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Foxfire Community Watch briefed on gangs

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A small but troubling amount of gang graffiti has been seen in Moore County and, according to the Sheriff's Office, many communities have been targeted including West End, Robbins, Southern Pines, Aberdeen, and Vass.

In an effort to engage and inform citizens, Foxfire Village Councilwoman Page Coker invited members of the Moore County Gang Prevention Task Force to attend the Community Watch meeting held on Wednesday, June 17.

Representing the Task Force were Deputies Steve Gore and Bill Flint from the Moore County Sheriff's Office, Russell Jack-

son with Moore County Probation and Parole, and Mike Kimbrell, an investigator with the District Attorney's office.

"This is not an epidemic," stated Kimbrell. "We just want people to be aware and to get information out."

While gangs are a minor problem in this area and for the most part limit their activities to nuisance graffiti, across the nation they are widespread and often much more dangerous. As described in the presentation, gangs though small and localized will frequently affiliate with one of two major groups; Folks Nation or People Nation. In Moore County, those allied as Crips affiliate under the Folks Nation and use

(See "Gangs," p. 28)



Councilwoman Page Coker of Foxfire Village with, from left, Foxfire Sgt. Chad Shue, Deputy Steve Gore and Deputy Bill Flint of the Moore County Sheriff's Office, and Foxfire Chief Mike Campbell.

Committees study Westside gates

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Three new ad hoc committees will help Seven Lakes West think through issues — ranging from appearance to ownership — surrounding the front and back entrances to the community.

Infrastructure John Goodman announced the formation of the committees and briefly outlined their assignments, during the Tuesday, June 26 General Meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association

[SLWLA].

The West Side's Long Range Planning Committee [LRP] has identified a number of issues that need to be resolved at the front entrance. For example, the Association doesn't own the guardhouse; that belongs to the developer. Because much of the property alongside that structure is commercially-owned, there is limited opportunity for the Association to upgrade its appearance. The existing mailhouse needs to be upgraded

(See "West Side," p. 26)

Schedule set for road work

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Introducing a timeline for repaving work on major roads in Seven Lakes North and South, Treasurer Denny Galford said resealing projects would commence this Fall and repaving will begin in September 2010, at an estimated final cost of \$50,000 to \$70,000 per mile.

"Road sealing will be the first priority and if economic condi-

Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting

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tions are the same next year, I expect to negotiate between these two figures," Galford reported to the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board

of Directors during the Wednesday, June 24 General Meeting.

The restricted reserve account for paving and

dams currently stands at \$270,000 and is expected to grow to \$410,000 by the time paving begins. According to Galford (See "SLLA Meeting," p. 21)

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Business Guild sets date for golf tourney

The Fifth Annual Seven Lakes Business Guild President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 15 at Seven Lakes Country Club.

The event will feature an 8:30 am shotgun start and the traditional three person team Captains Choice format.

This year players will have a choice to participate in either the Gross Flight or the new Net Flight. The introduction of handicaps will hopefully encourage more participation and greater competition for all.

Each team in the Gross Flight must represent a Guild member business and Guild members may be represented by multiple teams in the tournament. The "President's Cup" will be engraved with the winning team's name from the Gross Flight and will be held by the winning Guild

Member business for the year.

Entry fee of \$65 per player includes range balls, golf, on-course refreshments, dinner and prizes.

The proceeds from this year's tournament will be applied to the ongoing business village roadway project. The project's

goal is to not only improve the condition of the roads but to eventually fulfill all of the requirements necessary to be able to turn them over to the state as public roadways.

If you have been looking for a way to have fun and do something to benefit the entire Seven

Lakes community at the same time, then this event is the one you have been waiting for.

To register your team, inquire about hole sponsorships, pledge prize donations or for more information, contact Mike Spayd or Gene Roberts at Seven Lakes Country Club, 673-1088.

You can be a severe weather spotter

National Weather Service Basic SKYWARN Training and Severe Weather Spotter Training will be held Thursday, July 9. There will be two Sessions: 3 – 5 pm and 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

The National Weather Service will present a Severe Weather Spotter training program to help participants and first responders understand the warning process addressing first responder issues.

The following topics will be covered:

- how and why buildings fail in high winds

- thunderstorm development and severity
- recognition of storm/cloud elements
- anticipating storm motion, intensity and severity based on cloud structure
- lightning dynamics and threats

No cost to attend. Held at Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst. RSVP 947-6317 before July 3.

For more information contact: Clyde Locklear, National Weather Service, Clyde.Locklear@noaa.gov 919-515-8209 or J Carlton Cole, Director of Public

Safety, (910) 947-6317, ccole@moorecountync.gov The training event is sponsored by Moore

County Public Safety and the Village of Pinehurst Fire Department.

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Board delays site study for admin building

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

A decision on where to put a new county administration building will likely be delayed another month because of a tie vote on whether to pay architects LS3P Associates up to \$49,000 to study the suitability and cost of locating the building at the Carriage Oaks Shopping Center on the eastern end of Carthage, versus building it on the 21-acre Grimm property downtown.

Commissioners Tim Lea and Cindy Morgan voted to fund the study during the Board's Monday, June 15 meeting, while Commissioners Nick Picerno and Larry Caddell voted against. Commissioner Jimmy Melton was not in attendance. The tie vote meant Lea's motion to proceed failed, but the question can be brought back up at a future meeting.

Because the Commissioners traditionally do not meet on the first Monday in July, it's likely they won't take up the proposal again until July 20.

A committee headed by Planning Director Joey Raczkowski has been charged with evaluating the two possible sites and bringing a recommendation to the Commissioners. Raczkowski told the Board during their July 8 special meeting that his committee needed additional information from the architects in order to make its evaluation.

LS3P's initial proposal was

for a nearly \$88,000 study of the Carriage Oaks site that would include a schematic design of the building, a schematic design of the site by Land Design, Inc., and a comparative cost analysis. County Manager Cary McSwain worked with the firm to scale back the scope of the study and the costs, resulting in the nearly \$49,000 that was presented to the Commissioners Monday night.

But even that proposed study was more than McSwain felt the Board needed in order to make a decision about the viability of the Carriage Oaks site.

"We only gave them a week to do this," Commissioner Caddell noted to McSwain. "Maybe we need to give you more time to clear this up."

But Commissioner Lea, in two separate motions, moved authorization of the work by LS3P and LandDesign as negotiated by the Manager, noting that Raczkowski's committee could not move forward without the information the studies would provide. Commissioner Morgan seconded both motions, and both failed in two-to-two tie votes.

Clearly frustrated with the lack of progress, Lea said after the votes, "What we need to determine is whether this is going to move forward on the agenda or not; and if the three of you [referring to Picerno, Caddell, Melton] decide not, then we can get it off the agenda."

Robbins Water Committee

Also during Monday's meeting, the Commissioners appointed several members to a joint committee with the Town of Robbins that will evaluate the potential for the county and town to work together to rehabilitate Robbin's mothballed water plant and provide water to the southern end of the county.

Committee members will include County Manager McSwain; Dennis Brobst and Ben Vaughn from Public Works; Jim Westbrook, a financial consultant working part-time in the County Manager's office; Commissioner Caddell and Commissioner Melton.

Robbins had already appointed members to the committee including Mayor Theron Bell, the town manager and planning director, and two town commissioners.

No date was set for an initial meeting of the committee.

In another water-related matter, County Manager McSwain told the Board that he, Public Works Director Brobst, and the managers of Southern Pines

and Aberdeen would be meeting with officials from Scotland County and the City of Laurinburg to explore whether a water treatment facility at an abandoned Westpointe Stevens factory on the Lumber River could be used to provide water to both counties and their municipalities.

Capital Improvement Plan

The Board approved a ten-year capital improvement plan presented by Finance Director

Lisa Hughes and assembled by county department heads working with Hughes and Westbrook.

Hughes noted that the county has never before had a countywide capital improvement plan. The twenty-page spreadsheet includes seventy-three projects ranging from a new water tank in Pinehurst to the new county detention center, new public schools, and new buildings at Sandhills Community College.

(See "Commissioners," p. 29)

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Florence dedicates her birthday to helping pets

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

"Saving a few animals is better than getting presents," exclaimed Hannah Florence as she explained why she asked her friends and family to make a donation to the Moore Humane Society in lieu of buying her a birthday gift – for the third year in a row!

A rising sixth grader at West Pine Middle School, Hannah is

the daughter of Michael and Deirdre Florence of Seven Lakes North. Her birthday gift tradition started three years ago when she was turning nine and, as she tells it, had grown out of dolls.

"Moore Human Society is where both of my cats are from and they are great. My mom made the suggestion the first year that we could donate and I decided it wasn't a bad idea,"

Florence said.

Her beloved pets are Shellby, a timid five year old grey tiger-striped cat, and Skibles, a huge calico-colored Maine Coon cat. According to Hannah, both cats love bacon and eating bugs.

"Skibles is our crazy cat. We adopted her two years ago and she has been insane ever since," joked Hannah's mother, Deirdre. "She is a very talkative cat and she follows me all around the house."

Florence said she is very proud of Hannah's decision to contribute to the animal shelter.

