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C THE CARRBORO CITIZEN



Single-petaled Carolina rose is found along forest edges.

PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA BY KEN MOORE

A rose is a rose is a rose

Had Gertrude Stein explored the forested edges of Carrboro or the wet ditches of Mason Farm Biological Reserve, she may have composed something like, A rose is pink is pink is pink!

Of all the roses growing wild in North Carolina, only two of them are truly native, both beautiful shades of pink. Though fairly common, the Carolina rose, *Rosa carolina*, and the swamp rose, *Rosa palustris*, are not likely to be found in ordinary rose gardens. Sadly, in the wild their singular beauty is seldom noticed.

The diminutive Carolina rose grows throughout the eastern United States. You will find it along dry roadsides and forest edges. There is a colony of them along the woodland edge of the N.C. Botanical Garden's new parking area. They have already flowered, but look for rose hips developing a bit later.

If you have a keen eye, you may spot Carolina rose still in flower along the inner path of the Frances Shetley Bikeway behind Carrboro Elementary School. Look for it; there's a plant identification label there. Once established, this little rose forms a colony from underground runners. It prefers dry, sunny situations. In cultivation, it performs vigorously. I once had a plant that established itself as a lush 3-foot-high thicket, and the shiny dark-green foliage and thorny red stems always made me take a closer, admiring look.

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County considers sales-tax option

BY SUSAN DICKSON
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday said they wanted to hear more from the public before deciding whether to put a quarter-cent sales-tax referendum on the November ballot.

Though the board voted unanimously to postpone their decision until June 15, several board members indicated that they would support such a referendum.

In the 2007 state budget, the legislature gave counties the option of a quarter-cent sales-tax increase or a 0.4 percent land-transfer tax to help compensate for money taken away from counties when the responsibility for paying for Medicaid was turned over to the state. As a result of that budget deal, counties lost state-supplied school-construction money and some sales-tax revenue.

If the sales-tax increase is put on the ballot and voters approve it, the Orange County sales-tax rate, which would apply to all goods and services except food and medicine, will increase from 7.75 to 8 percent. The revenue from the tax increase would not be shared with the state or local municipalities. According to County Manager Frank Clifton, the tax could generate \$2.3 million annually, though revenues for fiscal year 2010-11 would be minimal.

Only two people spoke at the public hearing. Chapel Hill resident Will Raymond said that though he understood why the county was looking for tax revenue, the tax was regressive, despite the exclusions. "It's just a couple bucks a week. Well, for a few people in our county, a couple bucks a week is a lot of money," he said.

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Board delays decision on Smith Level Road

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen held off on making a final decision on the latest proposal for Smith Level Road, sending a series of questions on to state Department of Transportation officials for response.

At its meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, the board approved seeking clarification on five concerns raised by board members and another nine points raised by the town's Transportation Advisory Board.

Major items the two boards want feedback on include:

- the necessity for a median along the stretch from BPW Club Road to the Morgan Creek bridge;
- the extent of clearing along the right-of-way;
- where sidewalks should be located near the Rock Haven intersection;
- alternatives to prevent a left turn

out of Willow Oak Lane and; signals and crosswalks at intersections.

The board also asked town planners to contact UNC's Highway Safety Center for advice on the project and the cost of conducting a separate bicycle and pedestrian safety study.

The questions came after another round of comments from residents.

Terri Buckner, who helped lead the Smith Level Road Task Force, said the plan for the road was close, but needed further refinement in order to be acceptable. She encouraged the board and the DOT to give a lot of thought to how students will use the new sidewalks. Students, she said, may not abide by engineering studies.

The major sticking point in the plan is the road's width. Although the plan calls for a two-lane road with a median from BPW Club Road to the Morgan

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Carrboro calling

BY KIRK ROSS
Staff Writer

CARRBORO — It ain't much, but they call it home — at last.

WCOM-FM, 103.5 on your radio dial, will go live again this weekend after more than a week on auto-pilot while an intrepid band of volunteers unhooked the station from its Greensboro Street location and reassembled it in a concrete-block building just down from Cat's Cradle.

Leo Reynolds, head of the station's steering committee, said the plan is to restart live broadcasting with the Saturday Morning Music Hall.

On the air for five years, WCOM's old spot in a former drive-up window was less than ideal, with a leaky roof in the control room, not much office space and a porta-john out back.

A tour of the new, freshly painted digs includes a snug but functional production studio, an office lobby, a more-open and much-drier on-air studio and — one of the more exciting features of the new facility — indoor plumbing. Pointing to the modest half-bath, Reynolds smiled. "We're all happy to see that," he said.

And then there's the train. From the station's back door, you could hit the tracks with a well-thrown dinner roll.

"If you're on the air when the train goes by, people will hear it," Reynolds said. John Paul McClellan and David Minter, two other volunteers reassembling the station, agreed that the train would play a bigger role in the new location. Maybe a horn blast at the top of the hour.

There's also the prospect that being so close to The ArtsCenter and



John Paul McClellan, who hosts John Paul's Truth Quest and Variety Hour, solders a connection at WCOM's new broadcast studio as Leo Reynolds celebrates the station's move.

the Cradle means more chances for interviews with artists and musicians passing through town.

For now, the tasks are a little less glamorous — soldering session, shelf

construction and equipment checks.

For a complete schedule of broadcasts and to learn how to volunteer, donate and listen online, visit wcomfm.org

Ashley Osment: a life for social justice, joy

BY TAYLOR SISK
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — A bright-eyed, cheerful presence; a force. Skilled legal strategist and tactician. Fierce champion of justice and advocate for an underdog. Pragmatist, optimist, relisher of the richness of life. A musician. A mother.

Civil-rights lawyer Ashley Osment, 46, died Friday at 9:30 p.m. in her Chapel Hill home. The cause of death was ovarian cancer. She will be sorely missed by the community she had made her home for nearly three decades. Osment put her shoulder to the task of

making this community, and the world, a more socially just one, and relentlessly inched that task forward.

"She never allowed you to think you couldn't do it," her longtime friend and fellow civil-rights lawyer Mark Dorosin said. "You just have to stay engaged."

Born in West Asheville and raised a stone's throw from the Jackson County courthouse in downtown Sylva, Osment remained the mountain minister's daughter, the echoes of those Smokies in her voice, the big open smile and approving eyes. While still a teenager, she

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Ashley Osment with her daughter, Sunny, and husband, Al McSurely.

Returning your world to nature

RECENTLY ...
BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

Sometimes we get to figure things out for ourselves.

When I made the date to meet Patricia Kiffney at the farm where she spent over a quarter century raising ponies and helping children learn the ways of horses, she told me that she would be coming in from town and should be back around 2:30. My trip along back roads got me to her Dodson's Crossroads farm right on time, but neither car nor people could be found where her directions had led.

The two dogs of the home greeted me with wags and yawns; the cats at the potting shed were equally laissez-faire. But the garden sculpted gently into the woods, accented by pieces of art, spoke volumes, declaring that this most decidedly had to be the right place, the home of the woman behind Green Pony Garden and Finnabar Farm. So I relaxed and enjoyed my wait, sitting on a weathered bench under an ancient wild rose vine.

