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## SLLA Board will move forward with repaving

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Major road repaving in Seven Lakes North and South will begin as scheduled in Fall 2010, despite a recommendation from the Road Paving Subcommittee that repairs be delayed for an additional year.

The subcommittee recommended delay in order to allow time for additional reserve funds to accumulate. However, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors was equally unanimous in their bid to move the project forward as originally proposed, starting

with a few key areas that will require extensive repairs.

Reporting at the Monday, September 14 SLLA Board Work Session, Treasurer Denny Galford estimated the project would cost at least \$800,000, some of which will have to be borrowed.

"The roads are solid," Galford said. "If we delay, the roads will not require any more repair work whether they are done in 2010, 2011, or 2012. But the excessive sealing work shows the age of the community. If we delay, there are unknowns -- what will inflation do to the interest rates,

what will be the price of oil, and what will be the price of paving?"

Director Bruce Keyser, Jr., who owns a small construction business, argued that costs were currently low but already creeping back up.

"We pushed to put in a dues increase [for road reserves], and I think residents want to see some action," said Keyser.

President Randy Zielsdorf, along with Directors Kent Drovers and Sally Kindsvatter, also argued in favor of kicking off the project sooner rather than later.

"I want to get out of the 'just' (See "SLLA Work Session," p. 28)

## West Side will seek foreclosure for back dues

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Foreclosure liens will be filed against several undeveloped lots in Seven Lakes West, reported Legal Director Ed Silberhorn during the Tuesday, September 8 Work Session of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board. Silberhorn recommended liens be placed on lots 5215, 4143, 4097, 4308, 5653, 5652, 6190, 6809, 4055, 3074, 3503R, 3502, 5671, 10, and 4196.

During a related financial discussion, a report of \$24,000 in

dues delinquent for at least eight months prompted criticism from Silberhorn.

"If the office knows of a problem, it should be brought to our attention," he demanded.

Community Manager Joan Frost countered that the information had been included as part of the complete monthly financial report.

Frost said she is working with Director Mick Herdrich to determine procedures for billing and collections next year -- with consideration being given to a monthly or quarterly payment

option for residents.

Treasurer Kathy Kirst expressed concern that budget revenue is based on cash flow.

"We're not evenly dispersed on a monthly basis with some expenses being very seasonal," Kirst said. "We need to schedule to get things in the budget and then will have to dovetail that in the decision on whether to offer quarterly or monthly [payments]."

Silberhorn said a major portion of the budget is manpower which is directly tied to whether the (See "Westside," p. 26)

## Raise high the roof beam



Dozens of carpenters and contractors are rebuilding the West End Scout Lodge, destroyed in a fire last month. Former Scoutmaster Duane Parsons (second from front) is coordinating the effort.

## Pine Forest Development would cover nearly 1,800 acres

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

A new major subdivision and resort is in the works along the north side of the Rt. 211 corridor.

Encompassing 1,799 acres, the proposed Pine Forest Development stretches from the Hoffmann Road intersection, near Foxfire, to West Pine Middle School. The undeveloped land includes sections of heavy pine forest and Nick's Creek traverses west

(See "Pine Forest," p. 29)

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# DOT names consultant for crossing project

The Rail Division of the NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT] has hired a consultant to conduct environmental studies and produce designs for the upgrading of the rail crossing at Seven Lakes West's front entrance, as well as the closure of crossings in West End.

NCDOT Nancy Horne told *The Times* that former NCDOT Engineer Jason Field, now a staff consultant with Moffat & Nichol Engineers, will spearhead the project.

A large firm headquartered in California, Moffat & Nichol has two-dozen offices and 500 engi-

neers worldwide. The firm was founded in 1945 to help build ports along the West Coast, but rail services is among their chief areas of practice.

Horne told *The Times* that the Seven Lakes-West End Rail Safety project is likely to involve at least one more opportunity for

public input, once Field's research is done and initial designs are complete.

It is likely, she told *The Times*, that the necessary public meetings will be held sometime after the first of the year.

Horne said she could not, at this point, project when shovels will actually be put in the ground to upgrade the West-side crossing.

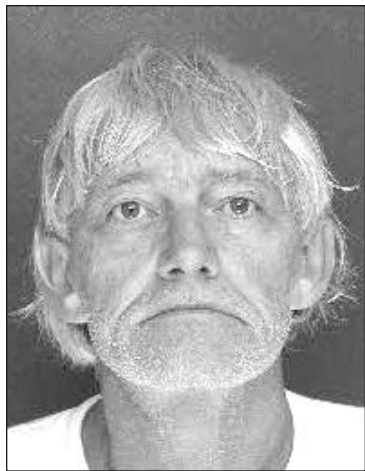
The project will make the currently private crossing at Lake-

way Drive and NC Highway 211 a public crossing and upgrade it with safety gate arms.

Crossings at Mode Road and Edgewood Terrace in West End will be closed. The closures are necessary so that federal rail safety funds can be used to pay for the project, reducing the need for state funds and the potential liability that would be associated with an accident at the Seven Lakes West Crossing.

## Drug charges in West End

Moore County Sheriff's Officers have arrested a West End Man



Ronnie Lawrence Brown, Sr

on charges of obtained drugs by "doctor shopping."

Ronnie Lawrence Brown, Sr., age 54, of 210 Woodlawn Street in West End was arrested on September 15 and charged with 25 counts of felony obtaining controlled substance by misrepresentation to a healthcare provider.

Detective Jerrell Seawell told *The Times* that Brown had obtained prescriptions from several doctors both in Moore County and elsewhere — a practice

he described as "doctor shopping."

According to a press release from the Sheriff's Office the investigation, which Seawell said stretched over a period of weeks, found that Brown had obtained Oxycodone, Oxycontin, Alprazolam, and Amphetamine Salt (Adderall), which are Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances.

Brown was given a \$10,000 unsecured bond and released.

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# More delays on Woodland Circle Extension

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Another problem with the culvert has further delayed work at the Woodland Road Extension project, reported Tom Collins.

Addressing the Foxfire Village Council on Tuesday, September 8, Collins said uninspected culvert materials were delivered to the site.

"That is a big no-no. You don't deliver structures without approval at the factory," Collins explained.

In addition, the subcontractor delivering the culvert material used Eagle Drive — in violation of the contract. Any future illegal hauling will be ticketed and fined.

Collins said he was waiting for the appropriate inspection paperwork to arrive before proceeding, however grading work would continue.

## Stonehill Pines

Reporting on progress at the Stonehill Pines project, Collins said the developer is processing permits.

"They have had to back up and [re]design the storm water management plan. They had hoped to do it as an overall project but it was not allowed so

they are breaking the project into pods, each designed with storm water management, drainage, and sanitary," Collins said.

"It will take more time and there is no time schedule yet."

## Water

Councilman Ed Lauer initiated a discussion of a proposed, new policy to review excessively high water bills. The policy is in response to a complaint received last month that, despite many tests and theories, has concluded with no clear answer to why a resident's meter read so uncharacteristically high.

Lauer said he personally disagreed with forgiving water bills but was willing to accept the Council's request to create a policy that would allow for review and reconsideration.

Specific details were not discussed as Lauer was waiting for final comments from two Councilmen, however he said the final policy would be "very fair both to the user and the corporate structure."

Lauer said the new Village water meters — already installed for approximately 2/3 of customers — will detect leaks through

monitoring for constant water flow.

Continuing the water report, Lauer called a motion to comply with a stipulation in the 2008 North Carolina Drought Ordinance requires a permit for all new irrigation systems. An auxiliary meter on the main residential meter is necessary.

"They are looking for enforcement. I can think of no other reason they would require when there is no sewer," Lauer said. "It is obvious that North Carolina is trying to get control of the water situation."

Approved unanimously, the law applies to all new, in-ground irrigation systems.

## Finance

The General Fund cash balance is over \$400,000, reported Councilwoman Leslie Frusco,

including \$21,790 in the Stonehill Pines fund and \$26,838 in Powell Bill funding. The Water Fund stands at \$180,125 in unrestricted funds; an additional \$135,000 is held in a restricted account for a potential new well.

Annual loan payments of \$30,000 for the Village Green park project and \$41,000 for the Water Fund are due in July 2010. The first loan payment of \$96,304 for the Woodland Road Extension project is due April 2010.

## Long Range Planning

Frusco said the Council has identified five key areas of concentration that will direct the newly formed Long Range Planning Committee. The eight member committee includes Rick Nappi, Ed Spaulding, Mike Siedler, Warren Morgan, Mick McCue, Steve Durham,

MaryAnne Lauer, and Mark Dutton. An initial meeting is scheduled for the end of September.

## Other Business

In other business, the Council heard:

Pete Thingstad and John Kanana will coordinate the Community Watch program. Any questions or concerns should be directed to pthingstad@nc.rr.com or grumpanc@juno.com

From Zoning Administrator Mimi Ainsworth that a spec house is under construction on Forest Ridge Road.

The meeting was led by Mayor Pro Tem Lauer who reported that Mayor George Erickson "is doing great and should be back with us soon. All the news is good."



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# Traditional look sought for county building

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

A more traditional look — that's what a committee asked to evaluate an architect's design for the new Government Center to be built in downtown Carthage recommended, and that's what the Moore County Board of Commissioners approved during their Tuesday, September 8 meeting.

The Government Center Committee, chaired by Planning Director Joey Raczowski, had been asked to review schematic drawings of the building prepared by architects LS3P Associates based on extensive interviews with county departments.

The initial design proposed by the architects had a distinctly contemporary profile, with the Board of Commissioners meeting room positioned on one end of the building, and massive windows providing substantial natural light to the building's interior.

The committee wanted to preserve the natural lighting, Raczowski told the Commissioners, but would prefer a more traditional look for the building — one that would be more in keeping with the historic architecture of downtown Carthage.

