

News Briefs

Warrant for arrest

The Chapel Hill Police have obtained warrants for Jaheem Lashard Watson. Watson is wanted for one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury; one count of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling; and one count of going armed to the terror of the public. Investigators are still seeking information regarding the 2006 or '07 silver Ford Focus involved in this incident on Bright Sun Place.

If you have information regarding the whereabouts of Watson or the above vehicle, please call either the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760 or Crime Stoppers at 942-2068.

National Night Out

On Tuesday Aug. 4th, neighborhoods throughout Chapel Hill are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 26th Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. NNO will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

From 7 to 10 p.m., those participating are asked to turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods will be hosting such events as parades, flashlight walks, youth activities and anti-crime rallies. For more info, contact Officer Robin Clark at 969-2068.

Mental health program receives accreditation

The OPC Area Program recently announced that it has been accredited as a "Services Management Network" by the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), an international, not-for-profit organization that accredits human services providers. CARF sent a review team to Carrboro service provider El Futuro (which was cited by CARF for "effectively [addressing] the needs of the Latino community") and other providers on June 11 and 12 to examine documents and interview staff, board members, consumers and providers.

OPC is the local government agency responsible for oversight and management of publicly funded mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services in Orange, Person and Chatham counties. In a follow-up letter, CARF wrote that OPC's "services, personnel, and documentation indicate a pattern of excellence."

For more information about the accreditation or OPC's services, call OPC at 913-4120.

Construction starts on town's second fire station

BY KIRK ROSS  
Staff Writer

Crews will begin survey work this week at the Homestead Road site for the town's new fire station in preparation for the start of construction.

Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department Chief Travis Crabtree said the first order of business will be to define areas for tree-protection fencing. Protecting some of the larger trees on the site—including a 200-year-old holly tree near Homestead Road

— was one of the key topics of interest as the town was crafting a plan for building the station.

Crabtree said the fencing and other measures to protect the trees have to be in place before grading and construction can start.

"Everything is being built on that idea," he said. "We're going to protect [the holly tree] to the best of all our abilities."

Crabtree said he was excited to see the project get started. The town has been building up its firefighter staff, with nine of the 12 firefighters who will

staff the new station around the clock already hired and being trained. Construction should take about 300 days from the official start date of July 20 to complete, Crabtree said.

Having a new station and a new home for Engine 932, which the town purchased in 2006, will ease crowding at the town's Main Street station.

The new station, which will be built by Central Builders of Mebane, will mainly provide fire-protection services for northern Carrboro, including Lake Ho-

gan Farms, Wexford, Claremont, Winmore and Rogers Road.

The station will also include work space for the Carrboro Police Department and Orange County Emergency Medical Services and a small community meeting room that can seat about 15 people, Crabtree said.

The first major town project since 1981, the station includes a number of green features, such as a gray-water retention and filtering system, high-efficiency lighting, extensive use of daylight and waterless urinals.

ADAMS  
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A long career

Adams recalls he wasn't always as easy-going as he appears today, but the job changed him. He says he's a big-picture guy now.

He played basketball and football in Cary, garnering top honors and impressive records in each, before going to UNC on a basketball scholarship and later transferring to ECU in search of more playing time.

Being a former athlete helps Adams relate to the problems of high school athletes today. He understands the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, and the emotions that accompany both.

"The spontaneity of athletics is so emotional and so physical," Adams says. "People get so emotional over them, things happen that shouldn't,

so you have to constantly work on sportsmanship."

Stresses the importance of sportsmanship has been a primary component of his job, and one of the things he's proudest of is the NCHSAA's successes in helping student-athletes grow on and off the field.

of fame would be lucky to have. But he doesn't play golf anymore; he said his shoulders are shot from years of it, plus snow skiing, tennis and more.

His friends say his shoulders are like that because of all the shots he took on the Cary High School basketball court. Adams

basis is what he'll miss most about his job.

"I'll miss the sheer happiness of seeing a girl hit a home run in softball or a guy break the record in the 100 or the last-second shot that wins a basketball game."

Lucky for him, no one is likely to deny Charlie Adams a seat at a high school game. After all, he might well have played a major role in getting that seat there in the first place.

Adams has no idea who his successor will be, and is having no part in the search process. He says he'll

be there to mentor that person if asked, but understands if he's not.

Which begs the question: Who wouldn't ask for the help of the man who probably knows more about the day-to-day reality of high school athletics than anyone around? And with so much perspective too.

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Adams has come a long way since he first started in a two-room office in Abernathy Hall on the UNC campus. From Abernathy, he moved to a mobile office area near the Smith Center.

Now his view is of Finley Golf Course and his office is expansive enough to hold sports memorabilia most halls

concedes he took a fair number, but quite a few went in.

His is a career gone full circle — from watching to playing to coaching to regulating — and once he retires, and has spent some time just relaxing, he'll be back to watching when he can. He says attending high school sports events on a regular

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