

Board seeks input on postal options

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

Mail delivery in Seven Lakes West is a matter of “significant interest” to the community, the Board of Directors of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] unanimously decided during their Tuesday, May 24 Work Session.

The US Postal Service has ruled that home or curbside delivery within Seven Lakes West is not “economical or efficient.”

Shepard said a community mailhouse may be less costly than having everyone rent a box at the post office, adding that the facility would be an additional amenity and could

be paid for without increasing dues.

The LRP Committee recommends adding one or two mailhouses in the community over the next two fiscal years.

The cost of that option was not presented at Tuesday night’s meeting, but Treasurer Don Freiert said he would get that information out to the community. Box rental at the West End Post Office is \$56 a year.

President Mick Herdrich said, “[The Board] needs to hear from the community,” adding that “the Board does not have any pre-conceived notions” on the matter.

The mail delivery issue was table last August, but is back on the front burner in part because the NC Department of Transportation is scheduled to complete the upgrade

(See “Westside,” p. 14)

West Side Landowners Meeting

5/24

That finding triggers special opportunities for public input before the Board makes a decision about whether or how to replace the current aging mailhouse, which sits between the entrance and exit lanes of Lakeway Drive.

The Board plans to host a “Town Hall” meeting to take input on those options; a date has not yet been set.

On behalf of the Long Range Planning [LRP] Committee, former SLWLA President Ron Shepard presented the Board with two options: have Westsiders rent boxes at the West End Post Office, or construct one or more mailhouses inside the gates.

Meet the Merchants



Marcia Lambeth of Triple Farms in Derby offers fruits, vegetables, and canned goods at the Seven Lakes Business Guild’s “Spring Meet The Merchants” event on May 14.

Pine Forest issues reviewed

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

In a special meeting called to review the Pine Forest conditional use rezoning request and open up dialogue between developer, MHK Ventures Inc., and the Moore County Board of Commissioners, Planning Director Joey Raczkowski directed attention to three recurring issues of concern raised during the quasi-judicial public hearing process: traffic impact from the 1,600-acre development; environmental issues and impact on the water quality of Nicks Creek; and a proposed onsite wastewater treatment plant.

The key to addressing those issues may lie in conditions attached to any rezoning

approval. Those conditions could be imposed by the County or volunteered by the developer, Raczkowski explained. Both the rezoning and any conditions attached to it would run with the land — that is, any current and future owners would be required to adhere to the site plan and conditional use permit.

“Typically, [developer] volunteered conditions are more restrictive than anything we have in our ordinances or policies,” said Raczkowski.

As presented, the Pine Forest application and site plan meet the requirements of the Moore County Zoning Ordinance, Raczkowski told the Board. He reviewed a substantial list of proposed con-

ditions that include the location of uses on the property; the number of structures, as well as their height, density and lot dimensions; the phasing of the development; submission of a preliminary plat and erosion control permit prior to any construction; and an annual progress report provided by the developer to the County.

In addition, storm water management must meet or exceed state requirements, and the preliminary plat will not be approved until documentation of final approval is received from Moore County Public Utilities and all permits for the wastewater treatment plant are obtained by the applicant. One specific

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Workshops will be held in the West Side Park Community Center. These one-day workshops are each limited to 12 participants at a cost of \$25 each.

Instruction is by Andrea Schmidt, a highly experienced, well known, and locally acclaimed artist and teacher who resides at Seven Lakes West.

Adult residents of Seven Lakes are welcome to sign up by calling the WSPCC. For more information, call Andrea @ 673-1210.

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SLWLA COMMUNITY NOTICE MORE CULVERT REPLACEMENTS

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association plans to replace eight more roadway culverts from late May through early August.

Four locations can accommodate detours. Four will require that part of the community use the back gate while others use the front gate; a temporary guard will man the back gate during these repairs.

The culverts are located as follows and will be replaced in the order and per the **tentative** schedule shown below.

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Public turns out to support school funding

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

From doctors to concerned parents, from teachers to school board members; scores of Moore County citizens turned out Tuesday night to support the Moore County Schools' [MCS] request for \$3.1 million in additional local funding for the upcoming year. The May 17 Board of Commissioners meeting attracted a crowd of more than two hundred for a public hearing on the County Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget, which includes neither a tax increase nor more local money for the schools.

County Manager Cary McSwain told the Board that he has done what was asked of him and his staff: to complete a "balanced and responsible budget."

Board of Education Chair

Laura Lang told the Commissioners that schools will be operating next year with fewer administrators, teachers, teacher's assistants, and programs -- with class sizes set to increase. Exactly how much state funding for MCS will be cut, is still unknown, as the Senate continues to debate a House budget that included significant cuts in school funding -- as well as pushing some expenses once covered by the state down to the local level. The House budget would cost MCS an estimated \$12 million next year.

The uncertainty about what the Senate might do prompted Lang to ask if MCS can come back to the Commissioners, once the numbers are in and use a portion of the County's fund balance to help close the gap in the school's budget in order to

not raise taxes.

Former School Board members Sue Black, of West End, said "This is the hardest year ever." She asked the Commissioners to just leave the door open for additional local funding, since "we don't know what the state is going to do yet."

Rollie Sampson said all the budget cuts have "weakened our ability to provide an education to our future . . . There is nothing left to cut in our schools."

Quality Education equals Economic Prosperity

Many in attendance echoed the words of Dr. Barbara Farr: "Well educated students

are the future of our economic prosperity." Pediatrician Dr. Chris Prasio won applause from the crowd when he said, "Families always take care of their children first -- not second, third, or last."

School Board member Ed Dennison said students who drop out of school will ultimately cost the state \$11 billion. He added that the current MCS graduation rate is eighty percent -- an increase from five years ago.

Many speakers during the public hearing said a good quality education helps the economy and keeps students out of jail. Chuck Swanson, a psychiatrist, told the Board:

"Pay for education now or jails later." US Army Major Frank Rodriguez said giving the schools the money they have asked for is "an investment in human capital."

Why Wait For the State?

Patrick Coughlin, President of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce said the County needs to begin planning to paying for high quality education on its own, rather than wait and "wrestle with uncertainty" about state budgets. "Next year's story may be the same," he said.

Chairman Nick Picerno, a former teacher, addressed Coughlin after the public

(See "Commissioners," p. 26)



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J&L Home Services gets the job done

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Famous for long winters, tasty lobsters, and LL Bean — the State of Maine is also well-known as a nurturing ground for resilient folks with an incredibly strong work ethic: second to none they say.

So it is no surprise that Jeff and Linda Boody of J&L Home Services start their regular workday before 7:00 am and don't close up shop until evening.

"We're from Maine. Of course we work 25 hours a day," joked Boody.

Seven years ago the couple decided to sell the farm — literally — and head south for a warmer climate. Settling in Seven Lakes West in 2004, they opened J&L Home Services. "A handyman & more" is their motto, and they offer a continually growing broad range of home maintenance and repair services.