The history of the farm unfolded later as she prepared us tea and shared that the longest relationship of her lifetime with a male unrelated by blood had ended this past win-

ter when Buddy, a Welsh Pony, had died.

"Buddy was 42 years old — that's 142 in human years! I'd known him since he was 3 months old and so crazy we couldn't get him on the trailer. It was the longest relationship I've had with a guy," she said laughing. They worked hard together, through divorce from the doctor/husband who brought her from New York to Durham in the 1960s; the raising of five children; and, since 1983, creating Finnabar Farm, where she boarded ponies, trained children to care for and ride them, held summer camps, and, with Buddy working almost to the end, led therapeutic riding classes.

"I did everything you can do to make money with horses," said Kiffney, who grew up with them on a farm near Albany, N.Y. "When kids have experiences with really big animals, they learn that it is not about control, but partnership," she said, explaining how no human can physically control an animal so large, but through understanding and cooperation, horses and humans blend resources brilliantly. "That's beautiful," she said, reflecting upon volumes of examples within memory.

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Patricia Kiffney at home in her element.

PHOTO BY VALARIE SCHWARTZ

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MUSIC CALENDAR

THURSDAY JUNE 3

ArtsCenter: Planned Parenthood Benefit with Lost In The Trees. 8:15pm. \$25
Blue Bayou: Moonfisher. 9pm. Free
Cats Cradle: Reverend Horton Heat, Cracker, legendary Shack Shakers. 9:30pm. \$20/22
The Cave: EARLY: Brandon Herndon and John Pardue's Songslingers Showcase. LATE: Salt to Bitters, Jesse Jordan
East 54: Jonathan Byrd. 5:40pm. Free
General Store Cafe: Bernie Petteway Trio. 7-9pm
Local 506: American Aquarium, Bright Young Things. 9:30pm. \$8
Nightlight: Butterflies, Beard, Organos. 9:30pm. \$5

FRIDAY JUNE 4

ArtsCenter: Laurence Juber. 8:30pm. \$20
Blue Bayou: Kenny Neal. 9:30pm. \$18/20, \$20/22
Bynum Front Porch: Big Al Hall and Marching Rams. 7-9pm
Caffe Driade: Saludos Compay. 8pm
Cats Cradle: Woods Charter School Benefit with Robert Sledge and the Flashlight Assembly, The Harvey Dalton Arnold Blues Band, Great Big Gone. 9pm. \$10
The Cave: LATE: Penny Prophets
General Store Cafe: Caleb Caudle and the Bayonets. 8-10:30pm
Local 506: Wakey Wakey, Harper Blynn. \$8
Nightlight: Oh God the White Whale, In Every Room, Lands and Peoples
Open Eye Cafe: Chris Wimberley. 8pm

SATURDAY JUNE 5

Blue Bayou: Lee Gildersleeve's Bad Dog Blues Band. 9:30pm. \$6/8
Caffe Driade: Eric Thomas, Helen Wolfson. 8pm

Cats Cradle: SWASO, Gossip Grows on Trees, Supreme Fiction. 9pm. \$7/10
The Cave: EARLY: Left on Franklin LATE: Holly Golightly and The Brokeoffs, The Moaners, Pinche Gringo. \$10
General Store Cafe: Birds and Arrows. 8-10:30pm
Local 506: D-Town Brass, Bustello, Erie Choir. 10pm. \$7
Open Eye Cafe: Finifugals. 8pm

SUNDAY JUNE 6

The Cave: LATE: Like Bells
Local 506: Austin Lucas, Damion Suomi and The Minor Prophets. 9:30pm. \$8
Southern Village: The Gravy Boys: Acoustic Americana. 7pm
Weaver Street Market: The Donnybrook Lads. 11am-1pm
MONDAY JUNE 7
ArtsCenter: Blue Rodeo, Cuff the Duke. 8pm. \$17
Cats Cradle: Diane Birch, Matt White. 9pm. \$18/20
Local 506: The Devil Makes Three. 9:30pm. \$8

TUESDAY JUNE 8

The Cave: LATE: 100 Yorktown, Yukon Rudy. \$5
Local 506: Native, This Town Needs Guns, Bronzed Chorus. 8pm. \$7/8
Nightlight: Birds of Avalon, Carnivores/Selmairens. 9:30pm. \$6
La Residence: Chris Blount, Mike Armstrong

WEDNESDAY JUNE 9

Caffe Driade: Finifugals. 8pm
Cats Cradle: Langhorne Slim, Harper Simon. 9pm. \$13/15
Local 506: Friendo, Yourself and The Air, The Groves. 9:30pm. \$8
Nightlight: Le Weedend, Green Grocer. 9:30pm

THURSDAY JUNE 10

The Cave: LATE: Willie Heath neal, Semi-Formal. \$5
General Store Cafe: Chamber-Soul. 7-9pm
Local 506: Songs of Water. 9:30pm. \$8
Reveoir: Gray Young, Free Electric State, Unholy Tongues. 10pm
FRIDAY JUNE 11
ArtsCenter: Cyril Lance's North Carolina Roots Music Reverie Arkes-tra. 8:30pm. \$14
Blue Bayou: Rosie Ledet and the Zydeco Playboys. 9:30pm \$14/15, \$16/18
Bynum Front Porch: Gigi Dover and The Big Love. 7-9pm
Caffe Driade: The Sweater Set. 8pm
Cats Cradle: Abbey Road LIVE! 9:30pm. \$10/12
The Cave: EARLY: The David Spencer Band. \$5 LATE: The Brand New Life
General Store Cafe: Irish Wolf-hounds. 8-10:30pm

Local 506: Amy Cook. 8:30pm. \$8/10
Nightlight: Beloved Binge, Big Tree, Joy In Red. 9:30pm. \$5
Open Eye Cafe: Saludos Compay. 8pm

SATURDAY JUNE 12

Blue Bayou: Chalwa. 9:30pm. \$8/10
Caffe Driade: Loose Mood. 8pm
Cats Cradle: Dirty Dozen Brass Band. 9pm. \$15/18
The Cave: LATE: Wembley, Shipwrecker
General Store Cafe: The String Machine. 8-10:30pm
Local 506: Dexter Romweber and The New Romans, Countdown Quartet. 10pm. \$7/8
Nightlight: Transportation, North Elementary, Blag'ard. 10pm. \$5
Open Eye Cafe: Emerson Waldorf School Jazz Band, Colors of Fire. 8pm

SPOTLIGHT: CRACKER

Cracker will perform on Thursday, June 3 at 8:30 p.m. at Cat's Cradle.

The group – which is said to have introduced brash irreverence and irony into alt-rock – is back and in top form on their new album, *Sunrise In The Land Of Milk And Honey*. *Sunrise*, the band's eighth album but first on 429 Records, showcasing a late '70s-early '80s power-pop punk aesthetic.

Formed 17 years ago by David Lowery of Camper Van Beethoven reference and Johnny Hickman, Cracker released their self-titled debut album on Virgin. Following their number one hit "Teen Angst (What The World Needs Now)," the band became a minor commercial sensation. Today, Cracker connects with another generation of fans, many of whom were kids when the band first hit the airwaves.

