Carolinas

BY ELIZABETH JENSEN
Courtesy of the Carrboro Commons

Cackalacky is a nickname for North or South Carolina, but where did the name come from?

The Harvard University Press published the first volume of the *Dictionary of American Regional English* in 1985. The volume contained no entry for Cackalacky, and George Goebel, the dictionary's review editor, said there is little information on file about the nickname. None of that information points to the word's origin.

"It doesn't look like anyone has come up with a convincing answer yet, and it may well just be an invented 'nonsense' word that sounds vaguely like Carolina," Goebel wrote in an email.

Paul Jones, a UNC professor and director of *ibiblio.org*, has probably come the closest of anyone to identifying the word's origin.

In the late 1960s during the Vietnam War, more than 200,000 soldiers went to Fort Bragg for basic training, according to *globalsecurity.org*, and Jones said that evidence shows that the term gained popularity with them.

He said, "There's tons of evidence that it originated outside of North Carolina."

Since then, the nickname's popularity has grown, especially in the hip-hop and club scenes, Jones said.

The song "Scenario" by hip-hop artist A Tribe Called Quest is the first pop-culture reference to the Carolina nickname.

"East Coast stompin', rippin' and rompin'/New York, North Cack-a-laka and Compton/checka-checka-check it out," the lyrics said on the 1991 album *The Low End Theory*.

Because the reference is recent and few of the oldest Carolinians recognize the term, Jones said the origin of Cackalacky probably doesn't predate the middle of the 20th century.

"All I can say is people a lot older than me haven't heard of it," said Jones, who was born in Hickory in 1950.

In Carrboro, the nickname is synonymous with Page Skelton's Cackalacky Spice Sauce. Skelton spent eight months working on a recipe for the sauce, which includes sweet potatoes, red wine, chili peppers and more than 15 other ingredients. The name for the sauce was born on a camping trip, when one of Skelton's friends said to him, "Pass me that Cackalacky sauce." The name stuck, Skelton said.

He said a lot of people have asked him where the name comes from, so he's done his own research. He's found a few foods and terms that sound remarkably similar to Cackalacky. These include "kalacky," an Eastern European sweet pastry filled with nuts, jam and fruit; "cock-a-leekie," a traditional Scottish soup; and "chakalaka," a spicy



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH JENSEN

Page Skelton, the creator of Cackalacky Spice Sauce, stands under the Cackalacky sign on the side of Cliff's Meat Market at the intersection of North Greensboro Street and West Main Street.

African relish.

The name also sounds like the Choctaw word for the Cherokee Indians, "chalakee," meaning "those who live in the mountains," Skelton said.

"How do you sum up South-eastern culture in a word?" Skelton said. "Cackalacky comes close."

Some Carrboro and Chapel Hill residents have their own ideas about the word's origin.

Outside of Cliff's Meat Market, on the corner of North Greensboro and West Main streets, a large banner advertising Skelton's sauce hangs on the wall.

"I used to think when I was a kid that it had something to do with Cadillacs," said Cliff Collins, owner of Cliff's Meat Market, who grew up in Chatham County.

Don Basnight, a broker at Weaver Street Realty, grew up in

Orange County just like his parents and grandparents.

"It's just a bastardized term for Carolina," he said. "I always heard, 'We're from North by God Cackalacky.' It always had 'by God' in the middle of it."

Some longtime Carolinians haven't heard the term or first heard of it with the sauce. Jason Cole, manager of Carrboro Beverage Company, is one of them. He moved to North Carolina when he was 9 years old.

"It's like Hotlanta," he said. "Who knows where that came from?"

Elizabeth Jensen is a UNC student writing for the Carrboro Commons, a bi-weekly online lab newspaper for Jock Lauterer's Community Journalism class at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

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For information visit The Virginia Gail Collection at www.viriniagail.com or call 919.929.2070. Follow Community for a Cure's MWOY campaign at caseyblalock.blogspot.com.



Briefs

Jim Huegerich selected for Cal Horton Service Award

Town of Chapel Hill employee Jim Huegerich was selected to receive the W. Calvin Horton Service Award for town employees at an awards ceremony on April 22 at Chapel Hill Town Hall.

The award, given to a town employee who brings credit to the town with exceptional contributions to the community, is one of the highest honors the Town of Chapel Hill bestows upon an employee. Huegerich has worked in the town's Crisis Unit within the Department of Human Services, which combines social work and law enforcement, for 35 years. Town Manager Roger Stancil selected Huegerich for the award based on information and recommendations from an employee committee.

The award was initiated in 2006 with funds raised by the community through the Foundation for a Sustainable Community. The funds support a cash stipend associated with this award.

Library offers themed bags of books

The Orange County Main Library in Hillsborough is offering Literacy Bags — bags containing 10 books on a theme — for county residents to check out using their library cards.

The library is offering approximately 50 bags, with themes ranging from "alphabet" to "wild animals." Several bags include books in both English and Spanish. With the bags, which were designed with early childhood education in mind, parents, daycares, civic groups or teachers can quickly check out 10 books on a particular theme.

Each Literacy Bag counts as one item at check out, instead of the 10 books it contains. A complete list of the bag themes is available at the library's Children's Services Desk. Individuals can check out the bags for three weeks, with one renewal allowed. For more information, visit co.orange.nc.us/library/literacybags.asp, stop by the Children's Services desk or call 245-2532.

Women volunteers needed to help with Habitat project

Chatham Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's are looking for local women volunteers to work May 4-7 at the Habitat for Humanity Pittsboro construction site in Chatham County as part of National Women Build Week.

Workdays run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

No construction or home improvement experience is necessary. To donate, register for a workday or preview workday tasks, visit chatham-habitat.volunteerhub.com, call 542-0794, ext. 223 or email gabyfor-nari@chathamhabitat.org



Jim Huegerich

Stand Against Racism event

Stand Against Racism, a movement initiated by the YWCA in 2008 to raise awareness that racism still exists in our communities, will host a program from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 1 at Binkley Baptist Church.

The program will include performances by Mary Williams, a historian, educator and singer of traditional gospel and freedom songs; C.J. Suitt, founder of the Sacrificial Poets; and the St. Ambrose Jazz Mass Quintet from St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Raleigh.