"This is a great unselfish act and I hope that Hannah will inspire other children," she said.



Hannah Florence and her big buddy Skibles.

July Blood Drives

Moore County Red Cross announces the following blood drives for July:

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Monday, July 20
2:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Community Presbyterian Church
125 Everett Rd.
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Thursday, July 23
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Stingray swimmer Jonah Monk with coaches Ed Hill and Brittany Sayers.

Stingrays are looking for a few good swimmers

*by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter*

The Seven Lakes Stingrays Swim Team summer competition season is underway with founding coach, Ed Hill. A native of Seven Lakes, Hill started the team in 1999 and will be assisted this year by Coach Brittany Sayers.

The Stingrays are part of the Moore County Summer Swim League and Coach Hill invites all interested swimmers to join the team for summer fun and fitness. Members must be between six and fifteen years old and are split into groups by age and ability for swim meets. Registration fee for Seven Lakes residents is \$80 and includes a team cap and shirt; a second child in the family may enroll for \$70 and the third child is free.

Team practices are held Monday through Thursday at the Seven Lakes Northside Pool from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Members work on stroke mechanics, technique, and yardage. Swim meets are held once a week on Tuesday afternoons.

For more information on the Stingrays or to register, drop by the Northside Pool or visit the

team's website at www.seven-lakesstingrays.webs.com

Group and private swim lessons are also available with Coaches Sayers and Hill. For more information, please contact Ed Hill at 691-2616

Genealogy Open House

The Moore County Genealogical Society will host a 25th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, July 18 from 1 pm to 4 pm. The event will be held at the Moore County Agricultural Center, 707 Pinehurst Avenue, Carthage.

Presentations include how to start your research, information available at the Register of Deeds office and LDS Family Center, and more.

There is something for the beginner, as well as, the expe-

rienced genealogist. Even if your roots are not in Moore County there will be something to help you. There will be show and tell items including vintage documents, textiles, occupational items, and more.

Refreshments will be served, and door prizes awarded, including a \$50 savings bond donated by First Bank. For more information call 910-947-2689 or e-mail kayla@carolina.net.

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Snack Shack has something for everyone

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The Seven Lakes Snack Shack isn't just another fast food restaurant, say owners Linda Drotman and Regina Gregory. Neighbors across the 17th green at Beacon Ridge in Seven Lakes West, the two women opened their shop in May — after three years of dreaming, planning, and just plain hard work.

Located in the business village at the intersection of MacDougall and Grant Streets, the Snack Shack features a wide porch with rocking chairs and an outdoor service window or customers may choose to eat in the air conditioned casual dining room decorated in bright and inviting tropical colors.

The Snack Shack menu is expansive with traditional favorites like hot dogs and burgers, and also a large selection of salads, wraps, hot and cold sandwiches, and a kids menu. And to top off any meal or just a treat all by itself, the Snack Shack offers soft serve ice cream, specialty sundaes, shakes, and low-cal offerings of sherbet, frozen yogurt, and a sugar-free ice cream.

"We wanted to make sure we have something for everyone," said Gregory. "We try to accommodate what people want."

Both women credit their husbands for helping get the business up and running. Linda and her husband Michael moved to Seven Lakes five years ago from Pittsburgh. Regina and her husband Steve also moved to Seven Lakes, resettling three years ago

from Ohio.

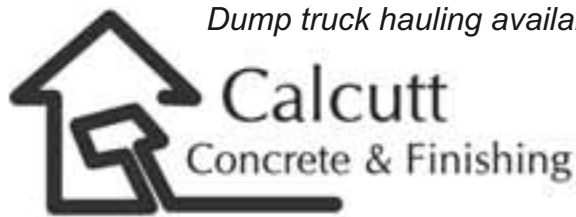
"We've had lots of fun and have been very happy," said Drotman. "We're excited to have a place that is different from anyplace else. Come out and try us!"

The Seven Lakes Snack Shack is open everyday; Monday through Saturday opening at 11:00 am and on Sundays at 12:00 pm. The restaurant closes around 9:30 pm — but Drotman and Gregory said they will stay open later as needed. They are now accepting credit and debit card payment. Call ahead orders are welcome, at 400-5228 or 400-5227.



Amanda Gregory of Seven Lakes Snack Shack with owners Linda Drotman and Regina Gregory.

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One hundred sixteen children from grades one through six participated in this weeklong science enrichment course that emphasized creative thinking and problem solving.

SLCC will host kids tennis camp

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center is currently taking applications for the summer camps.

The first session will begin on July 13 followed by a second camp starting on July 27. Each session runs from Monday thru Thursday with Friday being the rain date.

The camp includes both tennis and swimming. Daily sessions begin at 12:30 pm and campers are picked up at 4:00 pm. Each camper receives tennis instruction, camp t-shirt, and

daily snacks are provided. The cost is \$60 per session.

This camp is under the direction of SLCC Tennis Professional Bruce Adams and his staff. Each group is also assisted by two counselors. Groups are age appropriate.

Applications are being distributed in the Seven Lakes mail houses – you can pick one up there or at the Tennis Center. The Tennis Center is open daily from 8:00-12:00. For more information please call the Tennis Center at 673-1096.

Summer Music Fest Saturday

The Summer Music Fest will be held Saturday, June 27, at Valenti's Italian Restaurant, Vass, noon-9 pm.

Bands from the Sandhills area are joining together to benefit the Heart CARE Fund of the Moore Regional Hospital Foundation. Bands include Hard to Handle, Gilbert Hardy and the Backporch Boys, TCR, Short Notice, Trip Wire, Cabin Fever, Diamond Back and the Blackwater Creek Band. The WWes Baby Doll will be on hand for autographs and photos. Food available for purchase.

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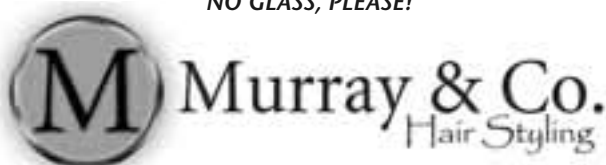
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Michael Joseph Garvey, Sr., 70, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, June 21, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Garvey was the son of the late Michael J. Garvey and Mary Ellen Malanephy Garvey Bronx, NY.

He was active in the community as an adorer at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, June 24, at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Pinehurst. The Rev. James M. Labosky officiated. A Rite of committal will be in the Seven Lakes Cemetery at a later date.

He was preceded in death by his sister Mary Ann Garvey.

Mr. Garvey is survived by his wife of forty-nine years Marie Caldiero Garvey of Seven Lakes; a son, Michael Garvey of Matthews; two daughters, Nancy Allen of Charlotte, and Doreen Collins of Sloatsburg, NY; and twelve grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the: The American Lung Association at PO Box 27985 Raleigh, NC 27611

The family was assisted by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

Sarah Jane Marsh "Sally" (Cohlhepp), 88, formerly of Seven Lakes.

Mrs. Marsh volunteered for the Army during WW II, being one of the first women in the country to serve in the Womens Army Auxiliary Corps, stationed in the Pacific Arena.

She obtained the rank of sergeant and was awarded three bronze stars, for meritorious service. She attended college in Pennsylvania and then traveled throughout the U.S.

She returned to the Cleveland area, married and raised a family. She was a volunteer to St. Christopher's Parish (Rocky River) and Sacred Heart Parish, in North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, six brothers, and three sisters.

Survivors include her children; Bob Jr. and Patty, and two grandchildren.

At her request, her body was given to medical research.

A service and celebration of her life will be Monday, June 29, at Jenkins Funeral Chapel, 2914 Dover Center Rd., Westlake, Ohio.

Memorials donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN.

Betty Lou Butler, 56, of Eagle Springs, died Friday, June 12, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 19 at Revival Temple Church of God in Christ, Troy.

She is survived by her mother, Berdia Smith Butler, of the home; a sister, Joan Ziegler of

Wake Forest; two brothers, Maxilee Butler of Greensboro, and Richard Butler of Eagle Springs.

R.C. Bostic Funeral Chapel in Candor assisted the family.

Joane Elaine Peterson, 72, formerly of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, June 9 at Medina Family Care Nursing Home, North Bend, WA.

She was the daughter of the late Frank and Maura Mae Basen. She graduated from Central High School in Indiana. She and her husband Charles move to Seven Lakes in 2000. Due to her health problems, Mrs. Peterson had to relocate to North Bend, WA in 2002. Mrs. Peterson was a member of Seven Lakes Country Club.

Survivors include her husband Charles Peterson of Seven Lakes; daughter Sheri Rogers of North Bend, WA; son, Michael Rogers of Dallas, TX; a stepson, Chuck Peterson of Win-

chester, VA; and six grandchildren also survive.

Committal services were held at Covington Memorial Gardens, Ft. Wayne, IN on June 20. Memorial donations may be made to Seven Lakes Country Club, Memorial Fund, Seven Lakes South, West End, NC 27376.

Martha Koshina Francis, 93, formerly of Foxfire, died Saturday, June 6 at Addison County Home Health and Hospice and the Lodge at Otter Creek, Middlebury, VT.

