

CAMPUS BUS ACCIDENT



DTH/J B YOUNG

A woman was hit by an HU route bus shortly after 8 p.m. Friday. According to the Department of Public Safety, the streetlight at the corner of Skipper Bowles and Manning drives was out and the bus driver did not see the woman, who was taken by an ambulance but not seriously hurt.

Farmers protest regulations

Say water ordinances devalue land

BY JEFF WOODALL
STAFF WRITER

Water conservation in Orange County has left local farmers questioning their economic stability and future.

Ben Lloyd, a soy bean and hay farmer from Efland and former county commissioner, is advocating removing the classification of "water critical" from areas of the county that could hold reservoirs.

As Orange County's population has risen steadily, the county has made several attempts at environmental preservation to ensure an ample water supply for future facilities, public services and homes.

In 1989 the Hillsborough Town Commissioners approved a reservoir to be placed on Seven Mile Creek. The plans were never realized, and neither were later efforts to place a new reservoir on the

western fork of the upper Eno River basin.

But the more than 18,000 acres surrounding the proposed reservoir site still are considered a water critical area. That means the land can't be developed.

"The state regulations call for no commercial or industrial activity and no public water or sewage to be in the area," Lloyd said.

By removing the critical water ordinances, the county could allow commercial and industrial companies to bid for the expansive sections of land owned by farmers.

The economic growth generated by such developments would soften the property taxes, as well as bring jobs closer than those in Raleigh and Greensboro.

"We feel threatened when someone devalues our land," he said. "Most of the farmers in Orange County

have spent years on their farms, and most of what they've accumulated has only been their property."

But many farms have closed because of small profit returns and rising property taxes, and with the water critical area, they haven't been able to develop the land, either.

Karen McAdams, an agricultural agent with the Orange County Cooperative Extension Service, said she has witnessed the falling out firsthand.

"When I first started working here in 1983, there were 64 dairy farms," she said. "Now there are only 14."

In response to this, many dairy farms, along with other forms of agriculture, are making changes to the way they do business in order to increase the demand for their products.

"Conventional dairy comes under pressure as the operator ages and there's a need for massive upgrades in equipment," said Andrew Branan, director of the

N.C. Farm Transition Network. "But farming is still our state's No. 1 industry, and we have a highly diversified agricultural economy."

The N.C. General Assembly recognized similar recessions in agriculture throughout the state. This led to the establishment of the N.C. Use-Value Taxation Law, which gives tax breaks to farms in commercial production.

But even with state assistance, farms are continuing to struggle. Despite this, some farmers won't sell their land.

"My farm has been running for going on 87 years, and there has never been an acre sold off of it to this day," Lloyd said.

"My intention has been that no acre will be sold unless it will benefit the people of Orange County and my family."

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Hunters' gunshots scare county's rural residents

BY ANDREW DUNN
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Gloria Jahnke fears for her llama's safety during hunting season.

Five or six times she's found a bloody deer left in the front yard of her home about three miles north of Carrboro town limits — a reminder of hunters in the nearby woods.

Gun regulations are a lot more lax out in the unincorporated regions of Orange County than within town limits.

Especially in the winter, frustration develops between property owners with outdoor pets and hunters after deer and other small game.

Jahnke has posted "No Trespassing" signs around her land and has tried to flag down hunters when she knows they're nearby. They always prove too elusive.

"It's kind of invasive to have someone with a firearm on your property when I don't even own a gun," she said. "But I can't find them. When I hear them, I usually just go out and yell."

Such conflicts are common in central to northern Orange County.

Orange County Sheriff's Office Capt. Bobby Collins said the department usually gets at least three calls per week regarding gunshots, more during hunting seasons.

When someone calls to report gunshots, an officer is dispatched to the location to investigate.

Most often, Collins said, they are from hunters or residents shooting target practice in their yards. And most of those are being done in a safe manner — not in the direction of houses or other danger zones.

Though Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough have ordinances prohibiting the discharge of firearms within town limits, Collins said, the unincorporated land in Orange County isn't similarly regulated.

"Some people ignore it; some people are alarmed by it and call us," he said. "We absolutely want to respond to all of these because something else might be going on. You definitely want to cover that base."

Trespassing is an offense law enforcement can take care of, but Jahnke said it's difficult to prove.

But other conflicts arise when hunting is done with permission on private land that comes close to other homes.

Jahnke's neighbor Maureen Earnhardt keeps two horses in a pasture next to her house.

Hunters frequent a patch of woods next to their field, with permission from the landowner. The owner was not able to be reached for comment.

Earnhardt said she called the sheriff's office but was told there was nothing it could do. She said now she just hopes Carrboro will annex the land so municipal firearm codes will be in effect.

"When the shots go off, it's so close it echoes off our house," she said. "What if a bullet came through here?"

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UNC seeks cancer fund input

BY BLAIR BYRUM
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UNC medical officials are seeking public input on how to use the newly acquired University Cancer Research Fund.

