

Burning down the house



Volunteer firefighters from across the county gathered for a live fire training session, disposing of two derelict structures on West End Methodist Church property.

E-Blasts aim to boost West Side communications

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

In an effort to improve communications within the community, Secretary Jane Sessler has initiated weekly “E-Blasts,” email messages from the Association about Board work sessions or other matters of importance to the community. In order to receive the “E-Blasts,” members must be registered at the Seven Lake’s West website.

Sessler announced the new communications tool during the Tuesday, April 26 evening work session of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors.

Sessler said she is still trying to work out some glitches

with the “E-Blasts” — such as more than one email going to one home. As of April 25, anyone who is not receiving weekly “E-Blasts” is not registered on the website and is encouraged to register.

Another way to improve communication is for members to post comments or concerns in the Member Comments-Message Board section of the website. “We are listening” and really trying to make this a “two way street,” Sessler said.

During the member comment period, Joel Martin said he is encouraged by the website changes, but would like even more information to be provided, such as a CAS report, the minutes from sub-
(See “Westside,” p. 24)

Schools ask county for \$3.1 million increase

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

Moore County Schools [MCS] Superintendent, Dr. Susan Purser, came to the Board of Commissioners’ Tuesday, April 19 meeting

requesting an additional \$3.1 million in funding after “extreme measures” by the School Board to find the money without asking the County for additional help.

Overall, the MCS has had

to scramble to deal with a projected \$12.1 million revenue to expense gap in its Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget after losing \$5.2 million in federal stimulus funding and facing a combination of revenue cuts and pass-through expenses from the state that total \$6.9 million.

Dr. Purser said she and her staff have, “dug painfully deep,” to find \$5 million in reductions: eliminating approximately 100 positions, closing one school, dropping a range of programs, and retiring twenty school buses.

Since 2008, MCS has lost some fifty positions — something that School Board Chair Laura Lang said is causing a “domino effect.” If jobs are

cut at the central office. Lang told the Commissioners, it puts more work on the teacher’s plate.

To meet the budget challenge, the School Board plans to dip into their fund balance for an additional \$4 million, closing \$9 million of the \$12.1 million funding gap. Using half of the \$8 million fund balance in the coming year makes some Board members nervous, Lang told the Commissioners, noting that the fund balance will have to be replenished from funds that don’t exist.

This year’s \$129 FY 2010-2011 million county budget included \$26 million in funding for Moore County Schools, which itself has a total budget

of \$108 million.

During the public comment period of Tuesday’s meeting, Judith Borden asked the Commissioners to think about the students, when considering the schools’ budget request. “Think about what will come out of that classroom at the end of the year,” Borden urged, arguing that teachers are under a lot of pressure — including worrying if they will have a job next year. According to Borden, teachers haven’t had a raise in the last three years.

The Board of Commissioners will review the Board of Educations request for \$3.1 million in additional funding as part of the County’s overall
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Spring Meet the Merchants set for May 14

by Darrell Marks, President
Seven Lakes Business Guild

The Seven Lakes Business Guild used their April meeting to finalize plans for their first ever "Spring Meet the Merchants" on Saturday, May 14.

The event will run from 11 am until 3 pm and will give local citizens their best view of what goods and services are available locally during this time of ever increasing gasoline prices. Between 40 and 50 businesses are expected to attend.

As is their tradition, several Guild members have stepped up to provide free refreshments. Quality Care Pharmacy will provide drinks, Seven Lakes Friendly Mart will provide hot dogs, Casa Garcia Mexican Restaurant will offer chips and salsa, and Phoenix Fashions will provide the entertainment which will feature Donn Stanley, who performs regularly at the Italian Table, along with his friends and family that specialize in country and country-rock music.

Among those already committed to the event are the Seven Lakes Lions, who will be conducting a plant sale;

Quality Arbors, owned by a Seven Lakes resident who makes an assortment of wooden lawn and garden articles, and a Crafters' Village, sponsored by Phoenix Fashions, where locals can show and sell their crafts without the normal \$35 booth fee.

The event is free to all members, nonmembers of the Guild can participate by either paying \$35 for the Spring event or \$50 for both the Spring and Fall events. Crafters looking for a space in the "village" must contact Phoenix Fashions in advance

of the event.

In other business, Vann Joyce of Quality Care Pharmacy, spoke to the meeting about the expansion of their local pharmacy business to include a second location serving Pinehurst. Their new store, opening at temporary

quarters near the bowling alley on Highway 5 in Pinehurst, will have its grand opening on Monday May 2.

Over the next year, brothers Vann and Jason, will supervise the building of a permanent location at the corner of Highway 5 and Monticello Street. The Joyce Family, with ties to West End that go back 100 years, should be complimented for the growth of their truly "home grown" business.

A recent addition to the Seven Lakes Guild Family is Seven Lakes Architecture. Brett Siebenhar, a NC certified and registered architect lives in Seven Lakes North. He spoke during meeting about the difficulty of starting a private practice in tough economic times.

Although he has worked for other companies, Siebenhar is following the American dream of owning one's own business and following one's own desires. He specializes in designing "sustainable" housing and commercial property, with an eye toward wise utilization of building materials and appliances that afford the highest degree of fuel efficiency while preserving the environment.

Siebenhar can be reached at 400-5309.

Anyone who would like to participate in the "Spring Meet the Merchants" on May 14, please contact Guild President Darrell Marks at Phoenix Fashions, 673-5998.

Dickie capital of the US?

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

There are some pretty interesting businesses tucked away here and there in Seven Lakes — some of them hiding in plain sight.

Phoenix Fashions would qualify as one of the latter. It's right out there in front in the Business Village, offering clothing and accessories at great prices to ladies who drive from all over the state to shop.

What isn't as obvious is what goes on in the back rooms: there's manufacturing going on back there.

Designing, cutting, sewing — creating a variety of products sold in the store and through the Pumpkin Creek Clothing website [at www.pumpkincreekclothing.com].

And the website can bring in some pretty interesting clientele.

Like the producers of the *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* — an NBC staple for those who stay up past midnight

— who called on Tuesday to order 250 white dickies.

That's right: dickies — those snug pullovers designed to warm (or fashionably conceal) the neck.

The Fallon folks wanted 250 white ones ASAP, so they can outfit the entire audience in dickies for a skit they plan to pull off on Monday night, May 2.

That had Phoenix owner Darrell Marks running the sewing machine overtime

Tuesday night, his wife and partner Susan Marks told *The Times*.

And it's not the only time that Pumpkin Creek's collection of dickies has attracted orders from New York or Hollywood.

A few weeks ago they filled a special dickie order for the diminutive actress Linda Hunt, who plays "Hetty" in the CBS series *NCIS: Los Angeles*.

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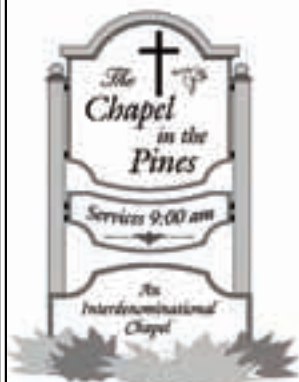
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Foxfire citizens mull over budget options

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

After presenting a brief primer on the budget process and overview of anticipated revenue and expenditures next year, Foxfire Village Finance Director Leslie Frusco invited questions and feedback from residents on Tuesday, April 26, during the first of two budget workshops scheduled specifically for the purpose of gathering public comment.

The second citizens workshop will be held Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 pm at Foxfire Village Town Hall.

"We are here to hear your concerns," Frusco said. "We want to hear what you think should be the plans for the village. We're looking for your input."

Budget review

The Foxfire Village tax rate, currently set at 32 cents per \$100, is the second lowest of any municipality in Moore County. Only the Village of Pinehurst is lower.

Last year's revenue totaled \$798,000, which included 58 percent drawn from property and motor vehicle taxes, 13 percent from local option sales tax, and 17 percent from assessments. Other revenue sources include Powell Bill funding and other taxes, such as the utility tax.

However, Frusco noted that, at any given time, the State

of North Carolina could adjust the amount of sales tax municipalities receive — but, at this point, she is not expecting any significant decrease.

Unlike the General Fund, no tax dollars support the Water Fund. As a proprietary enterprise fund, the Foxfire Water Department is a self-sustaining entity. All Water Fund revenue comes from water bills and assessments.

The Village has a capital reserve fund of approximately \$50,000 with an additional \$25,000 proposed to be set aside each year for future projects.

Turning towards expenditures, Frusco said Public Safety garners the largest portion of expenses at 24 percent, followed by administration and debt service, both at 21 percent, fire department at 12 percent, streets at 9 percent, and the pool and park at 8 percent and 2 percent respectively.

Debt service includes annual payments on loans for the matching portion of funds needed to develop the Village Green Park and also to construct the Woodland Circle road extension project.

Frusco explained that the budget is created in a four

month long process, with each council member responsible for a particular area of focus. An emphasis this year is on gathering input from the community, after which a final proposed budget will be developed and approved by a majority vote of the Council.

"When building the budget, we first fund our existing programs — police protection, streets, and state-mandated work such as mowing easements on the sides of state roads," said Frusco. "By the time we get through with simply maintaining existing programs, there is not a lot left over."

The current total property valuation for Foxfire Village is \$141 million, with a standard new construction home valued at \$300,000, bringing in approximately \$960 in taxes.

"Our revenue base without a tax increase is pretty stagnant and pretty small," said Frusco.

She noted that a one cent tax increase would raise an additional \$14,000 in revenue: a paltry figure when high priority projects, such as refurbishing the tennis courts, are estimated to cost \$70,000.

"To do something like that [tennis courts] would necessitate a five cent tax increase," she said. "If we increase tax five cents, that would raise annual taxes about \$150 a year on a \$300,000 home."

Woodland Circle

With a \$2 million price tag, the recently completed Woodland Circle road extension project had many questioning the impact on taxes.

As originally envisioned, the full cost of the project would be assessed to the fourteen property owners along the 1.5 miles of new roadway. Earlier this year, the property that garnered the highest assessment, at \$1.4 million, was donated to the Village in lieu of payment. Currently, the Village is in the process of securing the deed on that land and, once

completed, the 157 acre property will be placed on the market for sale.

"At this point, we are not looking for a tax increase to cover debt service on Woodland Circle," Frusco said. "That is not in the cards."

