

School Briefs



Chapel Hill English teacher honored

Thomas Stanfa, Honors English teacher at Chapel Hill High, was recently named the 2012 Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year, high school level, for North Carolina. He will represent the state in the upcoming national competition.

Stanfa's class explored The Bedford Boys, the story of Bedford, Va., and its high losses on D-Day. They traveled to Normandy to visit the famous landing site and interviewed some of the last living survivors of the invasion.

Japanese essay contest

Students from Carrboro and Chapel Hill high schools recently placed in the fourth annual North Carolina Japanese Language Essay Contest for High School Students.

First place in the Level 2 division was awarded to Catherine Bentulan of CHS. First place in the Level 3 division was awarded to Megan O'Donnell of CHHS, while Nell Ovitt of CHHS won second place. First place in the Level 4 division was awarded to Sophia Anopa of CHHS, while Katherine Boyd and Sainaga Paladugu of CHHS tied for second place.

The Estes Daily Eagle

The Estes Hills Elementary School community can now stay current through The Daily Eagle, a newsy broadcast posted every morning between 8:30 and 9. Pairs of fifth-grade students will write the scripts, prepare the birthday slides and research other segments of the show. Links to the broadcasts will be posted on the Estes Hills homepage under Likeable Links.

Carrboro High poets

Three Carrboro High students represented Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools in the district Poetry Out Loud contest on Jan. 24. They are Aron Rimanyi, Kalil Davis and Stephanie Bailey.

Rimanyi took first place with his powerful renditions of "I am the People the Mob" by Carl Sandburg and "Kubla Khan" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. He will compete in the state finals on March 24 at the Greensboro Public Library. The event is free and open to the public.

All-District/All-Region Bands

Several students from Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools high schools were named to All-District and All-Region Bands. Chloe Deshusses, flute, of Carrboro High was named to the All-District Band. Ray Dameron and Justin Morrell of CHS were named to the Central Region Jazz Ensemble.

Chapel Hill High students named to the All-District Band are Adam Wang, clarinet; Lewis Holder, clarinet; Michael Huang, clarinet; Zack Farley, clarinet; Eric Jiang, trumpet; Anna Baynes, flute; and Abby Muller, oboe. Wang and Jiang were also named to the All-Region Orchestra.

East Chapel Hill High students named to the All-District Band are Tianyi Wang, clarinet; Tiffany Ho, clarinet; Grace Gelpi, alto saxophone; Koya Osada, flute; Vishwas Rao, flute; Anna Quercia-Thomas, clarinet; Yize Don, timpani; Blaise Whitesell, French horn, Corentin LeHir de Fallois, clarinet; Amos Pomp, trombone; and Alex Young, trombone.

Smith students adopt Marines

The Smith Middle School Student Council has "adopted" a company of Marines serving in Afghanistan. As part of their efforts, the students of Smith created hundreds of valentines to be sent to the Marines. In the second wave of their project, students will collect personal hygiene items, culinary treats and other miscellaneous goods to send to the servicemen.

Class registration

Guidance counselors will soon begin the process of distributing course books and registering students for classes for the 2012-13 academic year. District schools will hold special parent nights to provide information about this process.

Chapel Hill High will hold its registration and AP night on Feb. 23. East Chapel Hill High will hold a 10th through 12th grade parent night on Feb. 21, and a second parent night for rising freshmen on Feb. 27. Carrboro High will hold its registration night on March 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Garden grants

Nine Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools were awarded garden grants totaling \$10,000 in January. The grant applications were reviewed by members of the CHCCS Sustainability Committee. The proposals detailed creative ways to turn the gardens into learning opportunities and provide students with chances for hands-on participation.

The schools are Carrboro Elementary, Glenwood Elementary, McDougale Elementary, Morris Grove Elementary, Seawell Elementary, Culbreth Middle, Carrboro High, Chapel Hill High and Phoenix Academy High.

Jungalbook at Carrboro Elementary

Carrboro Elementary Players invites you to the performance of *Jungalbook* today and tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the Carrboro Elementary auditorium. The play, based off the popular Jungle Book, involves more than 100 students serving as actors, stage managers, production staff, house staff and publicity. Tickets are \$1 at the door.

Schools won't redistrict this year

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After postponing decisions regarding overcrowding at Glenwood Elementary School, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education has decided against spot redistricting.

Instead, board members have chosen to relocate the pre-kindergarten program from Glenwood and Seawell elementary schools to create more classroom space, helping to ease overcrowding. The pre-K classes from Glenwood and Seawell will move to Rashkis and Estes Hills elementary schools for the 2012-13 school year.