"We do anything — and if we don't do it, we know who does — and we are happy to help you," said Boody. "We have customers that call up and say they need this done

and, you know, it gets done."

Pressed for a more detail on a typical day for J&L Services, he explained that on that particular day he tackled a "honey do" list for a Westsider: first installing an air conditioner, then moving on to repair the garage door opener, installing new outdoor lighting, and then fixing a few more items before heading to a home in Foxfire.

There he installed a few more lights, and repaired the outdoor siding and trim. His next job in Pinehurst found him patching a hole in the ceiling and fixing the landscape irrigation system. Before ending his day, he built a new outdoor bench, and then pressure washed and stained a deck.

"People just give us a list of things they want done and

we take care of it," said Boody. "Linda and I often go in different directions and she'll work one job and I'll work another — but I always promise that I'll be home by dark."

While Jeff handles most of the carpentry, home repair and maintenance, Linda is the "go to" partner for painting and landscaping projects.

In addition, this July the Boody's will launch a whole new venture — "Mainly Services" — which specializes in indoor hard surface cleaning. A totally green company that will use no toxic products, Mainly Services will extend their outdoor pressure washing to the indoors through specialized tile, grout, and

(See "J&L," p. 14)



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Burt's on a mission to help Moore County's homeless

by Frank Krohn
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

A most interesting lady was the speaker at the Tuesday, May 10 meeting of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis.

Brenda Burt, along with her husband, manage the God Sent Angels Mission, an organization founded by Burt to help the homeless. Both she and her husband are barbers, and they use their barbershops as their offices of operation; he in Pinehurst and Burt in West End.

While they use much of their own money to obtain needed supplies, they are really dependent on donations of clothing, furniture, and food to help the rather large

homeless population in Moore County.

Burt stores the donations in her backyard in two Army tents donated by Fort Bragg. Her initial efforts brought her into contact with many different types of need, and she now works with battered women, Wounded Warriors, and even employment offices in Moore County.

An active part of her activity is the regular purchase of Sanitary Wipes, that she delivers to Fort Bragg. The Army then sends these wipes to Afghanistan for the soldiers to use in the field where there are no bathing facilities available.

Burt's rather amazing oper-

ation stems from the fact that she became a homeless person herself at the age of 18.

With the help of a group of fellow homeless people, she worked her way out of the poverty situation in which she found herself, and by the age of 21 had bought herself a house, that she still owns. Burt also put herself through college, and has now become a Master Barber. She is the mother of two children; she is proud to say that they both have attended college, and are now working, one in the medical facilities in Pinehurst, the other as a teacher in Durham.

Despite her important service to Moore County, she retains a humility and feeling for others that is certainly commendable and amazing. For the homeless and disadvantaged in Moore County she certainly qualifies as a God Sent Angel.

Seven Lakes Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes County Club. Guests are always welcome.



Bud Darragh, Kiwanis Program Coordinator, with Brenda Burt

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Commissioners work through budget details

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

Moore County's Emergency Services Advisory Committee [ESAC] is recommending an increase in fire taxes next year; ESAC member Otis Ritter was on hand at a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, May 17 to explain why.

Part of the explanation was something familiar to any driver: fuel costs. Diesel fuel at nearly five dollars a gallon is making fire operations "very, very expensive," Ritter told the Commissioners.

The requested three percent increase would not include all departments. For instance, the fire tax in West End would decrease, but there would be an increase for Seven Lakes.

Consolidating squads so they run more efficiently is one way to avoid increasing the fire tax rates, Ritter said. Without consolidation, the only way to pay for increased costs is by either increasing fire taxes or the Advanced Life Support tax, he explained.

"Public Safety is going to come from taxpayers, regardless," said Ritter.

ESAC has developed a system that divides the County into four quadrants and groups fire squads into three categories: light, medium and heavy. The goal is reducing costs; but if every fire department claims to need equipment that is not necessary

for their area it will continue to "increase the tax base -- and that is why a consolidation is necessary," said County Manager Cary McSwain.

Ritter told the Board that a consolidation of rescue and fire squads is a "good idea" but it is not up to ESAC to force such changes. He noted that more departments are deciding on their own to consolidate.

"Years ago it was territorial; but, today, squadrons are welcoming the help," said Ritter.

Consolidation of fire departments could, however, place more responsibility on the County to fund fire operations, including paying firefighter salaries. Currently, many squads rely on volunteers to defer costs.

The Commissioners asked the ESAC committee to put together a comprehensive plan for fire department consolidations. A decision has yet to be made by the Board on the fire tax increases request by ESAC.

Increased Fuel Costs Not Budgeted

Increased fuel costs were not figured into the County Manager's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, McSwain told the Commissioners during their budget work session. With gas and diesel prices on the rise, he said, "the crystal ball is very hazy."

Efforts are underway to reduce fuel consumption in order to avoid cutting services, McSwain said, adding (See "Budget," p. 24)



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Sandy Berger at 7 Lakes Computer Club

by Bill Beardslee
Seven Lakes Computer Club

In the 1950's, "faster than a speeding bullet" described the unmatched speed of Superman. Today, that same phrase can be applied to the changes in the computer technology that impact each of us every day.

The Seven Lakes Computer Club heard an impressive overview on the changes in personal computer technology in the last few years from Sandy Berger of Compu-KISS in Pinehurst. She explained the evolution involved from desktop to laptop to tablet, and from home phone to mobile phone to cell phone to smartphone, along with discussing the operating systems that are used in the

various items: Windows, Macintosh, Android, iOS, etc. When summarizing how to sort through the number and type of items available, she suggested asking one key question: "What can it do for me?"

An interesting discussion took place on the assets and liabilities of Facebook. Many questions were asked concerning security and all the information the site would make available. Berger's advice to all was to only put, anywhere on the internet, what you will allow the world to see.

Berger "wowed" the crowd when she discussed some of the items which are or may be on the way into our lives, such as applications for

phones which will increase even the broad range of touch screen utilities existing today.

Berger writes a blog at

www.compukiss.com, where you can also sign up for her informative newsletter.

The next meeting of the

Seven Lakes Computer Club will be on Tuesday, June 14, at 3 pm in the Seven Lakes North Game Room.

Price takes MacKenzie Cup



Kim Spaulding, Barbara Price, & Rita Ward

The Mackenzie Cup, Foxfire Ladies Golf Association's second major tournament for 2011, was held on May 4 and 5 on Foxfire's West and East courses.

FLGA members competed for the coveted cup that has been presented to winner since the inception of this tournament in 1972.

The winner, Barbara Price, posted a 136 for the WIN and coveted trophy, Rita Ward came in second with a 141 and Kim Spaulding finished third with a 142. Diane Cray, Helen Kirk, Ginny Siedler (all tied at 143), Lucille Cardelle (145) and Sue Bachelder 147).

The tournament was organized by Anita Clapp and her assistant, Ginny Siedler.