Mrs. Francis was the daughter of the late Joseph and Anna Koshina. She received her bachelors degree from Columbia University. She taught in Greenwich, CT upper elementary and middle school grads until she married in 1948. She also taught at the US Navy Academy at


Quonset Point Naval Air Station in Rhode Island. Mrs. Francis and her husband Herbert retired to Foxfire. She moved to the Lodge at Otter Creek in 2008.

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert and her brother Edward.

Survivors include her children, H. Barry Francis of Weybridge, VT and Lee-Ann Francis of Rochester, NH; two sisters, Doris Lindquist of Ouantico, MD; Jane Stewart of San Antonio, TX; Valerie Michael of Stockton, CA; and two grandchildren.

A private service will be held in Rochester, NH and burial will follow. A reception will follow at a later date in Middlebury.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Martha Francis to Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc., PO Box 754, Middlebury, VT 05753.



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It's hard to believe that late June is here and the Spring and Summer gardening season is half over. Seasonal showers and adequate moisture have promoted fast plant growth that has produced beautiful flowers and early vegetables from our gardens. With this rapid growth come a number of insects, weeds, grasses, and other pests.

Questions arise on methods for control. Here are a few suggestions:

Different insecticides control different pests. Some are broader spectrum than others also some are safer than others. Two recommended broadest spectrum insecticides are permethrin and orthune. A number of the old standbys, such as malathion, sevin, insecticidal soap, and highly refined horticultural oils are still effective for insect control but there is not one insecticide on the market that will kill all bugs and insects. Follow all labeled directions and restrictions specifically and keep these materials out of our lakes.

If you are tired of digging or pulling weeds there are a number of herbicides available to

help with the task. The weeds and grasses have, in many instances, grown to maturity and when they reach this stage are more difficult to kill. Weeds are



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

more susceptible to chemical control measures during active growth periods and when carbohydrates [food manufacturing in leaves] are moving towards the root. This commonly occurs from Spring until flower opening and seed pod formation. After this time, chemical controls are less effective. Perennial weeds and grasses are susceptible again during Fall when the plant is moving more carbohydrates to the roots. This process carries the herbicide along with it.

First, identify the weed or grass type you want to control. Perhaps the most effective herbicide to use in the driveway or in pine straw is Round Up [glyphosate], which

comes in several strengths. The most economical version to use is the one with the highest concentration of glyphosate. Mixing it with the proper amount of

water will give the correct dilution percentage for effective recommended control. Use Round Up only on grasses and

weeds you want to kill because it is a contact-kill herbicide. Keep it off plants to be saved. Don't use Round Up underneath shallow-rooted shrubs, trees, or other plants.

Broadleaf weed and woody plants can be controlled with various formulations of 2,4-D, Mcpp, DiCambe, Trimec, or other phenoxy type herbicides. Here again, do not use phenoxy underneath shallow-rooted shrubs, trees, or plants to be saved.

Two other products to be used for grasses – such as Bermuda and crab grasses – are Vantage and Poast. They can be applied post-emergence. Vantage comes

ready to use. Just mix the recommended amount with water and spray. Poast must be mixed equally with a highly refined grade of horticultural oil at the recommended rate, add water, and spray.

All of the mentioned pest control chemicals can be obtained from Cardinal Chemical Company in Aberdeen or may be available from other garden centers.

Other June gardening suggestions:

Pick spent blooms off daylilies and other flowering plants taking care not to disturb buds yet to bloom.

Stay after those dandelions and other troublesome weeds in the lawn. Control them by digging

them out or with spraying of the previously mentioned herbicides.

Pay close attention and harvest vegetables from your garden at their peak.

Check your vegetable garden, shrubs, trees, flowerbeds, and lawns for insect damage. If infestations warrant control them with a recommended safe control insecticide.

Keep lawn mower blades sharp and properly adjusted. It will make your lawn look better.

Suggested June vegetable garden plantings

In June you can plant are all types and variations of snap, bush, and pole beans, including limas, Southern field, crowder, or cowpeas. Also late tomato plants can be planted.

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League briefed on juvenile justice efforts

At a recent luncheon meeting of the League of Women Voters of Moore County, Maureen Kruger, Moore County DA and Janet Currie, of Communities in Schools and formerly the Southern Pines Police Department both spoke on the topic, "Juvenile Justice in Moore County."

Kruger reported that over 1700 children in North Carolina were removed from their homes due to DSS or juvenile justice matters. DSS deals with minors, ages 7 through 16, who have committed a crime (called an act) or are a discipline problem. North Carolina is one of only three states that use the age of 16 as the beginning of adult crimes. Children under the age of seven are considered not capable of committing crimes.

Last year, there were 450 court filings against minors; such as by

a parent, a private citizen or a police officer. By statute, the focus in juvenile justice is rehabilitation and how to best treat the child. Complaints against juveniles go through an intake office; where as adults go to the magistrate. The intake officer may do one of several things; dismiss the case, counsel the child, make a contract for services (termed diversion) or approve the complaint for filing.

If the case is filed, it becomes like a civil case, with a summons and the burden of proof, etc. The child and his guardian must be summoned; if the guardian cannot be found, the court appoints one. Once the case goes to court, the youth must have an attorney, usually a court appointed one. Every thing is 'on the record' in Juvenile Court; a digital recorder is running the entire time. The Court

Report covers the youth's home life and DSS records; determines if the child is at risk and needs assessment and points out risks of recidivism and the details the plan of rehabilitation for the young person.

In the year 2000, a change in the juvenile laws made it harder to send children to training schools, however those sentenced receive longer term treatments, at least six months, up to the child's 18th or 19th birthday. Moore County seems to have fewer service options than other counties. Krueger stated that there is a new parenting class through Moore Youth Services. However, according to Krueger, 60 to 70% parents have a substance abuse or mental health issue.

Krueger also gave her personal observations on inter-generational criminality; she observed a trend of no fathers in the home, or a parent in prison. She felt that success in the Juvenile programs was very hard, as the system cannot 'make good parents'. She also pointed out that the money allotted Moore County Juvenile System, by the County Commissioners, is the same as it was 10 years ago.

Janet Currie continued with



Janet Currie of Communities in Schools, addresses the League of Women Voters of Moore County.

her personal observations of the juvenile court cases, when she worked as a Juvenile Defender. There was a box on the necessary form, under parental care, 'code 04', indicating no father in the home. She said 90% of the cases she processed fit that description. She quoted from the book, *Fatherless America*, how sex abuse, violence and fatherlessness are all causes of poverty.

Ms. Currie gave suggestions how the audience can help the

situation. She suggested supporting or creating groups that support both mothers and fathers. She commented that TANF (DSS cash assistance to families) supports only single parents with children. Even if there is a divorce, the father should remain active in the child's life.

Successful programs are Moore Buddies and the dropout prevention program from Communities in Schools (called SOS) and the CIS after school programs.

Watch for Project Linus workshops & events

Project Linus has suspended North Clubhouse workshops until September. The North Clubhouse is being used for SLLA Summer Camp. Project Linus will have workshops on selected dates during the summer.

These dates and their spe-

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The North Carolina Commissioner of Banks issued an order providing for the closing of Cooperative Bank and

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Cooperative Bank operated through twenty-one branches in North Carolina and three branches in South Carolina.

Giants pitcher at Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn,
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Anybody who is a baseball fan should have been at the July 16 meeting of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club. Mike McCormack, a former Major League pitcher with the NY Giants/San Francisco Giants, now living in Pinehurst, was the speaker of the day.

At the age of 17, after playing American Legion ball, McCor-

mack signed a contract with the then NY Giants for a yearly salary of \$6,000 in 1956.

The Giants moved to San Francisco in 1958, he went with them, and proceeded to have a memorable career playing with some of the biggest names in baseball.

His comments brought back memories of the days when most of the people in the audience were following the daily

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'Women Build' for Habitat

by Amanda Jakl
Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills

As of Wednesday, June 10, Women Build of Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills completed the construction of a playhouse. For fifteen years Women Build has empowered women volunteers to learn more about the construction aspect of Habitat. Building this playhouse gave the women the opportunity to have a first-hand experience with construction before breaking ground on a Habitat house in September.

Over the last three weekends, a group of women have been busy building this playhouse. Each volunteer played a significant role in the construction.

The Women Build volunteers learned how to properly use chop saws, hammers, circular saws, and more. After the construction and shingling were complete, the women were able to paint the playhouse.

As a result, the women feel much more familiar with construction and are excited to begin on the house in September.

Lillian Schafer, Habitat board member and Women Build project leader said, "The fun time working on the Habitat Playhouse gave many women an opportunity to learn skills that will give us a head start on the "Women Build."

"To see them come back week after week shows the enthusiasm that is growing for the Build. It was

rewarding to watch the women use the different electric saws for the first time and gain confidence in their ability. They really got the hang of swinging the hammer using the arm and not the wrist."

"Our construction leader, Liliane Partain, does a great job teaching the many skills needed to do the job to perfection. Guy and Vanessa, the Lowe's employees that helped us out, were very patient and dedicated to helping us be successful. Come September, we will be ready to go."