Reverend Horton Heat will also perform. Legendary Shack Shakers will open the show. Tickets are \$22. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Remembering the fallen



PHOTO BY LAURALEE LONG

Garland Neville of Chapel Hill, a veteran of the Korean War, plays taps during a Memorial Day weekend service at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery.



PHOTO BY LAURALEE LONG

World War II veteran Eugene "Gene" Drogos of Chapel Hill searches for a veteran's grave.

MOVIES We suggest you call for exact show times

The CAROLINA THEATRE
 Durham's Historic Movie Palace
Film Schedule Friday, June 4 - Thursday, June 10
Exit Through the Gift Shop
 Nightly at 7:20 & 9:20pm
 Sat & Sun Matinees at 2:20 & 4:20pm
Mother and Child
 Nightly at 7:10 & 9:35pm
 Sat/Sun Matinees at 2:10 & 4:35pm
The Secret in Their Eyes
 Nightly at 9:30pm (No Screenings Sun & Mon)
 Sat Matinee at 4:30pm
Annie
 Nightly at 7pm (No Screenings Sun & Mon)
 Sat Matinee at 2pm
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 www.carolinatheatre.org | 919.560.3030

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309 W Morgan St., 560-3030
 Exit Through the Gift Shop, nightly at 7:20 & 9:20 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:20 & 4:20 p.m.; *Mother and Child*, nightly at 7:10 & 9:35 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:10 & 4:35 p.m.; *The Secret in Their Eyes*, nightly at 9:30 p.m. (no screenings Sunday and Monday), Saturday matinee at

4:30 p.m.; *Annie*, nightly at 7 p.m. (no screenings Sunday and Monday, Saturday matinee at 2 p.m.)

CHELSEA THEATER

Timberlyne, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, 968-3005
 City of your Final Destination; Babies; City Island
THE LUMINA
 Southern Village, 932-9000
 Robin Hood; Iron Man 2; Sex and

the City 2; Prince of Persia; Shrek Forever After

REGAL TIMBERLYNE 6

120 Banks Drive, 933-8600
 Robin Hood; Shrek Forever After; MacGruber; Prince of Persia; Sex and the City 2; Iron Man 2
THE VARSITY
 123 East Franklin St., 967-8865
 Alice in Wonderland; Blue Velvet

CAT'S CRADLE
 Cat illustration holding a drink

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 MO 10/4 THE NATIONAL
 MEMORIAL HALL (RALEIGH, PROGRESS ENERGY CENTER)

FR 6/18 THAO & MIRAH LOCAL 506

TU 10/12 STEPHEN KELLOGG AND THE SIXERS

TU 6/8 NATIVE LOCAL 506

FR 6/18 IRIS DEMENT

TH 6/3 REVEREND HORTON HEAT, CRACKER W/LEGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS**(\$20/\$22)

TH 6/17 BENEFIT FOR EASTERN NC CHAPTER / MS SOCIETY THE SUNDOWNERS, MT. MORIAM, WHISKEY SMUGGLERS, MANDOLIN ORANGE AND SIDESHOW FREAKS **

SA 7/10 CD RELEASE PARTY CHATHAM COUNTY LINE W/BIRDS AND ARROWS**(\$12/\$15)

MO 8/9 CYNIC**(\$13/\$15) W/INTRONAUT AND DYSRHYTHMIA

FR 6/4 WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL BENEFIT W/ROBERT SLEDGE & THE FLASHLIGHT ASSEMBLY, THE HARVEY DALTON ARNOLD BLUES BAND AND GREAT BIG GONE

FR 6/18 IRIS DEMENT**(\$28/\$30)
 MO 6/21 SAGE FRANCIS (W/BAND) W/FREE MORAL AGENTS, B DOLAN**(\$18/\$20)
 WE 6/23 DEAS VAIL / O'BROTHER**(\$8/\$10)
 FR 6/25 DAR WILLIAMS W/SARA WATKINS (OF NICKEL CREEK)**(\$25/\$27)
 SA 6/26 MC CHRIS W/MC LARS FT. YTCRACKER AND MATH THE BAND**(\$13/\$15)
 TU 6/29 THRICE W/KEVIN DEVINE, BAD VEINS AND THE DIG**(\$19/\$22)
 FR 7/2 ISLANDS W/STEEL PHANTOMS**(\$10/\$12)
 SU 7/4 VICTOR WOOTEN BAND**(\$20/\$25)
 MO 7/5 DELTA SPIRIT W/DAVID VANDERVELDE AND THE ROMANY EYE**(\$10/\$12)
 TU 7/6 SLEIGH BELLS W/NERVE CITY AND PO PO**(\$10)
 FR 7/9 HEARTLESS BASTARDS W/THE BUILDERS AND THE BUTCHERS AND PETER WOLF CRIER**

SU 7/11 UNREST / TEEN-BEAT 26TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCES W/TRUE LOVE ALWAYS, BOSSANOVA AND MC: PATRICK BRYANT (SOMMERVILLE SPEAKOUT)**(\$15)
 TU 7/13 RASPUTINA W/LARKIN GRIMM**(\$15/\$17)
 FR 7/16 EDWARD SHARPE & THE MAGNETIC ZEROS W/WE ARE EACH OTHER FEATURING AARON EMBRY**(\$15/\$17)
 SA 7/17 CD RELEASE PARTY THE LOVE LANGUAGE W/THE LIGHT PINES**(\$8/\$10)
 TH 7/22 JOHN HIATT AND THE COMBO**(\$35)
 TH 7/29**(\$20) MAT KEARNEY SPECIAL ACOUSTIC SHOW
 MO 8/2 BORIS**(\$15) W/RUSSIAN CIRCLES
 SA 8/7 HERE WE GO MAGIC W/BEACH FOSSILS**(\$10)

FR 8/13 MISSION OF BURMA**(\$16/\$18)
 FR 8/27 PAUL THORN**(\$15)
 WE 9/29 ELECTRIC SIX **\$12/\$14 W/ THE CONSTELLATIONS ON SALE 6/4
 TU 10/12 STEPHEN KELLOGG AND THE SIXERS W/SMALL PONDS AND ROY JAY**(\$19/\$22) ON SALE 6/4

SA 6/5 SWASO W/GOSSIP GROWS ON TREES, SUPREME FICTION**(\$7/\$10)

FR 6/11 ABBEY ROAD LIVE!**

SA 7/17 CD RELEASE PARTY THE LOVE LANGUAGE W/THE LIGHT PINES**(\$8/\$10)

LOCAL 506 (CHAPEL HILL) FR 6/4 WAKEY! WAKEY! / HARPER BLYNN

MO 6/7**(\$13/\$20) DIANE BIRCH W/MATT WHITE
 WE 6/9**(\$13/\$15) LANGHORNE SLIM W/HARPER SIMON

SA 6/12**(\$15/\$18) DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND

FR 6/11 ABBEY ROAD LIVE!**

FR 6/11 AMY COOK
 FR 6/18 THAO AND MIRAH WITH THE MOST OF ALL W/THESE UNITED STATES
 TH 8/19 MINIATURE TIGERS, SPINTO BAND ON SALE 6/3

TU 6/15 THE PAINS OF BEING PURE AT HEART W/SURFER BLOOD AND HOORAY FOR EARTH**(\$12/\$14)

FR 6/11 ABBEY ROAD LIVE!**

FR 6/11 ABBEY ROAD LIVE!**

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Briefs

Cigarette butts counted

Following up on two cigarette litter scans conducted by the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership in 2008, students from the anti-smoking alliance TRU hit the bricks in May collecting and counting cigarette butts on Franklin Street.