Binkley Baptist Church is located at 1712 Willow Drive in Chapel Hill, close to University Mall.

Lecture to focus on dog cognition

The Orange County Animal Services Department will host "Inside Your Dog's Mind: What Makes Your Best Friend Special," a lecture by Dr. Brian Hare, on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the conference room of the Animal Services Center at 1601 Eubanks Road.

Hare will discuss his research at the Duke Canine Cognition Center on the effect of domestication on dog cognition. Through his research, he hopes to identify breed differences in problem-solving skills and generally understand the constraints of dog cognition in order to help understand how we might help dogs be more effective companions.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, visit dibs.duke.edu/news/announcements/2009/09/10/brian-hare-explodes-canine-cognition/

Senior center to host workshop series

The Central Orange Senior Center will host an informational series of workshops throughout the month of May.

Workshops include:

- Making the Decision to Stay at Home or Move: What are the Real Options? May 3;
- Essential Legal Steps, May 10;
- Long Term Care Financial Planning, May 17; and
- What You Need to Know to Manage your Medications, May 23.

All presentations will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Central Orange Senior Center at 103 Meadowland Drive in Hillsborough. To reserve a seat, call 245-2015.

Carrboro to host teen talent show

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department will host a teen talent show on May 28 at the Carrboro Century Center.

Auditions will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on May 20 at the Century Center. Contestants must perform the same act at both the audition and the performance. Acts with inappropriate language, actions or clothing will not be selected, and acts should be no longer than five minutes.

Auditions are open to participants ages 13-18, and there is no fee to participate. For more information or to register, call 918-7371.

Golf tournament to benefit homeless

The 10th Annual Brian Clemens Memorial Golf Tournament benefiting the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service's Community House will be held May 3 at UNC Finley Golf Course.

Community House provides shelter, food and support to homeless men in the community. Ken Huff, UNC All-America offensive guard and member of the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame, will serve as the tournament's celebrity host.

For more information, to make a donation or to register for the tournament, visit brianclemens.org

Philharmonia to perform concert

The Chapel Hill Philharmonia, a nonprofit orchestra, will perform a concert on May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Hill Hall on the UNC campus.

Cissy Yu, pianist winner of the Youth Concerto Competition, will be featured in the first movement of Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto #1 and guest conductor Yoram Youngerman will lead the orchestra in Suite 3 of Respighi's "Ancient Airs and Dances," Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and Beethoven's Symphony #7.

Admission to the concert is free.

Volunteers needed for Jordan Lake cleanup

Volunteers are needed for the first Clean Jordan Lake event on May 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Clean Jordan Lake is a new nonprofit corporation founded to remove trash and prevent further trash accumulation on the lake's shore. The cleanup will focus on the shoreline near the B. Everett Jordan Dam. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Highway Stormwater Program of the N.C. Department of Transportation, North Carolina Big Sweep and the Haw River Assembly will assist with the event.

Volunteers will meet at the Jordan Dam Visitor Assistance Center (also known as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters) at 2080 Jordan Dam Road in Moncure. Bottled water, lunch, gloves and trash bags will be provided. To volunteer, visit meetup.com/Help-CleanJordanLake or contact Fran DiGiano at 542-0829 or fran_digiano@unc.edu or Tom Colson at 630-2569 or tpcolson@hotmail.com

Women's center to host family-law workshops

The Women's Center will offer free family-law workshops every Tuesday in May.

The workshops will be facilitated by licensed North Carolina attorneys and are open to women and men.

Workshops will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Women's Center at 210 Henderson St. Full descriptions and facilitator information can be found on the center's website at womenspace.org

Workshops include:

- Considering Separation and Divorce, May 4;
- Child and Spousal Support in North Carolina, May 11;
- Considering Mediation in Divorce, May 18; and
- Child Custody and Divorce in North Carolina, May 25.

To register or for more information, contact The Women's Center at 968-4610 or emaillegal@womenspace.org

Really Terrible Orchestra concert

The Really Terrible Orchestra of the Triangle (RTOOT) will present its spring concert on May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Hill Hall on Cameron Avenue on the UNC campus.

RTOOT musicians range in age from single digits to past retirement and come from all over the Triangle area. The performance will feature composer Don Gillis' humorous Symphony 5, Per Brant's "Sinfonia," Johann Strauss II's "Frühlingstimmen" and more.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door or in advance at Cameron's in University Mall, The Regulator bookstore in Durham or Quail Ridge Books in Raleigh. For more information, call 929-4104 or visit rtoot.org

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FROM THE EDITOR

There are other canyons

The other day, the governor of Arizona got on the TV to express her outrage that some people might consider a boycott, or some similar action, in response to the adoption into the state's criminal code a requirement that police check the immigration status of individuals they suspect are here illegally. It also allows for individuals to sue their local governments for not enforcing the new law and won't allow any community to declare itself a sanctuary in which the law is not enforced.

We regret to inform the governor that sensible people in her state and the rest of the country are shocked, appalled and mostly determined to see to it that this attempt to create our first official police state will not stand. A boycott will be the least of it. Try thousands of lawsuits for starters.

Anyone with a lick of sense knows that the law very quickly will and should get shot down on constitutional grounds – if not instantaneously, then shortly after the statistics come out about just who is getting pulled. Unless the Arizona Highway Patrol wants to set up outside a Celtic Women concert in Phoenix and start yanking people named, say, McCain, the uneven enforcement of the law among races will be pretty clear. That, by the way, is unconstitutional. We even fought a big civil war over it. Look it up.

Even Tom Tancredo, whose visit to campus this week was again met with protest, has said the law would likely lead to racial profiling and abuse.

Really, 'Zona, if you've lost Tancredo, you've lost the xenophobic middle. Until there's a turnaround, the place will no longer be thought of as the Grand Canyon State or the Land of the Majestic Saguaro. No; Arizona has become the Papers, Please State, where you better know where your birth certificate is at all times and be able to get to it.