Other recommendations of the committee included:

- Moving the Commissioners meeting room to the center of the building, with wings of offices on either side, creating a more traditional, symmetrical design.
- Utilizing the natural slope of the property to create a sloped floor in the Commissioners' meeting room, creating theater-style seating.
- Utilizing the vertical space

resulting above the Commissioners' meeting room to add a second floor in that part of the building, which could be outfitted for use immediately or held in reserve for later.

- Adding a full basement below the structure, which would allow for climate controlled storage initially and could later be used for the expansion of work space. The architect's initial plan had called for a partial basement.

The Board voted three to one to accept the committee's recommendations, with Commissioner Cindy Morgan in opposition. Commissioner Tim Lea was unable to attend the meeting.

LS3P Associates will now be asked to redesign the building, County Manager Cary McSwain told Commissioners that he had

begun the process of negotiating the fee for that work, but was unwilling to publicly discuss the cost, noting that the initial proposal from the architects "may have had a misplaced decimal."

In a related vote, the Commissioners also approved the Master Plan for the development of the Grimm property, prepared by consultants LandDesign.

The plan shows the basic layout of the site, including the positions of the buildings, internal roadways, and parking areas. LandDesign consultant Jeremy Rust noted that some details would be adjusted in the final layout to reflect the redesign of the Government Center.

The plan was approved three-to-one, with Morgan opposed.

## New wells to be drilled in Pinehurst

The Board also approved Tuesday afternoon a \$235,000 contract with Charles R. Underwood, Inc., for three new wells in Pinehurst. Utility Operations Manager Ben Vaughn explained that, even though Underwood was not the low-bidder on the job, the company had been successful in other cases of drilling through contaminated groundwater in order to tap uncontaminated water deeper in the ground.

Two of the three new wells included in the contract are replacements for existing wells — one of them closed because of groundwater contamination.

"The groundwater has a significant amount of radiochemical sands and clays that we have to avoid," Vaughn explained, noting that Underwood has a "trade secret" that helps them successfully deal with such challenges.

"We only get one shot on these," Vaughn said. "The Underwoods' track record and our working with them the past sixteen years has demonstrated that they are the most capable" of the firms bidding on the contract.

After County Attorney Misty Raines explained that the Board is not obligated to accept the lowest bid on a contract, the

(See "Commissioners," p. 25)

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# Picerno reviews Commissioners' progress

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Nick Picerno is proud of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

"We have accomplished every goal that we sat forth," Picerno told *The Times*, referring to a goal-setting retreat the Commissioners held in January.

"We sat down in January and we decided 'These are the four things we really want to accomplish.' And now you look back from September to January and we've done it. We've accomplished every one of them."

Picerno is the Chairman of the county's Board of Commissioners, but he is also its least experienced member, with not yet twelve months under his belt since his election. Commissioners are elected by a vote of the whole county, but only one Commissioner is drawn from each of five residency districts. Picerno, a resident of McLendon Hills, represents the county's southwestern district, which includes both Pinehurst and Seven Lakes.

*The Times* interviewed Picerno on Friday, September 11, to get his perspective on what progress the Board has made in meeting the goals it set nine months ago.

The Commissioners settled on four main goals during their January retreat:

- To hold down the tax rate.
- To improve the county's computer systems in order to avoid duplication of effort and improve service to taxpayers.
- To improve the county-owned water and sewer system, in particular by increasing the supply of water available to customers in Pinehurst and Seven Lakes.

- To move forward with a new county administration building, public safety complex, and jail.

"If you look at how we've done in these nine months, Picerno said, "every board member has worked extremely hard, brought to the table their conviction, and laid it out for the public. I appreciate that, because that is exactly what I think we should do."

"It's not been just one commissioner that has done it," Picerno adds. "It's the work of five people that this county elected to represent them."

Picerno then led *The Times* through a review of each of the Board's goals and what had been done towards accomplishing them.

"I want to make it clear that I can only speak for myself, as one Commissioner," he noted. "I can't speak for the other four. But I can tell you, from my point of view, how I went about looking at the issues."

## Taxes

The Board's goal on taxes was to keep the tax rate low, and they exceeded that objective, actually lowering the property tax rate by 1.4 cents per hundred dollars of valuation, as well as cutting the Advanced Life Support levy by a half-cent.

The fact that the commissioners were able to reduce taxes in FY 2009-2010 Picerno attributed in large part to the proactive role that County Manager Cary McSwain played in holding the line on expenses in the last half of FY 2008-2009.

"If you go back to the retreat, the Commissioners pretty well conveyed to the Manager that we wanted to hold the line on taxes," Picerno said. "He implemented

cost reduction, hiring freezes, and so on, that made it possible for us to look at cutting taxes when we looked at this year's budget."

Approaching the new budget, "my process was to ask a

lot of questions," Picerno said. Noting that County Finance Director Lisa Hughes had prepared a very detailed briefing book on county finances, he said he worked his way through that resource, department by

department, flagging anything that concerned him.

"I reviewed the numbers in the county budget and the school budget," he explained. "I asked a lot of questions. The board of

(See "Picerno," p. 20)



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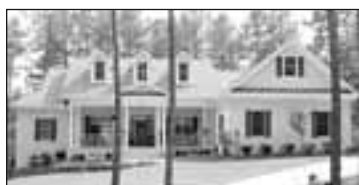
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# Stimulus funds help salvage MCS budget

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Despite \$6.9 million in cuts from State funding, the new school year had an extremely smooth start thanks to hard work and planning at every level.

"As the economy started to make a major downturn this time last year, we were most concerned about what makes a dif-

ference and that is teachers," Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser reported at the Monday, September 14 meeting of the Moore County Board of Education. "We looked at what we could trim on a daily basis because every penny saved was saving positions."

The \$57.9 million State Fund coupled with the \$28.7 million local Current Expense Fund represents ninety percent of the schools overall budget. In addition, Moore County Schools received \$12 million in Federal funding which includes nearly \$5 million in stimulus monies under a two year program.

"I am concerned what happens when the stimulus money goes away. We're going to be in serious trouble," said School Board Member Susan Black.

However both Purser and Chief Finance Officer Mike Griffin said that, overall, the school system is positioned well.

In June, the Moore County Board of Commissioners approved a flat budget request – maintaining last year's funding request; at the same time, Purser directed \$900,000 to classrooms from the central administration budget.

"The unintended byproduct [from budget cuts] was that the response from the community has been phenomenal," Purser said. "It's a tribute to our community. That's what Moore County is – a great place."

## Ten-day Enrollment

12,280 students are enrolled for the 2009-2010 academic year in Moore County including 528

students at West End Elementary, 825 students at West Pine Middle, and 2,059 students at Pinecrest High School. Half of the enrollment is served by school bus transportation, with 136 buses covering 10,000 miles a day.

## Other Business

In other business, the Board:

- Elected MCS Board Members Charles Lambert, Laura Kelly

Lang, Dr. Lorna Clack, and Chair Kathy Farren as voting delegates for the North Carolina School Board Association annual conference.

- Heard from Deputy Superintendent Dr. Larry Upchurch that Phase I projects of the Master Facilities Plan are currently under budget and expected to be complete by the end of this academic year.

## WEE Fall Festival

West End Elementary School PTA invites the community to join them for their annual Fall Festival held on Friday, October 2, 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

Pizza, hotdogs, popcorn, nachos and more will be on sale in the food court. The fun-filled evening will include an auction and bingo held in the school cafeteria. There will be cake walks and lots of games where everyone wins a prize! Look for the giant inflatable slide and jumping house out front on the school lawn, and there will be a dunking booth for students to get the chance to see their friends or favorite teacher make a splash! Raffle tickets will also be on sale the night of Fall Festival. West End Elementary School is located off Hwy 211 in the Seven Lakes area of Moore County.

For more information about Fall Festival at WEE or to volunteer to help with this worthy cause for the students, contact Heidi Patti, Chairperson for PTA Ways and Means, at 255-0679 or Kay Miller, PTA President at 673-2932.

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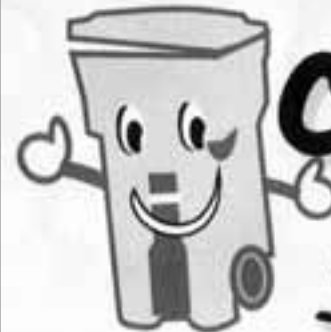
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# Ordinance change would limit wireless towers

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Thirteen areas in Moore County have been identified as having less than adequate wireless telecommunication access — including several rural pockets immediately northeast and northwest of the greater Seven Lakes community.

Reporting to the Planning Board on Thursday, September 10, wireless consultant George Condyles of The Atlantic Group of Companies recommended changes to the Zoning Ordinance to create Permitted Commercial Development Tower Areas [PCTDA] at these thirteen specified locations, strictly limiting locations of any new, freestanding wireless towers with a height up to 195'.

Currently there are forty-three wireless structures in Moore County, each with a capacity for five carriers, plus there are six additional towers in adjacent counties that influence coverage.

According to Condyles, this existing infrastructure is capable of meeting most future needs through a process termed co-location or the sharing of space on an existing structure. In addition to the thirteen locations identified as PCTDAs, 80' shorter towers — sometimes called mini-micro towers — would be allowed in all areas of the County.

Alternate Member Harry Huberth argued that all new, free-standing structures regardless of height, both concealed and unconcealed, should require a Conditional Use Permit.

"An eighty foot pole — even if it is concealed — the neighbor is going to know it's there," Huberth said.

However, Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo responded that permit applications could not be denied simply on an opinion about appearance.

"We can't take into account neighbors saying 'I don't want that there' . . . I want to discourage people from coming to a Public Hearing [as required for a CUP] when they can't have any effect," said Fiorillo.

After discussion, the Board approved Member Kim Von-Canon's suggestion that would require wireless carrier to conduct a Community Meeting on applications for free-standing micro towers.