The initial count in 2008 found 5,784 cigarette butts along the downtown section of Franklin Street and the Downtown Partnership then offered ashtray receptacles to businesses with the most cigarette litter using grant funding. A follow-up assessment just four months later found 3,538 butts, a significant decrease following distribution of the receptacles.

This month, TRU club members found 5,866 cigarette butts along sidewalks and in gutters, tree grates and flowerbeds.

New cable lineup

Time Warner recently announced an extensive revamping of its channel lineup. The new lineup will launch in Chapel Hill and Carrboro on June 16, according to the company.

The lineup features a switch in program groupings as follows:

- 100s – Local Broadcasters & Local Programming;
- 200s – Kids & Family, Learning & Discovery, Faith & Inspiration;
- 300s – Entertainment, Home & Leisure, Shopping;
- 400s – News & Information, Music;
- 500s – Sports;
- 600s – Movies;
- 700s – Premiums, PPV & Events;
- 800s – International;
- 900s – Music Choice;
- 1000s – On Demand and;
- 1100 and above – High Definition.

Board member sought

The Town of Hillsborough is recruiting a volunteer from the town's extraterritorial jurisdiction to serve on the Planning Board. Applications for the vacancy should be filed via the town's website by June 10.

The ETJ is an area just outside the town limits – established by a joint agreement of the town and Orange County – in which the town has zoning jurisdiction because of the area's proximity to Hillsborough. The ETJ includes neighborhoods surrounding Orange High School, Kingsboro Estates, Orange Grove Road, St. Mary's Road between Cameron Park Elementary School and U.S. 70 and the Tuscarora Drive area, as well as N.C. 86 and N.C. 57 neighborhoods north of U.S. 70 and south of Rocky Lane.

Additional information about the board is available at ci.hillsborough.nc.us/content/planning-board

Interstate 40 repairs

The N.C. Department of Transportation has announced that pavement repair operations have begun that will require the closure of I-40 westbound to through traffic overnight between N.C. 86 at Mile Marker 266 and the I-85/I-40 merge at Mile Marker 259.

Closures will be limited to the following times:

- Tuesday through Thursday – 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Friday – midnight to 6 a.m.
- Saturday – midnight to 9 a.m.

The repairs are expected to continue through Saturday, July 17.

Commissioners to hold budget session

The Orange County Board of Commissioners will hold a budget work session tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Southern Human Services Center.

Items on the agenda include a review of Sportsplex finances, proposed outside-agency funding, the county's pay and benefits study and a review of budgets for county departments.

The board is expected to approve a final budget plan on June 15.

Council mulls budget

The Chapel Hill Town Council held a budget work session Wednesday evening to nail down final points in the town's 2010-11 budget. The board is scheduled to adopt a final version of the budget on June 7.

Town Manager Roger Stancil has proposed a \$52.6 million budget. The proposal maintains the town's tax rate at 49.4 cents per \$100 valuation.

The proposed budget and related documents are available at townofchapelhill.org/budget

Walkable Hillsborough

The ninth-annual Walkable Hillsborough Day is Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Cameron Park School Elementary School.

This year's event includes a community walk beginning at 9 a.m. and a community discussion of the Safe Routes to School initiative for Cameron Park Elementary, Grady A. Brown Elementary School and C.W. Stanford Middle School at 10:30 a.m.

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bought three acres of land near Highlands and with the help of her grandfather and friends built a cabin there that became a place she treasured throughout her life, and where she returned each Easter to relax with family and friends.

She won a scholarship to Western Carolina University for an essay she wrote about mountain music called "No Better Gift," but decided after her freshman year to come to UNC, where she majored in history. She then went to work in the Washington, D.C. offices of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, but returned after three years and continued to make her presence known in the community – first as the manager of Internationalist Books and then, after attaining a law degree from UNC, as a civil-rights lawyer in practice with her future husband Al McSurely.

Among Osment's considerable achievements was a lawsuit she won for the UNC Housekeepers' Association, in which then-Chancellor Michael Hooker agreed to a settlement of more than a million dollars that included pay raises, career training, child care and recognition of the union as the housekeep-

ers' representative.

In 2005, Osment joined the UNC Center for Civil Rights, where she took on educational inequality.

"Through her fierce sense of justice and her disarming personal style," center co-founder and dean of the UNC Law School Jack Boger wrote last week, Osment earned the "full confidence of black NAACP veterans and Latino activists on the one hand, and Harvard and UCLA empiri-

"I'm realizing now what an inspiration she was to me in both my professional and personal lives. I feel a sense of rededication."

cal social scientists, Ford Foundation program officers, and nationally renowned legal scholars on the other.

"With an inimitable cheerfulness, candor and open personal style, joined with a brilliant mind and relentless use of sophisticated legal and social scientific tools to redress injustices, Ashley led the UNC Center's advocacy efforts in public education for nearly five years."

Even as cancer spread

throughout her body, Osment continued with her work. In the spring of 2010, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro branch of the NAACP awarded her its Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award.

But it was perhaps as a mother to Sunny, now 13, that she found her fullest expression. She didn't hide the manifestations of her illness from her daughter. "She knows," Osment told *The Citizen* in March. "She definitely knows. She knows how many milligrams of Oxycontin I take. She and I are very connected. I couldn't deceive her if I wanted to."

And her ability to balance and blend it all astounded and inspired those around her.

Dorosin, a colleague of Osment's at the Center for Civil Rights, said: "She had this innate ability to focus, at all times, on everything that was important to her. She maintained her passion and commitment to it all. Everyone admired that in her."

Of her life with cancer, she told *The Citizen*, "What I know is that I'm more conscious of who I love being around," citing her family, kids in general and dogs.

"I'm realizing now what an inspiration she was to me in both my professional and personal lives," Dorosin said on Tuesday. "I feel a sense of rededication."

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Creek bridge, it also includes acquiring enough right-of-way from BPW Club Road to the Morgan Creek bridge to enable the eventual construction of a four-lane divided road.

Although DOT officials have said they would not widen the road unless the town requested it, residents in the area are uneasy about the potential for a wider road under the deal worked out earlier this year.

Transportation Advisory

Board chair Charlie Hileman urged the board to find a way to make the new plan work, calling the current situation on Smith Level Road terrible for bicyclists and pedestrians.

"There are things in here we don't like," he said of the design, "but if we're going to get it done we're going to have to work with DOT."

Heidi Perry, who has served in several capacities on town transportation boards, said the current situation on Smith Level has led many to give up on using it for alternative transportation. She said she would like to

see the town and DOT come to an agreement, but also has reservations about the extent of the footprint.


The board is expected to take up the matter again in September.

In other action Tuesday night, the board approved adding an area near the Eubanks Road landfill to the county's no-fault well-replacement policy.