Recreational Amenities

With an aging pool and unusable tennis courts, Frusco said there are many tough decisions facing the Council.

"We have a swimming pool that some say we need to bulldoze and fill it in; others say we need it to attract younger families. It is difficult to attract new residents without amenities," said Frusco.

"We have a structure called a tennis court, but no one can play on it. Do we need to do something now? We

(See "Foxfire," p. 18)



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McFadden brings a little 'magic' to classroom

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Blending imagination and a global perspective, Colleen McFadden has engaged her class of second grade "explorers" with a little help from the award-winning Magic Tree House books.

Honored as the 2010-2011 "Teacher of the Year" for West Pine Elementary School, McFadden explained how she has been able to incorporate weekly themes gleaned from the historical fiction series into many different subject areas. Familiar with the stories and each setting, she encourages her students to learn with a broader understanding of the world around them.

"When Egypt had the riots and Japan had the earthquake and tsunami, they knew those places because we've read *Mummies in the Morning* and *Night of the Ninjas*," said McFadden.

In fact, over the course of the academic year, her class will tackle an impressive curriculum of twenty-five books culled from the series. And just like Jack, one of the primary story characters, each

student creates their own journal of facts and information.

"No matter what we're doing, they seem to blend in with what is going on," she said. "The kids buy into it more if it's all connected. With these books, you get

more bang for your buck."

A teacher at Pinehurst Elementary School for fourteen years, McFadden transferred to West Pine as a member of the inaugural staff for the brand new facility, which opened to students last Fall. Originally from Ohio, McFad-

den and her family live in the Lake Diamond community near Foxfire Village.

In addition to using the Magic Tree House books as a source of inspiration, McFadden also credits the built-in technology at West Pine Elementary as another way she is successfully reaching out to her students.

"This is my first year with a SMART Board, and it is amazing," McFadden said. "It offers another layer of understanding."

Best described as a giant computer screen at the front of the room — rather than a dusty, old chalkboard — SMART Boards are an inter-

active tool that allow students and teachers to pull up graphs, maps, pictures, videos, or websites that correspond to any lesson.

"Kids are technology based," explained McFadden. "They need it in quick little increments and that is what you can do with the SMART Board."

But the best part of her job is working hands-on with the class.

"When they get it, and when you see that they get it, I love that!" she exclaimed. "They know they can take a risk in here, because I try to listen to them and to be on their page as they learn."



West Pine Elementary Teacher of the Year Colleen McFadden by the Magic Tree House book wall.



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Janet Shutt is West Pine Assistant of the Year

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

It's a long way from the world of corporate lending to the classroom, but Janet Shutt makes it look easy.

Recently named "Teacher Assistant of the Year" for West Pine Elementary, Shutt earned a degree in economics and worked in banking before moving to North Carolina six

years ago. She and her husband settled in Seven Lakes West; and, while taking time off from a career to raise her children, Shutt spent time working in the local school system: first as a volunteer and later as a teaching assistant at West End Elementary and West Pine.

She explained that a typical morning assisting in the

classroom is spent checking homework and stuffing new work into student folders — basically the busy administrative activities — which frees up the classroom teacher to lead the students. Afternoons are spent supervising recess and lunch, and assisting the teacher with small group learning.

"It's working in the small groups that I really like," Shutt said. "You can get close to the kids and know who is getting it and who isn't."

By working together with children of similar skill sets for major core areas such as reading and math, she explained, students are made more comfortable and con-

fident in their own abilities and, therefore, better able

to learn.

"Being in a classroom with a child at a higher level can be intimidating," said Shutt. "But working in small groups allows us to focus on who is understanding and who is not. The teacher can then meet individually with that child."

With five years' experience working with third graders, Shutt said in particular she admires this age group for their unconditional support of each other.

"The kids always give you a smile, and they tell you the craziest stories," she said. "But it's also great because they are all still friends. This is such a sweet age."



Janet Shutt

Reading Tutors Needed!

The Moore County Literacy Council is in need of tutors for their site at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Seven Lakes. Tutors provide one-on-one tutoring for adults who are learning to read, read better and/or speak English. Sessions are held in Seven Lakes on Tuesday evenings between 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

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League asks county to redraw voting lines

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Redistricting.

If you read the Raleigh papers, it's a word you're likely to see a lot of this Summer. The results of the 2010 US Census are in, and the US Constitution makes it the responsibility of each state to make sure its Congressional districts are roughly equal in size.

Politicians, whether Republican or Democrat, have, of course, found this an irresistible opportunity to craft Congressional districts with an eye to making sure their party dominates the state's delegation to Washington.

Closer to home, there's no requirement that Moore County's Commissioner Districts be revised based on the new Census, but the League of Women Voters of Moore County [LWVMC] is urging the Board of Commissioners to take action, because the districts are seriously unbalanced.

In an April 5 letter to the Board, LWVMC President Jo Nicholas told the Board that the 2010 Census reveals a "substantial inequity of population among the districts," and asked to present a League report on the issue later in the Summer, once the county budget debate is off the Commissioner table.

The League had signaled its interest in the redistricting question in 2008, with a report to the Board of Commissioners outlining the key issues to be considered. The Board took no action at the time, preferring to wait until the 2010 census results were in hand.

Those new numbers show a big imbalance among the five Commissioner districts. Ideally, each of the five districts would be exactly the same size, but that ideal is nearly impossible to achieve. According to an updated report prepared by the League's Redistricting Committee, chaired by Carolyn Mealing, The NC Supreme Court has held that representative voting districts should not vary from that

ideal population size by more than five percent.

Two of Moore County's districts, which were last revised in 1995, vary from the ideal by more than thirty percent. District II, which includes both Pinehurst and Seven Lakes, is nearly thirty-eight percent larger than it should be. District III, which covers

Robbins, Deep River, and High Falls, is thirty-two percent smaller than it should be. And District V, which includes Aberdeen and Pinebluff, is about six percent too small.

The League wants the Commissioners to bring these all within the five percent margin.

If you take a look at the current district layout [which you can do at www.sevenlaketimes.net], and the population by voting precinct, the most obvious way to bring the map into balance is to take Seven Lakes — and perhaps portions of West End — out of District II and place them in District III.

But that solution could be a little dicey, since that solution would place current Commissioners Craig Kennedy and Nick Picerno in the same district.

While she agreed that moving Seven Lakes from one district to the other is the most obvious step, LMVMC (See "Redistricting," p. 19)



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Kiwanis get up to speed on GSLCC

by Frank Krohn
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

On Tuesday, April 12, the Seven Lakes Kiwanis welcomed Pete Dotto as its speaker.

Mr. Dotto is President of the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council. Since Seven Lakes is not an incorporated body, the Council was formed in 2009, and has

been accredited by the Moore County Commissioners as the official representative of the Seven Lakes area.

The Council has met with the Commissioners twice. Subjects discussed in those meetings were:

1. To explain and clarify the organization and purpose of the Council.
2. Zoning for future building

and developments.

3. Discuss the supply of adequate and quality water for the area.

The meetings have met with a positive response and, so far, have been worthwhile. Future meetings will discuss the issues of annexation, incorporation, fire districts, and the preservation of wildlife in the area.

As new issues or concerns arise, the Council will bring those items to the proper governmental agency.

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

Foxfire resident charged

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Meredith MacNicol Eltschager, 49, of North Shamrock Drive in Foxfire Village, has been charged with eight felony counts of obtaining controlled sub-

stance by misrepresentation to a healthcare provider.

Eltschager was arrested on Thursday, April 21 and released on a \$30,000 secured bond.

Narcotics Captain Jerrell Seawell told *The Times* the charges stemmed from what is commonly called "doctor-shopping" — when an individual obtains multiple prescriptions for controlled substances through a number of different healthcare providers, while keeping those providers in the dark about

the other prescriptions.

Eltschager was charged with obtaining prescriptions for hydrocodone, a Schedule III controlled substance, and Percocet, a Schedule II controlled substance, from multiple providers.

Seawell said the abuse of prescription drugs is a rapidly growing problem in Moore County and across the nation, and has become a particular focus of the Narcotics Division of the Moore County Sheriff's Office.



Greater Seven Lakes Community Council President Pete Dotto

Pusser to speak at Lions

Photographer Todd Pusser will be the guest speaker at the Seven Lakes Lions Club meeting on Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 pm.

Pusser is a Moore County native who, as a trained biologist, soon realized he had an artistic side and began documenting the natural world with his camera.

His travels have taken him to over 30 countries and into every ocean basin on earth. His photographs have appeared in hundreds of publications around the world including such internationally renowned magazines as *BBC Wildlife*, *National Wildlife*, *Ocean Realm*, and *National Geographic Kids*.

Pusser and his wife Tiffany reside in the Sandhills.

Seven Lakes Lions meet the first and third Thursday of each month at the Seven Lakes North Side Club House at 6:30 pm. Dinner Reservations need to be made with Keith Wood 673-2611 or Sam Halpin 673-1571 before Sunday, May 1.

Memory Loss Support Group

The Seven Lakes Alzheimer's/Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Chapel in the Pines on Seven Lakes Drive. For more information, call 673-5493.



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Local firefighters get some real life training

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

There is no better teacher than experience; and a donation of several acres of land — along with two derelict houses — provided a win-win opportunity recently for West End United Methodist Church and local firefighters, who were brought in to help clear the property.

On two Saturdays in April, West End Fire & Rescue [WEFR] volunteers, along with approximately thirty firemen representing Carthage, Whispering Pines, Eastwood, Eagle Springs, and Seven Lakes Fire Departments converged on the property for live burn training. Seven Lakes EMS was also on-hand to provide a recovery station.

With two tanker trucks and two pumper trucks providing water, each house was lit and extinguished multiple times over the course of several hours. The age and condition of the homes provided unique challenges, particularly in keeping the fires contained to the first floor of the structure to allow for longer periods of training. However, once the fire reached the attic spaces, firefighters were pulled back for safety and the houses were allowed to burn to the ground in a controlled manner.

Conducted through the

Sandhills Community College Fire & Rescue program, preparation for the project included securing permits from the state fire marshal's

office and checking for asbestos materials or other hazardous conditions at the site. Despite the extensive planning required, the effort

is worthwhile, explained WEFR Chief Wayne Kennedy, as live burns provide actual fire training practice in a closely supervised and edu-

cational environment.