North Carolina and other states are not unaccustomed to seeing laws of this kind surface in the legislature. We're thankful that they usually don't get far and cooler heads prevail. This state and others see the value in our immigrant population and their contribution to our communities, our culture and our economy. We know that after a long wait, immigration reform at the federal level is coming, and through it we can have greater predictability and more safeguards than the awful system now in place.

This community in particular has long understood that tying local law enforcement into the immigration system ultimately makes us less safe and can have terrible unintended consequences. We have seen so many examples here of families being torn apart for no good reason and hard-working, longtime members of the community denied health care coverage, in-state tuition and even the right to remain any longer in a place they'd called home for most of their lives.

If Arizona's government comes to its senses and repeals its law, these problems and racial profiling won't suddenly disappear. The actions in the Papers, Please State are a potent reminder that there is a policy vacuum in immigration – and if the federal government won't take action, then demagogues will.

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LETTERS

Re-elect Jacobs

I am writing in support of Barry Jacobs, a candidate for Orange County Board of Commissioners, in the upcoming May primary. Barry and I got to know each other well in 1996 when Hurricane Fran hit Orange County. He was chair of the OWASA board of directors and I was mayor of Chapel Hill, and we learned, to our chagrin, that OWASA needed backup generators for its treatment plants and pump stations. Barry worked with his board to get those generators purchased and available for future emergencies.

As a commissioner, Barry has been collaborative, reasonable and flexible. He understands the dangers that increasingly high property taxes pose to our community. He also understands that we must attract new businesses and grow our local businesses to get a better-balanced tax base.

Please vote to give Barry Jacobs another term as our county commissioner.

ROSEMARY WALDORF
 Chapel Hill

Vote for Broun

It was an absolute delight to see that wife, mother and lawyer Joal Broun, who so ably served her fellow Carrboro residents as a member of the Board of Aldermen, is now offering to do the same to benefit the residents of Orange County as county commissioner at large. She comes fully informed about economic development in Carrboro, ready to support the high quality we come to expect of our schools and the demands we make upon our unique environment. Her employment as an attorney in the largest North Carolina self-help bank, which establishes small businesses, will assist in her efforts in making sound fiscal policies for local and county departments of government. She has been and continues to be a volunteer in a number of county activities and groups as well as a busy participant in her local church. This is certainly an extraordinarily qualified candidate for county commissioner. Her greatest strengths will be in her abilities to work cooperatively with the other members of the Orange County Board of Commissioners. Everyone is encouraged to support this very special candidate.

MARTHA TYSON
 Chapel Hill

Vote for Jacobs

Barry Jacobs has served the citizens of Orange County well during his years of service as our county commissioner. As a landowner in rural Orange County, I have been impressed with Barry's concern for the environment along with his understanding and respect for our organic farmers and dairy farmers. His practical application of solutions to issues concerning our rural community and its citizens has provided us with a level-headed common-sense vote that we respect and need. Vote for Barry Jacobs in the upcoming elections!

CLIFFORD T. LEATH
 Orange County

For Broun

Joal Broun has been a wonderful leader for Carrboro for 11 years as a member of the Board of Aldermen. She's educated and informed and is a tireless worker for her constituents. She has had the ability to see the big picture and has

made her decisions based on what is best for the town as a whole. She values education and has worked/is working to make our community affordable. Now we have an opportunity to have Joal do the same for the entire county! Your vote is important. Please join me in voting on May 4 for Joal Broun for Orange County commissioner at large.

HEIDI PERRY
 Carrboro

Jacobs for commission

During the 20 years that I have been privileged to serve on the Carrboro Board of Alderman, I have had the opportunity to work with many dedicated officials from across Orange County. Of all of the elected officials I have worked with, Barry Jacobs stands out for his hard work, intelligence and ethics. His years of public service on the Orange County planning board, OWASA board and the Orange County Board of Commissioners have been instrumental in shaping many of the sound environmental, economic and social policies that make Orange County a great place to live.

I have seen Barry time and again step up and take leadership in addressing the most difficult issues facing Orange County, issues that others may shy away from tackling because of the political dangers. Barry spends many hours researching the problems facing our county, listening to all parties who may be impacted and formulating sound solutions that work over the long term.

It is impossible to say with certainty what issues will become the most urgent during the next four years. What I do know is that no matter what the issues will be, I know that we can count on Barry Jacobs to address them in the intelligent and even-handed approach that we have come to depend on. I urge you to join me in voting for Barry Jacobs in the upcoming primary for Orange County commissioner.

JACQUELYN GIST
 Carrboro

Pendergrass for sheriff

I am writing this letter to express my support of Lindy Pendergrass and his candidacy for Orange County sheriff. In Lindy, we have a man that is dedicated to law enforcement, with over 28 years of experience. Law enforcement is his life.

He will use our money wisely, while protecting the public with integrity. We know him as a man who has served our community with ethics and strength. His longstanding commitment to Orange County and his vision for the future make him the solid choice.

Like a seasoned football coach, he will continue to lead with decisiveness, compassion and strength. As the challenges of the future confront the sheriff, Lindy's ability to make tough decisions, while maintaining high levels of service, will serve the community well.

Please join me and vote for Lindy Pendergrass, Orange County sheriff.

DON MCCAULEY, #23
 Chapel Hill

Lewis for Senate

Over the past year, I've remained largely undecided in the N.C. Democratic primary race for U.S. Senate. The decision between Elaine Marshall, Cal Cunningham and Ken Lewis was

a difficult one to reach. All three seem like qualified candidates, ready to take on Richard Burr in the general election. Secretary Marshall has the years of government experience under her belt, along with the ability to win a statewide campaign. Cal has various experience with the military and state government. Ken Lewis, relatively unknown, adds a fresh face, perspective and energy to the race. However, I had to pick one. Last night, I attended the Jefferson-Jackson after-dinner event at Busy Bee in Raleigh, where I had the opportunity to talk with Elaine Marshall, a representative for Cal Cunningham and Ken and Holly Lewis. After the event, I knew for certain that Ken Lewis is my candidate.