The board also set a public hearing on pedestrian- and bicycle-access alternatives in the Estes Drive area for its June 22 meeting. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

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Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

No Permission Slip Required
— A private coach bus trip to the newly re-opened North Carolina Museum of Art will leave from the Chapel Hill Museum. Lunch will be served. 10:30am-4pm. \$100/person. www.chapelhillmuseum.org/Events/PartyWithAPurpose/

“The Art of Beekeeping”
— Local beekeeper Jack Tapp will speak on the art of beekeeping. Come taste different local honeys and meade. FRANK Gallery. 6pm. www.frankisart.com

FRIDAY, JUNE 4
“Bee, I’m Expecting You”
— Features works dedicated to the beauty of bees. Photographs, painting, pottery, sculptures and jewelry inspired by bees. FRANK Gallery. 10am-6pm. www.frankisart.com

Teen Opera on Female Bullying
— “One False Move” by Susan Kander will be presented by local middle and high school students June 4-June 6, Elizabeth Kenan Theatre. 7:30pm. \$15 adults/\$10 students. www.longleafopera.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 5
Susan Soleil at OC Main Library
— Master Bookbinder Susan Soleil will be at the Meeting Room of the Orange County Main Library, Hillsborough, to speak and take book restoration orders. 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Friends of the Orange County Public Library. 10am. Info: call 919-245-2525

Hootenanny
— To Benefit the Haw River Learning Celebration. Live music with Jimmy Magoo, String Peddlers, Good Rocking Sam and Down River. Live art auction on the lawn at Chatham Mills. 5-8pm. Suggested donation \$5-15. www.hawriver.org

Chapel Hill/Carrboro Mothers Club Fundraiser
— The club will be holding a Trike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Bring your kids and their trikes and helmets to the FPG Child Development Institute, 105 Smith Level Road,

to trike around the track for a great cause. contact Jill at jillhadden@gmail.com for the waiver and sponsorship forms. 9-11am. Raindate 6/6

Sex and the Single Plant: Pollination
— A 4-week class on Saturdays at the North Carolina Botanical Gardens which studies the relationship between flowering plants and the mechanisms that attract pollinators. 1-4pm. Registration: www.ncbg.unc.edu

Native Plant Propagation Workshop
— North Carolina Botanical Garden. Learn basic techniques for seed and vegetative propagation. 1-4:30pm. www.ncbg.unc.edu for fees and registration

Celebrate National Trails Day at Battle Park
— Join the trail building efforts of the North Carolina Botanical Garden by taking a short trail tour and orientation to Battle Park, led by Curator Stephen Keith. A trail building work session will follow, with all tools and equipment provided. 9:30am-noon. Pre-registration required: 962-0522. Info: www.ncbg.unc.edu

Free Golf Clinic for Community Teens
— Volunteers for Youth and UNC Football will host a free golf clinic for community youth. Golf professionals from the Finley Golf Club will be on-hand to coach youth in golf basics before setting them loose on the driving range. The 2010 UNC football team will be available for the kids: signing autographs and taking photos after the clinic. UNC Finley Golf Club. 11am-1pm. Free. RSVP to Scott, 919-967-4511

Author Lynne Hinton at Purple Crow Books
— She will be reading from her newest book “Wedding Cake.” Purple Crow Books, 109 West King Street, Hillsborough. 11am

SUNDAY, JUNE 6
Red Slide Park to Swepsonville River Paddle
— With Haw River Canoe and Kayak Company. 1-4pm. Info: www.hawriver.org

Pittsboro First Sunday
— Explore the shops, galleries and local eateries of Historic Downtown Pittsboro with offerings by over 30 local artists and craftsfolk. Live music by Joe Woodson. 12noon-4pm

MONDAY, JUNE 7
Winning With Waldorf Golf Tournament
— Take a golf clinic with Duffy Waldorf, PGA touring Golf Pro and play up to 18 holes of golf with him. Hole-in-one contest to win a car, plus other great prizes throughout the day. Benefits the Emerson Waldorf School. Chapel Hill Country Club. 10am. To register phone 919-967-1858 or visit www.EmersonWaldorfSchool.org

North Carolina Boys Choir and Chamber Choir
— Spring Concert. Duje University Chapel. 7:30pm. \$15/12/8. Info: www.ncboyschoir.org

TUESDAY, JUNE 8
Open-Mike Poetry Reading
— Persons are invited to share their poetry or music, or just come to listen. The Looking Glass Cafe. 7-10pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9
Overtones
— Opening night for “Overtones,” a one-act play by Alice Gerstenberg. Early Dinner Theatre presented by OdysseyStage at Spice Street Restaurant in University Mall. The play will run through August. 25. Play at 3pm. www.odysseystage.org

THURSDAY, JUNE 10
Jeffery Beam at FRANK Gallery
— Beam will be reading from his book in progress “Life of The Bee.” The FRANK Gallery. 5-8pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 12
Annual Urban Farm Tour
— Learn from several skill-shares including goat milking! Group-led bike tours will depart at 2pm and 4pm. A group-led walking tour will depart at 3pm. Potluck begins at 6:30pm. Bring your bike, a bike to share, some walking shoes, a local food dish, seeds/seedlings to exchange and we'll do the rest! 2-8pm. For more information visit carrborogreenspace.org

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 in HOUSE Calls, we respond to questions about painful menses, bronchitis and strep throat.

Dear HOUSE Calls,
Our daughter started having her period about four years ago. Her cramps are getting worse, and some days she won't even get out of bed. Ibuprofen doesn't seem to help. What else can we do?

We're sorry to hear about the discomfort that your daughter is having. It's hard to see any child in pain. Painful menses is, however, very common among teenagers. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, like ibuprofen, provide some relief for 70 to 90 percent of girls, especially if started one or two days before cramping is expected and at appropriate doses (usually 600 mg two or three times a day for two or three days), assuming she tolerates ibuprofen well. If a teenager can't tolerate these medicines or they are not effective, oral contraceptives pills can make a big difference. These are being used not for birth control but to help regulate periods. Parents and their daughters need to come

to terms with starting birth control pills when being used this way and talk with their physicians.

Dear HOUSE Calls,
I get bronchitis every spring. It usually starts with a cold, but then I get sick with bronchitis for a month or more. I have seasonal allergies. I've never smoked. My husband smokes outside. What might be causing this and can I prevent it?

We're sorry you keep getting bronchitis. Bronchitis is inflammation or irritation of the tubes that carry the air to the lungs. Acute bronchitis usually gets better after a few weeks, while chronic bronchitis goes on for several months out of the year for multiple years. Some people will get a post-viral bronchitis after an upper-respiratory infection. Bronchitis is often caused by a virus, but seasonal allergies and smoke exposure can worsen inflammation from the virus and make it harder for you to get better. Even if your husband is smoking outdoors, it is on his clothes, and this third-hand smoke exposure irritates someone like you, so

encourage your husband to quit smoking.

Dear HOUSE Calls,
ll recently had strep throat. My doctor gave me a prescription for antibiotics and told me it wouldn't help much with my sore throat but was important to prevent rheumatic fever. Is that true? Do I really need the antibiotics? Isn't rheumatic fever really rare?