"They [firefighters] get to learn about fire by watching it light and then seeing how it grows," he said.



More than two dozen firefighters participated in a training exercise on West End Methodist Church property.

Red Cross \$6,000 Raffle

The Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross is teaming up with WalMart and one lucky family could win \$6,000 in groceries for the year.

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Scouts aim for a bat-friendly community

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

It's going to be a batty kind of year for the four young ladies of Girl Scout Troop 820 in Seven Lakes.

Working towards their Silver Award — the highest level of achievement for Girl Scout Cadettes — Sonia Wienstroth, Kindra Tillman, Abby Keller, and Laurel Caddell are on a mission to educate the community about bats — and to create a network of safe habitats to protect these important species.

"We chose bats because so many people have decided to put up bluebird houses," Keller said. "One of the main benefits of bats is they can eat up to 1,200 mosquitoes per hour — eating up to three pounds of insects a day."

"But bluebirds and bats do not compete for food — they can live together very well. Bluebirds eat other bugs like crickets, grasshoppers, and insect larvae."

Wienstroth explained that there are several species of bat more commonly found in North Carolina, including the Eastern pipistrelle, big brown bat, red bat, hoary bat, Seminole bat, silver haired bat, and the evening

bat. Most are small enough to fit in the palm of your hand.

"It is a myth that all bats have rabies," Wienstroth said. "In fact, only one-half of one percent contract rabies, and they become very sick and

die soon after."

Also, unlike some infected mammals, a rabid bat will not become aggressive.

Caddell shared that while some bats come out in the daytime, the majority can only be observed at night — and with poor eyesight, they use echolocation to hunt. She noted that bats prefer a warm place to sleep during the day and that bat houses should be positioned to catch a fair amount of sun.

In addition to learning about bats, the troop must also complete a sustainable project to satisfy the requirements for the Silver Award. The girls see this as a two-step process; first educate, then build.

On May 14, during the Seven Lakes Garden Club Tour, Troop 820 will offer hourly presentations on bats at 105 Christine Way in Seven Lakes West, which is a tour home. Along with providing information, the girls will be

taking orders for bat houses.

Using blueprints provided by Weymouth Woods and guidance from "Ranger Kim," a discount on wood provided by Seven Lakes Hardware; and carpentry assistance from several members of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club, the girls are planning a community-build of affordably-priced bat houses.

"We're hoping to set up a time and place for people to come and pay nominal fee, and they can build their own bat house — or you can order one and we'll help them build it," said Troop Leader Amanda Keller.

Each bat house will be approximately 14" tall by 7" wide and 7" long, and will protect a colony of up to fifty bats. The structures are similar in size to bluebird houses commonly seen throughout the area and multiple houses can be positioned within a single area if desired.



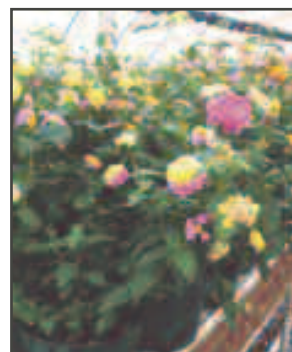
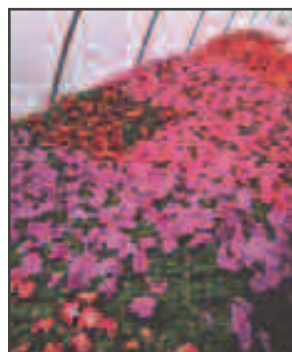
Girl Scout Cadettes Kindra Tillman, Abby Keller, Sonia Wienstroth, and Laurel Caddell [front].



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It's time to 'put in' this Summer's garden

Spring is here. Easter has just passed. And, hopefully, with the rapid growth of the pines, oaks, and other hardwood trees and shrubs that are heavy pollen producers, they have finished their season for those who are allergic to its male flower.

The weather during April has been variable, although many flowering shrubs and trees have produced beautiful flowers. The Japanese cherries, azaleas, camellias, dogwoods, pansies, forsythia, quinces, bulbs and other blooming plants have been very attractive.

A few days of numerous violent, deadly storms with tornadoes and high winds came across our state and parts of our nation, damaging and destroying homes and businesses. Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with them for their losses. In our area of the Sandhills, very little damage and losses in Moore County have been reported for which we are blessed and thankful.

Here are a few gardening suggestions:

For vegetable gardens, you may plant all types of bean seeds — snap, pole and lima — also cantalope seeds or plants, sweet corn, pickling and slicing cucumber seeds or plants, Southern field pea seeds, sweet and hot pepper plants, pumpkin seeds, Summer squash seeds or plants, tomato plants, and watermelon seeds or plants.

Tomato plants should be rotated to a different spot or location every year to lessen

the risks of pests and insects. Plant resistant varieties with VFNT labels, such as Big Beef, Park's Whopper, and Better Boy. Consider staking



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

leafy plants, control them by using slug bait or by putting out pans of beer flush with the ground, before nightly activity begins. The slugs are attracted to the beer pan and will drink and drown.

Plant your warm weather ornamentals that grow from

and pruning plants.

For flower gardens, late April is the time for planting all Summer flowering annuals, including marigolds, petunias, and scarlet sage, to mention a few. Also gerbera daisies, geraniums, and hibiscus planted in big outdoor pots make a nice display. Pots are also vole-proof, but often must be moved to mow the lawn.

If slugs are a problem on lettuce, pansies, or other

bulbs, corms, and tubers including gladiolas, also caladium, tuberous begonias, and elephant ears.

If cutworms are a problem in your vegetable garden, cut off the bottom of a paper cup and set them over and around the transplants. Bury the cups one to two inches into the soil. It's an old method, but it works.

Late April is also the time for fertilizing your Bermuda and zoysia lawn. According

to our experience, these lawns should be fertilized now, and once again by the end of July. The amount of fertilizer and lime needed should be determined by a soil test analysis. Take one as soon as possible. Information can be obtained at the Moore County Extension Office in Carthage. In the absence of a soil test, general recommendations are to use five to ten pounds of a slow-release lawn fertilizer per 1,000 square feet of lawn

— for example, 10-10-10 or 14-14-14. Centipede grass needs fertilizer once annually in a slow release 4-12-24, 3-9-18, or 5-10-10 at five to ten pounds per 1,000 square feet.

It is also time to fertilize your after-blooming azaleas, camellias, and other flowering shrubs. Use a slow-releasing shrub fertilizer as recommended on the packaging. Prune the shrubs after flowering, if you desire.

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Wolonick joins FirstHealth - Seven Lakes

While it probably doesn't qualify as a defining point in his career, the year Richard C. Wolonick, D.O., spent as chief of family practice at the 18th Medical Group on Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, Japan, was certainly a memorable time.



Dr. Richard Wolonick

While there on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Wolonick was in charge of primary care for Air Force, Army and Navy troops and their dependents in the Air Force's largest freestanding clinic. His responsibilities included overseeing the day-to-day operations of a family practice department that averaged more than 300 outpatient visits a day.

He saw 25 to 40 patients a day himself and also served as chief of the 18th Medical Group's Allergy Department, working with another physician to provide consult allergy services to active duty troops and their dependents.

"I worked with very, very good people who were there on a voluntary basis," Dr. Wolonick says. "It was a very valuable experience for me as a physician."

Dr. Wolonick recently joined Dan Matthews, P.A.-C, at the FirstHealth Family Care Center-Seven Lakes, where he sees patients every Thursday afternoon.

"We hope eventually to expand those limited appointments based on volumes tied to the growth of Dr. Wolonick's practice," says Rae Williams, administrative director of FirstHealth Medical Practice Management.

When not in Seven Lakes, Dr. Wolonick sees patients at Wolonick Family Practice, the solo family medicine office he established in Laurinburg in 1998.

Board certified in family practice medicine, Dr. Wolonick received a B.S. in risk management and insurance magna cum laude from Florida State University in Tallahassee and then did postgraduate work in the College of Arts and Sciences at Stetson University in Deland, Fla.

He earned his doctor of osteopathy (D.O.) degree with highest honors from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Southeastern University of Health Sciences and was chief resident during his family practice residency at Malcolm Grow U.S. Air Force Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

Dr. Wolonick says he chose to specialize in family practice medicine because of the variety of the work.

"You never quite know what you're going to see," he says. "It is a specialty of breadths, a wide specialty. You don't have to know everything, but you have to know a little bit about everything, which keeps things interesting."

"As a family practice physician, you have to be able to

direct patients to the best resources so they can get the best care possible."

The FirstHealth Family Care Center-Seven Lakes is located at 1035-C Seven Lakes Drive in Seven Lakes.

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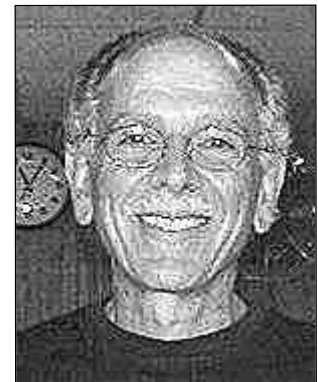
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Donate your old computer to Habitat

by Bill Beardslee

Seven Lakes Computer Club

Dave Cummings and Dan Shereda, volunteers at Habitat for Humanities, spoke at the Seven Lakes Computer Club on the process used by the organization for donated computers.

The computers, whether reconditioned or used for parts, are sold at the Habitat store on Highway 5 in Aberdeen. The parts that can't be used are stripped and sold as recyclable scrap. The proceeds of the sales are used to help build homes for families that could not normally afford one.

The speakers explained the process used by the volunteers in the small "lab" at Habitat.

Once a machine is donated, it is first checked for functionality. If it is not functional, testing begins on each component to try and get the computer functioning again. Failing that, the functioning components, such as hard drives, memory, drives, and motherboards, are sold at a small fee.

The balance of the parts go to scrap. The club members were given an opportunity to open and dismantle several outdated computers.

Whether you have an older computer to donate, or need parts for a repair, visit the Habitat for Humanities Store in Aberdeen.

The next meeting of the Seven Lakes Computer Club will be May 10 at 3 pm.

Sandy Burger of compukiss.com will discuss new developments in computing and the future of PCs.

WEE Car Show

West End Elementary will host a Spring Fling and Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show on Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a 50/50 raffle, theme basket raffles, bake sale, snow cones, popcorn, hot-dogs and much more: games with prizes for all, bouncy houses, and lots of fun.