The proposed amendments to the Moore County Zoning Ordinance now move forward to the County Commissioners for final approval.

## Parkwood rezoning deferred

A request by the Planning Department to rezone two tracts located in Seven Lakes West from Village Business to Gated Community-Seven Lakes was delayed to allow staff additional time to gather information. The .88 acre and .77 acre tracts are located on Parkwood Court and access is limited by the Westside gates. The request will be heard at the Thursday, November 5 meeting.

## Other business

In other business, the Moore County Planning Board:

- Convened as the Moore County Watershed Review Board and approved a Special Non-Residential Intensity Allocation request by Paul Trudeau, increasing the maximum built upon area from 24% to 45% to allow for the construction of two additional mini-warehouse units on a 6.34 acre parcel located on US Hwy 1 near Vass.
- Deferred proposed amendments to the Planning Board By-laws regarding alternate members for additional discussion in November.

## Fall Festival Pageant

The First Annual Seven Lakes Fall Festival Pageant will be held on Sunday, October 4 at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse at 2:00 pm.

The cost of the pageant is \$80 and all participants will receive a crown and gifts. The entry fee includes participation in the following events: Beauty, Fall Attire, Photogenic, Best Dress, Eyes, Hair, Smile and Most Beautiful.

The pageant is for age groups from newborn to 21 years of age.

This is a Natural Beauty Pageant, Sunday Dress and also a segment of the pageant will be Fall Attire with a Fall Festival Theme.

val Theme.

The winners of the pageants will be recognized at the opening event of the Seven Lakes Fall Festival and will be asked to attend events throughout the Festival. Pageant winners will also be eligible to ride in local parades and attend local events as Royalty wearing the customized tiara and monogrammed banner.

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# Gowan looks back on 90 years well spent

by Laura Douglass  
Time Reporter

Reflecting on a lifetime well spent, Northsider James Gowan said he is most proud to have served with "some of the most brilliant people I ever knew," during his career in the U.S. Army.

As a young officer, Gowan and his family spent a total of 104 months of service living in occupied Japan, Okinawa, Korea, Thailand, and Austria, among

others. During this period, Gowan was honored to work under General Douglas MacArthur and General Frank S. Besson, Jr.

Born in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, Gowan went to work on a dairy farm at nine years of age. Over the years he was awarded numerous commendations and retired from the Armed Forces in 1965. He said he then tried to lead a normal, civilian life, but just never got

the hang of it.

"I was always very happy in the service. I thought they did a lot of good things . . . I was in the brown shoe Army," Gowan collected.

In 1993, he and his first wife Esther relocated to Whispering Pines and then decided to move closer to their twin daughters, Patrice and Denise, and became residents of Seven Lakes.

"He went from a buck private to a major, which is quite a feat," said daughter Pat. "He has led an interesting life. He is the anchor in our family."

Gowan and Esther were married for sixty-six years and have

three children, including son Jim. Some months after Esther died, Gowan saw a man doing yardwork around the neighboring house. Thinking this must be his new neighbor, Gowan went over to introduce himself.

It turned out the stranger was Frank, the gardener, who was happy to introduce Gowan to his new neighbor, Patricia.

"We blame Frank," joked Patricia, now Gowan's wife. When they met, she had also been recently widowed, and the friendship between the neighbors quickly blossomed.

"There were sparks right away between the two of them," Pat

said. "And they are very happy."

With Patricia by his side, Gowan's family grew once again to include three more adult children and their families.

On September 1, surrounded by his proud family, Jim Gowan celebrated his ninetieth birthday.

When asked what was the most important lesson he has learned over the years, with great humility Gowan responded, "That I don't know much."

*Turning 90? We'd like to talk with you. The Times hopes to make this the first article in a series on nonagenarians.*



Northsider Jim Gowan celebrated his 90th birthday on September 1.

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# 'Faith & Environment' at West End Presbyterian

by Mary Price

West End

Presbyterian Church

The Adult Academy, a joint venture of West End Presbyterian Church and Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, will present a series of lecture/presentations on "Faith and the Environment." This series features some of the leading experts in this field, and the public is invited to attend part or all of this timely series.

The programs will be held at West End Presbyterian's Crawford Center at 6 pm on the following Sundays: September 27, October 4, October 11 and October 18.

The purpose of the series is to educate the community about the challenges of the environmental crisis and to give people of faith a reason to respond in practical ways at the local level.

On September 27, The Rev. Dr. Thomas Mann, author of four books and multiple published articles, will kick off the series speaking on "God's Creation: The Biblical and Theological Background for Seeing the Sacredness of Nature." Dr. Mann is a graduate of UNC at Chapel Hill and graduated Yale Divinity School magna cum laude and also earned a Ph.D. in Hebrew

Bible from Yale.

The series continues with the following programs.

**October 4**

A Presentation of the DVD, "Renewal" a production of Interfaith Power and Light. The DVD

deals with what people of different faith traditions are doing to combat the devastation of God's creation.

**October 11**

Dr. Tim Beach-Verhey: "Take and Eat: Food, Faith and the

Environment."

Sandhills Farm to Table Cooperative and Moore County Farmer's Market will also present.

**October 18**

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Jon Parsons, Save our Sandhills Ruth Stotling, and Sandhills Area Land Trust Director Dan Bell conclude the series with practical ideas that people in the Sandhills can implement immediately.

## 7 Lakes VFD Open House

The Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department will host their Open House at the Fire Station on Seven Lakes Drive, Saturday, October 3 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

There will be various demonstrations and displays as well as representatives from Moore County Public Safety, NC Forestry Services, Seven Lakes EMS, and the Moore County Sheriff's Department. There will be hands on activities for adults and children to enjoy, as well as free refreshments and a chance to meet members of your volunteer fire department.

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# Kiwanis host State Rep. Jamie Boles

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Seven Lakes Kiwanis welcomed State Representative Jamie Boles as its guest speaker on Tuesday, September 1. Representative Boles gave a brief review of his experience, to date, serving Moore County in the State House in Raleigh. He has been appointed to four committees.

Water Resources is of particular interest to him because of the desperate need for a County-wide water system and supply in Moore County. He mentioned that, although there appears to be movement toward receiving water from Montgomery County, there is still no coordinated effort within Moore County to improve the supply of this essential commodity.

He also serves on the Justice Committee, and stated an interesting fact about the number and cost of incarcerated inmates in the State. There are currently 41,000 inmates in the State of NC which is costing \$30,000/year/inmate to house. Although not directing his comments specifically to the prison system, he stated that he feels strongly about funding the major priorities in the State, and not budgeting for everything that individuals desire.

Representative Boles graciously responded to many questions from the floor after he had made his comments.

Seven Lakes Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club.

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Dave Davies, Program Coordinator with Rep. Jamie Boles

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# Computer Club gets Windows 7 preview

by Laurie Werner

Seven Lakes Computer Club

A preview of Windows 7 was given by Doug Rosskamp of Seven Lakes. Rosskamp has vast computer experience and is currently working on Windows 7

Certification. Windows 7, due to be released on October 22, is Vista improved or everything Vista wasn't. It is easier to navigate and has larger icons. It also has the ability to cascade several windows or show them



Doug Rosskamp

side by side. New media features allow the PC to be used to watch TV and use as a DVR.

There are four different levels of Windows 7: Home, Home Premium, Ultimate and Business. The Ultimate and Business can back up the entire system where the Home versions back up files only. Also Windows 7 Business has excellent security built into it. For a tour of Windows 7, go to the Microsoft Home Page.

The Computer Club of Seven Lakes meets the second Tuesday of the month and guests are welcome.

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Join Moore County Planning Board Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo on Thursday, October 1 at 2:00 pm in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse for a lively discussion of growth and development in this area and some fun stories about her experiences playing and teaching the game of Bridge.

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# In memory of . . .

**Antonette 'Joan' Jerashen Parker**, 72, of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, September 15, at her home. Mrs. Parker was a native of Festus, MO, the daughter of the late Anthony Jerashen and Nancy Taylor.

Mrs. Parker transferred from Gardner Advertising in St. Louis to New York City in 1965. She served as the Corporate Librarian with Liggett & Myers in Chapel Hill, NC and then with Grand Met in New Jersey. She retired in 1985.

A graveside service will be held in St. Louis, MO, in St. Trinity Cemetery at a later date.

Mrs. Parker is survived by her husband of twenty five years Miles DuBois Parker, Jr. of Seven Lakes; a brother, William Jerashen of St. Louis, MO; four stepsons, Miles Parker III, Peter Parker, Terence Parker, and Eric Parker all of New England; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice in memory of Joan Parker.

**Robert Eugene Clemons**, age 72, of Seven Lakes, died Thursday September 10, at his residence. Mr. Clemons was the son of James Hubert Clemons and Rosie Lush in Greenwood, IN.

Mr. Clemons served his country during the Vietnam War and later retired as Master Sergeant from the US Airforce.

Services were held at Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes on Sunday, September 13, with full military honors presented.

Mr. Clemons was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ruth Clemons, a son, Mark Clemons; his father, James Hubert Clemons; three brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his stepmother, Edith Clemons of New Washington, IN; sons, Roger Clemons of Wake Forest, NC; and James Clemons of Newport, NC; a step-son, Robert Cook of Seven Lakes; a step-daughter, Pamela Green of Danville, VA; also three brothers, five sisters, ten grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to: The American Cancer Society at 8300 Health Park, Suite 10 Raleigh, NC 27615.

**Jason Wallace Black, Jr. "JJ"** died Monday, September 7. The infant son of Jason and Cassie Ingram Black of Sanford.

A memorial service was held at Miller-Boles Funeral Home in Sanford on Saturday, September 12. The Rev. Scott Yow officiated. A graveside service was held at Lee Memory Gardens.

He is survived by his parents, Jason and Cassie Ingram Black, paternal grandparents, Wendy Black and BJ Baker of Sanford; maternal grandparents Chick

and Billie Ingram of West End; and many aunts and uncles.