The Women Build program isn't about excluding men, but including women. Too often women volunteer in the positions they feel comfortable in such as cleaning, making lunches and snacks, painting and working in the office.

The Women Build program encourages women to learn and feel comfortable using power tools as well as understand the fundamentals of constructing a house. In the Women Build program, knowledge is power and we want all women to be powerful.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved with Habitat for Humanity, please contact Amanda Jakl at 910.295.1934.

Habitat is currently seeking volunteers and supporters of all kinds.

Hams will gather at Hillcrest

Moore County Amateur Radio Society (MOCARS) the community to visit their annual Field Day, beginning at 12:00 noon Saturday June 27 and Sunday, June 28 at noon, at Hillcrest Park, Carthage.

Amateur Radio operators across the United States have been providing emergency communications for more than 75 years in times of crisis. When conventional methods of communications fail, amateur radio is available.

Each year MOCARS members take their equipment to a remote location, using only emergency power, to test and make sure that they are ready to provide critical communications when needed.

When trouble strikes, ham radio people are often the first and only people able to provide critical communications and information.

During emergencies, hams work through local organizations including Moore County Emergency Services, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

For many years local MOCARS amateur radio clubs have provided emergency com-

munications at local emergency shelters following storms and natural disasters.

They also provide communications support for local activities including the Uwharrie Mountain Run, the Pinehurst Triathlon and Dressage in the Sandhills horse show.

Many are trained SkyWarn weather observers for the Nation-

al Weather Service.

Everyone is invited to see how local ham radio operators quickly set up communication networks when other systems fail or are overloaded.

Everyone will have the opportunity to experience the enjoyment of making an amateur radio communications contact.

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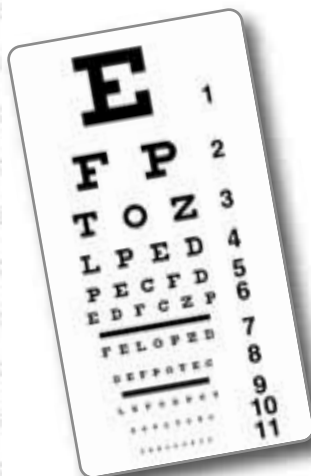
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Snow, Thompson win Auman bass tourney

The Lake Auman Sports Club 2009 Spring Team Bass Tournament was held on Lake Auman on Saturday, April 18.

Twenty-five anglers made up the twelve teams that competed in a four hour catch and release event with prizes awarded for heaviest total weights for the day and largest bass caught each hour and overall.

Top honors went to the team of Steve Snow and Steve Thompson with a five bass limit that weighed in at 19 pounds 6 ounces.

In second place on the leader board was the team of Marshall Sweat and Bill Gross who finished with a weight of 12 pounds and 10 ounces. The team of Joe Martinez and Bud Bailey followed close behind finishing in

third place with a weight of 12 pounds 8 ounces.

The hourly big bass prizes went to Steve Snow, Steve Thompson, Matt Brooks and Bill Gross with Bill's 5 pound 4 ounce bass taking the big bass of the day prize.

Ron McGaughey, co-founder of the Lake Auman Sports Club, with the help of Jerry Constantino served up a picnic lunch at Johnson Point for the participants following the event.

Organizers of the event, Ed Cockman, Dick DeVoss and Don Smith announced plans to continue holding Sports Club tournaments twice a year, Spring and Fall, in the future.



Twenty-five anglers turned out for the Lake Auman Bass Tournament.

Big fun, big fish in Florida

Three Lakers recently enjoyed excellent fishing on Lake George and Lake Okeechobee in Florida. Fishing for large-mouth bass, Lake Auman Sports Club members Charlie Flinchum, Chuck Bolton, and Troy Short reported

great conditions and big fish for their week-long outing.

The team caught over one hundred bass, all more than one and a half pounds with many in the twelve to thirteen-pound range. All fish were

released to give joy to other fisherpersons.

Asked if it's an annual trip, Flinchum said, "No, but maybe it should be."



Troy Short & Charlie Flinchum show off a Florida whopper.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- **Woof Woof Open** – 8:30 am, at Longleaf Country Club in Southern Pines, and The Pit, Aberdeen. \$125 entry fee for both days comes with goodies, including eight free green fees, four each to use at both courses later on. \$75 entry fee for a single day's play comes with two green fees at each club. This Best Balls of Four tournament is for men's, Women's, and mixed teams. Golfers will gather Saturday, June 27 at Longleaf for an 8:30 am shotgun start. Continues on Sunday, June 28, The Pit hosting the tournament with an 8:30 am start. Project is a joint endeavor of Moore Humane Society and Pooch Park Partners.
- **Summer Music Fest** – Noon-9 pm, at Valenti's Italian Restaurant, Vass. Bands from the Sandhills area are joining together to benefit the Heart CARE Fund of the Moore Regional Hospital Foundation. Bands include Hard to Handle, Gilbert Hardy and the Backporch Boys, TCR, Short Notice, Trip Wire, Cabin Fever, Diamond Back and the Blackwater Creek Band. The WWes Baby Doll will be on hand for autographs and photos. Food available. Information or purchase tickets call (910)245-6584. Tickets \$10.
- **Professional Rescuer CPR/AED** – 9 am - 4 pm, (for Healthcare Providers), Certification Fee \$60. American Red Cross Moore County Chapter Introductory Certification Course. American Red Cross Moore County Chapter, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines 910-692-8571.
- **Ham Radio Days** – Moore County Amateur Radio Society (MOCARS) Field Days, 12:00 noon, the community invited to visit MOCARS at their annual, event. (continues on Sunday, June 28 at noon) at Hillcrest Park, Carthage. Each year MOCARS members take their equipment to a remote location, using only emergency power, to test and make sure that they are ready to provide critical communications when needed. Come see how local ham radio operators quickly set up communication networks when other systems fail or are overloaded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- **Belford Baptist Church Homecoming** – 11 am. Fellowship dinner after service. No 9 am service today. Revival starts Monday, June 29 thru July 1 at 7 pm each night. Guest speaker will be Bishop Leonard Williams of Greater St. Mark Church of Deliverance of Wadesboro. The church is located at 925 Windblow Rd., Jackson Springs.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

- **Belford Baptist Church Revival** – June 29 thru July 1 at 7 pm each night. 925 Windblow Rd., Jackson Springs.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1:30-6 pm Sandhills Cycle Center (On the bus) 7540 Hwy 15-501 N., Pinehurst. Appt. call 692-8571.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

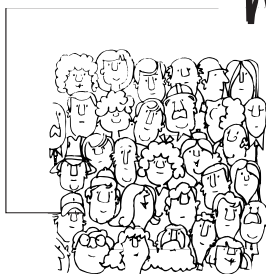
- **Summer Concert Series** – 7 to 9 pm, at Johnson Point. "Glenn Davis Live" Free Admission. BYOE (bring your own everything). Bring drinks, coolers, snack, chairs, kids, and listen to some great music..

SATURDAY, JULY 4

- Independence Day

MONDAY, JULY 6

- **NAMI-MC Old Fashion Barbeque** – Foxfire Park, 6:00 pm, \$15 per person, \$5 Consumer. All NAMI-MC members, their family and friends are



invited to the NAMI-MC Annual Summer Gathering. Theme of event is an Old Fashion Barbeque, so wear your Red, White and Blue and join in for some fun and frolic. Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, Homemade Ice Cream, Watermelon, Ice Tea, Lemonade and so much more! Make Reservations by contacting Patty Laughlin at: pattyskula@hotmail.com or 910-528-6121. Payable in advance. Make checks payable to NAMI-MC. Mail to P.O. Box 4823, Pinehurst, NC 28374

What's When Calendar

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- **Moore County Disabled American Veterans** – 5 to 8 pm, DAV Chapter 83 Annual Membership Appreciation Cookout. All DAV members and veterans can in for hamburgers, hotdogs and all the trimmings. RSVP 910-944-1113 and let them know how many are coming. 1020 Preist Hill Road, Carthage. Moore County DAV veterans helping veterans.

- **Moore County Republican Party Executive Committee** – 7 pm at the Moore County Courts Facility Building, Room 105 in Carthage. For more info contact Joe Garrison at 910-690-4511.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1 pm - 6 pm, Seven

Lakes Community North Clubhouse, Seven Lakes. Appt. call 673-4931.


- **Infant/Child CPR/AED** – 6:00 - 9:30 pm, American Red Cross Certification Course, Fee \$40, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review** – 6:00 - 8:30 pm, American Red Cross, Review/Recertification Course. Certification fee \$25, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- **Family Movie Night in the Park** – 8 pm, at SL West Side Park Community Center Playground. Free Showing of *Bedtime Stories* starring Adam Sandler, rated PG. Free Popcorn. Bring your blankets, chairs, drinks, and children. Sponsored by Seven Lakes West Activities Committee.



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- **Standard First Aid + Adult CPR/AED** – 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, American Red Cross Certification Course, Certification fee \$60, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- **Big Band from Chicago** – 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Eddie Barrett and the Goodman Legacy Orchestra will perform at Mr. P's (formerly Mint Julep's) 155 Hall Ave, Southern Pines. 603-7660.

