Options abound for July Fourth UNC considering

By Henry Gargan Staff Writer

Although Chapel Hill officials chose to pull funding for the annual fireworks celebration at Kenan Stadium, a wide variety of local Independence Day activities still exist.

Carrboro July 4 parade

For a celebration close to home, Carrboro will host a free Independence Day parade Monday.

Featuring high-profile musical acts like the Red Clay Ramblers and the Archbishops of Blount Street, this year's festival will begin at Weaver Street Market. Carrboro Events Coordinator Kim Andrews said the construction taking place on Weaver Street will have no effect on the parade's

"(The construction crew) will allow people to gather where they normally would, which is now a construction zone," she said. "They'll remove the barriers as soon as the parade begins."

Free events will include a pieeating contest, a kids zone and a scrap exchange.

Festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

Festival for the Eno River

Beginning Saturday and concluding Monday, the Festival for the Eno River will showcase the

area's finest music and crafts throughout Independence Day weekend.

Acts are typically of the traditional bluegrass sort, although Durham rock trio Hammer No More the Fingers, Chapel Hill's own Paper Hand Puppet Intervention and several dance companies will add variety to this year's lineup.

Nearly 100 vendors of homemade crafts will display their products on the river's banks. In addition, the festival will include clean energy exhibits and demonstrations of sustainable farming

"The event speaks to a desire to live sustainably, to protect our natural resources," said Maddiey Straubel, assistant festival coordinator with the Eno River Association. "I've grown up in Durham, and I've noticed that we have wanted to be green long before it was hip.'

Tickets, if bought before Friday, cost \$13 for a day pass and \$30 for the entire weekend. At the gate, prices climb to \$15 and \$35. Festivities will take place between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day.

Durham Bulls fireworks

The Durham Bulls Athletic Park is offering baseball and fireworks every evening from Friday to Independence Day.

For those who would rather skip the baseball altogether, the gates will reopen during the sev-



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Chris "Juggleboy" Fowler gives Ramir Connor a high-five at last year's July 4 celebration in Carrboro. The town will host a parade this year.

enth inning to the general public, who will then be allowed to enter free of charge.

Durham Bulls Director of Media Relations Matt DeMargel cautions against this approach because he said he expects the park to fill up long before then.

"We expect that the July 3rd and 4th games will be sell-outs," he said. "We're encouraging people to show up early and get tickets.

Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$9. Games will take place at 7 p.m., except Monday's, which will begin at 6 p.m. and feature an extended fireworks show.

Old Fashioned July 4

For locals who want to honor July 4 in a more relaxed environment, the Horace Williams House is offering a celebration in the style of days gone by.

Sherril Koroluk, assistant to the director of the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill, said the society's Independence Day event has attracted a loyal following over the years.

"It always draws a crowd," she said. "The Village Band will be playing, and we'll be handing out flags and serving lemonade the entire time."

Festivities will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the lawn of the Horace Williams House at 610 E. Rosemary St. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public.

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torrefied pellets

By Melvin Backman Staff Writer

The next step towards a coal-

free UNC might be a risky one. While the University awaits the results of wood pellet tests from the spring, it has started to consider torrefied wood pellets.

This type of pellet produces more energy, but the market might not be able to provide the quantity UNC needs.

The University's Department of Energy Services issued a bid June 13 for contracts to supply UNC with torrefied wood pellets for tests in September, said the department's director Ray DuBose.

Torrefied pellets have energy output levels similar to those of coal, which are higher than the those of regular pellets.

The torrefaction process exposes pellets to heat, which removes moisture from the pellets and makes them easier to burn.

In addition to having higher energy output than regular pellets, torrefied pellets can be transported in uncovered rail cars. Normal wood pellets cannot, an inability that posed a problem for would-be suppliers in the spring.

Another difference between the types of pellets is that regular pellets are found in North Carolina and Virginia, but torrefied pellets have not been produced on the scale needed for testing.

"We do not even know that this material is available today," DuBose said.

Chris Hopkins, a research assistant at N.C. State University who studies biomass, said torrefied pellets might not be available in time for UNC's goal of tests in September.

Commercial-scale torrefied wood production only recently became available in Europe, and similar facilities will not open in the United States until December, he said.

"I'm not sure how UNC is going to fill their torrefied wood order," he said.

DuBose said the University discussed torrefied wood with suppliers who confirmed they would be able to deliver pellets on time in the quantities UNC desires.

The spring tests had been scheduled for last fall, but were delayed when the initial supplier was unable to deliver its order.

UNC is testing biomass in order to find an energy source to replace coal by 2020.

Stewart Boss, co-chairman of the Sierra Student Coalition, said the group plans to monitor the torrefied wood pellet tests to make sure UNC is conducting the tests in an environmentally friendly manner.

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Today is a 9 - You make it look easy.

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Today is an 8 - If you've been waiting to

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