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**Rebecca Ada
Bouchelle**

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Rebecca is the daughter of Timothy & Dawn Bouchelle of West End and the granddaughter of Jane Bouchelle of West End and Cal and Ada Loy of Seven Lakes. She will be attending Wingate University, Wingate, NC; to study elementary education.



**Dalton Chase
Bunce**

Pinecrest High School
Southern Pines, NC

Dalton is the son of Cheryl A. and Paul K. Bunce II of Seven Lakes West and his grandparents are Brenda & Paul Bunce of Fayetteville and Floyd and Nora Pratt of Young Harris, GA.

Dalton will become a member of the Air Forces after graduation.



**Jenna L.
Darsey**

Pinecrest High School
Southern Pines, NC

Jenna is the daughter of Joe and Lynn Darsey of Seven Lakes North. She is the granddaughter of Jane Hagendorn. Jenna graduated in January 2011 and has been attending Sandhills Community College. She is enrolled in the nursing program and will transfer to UNC-Greensboro.



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Medfield High School
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Hannah is the daughter of Nancy & Jack Donnelly, Medfield, MA. Her grandparents are Carolyn & the late Win Follansbee of Seven Lakes North. She was a member of National Honor Society, and President of Student Council. She will attend Colgate University, Hamilton, NY.



**Larry L.
Facer III**

Union Pines High School
Cameron, NC

Larry is the son of Andrea Facer of Carthage, and the late Larry Facer, Jr. His grandparents are Ernest and Cathy Arovits of Seven Lakes North.

He was a member of JROTC and received the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for excellence. He will attend University of Missouri—Columbia.



**Melissa
Floyd**

Wake Christian Academy
Raleigh, NC

Melissa is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Floyd of Fuquay Varina. She is the granddaughter of T. Ray and Joanne Jackson of Seven Lakes North.

She will attend Wake Technical Community College to pursue a career in dental hygiene.



**Madison Lee
Hall**

Pinecrest High School
Southern Pines, NC

Madison is the daughter of Ron and Michelle Jackson of Pinehurst.

She is the granddaughter of Ray and Pauline Taylor of Seven Lakes West.

Madison will attend Sandhills Community College to pursue a degree in dental hygiene.



**Owen Huntley
Garner**

The O'Neal School
Southern Pines, NC

Owen is the son of Mr. & Mrs. William Bissett of Southern Pines and Mr. & Mrs. Max Garner of Troy. His grandparents are Louise Huntley Garris of Southern Pines; and Clarice Hoover Garner of Troy. Owen will be attending the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC.



**Corey Doyle
Johnson**

Broadneck High School
Arnold, MD

Corey is son of Kristi and Mark Johnson of Arnold, MD.

He is the grandson of Nancy Blythe of Seven Lakes North.

Corey will attend Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA in the fall.

He will study Ocean Engineering.

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**Kelsey Jane
McCarver**

Pinecrest High School
Southern Pines, NC

Kelsey is the daughter of Randall and Wendi McCarver of Seven Lakes West.

She will be attending East Carolina University to pursue a degree in nursing.



**Amy Elizabeth
Rose**

Pinecrest High School
Southern Pines, NC

Amy is the daughter of David and Jenny Rose of Seven Lakes North.

She graduated with AP Honors.

Amy has been accepted in the Honors program of the University of North Carolina-Wilmington to pursue a degree in dentistry.



**Sara Kaitlin
Russell**

Richmond Sr. High School
Rockingham, NC

Sara is the daughter of Rodney and Jennifer Russell, Rockingham. Her grandparents are Horace & Glendora Russell of West End, and Hal and Dink Reaves of Seven Lakes West. She was a member of National Honor Society & Beta Club. Sara will attend UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall.



**Katherine Ashley
Sessoms**

East Montgomery High School
Biscoe, NC

Katherine is the daughter of Mike and Angie Sessoms. Her grandparents are Bill & Elsi Rushing of West End, and G.L. & Ginny Sessoms of Jackson Springs. She was VP Senior Class, National Honor Society, and FCA Club. She will attend Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC.



**Scott
Stewart**

Pinecrest High School
Southern Pines, NC

Scott is the son of Lisa Stewart of Seven Lakes and David Stewart of Georgia.

Scott will be attending the University of North Carolina - Asheville in the fall.



**Dillon Michael
Stout**

North Moore High School
Robbins, NC

Dillon is the son of Kelly H. Auman of Robbins.

His grandparents are Verna Hancock and the late Marvin Hancock of Robbins.

Dillon will be attending Randolph Community College, Asheboro to study auto body.



**Cyrus Jacob
Taylor**

Pinecrest High School
Southern Pines, NC

Cyrus is the son of Wesley & Tammy Rush of Seven Lakes North and Keith & Kim Taylor of McHenry, IL. He was a member of the National Honor Society and Pinecrest Players. Cyrus will be attending UNC-Wilmington, as a NC Teaching Fellows Scholar & UNC-W Honors Scholar.



**Alexa Jeanne
Zoellner**

Pinecrest High School
Southern Pines, NC

Alexa is the daughter of Steve and Patti Zoellner of Seven Lakes West. Her grandparents are Paul & Betty Rabaut, of Davisburg, MI and Howard Zoellner of Seven Lakes West.

She will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



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Professor Linda Chandler, SCC's University Studies Coordinator, works with student David Ross.



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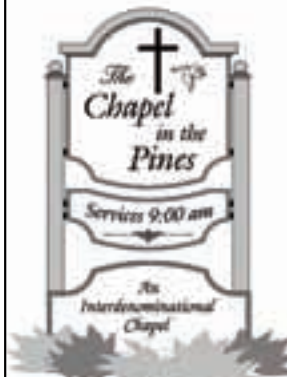
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Lois Lucille Lueck Duncan, age 77, (formerly of Seven Lakes), of River Landing, Colfax, NC; died on Thursday, May 12. She was born in LaGrange, Illinois the daughter of Ferdinand Lueck and Lydia Boness.

She attended Lyons Township High School and graduated in 1952, was a stewardess for Delta Airlines, where she met her husband of 32 years, Robert E. Duncan.

She also was a travel agency manager of Cardinal Travel in Raleigh. Mrs. Duncan was an active member of the Lutheran Church and at the time of her death, she was a member of Emmanuel

Lutheran, High Point.

Mrs. Duncan was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband.

She is survived by her sister Diane Havens, of Jacksonville, FL; her two daughters, Kim Dansie and Kara Salomon; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at River Landing on Thursday, June 2 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Youth Unlimited, 338 Burton Ave. High Point, NC 27262.

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Jacob is the son of Scott and Kristianne Bebout of Seven Lakes. He also graduated from the US Marine Corps at Parris Island with a promotion to Private First Class, meritoriously on March 4. Jacob will be stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC.



**Wyatt Carl
Chandler**

Louisiana State University
Louisiana

Wyatt is the son of Carl and Cassandra Chandler of McLendon Hills. He graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors majoring in Psychology. He recently completed a four week Spanish course in Costa Rica. Wyatt will enter a military officer training program.