MONDAY, JULY 13

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:30 am, Conference Room.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 9 am, West Side Park Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

- **Professional Rescuer CPR/AED Review** – 6:30 - 8:30 pm, American Red Cross Review/Recertification Course, (For Healthcare Providers & Lifeguards). Certification fee \$25, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

- **Standard First Aid Review** – 6:30 - 8:30 pm, American Red Cross Review/Recertification Course. Certification fee \$25, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571

SATURDAY, JULY 18

- **Professional Rescuer CPR/AED** – 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, American Red Cross Certification Course, (Healthcare Providers), Certification Fee \$60, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.
- **Solutions for Animals, Inc.** – 11 am to 5 pm, Join in for some Good Clean Fun! Dog Wash and Fun Festival Fundraiser for the whole Family at Carolina Horse Park at Five Points in West Hoke County (2814 Montrose Road, Raeford). All Supplies Provided - Even the Bathers! Dog Wash \$5. Best Shaker Prizes every hour! Nail Trims \$5 by Five Points Pet Resort. A Kids Fun Booth, Pony Rides, Raffles, Ice Cream. Pictures of "Dogs in Jail" will be taken and available for purchase. Lunch Provided By Dog Nation Grill of Southern Pines \$6 Rabies Vaccinations By: Whispering Pines Animal Hospital (also providing discounted microchipping and flea/tick preventatives). Event sponsored in part by: Five Points Pet Resort. Adoptable Companion Animals will be available at this event! Volunteers are needed! 910-875-7244.
- **Moore County Genealogical Society Open House** – 1 pm to 4 pm, 25th Anniversary. At the Moore County Agricultural Center, 707 Pinehurst Avenue, Carthage (next to Pinelake Health & Rehabilitation Center). Presentations include how to start your research, information avail-

able at the Register of Deeds office and LDS Family Center, and more. Refreshments served, door prizes awarded. For more information call 910-947-2689, kayla@carolina.net.

MONDAY, JULY 20

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 2:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Community Presbyterian Church 125 Everett Rd., Pinehurst. Appt. call 692-8571.
- **101 Dalmatians-Kids** – Temple Theatre Summer Youth Conservatory 2 (July 20 thru August 9) The conservatory is for students ages 8 to 18. Fee is \$275. Rehearsals Monday - Friday from 12:30 to 5:30pm. Four Performances Aug. 7 at 7pm, Aug. 8 at 2 pm and 7 pm, and Aug. 9 at 2 pm. To register either call 919.774.4512 x221 or email templetheatre@windstream.net

THURSDAY, JULY 23

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 11:00 am - 3:30 pm, St. Joseph of the Pines (On the bus) 103 Gossman Dr., Southern Pines. Appt. call 246-1139.
- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review** – 6:00 - 8:30 pm, American Red Cross Review/Recertification Course. Certification fee \$25. 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571

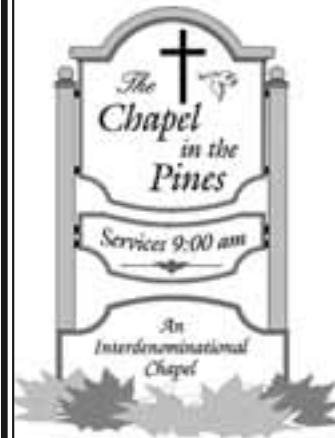
SATURDAY, JULY 25

- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED** – American Red Cross Certification Course, 8:00 am - 1:30 pm, Certification fee \$55, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.
- **Open Auditions for 2009-2010 season.** – Temple Theatre. Auditions are by appointment only between 10am and 6pm. Appointments call the Temple Theatre Business Office at (919) 774-4512, ext. 221. All auditioning should bring two copies of headshot and resume, two contrasting monologues lasting no more

than 2 minutes total, and a short selection from a pop song or musical theatre song with sheet music for piano accompanist or provide a CD for accompaniment.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1:30 - 6:00 pm, Penick Village, Penick Village North Bldg., Emmanuel Episcopal Ch., 100 E Rhode Island Ave. Ext., Southern Pines. Appt. call 692-8571.
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association General Meeting** – 7:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center.

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- To educate members in the principals and techniques of sound financial investment using stock analysis procedures recommended by the National Association of

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- To enable members to make regular investments in member approved stocks and financial investments that have the potential to appreciate in value in value by 10-15 percent per year.

Members learn to analyze stocks using computer tools and other resources recommended by the National Association.

The club members meet at

7:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the West Side Park Community Center.

At that meeting they discuss and act upon recommendations from one or more member study groups which have completed detailed analysis of a group of stocks and conduct any other business as required.

Anyone interested in joining may contact the club's Presiding Partner, Lionel Kuhn, at 673-3770 or by email at lkuhn9@gmail.com.

It's delightful!

I came across this recipe the other day, and I have to share it with you.

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Repeat layers.

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from Lucy's Kitchen

Lucy Ingram
Seven Lakes South

Gamma Sigma donates math kits to schools

Math kits were provided to seven Moore County primary and elementary schools this school year by the Numeracy Committee of the Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a society of active and retired educators. Financial support was provided by the St. Joseph of the Pines Outreach Program, as well as a book exchange program within

the Chapter.

Each school – Aberdeen Primary, Aberdeen Elementary, Cameron Elementary, Robbins Elementary, Southern Pines Primary, Southern Pines Elementary, and Vass-Lakeview Elementary – received a set of 18 kits focusing on basic math concepts for the primary grades. These kits were designed and prepared by the members. Each

kit contains a book, follow-up activities and a game with instructions to the parents in English and in Spanish so the child may receive home support.

Certificates and prizes were awarded to each K-5 class at the quarterly awards assemblies. Recipients stood on an "Olympic-style" platform with the Top Math-

ematician on the top step and the Most Improved Boy and the Most Improved Girl on the sides. At the end-of-the-year promotions, the Top Mathematician of the Year for each class received a bronze medallion.

Numeracy Chair Lucille Lee-man was assisted this year by Kitty Appanaitis, Amy Bonds,

Linda Bryant, Linda Donnell, Sandra Florell, Phyllis Lambert, Joan Matula, Elaine Tucker, Gladys Wade, and Sara Webster.

"We hope to be able to continue this program next year with the addition of four more schools," Leeman said.

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Minor cuts and scrapes are a part of everyday life every summer. For some people, the inconvenience and expense of seeking medical care may outweigh health concerns about the injury itself.

"It isn't always easy for the average person to judge the

severity of a bite, minor burn or cut, so people tend to wait to seek treatment," says David Strom, M.D., medical director of the Wound Care & Hyperbaric Center at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. "Minor scrapes can be treated with supplies from a well-stocked first aid kit,

but major injuries or infections should be seen by a health care professional before they have time to become something more severe."

Dr. Strom and the staff of the Wound Care & Hyperbaric Center offer the following guidance on when to seek medical treat-

ment:

Sunburns can be treated with over-the-counter remedies, yet can be associated with shock, heat exhaustion and dehydration, which need professional attention. Symptoms of a serious sunburn can include severe painful blisters, nausea, fever, chills, extreme thirst, rapid breathing, faintness and dizziness.

Deep puncture wounds made by nails and knives are especially susceptible to the tetanus bacteria commonly found in soil. All wounds should be cleaned immediately. Adults who have not had a tetanus-diphtheria shot in 10 years or children who have not been vaccinated should seek professional attention and receive the vaccine.

People with certain medical conditions, such as diabetes and vascular disease, as well as the elderly and those who have had radiation therapy, should closely monitor all wounds for signs of infection or failure to heal, especially those on the lower limbs.

Seek medical treatment if a burn or wound shows signs of infection including increased

pain at the wound site, redness or swelling spreading away from the wound, a foul wound odor, change in color or amount of drainage from the wound, or if you experience fever, chills, nausea or vomiting.

Bites from unknown or wild animals require immediate medical attention. Also seek treatment if the bite is deep or large, on the face, neck or hands, or if there is swelling, redness, pain or infection draining from the wound. Animal bites also pose a tetanus threat to those who have not been vaccinated.

Seek emergency assistance for insect bites if you experience trouble breathing, facial swelling or turning blue, weakness or tightening of the throat. Emergency rooms and wound healing centers equipped with hyperbaric oxygen chambers are needed to treat some serious spider bites such as those of the brown recluse spider.

For more information on treating chronic or infected wounds, contact the Wound Care & Hyperbaric Center at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital at (910) 715-5901.

Red Cross offers classes

July 2009 Health & Safety Classes offered by American Red Cross Moore County Chapter include:

Introductory Certification Courses

Wednesday, July 8
Infant/Child CPR/AED
6:00 - 9:30 pm
Certification Fee \$40

Saturday, July 11
Standard First Aid + Adult CPR/AED
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Certification fee \$60

Saturday, July 18
Professional Rescuer CPR/AED
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
(Healthcare Providers)
Certification Fee \$60

Wednesday, July 22
Standard First Aid
6:00 - 9:00 pm
Certification Fee \$35

Saturday, July 25
Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED
8:00 am - 1:30 pm
Certification fee \$55

Review & Recertification Courses
Prerequisite: Participant should hold current or recently expired certification in the review subject.