Memorials may be made to assist the family to Miller-Boles

Funeral Home, 1150 Fire Tower Road, Sanford, NC 27330 in memory of Jason Wallace Black.

**Reuben Gustav 'Gus' Danielson**, 84, of Seven Lakes, died Friday, September 4, at home after

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# In memory of . . .

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a prolonged illness.

He was the son of the late Walter R. and Elizabeth E. Danielson, he was born in McMinnville, Tennessee. He served in the Air Force as a pilot, flying B-17s, and later was a charter member of the Hurricane Hunters.

Mr. Danielson then joined Union Oil Company of California, retiring as manager of national accounts, marketing.

In 1985, the Danielson's moved from the Chicago area to make their home in Seven Lakes and, shortly thereafter, he embarked on a second career with his wife, Gisela, as owner-operators of Small World Travel in Pinehurst.

Mr. Danielson served as Master of the Elberta Masonic Lodge No. 654 A.F. & A.M. He also chaired the Seven Lakes Bankruptcy Creditors Committee for eight years, and was active in many fraternal and civic functions.

A memorial service was held Saturday, September 12, at The Chapel in the Pines in Seven Lakes. The Rev. Don Welch, Rev. Scott Homesley, and members of the Elberta Lodge officiated.

He is survived by his wife,

Gisela; daughters, Dana Danielson of Scottsdale, AZ, and Marcia Miller of Lake Benton, MN; and son, Ronald, of Stockton, CA; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving is his sister, Blanche Cook, of McMinnville, TN.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to the staff of FirstHealth Hospice and Anna's Angels Home Service for the outstanding care, compassion and overwhelming kindness provided. The family also thanks all the neighbors and friends who kept Gus and his family in their thoughts and prayers. Memorial contributions may be made to The Foundation of FirstHealth, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374, [www.firsthealth.org](http://www.firsthealth.org) or Shriners Hospitals for Children, #800-241-GIFT, [www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org)

**Emanuel (Manny) James**, 74, of Seven Lakes, died Thursday, September 3, at his home. He was the son of the late Peter and Mary James.

Following his Navy service, he pursued a successful career in sales. Manny and his wife Carolyn, co-owned James Sales Company for twenty-three years

until his retirement in 2000. Upon retiring, he and his wife, Carolyn relocated from Palatine, Illinois to Seven Lakes.

A memorial service was conducted on Saturday, September 12, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines. The Pastor Scott Homesley and Pastor Pam Northrup officiated. Burial will be at a later date.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Carolyn James, of Seven Lakes, father-in-law Kenneth Hugg of Pinehurst; sister-in-laws Janet Landis of Pinehurst; and Linda Hugg of Zion, IL.

Memorials may be made to The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, 636 Morris Tpk, Suite 3A, Short Hills, NJ 07078.

**Vivian Satterfield Moore**, 92, of Seven Lakes, died Friday, August 28 at Sandy Ridge Homes, Candor.

Mrs. Moore and her husband moved to Seven Lakes West in 1984, they were one of the first twelve homeowners on Lake Auman before the lake began to fill.

She was a veteran of WW II. After graduation from nursing school, she enlisted in the Army Nurse Corp, served in North Africa and Sicily, Italy and went on to become a nurse at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Atlanta.

A memorial reception was held on Thursday, September 6 at Boles Funeral Home.

The family of Vivian Moore

appreciates the many friends who sent cards, called, and expressed their sorrow and sympathy.

**Jill Marie Schrum Cohen**, died Wednesday, August 5, at her home in Sterling, VA.

She is survived by her husband, Benjamin; daughters, Taylor and Reilly; parents, Jim and Nancy Jean Schrum of Seven Lakes; sisters, Paige Salyer Bird of West End; and Kelly Schrum Zion of Hayden, ID.

Memorials may be made to Behavioral CARE Fund of FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Foundation, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28377.

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# Moyers to deliver 'Promise of Hope' lecture

An award-winning journalist with a history of personal addiction and recovery will bring his story to an upcoming Foundation of FirstHealth event.

The Promise of Hope Lecture featuring William Cope Moyers will be held Thursday, September 24, at Sandhills Community College. Registration will begin at 5 pm, and the program, titled "Unmask the Stigma: A Revealing Insight into Addiction," will follow from 5:30 to 7 pm in Owens Auditorium.

Now the vice president of Foundation Relations for Hazelden, a national nonprofit that helps people reclaim their lives from addiction, Moyers will use his personal experiences to discuss the power of addiction and the power of recovery. He has a compelling story to share.

"Mr. Moyers brings a deep understanding and strong personal commitment to recovery," says Jean Souweine, founding member of the Promise of Hope Lecture Series. "When we endowed the lecture series, my wife Mary Jane and I wanted to empower the Foundation of FirstHealth to bring expert, nationally renowned speakers to our community. It is an honor to have this author, who reaches thousands of people each year as he shares his personal experiences with the perils of addiction and the power of recovery."

Before joining Hazelden in 1996, Moyers had been a journalist for 15 years, working for CNN, Newsday and various other media outlets throughout the country. A 1981 journalism graduate of Washington and Lee University, he had a unique perspective on his profession as the son of Bill Moyers, a veteran commentator and Lyndon Johnson's presidential press secretary.

But addiction and recovery changed the direction of the junior Moyers' life as he noted, as follows, in a commentary called "Voices for Recovery Muffled without Congressional Action, Presidential Support":

"Physically exhausted, drained emotionally and teetering on the edge of financial bankruptcy, I somehow made it out of a New York City crack house in 1989 and into a drug treatment center in Minnesota. After a decade

of using and abusing cocaine, alcohol and other drugs, I was in trouble and needed professional help. Help is what I got. And ever since, I've learned that opportunity comes from adversity. Today I hold a job, pay taxes, raise a family, vote and obey the law."

Moyers found help at Hazelden, one of the largest not-for-profit alcohol and drug addiction treatment centers in the world. Hazelden's chief medical officer, Marvin D. Seppala, M.D., has this to say about Moyers: "William Cope Moyers is the nation's foremost voice for recovery from addiction. He uses his own story of recovery to educate and to provide a real sense of hope to anyone dealing with addiction."

The author of the bestselling memoir "Broken," Moyers has produced a journal and DVD set, titled "A New Day A New Life," designed specifically for

those in early recovery. He has also appeared on "Larry King Live," "Today," "Good Morning America" and "Oprah."

Moyers' work has been featured in the New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times and Newsweek magazine. He also writes "Beyond Addiction," a nationally syndicated column on addiction and recovery-related issues for Creators Syndicate.

The Promise of Hope Series is made possible through an endowed fund supporting education for the community – providing hope and inspiration for those experiencing a terminal or chronic illness. In addition, the Behavioral CARE Fund of the Moore Regional Hospital Foundation provides support for patients and their families undergoing treatment and addiction therapies at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. The Sept. 24 Promise of Hope Lecture Series

program is free, but registration is required.

For more information or to register, call (910) 695-7510.

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

- **September Blood Drive** – 1:30-6:00 pm, Douglass Community, 1185 W. Pennsylvania Center, Sponsored by Southern Pines Moore County Red Cross. Appt. call 692-8571
- **Golf Tournament to Benefit Habitat** – Holes for Habitat Golf Tournament. 4 man captain's choice tournament. Entry fee of \$200 per team includes lunch, refreshments during play, prizes for the winners, closest to the pin prizes, and hole in one prizes. Contact Chris Carpenter at 910-334-1162 or Tim Hayden at 910-995-0772.
- **Local Vietnam Veterans Chapter Hosts Third Annual POW/MIA Ceremony** – 5:00 pm, Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966 hosting the third annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, Carthage. All local and surrounding service organizations are invited to attend and participate in the ceremony. Seating at the memorial park is limited, bring your own chairs for more comfortable seating.
- **Ballroom Dancers of the Sandhills** – gather at the Olde West End Gym to enjoy ballroom dancing to a nice variety of recorded music. General dancing follows a short instruction time. \$30/person for 16 dance nights, all on Friday nights. Open House is scheduled for Oct. 2, 7 pm. Information: 910-246-3320.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

- **3rd Annual Walking and Wagging Dog Walk-a-Thon and Festival** – at Cannon Park off Highway 211 and Rattlesnake Trail, Pinehurst. Dog costume and talent contest, adopt-a-thon, arts-n-crafts, face painting, photo



## What's When Calendar

- tos with canines. Live music. Exhibit booths. Rabies shots and micro-chipping. Admission is free; \$15 registration fee to participate in the walk-a-thon. Registration 9:00 am; walk-a-thon begins at 10:00 am.
- **Moore County Genealogical Society** – meeting, at the restored Jackson Springs depot building, with State Senator Harris Blake. Visit to the nearby Copeland family home site is also planned. Visitors & new members welcome. 910-947-2689 or kayla@carolina.net.
  - **Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk** – Registration 9 am, walk begins at 10 am in the downtown Southern Pines

Park. All proceeds and donations benefit the Alzheimer's Association. All ages welcome. Elizabeth Ragsdale at 910 695-0011 for details

- **Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR/AED** – 9:00 am-4:00 pm, (Healthcare Providers), Fee \$60. 910-692-8571, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines. Fees must be paid in

advance.

- **"Cooking with Carmela"** – 1-3:00 pm "International Cuisine" First of the fall season of cooking classes at West Side Park Community Center, Seven Lakes West. Demonstration and recipe packets will available. Sampling of featured recipes. Program sponsored by the SL West Activities Committee. \$12.50/person.
- **Drop-In Wine Tasting** – 1 - 5 pm at Sandhills Winery. At least five types or varietals to educate your palate. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza, next to Peking Wok.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

- **Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Celebrates**

**155th Homecoming** – 11:00 am, at Pleasant Hill. Rev. Dave Johnson will be guest preacher. The Chancel Choir from Marcus United Methodist Church will provide special music. Following worship, dinner on the grounds will be held.