As a teacher at Chapel Hill High School and recent ASU graduate, I know Lewis is ready to lead North Carolina into a successful, sustainable future in education, business and clean energy. His background of modest means, rising to great heights, gives him the ability to connect and advocate for all North Carolina citizens. His background alone makes him truly connected to the real people, who face everyday problems. Lewis will help North Carolina revive its economy by supporting small and new businesses.

Ken stands for equality, justice and decency of all North Carolina citizens, where he will help end discrimination against all minorities. Lewis will help North Carolina become not only a business-friendly state, but a leader in green energy for a cleaner, greener future. Further, I am impressed at Ken's dedication to the youth of North Carolina; he will work to put North Carolina on the cutting edge of education. Even during his busy schedule, he offered to come and speak to my high school classes about government and the importance of education. Lewis has the experience, knowledge and ability to lead North Carolina to a better future. Ken Lewis will bring a knowledgeable fresh perspective, with real-world credentials.

TOM GREENE
 Chapel Hill

Orange County schools

The upcoming Orange County Schools (OCS) Board of Education elections have two incumbents, two former school board members and four newcomers to choose from.

Factors that influence my vote: Do they have children in school, especially middle or high school? How well do they know our schools? What skills can they bring to the board?

Incumbent Anne Medenblik is a parent of two children in our high schools. She is a former business teacher. She has been in the trenches, listening and making hard decisions for our school systems.

Greg Williams is a product of the OCS system and has a child in high school. He is CEO of his own business, a commanding officer in the Navy Reserve and has a background in computer programming/electrical engineering.

Donna Dean Coffey is the former budget director for Orange County. She can dissect a budget, which would be an asset for the board, especially with the current economic challenges. She has three children, two in high school.

I will vote for these people on May 4.

PATRICK MULKEY
 Chapel Hill

Perdue's peculiar choices

CHRIS FITZSIMON

It has now been a week since Gov. Beverly Perdue released her budget recommendations, and most of the reaction to her plan falls into two general categories.

Most Republican leaders and the think tanks they rely on to shape their misleading talking points continue to fall back on the tired and inaccurate claims about out-of-control spending and oppressively high taxes, neither of which has any basis in reality.

Many Democrats have cautiously endorsed Perdue's proposal, or at least the overall priorities in it: helping small businesses, launching Perdue's education initiatives and restoring some of the most egregious cuts made last session in human services, particularly in mental health.

That's a reaction that makes more sense at first glance, though a closer examination reveals some inexplicable choices, primarily in small budget cuts to programs that are working to save the state money and turn the lives around of people who have made mistakes or students who are at risk of making them.

Perdue's budget cuts another 4 percent from Communities in Schools, a proven high school dropout-prevention program that provided services last year to more than 150,000 students. Ninety-four percent of the seniors who received direct services graduated and 96 percent of potential dropouts remained in school.

Communities in Schools was cut 10 percent last year and then Perdue withheld another 5 percent of the budget. Deeper cuts this year make no sense given Perdue's vow to address the state's shameful high school graduation rate.

The day after Perdue released her budget recommendations, she announced a bipartisan effort to change the direction of the state's criminal-justice policies and develop a system to spend less on prison beds by investing in programs that prevent recidivism and promote rehabilitation of offenders, who each cost the state \$26,000 a year to keep behind bars.

That may signal a refreshing change in how North Carolina handles its prison system, but seems to directly contradict recommendations in Perdue's budget. She wants to slash funding for the Summit House, a residential alternative-to-incarceration program for mothers convicted of a nonviolent crime and their minor children, and Harriet's House, a reentry program for women leaving prison.

Both programs have documented success in helping women turn their lives around and stay out of future trouble, saving the state the \$26,000 for every cell they don't fill. These are exactly the kind of programs that are likely to be part of the new direction in the state's criminal-justice policies that Perdue touted the day after she recommended cutting them.

The cuts to Communities in Schools and the residential programs for female offenders don't even add up to a \$2 million savings in Perdue's \$19.6 billion budget, making it even impossible to understand them.

Perdue didn't have to cut the programs at all, and if it was a matter of finding every dime she could to balance the budget there are plenty of other places to look, most notably the \$10 million it costs the state to provide in-state tuition to out-of-state athletes in the UNC system. The money is basically a windfall for athletic booster clubs that pay for athletic scholarships and it is defended by political action committees like Citizens for Higher Education, funded by wealthy supporters of UNC. The PAC employs two lobbyists to patrol the legislative halls and gives hundreds of thousands of dollars to legislators' campaigns.

Harriet's House, Summit House and Communities in Schools can't play that high-dollar inside game. They have to count on political leaders recognizing that it's more important to help women stay out of prison and kids stay in school than to give the Ram's Club a windfall for another year.

The governor just let them down.

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

Get involved in Bolin Creek decision

JULIE MCCLINTOCK

Essential to our progressive community, one that values air quality, are bicycling lanes that reduce pollution from cars. But also essential are the natural value and climate-enhancing properties of the Bolin Creek Valley and its outstanding creek.

In terms of bike routes, Save Bolin Creek decided it would be helpful to commission a GIS map to look more closely at the Carolina North and Bolin Creek area to see what is on the ground now and what is planned for the future. We offer that here: wp.me/pKe0Q-9U

This map, and other documents that Save Bolin Creek has gathered, show the good progress we are making to plan for bicycle connections that will also preserve one of our most valuable resources, Bolin Creek and its contiguous forest. We call on the Carrboro Board of Alderman to fund these biking

priorities and keep pavement away from the forest.

As Carrboro and Chapel Hill grow – and the new UNC Carolina North campus is built at the present Horace Williams airport site – UNC, Carrboro and Chapel Hill are coordinating plans and funds for appropriate bicycling routes. We applaud UNC's commitment to build bike facilities to fill this need, and we support preserving the Bolin Creek valley and building better cycling connections.