**Kathryn Grace
D'Angelo**

Univ. of Buffalo Law School
Buffalo, NY

Kathryn is the daughter of Mary & Joseph D'Angelo, Jr. of Eden, NY.

She is the granddaughter of Duncan and Grace Tutton of Seven Lakes West.

She received a Juris Doctor (JD) degree.



**Melanie Elizabeth
D'Angelo-Noon**

University of Buffalo
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Melanie is the daughter of Mary & Joseph D'Angelo, Jr. of Eden, NY.

She is the granddaughter of Duncan and Grace Tutton of Seven Lakes West.

She received a BS degree as a Physician's Assistant.



**William Joseph
D'Angelo**

University of Buffalo
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William is the son of Dr. Kevin and Dr. Elizabeth D'Angelo (DDS) of Orchard Park, NY.

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Kendall is the daughter of Greg and Jean Downer of Seven Lakes.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry.

Kendall will reside in NYC and work at an immunology research laboratory at Columbia Medical Center.



**Mary Hanna
Humphrey**

University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, NC

Hanna is the daughter of Victor and Mary Susan Humphrey of Seven Lakes North. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in English and a minor in Coaching. She plans to continue as a graduate student at UNC-Chapel Hill.



Jimmy Kullberg

University of Central Florida
Orlando, Florida

Jimmy is the son of Steve and Ann Kullberg formerly of Southern Pines. His grandparents are Jim & Judy Kullberg of Seven Lakes West. He received a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering with Honors. He will work as an engineer at Woodard-Governor in Fort Collins, CO.



Allison Jane Maxfield

Pace University, New York, NY

Allison is the daughter of Lisa Maxfield and Scott and Sue Maxfield. She is the granddaughter of Hal and Marge Blake of Seven Lakes North. She received her Master of Science degree in teaching. Allison teaches Spanish at Soundview Academy in the Bronx, NY. She hopes to continue teaching in NYC.



Ryan M. Weber

East Carolina University
Greenville, NC

Ryan, the son of Ron & Rosemary Weber of Seven Lakes West, received a BS in Psychology in 2008 at Elon University, and has just completed his Masters Degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology. He has accepted a position with Research Technology Institute in Raleigh.



**Brandon Steven
Zoellner**

College of Charleston
Charleston, SC

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of the Lakeway Drive rail crossing in 2012. In addition, the Association committed to relocate the front gate as one of the terms settling a lawsuit with former developer Lakeside Development, LLC.

Shepard said the current mailhouse was built in 1979 and is structurally unsound. Although it looks nice because of the recent paint job, he added "if you put lipstick on a pig; it's still a pig." Plus the mailhouse can only hold 1,740 mailboxes; and, at build out, Seven Lakes West will have 2,000 residents. There are currently

966 residents on the West Side.

Lake Patrol

A Standard Operating Procedure [SOP] for the Lake Patrol Officer was presented at Tuesday night's meeting by Community Manager Joan Frost; the Board took no action on the proposal, pending a review by Lake & Dam Director Adam Wimberly.

The SOP states that the Lake Patrol is not a police officer — rather he or she is there to be a "deterrent to violations" and to "observe and report." During each patrol the officer will make a run around the lake, 30 yards from shoreline, looking for speeding boats, no-wake-zone violations areas, boats in swimming areas, and boats that do not have SLWLA boat stickers or a North Carolina registration sticker.

The officer will also be "spot-checking" boats to ensure the proper equipment — fire extinguisher, life jacket, and throw cushions — are on board. If any of this equipment is not on board, the boat owner will be escorted to shore to get the proper equipment. After each incident, a note will be made of the boat's registration number, date, and time, along with a picture of the boat and driver. If an owner or operator of a boat becomes aggressive, the Lake Patrol is advised to keep a close watch on the offender while calling the gate house or Sheriff's Office.

Boat operators may not consume alcohol. Passengers of legal age can drink on the boat, but will be asked to return to shore if they show signs of being inebriated. No one under the age of 26

should be operating a vessel without a Certificate of Completion from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission Boating Safety Course, and children under the age of 14 must wear a life vest while on the boat.

Wimberly said 600 boats have been registered so far this year; last year there were 850. He encouraged members to review the North Carolina boating guidelines on the community website.

Safety and Security Report

An officer trained to use radar will begin patrolling in Seven Lakes West after training is complete this week, Safety and Security Director McCarthy reported. Patrolling will begin on June 1 to help slow down traffic around culvert repairs.

The first thirty days of patrolling the officer will issue only warnings; after that tickets will be issued with fines of \$25 and up.

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hardwood cleaning.

To keep up with their growing businesses, the couple recently purchased a 1,500 square foot workshop in West End and have rounded out their workforce by hiring fellow Westsiders Seth Clark, along with Ed Morrell and his son, Hunter Morrell.

"We're still growing and always looking for more ways to help everyone in Seven Lakes" said Boody. "We try to be completely honest. We live here and want to treat everybody fairly. We came from a small town in Maine where we owned an appliance company. Everybody knew everybody and that is one reason we came to Seven Lakes — it's the same atmosphere."

Boody said in particular he enjoys that small town atmosphere each day when he's out walking his dogs.

"I'm the guy out there everyday walking along in my tie-dyed T-shirt. I want people to know who I am because I love interacting with them," said Boody.

"More than anything, at the end of the day, I'm happy that we've made some person's day so much better than when it started. That is the most gratifying part."

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McCarthy said a person can appeal a ticket to the Board, but asked that individuals do not contact current or previous board members to have a ticket waived.

"This will only jeopardize the integrity of the Board," he said. The patrol officer will give a 7 mph leniency waiver over the 35 mph speed limit.

to bear the signature of only one officer of the association for all previously approved invoices. Currently, all checks must be signed by two officers, and two signatures required for checks over \$5,000 under the proposed policy.

The Board took no action on the check-signing changes, because the new policy would

require modifying the bylaws.

"It was a good year with good results," Treasurer Freiert said, reporting that the books for the fiscal year were closed as of April 30 with a positive variance of \$54,000 for the year. This amount excludes the \$216,000 received in pre-payments of next year's

(See "Westside," p. 16)

Financial Policy Changes

The SLWLA Board approved two changes to the finance policy that would give functional directors the ability to make approvals for general expenses and budget items up to \$25,000. Treasurer Don Freiert presented the changes to the Expenditure Approval Policy and the Capital Expenditure and Depreciation Policy to the Board on Tuesday night.

Currently, the amount that a director may approved without the Board's approval is \$5,000. Freiert said some Directors don't have a budget as large as \$25,000 — but for those who do, the budgeted expenditures will have been approved by the Board during the budgeting process. He said the Finance Committee felt raising the discretionary amount would be more efficient and is a "low risk recommendation."

Freiert told *The Times* that any un-budgeted item of \$5,000 or more will still need the approval of the Board, and that Capital Improvement Projects costing \$5,000 or more will also need the Board's approval. ARC Director John Hoffman abstained from voting, noting that "it could be nine or ten months since a budget is approved . . . circumstances change."