- **Wildlife Pantry** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve. Local examples of seeds and fruits, nuts and other plant parts which are utilized by native wildlife will be examined during a short slide presentation and walk along some of the trails at Weymouth. 910-692-2167.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis** – Noon at Seven Lakes Country Club.

- **September Blood Drive** – 1:30-6:00 pm, Penick Village, Penick Village North Bldg, Emmanuel Episcopal Ch., 100 E Rhode Is Ave Ext. First Bank, Southern Pines. Call 692-8571
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association General Meeting** – 7:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- **September Blood Drive**, 10 am - 2:30 pm, FirstHealth Fitness Center, 170 Memorial Dr., Pinehurst. Call 715-1800.
- **Myths and Facts of the Health Care Reform Debate** – 2 - 3:30 pm. Bob Jackson, Director of AARP, NC will be at the Senior Enrichment Center. Presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- **Bird Walk** – 8:00 am. Join a ranger for a two mile hike to look for southbound migrant birds. Bring binoculars, field guides, and bug spray. Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, 910-692-2167.
- **Red Cross Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED** – 8:00 am – 1:30 pm, Certification fee \$55. 910-692-8571, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines. Fees must be paid in advance.
- **Drop-In Wine Tasting** – 1 - 5 pm at Sandhills Winery. At least five types or varietals to educate your palate. Seven Lakes Plaza, next to Peking Wok.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- **Moore County Historical Association** – 2 pm, free lec-

ture open to the public, "Wood as Canvas: The Paint-decorated Furniture of Piedmont North Carolina," at First Baptist Church, 200 E. New York Ave., Southern Pines.

- **Birds, Blooms and Butterflies** - 3:00 pm. Join the ranger to take a closer look, not only at the flowers, but at the creatures who visit them. Bring binoculars, tick repellent. Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, 910-692-2167.
- **Belford Baptist Church Usher Board Anniversary Program** – 3:30 pm. Bishop Arlester Simpson of Sidney Grove Church of Deliverance of Ellerbe will be guest speaker. 925 Windblow Rd., Jackson Springs.
- **West End Presbyterian Church Adult Academy and Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines** – 6 pm, lecture series on *Faith and the Environment*. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mann, will kick off the series speaking on "God's Creation: The Biblical and Theological Background for Seeing the Sacredness of Nature." Program held at West End Presbyterian's Crawford Center on Knox Lane, West End.
- **Interfaith Community Worship Service** – In observance of National Mental Illness Awareness Week – 7 pm. Worship service is offered to the community in an effort to increase public awareness of brain disorders and help eradicate the stigma associated with these illnesses. Congre-

gational Church, 895 Linden Road, Pinehurst. Guest speaker, Angela Oakes, Public is invited. Contact Fran Stark, (910) 295-1053 or [www.namimorecounty.org](http://www.namimorecounty.org).

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- **Moore County Farmers Market and FirstHealth of the Carolinas** – Cooking demonstrations and taste testing. 2, 3, 4 & 5 pm, Demonstrate how to use fresh Farmers Market produce to create healthy and easy meals. 2 to 3:30 pm, Blood pressure screenings 2:15, 3:15, 4:15 and 5:15 pm, 15-minute yoga sessions in observance of National Yoga Month. 2 to 4 pm, Free. Lower parking lot of the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Pinehurst, 170 Memorial Drive.
- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – 7 pm at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. Ecological and economic benefits of shade grown coffee. Join Ornithologist Helen Kalevas for the story of the women coffee producers "Café Femenino" from Peru who maintain family-owned, shade grown coffee farms. Visitors Welcome. Call 910-692-2167 or visit [www.sandhillsnature.org](http://www.sandhillsnature.org)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis** – Noon at Seven Lakes Country Club.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- **Moore County Literacy Council** – Orientation 1:00-2:00 pm. Training session for volunteers. Volunteers are required to attend Orientation prior to training. Sessions held at Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana, Southern Pines. Tutor Training: October 6, 13, 20 and 27 1 pm - 4 pm. Register at (910)692-5954 or [pammcl@nc.rr.com](mailto:pammcl@nc.rr.com).
- **Red Cross Standard First Aid**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Certification Fee \$35. 910-692-8571, 115 E. Penn. Ave., Southern

Pines. Fees must be paid in advance.

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Open Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 2 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Moore County Planning Board Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo will discuss growth and development in the area, and share stories about playing and teaching the game of Bridge. Visitors and guests are welcome. Refreshments.
- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza next to Peking Wok.



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# NAMI plans Pathway to Awareness Weekend

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Moore County is hosting its 4th Annual "Pathway to Awareness" Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4 at the Village of Pinehurst Assembly Hall Complex.

All events are free and open to the public. Beginning Saturday, October 3, from 7 -9 pm, NAMI-MC will host Patricia and John Gallagher, authors of the recently released book, "No More Secrets" in the Village of Pinehurst Assembly Hall. Seating is limited.

The Gallagher family knows what happy times look like – they lived in a great neighborhood, a beautiful home, they had a happy marriage, and four wonderful children. But when their family was ravaged by depression, anxiety and attempted suicide, they didn't know where to turn, or how to cope. Desperate to keep up appearances and ashamed of what had happened, the family created a web of lies to cover up what was really happening to their once idyllic life.

Now, nine years later, the Gallagher family has begun to tell their story and have found healing and peace in the process. Back when life was grand, the

Gallaghers were featured twice on the Oprah Winfrey Show on a segment about *Raising Happy Kids On A Reasonable Budget*. Patricia had written a book by that title and Oprah's team came out and filmed a segment in their home in PA.

After "No More Secrets" was published, the Gallagher Family has been featured on NPR and a variety of radio programs and featured in many newspaper publications as they shed the light on a family surviving after a loved one develops a brain illness.

On Sunday, October 4, at the Pinehurst Village Assembly Hall from 12:00 – 1:30 pm, the Gallaghers will be on hand for a book signing and "meet and greet" session. During that time inside the Assembly Hall from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, there will be an "Ask the Psychiatrists" Forum with Drs. Fernando Cobos of FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital and Dr. Robert Gardella of the University of Virginia Health System present to answer the audience's questions regarding brain illnesses.

Registration begins at 12:30 pm for the 1/2 to 2 mile walk starting at 3:15 pm around the beautiful Rassie Wicker Park

trail which surrounds the Pinehurst Village Hall Complex. No registration fee is necessary, but in order to receive a commemorative tee-shirt, a \$10 contribution is required.

Registration brochures can be found throughout the area.

The weekend concludes at 4:30 pm with the "Candles in the Sky" Observance. This a moving and memorable experience as you watch hundreds of helium balloons released en masse in memory or honor of loved ones with a brain illness, caregivers, family members or professionals. Balloons can be purchased for \$5 each.

NAMI-MC is a 501(c)(3) non-

profit organization, which operates solely with volunteers and has no paid staff.

All monies derived from the "Pathway to Awareness" Weekend are used to finance this event and to support local NAMI-

MC projects. Tax deductible donations are welcome and always appreciated.

For additional information or inquiries, please call (910) 295-1053.

## Calling All Clubs!

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# Picerno

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education, the superintendent, [MCS Finance Officer] Mike Griffin, were all very helpful, very forthcoming, and very truthful. I asked a lot of them. I might have been viewed as being harsh on them. But I was trying to get to an understanding of the numbers."

"The end result was that reducing taxes was one of our goals and we achieved it. Going forward, I hope we will continue to maintain that mindset. And the school board has the same posture. They look at every penny just like we do."

## Computer systems

Turning to the goal of upgrading the county's computer infrastructure, Picerno noted that he had just the day before signed a contract between the county and Tyler Technologies for a new system that will integrate the software systems used across county departments, including Tax, Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources, and Planning.

"Now we'll have all the departments on the same platform," Picerno told *The Times*. Our departments will be working with software that can talk with each other, instead of having multiple independent systems." The result will be less rekeying of data and more efficient county operations.

A variety of department heads served on the committee that

assessed the county's computer needs and evaluated various options in a process that stretched over four years, Picerno told *The Times*.

But when it came to holding down the price of the new system, Picerno praised the negotiating skills of Commissioner Tim Lea. Noting that he had first looked at the proposal from Tyler as a member of the Government Efficiency Advisory Board, before he was elected to the Board of Commissioners, Picerno said the pricetag at that time was over \$2 million. Additional work and negotiations got the price down to just under \$2 million when it was presented to the Commissioners earlier this year. The final contract price was just over \$1.5 million.

"By due diligence, working with the company, were able to save taxpayers in excess of \$400,000," Picerno said. "And we met a goal."

"And I give Tim Lea's negoti-

ating skills a lot of the credit for that."

Picerno said the integrated system would continue to save county taxpayers money going forward — as well as improving customer service.

## Water

"We have done a very poor job of telling people in the county what we have done on water — of getting the information out," Picerno said, turning to the goal of improving the county's public works infrastructure.

"Very few people know that we have 1.1 million gallons per day more now than we did on January 1," he explained, referring to a connector that carries water purchased from Harnett County through the East Moore Water District to Pinehurst and Seven Lakes.

"In the last year we have added over a million gallons to our water supply — that's the equivalent of eight wells being drilled

in Pinehurst — and nobody knows about it."

Picerno said the county water system can currently supply 5.6 million gallons of water per day, and noted that the highest single-day water usage ever recorded by Public Works was 4.2 million gallons per day.

"So right now, we have excess capacity."

But, with a firm memory of water shortages that the county has suffered in the past, a number of projects are in the works to increase water production even further, Picerno told *The Times*:

- The county is waiting for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Pinehurst Village in order to complete construction of a wellhouse on Pinehurst #2

that will blend water from two wells and add another 453,000 gallons per day.

- A rehabilitation of Well #10 has added 72,000 gallons per day to supplies.
- The county is negotiating with both the Town of Robbins and Montgomery County on options for bringing additional water to southern Moore County.

