

# Candidates seek new county seats

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Four Democratic candidates are running for one District Two seat on the Board of County Commissioners. No Republicans are running for county commissioner in the district.

A 2006 referendum approved by voters increased the board from five to seven members and split the county into two voting districts. With the exception of a portion near I-40 and Whitfield Road, the two new county districts

mirror the two school systems' boundaries, with District Two similar to the Orange County Schools District and District One similar to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools District.

Only District Two residents may vote in the District Two candidate primary; however, in the general election, all eligible county voters can vote for the candidates to represent District One, District Two and at-large.

District Two candidates for the Board of County Commissioners include **Leo Allison, Luther Brooks, Tommy McNeill** and **Steve Yuhasz**.

Allison, 75, is retired, but worked in quality control at IBM and for Legal Aid of North Carolina. He lives in Efland.

Brooks, 52, is a pastor. He is a Hillsborough resident.

McNeill, 45, is a hospital account manager for King Pharmaceuticals and is retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He lives in northeastern Orange County.

Yuhasz, 57, is a Hillsborough land surveyor. He lives in Hillsborough.

# Wide field vies for school board seats

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Six candidates are vying for three seats on the Orange County Schools Board of Education. Incumbent **Al Hartkopf** is running for re-election, challenged by newcomers **Eddie Eubanks, Steve Halkiotis, Tony McKnight, Jeff Michalski** and **Stan Morris**.

School board member Dennis Whitling resigned in February,

following his arrest on charges of embezzlement. School board member Liz Brown is not running for re-election.

Hartkopf, 50, has served on the school board for four years. He works as a project manager and lives in Hillsborough. His two daughters attend A.L. Stanback Middle School and Hillsborough Elementary School.

Eubanks, 64, has worked in social work for 30 years. He lives in

Hillsborough.

Halkiotis, 64, served on the Board of County Commissioners for 20 years. He worked in Orange County Schools for 30 years as a principal, teacher and district administrator. He lives in Hillsborough.

McKnight, 41, ran unsuccessfully for school board in 2006. He is a former teacher and lives in Hillsborough.

Michalski, 38, works for the

Caring Family Network. He is a Mebane resident and has a son who attends Hillsborough Elementary School and a daughter who might attend Hillsborough Elementary as a kindergartner in the fall.

Morris, 47, works as a business operations officer with the American Red Cross. He lives in Rougemont and has two children who attend Cameron Park Elementary School.

# Challengers try for court of appeals, judicial seats

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Two challengers and the incumbent are running for the North Carolina Court of Appeals seat presently held by **Jim Wynn**. Wynn, a Cary resident, was first elected to the Court of Appeals in 1990. He served as an associate justice on the North Carolina Supreme Court in 1998. **Jewel Ann Farlow** is a Gibsonville private-practice attorney. **Dean R. Poirier** lives in Mount Olive, is an appeals referee and has worked as an adjunct instructor of law at Mount Olive College, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Kaplan University and Liberty University.

Three candidates are challenging **John Tyson** for the Court of Appeals seat he presently holds. Tyson lives in Cumberland County. He has served on the Court of Appeals since 2000 and is an adjunct professor of law at Campbell University. **Sam J. Ervin IV** (grandson of the late Sen. Sam Ervin) of Morganton is a member of the North Carolina Utilities Commission and an attorney. **Janet Pueschel** is a Raleigh attorney who has served as the Wake County clerk of Superior Court and as a judge of probate. New Hill resident **Kristin Ruth** is a district court judge for Wake County.

Four seats are available for district court judge in N.C. District 15B covering Orange and Chatham counties. Only one of those

seats, however, attracted enough candidates to require a primary. Three candidates are vying for the seat presently held by Pat Devine, who's not seeking re-election.

**Glenn Gerding** practices law in Orange and Chatham counties. He previously served as an assistant public defender in Orange County. **Lamar F. Proctor Jr.** of Efland is an assistant district attorney in Orange County who previously served as a prosecutor in Brooklyn. Chapel Hill resident **Page Vernon** has served as a prosecutor in Orange and Chatham counties and has worked as a defense attorney and a civil trial lawyer and as an advocate for children and abused women.

## ON THE BALLOT

The Orange County Board of Elections released sample ballots for the May 6 Primary. The ballots for the Carrboro district will have the following choices.