However Director Wimberly supported the financial policy change, saying "We have to give Directors of committees some latitude . . . it's part of the evolution of the community."

Freiert also proposed a change in the check-signing policy: allowing CAS the opportunity to sign checks of \$1,000 or less and allowing checks from \$1,000 to \$5,000

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annual assessments and fees during the month of April.

An additional \$552,000 was placed in Reserves for Roads, Infrastructure, and Capital Projects. The additional \$54,000 will be added to the reserves after the final audit later this summer, Friert said.

Culvert Repairs Scheduled

Eight additional culvert repairs are scheduled in the community through the Summer, four of which will require a barricade across Longleaf Drive and a temporary guard-house at the back gate. A Construction Update section on the home page of the website that will have information such as maps of detours and the schedule of road closures due to the culvert replacements.

Goodman asked for community members to "be careful" during the culvert repairs East of Beacon Ridge Drive and Tucker, currently scheduled to begin June 1, because a temporary road will have to be built for this culvert to

be repaired, which could become dangerous at night. Although reflective lights will be put up and it will be big enough for two cars, the area should be avoided as much as possible at night, Goodman warned.

Asphalt patching near the two ponds located on Lake-way Mall will begin on May 26 and could make a "very dangerous section on Longleaf," said Goodman. During the two week repair project, the road will have one way traffic during the day but two-way traffic will reopen in the evenings.

Rosemary Webber spoke during the public comment period and asked the Infrastructure Committee to consider adding guard rails to this area due to tree removal last year that opened up a ravine. Goodman said after the culverts have all been repaired the Board will then consider installing guardrails in the community.

Crosstown gate access

How best to accommodate reciprocal gate passes for

members of the Seven Lakes and Seven Lakes West Landowners Associations has been a hot topic for a number of years, and SLWLA Community Manager Joan Frost has been in talks with SLLA Community Manager Alina Cochran about the issue again this year.

The Board tabled the item at Tuesday night's meeting, but Frost had developed a proposal that would have each Association charging a \$15 fee for vehicle decals — a price tag that landowner Rosemary Weber called "ridiculous" during public comment. Vehicles bearing the decals would use the visitors lane to enter either community, but would be waved through by the guard.

Vehicles without decals will need a hangtag to enter the community.

During the public comment period, Grace Kirkpatrick asked the Board to consider returning to the window stickers. However, former SLWLA President Ron Shepard said the old stickers were "a real security issue."

Frost said programming the barcode systems used by both communities to allow reciprocal access would require more manpower than either Association has.

Back Gate

President Mick Herdrich announced that members who want to offer feedback regarding the opening of an additional back gate to the

community or a road around Lake Auman Dam should contact the Safety and Security Committee regarding an additional back gate and the Long Range Committee concerning to a road around the dam.

The Board is not currently considering these items, but is awaiting committee recommendations.





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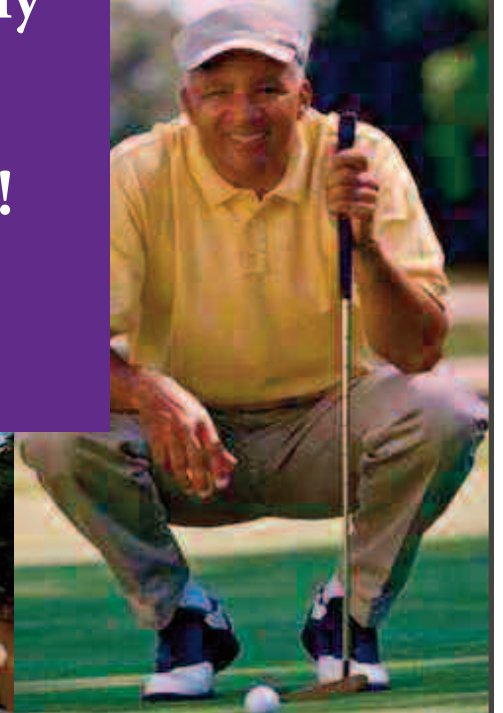
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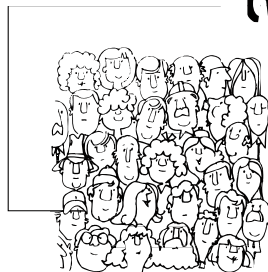
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MONDAY, MAY 30

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TUESDAY, MAY 31

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- **Free Concert** – 3:30 pm, the New Horizon's Band will perform at the Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US. Hwy. 15-501. The concert is free to the public. A variety of music will be performed to include, "Georgia on My Mind," "Sweet Caroline," "Highlights from the Wizard of Oz," and "Dixieland Struttin." Please join the group for an afternoon of free entertainment.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

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- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 7

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. West Side Park Community Cen-

ter. 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. All are welcome.
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5:00 pm, regular meeting. Held at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

- **Artistic Expression** – 9 am to 3 pm at West End United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Magda Sonderfan will present an expression of caring and concern for local tornado victims by displaying her oil, acrylic and water color paintings. There will be animal paintings from her native South Africa, still life and landscapes on display. Admission is free, but Ms. Sonderfan requests that visitors make a monetary donation to support victims of tornados.

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

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condition of approval states that no water will be removed from Nick's Creek for the purpose of irrigation or potable water supply.

Fred Hobbs of Hobbs Upchurch & Associates, the engineering firm that designed the project for MHK, spoke on their behalf and addressed several of these key concerns.

Discussing the wastewater treatment plant, he said the facility would be permitted and regulated by the North Carolina Division of Water Quality, which required licensed personnel to operate the plant. Operational bonds would be provided by the contractor and, in addition, the North Carolina State Utilities Commission requires filing bonds that protect against operator default.

On the water quality issue, Hobbs said the developer will maintain the prohibition against withdrawing water from Nicks Creek and is willing to dedicate the required stream setbacks as conservation easements or to place deed restrictions on the buffer and wetlands areas to restrict use and prohibit water withdrawal. Such restrictions would blanket the entire property — including those areas not included in the rezoning application.

As proposed in the Planned Unit Development – Hamlet [PUD-H] rezoning request, Pine Forest would be a massive residential and commercial project that includes two 18-hole golf courses, one 9-hole short course, and other amenities, as well as a small retail center, a resort hotel and a gated community with a combined maximum density of 890 total units. Stretching along the north side of Hwy 211 from Hoffman Road near Foxfire to Archie Road, where West Pine Elementary and Middle School campuses are located, the entire property encompasses 1,799 acres.

Whither the Water

Opening the floor for discussion, Commissioners Chairman Nick Picerno

immediately zeroed in on the question of water — specifically, where will it come from?

As originally proposed, Pine Forest would receive water from Montgomery County through a new twelve-inch water line along NC Highway 211.

"I'm befuddled," Picerno said. "The Board is not really sure where we want to go with water, so how do we have an agreement [with Montgomery County] — or do we?"

County Manager Cary McSwain explained that MHK had signed a draft contract committing to pay \$3 million toward the cost of expanding Moore County's water supply, in order to supply the development with potable water — however, that contract does not specify that the water will come from Montgomery County.