This is a great question. It is true that your body will almost always fight off strep throat on its own and it is also true that you should take antibiotics. People do get better a little bit faster with antibiotics, maybe a half-day to a day sooner, and the antibiotics cut down on complications. While rheumatic fever is rare in the antibiotic age, it has become rare because we usually treat strep throat with antibiotics. So we think this is a good idea.

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.

Briefs

Carrboro Elementary first-graders create tree guidebook
— First-grade students at Carrboro Elementary School have created a guidebook describing the variety of trees on the school's campus and will celebrate the book with a Writers and Illustrators Picnic at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday

at the school. The guidebook contains poems, photographs and illustrations made by the students and includes a guide around the campus with information about 40 types of trees. The project was funded by a \$1,000 grant from N.C. Beautiful in collaboration with the Duke Energy Foundation.

Following the picnic, students, teachers and families will move to the school's amphitheater for the celebration at 6:30 p.m.

Animal Services to hold open house
— Orange County Animal Services will hold an open house on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to cel-

ebate its first full year in the new Animal Services Center. The event will include tours of the facility, live spay/neuter viewings, magic and face painting, free food and information provided by other animal organizations around the community. Parking will be available in the Eubanks Road Park-and-Ride lot.

The Animal Services Center is located at 1601 Eubanks Road. For more information, visit co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/events.asp

Domestic-violence workshop
— The Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County will hold a domestic-violence work-

shop at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Chapel Hill Public Library. The free program will explore myths and stereotypes surrounding domestic violence and the role that power and control plays in unsafe relationships. This is the first in a series of free community education events open to the public.

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CitizenCryptoquote By Martin Brody
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"Pass the tartar sauce!"

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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PETS OF THE WEEK PAWS4EVER
— **Godiva** is a 14-month-old chocolate Labrador Retriever/Weimaraner. If you think looks matter, then check her out! She is fit, has a gorgeous coat and eyes that you could get lost looking into. Other than being just a little vain, she is a very happy girl! She loves to hop and dance around the yard with her new friends here. They like to hang

out when they aren't busy playing tag or a fun game with a toy. She's still working on her leash manners and would be a great candidate for the four free training classes that come with her adoption. So if you are in need of a breathtakingly gorgeous girl, with the personality to match, give her a call. Contact Paws4Ever, 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, or call 304-2300. You can also go online at paws4ever.org

ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES
— When it comes to this duo, two heads really are better than one! **Reagan and Kaley** are a pair of 8-week-old brown tabby kittens that are adorable and super sweet! They love people and will crawl right up in your lap for some loving as soon as you stop by to visit. Once there, they're happy to plop down for some cuddle time and ear rubs. You won't find a sister pair this cute and sweet many places. Don't let them pass you by! Visit them at Orange County's Animal Services Center, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill or call 942-PETS (7387). You can also see them and other adoptable animals online at co.orange.nc.us/animalservices/adoption.asp

FROM THE EDITOR

Zone of confusion

There seems to be more than a little confusion about how the schools will react to the Smith Level Road widening. The board of education did not help by taking a vague position on the latest version of the plan saying it will wait for the road to be built before deciding how it might change walk zones and bus routes.

While there may be all layers of engagement by the system on the road changes, we are not aware of them, and all the public knows is that the walk zones of three schools won't be decided until after the concrete sets.

Now that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has delayed its decision on the Smith Level plan until the fall, we'd like to see a little more input from the district.

How students and parents get to Culbreth Middle, Frank Porter Graham Elementary and Carrboro High will be greatly influenced by extensive – and expensive – additions to sidewalks and bike routes.

Further, a roundabout planned for the intersection at Rock Haven Road is a critical feature for getting high school students safely across Smith Level. Both of these aspects deserve a more thoughtful and thorough response from the schools.

This is not just some academic point. Millions of taxpayer dollars will be spent on the road and the sidewalks. And while the growth of the area is one factor in the need for improvements to the road, peak traffic is driven mainly by the conveyance of elementary, middle and high school scholars.

If you've lived here long enough, you know that many of the traffic tie-ups in Chapel Hill and Carrboro are connected with K-12 education, in large part because so many families choose the parent-chauffeur over the school bus or a long walk or bike ride.

Because of that, the school system needs to be a consistent partner in the planning process for road improvements. It is also important because of the confusion that surrounds walk zones and bus routes.

As Carrboro Transportation Board chair Charlie Hileman pointed out on Tuesday night, a walk zone doesn't automatically increase walking. It just means that the school won't serve that area with a bus route. The decision to walk or ride a bike or drive is based more on safety than lines on a map.

We applaud community groups like the Smith Level Road Task Force and local participants in the Safe Routes to School program for taking a proactive approach to increasing, safely, the number of students who get to school without the use of an automobile.

School officials at all levels can play a critical roll in improving the use of alternative transportation and decreasing traffic congestion. That's why the board of education's decision to take a wait and see approach on Smith Level is disappointing. We recommend they consider a U-turn.

Thanks, Charlie

The Citizen owes a big thanks to the many student interns who have taken on the sometimes exhilarating, but often tedious task of producing a weekly newspaper.

This week, one of our favorites hits the trail.

Charlie Tyson came to work with us last year and has been willing and able to take on a myriad of assignments from writing stories and briefs to updating web materials. He is one of those young people who are so involved you wonder where they find the time. In addition to working with us, Charlie also is editor of *The Echo*, East Chapel Hill High's student newspaper.

He's done all this with a spirit and energy that's been an inspiration. His willingness to stay cheerful and witty – often a courageous act amid us curmudgeons – made this place and our weekly task a little more pleasant.

We wish him the very best on the road ahead.

Correction

We misidentified an East Chapel Hill High School soccer player in a photo in last week's paper. The player in the photo was Hannah Gardner.

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Children's mental health needs still going unmet

VICKI SMITH

Imagine being angry all the time but not having the words to express it or the experience to understand it. Imagine being raped or beaten by an adult who is supposed to love and take care of you. Imagine being so traumatized by being the victim of violence – or watching it happen to another – that flashbacks are as commonplace as computer games. Imagine hearing voices in your head that tell you to do things that will get you in trouble at school. Imagine being so sad that you don't want to live into adulthood.

These are not imaginary stories. Sadly, hundreds of North Carolina children experience these feelings every day. Studies show that one out of every five children – sometimes as young as 6 – living in North Carolina has a mental illness. According to national studies, only around half of the children who need mental health services actually receive them.

In 2005, 58 percent of the children served were ages 12 to 17, 33 percent were ages 6 to 11 and 9 percent were under the age of 6. Their childhoods are traumatic. The symptoms of their illnesses are painful and severe. When untreated, mental health disorders lead to other problems – school failure, family conflicts, drug abuse, violence and suicide.

Even with treatment, children with mental illness are often excluded from the very support systems that should serve them. They cannot get along with their siblings. Their parents have difficulty coping with the symptoms of their child's illness. This leads to a

breakdown in the family system. Children with mental health needs who do not receive appropriate services continue to struggle. They cannot function in the classroom. They cannot develop normal, healthy relationships. They become a danger to themselves or others. And as a result, schools exclude them from the classroom, sometimes illegally. Children who are out of school place a strain on families that are already struggling to survive.

