## **VOTE**

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This year will see major changes in the composition of the board of education for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. Two incumbents on the board opted not to seek re-election. Greg McElveen, who was appointed in 2008 to fill out the term of Pam Hemminger, who was elected to the county commission, is the only incumbent seeking a seat. He is joined in the race by Michelle Brownstein,

Susan Dancy, Joe Green, Mary-Anne Gucciardi and Christine

On the ballot in Hillsborough is Mayor Tom Stevens, who is running unopposed. Running for town board are incumbents Mike Gering and Frances Dancy and challenger Bryant Kelly

In Chatham County, Pittsboro Mayor Randy Voller is being challenged by William Crawford and incumbent town board member Pamela Baldwin faces challengers Andrew Allden and Michael Fiocco.

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

## Local school administrator wins award

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Association of Education Office Professionals (CHCAEOP) held its annual Bosses' Breakfast on Friday, Oct. 23 in the Lincoln Center boardroom. CHCAEOP is an organization that brings together office professionals from schools and the central office for professional growth and development.

The group annually names a CHCAEOP Administrator of the Year. Assistant to the Superintendent for Community Relations Stephanie Knott received this year's award. Knott was recognized for offering workshops at both the district and regional levels.

#### McDougle students' art on display

From Point to Point: Art Inspired by the Arctic and Antarctic will open this Sunday as the fourth show in a series called Global Perspectives. The show will be held at the Carrboro Branch Library and will feature sculptures, paintings, posters and photographs created by McDougle Middle School students, painter Nerys Levy and photographer Brooks de Wetter-Smith.

The Public School Foundation supported the project with a grant. Nerys worked with art teacher Kate Parrent and her students last spring and will collaborate with science teachers this fall. The goal of the project is to make students partners in the promotion of Antarctic and Arctic preservation. The exhibit will run through Jan. 19.

#### Halloween carnival at East

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America are hosting the first annual Fall Harvest Carnival on Oct. 31 from noon to 3 p.m. in the Cafe Commons and Black Box Theatre at East Chapel Hill High School.

The carnival is geared toward elementary-aged children and younger. Tickets are \$.25 each and booths will include food, a cakewalk, a haunted house, ghost storytelling, face painting and sand art.

East's clubs are trying to raise funds for competition and service projects, and many of them will be providing entertainment and activities.

## First UNC Hospital School graduation

Most students who attend the UNC Hospital School do so for a brief period and then return to their home schools. No student had ever graduated at the school until last Friday. Ryan Frias was wrapping up his senior year at the Central Academy of Technology and Arts in Union County when he was involved in a car accident last December that left him with burns covering 80 percent of his body. As he recuperated at the North Carolina Jaycees Burn Center, he continued his studies at the Hospital School.

On Oct. 23, Central Academy Principal Rod Miller and other school staff members traveled to Chapel Hill to join Hospital School Principal Flicka Bateman, CHCCS Superintendent Neil Pedersen and members of the Frias Family for Ryan's graduation.



# **Vote to Keep Greg McElveen**

**Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education** 

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- Responsiveness
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# Join us in supporting Greg on November 3!

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## **HABITAT**

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In these classes, the families learn about keeping a maintenance budget, how to manage a mortgage and other related sub-

Amy Powell was the first paid staff member and is now Chatham Habitat's executive director. She came with a background in affordable housing, and said that homeowner education is im-

moved into their Habitat house in Chatham County, and now her oldest daughter speaks on behalf of Habitat whenever needed and helps tutor other Habitat families with younger children.

"It's like we have a whole community now," Matthews said. She still keeps in touch with some of the Georgetown University student volunteers who helped build her house.

Habitat also now concentrates on building green homes, with more energy-efficient compo-

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perative to Habitat's success.

"This is true for anybody that purchases a home, especially their first home, that it's a whole new experience that can be made more successful if there is an educational component that goes along with it," she said.

Angela Matthews moved into her habitat home over a decade ago and she still attends these classes every year.

"They teach me how to handle my house so I never lose my house, and they teach you how to budget your money well," Matthews said.

Matthews' three children were all under the age of 10 when they

nents, and prides itself on building homes that would fit into any community.

We want to reduce stigma in the community that might be associated with a Habitat home," Powell said, "and work at having developers incorporate affordable housing in their neighborhoods. They are more likely to do that when they see the beautiful houses we're designing."

With a couple of houses in progress now, and no signs of slowing down, Chatham Habitat looks to be a part of the evergrowing Chatham County landscape for years to come.

## **HALLOWEEN**

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"Halloween has always been a student-driven, local, fun event in Chapel Hill and we want to keep it that way. That's why we're taking steps again this year to increase safety and limit the size of the event on Franklin Street," Mayor Kevin Foy wrote in a public service announcement to

There's a reason so many people want to come to Chapel Hill for Halloween: It's fun. Over the years, students and residents alike have shown their creativity in costume creation, and this year looks to be no different.

Sid's Surplus in Carrboro is a major player in the costume-creation business.

"We think of ourselves as world-famous Halloweenists here; it's our favorite time of year," said Sid, who goes by just the one name.

Sid said he's had everyone from age 9 to 90 in the store looking for costumes. He was expecting a lot of Michael Jackson costumes this year (he has the jackets to supply it), but so far it's been slow for the Thrillerthemed bunch.

Time after Time vintage shop manager Autumn Spencer said she hadn't seen a lot of Michael Jackson costumes either, but that pirates will be in full force.

Group costumes are popular this year, Sid said, with Top Gun characters, Ghostbusters and Gilligan's Island all getting a lot

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of play.
"It's one of the most self-indulgent holidays we have," he said. "Everybody is getting into it, everybody is finding something to stimulate the senses. It's going good."

#### Things to know:

- there will be little to no parking available close to downtown;
- vehicles parked on streets to be closed will be towed beginning
- prohibited items on Franklin St. include anything that can be used as a weapon, glass bottles, paint, fireworks and explosives, flammable substances, animals and coolers;
- there will be no bus shuttles and Safe Ride buses will operate from 11 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, visit townofchapelhill.org/Halloween, and for bus schedules go to townofchapelhill.org/transit

# **These Carrboro Business Owners** Support Sammy Slade for Alderman



"In serving with Sammy on the town's Local Living Economy Task Force, I have found him to be very thoughtful and willing to look at an issue from all angles. He has the ability to bring people together, foster community, articulate a vision and then back it up with action. His passion and commitment are exactly what Carrboro needs."

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