In a related water issue, Commissioner Tim Lea expressed concern that future county-level decisions on water supply issues could impact the amount the developer has agreed to pay to bring water to Pine Forest. In the current draft contracts, MHK has agreed to contribute \$3 million toward that cost.

Picerno also recommended that a more broadly worded condition of approval relative to water withdrawals; and, because Nicks Creek supplies water for the Town of Carthage, questioned what assurances would be in place to protect the town's water supply.

County Attorney Misty Leland explained that the Board is facing a two-part decision.

"There is the rezoning, and the conditional use part," Leland explained. "If you approve the application with conditions, then the rezoning request will be approved, but the conditions will still have to be satisfied before the development can move forward."

Picerno expressed concern that it would be unfair and convoluted to mix the rezoning request with the details of how and where water will be brought to the project. He asked that the Planning staff present their recommendation on Pine Forest at

the June 21 meeting, when, potentially, a vote could be taken on the rezoning request.

Wastewater

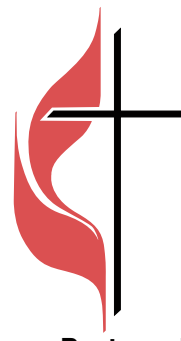
The Commissioners also raised far-ranging concerns about the proposed onsite wastewater treatment plant.

In particular, Commissioner

Craig Kennedy questioned the location of the facility and whether any consideration was given to siting it as far as possible from Nicks Creek.

Kennedy also asked Hobbs whether the intake system from the county lines could be reversed to allow excess

(See "Pine Forest," p. 21)



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wastewater to be pumped back to Moore County if there were an emergency event at the Pine Forest plant or exceptionally heavy precipitation.

"Can it go both ways?" asked Kennedy.

Hobbs responded that the wastewater line did allow for movement in either direction and that the system could be redesigned with an emergency failsafe return. However, he cautioned that more analysis would be necessary to determine if the existing county system could handle the additional flow, particularly along wastewater lines in the area of the Pinehurst traffic circle that are already at or near capacity.

On the question of bonding in perpetuity to protect the plant over the long term, Commissioner Lea asked whether a condition of approval could suggest an increased bond amount. He also questioned how a bankruptcy proceeding by the developer or the contracted water company would impact the project.

"My concern is not just now but fifty and seventy-

five years from now," said Lea. "I want to protect future generations as much as we can."

Picerno asked whether there were impartial or outside agencies that could review the plans and offer a guarantee that the proposed plant will not endanger Nicks Creek.

Rackowski said it is the responsibility of the Moore County Planning staff to develop conditions that will ensure public health and safety; and, if they determine that the final proposal does not meet that objective, such concerns would be noted in the findings of fact to be presented in June.

Fred Hobbs also responded to Picerno's question, asserting that the proposed wastewater plant was designed in accordance with state regulations and has already been reviewed and permitted by the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR] Division of Water Quality.

Traffic

Rackowski reported that a traffic impact analysis had been completed by NC

Department of Transportation, which determined that roadway improvements would be required.

As proposed, the plan calls for a new traffic light at the main entrance on NC Highway 211 approximately one-quarter mile west of Archie Road. That entrance would provide access to the commercial retail area as well as Pine Forest's resort and gated communities. A private interior road would provide access to the proposed tertiary wastewater treatment plant, which will serve Pine Forest and also Dormie Club, another major MHK golf course development.

Picerno raised concern over who would be responsible to pay for the roadway improvements and at what point they would be completed.

Conflict of interest

Commissioner Larry Cadell was not present at the meeting because he has been recused from voting on the Pine Forest application based on a conflict of interest. As a former Mayor of Carthage, he said his intimate knowledge of Nicks Creek would not allow him to review the

plan without bias.

In April, questions of a conflict of interest in regards to Commissioner Melton were raised over property he owns on NC Highway 73 in close proximity to a possible route for water and wastewater between Pine Forest and the Dormie Club.

Early in the May 24 meeting, Chairman Picerno addressed another potential conflict of interest involving himself that has received some attention following a recent article in the Southern Pines newspaper.

Picerno explained that, prior to deciding to run for a seat on the Board of Commissioners, he had been a member of the Dormie Club; however, he is no longer a member and received a refund of his membership fee shortly after being sworn into office.

He said he brought the concern to the attention of Leland at that time and she said it was not a conflict of interest, a position she reiterated at Tuesday's special meeting.

(See "Pine Forest," p. 24)



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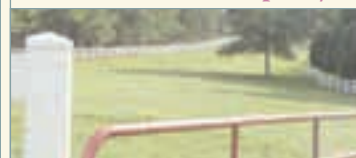
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OPINION

Hair of the dog . . .

Since it's easier to roll clutter downhill, I started my Spring cleaning chores this year upstairs in the kids rooms.

As usual, my first order of business was to corral the bazillion LEGO pieces to the tropical blue room [read: his] and the quadrillion crayons to the bubblegum pink room [read: hers]. Toy weapons of mass destruction go here. Dancing slippers for theatrical productions go there.

Squeezed in between these polar opposites — in life and

on the color wheel — sits a shared bathroom.

With one kid already positioned in the double-digits and the other lagging not far behind, I finally put on my big girl panties and accepted reality: it was time to take down the rubber ducky wallpaper.

Not willing to pick sides on the gender minefield of preferred hues, I opted for a neutral wall color that I knew would put them on common ground — pine pollen yellow. They both hate it.

Unfortunately, when I ran out of uber-ugly paint, I also checked off my last to-do project in 'tween town' and had no choice but to head downstairs to deal with my own mess.

I wish I could just put myself on time out, listen to a stern lecture about picking up my things, and let the cleaning fairy take over. Seriously, she shows up once a week for the kids, so why not for me too?

You see I'm suffering from CHAOS — as in 'can't have

anyone over syndrome.'

But I can't blame it all on the clutter.

What I actually have is an acute case of dog hair.

Tufts under the furniture,

spins of the Dyson around the Douglass den. No matter, I'm still outnumbered.

Laura - 1; Dog Hair - 100,000,000

While I can de-ducky a bathroom

and clear clutter with the best of them, I simply cannot trump fifty-plus pounds of



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Laura Douglass

puffs in the corners, wisps in the window sills, it's everywhere. All. The. Time.

Darling Hubby once read that you should vacuum your house once a week for every person and pet. Using this formula, I can easily average between five and eight weekly

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But since a good offense starts with a solid defense, my game plan for Summer entertaining is simple: picnics.

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Kudos for Learning Curve

Dear Editor:

Once again Laura's column has struck a cord in my heart with her story about Biscuit.

We have a Lab that unfortunately is getting old (14), so she no longer digs, but she has been our matriarch to the two other dogs we have plus my daughters three dogs. She has lovingly taken on the task of taking care of each new four legged member we have brought into the house. She is very thin now, losing hair and her hearing isn't very good. She has never even growled at anyone let alone tried to bite anyone, not even the pesky puppies we have thrown at her over

the years. It will break my heart when she passes as she has been a big part of our lives for such a long time. She is also part chow with the black on her tongue and curled tail, we got her from the Humane Society in Carthage.