On the wastewater front, the county is moving ahead with a sewer lift station project to correct a serious system deficiency around Lake Pinehurst.

Picerno said Public Utilities and the county's GIS department are working on a project that will provide a detailed map of current capacity and current

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# Picerno

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usage in the county water system.

"We hope to share that with the public at some point in the future" he added.

"It's not like Moore County Public Utilities hasn't been doing anything," Picerno said. There are a whole variety of things out there that we are working on . . . We are doing planning. We are doing due diligence. The McGill Study was not thrown in a back corner. All these things are in place and being worked on."

## Buildings

Where to put the county's new administration building, public safety complex, and jail have been one of the most contentious issues the Commissioners have faced during the past nine months.

When it came to the administration building, Picerno found himself with two Commissioners committed to a downtown Carthage location on the Grimm property, and two urging consideration of a site on county-owned land near the Carriage Oaks Shopping Center.

"I had to sort of delay the process," Picerno explained. "I had not seen or considered the other piece of property [Carriage Oaks] as an alternative. I felt it was my duty to take a look at that."

Picerno told *The Times* he had large format maps of the alternative locations produced by the GIS department, and then talked with a range of professionals about the pros and cons of the two sites. In the end, he felt Carriage Oaks posed too many problems for the Administration building, while the downtown Carthage location "brings everything downtown. Everything is centrally located."

Noting the recent protests by some Carthage residents over the downtown location of the new jail, Picerno noted that his mother lives just a few blocks over on Saunders Street.

"I just don't ever see a 700-bed detention center in Carthage," Picerno told *The Times*. "In the entire history of the county, we've gotten to 130 inmates. I don't see us getting to 700 in the next 50 years."

A new modern detention center, with state-of-the art equip-

ment, will be safer than the existing facility, he argued. He noted that the new jail will be sandwiched between the old jail and the public safety building, giving inmates little option if they decide to try an escape.

Addressing the split votes the Board has had on the issue of where to place the buildings, Picerno told *The Times*, "We may not be united on where to put them. But it's not because we aren't united on needing the infrastructure. Good people can disagree."

"The bottom line is, each of the commissioners was involved in the process. They did their work, they brought their vision to the meetings. Only time will tell which vision was right."

"After I added everything up, I voted my conviction based on what I told the voters I was going to do when I ran for the Board. The voters can decide, if the majority don't agree with the decisions we made, then the voters have the power to say 'We think you were wrong.'"

## Going forward

"I'm real proud of this board," Picerno told *The Times*, "the way they have helped me become one of the members of the Board and do an effective job."

"And we have been effective — the way we worked with the schools, with the architects, with the software company. I am really excited that we have been able to accomplish these things. I am excited that I was able to be one of the people that helped get them done."

"What we have," Picerno said, "is a Board of compassionate people who do the best they can."

Referring to press coverage about split votes on various issues, he added, "I don't believe we have a split Board. We are all just doing what the voters asked us to do: bringing our own vision, our own convictions, and doing the best we can for the people of Moore County."

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## If you don't have anything nice to say . . .

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These short, terse rants quickly filled the status postings of my Facebook page the other night. And since I'm the least hip person on the planet, my immediate underwhelmed reaction was 'Kanye who?'

I was happily tending vegetables on my cyber farm — don't ask — and assumed he must be a professional athlete who had messed up a big play, a la Serena. Twelve hours later, I knew more than I cared to about Mr.

West . . . and a certain Mr. Wilson too.

I must have missed the memo that said it's okay to be publicly rude as long as you privately apologize the next day.

Kanye could have at least blamed the cognac for his boorish behavior, rather than the tragic loss of his mother. As for Joe, my guess is the oxygen must get a bit thin inside the Capitol Building.

After several weeks of press coverage of chaotic Town Hall melees, Jon Gosselin's chronic foot in mouth disease, and now

the Wilson-West-Williams tri-fecta, I'm almost inspired to dust off my public relations credentials and hang out a shingle, Tact for Hire.

I figure we can team up and hit the road: a coast to coast tour of "The Three ill-Mannereds."

Though it would be easier and a lot more carbon friendly if these dolts would just adhere to what we all

learned in childhood: If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.

And in case your home is no

fare:

"Lindsay, your brother is not a doofus. Please apologize."

"Jack, I asked you not to say your sister's dolls are dumb. Tell her you're sorry."

But I expect my kids will do well in the future because they have a great role model at the head of our table.

"Gee honey, what's for dinner? Pot roast? Oh . . . great. You know you really don't have to cook every night. We can go out."



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

longer filled with the patter of little feet, here's a random sampling of this week's Douglass

## LRA aims to help protect lake quality

Dear Editor:

We wish to repeat our announcement of 7/10/2009 that we are now able to "in-house" test the waters in our several lakes for bacterial contamination. While all freshwater lakes harbor coliform bacteria, they may also host the more dangerous subset, E.Coli, which if present in large enough quantities may cause gastro-intestinal illness, eye, ear, nose and throat infections, respiratory ailments and skin complaints.

While we do not profess to be accredited lab technicians, the test we perform using Coli-plate™, a defined substrate technique, is designed for public use and is widely recognized

as being fast, user friendly and accurate. It has become increasingly popular with researchers, universities, and government agencies at all levels and has been approved by the American Public Health Association (APHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Environment Canada. Manufactured by Bluewater Biosciences in Toronto, Ontario, it is widely used in the provinces by remote lakeside cottage associations where analytical laboratories are few, far between and inaccessible.

In two short months, we have learned a great deal; and, over time, we will gain a far more complete understanding of our

lakeshore waters and how bacterial contamination may be influenced by changes in climate, water temperature, depth and circulation, wind and wave action, cloud vs. sun, time of day, geese and other water fowl, unleashed dogs and other animals, bathing load, watershed run-off, ageing septic systems and doubtless other factors not yet thought of. The best way to understand and make use of this knowledge is through frequent testing particularly during the summer months, by a group of willing volunteers.

The Lakeshore Residents Association (LRA) is just such a group. We wish to thank those of you in Seven Lakes North & West as well as in McLendon

Hills who have expressed an interest in preserving the pristine quality of our freshwater lakes, our greatest assets, and who have offered to assist from time to time in monitoring these waters, gathering samples either off their own docks or at public swimming areas, and quantifying the results after the samples have been incubated.

The information gained to date is interesting and may be summarized as follows: Of the fifty samples taken from our various lakes since July 8th. the geometric mean (average) for Total Coliform was 434 cfu/100ml and for the more worrisome E.Coli, 11.4 cfu /100ml. While five of the fifty samples exceeded our own goal of 126 cfu/100ml, only three exceeded the single EPA recreational water guideline for E.Coli

of 235 cfu/100ml. Even more encouraging is the knowledge that in every instance, subsequent re-tests were found to be within normal limits. E.Coli can simply come and go overnight.

The good news is that we are now able to order coliplates in larger quantities and thus reduce our costs. We have been able to reduce the cost of each test to \$10.00. We believe you will agree that it is money very well spent!

Thanks again  
for your interest,

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# Dam closure not an issue for EMS response

Dear Editor:

The Seven Lakes Times of September 4, reporting on the August 25 SLWLA meeting, noted Mr. Bob Straley's concern for the inability of emergency vehicles to access the recently repaired Lake Auman dam section of Longleaf Drive.

He was quoted as having said, "Seven minutes is a long time for a heart attack or drowning" Apparently he feels the dam closure has some impact on Emergency Medical Service (EMS) response to a 911 call in Seven Lakes

West.

Two pre-hospital services are paged by Moore County in response to 911 medical emergencies: Moore County EMS

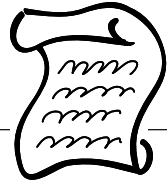
(professional EMT Paramedics) and Seven Lakes EMS (volunteer EMT Basics).

They both originate from the Seven Lakes EMS building on Seven Lakes Drive.

It is difficult to imagine how their response time to any address in Seven Lakes West would be enhanced by opening the dam road.

*Bruce Macdonald  
Seven Lakes West*

## Letters to the Editor



# The circle of endearment

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*Mason Gould*

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# SARL is grateful for great volunteers

Dear Editor:

Sandhills Animal Rescue League has been overwhelmed as well as other rescue groups – in the last several months with

kittens, cats, puppies, and dogs. Not only new arrivals but people who have had to give up their beloved pet family members because of the tough econom-

ic times we are living.

Sandhills Animal Rescue League (SARL) was very grateful when Pat Parrish called and asked us to share in the Thrift Sale at the Women's Exchange with The Haven. We are also grateful to Jean Longfellow and the board for asking SARL to occupy the "Cabin" for the summer.

Ms. Parrish also asked Sandhills Animal Rescue League to help with with kittens and cats at Southern Correction Prison in Troy. SARL helped with that along with 25 other cats and kittens from Montgomery County along with six beagle pups and their mother were also rescued from under a shed in Candor.

The Thrift Sale could not have happened without the invaluable help from donations by people in Seven Lakes, Foxfire, Southern Pines and the surrounding area. Sandhills Animal

Rescue League would also like to thank the great hard working volunteers who priced, placed, and then repacked the items that were not sold to go into storage for another sale at the Fair Barn on the 22nd and throughout the year.

Lucille Long, Jean Rumprik, Julie Andress, Mary Alice Dale, Sheila Henry, Pat Parrish, Lee Barnett, Jean Fulmer, and Debra Stringer worked long and hard to get all the items attractively placed to ensure they would be hard to resist. Bill and Denise Price, Nancy Paulson and a few of the above named volunteers came in and had the leftover donations packed up in no time at the end of the sale.

If anyone has been left out, please know that I and all of the rescued pets are so grateful for all the hard work and love put into this fundraiser. All funds are used to pay vet bills, food bills, cat litter, and other miscella-

neous items needed on a daily basis to care for the rescued pets. Monetary donations are always needed and greatly appreciated.