The \$25 million fund, collected from noncigarette tobacco taxes and given to the University by the N.C. General Assembly in 2007, is scheduled to increase to \$50 million in 2009.

Last week representatives from the UNC School of Medicine and the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center held forums in Asheville and Wilmington so that members of the general public could offer input on how they would like to see the money used.

"I think it's valuable because we scientists have a limited viewpoint," said Etta Pisano, vice dean for academic affairs at the School of Medicine. "It's very useful to talk to people with different perspectives."

Access to health care, she said, was a common theme observed at both forums.

"People are concerned about the underserved," Pisano said. "There's a real problem with access to care based on poverty and geography."

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Michael O'Malley, associate director of the Lineberger Cancer Center, said improving access to care and quality of care provided will continue to be an aim of the research fund.

"We know there are better ways to treat cancer than others," he said. "We want to make sure people across the state have that opportunity."

Pisano said people at the forums also had suggestions for specific areas of research, such as early detection and less toxic treatments.

She said both sessions had sizable crowds, ranging from cancer survivors to local health-care providers to concerned residents.

O'Malley said the two listening sessions last week were the beginning of many opportunities for public input.

"The plan is to continue and go and do these listening sessions," O'Malley said. "It's a big state." O'Malley said an aim of the forums

is to apply information they get to research at UNC and share it with health-care providers statewide.


"We may be able to do a better job of convincing people to do the things that can help prevent cancer and find it early," he said. "And thereby reduce the cancer burden in North Carolina."

Pisano said large metropolitan areas like Charlotte, Raleigh and Greensboro will probably be next on the list. She added that representatives from UNC Hospitals intend to go back to places they have already been so they can continue to get feedback on how they are doing in the eye of the public.

"We are a public institution, so we have an obligation to serve the public," Pisano said. "We need to hear what the public expects."

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CAROLINA



FOOTBALL

Walk-On Try-Outs

Today, February 4th, @ 5:00 p.m.

Mandatory Meeting in the Kenan Field House located at the Eastern End of Kenan Stadium

At this meeting, you MUST provide:
Proof of a signed physical from your doctor (History and Exam) within the last 6 months or one done by UNC Sports Medicine and Proof of Health Insurance

Workouts begin Tuesday, February 5th from 5-7 p.m.

Please call the Football Office at 966-2575 if you have any questions.

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Monday's puzzle

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Battle of the fans

Patriots and Giants fans enjoy the Super Bowl out on the town. See pg. 4 for stories.

Theater reviews

DTH reviewers give "Doubt" and "Topdog" near-top marks. See pg. 7 for story.

Nail-biter

The UNC men's basketball team defeats Florida State University in overtime. See pg. 12 for story.

Roughin' it

The Outing Club teaches survival skills, including how to skin a squirrel. See pg. 3 for story.

The suit can go on

A judge rules that Smithfield Foods can sue a labor union. Go online for story.

ADVERTISING CAREER SYMPOSIUM

Hosted by the UNC Ad Club
 Friday, February 22nd
 8:30am - 1:30pm
 Great Hall

Register today at www.unc.edu/adclub. Space is limited. All UNC students invited.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

1 Coal scuttles

5 Military chaplain

10 12/24 and 12/31

14 Irby-winner Luyendyk

15 White heron

16 Shopping center

17 Saki

20 Fur trader of note

21 Iowa commune

22 Flatfoot

23 \$5 bill

25 Missile hurlers

27 Housewares, e.g.

31 Coolidge's nickname

32 Mary of "Where Eagles Dare"

33 Florida key

36 Verve

40 Stendhal

44 Rorschach image

45 Druggist's drop

46 Uncooked

47 Dancer

50 Transmitters

52 Kitchen cleaners

57 Chinese jacket

58 Period

59 Sits in neutral

61 Japanese emigrant's offspring

65 Poor Richard

68 Take apart

69 Ratty

70 Anglo-Saxon tax

DOWN

1 Sound of laughter

2 Mine finds

3 Reference bk.

4 Cause to happen

5 RPM part

6 Turkish VIP

7 Percussion instruments

8 Fit for a king

9 Clannish

10 Flightless bird

11 Journalist Packard

12 Goof

13 Terminates

18 Baltimore bird

19 Supernatural power

24 Ark man

26 Elation

27 Desensitize

28 Report type

29 Stout's Wolfe

30 Residue

34 Wildebeest

35 Food scraps

37 Orpheus' instrument

38 Winged

39 CNN output

41 Irritating tingle

42 List element

43 Split fruit

48 Diva's number

49 No-good-nik

51 Happenings

52 First appearance

53 Goddess of peace

54 Abrades to smoothness

55 Travel on ice

56 Spanish gentleman

60 Letters for Nob Hill cops

62 Distort

63 First lady of scat

64 500-mile car race

66 Iota

67 Civil libs.

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