So, thank you again for your wonderful stories that

I do look forward to each time *The Seven Lake Times* comes out. I do hope you will continue to entertain all of us each month, keep up the good work.

I'm sure I'm not your only fan, but I am one of your biggest fans.

Martha Swanson
Seven Lakes North

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ALL ABC Permits

A Banbridge gate offers little advantage

Dear Editor:

The recent Seven Lakes West Landowners Association board meeting report in *The Seven Lakes Times* noted a Security Committee prefer-

ence for a new gate at the site of the current Banbridge Drive Emergency Exit (BDEE). No supporting data were cited. Based on data culled from Google Maps, this seems

a poor choice.

One would expect a return on investment in convenience and/or economy. Neither appears to accrue appreciably to the BDEE site.

Time and distance were calculated by Google Maps from BDEE location to Pinehurst using three routes: (A) BDEE to main gate and on to Pinehurst via NC Hwy 211, (B) BDEE to NC Hwy 211 via West End and on to Pinehurst, and (C) BDEE to Pinehurst via Foxfire.

Choice (B) revealed a two minute time benefit compared with (A). The distance increased by 0.8 (B) or 1.2 (C) miles compared with (A).

BDEE, to Pinehurst: 12.3 miles, 25 minutes. <http://tinyurl.com/3lneugr>

B. BDEE to Pinehurst by way of NC 211 Hwy: 13.1 miles, 23 minutes. <http://tinyurl.com/6bz6etz>

C. BDEE to Pinehurst by way of Foxfire: 13.5 miles, 35 minutes. <http://tinyurl.com/69rmpsh>

Bruce Macdonald
Seven Lakes West

A. Duval's house, 138 Banbridge Drive, opposite

Super communications

Dear Editor:

Kudos to the SLWLA Board of Directors for their emphasis on communication throughout the community. The SLW website is an asset for neighbors to be informed and to interact with the Board members and neighbors.

Thanks to the Board for

this effort and to Board Secretary Jane Sessler for the enormous time and energy she gives to the role of web master.

In addition to offering community news, Board minutes, announcements of club meetings and social events, the site invites residents to participate in a interactive

blog. The feature of Board members' background information along with contact details, makes it easy to share suggestions and questions with those volunteers.

If communication has been a concern for some SLW residents in the past, the website — along with the Newsletter, *The Seven Lakes Times*, Area Representatives' contact, and other announcements — make knowledge of current events and issues an "upfront" matter.

Thanks to those responsible.

Nelda Cockman
Seven Lakes West

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that he is hopeful that some grant money may be able to fill the financial "gap" for fuel.

Currently, the County pays \$3.27 per gallon of fuel and has allocated \$975,000 in the budget for fuel expenses for the upcoming year. The County has set aside \$328,000 in a Grant Match/Contingency Fund in next year's budget that could help pay for any fuel shortfalls.

Commissioner Tim Lea asked whether a competitive bidding process for fuel might be a way to help decrease costs. McSwain explained that the County currently has a single source contract for fuel, adding that he hoped to reduce costs by developing a list of suppliers and possibly doubling the size of the 5,000 gallon fuel container.

Moore a "Dry" County?

The Board learned on Tuesday that the NC Department of Revenue [NCDOR] considers Moore County a "dry

county," in which alcohol sales are prohibited. Assistant County Manager Ken Larking explained that the designation is not only inaccurate -- since the County has had ABC stores since the 1930s -- but the "dry" designation could cost the County \$70,000 to \$90,000 per year in its share of beer and wine taxes collected by the state.

NCDOR wants proof that the County's ABC stores were properly established through a petition, which has sent some county employees searching through archives and old newspapers to find the answer.

Larking said NCDOR is being, "very nit-picky about the whole thing." The Board asked County Attorney Misty Leland to draw up a resolution to be sent to NCDOR explaining that Moore County is not a "dry county."

EMS asked to Bid Out Contract

In accordance with a policy set the current Board of Commissioners, Public Safety

Director Bryan Phillips was told to bid out the billing management contract for Emergency Medical Services that is set to expire in August. The county bills health insurance companies for some EMS services.

Phillips had already renegotiated the current contract with EMS Management and Consultant Company, dropping the fee from 8 percent to 7.3 percent of the total revenue brought in by the EMS department, approximately \$2.5 million.

Chairman Nick Picerno said there is adequate time to bid the project out and it would be in the best interest of taxpayers.

EMS has taken into account historical data in order to allocate money to rescue squads for the upcoming year, Phillips explained. Seven Lakes Fire Squad is set to receive \$12,000; Seven Lakes EMS, \$29,000; and West End Fire & Rescue, \$47,000. Having received over 401 calls last year, Seven Lakes EMS and West End Rescue Squad have both been given an additional \$10,000 for the year.

Grant Funding Questioned

The Grant Match/Contingency Funding in the County's proposed budget for next year is set at \$228,000, an increase from last year that Chairman Picerno questioned. With possible funding matches needed for upwards of \$675,000; the County has put aside money in a contingency fund to cover any expenses from increased fuel costs to high profile court trial expenses. Chairman Picerno asked why such expenditures could not be paid for as needed.

"Why are we assuming these expenses?" asked Picerno. "It seems like, if there is money in the fund, it seems

to get spent."

County Manager Cary McSwain said any Contingency Funds not used will be transferred back into the fund balance. Currently, McSwain can approve spending up to \$50,000; anything above that must be approved by the Board.

Senate May Pass on More Expenses to County

North Carolina Senators are trying to pass the cost of safe keeping of special prisoners down to local governments -- which would be financially "catastrophic," County Manager McSwain told the Board. The state is

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Going a step further, Picerno also asked whether his fellow commissioners were concerned over any possible conflict of interest.

Hearing none, both Picerno

and Lea noted that the primary focus of discussion should remain squarely on the question of rezoning and not any single commissioner.



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also trying to pass on the care and upkeep of secondary roads to counties -- something the Commissioners have opposed -- which would be of "tremendous cost" to the County, said McSwain. He noted that both measures would mean a significant increase in the property tax rates, adding that the County is keeping the pressure on the Senate to avoid these trickle down costs to the County.

Under another legislative option, the County could also see its share of proceeds from the NC Education Lottery cut; the funds are currently used to help pay debt service on school construction bonds.

County Employees

Also during Tuesday's Work Session, the Commissioners asked McSwain to either eliminate the plan to hire an additional financial officer at a salary of \$76,000 or terminate the contract of the county's financial consultant. Chairman Picerno noted that \$1.2 million was spent on financial software three years ago in an effort to avoid additional salary costs in the finance department.

Learn to Sail!