Here in the Tar Heel state, families are faced with a mental health service system that has been cut to the bone. While most children receive mental health services in a private residence (e.g., their home, a relative's home), a significant number of children still receive services in out-of-home settings, including community residential homes, foster homes, correctional facilities (e.g., training schools), re-education programs (e.g., Whitaker School) and state psychiatric hospitals.

While the percentage of children treated in out-of-home residential treatment facilities has fallen nationally, statistics suggest North Carolina's children are not experiencing the same trend. In recent years, the state more than quadrupled the number of locked residential placements (private residential treatment facilities) from 117 in 2005 to 494 in March 2010.

The state recently presented a plan that requires that community-based services be tried before a more restrictive out-of-home placement. This plan uses a model called the "System of Care," which is built on the involvement of children and families, development of individualized treatment

plans that meet the unique needs of each child and family and the coordination of services among multiple providers that coordinate services. Yet each of these provider systems is facing devastating budget cuts. The System of Care is a great model, but where are the funds to pay for the staff to implement it?

There is, of course, no denying the economic crisis that confronts the state, but cutting spending for mental health care for our children will only increase the pressure on an already strained system of care resulting in more costly outcomes for everyone. More cuts to the mental health system will be counterproductive because emergency room visits will increase and populations in detention centers, prisons and foster care will grow. North Carolina has both a legal and moral obligation to provide the basic needs to the most fragile children among us, children suffering with mental illness.

We must recommit to the positive mental health of North Carolina's children. The state must develop a more balanced approach to the state's financial crisis. By funding and implementing a comprehensive set of services and supports, care coordination, early intervention, robust transitions and supports in the least-restrictive environments that engage youth and their families, the state will spend less in the long run.

Vicki Smith is the executive director of Disability Rights North Carolina.

LETTERS

Celebrate community radio

It's been five years since WCOM went live at 103.5 LP FM. We began with a leaky roof and didn't know how long we'd last. Folks who like to keep one station on the radio from Carrboro to Raleigh have had their frustrations. Get more than 10 miles from our tower and you are probably going to hear mainstream rock covering our signal. With this kind of local reach, some of you may be wondering why in the world 70 different volunteer DJs regularly pick up the mic and broadcast. The answer is simple: community empowerment, freedom of speech and a lot of fun!

When we heard that we would have to leave our first home on Greensboro Street – yes, behind the teller's window of the old bank – we felt a sense of panic. Would the community support us? Would we be able to find another spot? Was anybody listening?

The answer has been a resounding YES. Over the web and over the radio, WCOM is part of Carrboro and Chapel Hill culture. It's not just the 70 crazy DJs and volunteers; it's

the musicians, writers, health advisors, scientific researchers, green builders and teens who want us here. It's the people at the Weaver Street summer concerts who see our broadcast table and those who hear the remote broadcasts from Shakori Hills who enjoy the power of a good old-fashioned radio broadcast.

That's why every one of us at WCOM, and everyone who listens over the airwaves and over the Internet, and all our sponsors and "less than a latte" club contributors, are calling for a celebration as WCOM goes live again from a new home at 208 E. Main St., next to Cat's Cradle, just behind Seagrove Pottery. Look for us at the lawn when the lawn concerts start this week. If you want to volunteer or start a show or just see how a radio DJ gets it out on the air, come by. Because WCOM is community radio – and that's important!

TOFU DAVE BELLIN
WCOM DJ
Carrboro

A real improvement

How nice that the city has built the new sidewalks on Bim Street so

quickly. This noisy process took only a few weeks and included changes to the drains in the area around the Town Commons. Previously, water had run through a small seasonal creek bed that wanders through the woods behind the back fence of the Commons.

Recently, city crews opened up a large ditch and a big hole in that fence to install a big pipe that runs from Laurel Avenue to Bim Street. The work to install the entire pipe was completed the next day! This keeps water from pooling in those woods and has immediately reduced the number of mosquitoes in the area near the Town Commons playground.

All of my neighbors and I have battled mosquitoes for years, each of us emptying anything that might catch water, and feeling secretly to blame for ALL THOSE MOSQUITOES. Thank you Public Works for curing an ill I had always thought was my fault. The Town Commons and the surrounding neighborhood will be far more pleasant on summer evenings from now on.

CHUCK MORTON
Carrboro

Unleashing a workable future

BARBARA JANEWAY

Want your community to be safe and resilient through the coming effects of unstable economy, climate change and the end of cheap oil? A great start was made on this issue at The Great Unleashing, held May 15 at Carrboro's Century Center, sponsored by Transition Carrboro-Chapel Hill.

Over 150 people attended and created the agenda for the day themselves, identifying issues to work with. From these, 28 discussion groups met throughout the day and brainstormed. By day's end, a powerful "unleashing" of ideas had occurred, and 21 action groups were formed. Many positive visions of our future were communicated.

These action groups have begun to meet regularly, and those who join will begin the work of transition in our region to a more stable local economy with more vibrant local resources. Anyone is welcome to join an action group. The groups will work on issues such as affordable housing, communal gardening, energy independence, children's sustainable education, skill-sharing, health and more.

Notes were taken at all the day's brainstorming sessions, and you can read these online at transitionch.org. The notes are a good summary of the day's action for those who were not able to be present. While you are at the website, check out the list of newly formed action groups, and contact Transition Carrboro-Chapel Hill if you want to join one or more of these groups. All are welcome, and of course participation is crucial to defining our common future.

The action groups will seek to work with already-existing community groups, build coalitions and work together to achieve common goals. Each action group can research what it is that existing groups are already doing that is effective in the area and seek to build alliances so that more gets done.

Carrboro and Chapel Hill have become the next in a network of hundreds of towns around the globe who have joined a particular model of community-level change called Transition Towns. This model is intended to transition our community to one that is lower in energy consumption, less dependent on fossil fuels and more economically and socially resilient. We focus on the level of change in which we have the power to make an impact: local community-scale action.

This transition refers not just to the towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill, but to our whole county. It makes sense to think of the county as an area that can be transitioned – during the next five, 10, 20 years – into a more sustainable model of living, working, transporting, disposing of waste, practicing preventive health care and enjoying our lives together.

Transition Carrboro-Chapel Hill invites all individuals to this enlivening, ongoing work. The flowering that began on Transition Day's Great Unleashing will grow into fruit that will nourish our bodies, minds and communities. Please come and join us.

Barbara Janeway is a Transition Carrboro-Chapel Hill volunteer.

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OBITUARIES

James J. Munford Jr.

James Jeffrey Munford Jr., 30, of Cambridge, Md. was killed Tuesday night, May 4, 2010, in Dover, Del.

He was born July 22, 1979, in Philadelphia and was the son of James Jeffrey Munford Sr. of Philadelphia and Juanita Robinson Creekmore of Carrboro, N.C., and stepson of Octavus Creekmore of Carrboro, N.C. He was a 1997 graduate of Cambridge-South Dorchester High School in Cambridge, Md.