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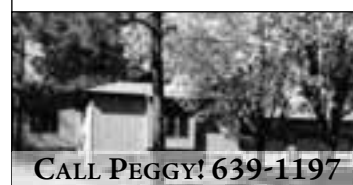
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Still time to sign up for fresh, local, food

West Pine Middle School has been selected as a second Gathering Site for the distribution of Sandhills Farm to Table produce boxes. Students will organize to hand out the boxes each Thursday after school. In addition to students developing leadership skills and learning about healthier eating, West Pine Middle will earn money for each box distributed.

West End Presbyterian Church will continue as the other Gathering Site in the West End area.

Last year, Sandhills Farm to Table distributed boxes of locally – grown produce to more than 1,230 households in Moore County, setting national records for a startup year. Subscriptions are still available for this spring and summer.

A Standard Box is designed for 2-4 people and costs \$21/week, while a Family Box for family of 4+ costs \$38/week. Boxes are available on a weekly basis or every-other-week.

Vivist the SF2T website (sandhillsfarm2table.com) for more information or to subscribe.

According to Seven Lakes resident Peggy Crawford, a member of the SF2T Board of Directors, advantages to subscribing to Sandhills Farm-to-Table produce boxes include:

1. Improve your health. Eat healthier — with more vegetables and fruits. There is even an organic option, as well as locally-produced add-ons such as beef, chicken, pork, whole wheat bread, soups, jams, eggs and home-made salsa.

2. Support the local economy. Most food in grocery stores is imported from other areas. All produce in the SF2T boxes is from this area so all the money stays within the community. Last year, this generated over \$415,000 in Moore County.

3. Enable local farmers to stay in business. With the SF2T coop members subscribing for a season, the farmers know what and how much to plant and are guar-

anteed a market for their crops.

4. Reduce your carbon footprint. Eating local products reduces the energy consumed to transport goods from other countries or distances within the US.

5. Enrich your life with new food options. Farmers and consumers are encouraged by SF2T to grow and try new produce options. Bok choy and elephant garlic, for example, were offered last season. And you can always swap it out in the Exchange Box if you wish. No food is wasted!

6. Learn new ways to use produce. In addition to a flyer in each box, a fabulous weekly e-newsletter shares information about the nutritional value of each item, steps to keep it fresh, wonderful

recipes for the produce, and even links to brief videos for

cooking and cleaning the produce.

7. Help educate local children in healthy eating. As parents bring children to experience the excitement of seeing what is in the box each week, children learn what is in season. Several schools in Moore County offer a Gathering Site, a garden and educational programs for students.

8. Meet neighbors who share your values. Gathering Sites in each community provide activities and opportunities to get to know other members. You could also volunteer at a local Gathering Site. There's also an annual

SF2T covered dish dinner for members.

9. Act locally with global implications. As a subscriber to SF2T, you are an active member of a unique local organization which received international recognition for its startup year in 2010. And you are part of a growing movement around the world of community sustained agriculture.

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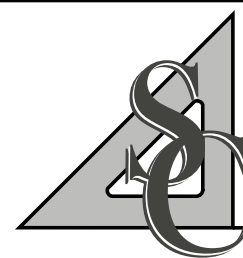


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Volunteers monitor bacteria near beaches

by Ron Erskine
Seven Lakes North

Spring is here, and again this year volunteer residents will monitor the shallow waters off our northside public beaches for cleanliness using the Bluewater Biosciences Coliplate™ defined substrate test method.

The EPA suggests that a freshwater beach be closed if the geometric mean of five or more tests conducted within a thirty-day period exceeds an E. coli count of 126 cfu/100ml.

The lefthand bar for each

lake shown on the graph at right depicts the average of all the tests conducted over the past two years for the water off your favorite beach.

The righthand bar indicates what can happen to the E.coli count at that same location after a significant rain of one or more inches.

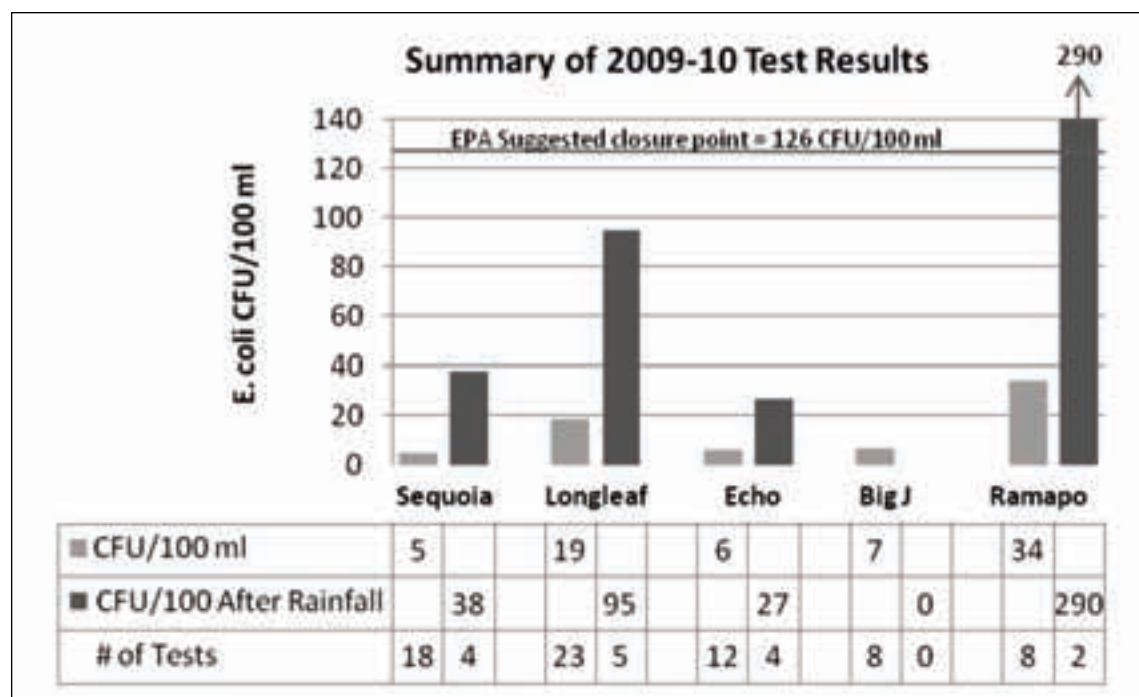
Under normal conditions our lakes are clean and wonderful for all recreational activities. If you have any questions about this chart, which will be updated occasionally, the sampling and test procedures, or the many

other factors which may impact the cleanliness of the water off our shores: such as dense bather loads, the presence of warm blooded animals, geese or gulls, failing septic systems etc., please

feel free to contact either Ron Erskine via email at rerskine@nc.rr.com or Jim Allen at jamesvallen@nc.rr.com

Have a great summer at your favorite beach. However, as the chart above suggests,

it may be prudent to avoid exposing infants to a beach's shallow waters for 24 hours after a significant rain because groundwater runoff may be a major E. coli contributor.



Volunteers have measured e. coli concentrations in the water near Northside beaches for the past two years. Runoff after rainfall increases bacteria concentrations.

Learn to Sail Classes

The Seven Lakes Sailing Club is pleased to announce the opening of enrollment for the Learn-to-Sail Program. All residents of Seven Lakes, minimum age of seventeen (17), are eligible for enrollment. The program is conducted annually for those persons who would like to 1.) learn the basics of sailing, 2.) improve their current skills or 3.) apply their skills by racing competitively on either Lake Auman or Lake Sequoia.

Previous sailing experience or boat ownership, is not

necessary for enrollment as instruction will consider the needs and objectives of the individual student.

The program will be conducted from Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Instruction is conducted in a classroom setting at a private residence on Lake Auman, and on the water in sailboats provided by Club members. Contact Bill Mamel (673-8970) or by email wmamel@nc.rr.com if interested in enrolling or for further information.



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2 Broccoli Spinach Soup ♥ Baked Spaghetti Dinner	3 Split Pea with Ham Soup Chicken with Artichokes Dinner ♥	4 Tomato Basil Soup ♥ Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	5 Shrimp & Sausage Gumbo Bourbon Salmon Dinner ♥	6 CLOSED
9 Mexican Bean Soup ♥ Turkey Meatloaf Dinner ♥	10 Corn Chowder Chicken Pot Pie Dinner	11 Chicken Dumpling Soup Two Bean Enchiladas Dinner ♥	12 Beef Vegetable Soup ♥ Pecan Crusted Tilapia Dinner	13 Manhattan Clam Chowder ♥ Swiss Steak Dinner
16 White Bean Chicken Chili ♥ Ginger Beef Stir Fry Dinner ♥	17 Curried Carrot Soup ♥ Lemon Chicken with Rosemary Orzo ♥	18 Mushroom & Wild Rice Soup Herb Turkey Dinner	19 Vegetable Soup ♥ Tilapia Scampi-Style Dinner ♥	20 Shrimp & Corn Chowder Peachy Pork & Tenderloin Dinner
23 Potato Bacon Soup Italian Meatloaf Dinner	24 Goldie's Chili ♥ Chicken Marsala Dinner ♥	25 Chilled Cucumber Soup Eggplant Parmesan Dinner	26 Crab & Shrimp Bisque Herb-Crusted Salmon Dinner ♥	27 Roasted Corn & Tomato Soup ♥ Beef Stroganoff Dinner
30 CLOSED	31 Broccoli Cheddar Soup Chicken Paprikash Dinner	June 1 Chicken Brunswick Stew ♥ Pot Roast Dinner	June 2 Beef Barley Soup ♥ Shrimp Creole Dinner ♥	June 3 New England Clam Chowder Smothered Pork Chops Dinner

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Sandhills will graduate record number this Spring

Sandhills Community College will celebrate the end of another successful academic year with 675 candidates for graduation the largest number of students to graduate in the college's 48-year history. Commencement will be held on the Boyd Library Green at 10 am, on Saturday, May 14.

Students graduating this year include those that have studied Automotive Technologies, Computer Technologies, Cosmetology and Esthetics, Education, Engineering Technologies, Golf Course Management, Health Sciences, Hospitality and Culinary Arts, Landscape Gardening, Management and Business Technologies, Nursing and Public Services. Those choosing college transfer through the University Studies program will be awarded an Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) or Associate in Science (AS). Some will transfer with a Transfer Core Diploma.