What's been accomplished so far to plan for bike lanes? The Carolina North Agreement signed in June 2009 includes significant commitments to building bicycling facilities. This agreement committed UNC to building bike paths along both sides of Estes Drive from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Seawell School Road, and then along both sides of Sewell School Road between

Estes Drive and Homestead Road. Moreover, in a route yet to be determined, there is to be a preferably off-road connection between the Carolina North tract and UNC's central campus. These potential campus connector routes include either a route along the railway via the Libba Cotton and Cameron Avenue bike route or a route starting in central Chapel Hill that connects to Umstead Park. All of these above routes will ensure connectivity with the new campus. (See townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=1356)

Also, the Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County boards have made recommendations for cycling facilities to the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), responsible for making transit and funding decisions. (See dchcmo.org/)

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TANCREDO

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"Tom's speech was well received by the audience.... A number of people approached me afterwards and asked, 'What exactly is controversial about this?' I've been asking the same question for a year now," he wrote.

For his speech, Tancredo focused on "the value of Western civilization," discussing the war against the U.S. by extremist Islamic groups, the disdain for Western culture by higher-education institutions of the West and problems associated with illegal immigration.

"I do not believe that all cultures and traditions are morally equivalent," Tancredo stated at the start of his speech. However, he emphasized that his discussion of Western civilization did not concern race.

Tancredo also discussed recent actions by the Obama adminis-

tration that have incited Tea Party protests.

"Obama is without question the most radical and left-wing president in our history," he said, adding that he didn't want a president who traveled around the world apologizing for the United States. "We have something good here and we should not be so ashamed of admitting it," he said.

"We are the last best hope of mankind," he added. "The future is brighter because of the values of Western civilization."

Audience questions ranged from whether Tancredo thought the U.S. would win the war against Jihad and why the U.S. would allow Muslims to immigrate to the country, to why he made suggestions that Obama should return to Kenya and how Muslim extremists were different from extremist Christian militia groups.

Frank Hurley, a candidate for the Republican nomination for the seat in the 13th Congressional

district in North Carolina, said he came to hear Tancredo speak because he shared his views on immigration.

"I'm very much a believer in limiting especially illegal but also legal immigration at this time," he said.

The Feminist Students United released a statement at the event, stating, "We must continue to bring to the surface the hidden and overt racism that is a fundamental tenet of Tom Tancredo's words, the Tea Party and the vigilante groups they support. Supporters of Tancredo's right to speak on a public campus lack an understanding of power and history's lessons that show us that hateful discourse amplified by money and access to media create the foundation upon which Militiamen and the KKK operate."

According to UNC police, one UNC student was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon in the lobby outside the auditorium.

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SMITH LEVEL

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In making his case Tuesday night, Chilton explained the process for allocating various types of transportation funding and said if the town rejected the plan it would likely never be able to afford to build the sidewalks and bike lanes on its own.

"[DOT officials] have come a hell of a long way," Chilton said. "It would be a tremendous mistake to throw the baby out with the bathwater." The town, he said, has been waiting on the bike lanes and sidewalks for more than two decades.

Prior to Chilton's comments, several residents said they believed the DOT really wants to build a four-lane road, citing DOT planners who contend that they believe a wider road will one day be needed. Part of the compromise between the town and DOT allows for the state to acquire enough right-of-way to eventually widen the road to four lanes. DOT officials have said they would not add lanes unless the town asked it to do so.

Gregg Dito, who said he had lived in the area around Smith Level Road for 17 years, said because of that he did not believe the road would stay two lanes.

"This is a wolf in sheep's clothing," he said.

Pierre Monnet said it doesn't make sense for the road's right-of-way to be wide enough for four lanes.

"Who needs a four-lane

road for a quarter-mile length," he said.

Much of the opposition expressed on the new design came from residents in the Berryhill neighborhood. The road's design calls for a median that would prevent a left turn onto Smith Level Road out of the neighborhood at Willow Oak Lane. Berryhill residents said they believe the added number of cars traveling through the neighborhood to BPW Club Road would be unsafe.

Linda Levitch said the change doesn't make sense.

"Almost everybody, when they leave the neighborhood, heads north toward Carrboro," she said.

After Chilton's testimony, the board took up next steps on the plan. Alderman Jacquie Gist, who has long opposed the various widening plans, said she was swayed by the mayor's appeal.

She said since much of the traffic on Smith Level Road is local traffic, the community should take some responsibility for the DOT's insistence that it be wider. "We have to take some responsibility," she said. "Most of the traffic congestion is people driving their kids to school."

The board continued the public hearing until June 1 and asked for a review of the project by the town's Transportation Advisory Board, as well as accident-report and traffic information on the Berryhill neighborhood. Board members also asked for a review of how many trees along the route would need to be removed.

SCHOOLS

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Foushee said she knew that with reduced funding levels, the schools would have to do less than in previous years, which was hard to consider because education is so important.

However, she said, the commissioners have to consider all of the residents of the county and not just the school children.

"This is the government of last resort. This is the place that we come for help," she said. "There has to be a way where we can make Orange County an affordable place to live for people who want to live in Orange County... The answer cannot be, 'If you cannot afford to pay taxes in Orange County, go live somewhere else.'"

"Many people who have lived here all of their lives now don't know whether or not they can stay here," she added.

School board members said they have been making cuts for the past couple of years and that further cuts could be devastating.

"We're at the point where the classroom is going to be affected," Orange County school board vice chair Debbie Piscitelli said.

Several commissioners urged school board members to dip into their capital funds, which are allocated for facilities, for operations costs.

"If the per pupil [allocation] and the students are the most important thing, then the capital is not," Commissioner Barry Jacobs said. "Take the capital. The kids are here now. Yes, the facilities will suffer."

However, school board members said capital funds are vital to the upkeep of buildings, some of which are starting to show their age.

"The building needs go beyond just upgrading them," Chapel Hill-Carrboro school board member Michelle Brownstein said. "We're actually at the point of health and safety. We cannot address our health and safety needs."

County Manager Frank Clifton said he hopes to have a balanced budget prepared within the next couple of weeks. The commissioners will consider Clifton's proposed budget at a series of meetings and work sessions in May and June, with a finalized budget approved by June 15.

ELECTION

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Republican also have a contested primary between Ryan Hilliard and Jon Greg Bass for the State Senate District 23 seat and between David Burnett, George Hutchins, B.J. Lawson and Frank Roche for the right to face Democratic incumbent David Price in the Fourth U.S. Congressional District race this fall.