As a reminder, please spay and neuter your pets. Sandhills Companion Clinic has a low cost program available for those in need. Sandhills Companion Clinic's number is 910-692-3499.

Thanks to everyone who has helped and to all the wonderful volunteers.

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## Walk & Wag with Moore Humane this weekend

Moore Humane Society (MHS) and the Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department have scheduled their 3rd Annual Walking and Wagging Dog Walk-a-Thon and festival for Saturday, September 19 at Cannon Park off Highway 211 and Rattlesnake Trail in Pinehurst.

Last year, over 75 people put on their walking shoes and helped raise funds and awareness for homeless animals in Moore County and Moore Humane is hoping everyone will come out and help make it even bigger and better this year!

In addition to the 3k dog walk, scheduled activities will include a dog costume and talent contest, pick-a-prize auction donated by area merchants, and Moore Humane will be set up for an adopt-a-thon with some of their cats and dogs on site. Kids will enjoy arts-n-crafts, face painting, and having their photos taken with their canines. Live music will be

provided by Bob Liddell, Joey Smith and Marcus Womack of Burnt Toast. Local businesses will be setting up exhibit booths and Animal Health Center will be on hand to administer low cost rabies shots and micro-chipping. Snacks, cold ice cream treats and drinks will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds being donated to Moore Humane Society.

Admission to the event is free; however there is a \$15 registration fee to participate in the walk-a-thon. The first 100 walkers registered will receive a walk-a-thon canvas tote-bag filled with donated goodies.

Registration will begin at 9:00 am and the walk-a-thon will begin at 10:00 am. Pre-registration is available by downloading the forms from their website at [www.moorehumane.org](http://www.moorehumane.org) or you may pick up registration forms from First Casualty Insurance Group at 190-A Turner Street, Yadkin Park in Southern Pines.

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# Commissioners

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Board unanimously approved the contract with Underwood.

Vaughn told *The Times* on Wednesday that two of the three new wells will replace existing wells.

Well 6A will replace Pinehurst Well 6, near the Bretton Woods townhome development. That well has been contaminated with MTBE, a gasoline additive. Both Well 6 and an irrigation well in Bretton Woods will be capped. If a test well proves productive and contaminant-free, a new production well will be drilled roughly twenty feet from existing well 6.

Well 3A will replace Pinehurst Well 3 at the Pinehurst Harness track, an older well whose casing corroded, muddying the water. Because of the location of this well, the county will need a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Village's Historic Preservation Committee approving the design of the well house.

The third well is a new one — number 23 in Pinehurst — that will be located on the former site of the Gun Club-Village Acres swimming pool on Spring

Lake Drive, property owned by Pinehurst, Inc.

## Other Business

In other business during their September 8 meeting, the Commissioners:

- Heard from Carthage resident Tom Daniel, who said he represented a group of perhaps 200 South Carthage landowners concerned about the impact that a proposed Highway 24/27 bypass south of town might have on their properties. Daniel said he was trying to set up a community meeting that would ideally include the affected landowners, members of the Carthage Town Council, and Commissioners, with the goal of understanding what position the county and town are taking on the proposed southern bypass.
- Issued calls to public hearing for September 21 on technical revision to the county's zoning ordinance, as well as an amendment to the zoning map that will make it better reflect the actual boundaries of the TH Blue mulch busi-

ness in Eagle Springs.

- Issued a call to public hearing for September 21 on a rezoning request in the Vass area that will accommodate a new business that will be training dogs for use by the military. Planning Director Raczkowski told Commissioners that, because the request is linked to an economic development opportunity, the Planning Board will hold a special meeting the morning of September 21 to consider the request.
- Approved the use of \$4,166 in school bond funds by the Board of Education to purchase one-tenth acre of land in the Westmoore Community as the site of a water pump station, with the proviso that Public Works will work with the school system to evaluate other water system options that might be more appropriate than the proposed pump station.
- Approved a contract for a \$717,000 Home and Community Care Block Grant that Aging Services Director Terri Protts explained is the primary source of funding for the county's transportation,

in-home aid, and meal programs for seniors.

- Issued a proclamation declaring the county's intention to support the goal of achieving a full count in the upcoming 2010 census.
- Authorized the Community Development staff to apply for an \$8,000 grant that could be used for lead abatement in substandard housing, supplementing the county's scattered site housing program.
- Approved a contract with Max Paving for the expenditure of up to \$80,000 for street repairs required after Public Works road cuts and other activities.
- Authorized the release of an easement the county has but

does not plan to use across the property of a Pinehurst landowner.

- Waived landfill fees for the disposal of burned debris from the West End Boy Scout Lodge.
- Appointed the three members of the Human Resources Appeals Committee, along with a representative of the County Attorney's Office, to a Compensation Review Committee that is supposed to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the county's compensation policies and have that ready for review by the Commissioners by November 1.

## POW/MIA Ceremony Friday

Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966 will host the third annual POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park in Carthage on Friday, September 18 at 5:00 pm.

The Chapter invites all local and surrounding service organizations to attend and participate in the ceremony. The community is invited and encouraged to attend this event.

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# Westside Work Session

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CAS contract will be renewed.

"I want to know firm numbers of what they will request next year so we can plug that into the budget."

Herdrich said an evaluation of CAS would be conducted during Executive Session immediately following the Work Session and that, if approved to move forward, CAS would send their request next week.

## Hiking Trail?

Director John Goodman presented a rough proposal for a community Hiking Trail extending from around the dam, along the perimeter horse trail at Morganwood, to the old airport property.

"Most communities of our quality have trail systems that go through the community. This is an amenity that could be used for many purposes," Goodman said.

As proposed, the project would require voluntary assistance and, if possible, purchase of land at a reasonable price or acquiring easements at different segments.

"There would be an added advantage of security, aesthetics, and a buffer – we lost a lot of our buffers in bankruptcies," Goodman said.

During Public Comment, Roger Brooke spoke in favor of the project.

"Hiking trails and the beauty of roadsides are critical to the aes-

thetics of a community, for land value, and as amenities. We need to reinforce that those things are important," said Brooke.

## Lake Auman Dam

Comprehensive drawings, the Emergency Action Plan [EAP], and a letter from engineer Dan Marks were submitted to the State, reported Herdrich. Marks will continue to evaluate dam seepage for the next six to eight months and the final decision of whether or not to reopen the dam road will be subject to the State's certifications and review of Marks final report for the remediation.

Herdrich reported grass on the dam face will be moved after September 15 – with a new landscape contractor who offered a reduced rate. In addition, left-over rip rap material from the weighted filter project will be installed at a few locations.

## Architectural Review

Director Adam Wimberly said ARC will make a recommendation to the Board with new standards for outdoor decorative structures such as pergolas, gazebos, arches, and trellises.

Wimberly also reported ARC members have discussed the wisdom of having the committee chaired by a potentially inexperienced member of the Board.

"There is a nine month learning curve," Wimberly said.

Director John Hoffmann opposed such a change, argu-

ing that all committees should be chaired by Directors because they act on behalf of and carry the legal authority of the Board.

Director John Goodman also expressed concern, "I do not care for the idea of long term chairmanship without an election for something as powerful as ARC."

Wimberly countered that the six hour regular meetings of the SLWLA demonstrated that the Board was taking on more than they should.

"We have got to look at putting more trust in our committees," said Wimberly. "By having meetings going on as long as they do is saying to anyone gainfully employed, 'you can't participate.'"

## Infrastructure

Goodman reported that over time silt and soil wash away from road shoulders leaving only sand – which will not support the road.

"We do not have a program to address erosion," said Goodman. "My question is who is responsible?"

He said the right of way extends thirty feet from road center with an additional five foot utility easement on Association property and a fifteen foot utility easement extending on private property.

"Some of the erosion is occurring from the road to lot other from lot owners to the roadway:

it gets complicated," Goodman said. "We need to comprehensively look for a solution."

Goodman proposed selected ten to twelve targeted test areas and hiring landscape contractors to manage one or two each. Sand would be removed, the soil amended, and then seeded or landscaped. Long term costs and maintenance required for each could then be evaluated for the best solution.

## Safety & Security

Due to cost overruns in the guard budget, Hoffmann reported that security patrols had been scaled back to two days a week. To date, the Association has spent \$2,040 to employ off-duty Moore County Sheriff's Deputies.

Hoffmann said he could employ SFI guards to provide a roving patrol at half the cost, with the Association providing the truck and fuel, and that he was comfortable that the background checks and personnel of SFI were adequate.

Goodman and Wimberly argued that security employees and vehicles would not command the same level of respect or have the same high quality training and certification as the Sheriff's office.

Also during the Security report, Hoffmann said that door-to-door commercial solicitation is prohibited within the community.

Silberhorn said regulations (See "Westside," p. 27)



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# Westside Work Session

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could not restrict a resident from choosing to solicit neighbors for charitable or political purposes.

Goodman suggested that individual homeowners should have the opportunity to place themselves on a "Do Not Call" list that would be held at the office. Frost responded that such a list was possible and could be maintained.

## Long Range Planning

President Ron Shepard said the Long Range Planning LRP] Committee was preparing a survey that would not be mailed but rather distributed at the office, electronically from the website, and through the newsletter and *The Times*.

"We are trying to get an updated look at the future that people would like to see here at Seven Lakes West and then get that incorporated into long range planning," Shepard said.

Wimberly said such a survey was long overdue but questioned the open-ended response format as proposed.

"If you ask an opinion – rather than analytically you have to be tactical: what do you want and what are you willing to do to make it happen?" Wimberly asked. "What is it worth to you...to have a walking trail, back gate security, new roads?"

Shepard said the open-ended question would provide opportunities for new ideas and allows residents to express themselves.

"Part of this asks how would like us to look in a few years. You have to have projects first then you can evaluate cost," said Shepard.