Now is the time to begin the registration process to attend Sandhills Community College this summer or Fall Semester. Summer classes begin Tuesday, May 24. Fall Semester begins on Monday, August 15.

Sandhills has an "open-door" admission policy. This

means that a high school graduate or anyone 16 years or older with a high school equivalency certificate (GED) or an adult high school diploma can attend Sandhills. It takes just five, easy step to attend college at Sandhills. Apply online or in Student Services in Stone Hall, request transcript(s) from past colleges or high school, take the Accuplacer assessment at the college, meet for pre-advisement and register for classes.

Students are not required to take standardized tests such as the SAT or ACT to enroll. However, the college can use those scores for class placement. SCC offers the Acuplacer, a placement assessment tool that is used

to make sure that students begin at the proper level classes.

Those who are 18 years or older and do not have a high school diploma, GED or adult high school diploma should consider Adult Basic Education, GED certification or Adult High School classes that are offered through the college's Continuing Education Division. SCC GED graduates qualify for a \$250 scholarship if they move into a curriculum program at the college.

All information about attending Sandhills can be found on the college website: www.sandhills.edu or contact the Admissions Office at (910) 695-3781 for curriculum program and class information.

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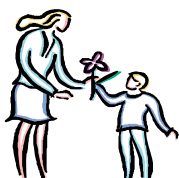
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Lions plan annual golf tournament June 5

The Seven Lakes Lions Club will be holding their 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 5.

The tournament will be held at Seven Lakes Country Club, with a 1:30 pm Shotgun Start.

The Format will be Captain's Choice with four Person

Teams (teams may be men, women or couples).

The cost for this charity event is only \$70 per golfer, that includes a buffet dinner served at the conclusion of the tournament.

Prizes for First and Second place — cash prizes, with Hole-in-One prizes — \$10,000

cash, Taylormade Golf clubs, and 5 day/4 night vacation. Raffle Prizes — include Golf equipment, free rounds of golf at area golf courses, meals at local restaurants, & many other prizes from local merchants and the Closest to the pin prize on a Par 3 hole.

Proceeds from this tournament will be used to support the Lions continuing programs for the Blind, the Sight Impaired and Hearing Impaired.

Please make your checks payable to: The Seven Lakes Lions Club, PO Box 841, West

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7 Lakes Garden Tour May 14



Just one of the lovely gardens scheduled for the 2011 Seven Lakes Garden Tour.

Seven Lakes Garden Club Annual Garden Tour will be held Saturday, May 14, from 9 am until 1 pm. Seven Lakes North, South and West gardens will be featured on the tour. Maps available at North, South & West gatehouses.

You can buy a raffle ticket for one of the lovely themed baskets that will be available at the various gardens.

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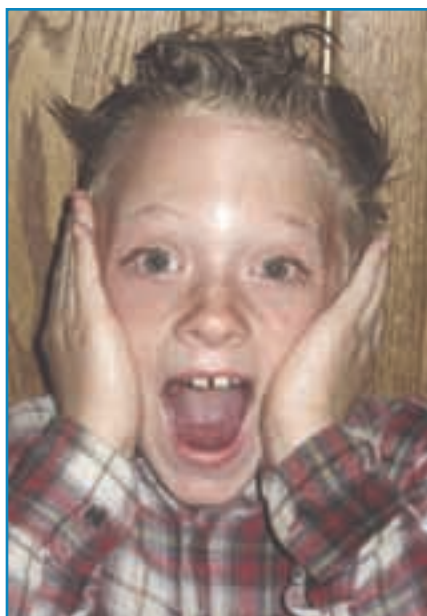
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Foxfire

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want Realtors® to be able to take potential new residents to see the park, the pool, the tennis courts. Whether or not you and I utilize it doesn't matter. Having those amenities draws interest."

A resident suggested revenue for amenities should come from those who use the facilities, a charge to play basis with a membership fee.

Frusco said 400 resident pool passes were sold last year. In addition, non-resident pool pass fees were raised significantly.

"As a municipal pool we cannot close it to residents only — we legally cannot — but we can charge higher rates for non-residents," she explained.

However, she said that fees alone could not cover the full cost of operating the pool.

Currently, the Village is awaiting word on whether a \$375,000 grant request to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] will be accepted for a major capital improvement project at the pool and tennis courts. The decision will be announced in mid-May.

This is the fifth year the grant request has been submitted. If the effort is still unsuccessful, a resident suggested, it could be advanta-

geous to draft a new plan with a relocated new pool and tennis facility at the Village Green Park, while closing the current facilities.

Commercial development

Potential commercial development within the Village limits, in particular basic services such as a grocery store, drugstore, and barber shop, had many asking questions.

Frusco explained that Foxfire is encumbered by a 'chicken and egg scenario,' brought on by the bankruptcy proceedings over the golf course.

"The bankruptcy puts the entire Village at risk," she said. "Whether you play or

not, the course is a huge draw to the community. Without it — or without it well run — we won't see real estate offices looking to market homes here."

"In order for us to have commercial development, either Foxfire or the surrounding area needs to increase in population."

Mayor George Erickson said the Stonehill Pines development would increase population and commercial interests, but noted that the project has stalled with the downturn in the economy.

He said the golf course had been quite profitable in the past, adding that, if well-marketed, there was still great potential for success.

Responding to a citizen's question about the Village purchasing the course, Frusco said the town does not have the finances or resources to buy and operate the club.

Frusco said that any future commercial development must also be tempered by what residents feel is desirable.

"Commercial development gives you a much higher tax base, but if you look at neighboring towns that have considerable commercial districts, they still have high tax rates," she said.

"People come to Foxfire because it has a small town feel. When we are in a position to try to get commercial

development, we need to be cognizant of what type rather than just tax value. Improper commercial development will not help us in the long run."

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Redistricting

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Redistricting Chair Mealing told *The Times* that the decision is completely up to the Commissioners, as is the process they might use to consider the matter.

"They can hold public hearings, look at different scenarios — however they want to handle it," Mealing told *The Times*.

Or they could avoid the matter altogether.

Moore County's Commissioner districts are not like the districts of US Representatives or members of the State Senate and House. Those officials must reside in their district and are elected by, and only by, the citizens who reside in the district. They are true "representative" districts.

Moore County's Commissioners, on the other hand, are drawn from "residency" districts. The Commissioner must live in the district that he or she represents, but the whole county gets to vote for the Commissioner from each district. [The Commissioner Districts are also used for School Board elections.]

Because of this unusual system — shared by only 18 of North Carolina's 100 counties — there is no requirement that the districts be equalized in size, as there

would be if they were truly "representative districts." But the League suggests that the unequal size violates the principle of "one person one vote," and asks the Board of Commissioners to correct the imbalance.

Specifically, the League is asking the Commissioners to:

- Find that the current districts are substantial unequal.
- Redraw the district lines to remedy the inequality.
- Work with the Board of elections and the county's Geographic Information Systems department to draw the new lines.
- Establish a regular process for reviewing the district lines.

According to LWVMC research, the Commissioners have the authority to redraw the lines, without seeking approval from the General Assembly.

Mealing told *The Times* that the League has had no response as yet to its April 5 letter to the Board, but added that, given the pressing concern to craft a county budget, due in June, no quick response was expected.

The League's hope is that the Board will take up the issue this Summer.



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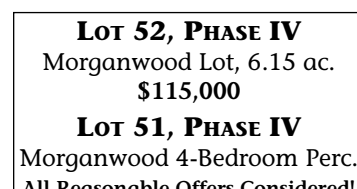
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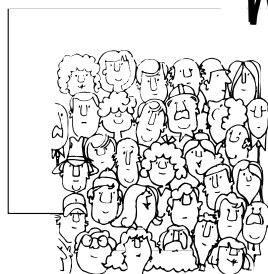
- **Arbor Day**
- **Casual Friday at Seven Lakes Community Club** – 5-9 pm. Buffet 5-6:30 pm. \$8.15 (+ tax & gratuity). Food, games & socializing.
- **Art in the Gardens** – sculpture exhibit will be on display now through May 26th in the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens of Sandhills Community College. 30 sculptures by artists from North Carolina are displayed in the beautiful garden setting. Vote for the "People's Choice" award.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- **McLendon Hills Community Yard Sale** (rescheduled due to weather) – 8 am to 11 am. Ultimate yard sale! 1.5 miles past Seven Lakes on Hwy 211, McLendon Hills residents combine their treasures for a huge neighborhood yard sale, household & yard items, furniture, clothing, toys, games and more.
- **Bird Walk** – 8 am, meet at the Visitor Center parking area for a two mile hike to look for newly arrived summer and transient visitors from the tropics. Bring your binoculars and bug spray. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, 692-2167 weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov
- **Tag Sale To Benefit "The Haven-Friends For Life"** – at 8 am to 3 pm in Olmstead Village, 222E Central Park Avenue, Pinehurst. *Rain Or Shine.* donations of Items for the sale, may be delivered to the address above from Monday, April 25 until today, April 29 between the hours of 10 am until 2 pm, or by appointment. No clothing, please. Please call Diana Barton at 315-1650 to arrange for an appointment.
- **Car and Truck Show at WEE** – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, West End Elementary will host a Spring Fling and Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. Fun for the entire family. If anyone would like to enter your car, truck or motorcycle please contact the school office. There will

be a 50/50 raffle, theme basket raffles, bake sale, snow cones, popcorn, hot-dogs and much more. Games with prizes, bouncy houses and lots of fun.

- **Pinehurst Garden Club Plant Sale** – 10 am to 3 pm, in the Pinehurst Village Sand Parking lot next to the Given



What's When Calendar

Library.

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- **Kool Kids Parent Date Night** - 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Recreational play for kids grades K-5th. An evening out for just the two of you. Cost for 3 hour evening is \$7/child registered Kool Kids students, or \$12/child for others. 4139 Hwy 211, Seven Lakes, 2 doors from McDonald's.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes, 673-3838. All are Welcome.