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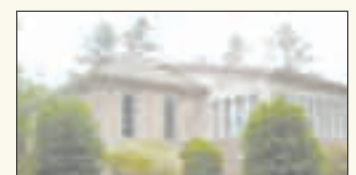
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hearing was closed, saying money that could be sent to the classroom is being spent on state and federal bureaucrats. "They don't teach a single kid," Picerno said. "If we take all those dollars sent to Raleigh and Washington, we wouldn't have a budget problem."

After the public hearing there was a standing ovation by the audience and the Commissioners. Commissioner Craig Kennedy said the "system is broken," and needs to be fixed from the top all the way down. He said he appreciated the good relationship between the school board and the Commissioners, adding, "As long as we continue to work together we will get through this."

Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser was recognized Tuesday night for being credited in a nationally publicized magazine, *National Education Executive*. Lang told the Board that two more national recognitions will be out shortly.

North Carolina Speaker of the House Thom Tillis sent Chairman Picerno a letter

saying that each current teacher position will be fully funded by the state in next year's budget. "Let's hold him true to his word," said Picerno.

The School Board and Commissioners anticipate that the General Assembly will send a final budget to Governor Beverly Perdue for her signature sometime in June. The County's new fiscal year begins on July 1.

County Still Accepting Sign Ups to the EMWD

Convening as the East Moore Water District [EMWD] Board of Directors, the Commissioners approved two work order changes: one for McArthur Construction for \$133,900 and one for T.A. Loving Company for \$55,700 as requested by Assistant County Manager Ken Larking. Any further change orders to the project must be complete by June 1, and the Board voted to allow the County Manager to approve any such changes. Commissioner Tim Lea recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

The EMWD was awarded

a forty year loan for \$5 million from the USDA Rural Development for a project to install water lines in eastern Moore County. Larking told the Board he did not think the County would get enough sign-ups to use all of the \$5 million in funding. In a press release by the County, Larking noted that the Water District is funded through user fees, not property taxes.

Currently the EMWD is accepting hookups at a cost of \$250. After June 6 the fee will increase to \$750; and, once the project is complete, it will more than double, to \$1,900. Approximately 500 homes and businesses surrounding Carthage will be included in the EMWD project.

Board Declines to Increase Utility Rates

The Board of Commissioners opted to forego a \$1.4 million grant from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund [CWMTF] because conditions of the grant program would have required Moore County Public Utilities to increase its base water and sewer rates from \$6.10 to \$7.10

per month.

The CWMTF grant would have partially funded the Vass and Crystal Lake wastewater treatment projects, which are receiving another \$1 million in funding from the NC Rural Economic Development Center. The project will connect the communities to the County's wastewater treatment plant in Addor.

Commissioner Larry Cadell said he could not justify an increase to every utility customer in Moore County in order to pay for the project, adding "I cannot support that."

County Manager Cary

McSwain explained that, if Crystal Lake is not included in the project, then sewer and water rates can remain the same. The Board agreed that taking Crystal Lake out of the project, at this time, to deflect any increase in utility rates was the best solution.

Assistant County Manager Ken Larking told *The Times* that foregoing the grant means the county will pay for the project out of existing public utilities funds, and that is not expected to require a rate increase. He added that the Crystal Lake portion of the project has not been

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abandoned, but merely delayed.

Targeted Transit Program Approved

Commissioner Tim Lea, the only Commissioner to support a Targeted Transit Assistance Program [TTAP] Application that could bring the county \$159,000 in federal grant funding to expand the county's transportation services, brought it back to the agenda on Tuesday night. The Board voted four-to-one during its Tuesday, May 3 meeting against submitting the grant application.

Chamber President Patrick Coughlin, who serves on the County Board of Transportation, said the program "provides transportation options for a segment of the population to get to and from work" and noted that there are a hundred people on a waiting list for the transportation program.

Tawanna Williams, Manager of Moore County Transportation Services, brought back some answers to questions the Commissioners' raised about the program during the May 3 meeting.

Answering concerns raised about the program by Chairman Picerno, Commissioner Lea gave evidence pertaining to the self sufficiency and effectiveness of the program since 1997.

After a five minute recess, Chairman Picerno reconvened the meeting and said he would be willing to approve the grant application as long as the funds will not be used to expand the program, but to fund the current operation. He added, "In the future, we are going to have to live on less from the state and federal government -- it is somebody's tax payer dollars pay-

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ing for these grants.”

In the end the Board rescinded their previous vote of opposition and voted unanimously in favor of the TTAP application.

Planning Matters

The Board adopted a Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as requested by County Long Range Planner Jeremy Rust. The plan, which outlines the response of the county and its municipalities to a natural disaster, is a requirement for receiving any disaster recovery funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA]. The plan must be approved by FEMA before it goes into effect.

County Manager McSwain noted that Moore County Public Safety Department is scheduled to conduct a FEMA drill on June 29.

The Board approved a \$9,000 amendment of an engineering contract with Hobbs Upchurch Associates for work being done at the River Bend Subdivision through a CDBG contract.

EMS Recognitions

During Tuesday's meeting, Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips awarded sixteen public safety awards for successful resuscitation of cardiac arrest. Among the recipients were West End Fire and Rescue, Seven Lakes EMS, and Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, who were also recognized for their help responding to an April tornado in Lee County.

The Board approved a request by Phillips to recognize the third week of May as National EMS week.

District Attorney Budget Requests

The Board approved a request by District Attorney Maureen Krueger to accept Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Funding. Give Moore Youth Services will receive \$140,000; and Moore Buddies Parenting Program, \$97,000.

The Board also approved Krueger's request for \$50,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant funding for the Youth Gang Violence Prevention Fund.

Other News

Other news at the Board of Commissioners' Tuesday,

May 17 meeting included:

- The Board agreed to exempt several positions from a hiring freeze as requested by Human Resources Director Denis Brook. The positions are all fully funded in this and next year's budget.
- The Commissioners tabled until June 7 a resolution pertaining to Airport grant match funding from the Convention of Visitor's Bureau.
- The Commissioners will send a letter of recommendation on behalf of St. Joseph in the Pines in support of their Providence Place Carthage II project.

Appointments

The Board of Commissioners made the following appointments:

- Mickey Brown to an additional four year term to the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees
- Five individuals to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, including Jayrene Maness, Tina Kissell, Carrie Neil, Emily Coltrane, and

Steve Gore.

- J. Wayne Vest to a four year term as the Moore County Tax Administrator.
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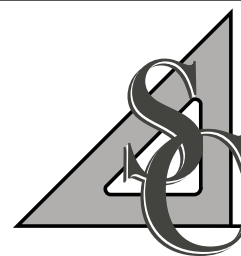
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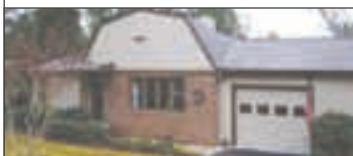
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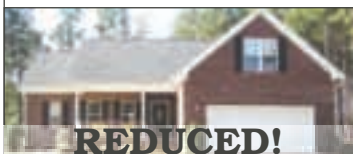
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