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Town hopes to profit Butterfly garden hosts anniversary celebration from Festifall event

BY CHRIS HOWERTON STAFF WRITER

Craft vendors will set up to serve thousands on West Franklin Street as people come to "Discover the West End" during the 36th annual Festifall Street Fair on Sunday.

But organizers think that business owners could be the real win-

Restaurants will offer lunch and dinner specials, and some will offer live entertainment during and after Festifall, which runs from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Craft vendors will line the middle of the street so that people who attend the event can walk on the sidewalk with fair vendors to one side and businesses to the other.

One change this year is that Festifall will not offer many out-side food vendors, which could help draw people into restaurants and other businesses along the street.

We took the initiative this year to approach the merchants," said Wes Tilghman, supervisor of festivals and community celebra-

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tions for the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department. "We want to make this a very merchantfriendly event."

Matt Clements, general manager of Carolina Brewery on West Franklin Street, said his restau-rant was thrilled with the opportunity.

"In years past, there were a lot of food vendors and a lot of other things, and it would bring a lot of people to West Franklin," he

"Now with less emphasis on food at the festival itself, it helps draw people in on a Sunday afternoon

Meg McGurk, assistant direc-tor of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, said Festifall should help promote businesses.

"It encourages people com-ing down to Festifall to come eat lunch in the businesses there or shop in the businesses there," she said

Live artists will perform on four separate stages while more than 75 vendors offer arts and crafts to the

public. "We're very excited about the

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Info: www.festifall.com level of input the town has accepted on Festifall," Clements said.

"I really can't compliment the town enough. They've really done

a great job drawing people in." Tilghman said about 12,000 people came to Festifall last year, and with UNC's Family Weekend scheduled for this weekend, he

expects even more this year. "What I like about it is it's an extremely local event to support the local artists and restaurants," said Jamil Kadoura, owner of Mediterranean Deli.

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McGurk said Festifall could offer something to everyone.

"I think it's a great opportunity for folks in the community who may not come downtown often to come downtown," she said. "It's fun for everybody."

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Courtyard grows into popular spot

BY ANDREA MARCHIANO STAFF WRITER

When the countdown reached one at the courtyard of the N.C. Children's Hospital, bright blue boxes were lifted to reveal a flurry of orange and black.

All eyes in the courtvard looked upward as 100 monarch butterflies took flight. The butterfly release Thursday

honored patients, families, health professionals and volunteers at UNC Hospitals, and marked the third anniversary of the butterfly

garden's opening. "The butterfly is a symbol of hope, of new days and of new life," said Patricia Cadle, oncology chaplain for UNC Hospitals. The garden, a collaboration

between Dr. John Strader and Derek Baker of Pittsboro, transformed a seldom-used courtyard into a popular spot for hospital visitors and patients.

"You never saw people down there before," said Susan Siegel, project director for UNC's branch of Planetree, a group that encourages alternative therapies to complement medicine. "Now, there's always people in the garden. Kids play out there, people eat lunch, read."

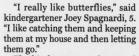
Baker, 20, said he revamped the garden as his Eagle Scout project after Dr. Strader gave him the idea. He said the popularity of the gar-den exceeded his expectations.

"It's pretty cool," Baker said. "I definitely did not expect the hospi-tal to be releasing butterflies three vears later."

The release attracted a crowd that filled the courtyard, and included Jim Mackorell, 76, Baker's former scout leader. For him, the garden holds a special meaning.

We lost our son, Ted, in 2005, and Derek put this garden in his memory," he said. "So naturally it's special to us."

Kindergarteners from St. Thomas More Catholic School in Chapel Hill also participated in the event and have since the garden opened. Baker attended the school when he was younger.



them go." The kindergartners decorated their own fake butterflies for the garden, and four of the students helped with the release.

The children's excitement for the garden was the main reason that Clyde Jones, a local folk artist, donated four wooden butterflies to the garden.

"Seeing pretty smiles on young'uns' faces, it means the world to me," he said. "It makes the

whole thing worth it." Despite the popularity of the release, Siegel said the courtyard also

serves an important role as a peace-ful setting for many at the hospital. "Several families over the past three years have requested that they could bring their children down to the courtyard when they knew it was time for them to pass on so they could be in a beautiful,

peaceful setting," she said. For these reasons, Siegel was unable to spell out the value of the garden to the hospital.

"I can't speak for the entire hospital, but I think it's very impor-tant," she said.

"It touches so many people in so many ways over so many years.

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