In county races, incumbent county commissioner Barry Jacobs is facing a challenge from Carrboro Alderman Joal Hall Broun and former Hillsborough mayor Joe Phelps in the Democratic primary for the at-large commissioner seat.

In the county commissioners' District 2 race, Renee Price of Hillsborough is facing Earl McKee of Rougemont.

Also on the Democratic primary ballot is the race for Orange County sheriff between incumbent Lindy Pendergrass and former Hillsborough police Chief Clarence Birkhead.

School board

The primaries aren't the only races on the May 4 ballot. Four seats are up for grabs on the Orange County Board of Education. Candidate in the non-partisan election are Will Atherton, Keith Cook, Donna Dean Coffey, Laura Nicholson, Brenda Stephens, Greg Williams and incumbents Anne Medenblik and Debbie Piscitelli.

Two non-partisan appeals court races are also on the ballot, with Mark Klass, Jane Gray and Ann Marie Calabria vying for one seat and Steven Walker, Rick Elmore, Leto Copeley and Al Bain competing for the other.

Polls open Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Early voting continues from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Briefs

BRMA to host improv night

The Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program will host an Improv Comedy Fundraiser on May 6 at DSI Comedy Theater in Carrboro. Featuring program director Graig Meyer as "Mr. Diplomat," the show will also include members of the DSI Comedy Actors. Tickets are \$20 and proceeds go to help send BRMA students to summer camp. The show is appropriate for all ages and tickets are available online through the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public Schools Foundation.

Carrboro teacher honored

VIF International Education is proud to honor five of its visiting exchange teachers in the 2010 International Educator of the Year awards program, including Carrboro Elementary School teacher Luz Mery Suárez. Suárez, who is a first-grade Spanish instructor in the school's dual-language program, has been teaching in the U.S. for two years through VIF, an international exchange program for teachers. Chosen from among 45 nominees, Suárez has shown innovation and initiative in the classroom and has created opportunities for her students to explore other cultures and countries, master new languages and broaden their perspectives. She is the second Carrboro Elementary School teacher in two years to receive the award, with former teacher Helen Crompton receiving the honor last year.

Suárez had eight years experience teaching literacy in her hometown of Bogotá, Colombia. Her language proficiency and professional training helped her work with other instructors at Carrboro Elementary to develop a complex dual-language curriculum successfully. "It has been great to see the students' progress," Suárez said. "At the beginning, they don't speak Spanish. At the end of the year, they are writing, they are speaking, they are reading — they are doing it all."

Board of education hosts legislative breakfast

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education members met with state legislators for the annual legislative breakfast on Monday. Guests included Speaker of the House Joe Hackney, Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, Rep. Verla Insko and chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners Valerie Foushee.

Board members, guests and administrators discussed the state budget situation and its impact on local school districts. Other discussion items included funding for drivers education, charter school funding, dropout prevention, the school calendar law and a joint legislative committee studying various state funding formulas for public schools.

The group then attended the groundbreaking ceremony at Carrboro High School for the school's new arts wing. The construction of the wing is expected to be complete in December.

Area students named Morehead-Cain scholars

Melanie Rio of Carrboro High School and Nicole Roscoe of Chatham Central High School have been named Morehead-Cain scholars for the class of 2014.

As a member of the school drama department, Rio has been an actor, director, choreographer, videographer, stagehand and puppet master for shows at Carrboro High, and has

worked as writer, director, actor and publicity manager for shows at Chapel Hill's One Song Productions. Besides writing for the stage, she is working on her second novel, a historical fiction set during the French Revolution. Rio is the daughter of Holly and Christopher Rio of Chapel Hill.

Roscoe is editor of the school annual and was president of the student body during her junior year. As a member of the varsity cross country team, she holds the school record in the 4x400 meter. She is a graduate of the North Carolina Governor's School math program. Roscoe is the daughter of Sandra and Jeff Roscoe of Pittsboro.

Morehead-Cain is the oldest, most prestigious merit scholarship program in the United States. Besides covering all expenses for four years of undergraduate study, the Morehead-Cain features a distinctive program of summer and academic-year enrichment experiences that allow them to pursue educational opportunities wherever they find them.

Currently, more than 220 Morehead-Cain Scholars study on the UNC campus, making outstanding contributions across the full range of university life. From student government to community service to the performing arts, Morehead-Cain Scholars play a prominent role in Carolina's vibrant student community. Past Morehead-Cain scholars have gone on to become congressmen, Rhodes scholars, medical missionaries and award-winning authors.

Students take to the stage in school performances

Two area schools have upcoming student performances:

Chapel Hill High School's drama department will present *The Wizard of Oz* Thursday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Hanes Auditorium at Chapel Hill High. Tickets are \$5 for students (high school and younger), \$8 for adults and free for CHCCS staff (one free ticket per staff member with ID).

Tickets can be reserved by sending an email to hancesboxoffice@gmail.com. Indicate the night you wish to attend, the number and types of tickets you wish to reserve and the name to hold them under. CHHS accepts cash and checks as payment.

The bedroom farce *Noises Off* will be performed by the 12th grade of Emerson Waldorf High School on May 5, 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. at the school.

This program is not suitable for children under the age of 12 and not intended for the easily offended. This play is directed by Peter Moyers and Lisa Braden. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Ephesus students tour UNC

The Boyz 2 Men group from Ephesus Elementary School took a field trip to the UNC campus on April 14.

The trip was designed to expose third- to fifth-grade black males to college life. They toured campus, met with the president of the student body, heard from a member of the administration, watched a step show presented by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and ate a cafeteria lunch.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, a source of support for the group, organized the tour. Former Ephesus student and current UNC senior Preston Smith is one of the Alpha Phi Alpha mentors working with Boyz 2 Men.

Readathon results announced



PHOTO BY MEG MCDANIELS

The Dr. Seuss Singers, a 1st grade choral tradition at FPG led by music teacher Brenda Doyle, perform at the first Awards Assembly.

Frank Porter Graham Elementary School celebrated the results of the 12th annual Readathon on Friday.