Thursday, July 9
Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Certification fee \$25

Wednesday, July 15
Professional Rescuer CPR/AED Review
6:30 - 8:30 pm
(For Healthcare Providers & Life-guards)
Certification fee \$25

Thursday, July 16
Standard First Aid Review
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Certification fee \$25

Thursday, July 23
Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Certification fee \$25

Note: All fees must be paid in advance. Class size is limited to a minimum of 4, or a maximum of 8 participants. Fees are nonrefundable, but they may be applied to another course.

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Computer club learns about Open Office

by Laurie Werner

Seven Lakes Computer Club

Corinne Walls from the Sandhills Community College presented an overview of "Open Office" and its features. This is a free download which is comparable to Microsoft Office. The

components look similar to Microsoft Word/Works, Microsoft Power Point, Microsoft Access; Microsoft Excel, Corel Draw, and Desktop Publishing.

The program comes with various templates. Missing is an Email component as well as

Clip Art, however clip art can be downloaded from other sites. All documents can be exported as PDF files and it will open Office 2007 documents.

The Computer Club of Seven Lakes meets the second Tuesday of the month except for July and August. Come join us in September for another great year.



Corrine Walls

Class of 2009



Amanda Mary Snead

St. Paul School for Girls
Baltimore, MD

Amanda is the daughter of George and Barbara Snead of Baltimore, MD and the granddaughter of Helen Jernigan of Seven Lakes. She was a member of National Honor Society, an AP Scholar, played soccer, lacrosse, tennis and danced at Towson U.

Amanda will attend Tulane University in New Orleans.



Lauren Von Canon

Pinecrest High School
Pinehurst, NC

Lauren is the daughter of Ken and Lori Von Canon of West End. She is the granddaughter of Don and Judy Davis of Lakeview and Richard and Edna Von Canon of West End. She was a member of National Honor Society, Key Club officer, and wrote for the school newspaper. Lauren will attend UNC-Chapel Hill.

Mental Illness Support Group

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Moore County [NAMI-MC] sponsors a local educational/support meeting on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, and a support-only meeting is held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. All meetings are held at the FirstHealth Conference Center located on the corner of Page Road and Rte 211, Pinehurst. For information call 295-1053 or visit www.nami-moorecounty.org



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SLLA Meeting

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ford's report, the Association may need to borrow approximately \$430,000 to complete the paving project.

A combined working subcommittee made up of members of the Finance and Maintenance Committee also discussed whether the paving work should include bringing community roads up to North Carolina Department of Transportation standards. Galford said the committee concluded that any tax or financial assistance benefits were limited and would require removing the gates.

A detailed copy of the paving project report is available online at the SLLA website.

Finance

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher reported a seven percent decrease in projected May income, explaining that dues collections were down because more residents were choosing to make payments [versus paying in full] than in the past, because the first \$50 collected is directed towards the restricted paving account, and because the month ended on a weekend.

Fulcher reported expenses are right on target at 8.54 percent.

Security

During public comment, a resident said that, on Memorial Day, he witnessed a boat with outdated stickers enter the community and launch at Sequoia

Point.

"What are you doing about boat patrol for the Fourth [of July]?" he asked.

Fulcher reported Boat Patrol will be on duty from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm for the next two weeks — the week before and after the holiday.

However, the discussion clearly hit a nerve with President Randy Zielsdorf.

"We've never gotten this gate thing right. We're spending \$250,000 between gates and patrol — a lot of money, but we're not getting proper allocation of resources," he charged. "This seems to be a problem and we don't have a solution. It's an awful lot of money and we are not getting a good bang for our buck."

Fulcher said one major problem was massive employee turnover within the contract company, SFI. "We have new guards at the one of the gates every week."

Recreation

The new modular equipment

for the Northside playground has been delivered, reported Director Bruce Keyser, Jr. But construction will be delayed until mid-July to accommodate maintenance staff vacation schedules, with completion and installation anticipated in early August.

Seven Lakes Summer Day Camp is underway with full and half day options available with drop-in or preregistration at the North Clubhouse, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Horse Camp is full. To place names on the waiting list, call the Seven Lakes Stables at 673-4738.

Sponsored by the Seven Lakes Lions Club, the Stingrays Swim Team program is also underway, and new members are welcome. For more information on registration or group and individual swim lessons held throughout the summer, contact Coach Ed Hill at 691-2616 [see page 5]. In addition, a water aerobics class is held weekday mornings from 8:30 am to 9:15 am with Instructor Andrea Schmidt.

On Saturday, July 4 at 2:00 pm, special games and activities will be held at the Northside pool for community children.

The fireworks display will be held at Sequoia Point on Saturday, July 4 at dusk — approximately 9:00 pm. The Sequoia Dam will be closed to vehicle traffic from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

Lakes

Northsider Ron Erskine expressed concern, during Public Comment, that lake water was only tested once a year. He informed the Board that he had formed a lakeside residents association with a primary objective to monitor water quality of all community lakes.

Using the Coliphate [CP] method, a procedure developed

in Canada and already adopted by many communities, Erskine said water quality could be tested more accurately and less expensively than the current method.

"These tests are more reliable and species specific for E.coli — and E.coli is what we really want to test for," he said.

Director Sally Kindsvatter, a microbiologist, said she would like to review the testing materials and compare them to the current methods used.

"You have to be careful and need to have controls. You can get false positive results and we don't want to scare the community," said Kindsvatter.

Erskine responded that the tests were guaranteed and that the Association owes it to those

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using the beaches to test more frequently.

"We should be doing more," he charged.

Also during Public Comment, the Board resumed discussion on a request by lakefront landowner Rich Scott to relocate buoys further away from his dock.

During the June Work Session, the Board agreed the 150-foot rule for buoy placement was adequate; however, Keyser recommended the Board reconsider.

"Where the buoys are now creates a sharp turn that forces a massive wake towards his [Scott's] dock," Keyser reported.

After discussion of several placement options, the Board agreed to relocate the problem buoys back to their original locations.

Community Standards, ARB & Beautification

The Architectural Review Board approved several remodeling projects, Director Kindsvatter reported, including three deck additions, a new roof, a screened porch conversion, lot clearing, and a driveway extension pending location of the septic field.

Kindsvatter thanked the members of the Beautification Committee for their work maintaining flowerbeds at the Northside Mail House.

President Zielsdorf also encouraged residents to continue to use trash receptacles located in common areas to reduce litter.

Seven Community Standards items are unresolved, reported Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane, with five complaints scheduled for hearing by the Judicial Committee on July 2.

Director Kent Droppers reported several new members joined the Community Standards Committee and said the 'call first' policy for complaints seemed to be working well.

"Unfortunately a majority of items are chronic or repeat offenders and absentee owners," Dropper said.

In related discussion, Fulcher said time spent mowing roadside shoulders had not been reduced by the recent Board action to limit mowing to specific areas.

"It takes just as long to mow

here and there, than to mow the whole thing. It's not saving time or money," Fulcher said, explaining his decision to instruct maintenance to resume full roadside mowing.

Community Manager Search

Interviews with representatives from four management companies will be held beginning in early July, reported Droppers, to be followed by interviews with individuals interested in the Community Manager position.

Kindsvatter requested that Fulcher and Beane pull their files and management materials together to provide a comprehensive operations or procedures manual.

Galford reported that an initial discussion on system of governance, detailing the future role of the Board of Directors, would be held in July. He anticipated a draft outline would be complete in October and formalized in November.

"Looking at the role and responsibilities of property own-

ers, the Board, of committees, and the manager — the one role that comes into play most frequently is the responsibility of owners to work with the Board and not against it," Galford said.

Other items

The Community Plan, a ten-year long range plan initiated by President Zielsdorf last year and drafted by Ray Pardue, will be presented for discussion in July and August. "The Community Plan is not set in stone and will concentrate on years one to five," Zielsdorf said.

Speed bumps were installed in the guest lane at the Northside gates, reported Community Manager Fulcher. And some barcode stickers at the Southside gates are not reading correctly. If you have difficulty, have the guard record your sticker number.

Directors Bud Shaver and Gary Caulk were unable to attend the meeting.

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and resume, two contrasting monologues lasting no more than two (2) minutes total, and a short selection from a pop song or musical theatre song with sheet music for piano accompanist or provide a CD for accompaniment.

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Too many birthdays? Or just too much crab?

A few months back I was busy entertaining a gaggle of little girls when one asked, totally out of the blue, "Why does God let people die?"

Uh, uh . . . I fumbled and sputtered and started praying for a wee bit of guidance to answer such a loaded question when the youngest in the room opined, "I know why people die: because they have too many birthdays."

Succinct and without hesitation, Bridgit's matter-of-fact answer satisfied the group and I was off the hook.

With the hot season upon us

and a cake laden with candles headed in my direction in the very near future, I can't help but chuckle at this little bit of four-year-old wisdom and wonder, can you have too many birthdays?

My maternal kin would say never: but of course we're talking about the party branch of my family tree!