- **March for Parks** – 2 pm, Show your support for Southern Pines Parks and Recreation and Weymouth Woods-Sandhills Nature Preserve by participating in this year's "March For Parks." Join us for a 2.5 mile hike. Meet at Weymouth Woods - SNP parking lot at 2 pm, where everyone will caravan to the Paint Hill parking lot. Van transportation back to Paint

Hill parking lot will be provided. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, 692-2167 weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov

MONDAY, MAY 2

- **Moore Republican Women's Club Luncheon** – held at Pinehurst Members Club. Registration at 11:30 and lunch is served at 12 noon. Cost is \$16 and may be paid by cash or check at the door. Valet parking is available. Reservations may be made by calling Kay Wildt at 235-4654 before Wednesday, April 27. Speaker is Joyce Krawiec. Ms. Krawiec is currently serving as Grass Roots Activism Chair of the NC Federation of Republican Women.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling,

bereaved or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon. All are welcome.

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5:00 pm, regular meeting. Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Pinecrest Chamber Ensemble & Sotto Voce Performance** – 7 pm, Brownson Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines. Performance is free and open to the public.
- **Sandhills Community College Spring Concert** – 7:30 pm, Owens Auditorium. Free to the public.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- **Sandhills Community College Art Students Exhibit** – Opening Reception: 11 am to 1 pm, Hastings Gallery of Art, Boyd Library at Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst. Gallery hours: 7:45 am - 9:00 pm Monday-Thursday; 7:45 am-5 pm Friday; and 8:30 am - 2:00 pm Saturday. Free.
- **Jeff Johnson Lecture** – 1 to 2 pm, Sandhills Com-

munity College, Owens Auditorium. 3 pm Public invited to attend a presentation by award-winning journalist, social activist, political commentator, and author Jeff Johnson. Free.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). A time of fellowship and devotion and a wonderful meal provided at a charge of \$5 per person.
- **Women of Seven Lakes** – meeting, 2 pm, at West Side Community Center. Program features NC Community Foundation. The organization was established to serve the needs of local nonprofit organizations, donors and charitable causes. Join the women to learn more about the Foundation's work. The election of the new board of officers for next year will take place, as well as the presentation of the group's "Citizen of

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- **Seven Lakes Lions** – 6:30 pm, Photographer Todd Pusser will be the guest speaker at the Seven Lakes Lions Club meeting. His photographs have appeared in hundreds of publications around the world including such internationally renowned magazines as *BBC Wildlife*, *National Wildlife*, *Ocean Realm*, and *National Geographic Kids*. Dinner reservations need to be made with Keith Wood 673-2611 or Sam Halpin 673-1571 before Sunday, May 1. Open to the public.
- **Foxfire Citizen Participation Workshop** – 6:30 pm, for 2011-2012 Budget. Held at the Foxfire Village Hall. All residents of Foxfire Village are encouraged to attend. Mayor Erickson and Councilwoman Frusco will be in available to answer questions.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- **West End United Methodist Women's Salad Supper** – 6 pm, at the West

End United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased from Peggie Crouch at 673-0611, Magda Sonderfan at 673-1865, or Anneliese Feggeler at 673-3734.

- **Casual Friday at Seven Lakes Community Club** – 5-9 pm. Buffet 5-6:30 pm. \$8.15 (+ tax & gratuity). Food, games & socializing.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church Yard Sale** – 8 am. Lots of great items from unique treasures to bake sale treats. Drop by for a real deal on household items, electronics and crafts. St. Mary Magdalene, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes in the business village.
- **Bird Walk** – 8 am, Meet at the Visitor Center parking area for a two mile hike. Many of the birds we hope to see will have flown from as far away as Peru. Bring your binoculars and bug spray. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, 692-2167 weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov

SUNDAY, MAY 8

- **Mother's Day**
- **Women's Sunday** – West End United Methodist

Church will celebrate Women's Sunday. The 8:30 am and 11:00 am services will be lead by women. The speaker will be Mrs. Jean Alfano and ushers, greeters, and choir will consist of only women.

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes, 673-3838. All are Welcome.

- **Woodland Drummers** – 3 pm, Spring is here and the woodpeckers are doing what birds do best during spring: flying, foraging, finding mates, and feeding young. With seven different kinds of woodpeckers inhabiting the Sandhills, there's plenty to learn about this amazing group of birds. Program will be held outside, so come prepared, bug-spray and all. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, 692-2167 weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov
- **Carolina Philharmonic** – 4 pm, "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother: Chamber Music." Held in the Main Sanctuary, Sacred Heart Church, Pinehurst. Tickets available and may be pur-

chased at Given Book Shop, Olmsted Village, the Country Book Shop, Southern Pines, or by calling the box office at 687-4746.

MONDAY, MAY 9

- **Sandhills Photography Club** – 7-9 pm, the May program, will be presented by Donna Ford. She will be speaking on "Sports Photography." Ford provides a lot of sports photography for a local newspaper. She will be teaching how to improve your sports photos. Held at Christ Fellowship Church, Midland and Pee Dee Roads, Southern Pines. www.sandhillsphtoclub.org

TUESDAY, MAY 10

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.
- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). A time of fellowship and devotion and a wonderful meal provided at a charge
- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 4 pm, A special session of the Seven Lakes Forum entitled Living Choices for the Senior/Mature Person: A Major Life Decision. At Westside Park Community Center. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and guests, are invited to attend. Guest presenters Mary Neligan, Community Educator, Comfort Keepers and Tina Gibbs, Associate Director of First Health Hospice and Palliative Care will address these issues during the session. For information, contact Bill Mamel, 673-8970, wmamel@nc.rr.com or Rev. Fran Stark, 673-5493, fstar2993@aol.com
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OPINION

The irresistible allure of the defenseless Peep

I should be working, but I'm distracted by the beady eyes staring at my back. Not to mention the pile of candy tucked under his tail.

Maybe I can simply eat my troubles away?

The little guy is already short two ears, so he probably won't mind if I gnaw off those Blue #1 dyed eyes or nibble on his chocolate toes.

I hesitate only because my crime would not go unnoticed.

Guess I'm stuck snacking on taffy squares and jelly beans: nobody will miss those. But whilst digging through that garden basket

of cheap grass, plastic eggs and bubble gum, I had to smile at my daughter's handiwork.

Some things you have to teach children...

often loudly and repeatedly. Don't run in the road. Don't talk with your mouth full. Don't forget

to say "thank you."

And then there is all that other stuff they figure out for themselves. How to properly roll eyes for maximum

parental aggravation.

How to hide candy wrappers and other kiddy contraband consumed before suppertime.



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

And, how to properly eat a chocolate rabbit.

I'm not sure why this is such a universally preferred method, but starting at the

top of the ears and working your way down is how at least seventy-five percent of us devour this Springtime treat. Well, at least according to those totally reliable, ultra-scientific online surveys.

And I know it's silly; but, at least for me personally, I can't ignore that tiny twinge of guilt once I've thoroughly mutilated the tasty dude. It's kind of like that weird this-just-ain't-quite-right feeling you get while violently whacking away at an Elmo-shaped piñata or when you join your kids in a gleeful chorus of the Baby Bumblebee Song.

You remember how that

goes, right? Catching of the bee leads to squishing the bee then to licking . . . On second thought, we'd better just skip over the last few verses.

That song should be flagged for lyrical content as in "G for Gross" — especially for moms who have spent too much time sitting in close proximity to leftover Easter peeps.

I couldn't help it. They were staring at me too.

But at least I can swallow those marshmallow morsels in a bite or two.

No mess, no evidence: clear conscience.

What's with all this Scripture reading?

Question: The church I attend has four readings from the Bible every Sunday. One is from the Old Testament, one from the Psalms, one from the Epistles, and one from the Gospels.

Why do we have so many when the preacher only uses one as the text for the sermon, and why read from the Old Testament at all?

Do Christians believe in the Old Testament?

Response: You must belong to a church that uses the common lectionary, a calendar of readings used by many mainline denominations. If a church follows these readings faithfully over three years, the congregation will hear the major themes and passages from all sixty-six books of the Bible. Many churches that claim to preach and believe in "the whole Bible" often concentrate on only a few of the books.

The effectiveness of these readings in worship depend on the translation used and more importantly on the reader's skill in reading. Theological schools rarely teach this skill and as a result, many members of the clergy are poor readers. Lay readers have had little

or no training in interpretative reading aloud, and neither they nor the clergy are inclined to

practice reading before the service.

The key to reading scripture or any other literature aloud lies in the reader's imagination. If the reader is not inspired or informed by what he or she is reading, don't expect the hearers to be inspired or informed.

Some people do not have pleasant speaking voices and others have never learned which words or syllables to emphasize in a sentence. The result is usually boredom or inattention in the congregation.

You also ask why Christians should read the Hebrew scriptures found in the Old Testament in Christian Bibles. Too often we fail to realize that Jesus and Paul, the principle characters in the New Testament, were devout Jews; and the only

Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Wright does not claim that God evolved, but that the concept of God evolved from a tribal war god to the belief of one God for all people to the loving Father of Jesus. As we learn more about God's universe, our concept of the deity continues to evolve. The Old Testament scriptures are a vital part of the history of human knowledge and understanding of God.

This suggestion may help you worship. Ask your pastor to make available to you or perhaps to the entire congregation, the common lectionary of scripture readings. During the week before each Sunday, read these passages for yourself from a modern translation of the Bible.

It might help if you practiced reading them aloud. I guarantee that you will not be bored anymore when they are read in worship on Sunday.

Don Welch is the minister of The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. He welcomes your questions and comments. Write to him at dwelch1@nc.rr.com.



Ask the 'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

scriptures they had available to them were the Torah, the Prophets, the Psalms, and the writings now found in the Old Testament.

Most of Jesus' teachings are interpretations of passages from the Hebrew scriptures. And it is impossible to understand Jesus or Paul without being familiar with the scriptures they read and used.

In his 2009 book, "The Evolution of God," Robert Wright explored the history of the concept of God in the three Abrahamic religions,

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A little *Times* change we forgot to mention

A few weeks ago, without much fanfare, we made a significant change to the way your copy of *The Seven Lakes Times* is produced.

Actually, there was no fanfare, because there really wasn't time for fanfare.

I was on the road, returning from a trip up North, when I got the call on my cellphone one February night. It was a old friend of mine, Ryan Starnes, the Production Manager at the Stanly News and Press [SNAP]. Shortly after Seven Lakes Times, LLC purchased this newspaper, we moved the printing end of the business from Troy to the SNAP in Albemarle.

Ryan was there — a pressman's helper — when I showed up that first Thursday morning with a handful of paste-up sheets — stiff cardboard onto which we stuck the laser-printed output that would be photographed to become *The Seven Lakes Times*.