Students were asked to read as much as they could and record their efforts. The goal for the 500 elementary students was to read more than 500,000 minutes during this two-week period. The students surpassed the goal and succeeded in logging more than 722,000 minutes of reading.

This year's Readathon is expected to bring in more than \$14,000, which will be used to support the school's media cen-

ter, science lab, enrichment programs, field trips, teacher supplies and other needed items.

One of the biggest thrills for students at the awards assemblies was witnessing the FPG Challenge. Since the school surpassed its goal of reading 500,000 minutes, and in keeping with this year's theme of the great outdoors, Liz Stabenow, the school's science teacher, overcame her fears and held the school tarantula, which felt like holding "kitten paws," she said.

Kathryn Cole, the school's librarian, also kept her fears at bay

and, with a little help from some of the students, held the school's corn snake.

"I wasn't looking forward to holding the snake, but Ms. Stabenow made it fun and the student encouragement really helped," said Cole. "Readathon is about getting all the students at FPG excited about reading. I think we succeeded this year, so holding a snake was the least I could do to recognize their efforts."

Prizes and bragging rights are also a key part of the Readathon tradition. Awards were given out for the top reader in each class and grade level and for outstanding effort in each class. The class in each grade with the highest number of minutes read per student was given a pizza party and the grade-level trophy to keep in their classroom until the next Readathon.

Each year, the teacher whose class had the highest average number of minutes read per student wins the Rita's Reader Teacher Award. This year, second-grade teacher Ellen Manning earned the distinction, along with her teaching assistant, Karen Casey. Students in their class read an average of 2,340 minutes during the Readathon.

—Staff reports



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Leslie Zuniga, Joshua McAdoo and Karen Lopez, students at Hillsborough's Faulkner's Dance and Gymnastics, will perform at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Page Auditorium at Duke University. This is the first year that the studio has accepted students in wheelchairs, and Joshua will perform a dance with Leslie to Garth Brooks' "The Dance." Leslie and Karen will perform a Mexican folkloric dance to "Viva la Sinaloa." All three of the students live in Carrboro.

CROP Hunger Walk 2010

It was another successful CROP Hunger Walk! Our thanks to the more than 500 community members who participated in this year's Walk which raised money to fight hunger locally, through the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service and internationally, through Church World Service. The Inter-Faith Council for

Social Service thanks all of the walkers, volunteers and IFC staff who helped make this year's event a great success!

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHEDULE**Carrboro High School**

Saturday, June 12 at 5 p.m. at the Dean Smith Center

Chapel Hill High School

Saturday, June 12 at 1 p.m. at the Dean Smith Center

East Chapel Hill High School

Saturday, June 12 at 9 a.m. at the Dean Smith Center

CORRECTION

Members of the North Carolina Youth Tap Ensemble were incorrectly identified in a caption to a photo in last week's story. Max Vigotov and Breanna Polascik were the ensemble members in the photo.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU**

FRI 4/30 — Spaghetti & Meat Sauce; w/Garlic Breadstick; Hot Dog on a Wheat Bun w/Chili; Coleslaw; Garden Salad; Cherry Cobbler

MON 5/3 — CHamburger on a Wheat Bun; Turkey and Brown Rice Casserole; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Seasoned Baked Potato Wedges; Cinnamon Baked Pears

TUE 5/4 — Chicken & Noodles (Rotini); Ham & Cheese Sub; "Fun on the Run"; Steamed Carrots; Seasoned Green Beans;

Fresh Oranges

WED 5/5 — Chicken Fajitas w/ salsa and sour cream in Tortilla; Beef & Macaroni w/ Whole Grain Macaroni & Wheat Roll; Mexican Corn; Seasoned Pinto Bean; Chilled Fruit Cocktail

THU 5/6 — Herb Baked Chicken w/ Wheat Roll; Turkey Ham & Cheese; Melt on Wheat Bread w/Chicken Noodle Soup; "Fun on the Run"; Mashed Potatoes; Seasoned Turnip Greens; Chilled Apricots

A closer look



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

An enthusiastic group of Citizen readers responded to Flora columnist Ken Moore's invitation to visit a rare atamasco lily meadow this past Saturday.

OBITUARY

Elsie Riggsbee

Elsie Williams Riggsbee, 87, died April 19, 2010 at UNC Hospitals. Elsie was a native of Orange County, N.C. and lived in Carrboro and Chapel Hill most of her life. Most recently, she was a resident of Britthaven in Chapel Hill, where she moved from Carolina Beach, N.C.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Riggsbee,

and her parents, Lizzie and John Williams. She is survived by four daughters, Jackie Weaver of Carolina Beach, Jean Turner (Skip) of Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., Robin Johnston (Fred) of Wrightsville Beach, N.C. and Cheri Boyce (David) of Chapel Hill. Also surviving are two sons, Charles Riggsbee (Doris) of Oak Island, N.C. and John Riggsbee (Kathy) of Western North Carolina,

and her brother, Leroy Williams (Erna) of Tucson, Ariz. She was adored by her seven grandchildren, Chad and Jake Riggsbee, Wendy Johnston Wood, Jami Turner Horton, Christopher and Jennifer Boyce and Katie Riggsbee. She delighted in visits from her seven great-grandchildren.

Elsie was a happy, witty, dear person and will be missed by her family and all who knew her.

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BOLIN FROM PAGE 1

What remains to be done?
*Citizens need to participate in the final decision concerning bike routes, especially the location of the campus-to-campus connector. They also need to lobby for bike route construction before Carolina North is built.

*Both towns need to continue to press the important cycling routes with their elected representatives at the MPO.