Mr. Munford is survived by his children, Sophia Munford of Philadelphia; Jamaia E. Munford of Cambridge, Semaj and Heaven Munford, both of North Carolina, and James Jeffrey Munford III of Salisbury, Md.; his sisters, Alicia Munford of Cambridge and Eisha Munford, Janya Munford and Jamie Munford, all of Philadelphia; his stepbrother, Cedrick Stanley of Cambridge; his stepsister, Shon Stanley of Cambridge; his nephew, Anthony Turner III; and a host of family and friends from Philadelphia to North Carolina.

Maternal grandparents Sophia Lee Carter and Howard Robinson and paternal grandparents Lillian Munford and James Lake are deceased, as is sister Letha Diana Munford.



Ashley Osment

Ashley Osment, senior attorney at UNC's Center for Civil Rights, died in her sleep on Friday evening, May 28, 2010. Since July 2007, Osment had been trying to hold off the inexorable progress of a rare type of ovarian cancer. She was determined to put her life over the cancer, so she could enjoy her daughter, Sunny, her job and her family and friends as long as possible. She refused - to her last breath - to let the cancer control her life.

Osment grew up in Sylva, N.C., the daughter of Luther and Barbara Osment, the middle of

five children - Tim, Jane, Ashley, Joe and Matt. In her junior year of high school, she wrote an essay called "No Better Gift" about the history of mountain music, which won her a scholarship to Western Carolina University. After her freshman year, she caught a ride to Chapel Hill and it became her home for the rest of her life.

Osment was a history major at UNC and a student activist, coordinating solidarity educational actions with indigenous liberation movements in Central America and Iran. After graduating in 1987, she worked in the Washington, D.C. office of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, trying to educate congressional staff members about the negative aspects of the Reagan-Bush policies in Latin America. In 1990, she returned to Chapel Hill to resume her studies in history.

But in February 1991, Bob Sheldon, owner of Internationalist Books on Rosemary Street, was murdered and Osment was the unanimous choice of Sheldon's friends and family to manage the new cooperative they had formed to keep alive his progressive bookstore. Osment met Al McSurely, a civil rights lawyer who had been asked by the Sheldon family to help them honor their only son's legacy. Osment and McSurely clicked. While working on getting the new bookstore cooperative off the ground, Osment also managed the McSurely Civil Rights law office. She helped McSurely win major civil rights victories, including a Title VI complaint against the Chatham County school system on behalf of all children of color in the county and many others.

Osment completed law school at UNC in 1995 and helped raise McSurely's three children, Caitlin Swain-McSurely, Walker Swain-McSurely and Erin Swain-McSurely. McSurely and Osment married in 1995 and in September 1996 they won a case on behalf of UNC housekeepers and Quinn Soleil ("Sunny") Osment was born.

When Sunny was born, Osment's balancing of her passions for justice, her children (Sunny, Caitlin, Walker and Erin), and music challenged her creative feminist genius. In 1997, when Sunny was about 8 months old, Osment met Maria Palmer, who had just started a small day-care center on Cameron Avenue, exactly halfway between the Osment-McSurely home and their law office above the Rathskellar. Within a few months, Sunny had been accepted as a full-fledged member of the Mi Escuelita Spanish Im-



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mersion child-care center, which Palmer and Osment organized. Mi Escuelita became the pilot for Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools' dual-language program, in which Sunny is still enrolled as a rising eighth-grader.

In 2005, Osment joined the UNC's Center for Civil Rights and quickly became an expert on the tactics and strategies - both in the courts and at the ballot box - of resegregation.

For five years, even after her cancer had been discovered in 2007 and its recurrence in 2008, Osment litigated, organized conferences, created educational materials and trained hundreds of black and white educational leaders about the

rising threat of the resegregationist tactics in the courts and in relatively inexpensive elections.

She was in great pain after the cancer spread to her hip, and she had to use crutches to get around for the last six months. But she remained direct, honest and exquisitely careful in her efforts to deal with cancer and its ruination of her life and hopes. She was able to enjoy many good times with Sunny over this last period, when she knew she was dying. She was also comforted by her three step-children's unqualified commitment to their sister and their father, McSurely, during the terrible suffering she endured the past few months.

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Look for swamp rose in wet ditches and on pond edges.

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FLORA
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To find the swamp rose, you'll almost have to get your feet wet. Like the Carolina rose, it is common throughout the eastern U.S. Unlike its cousin, it prefers to have its feet in the water. There are some robust 7-foot-high shrubs in the Siler's Bog ditches along the south loop of the Mason Farm pathway. And there are a few

plants along the moist woodland edge of the Shetley Bikeway wild garden.

If you enjoy paddling coastal rivers and swamps, you will most likely discover robust 6-foot-high swamp roses commonly growing in the water at the bases of big cypress trees. Red rose hips are a certain giveaway during late summer and fall.

In addition to habitat differences, there's an-

other way to distinguish the two. The thorns of the Carolina rose are almost perfectly straight. Swamp rose thorns are curved downward.

Carolina rose flowers are even a bit smaller than the 2-inch flowers of the swamp rose.

Though these two wild roses grow naturally in different habitats, they both take easily to cultivation. Just remember to allow them freedom to roam a bit. They are worth seeking out at native plant nurseries.

Now is the time of year for the flush of their flowering, though sometimes there may be an occasional flower or two later on.

The beauty of these two roses represents for me the image of a perfect rose. I can imagine Gertrude Stein being content with a pink rose is a pink rose is a pink rose.

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RECENTLY
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Even before Buddy came to the end of his road, Kiffney, 77, had moved into new territory. It started casually, maybe 15 years ago, helping family and friends with their gardens, but now her work involves creating outdoor spaces that reflect the vision of her clients – as long as the client envisions sustainable rather than exotic plantings. One of her great concerns is the size of the footprint being placed upon Earth by humankind, a subject she knows well and can get plenty wound up about. She's found her own way to help reverse our direction.

"I find the right plant for the right place. I make a decision that not only fits the site but gives the person continuum."

Her garden plans include the house so that trees are planted to provide it shade in the summer and allow southern exposures in the winter. "There are ways to acclimate a house to the climate

so you're not having to rely upon closing up the house all year," she said.

An early client was longtime friend Anna Louise Reynolds.

"We've been friends since the late '60s," Reynolds said. They were both married to doctors and on the same party circuit back in the day. "Pat's smart, funny and still cute."

When Reynolds designed the house she had built in Ferrington Village in 2001, she brought Kiffney in to design the courtyard.

"But she designed much more than the courtyard," Reynolds said, explaining that Kiffney took her to the N.C. Botanical Garden in order to discover what she liked in nature. It wasn't something Reynolds could explain, other than to say that she hates symmetry.

Kiffney gave Reynolds what she never knew she wanted.

"I have places to sit, to eat, there's a hammock; it looks like a park," and she considers it an outdoor room – a true liv-

ing room where no poisons are required for sustainability – an imperative since Reynolds has developed extreme environmental sensitivities.

"We have an addiction worse than heroin," Kiffney said of the American lifestyle that among other things promotes conspicuous consumption and the concept of controlling nature with pesticides. "Kids are playing on poison carpets" when they play on grassy lawns, she said.

Kiffney has a pretty good idea that she will spend some time along the gulf coast this summer helping work with wildlife affected by the recent oil spill; but if you're interested in help returning your outside world to nature, she's got excellent ideas and boundless energy.

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