Goodman felt compromise was required, with Long Range Planning outlining a plan while information gathering and analysis was done concurrently.

Kirst agreed and said she strongly encouraged the Board to work in a coordinated and constructive manner with LRP. She also praised the Lake Auman Master Planning document that was drafted several years ago.

Hoffmann agreed, calling the plan, "the most important document we own."

However Director Karen Milli-

gan argued that any document, no matter the quality, was just paper unless the Board knows the residents are willing to pay for the plans.

After discussion, Wimberly and Shepard agreed to jointly revise the survey and explanation letter.

## Community Activities

Margaritaville, a popular social event will be held Friday, May 18 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Westside Park Community Center. The band House Call will entertain and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are limited.

Milligan also reported that House Call had played for the most recent outdoor concert at Johnson Point which was the most successful to date with two hundred in attendance. A concert in October may be possible as funding is available.

However, Milligan said the Halloween Trunk or Treat event

would not be held this year. She reported the seven or eight cars participating cars last year were heavily burdened serving approximately 100 children. In lieu of Trunk or Treat, a Halloween Party or family movie night may be planned.

## Other Business

In other business, the Board:

Deferred a written request for swimming pool data and information. Herdrich stated that a full discussion of fees, total pool costs, and usage would be scheduled in the near future.

Approved a \$1,300 reimbursement check to Joan Frost for gatehouse computers. Kirst requested that more information or a notation should be included in future check registers detailing where items had been purchased.

Approved a \$100 expenditure, representing a quarter share of the cost to incorporate the Greater Seven Lakes Commu-

nity Council. The eight-member Council includes the presidents of SLWLA, Seven Lakes Landowners Association, McLendon Hills, and the Seven Lakes Business Guild. The Council is not a governing body but rather a group that will promote common goals and serve as a liaison to Moore County officials.

Approved a ticket template for compliance violations that will be used for warnings and fines for infractions. The form letter affords

space for the particular violation to be cited, how to request a Judicial Panel hearing, and that timely response is required.

On a 5-4 split vote, approved a Standard Operating Procedure providing key access to facilities for vendors and non-residents with prior Board approval. As presented by Hoffmann, the second option would have restricted key access to Seven Lakes West residents specifically named and approved.

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## SLLA Work Session

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good enough' malaise of Seven Lakes," Zielsdorf said. "Appearance can add property value. I understand being fiscally conservative, but you can pinch a penny and waste dollars."

Assuming a seven percent interest rate, Zielsdorf said payments on a \$500,000 loan would run approximately \$72,000 a year -- less than the anticipated annual reserve income.

Within the project, priority will be given to several areas that need additional attention or repairs, including Dogwood Lane. Of specific concern is whether removal of the mature pines along this main entrance road will be required because of root damage to the roadbed. After discussion, the Board agreed that an expert opinion was needed and asked Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane to contact Craven Hudson, the Director of the Moore County Extension Office and also, ironically, a resident of Dogwood Lane.

### New Community Management Search

Information on the three community management companies currently under consideration by the Board will be available in the SLLA office by Friday, announced Zielsdorf.

"Keep in mind that these three companies compete with each other and we do not want to give out proprietary information . . . cost quotes will not be included," Zielsdorf said.

Resumes and the names of individual candidates will remain confidential.

Zielsdorf said the September 30 SLLA Open Meeting will include a special public comment segment to allow residents

to provide input on the search for a community manager or management company.

However, he made clear that the Board of Directors will not call for a vote of the landowners on the question of whether to hire an individual or company for future management.

"In a vote, only thirty percent participate, which is not a big enough cross-section," he argued. "The residents elect the Board, who represent the community. If residents really feel strongly to vote, there is a way, and that is to become a municipality."

Zielsdorf said that taking such a step is not on his agenda but would be for future boards and future residents to decide.

### Back Gate Security

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher said the 'suspicious person' reported entering and exiting the fire safety gate at Firetree Lane and Holly Grove School Road was determined to be the son of a resident. He had been using the gate as a shortcut from his own residence which is located outside of Seven Lakes.

Fulcher said keys to the gate

are maintained by the rescue squad in case of an emergency, otherwise the gate remains locked at all times.

Droppers recommended a less scripted -- and less predictable -- scheduling of Roving Patrol would improve security.

In related discussion, Fulcher also said that residents may no longer call in an Open Gate request. Guest names must be called in to the gatehouse. Exceptions can be made with office preapproval if a resident is expecting a large group or has a special circumstance, such as a death in the family.

### Greater Seven Lakes Community Council

Zielsdorf reported that the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council [GSLCC] met with three representatives of the Moore County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, September 1.

"We got their attention . . . this is one example of our communities are willing to work together that we can pool our votes and get their attention," Zielsdorf said.

The eight-member GSLCC

includes Zielsdorf and the presidents of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA], the McLendon Hills property owners association, the Seven Lakes Business Guild, and an alternate member from each entity.

"Sheriff Lane Carter said we are large enough to be a municipality and have our own police force," Zielsdorf reported. "He said that, over the last few years, they have stepped up patrols in this end of the County and will continue as long as there is funding."

He advised that there are basically two ways to increase law enforcement coverage: hire an off-duty Sheriff's Deputy at \$30 an hour, or pool resources and collectively hire one or two officers to patrol the Greater Seven Lakes area.

Zielsdorf estimated a fully loaded salary with benefits would run \$61,000 which does not include the additional cost of equipment and a vehicle.

"This is not particularly cheap; but, if you split it up, the costs are not that bad," Zielsdorf said, not-

ing that the majority of the costs would be borne between SLLA and SLWLA, since they are the largest of the four entities.

"If we spring for equipment, I would also suggest we look at hiring two officers to share the vehicle. It would be more cost effective," Zielsdorf said.

In addition, Roving Patrol would still be necessary, explained Zielsdorf, since the Sheriff's Office would not enforce community rules and regulations.

### Sequoia Point Facilities

The restrooms at Sequoia Point have been vandalized on several occasions over the past few years, prompting Zielsdorf and Kindsvatter to recommend locking the facilities after dark.

Fulcher strongly opposed the suggestion, stating such action would penalize many for the sake of a few.

"The vandalism isn't much. The amount of vandalism in Seven Lakes is so, so low compared to other communities," Fulcher argued. "We have people that walk and use those restrooms. We should use the facilities." (See "SLLA Work Session," p. 29)

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ities: that's what they are there for."

The discussion ended with no change in policy; for now,

the restrooms will remain open.

**Geese & Garage Sale Signs**

Several public nuisance issues were up for discussion at the September Work Session, includ-

ing concerns over the resident Canada Goose population and the proliferation of garage sale signs at the entrance gates.

Signs may not be placed along

the road shoulders of Seven Lakes Drive nor community roads. Garage sale signs are only allowed on a resident's private property twenty-four hours before and after a sale.

In discussion of the increased number of complaints about geese, the Board agreed that short fences that restrict access from lakes to yards may be installed, with prior approval from the ARB.

**New Appointments**

Northsider Don Fentzlaff was recommended as a replacement for veteran Architectural Review Board member Mark Widman, who has accepted a new job and can no longer serve. Fentzlaff has a professional background with a large, maintenance department, land

surveying, and house design. He previously served on the Lakes & Dams Committee.

Ken Keating was recommended for a seat on the Judicial Panel to replace Dave Kinney, who has moved to Southern Pines. Bob Racine was recommended as an alternate member. Both are residents of Seven Lakes North.

The Board will likely vote on these recommended appointments at the next Open Meeting, on September 30.

**Other Business**

In other business, the Board:

- Heard from Fulcher that the Roving Patrol security boat needs \$2,300 in engine repairs. Because the boating season is drawing to a close, no action was taken.

Pine Forest

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to east along the entire property. However the project closely follows the recommendations of the Small Planning Area A plan, which calls for low density development, retail and commercial space along highway corridors, and large amounts of open space.

The owner and developer is Bob Hanson, who is also spearheading the Dormie Club project. On Wednesday, September 16, Hanson and representatives from Hobbs, Upchurch Associates met with the community during a public meeting at West Pine Middle School.

The Master Plan includes a rezoning request for 1,623 acres to Planned Unit Development-Hamlet [PUD-H] with a combined maximum density of 890 total units including hotel rooms and private residences. Pine Forest is broken into two individual communities that will share amenities, design characteristics, and infrastructure. The first residential community includes the retail area and resort hotel with an eighteen and nine-hole golf courses. The second residential area is located north of Nick's Creek and features a gated community and

another Championship eighteen hole golf course.

The resort includes a maximum of 300 hotel rooms, and will feature a spa, conference center, and a fitness center. In addition, each golf course will have its own clubhouse. The retail and office center is proposed at NC Highway 211 just north of Archie Road and will offer a maximum of 120,000 square feet.

Water for the project will come from Montgomery County based on an agreement between Moore and Montgomery County. The developer has agreed to construct a connection line and anticipates an agreement with Moore County Public Works.

All wastewater will be treated on-site at a facility built to Moore County standards. The plant will take 350,000 to 500,000 gallons per day from the Moore County wastewater system for irrigation of the golf courses, lawns, and common areas within the Pine Forest Development and the Dormie Club, which is located across NC Highway 73.

The wastewater plant will be located on a new public road that will run along the eastern boundary of the property and connect Archie Road [West Pine Middle] with NC Highway 73.

This artery will alleviate congestion along NC Highway 211 while providing interior access to the resort and retail area. In addition, the developer is working with Moore County Schools to provide access to the new road from West Pine Elementary, a new school that is under construction immediately behind and adjacent to West Pine Middle.

The overall proposed density for the project is .54 units per acre – roughly one home for every two acres – and includes fifty percent open space, which significantly exceeds the PUD-H requirement. As presented, there will be no wetland impact, as no residential lots are located on wetlands, and all three crossings of Nick's Creek will be bridged with the golf courses serving as natural buffers.

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