Ryan and I went through a lot of changes together, as the technology of getting paper to press evolved. Eventually, the paste-up disappeared, and I'd bring the paper on my laptop and print the pages directly to a fancy imagesetter. We worked together last year to begin putting color on the pages of *The Times*.

What Ryan was calling to tell me that night in mid-February was that the Stanly News & Press was closing its pressroom. Like a lot of medium-sized papers, they'd be shifting their printing to the plant of a bigger paper up the road — the *Salisbury Post*, in their case. The decision went down quickly. We had three weeks to find a new printer.

So I got on the phone and called up every newspaper in a 60-mile radius. And I found out pretty quickly that the Albemarle paper wasn't alone in deciding to give up its press. My phone work revealed that the Sanford Herald — a daily! — is printed in Durham. The Richmond Daily Journal no longer has presses in Rockingham; it's

printed in Lumberton. Lexington? Printed in Durham.

Even some bigger dailies — like Wilmington, for example — aren't printed in their home town anymore.

Actually, the daily papers in both Wilmington and Hickory are printed on the same press that now prints *The Times*. It's a four-story marvel built in the late 1990s by crackerjack German engineers of Koenig & Bauer AG — "KBA" for short. It was designed from the ground up to run color on every page of a newspaper, so they called it a "Kolara."

It lives in a spic and span production facility owned by the Fayetteville Observer Publishing Company. Our press slot is sometime in the early evening of every other Wednesday.

The quality (we hope you've noticed) is outstanding. Our color photos and ads look great! In fact, we're still experimenting with the photos to get the most out of this new capacity.

We made the right choice, and, at this point, we wouldn't go back, even if we could.

There's only one thing about the whole arrangement that bugs me.

You need to understand that my Dad was a newspaperman. I've spent my life around newspapers. One of the best pictures of me as a pudgy four-year old has me

Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins



positioned at the keyboard of a Linotype machine — a belching, sweating mini-factory hooked up to a typewriter keyboard that spit out lines of type in solid lead.

I love to watch a press run. I love the sour smell of fountain solution; the sharp smell of the ink; the warmth of the paper dust flying through the air. I love the clank, clank, clank of the folder that pulls all the pages together in a neat stack. I love watching a good pressman turn the ink keys to put down just the right amount of blue here, a touch more magenta there.

And now that's all gone. For more than a dozen years, I've carried *The Times* to Albemarle, watched the

paper roll off the press, loaded up the trailer with 4,400 copies, and carried *The Times* home.

Now, I use the Internet to upload images of our pages to Fayetteville, where they are burned directly onto metal plates that are strapped onto the big press.

A little chit-chat with the prepress crew, and I'm off to bed at a decent hour — after having spent every other Wednesday night for nearly a quarter of my lifetime staying up way past midnight, putting the the finishing

touches on Friday's edition.

Scott from the Observer calls me the next morning around 9:30; I meet him at the office a little later, collecting a few hundred papers to put in businesses around town. He's already dropped off the rest at the post office.

It's all pretty civilized. And it's the way our business is going. And the paper looks a lot better.

But I miss the smell of the ink. I may have to drive down to Fayetteville one night, just to watch her run. And to inhale deeply.



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committees, and financial statements. Martin also asked that a generic compliance letter be published on the website, so that residents would have some idea of what they look like.

Betsy Mikula, who established the Association's original website and maintained it for many years, spoke during the member comment, congratulating Sessler on her work and encouraging members to register on the website and check it out daily. "The word has to go out that we have a wonderful vehicle of communication," Mikula said.

Sessler also reported that the printed monthly SLWLA newsletter will be available on the Association's website.

Sessler, whose responsibility includes the Area Reps, reported that members of that group have been asked compile a list of any neighbor who can't get out of their home in case of an emergency. A newcomer's reception is being planned by Area Reps for members who arrived in the community within the last year.

Trial Speed Humps?

In an effort to "quell" speeders, the Safety and Security Committee is investigating the placement of "trial" speed humps in the community. Safety and Security Director Jim McCarthy reported. McCarthy said he expected fifty percent of residents will be for installing speed humps with another twenty five percent against it.

McCarthy is also working with the Sheriff's Office to try and tackle the speeding problem in the community. Noting evidence that some drive as fast as 50 mph in the community. McCarthy asked, "What's next? Driving 70 mph in the community? We can't have that."

Seven Lakes West resident John Oravetz spoke during public comment period saying speed bumps placed in the community in the past have been "horrendous." McCarthy assured Oravetz that only speed humps are being considered and a couple of "trial"

speed humps will be placed in the community before any are permanently installed. At this point, neither the Safety and Security Committee nor the Board has voted to move forward with the trial.

More on Security

In an effort to stop tailgating at the back gate, a speed bump has been moved from the inside of the back gate to the outside, McCarthy said. A second gate sensor, which was causing some delay to the bar coming down at the back gate, has been turned off, which may also help in tailgating as well.

McCarthy reported that the Safety and Security Committee is looking at the cost and feasibility of installing a second back gate at one of three possible locations: Finch Gate Drive, Paula Court, or Banbridge Drive.

The Board is considering a proposal to implement a four way stop at Longleaf Drive and Otter Drive at the entrance to West Side Park. Hills and blind spots along the two streets pose a safety

concern, McCarthy told *The Times*.

McCarthy said he has meet with Bob Darr, President of the Seven Lake Landowners Association [SLLA], to explore the issuance of new stickers that would allow residents from both sides of town to pass through the North, South, and West gates. A meeting is scheduled for mid-May to further explore the idea.

No Jug Fishing in Lake Auman

The Lake and Dam Committee has retrieved about twenty two-liter plastic bottles with a hook and twine tied around them from Lake Auman, reported Lake and Dam Director Adam Wimberly, who encouraged homeowners along the Lake to look under docks and pontoon boats for more of the bottles. Wimberly feared that the bottles could cause "a real disaster" for skiers or boats.

The bottles were evidently placed in the water to catch catfish; but "jug fishing" is against the Association's

rules, Wimberly said.

New peizometers — which measure the water level inside Lake Auman dam — have been installed at a cost of \$47,000, reported Wimberly.

In February, Mick Herdrich, former Lake and Dam Director, reported that dam engineer Dr. Dan Marks advised that the sixteen current

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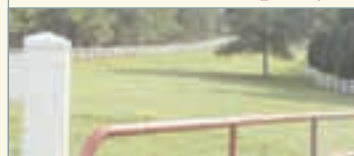
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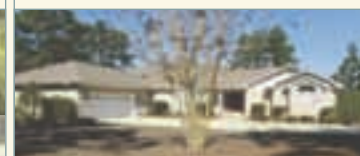
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piezometers be removed and replaced with fourteen new ones that will be "better positioned" for more accurate reading.

Lawn Clippings in the Lake?

Mike Phillips, owner of Evergreen Lawn Maintenance Inc., attended the April 26 meeting to defend against accusations that grass clippings and debris have been spread into Lake Auman by his company. Evergreen currently contracts landscaping services to fifteen homes along the Auman waterfront.

If any material was blown into the lake, Phillips told the Board, it was "not on purpose." In a letter to the Association, Phillips said that his company takes "every precaution to keep this type of problem under control."

Phillips agreed to a request from SLWLA President Mick Herdrich that he remind his employees not to throw any grass clippings or debris into the lake. ARC Director John Hoffman will accompany Phillips on a few yard maintenance jobs to lend a "second set of eyes" to the work being done by Evergreen.

Hoffman said that part of the responsibility for the problem lies with lakefront homeowners and suggested increasing the distance between grass and bulkheads. Current SLWLA rules prohibit grass from being planted within six feet of any bulkhead on new construction.

Manager's Report

Community Manager Joan Frost told the Board that a police report has been filled pertaining to the owner of a red pickup truck using the closed top bank behind Lake Auman as a shortcut. A fence that was put up to prevent traffic on the top bank has been opened by the individual(s) as well. So far, President Herdrich said, the damages to replace the soil and the fence may amount to as much as \$3,000.

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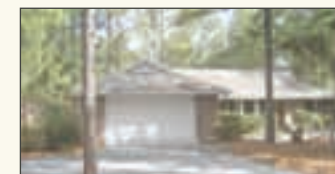
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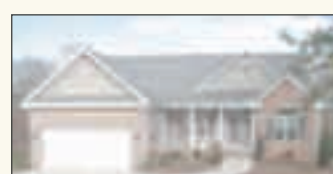
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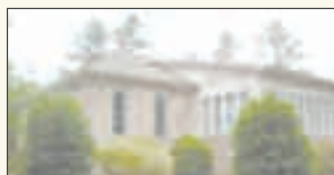
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were mailed, and payments are due on May 1; however, no late fees will be charged for payments made during that month. Boat registration forms will be mailed on April 28 and can be accepted in the office beginning on May 2.

Frost reported that a number of repairs are in the works, including: the entrance sign to The Pinnacle and work on boat slips and bulkheads. Once the registration period is done, the Board will explore the possibility of adding eight more boat slips at Johnson Point. Infrastructure Director John Goodman is working with Atchison & Cagle on repairing a partly washed out culvert on Longleaf Drive near Vanore.

The West Side Pool will be brought up to new state standards before the swim season

begins, Frost said. Moore County is expected to inspect the pool on May 17, and pool passes will be distributed on May 15. There is some erosion by the pool, Frost said, adding that she is obtaining quotes for the repairs.

Frost reported that entrance codes to the new security system at the Community Center have been issued to the Board and CAS staff. Additional codes have been given to members outside of these two groups as directed by the Board. The pool security system is totally separate from the West Side Park Community Center. Should lightning strike the pool area it will not affect the Community Center.

Frost also reported that:

- Thirty compliance letters have been sent out in the last two weeks
- Barcodes can be enabled from the office for both the front and back gate.
- All financial accounts have been transferred to the signatures of the new officers.
- Irrigation has been turned on at all locations: Lakeway Mall, The Pinnacle, and Johnson Point.
- Power washing of the West Side Park Community Center is getting underway.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Don Freiart said the Association's fiscal year will come to a close at the end of April with financial

statements and quarterly reports to be presented at the SLWLA work session on May 10.