The board was first presented with plans in December 2011 to alleviate overcrowding in three of the seven schools in the district that are experiencing overcapacity issues.

"We are significantly overcrowded at the elementary school level," Todd LoFrese, assistant superintendent for support services, said at the December meeting. "We didn't anticipate the growth across the district, so that really threw us for a loop."

Along with Glenwood, Carrboro and Seawell elementary schools are also severely overcrowded and will be way above their Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (SAPFO) capacity.

Carrboro Elementary has a SAPFO capacity of 533 students, but is projected to see enrollment grow to 608 in 2012-13. Seawell's SAPFO capacity is 466 students and is estimated to have 655 next year, while Glenwood's SAPFO capacity is 423, but is projected to have 522 students next year.

Originally staff had presented the board with options to wait for elementary school 11 to open in 2013 or to do spot redistricting to alleviate overcrowding at Glenwood and Carrboro.

Possible solutions for Seawell included waiting for elementary 11, relocating the school's LEAP program – a program for accelerated students – or moving a pre-K classroom to another location.

Initially the board was hesitant to remove the pre-K classrooms from Glenwood and Seawell, but after hearing from parents and School Improvement Team representatives opposing spot redistricting and supporting moving the pre-K classrooms, they changed their minds.

Rashkis is one of only three schools in the district that will be under capacity for next year, and Estes Hills does not have a pre-K program.

School Lunch Menus

FRIDAY 2/10

Elementary School: Chicken Nuggets, Ham & Cheese Wrap, Garden Salad, Oven Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Pineapple Cup, Fruit Cocktail

Middle and High School: Chicken Parmesan, Seasoned Pasta, Steamed Broccoli, Fish Sticks w/Wheat Roll & Tartar Sauce, Ranch Potato Wedges

MONDAY 2/13

Elementary School: Chicken Filet Sandwich, PB&J, Turkey Chef Salad, Lettuce & Tomato, Ranch Potato Wedges, Fresh Apple, Chilled Peaches

Middle and High School: Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Black Bean Chili, Cinnamon Baked Apples, Buffalo Chicken Sandwich w/Oven Fries

TUESDAY 2/14

Elementary School: Macaroni & Cheese, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Fruit & Cheese Plate w/

Yogurt, Seasoned Broccoli, Seasoned Cabbage, Blueberry-Peach Crumble, Fruited Jell-o

Middle and High School: Chicken & Peanut Stew, Brown Rice, Seasoned Collard Greens, BBQ Pork Riblet Sandwich w/Tater Tots

WEDNESDAY 2/15

Elementary School: BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Taco Chef Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Tomato Soup, Orange Smiles, Baked Apple Slices

Middle and High School: BBQ Chicken, Wheat Roll, Baked Beans, Baked Potato, Meatball Sub w/Mashed Potatoes

THURSDAY 2/16

Elementary School: Chix & Peanut Stew w/ Brown Rice, Fish Sticks w/Wheat Roll, Garden Salad, Cole Slaw, Pineapple Cup, Applesauce, Seasoned Collard Greens

Middle and High School: Thai Peanut Chicken Noodles, Peach Crumble, Steamed Cabbage, Patty Melt w/Oven Fries

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WITH SPECIAL OFFERS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

UPS STORE Passport photos for couples - buy one, get one free in February. Or - send a Valentine's Day card to a member of the U.S. military and UPS Store will pay the postage. See store for details.

PROVENCE 10% off for tables seated before 6:15 pm, Monday-Thursday all month (excluding Feb. 14.)

TOWNSEND, BERTRAM & CO. "Sweetheart Of A Deal" - specials throughout the store Feb 11-29.

SOUTHERN RAIL Hosting "The Dating Game" on Feb. 14 at The Station. Food & drink specials. Register early!

ELMO'S DINER Essay contest - tell us about your "Love Experience" at Elmo's: dates, proposals, special events. Win a gift certificate!

GLASSHALFULL 1/2 off bottles from wine list every Monday in February.

TABLE & NEAL'S DELI Share & Care event Feb. 29th, catered by Neal's Deli. Volunteer to help package meals for hungry children!

OPEN EYE CAFE Wine special: 2009 Domaine Galevan "Words of a Woman" cotes du Rhone red, \$6/glass or \$21/bottle.

SOUTHEASTERN CAMERA Free custom 11x14 photo enlargement, now thru Feb 21 - just mention this ad!

THE SPOTTED DOG "Why I Love Carrboro" dinner for two giveaway. Visit restaurant for details!

CAROLINA CORE PILATES February special for couples available.

KPO PHOTO Family photo session \$75, through Feb 29.
(All specials good in Feb. 2012 unless otherwise noted.)



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