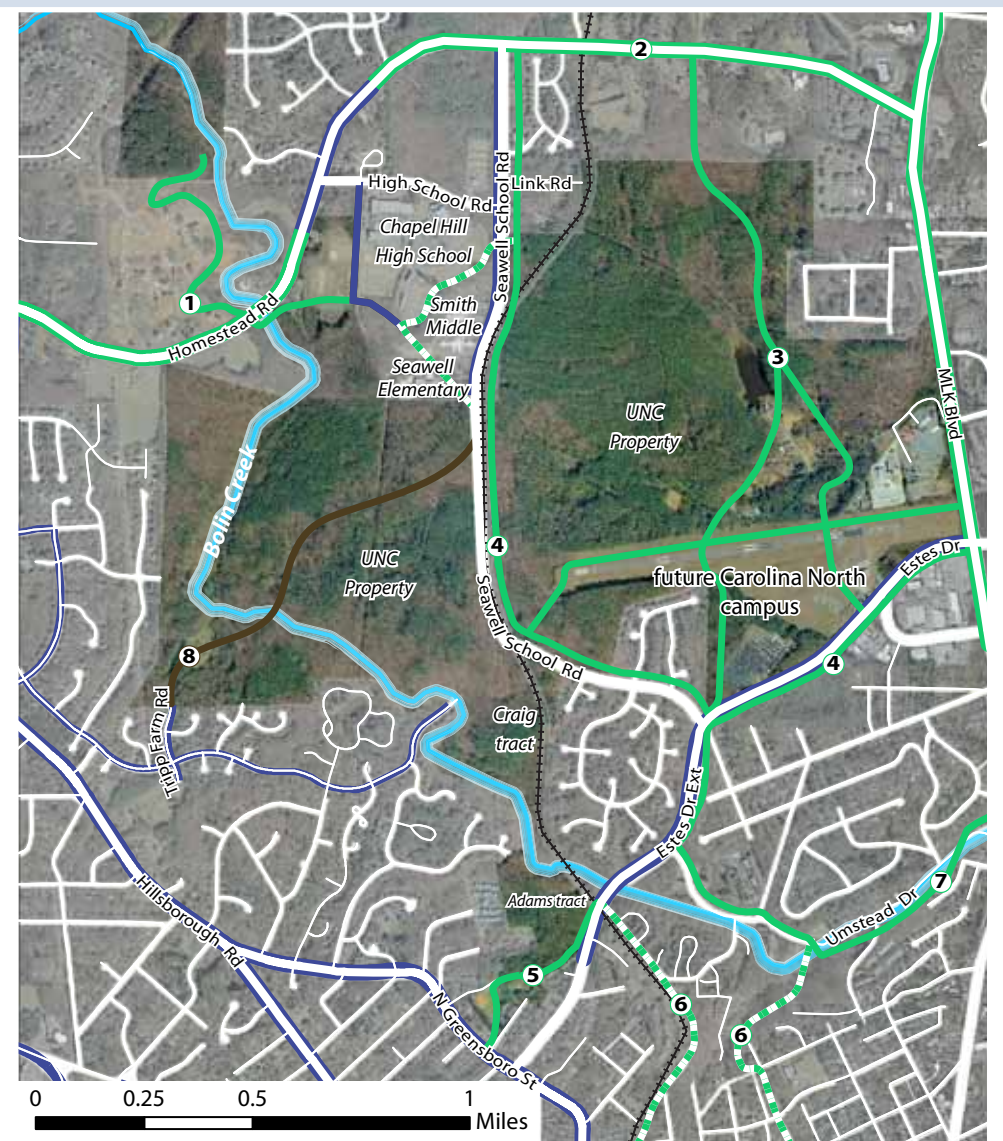
*Both towns need to coordinate with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools to ensure good cycling connections are established on school property.

*All parties need to work to preserve and restore our most valuable environmental re-

source, Bolin Creek, its valley and its forest. Anything less would be a loss for our community.

Julie McClintock joined Save Bolin Creek, which opposes a Carrboro Greenways Commission proposal to build a 10-foot-wide transit corridor in the Bolin Creek valley.

BIKE CONNECTIONS: BOLIN CREEK AND CAROLINA NORTH



Legend

- Existing bikeway
- Planned bikeway
- Potential bikeway
- Natural surface bike path

Map by Tim Stallmann, April 2010. www.counter-cartographies.org/tim

Key to planned/potential bikeways

- Town of Carrboro, phase 1B
- Joint Carrboro - Chapel Hill TAC highway project
- UNC planned internal Carolina North routes
- UNC off-road paved path
- Town of Carrboro, phase 1A
- UNC Carolina North connector (both options shown)
- Town of Chapel Hill off-road paved path
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Floating mats of trumpet pitcher plants rim Horseshoe Lake.

FLORA
FROM PAGE 1

Many theories have been proposed for the origin of the Carolina bays, from a giant dinosaur-age meteor shower to underwater wave action back when ancient seas covered the land. The engaging debate continues to this day.

Carolina bay evergreen shrub bogs and bay forests are characterized by a couple of dozen mostly evergreen trees and shrubs that, in the absence of flowers, can be a challenge to identify. Some of our fine garden plants like sweet bay magnolia, inkberry holly

and Virginia willow come from this assortment of plant communities.

These wild areas are interesting to explore, and spectacular gardens are frequently found in sunny transition zones, particularly along the edges of the lakes, such as we found at Horseshoe.

After flowering, the two-foot-tall trumpet leaves will be spectacular all around the lake during the growing season. I'd like to be paddling there right now to see extensive mats of bladderworts, *Utricularia spp.*, with tiny yellow flowers held a couple of inches above the lake surface. A few weeks later, that

same lake surface will be covered with thousands of native white-flowered water lilies, *Nymphaea odorata*. All definitely worth a paddle!

If you don't have a trip planner friend like Muskie, it's not too difficult to plan your own natural gardens exploration. Check out *Exploring North Carolina's Natural Areas*, edited by Dirk Frankenberg. It contains specific descriptions with suggested field trips for numerous natural areas throughout the state. Whether driving, walking, biking or paddling, nature's gardens are worth the effort!



The Stiles sisters, Town Treasures

Town treasures. How aptly named. Chapel Hill photographer-extraordinaire Catharine Carter's wonderful portraits of our hometown heroes can and should be experienced at the Chapel Hill Museum. At last fall's opening of her latest round of honorees, I caught my old friend peeking out at me from behind the partition while then-Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy presented the honors to 94-year-old gardening twins Barbara Stiles Wade and Bernice Stiles, whose gardens on Gimghoul Road is holy ground. You be the judge. Which are more beautiful? Their gardens or the Stiles sisters?



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CANE CREEK RESERVOIR: .81"

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