The Finance Committee is continuing to work on a variety of policies affecting Expenditure Approval, Asset Capitalization, Depreciation, and Accounting and Funding for Reserves, which will be presented to the Board in May for review and approval.

Mail Delivery presentation planned

The Long Range Planning Committee [LRPC] will present an update of the Mail Delivery proposal that was tabled last year at the SLWLA work session on May 10, Freiart said. The main entrance gate has to be moved by 2015 as part of a legal settlement, so a mail house or mail houses will need to be built before that deadline, Freiart told *The Times*.

The LRPC will utilize findings from the recent membership survey to make recommendations to the Board.

'Wondeful' turnout for recent events

Events Director Jim Fer-

guson reported a "wonderful" turn out, with seventy people attending the Wine Tasting and Easter Egg Hunt. Ferguson encouraged anyone with an idea for an event to contact the events committee.

Next on the calendar is a May 6 Johnson Point concert featuring the April Fools Old Time String Band, scheduled for 7 to 9 pm.

The Events Committee is exploring sponsoring water aerobics classes; however, the \$800 cost of liability insurance for the instructors may be an impediment.

Other Business

Other business at the Tuesday April 26 SLWLA meeting included:

- In a 7-0 vote, the Board approved the rosters of members for various Asso-

ciation Committees. [Directors Jack Stevens and John Goodman were absent from the meeting.]

- Secretary Sessler reported that the minutes from the SLWLA work sessions will be approved via email among the Board members and then posted on the association's website within 24 hours.
- ARC Director Hoffman reported that four new homes and one garage addition are under construction. Thirty minor projects are being reviewed by the ARC Committee.
- A pontoon boat that was donated for patrolling Lake Auman is being inspected to ensure all safety requirements are met, reported Lake & Dam Director Adam Wimberly.

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budget process, but the County itself is waiting to see if the state will be taking away some of the school construction dollars that normally flow from the state to the County.

Governor Beverly Purdue's proposed budget would deprive counties of those funds, while also asking counties to pay for their own school buses, as well as cover worker's compensation costs for state-paid public school and community college employees.

If the county loses state school construction funding, it will make it that much

more difficult to provide the \$3.1 million Moore County Schools need to balance their budget.

NMWD Bonds Extended

The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved during Tuesday's meeting Public Works Director Dennis Brobst's request to extend the \$16 million bond referendum for the Northwest Moore Water District [NMWD].

The county is exploring resurrecting the District, which was unable to secure a sufficient number of customers in its service area to be viable, by bringing the Town of Robbins and the

Seven Lakes area into the plan. That would give Seven Lakes a new, separate source of water, while making better use of an existing reservoir in Robbins.

Under the language of the 2004 bond referendum, the only water that could be piped into the new District had to come from the Town of Robbins. But, with the closing of Robbins' water plant, that restriction no longer applies, Brobst told *The Times*.

Brobst said the County is "not talking about any particular project," at this time for the NMWD, but has several options currently on the table.

Pine Forest Still Under Review

The Planning Board will give the Board of Commissioners an update on its assessment of material presented in extensive public hearings on the Pine Forest PUD rezoning request findings at the Board's May 3 meeting, Assistant Planning Director Debra Ensminger told the Commissioners.

During Tuesday night's public comment period, Mary Jo Morris said she had not

"done her homework" when presenting information at the Pine Forest public hearing in opposition to MHK, Inc.'s rezoning request. She urged those in opposition of the rezoning to purchase the land at market value or to be satisfied that MHK, Inc. is not building under current zoning, which would not include the environmental protections afforded by the PUD zoning classification.

Consolidation of Prosecutorial Districts

The Board voted 5-0 to oppose a plan by the General Assembly to consolidate prosecutorial districts — a plan that threatens to eliminate Moore County District Attorney Maureen Krueger's district.

Krueger presented the Board with the request to keep the DA's office in Moore County. Under the proposed consolidation, Moore County would move into Prosecutorial District 11 with Johnson, Harnett, and Lee counties in 2013 and ultimately move to District 19B with Montgomery and Randolph counties in 2015.

Copies of the resolution

are being sent to Senator Harris Blake and Representatives Jamie Boles and Joe Hackney. Through a letter, Sheriff Lane Carter told the Commissioners he feels that moving the district attorney's office could cause a delay in criminal court cases and would increase the county's costs for housing inmates.

Board opposes FCC Narrow-casting Mandate

The Board unanimously approved a resolution penned by County Attorney Misty Leland that would oppose the Federal Communications Commission [FCC] mandate for narrow banding emergency communications — a requirement that could cost the County \$5 million.

The FCC is mandating that all private radio system users — including those used by state and local public safety systems — that are operating below 512 megahertz [MHz] convert to 12.5 kilohertz [kHz] narrowband voice channels by January 1, 2013. Moore County currently uses 2 kHz voice channels and would be mandated to convert to the 12.5 kHz.

(See "Commissioners," p. 28)

Forum: Living Choices

A special session of the Seven Lakes Forum entitled "Living Choices for the Senior/Mature Person: A Major Life Decision" is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 4 pm, on the upper level of the Westside Park Community Center.

All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend.

For persons who are in the later years of life, decision-making as to where to live during their final days can be extremely complex, given the influence of economics, health, location of children, preferred activities and desired social relation-

ships.

With the uncertainty associated with the economy today, effective contingency planning as to the cost of maintaining the quality of one's life during this time period is critical.

Guest presenters Mary Neligan, Community Educator, Comfort Keepers and Tina Gibbs, Associate Director of FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care will address these issues during the session.

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Chairman Nick Picerno and Commissioner Tim Lea put forward the resolution. Picerno said the County's current equipment doesn't really need to be replaced — and, since he has failed to obtain a meeting with the members of Congress representing Moore County, he is sending a resolution. Copies of the resolution are being sent to Senators Kay Hagan and Richard Burr and to Congressman Howard Coble.

Public Works Ordinance Revision

The Board of Commissioners approved a revised project ordinance for the Pinehurst Elevated Tank, Radio Read Meters, and Old Town and Lake Pinehurst Sewer Reha-

bilitation projects, which are being funded through a portion of the Limited Obligation Bonds the County issued to pay for the new Public Safety and Detention Center.

The total cost of the project is over \$9 million, with the Old Town and Lake Pinehurst Sewer Rehabilitation taking up over \$6.6 million of that budget. Public Works Director Brobst said both those projects are ready for bid.

Sandhills Community College Budget

Sandhills Community College's [SCC] Dr. John Dempsey asked the Board to consider the 250 plus jobs that will need to be filled in the next ninety days in Moore County, particularly in the restaurant industry, when

considering budget allocations for the college.

SCC is requesting a little over \$4 million from the County. Dempsey reminded the Board that Sandhills is educating citizens and is the "pride of the community."

Nonprofit Budget Request:

Five non-profit organizations; Moore County Literacy Council, Sandhills Coalition for Human Care, The Art's Council, Habitat for Humanity, and Friend to Friend asked for budget consideration at the Board of Commissioner's Tuesday, April 19 regular meeting. Commissioner Tim Lea said the "county is fortunate" to have such services, noting that, for the few dollars invested by the county, a big return is received.

Literacy Council Executive Director Susan Sherard, asked the Board to consider the twenty-two percent of Moore County residents who can't fill out a job application; a number that astonished Chairman Picerno. "We [Moore County] are ranked one percent higher than the national average, but the same as the state," when it comes to literacy rates, said Sherard. Last year, the Literacy Council helped 139 adults reach their learning goals through free volunteer serv-

ices.

- The Sandhills Coalition's budget request was presented by Executive Director Barrett Walker, who

said over 8,000 people received food packages last year, of which 3,300 were children. With operating (See "Commissioners," p. 29)

Kidtastic Sale for CIS

Communities In School (CIS), the nation's leading organization dedicated to empowering students to stay in school and achieve in life will be the beneficiary of the area's largest children's consignment sale.

The three day "Kidtastic Sale" will be held April 29 – May 1, 2011 at the National Guard Armory on Morganton Road in Southern Pines.

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- costs up another twenty percent from last year, she urged the Board to consider the Coalition's request to keep them in the upcoming budget.
- Art Council Executive Director Chris Dunn said funding the council is more than just encouraging the arts. The Council serves over 50,000 people and helps to promote tourism, generates revenue, and keeps skilled workers in the area. Dunn said the arts kept him in school, personally, and the arts continue to help with drop out rates in the County.
- Habitat Executive Director Elizabeth Cox said the organization has helped over 192 families since 1988, generating over \$105,000 in property taxes. "Ninety cents of every dollar donated goes toward building programs," said Cox, who asked the Board to consider Moore County cit-

izens who depend on Habitat for Humanity for a home and for work.

- Friend to Friend Executive Director Anne Friesen spoke on behalf of the organization and its willingness to help victims — 12,000 over 20 years — of sexual and domestic assault. The County ranks fourth in the state for domestic violence and the organization helps with counseling, a shelter, referral services, court advocacy, community education and a 24 hour help line.

Other Business

Other business at the Board of Commissioner's Tuesday, April 20 meeting included:

- The Board will consider a request to continue funding at a cost of \$542,205, the critical crisis and psychiatric services for Moore County by Sandhills Center for Mental Health, Development Disabilities and

Substance Abuse Services. This is not an increase from last year's funding allocations.

- Commissioner Tim Lea's motion to dissolve a committee formed to plan a county administration facility died without a second. Commissioner Jimmy Melton's follow-on motion to keep the Government Center Committee in place won a four-to-one approval.

- A public hearing for an application to be submitted for the Target Transit Assistance Program [TTAP] by the North Carolina Department of Transportation Public Transportation Division will be held on May 3.
- Public Works Director Dennis Brobst was given a farewell award by the Board of Commissioners as he enters into retirement.

Commissioner Larry Cadell presented Brobst with the award and said, "Today is a joyous and sad day," and "the County can never repay [Brobst]," for all the work he has done in the Public Works Department. Brobst said the County was a great place to work and he thanked the Board for letting him "serve the citizens."

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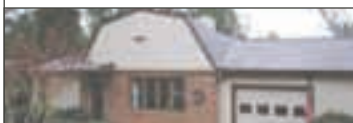
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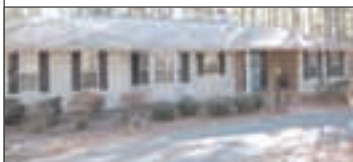
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