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

**Presidential Preference**  
Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Mike Gravel, none

**US Senate**  
Kay Hagan, Duskin C. Lassiter, Jim Neal, Howard Staley, Marcus W. Williams

**Governor**  
Richard H. Moore, Dennis Nielsen, Bev Perdue

**Lieutenant Governor**  
Walter H. Dalton, Hampton Dellinger, Pat Smathers, Dan Besse

**Auditor**  
Beth A. Wood, Fred Aikens

**Commissioner of Insurance**  
Wayne Goodwin, David C. Smith

**Commissioner of Labor**  
Mary Fant Donnan, Ty Richardson, Robin Anderson, John C. Brooks

**Superintendent of Public Instruction**  
Eddie Davis, June St. Clair Atkinson

**Treasurer**  
Janet Cowell, Michael Weisel, David Young

**NC State Senate District 23**  
Ellie Kinnaird, Moses Carey, Jr.

**County Commissioner At-Large**  
Nelo Barbee Jones, Bernadette Pelissier, Mary M. Wolff

### REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

**Presidential Preference**  
Mike Huckabee, Alan Keyes, John McCain, Ron Paul, none

**US Senate**  
Pete Di Lauro, Elizabeth Dole

**US Congress District 4**  
Augustus Cho, William (B.J.) Lawson

**Governor**  
Bill Graham, Pat McCrory, Robert F. (Bob) Orr, E. Powers, Fred Smith

**Lieutenant Governor**  
Timothy Cook, Greg Dority, Robert Pittenger, Jim Snyder

**Superintendent of Public Instruction**  
Joe Johnson, Richard Morgan, Eric H. Smith

### NONPARTISAN OFFICES / REFERENDUM

(also found on the party ballots)

**Court of Appeals Judge**  
Jewel Ann Farlow, Dean R. Poirier, James A. (Jim) Wynn

**Court of Appeals Judge (b)**  
Sam J. Ervin, IV, Janet Pueschel, Kristin Ruth, John M. Tyson

**District Court Judge District 15B**  
Glenn Gerding, Lamar F. Proctor, Jr., Page Vernon

**County Land Transfer Tax**  
For, Against

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throughout the concert and rally.

For more information about the concert, call 929-3460.

### 30th Anniversary Farmers' Market

The Carrboro Farmers' Market will celebrate its 30th season on Saturday during regular market hours, 7 a.m. to noon, at the Town Commons.

Throughout the market, buyers will be able to fill out an anniversary drawing entry form each time they make a purchase. Prizes, which have been donated by local businesses, include gift certificates to Lantern, Crook's Corner, Acme, Moshi Moshi and more.

In addition, local bakers will provide an "Anniversary Taste Treat" in the gazebo. Thirtieth anniversary t-shirts and information also will be available in the gazebo.

Local musicians will provide entertainment.

For more information about the celebration, visit [www.carrborofarmersmarket.com](http://www.carrborofarmersmarket.com).

### Carrboro Day

On Sunday, Carrboro will be bustling with the various events of the 13th annual Carrboro Day. This year's theme, "Celebrating a Sustainable Community," will be apparent throughout the event: For the first time, Carrboro Day will be trash-free.

As with other weekend events, participants are encouraged to walk or bike to downtown, as parking will be limited.

Events include all-day musical performances, a poetry roundtable and much more. Story Sharing, a new Carrboro Day event, will feature a collection of photos, slides and audiocassettes documenting Carrboro's history.

For more information about Carrboro Day, visit [www.carrboroday.com](http://www.carrboroday.com).

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sentee ballots as of Wednesday, Reams said.

Since North Carolina has not played a major role in selecting a party nominee since 1976, and since early voting is a relatively new process, it is difficult to compare this year to years past. About 33,000 Orange County voters took advantage of one-stop voting or mailed in absentee ballots in the 2004 general election.

Reams said the estimated party breakdown for those who have voted so far shows 7,160 Demo-

crats, 619 Republicans and 2,098 unaffiliated voters.

Reams said the elections board opted to add extra machines and poll workers in anticipation of a heavy turnout. The pace and the fact that the Seymour Center voting site stays open until 8 p.m. has kept election workers busy.

"We've had some very long days," Reams said.

At the 44 Orange County precincts, polls open Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

More information can be found on the county's Board of Elections site at [www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/index](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/elect/index)

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The finance report shows that Citizens for a Better Orange County has thus far spent close to \$84,000 for direct mail and more than \$38,000 in newspaper ads against the referendum.

By contrast, a hastily organized pro-transfer tax group called Orange Citizens for Schools and Parks took in \$1,763 and spent \$1,349, mostly for postcards, signs and stickers.

An official county effort, which by law cannot advocate for voters to approve or disapprove the referendum, is not required to file a campaign finance report. The county approved up to \$100,000 for the education effort, but it is not known at this point how much of that amount has been spent.

The transfer tax, set at 0.4 percent, was an option given to counties in last year's state budget to replace a net loss in state funds and sales taxes the General Assembly shifted back to the counties as part of a revision in Medicaid funding.



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Unopened food and personal care items

IFC Shelter 929-6380

Furniture, clean lumber and appliances (NO mattresses)

Habitat for Humanity  
Call for pick up  
403-8668

Mixed paper (junk mail, notes, cereal boxes etc.)

Orange County Drop-off Sites or recycle at the curb

Batteries, CFL's paint, hair spray, bug spray, cleaners, and other toxic materials

Hazardous Waste Collection  
Orange County Landfill  
Mon-Fri 10am-6pm  
Sat. 7:30am-noon

**On-Campus?**  
Look for "Donation Stations" for usable goods in the lobby of your residence hall!  
Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling  
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