Here is a crowd of folks just looking for an excuse to indulge — and since this is a Maryland bunch, all summer festivities, including birthdays, require a bushel of crabs too.

Not that I'm the one cracking

claws. You see, I am a food wimp. There is simply no amount of Old Bay, butter, or beer that can overcome my avowed aversion



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

to this, uh, delicacy. And even worse than an afternoon spent dodging flying hammers and

shell fragments is watching these same close blood relatives eat that Chesapeake Bay specialty — the soft shell crab sandwich.

Just in case you've missed this culinary delight, I'll let you in on a little secret. It's the whole crab!

Legs and all, slapped between two pieces of bread! Yum, who's hungry?

The fact that this soft shell represents the crab's annual molt — dare I say, birthday — somehow eludes my hungry family.

Perhaps I should introduce a new birthday tradition: something with less crab and more . . . hmm, margarita mix?

Dear Bridgit, I can't answer the big questions in life, but I can tell you this. No matter what is on the menu or how many candles are on your cake, there is no such thing as too many birthdays.

Manning Westside's back gate is just too expensive

Dear Editor:

I cannot believe that the West Side Board would even consider the possibility to construct a new gatehouse and have it manned at the back gate, while the main gatehouse and entrance way could be beautified.

The director of security, John Hoffmann, may a bit off base with this one.

Spending up to \$110,000 per year to operate (his estimate not including construction) is probably on the low side as most of us know nothing ever comes in close to estimate, then

raising our annual dues by at least \$65 next year.

Oh, I'm sorry that's if the gate is open for 24 hours, well if it's not open for 24 hours, why have it open at all.

It was approved by the board that all residents will have to get bar codes for our vehicles starting next year, so why a guard at the back gate?

Shouldn't guests and Contractors use the main gate for signing in and directions? If the board is really considering spending up in the area of \$100,000 then build a new mail house

behind the West Side Community Center, (although I will miss those lovely railings) and move an upgraded modern and attractive main gatehouse to the site of the present mail house.

If you think the community was upset about the rise in rates over Johnson Point, the boat storage area and the pool, and the possibility of a special assessment for something that's not even necessary for the "security" of the community, you ain't seen nothing yet.

James Eilert
Seven Lakes West

Fifty grand for a fence? Come on!

Dear Editor:

\$51,722! That's the amount our board is spending on something of, in my opinion, dubious value.

A six foot high chain link fence will not stop any reasonably fit young man. What is it you are fearful of? The sheriff has said we don't have a crime problem. Of the few incidents we have had, some can be linked to teens in our community. Most can

be linked to unlocked doors. Locking your door is a whole lot cheaper than \$51,722.

When you find there are some incidents after the fence is installed, then what? Barbed wire? Guard dogs? The sheriff has also said there is no sure thing as 100% security. Come on folks, let's calm down and use some common sense.

Ray Taylor
Seven Lakes West

Thanks from Davies

Dear Editor:

After 25 years of conscientiously reading the *Seven Lakes Times* and the *Interlake*, we were and continue to marvel at the sense of togetherness of Seven Lakers to rally around their neighbors when unexpected problems of major consequence arise!

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received — from our Church and their prayers, the many cards, the volume of telephone calls, and the genuine assistance from our friends and neighbors — during major surgery and a very slow recovery.

Our humble response is "Thanks and God Bless You!"

Dave and Roxana Davies
Seven Lakes North

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Dear Editor:

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This is the party of paying off people in bathrooms to switch parties and of corruption and inefficiency. It's time for a real change. New Governor Bev Purdue's approval numbers are at

47% while those who disapprove of her job has increased to 44%. Speaker Joe Hackney can't even get members of his own party to support his tax and spend budget proposals.

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Joe Garrison
West End

Ad hoc car lot's an eyesore

Dear Editor:

Isn't it a shame that we have begun to develop a Used Car Lot at the lovely entrance to Beacon Ridge?

Last week, a car and two motorcycles – this week a Hummer. What next – fishing equipment, combat boots, bonsai

trees, or a veggie stand like up at the lovely intersection of Hwy. 211 and 73?

I have contacted the West Side Landowners Association, but they apparently have no control over this area.

After all the hard labor and expense put in by our wonder-

ful beautification committee, why let this sort of eyesore develop right at our "front door."

Take pride in your community, neighbors, and sell your "used stuff" elsewhere.

Jan Thomas
Seven Lakes West

Thanks for the helping hand

To the Editor:

I just had to give public thanks to Bob Darr, Maintenance Supervisor for Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

On Sunday, June 14, I had a trunk full of debris and took it to the maintenance dump. It was chained. I turned around and called Bob. It was about 10:30

am. Bob was very pleasant, even though I had disturbed his Sunday morning "breathing" spell.

He said he would meet me at the dump and open it for me. He was true to his word. He was so pleasant, that I was almost ashamed of myself for disturbing him. He assured me it

was not a problem.

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Anyhow – thanks, Bob!

Jean Rumprik
Seven Lakes North

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or replaced; and some have suggested moving the front gate guardhouse back to that position.

In addressing any and all of these questions, a key concern is making sure that the appearance of entrance to Seven Lakes West helps enhance the property values of landowners.

Goodman explained that LRP had recommended hiring an outside consulting firm, Land-Design, to develop a master plan for both the front a back gate areas. After hearing a presentation on the concept, the Board "conceptually approved" the idea and asked Goodman to

head up a committee to outline the work and negotiate a contract with the vendor. He said the planning process will likely cost less than \$15,000.

The Board created a second committee to look at property ownership and possible acquisitions near the front and back gate. Noting that there may one day be a need for a guardhouse at the back gate, Goodman said there may be other opportunities in that area, though he did not provide any detail about what those might be.

Finally, a third committee, consisting of Goodman, Legal Director Ed Silberhorn, and Presi-

dent Ron Shepard are working with the owners of the Parkwood neighborhood near the front gate to think through issues raised by the fact that some of Parkwoods lots would access Lakeway Drive between the current mailhouse and the gate house.

"We're trying to get a long-range vision of what we want," Goodman said. "When we get a little more in place, we will be able to provide more specifics to the membership."

"I know some people are for a guard station at the back gate and some think that is ridiculous," he added. "Right now we

are just studying it."

Septic Management Plan could become mandatory

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn said the July edition of the Seven Lakes West Newsletter will carry a proposal for a rules change that would make the currently voluntary septic management program mandatory for all homeowners whose property drains into Lake Auman. The process of evaluating the rules change will begin during the Board's July 14 Work Session. He thanked Bob Fewkes, George Jenner,

Bud Sales, and Jay Mikula for the work they had put into developing the proposal over the past year.

Silberhorn reported that the annexation of the Parkwood neighborhood into the Association continues to move forward, with the resolution of some paving and drainage issues. A final annexation agreement has been forwarded to the attorney representing Parkwood's developer, he noted.

The Stonegate neighborhood near the back gate was given a

(See "West Side," p. 27)

County reviews Stonegate

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Moore County's Subdivision Review Board [SRB] took its first look at the Stonegate Subdivision proposed for an area just inside the back gate of Seven Lakes West in a Tuesday, June 23 meeting.

The "conceptual review" produced no objections to developer Ron Myers' plan for twelve patio homes on the 13.5 acre property on Gateway Drive. The 2000-square-foot, three bedroom, three bath, single level homes will be tightly clustered along a single street and cul-de-sac, leaving more than fifty percent of the acreage in open space.

Myers presented the concept to a general meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association last year and has negotiated an annexation agreement that will bring Stonegate residents into the Association.

The space left open in Stonegate will either be deeded to the Association, protected by covenants, or both, he told the SRB. Each unit will have its own septic system; water will be provided through an existing county water line under Gateway Drive.

Planner Tim Garner told the panel that the development appears to meet all applicable county standards.

The SRB is a panel comprised primarily of individuals with expertise in specific areas related to development, including

representatives of county, planning, inspections, health, and public works departments, Moore County Schools, and the NC Department of Transportation.

The next step in the county's approval process will require Myers to develop a preliminary

plat that will be presented to the SRB for approval. Once that is approved, development of the property can begin.

No timeframe for plat submission or development was discussed during Tuesday's meeting.



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preliminary review by the Moore County Subdivision Review Board, Silberhorn said, noting that the twelve-lot development will also be annexed into the Association.

Exercise care around wildlife

Security Director John Hoffman said Summer weather had brought with it a number of wildlife sightings by Westsiders, including grey and red foxes and coyotes. He shared advice from County Wildlife Control Officer Paul Tillman, warning residents to not feed, approach, or corner wildlife. For example, if you leave your garage door up and find a fox inside, Hoffmann said, the proper response is to call Animal Control — not to try to deal with the animal yourself.

Hoffmann noted that many species have recently borne young and new mothers can be especially testy if approached.

Safety & Security

Hoffman said a number of emails have been circulating in the community expressing concern about residents on the Beacon Ridge side of Lake Auman being "trapped" with no exit in the case of a major storm creating tree falls on Longleaf. "We have no less than three other back exits [that could be used in such an emergency]," Hoffmann said, "though their locations are not common knowledge.

In addition, in such a disaster,

the community would be served by its own Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] as well as county rescue organizations. Hoffmann said he hoped to get more information out to the community on the issue of emergency preparedness and response.

Noting that boating and swimming season are in full swing, Hoffmann reminded swimmers that they are to stay within 75 feet of shore when swimming in Lake Auman, and boaters that they are not to approach any closer than 75 feet of shore. The recent lack of rain is creating "tinder dry" conditions, he said, encouraging those using fire pits and grills to be especially vigilant in tending the flames.

A speed bump has been installed on the inside of the entry lane at the back gate, Hoffman said, with the objective of slowing down entering traffic to prevent tailgating and to allow security cameras a clear shot of license plates. Sheriff's officers have been conducting traffic enforcement inside the gates and have written a number of speeding tickets, he added.

Infrastructure

Director Goodman reported that re-striping of Longleaf Drive was scheduled to begin on Thursday, June 25, and that the construction of two boundary fences — one along Banbridge Drive and the other back of West Side Park — would begin during the first week of July.

Goodman said he and other Board representatives have met with residents of Butterfly Court to offer a possible solution to persistent drainage problems on that street. "The residents are mulling it over," he added.

Goodman said he would be hosting a meeting to begin to work on the problem of getting more fire hydrants installed in Seven Lakes West.

Architectural Review

Director Adam Wimberley said the number one complaint being fielded by the Architectural Review Committee concerns unsightly satellite dishes. As a result, "The front gate has been notified to not let installers come in unless the installation has been approved by ARC," Wimberley said, noting that the point

was not to prevent the installation of dishes, but to insure that ARC is involved in decisions about placement.

Wimberley asked residents to use the yard waste disposal site to dispose of grass clippings — rather than depositing them on vacant lots or common areas. He noted that the debris site is open Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. That prompted resident Jamie Eilert to ask how folks who work during those hours are supposed to use the site. Director Goodman promised that the Board would look at that issue during its next Work Session.

Community Activities

Reporting for an absent Karen Milligan, President Shepard reminded members of three upcoming events:

- Free First Friday concerts at Johnson Point beginning on July 3 with live music by Glenn Davis. Concerts will also be offered in August and September, and residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, snacks, refreshments

and anything else they need to have a good time.

- Family Movie Nights at the West Side Park playground will feature a big screen brought in for the evening. The first date is July 10, beginning at 8:00 pm, when "Bedtime Stories," starring Adam Sandler, will be screened.
- Girls' Night Out at Beacon Ridge Country Club is open to members and non-members and will feature a golf clinic, door prizes, a thank you gift, and heavy hors d'oeuvres for \$25. The date is July 23; the clinic begins at 6:00 pm.

Member Comments

During the member comments segment of the Tuesday, June 23 SLWLA meeting:

- Jamie Eilert objected to the projected \$110,000 annual cost of manning the back gate full time. Requiring that all residents have barcodes — a recent Board decision — should help prevent unauthorized entry at the back gate, he said. President Shep-

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Gangs

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its symbols, whereas those allied as Bloods are related to the People Nation.

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acronyms or numbers in a specific order.

Unlike California, gangs in North Carolina do not discriminate membership based on race, gender, or economic status.

"Here they mingle more. Black and white, how rich or poor, it doesn't matter," said Flint.

However, identifying gang members is not as easy as one might think, Flint explained.

"Just because someone is wearing a bandanna or sagging pants doesn't mean they are a gang member."

Instead unusual jewelry, use of symbols or elaborate handshakes, wearing same colors or a specific sports team jersey most of the time, and tattoos especially teardrops, are red flags. Gang graffiti can be identified through use of numbers, crossed out letters, and other intentional symbols.

When asked by *The Times* about whether the nuisance graffiti seen recently in Seven Lakes should be of concern, Kimbrell responded, "A wanna-be is a gonna-be! If a child is engaging in graffiti and tagging, they are already beginning to behave like a gang member."

According to the Task Force, the best gang prevention is awareness. "Be nosy. Ask questions about who your child and grandchild is hanging out with," said Flint. "If you see strange graffiti or a group of people dressed alike and showing hand signs, report it and we'll check it out."

To reach Deputies Flint and Gore with the Moore County Sheriff's Office, call the non-emergency number at 947-2980, or call the Foxfire Village Police Department at 295-5959.

For more information on gangs, visit www.gangorus.com, www.gangfreenc.com, and www.gangcops.org

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ard assured Eilert that the Board was studying the proposal to man the back gate but had made no decision on the issue. He said any such decision would be undertaken only after significant opportunity for community input.

- Nancy Workman said, given that the community is only about one-half built out, the current gate setup will undoubtedly prove inadequate as the community grows.
- Another resident asked why the floating diving platform had been removed from Johnson Point. Mick Herdrich explained that an insurance committee review revealed the community was opening itself up to liability by having a diving platform in an area with no lifeguard.
- Betty Milligan asked what was being done to stop unauthorized access to the community through dirt roads and trails. In addition to the new fencing that will soon be erected, Director Hoffman said, resident Chuck Spellman has joined the Security Committee as its expert on perimeter security and will be developing plans for securing and monitoring the community's borders.

Other items

Also during the Tuesday, June 23, SLWLA meeting:

- President Sheaprd announced that ten students had successfully completed the Sailing Club's Annual sailing school.
- Shepard reported that the Lake Auman Sports Club had stocked approximately 6,000 bluegills in various locations around the lake.
- Shepard encouraged members to attend the Independence Day concert by the Moore County Concert Band on July 4 at 3:00 pm at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst.
- Referring to printed financial reports distributed at the meeting, Treasurer Kathy Kirst noted that "our balances have gone down since last month" because the Association had to pay for the remediation of Lake Auman Dam.
- Community Manager Joan Frost reported that eighty percent of this year's dues had been collected in May and that collection letters had been generated for the other twenty percent, prompting some payments already this month. Frost said a process is in place that will lead to liens or foreclosures for non-payment of dues if it comes to that.



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Commissioners

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Those expenditures will be included in each year's budget proposals, Hughes told the Commissioners, and the entire plan will be revised each year during the budget process.

Other Business

In other business the Commissioners:

- Learned that Public Works Director Brobst has been cleared by his doctors for a return to work on a part-time basis after a long illness.
- Heard an extensive presentation on the county's solid waste management plan.
- Authorized the District Attorney's office to pursue a \$72,000 state grant to support assistance programs for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Authorized the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to accept a \$50,000 state grant for programs aimed at preventing youth participation in gangs.
- Called a July 20 public hearing on the county's various applications for Community Development Block Grants [CDBG].
- Called a July 20 public hearing on the county's application

for a \$75,000 CDBG that would allow the county, working with the Northern Moore Family Resource Center, to hire for two years a full-time housing counselor to help improve housing in the northern part of the county.

- Called a July 20 public hearing on the county's application for a \$400,000 grant to support the scattered site housing program, which repairs or replaces substandard housing in the county.
- Directed the county staff to prepare an application to USDA Rural Development for a grant of up to \$90,000 which will fund a program running in tandem with the Scattered Site Housing Program.
- Held a public hearing on and approved a conditional use zoning permit for former Commissioner David Cummings that will allow him to convert four chicken houses to "Mini-Warehouse/Storage Facilities."
- Held a public hearing on, but tabled until July 20, a decision on text amendments to the county zoning ordinance concerning fencing and otherwise securing swimming pools. The amendments would bring the zoning ordinance into compliance with state building standards. Commissioners Lea and Caddell both

expressed a concern that existing pools should be exempted from the standards, because of the expense that might be involved in constructing the required fencing and gates.

- Approved an amendment to the county's contract with Southern Health Partners, who provide health care services to inmates at the county jail. The existing contract provides for an additional daily payment to Southern Health whenever the average daily inmate population exceeds 120; the new contract would raise that threshold to 130, potentially saving the county money.
- Approved a request to add Foxfire Place -- a street in the Southern Pines ETJ -- to the North Carolina Department of Transportation maintenance system.
- Approved an interlocal agreement with Foxfire Village for fire inspection services.

Made the following appointments:

- Penny Johnson and Frank Thigpin reappointed to the Board of Adjustment.
- Giles Hopkins to the Moore County Planning Board, replacing Ron Jackson, who had served the two terms allowed under county policy. The Board appointed Rodney Pickler to replace Judith Crawford.
- Scot Brooks, Ronnie Fields, Wayne Kennedy, Robert Witman, Sarah Foster, Debra Ensminger, Bryan Phillips, and Steadman Meares to the Emergency Planning Committee.
- W.F. Ritter, Lane Wade Garner, Murdoch McLaurin, Otis Ritter, David Kennedy, and Ron Milewski to the Emergency Services Advisory Committee.
- Katherine Graham to the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees, replacing Ralph Redmond.
- Tina Kissell, Lisa Hughes,

Jayrene Maness, and Heather Ritter to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

- Sharon King & Bonnie McPeake to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- James Hill to the Courthouse Facilities Advisory Committee.
- Carlton Cole and an unnamed designee by Commissioner Melton to the Courthouse Facilities Advisory Committee.

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