

Help in time of disaster



Members of Seven Lakes West's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) test their skills in an April 19 exercise coordinated with Moore County Public Safety. Members of West End Boy Scout Troup 98 played the role of victims. [See story on page 4.]

No ads on Westside website

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



Seven Lakes West will not be placing advertising on the community Website, Sec-

retary Jane Sessler announced during the Tuesday, April 24 Work Session of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors. Sessler explained that managing ads on the website

would be time consuming and would duplicate efforts that are already being handled by *The Seven Lakes Times* and other outlets.

"It would require a lot of time investment to maintain something like that," said Sessler, "It doesn't make sense for us to get involved in that."

Westsider Ruth Caldera disagreed, saying there should be somewhere on the community website where retired Westsiders can advertise their skill set — whether that involved accounting or plumbing.

Legal Director Jack Stevens said the Board has already decided against placing ads on the site and would not

(See "Westside," p. 20)

McLendon Hills seeks change in fire district

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



Residents of McLendon Hills want to redraw fire district lines so that their community is served by the Seven Lakes Fire Department, in order to obtain better rates on homeowner's insurance.

But, when McLendon Hills Property Owners Association President Pete Dotto put that request before Moore County's Board of Commissioners on Tuesday night, April 17, he apparently opened up a

real can of worms.

McLendon Hills currently falls into the Eagle Spring Fire District, even though it is closer, at 1.9 miles, to the Seven Lakes Firehouse than to the Eagle Springs Firehouse, which is 3.7 miles west on NC Highway 211.

The Association submitted a petition to the Commissioners asking for the move, which Dotto said is supported by ninety-one percent of the membership.

Each Fire District in Moore County has its own fire tax rate, set by the Board of Com-
(See "McLendon Hills," p. 29)

Primary Election is Tuesday, May 8

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

North Carolina holds its primary election on Tuesday, May 8, and early voting by absentee ballot has already begun.

The Moore County Board of Elections reported that, as of Tuesday, April 24, 528 of the County's nearly 62,000 registered voters had cast their ballot at the County's only One-Stop Voting site, located at the Moore County Agricultural Center at 707 Pinehurst Avenue in Carthage.

The withdrawal of Rick Santorum from the GOP Presidential nominating race has taken a little of the excitement out of the Primary, but there are still plenty of important races on the ballot.

Perhaps the most controversial choice voters will find

on the Primary Ballot is Amendment One, which would add to the NC Constitution the following language: "Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State. This section does not prohibit a private party from entering into contracts with another private party; nor does this section prohibit courts from adjudicating the rights of private parties pursuant to such contracts."

The amendment, promoted by opponents of same-sex marriage, attempts to write into the Constitution a ban already present in the NC General Statutes, so that the ban could not be overturned by judicial or legislative action.

(See "Election," p. 28)

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The West Side's new access policy explained



There has been a lot of press lately concerning the proposed Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] access policy which will be implemented on May 1, 2012. I want to take a moment to address the issue and share some facts and history that seems to have been overlooked in most of the published correspondence.

Let me start by stating that it is blatantly false to say we do not want members of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] in our community, and equally false

to claim we are denying their members access to our shared amenities. In accordance with the current Letter of Understanding between the communities, SLWLA is fully complying with the terms of the agreed upon shared amenities.

It is accurate to say that the SLWLA Board is implementing changes to our access policy to improve security within our community. A component of that policy results in the elimination of automatic entry for vehicles bearing decals. However, automatic entry will still be available to residents of SLLA, and other visitors requiring frequent entry, through our barcode system. To fully appreciate why the Board has decided to deal with this contentious policy requires some background information.

One of this Board's primary responsibilities is the safety

and security of our development.

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larger community.

Several years ago, after exhaustive analysis, the recommendation adopted by the Board was to introduce the use of barcodes.

This solution, when implemented, provided improved administrative controls, eased traf-

fic congestion at the front gate and increased security by allowing our guards to concentrate on servicing visitors and preventing unwanted access.

At that time, the Board decided to eliminate decals altogether and emphasize the use of barcodes within the community. Prior to implementing this recommendation, members of SLWLA met with representatives from SLLA and

reached mutual agreement on the elimination of decals. Unfortunately, SLLA changed their position after we had eliminated our decals, and we were forced to introduce partial use of special decals for entry into SLLA.

In the summer of 2011 increased security problems at our Johnson Point facility once again angered SLWLA residents who felt not enough was being done to control access to the community. We had no choice but to revisit this controversial policy, but the conclusions we reached were the same: the all-barcode system was the most efficient method of securing access to the community.

Meetings were again scheduled with SLLA on the proposed policy to discuss concerns and hopefully gain support for a mutual approach to this issue and

(See "Access," p. 27)

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County, Robbins discuss water supply deal

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



The ball is now in Robbins' court when it comes to working out a water deal with Moore County.

The County Board of Commissioners and Robbins' Town Commissioners met in a joint session on Monday, April 16 to discuss the possibility of using the Town's reservoir as the centerpiece of a plan to bring more water to Southern Moore County.

Though Robbins has a reservoir and a mothballed water plant, the County's plan does not include buying either of those assets. Instead, the County wants to put its own intake in the reservoir, piping water to a brand new County water treatment plant to be located at a yet-to-be determined location in Robbins. Water treated in the plant would be piped through new water mains to connect with the County system in Seven Lakes.

Once all the new infrastructure is in place, the County

hopes to place an intake in the Deep River, providing even more water to feed the plant and reservoir, which would initially pull water from a creek system.

Can County afford the Robbins Option?

A thirty-year plan could supply Moore County Public Utilities [MCPU] with the additional three million gallons per day [GPD] of water it needs to meet projected peak demand in 2032. But it comes with a hefty price tag of \$29 million — and it could take anywhere from five to seven years before water is being distributed to customers.

Commissioner Tim Lea said \$29 million was a conservative number, given that the County would likely need to borrow the money to fund the capital cost of the project. Lea said interest and principal together could top \$40 million — and MCPU water customers would be on the hook for that debt.

"My interest has always been trying to work something out with Robbins," said

Lea. "It gets down to how much more is it going to cost us over \$40 million — and how much more is it going to cost the rate payer."

Public Utilities Director Randy Gould said utilizing Robbins' resources could produce an additional 3.7 million GPD, but it would also increase the average rate payer's utility bill by \$15.83. The initial phase of the project would account for \$8.22 of that increase; Phase 2 would add another \$7.61.

Gould said the the average MCPU water bill is \$53 a month, but that includes customers in Pinehurst, who are charged for both water and sewer service. The average bill in Seven Lakes maybe considerably lower, Gould told *The Times*, since Seven Lakes customers do not have sewer bills.

As the County envisions the arrangement with Robbins, the Town, which is currently buying the water for its customers from Montgomery County, would

instead buy water in bulk from MCPU, and then resell that water at retail rates to homes and businesses. The impact of that arrangement on Robbins water rates was not made clear during Mon-

day night's meeting.

"The rate payers in Moore County — what do you think their reaction is going to be if your [Robbins] rates don't go up at all, but their rates

(See "Robbins," p. 28)

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Westside CERT train in disaster response

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Tornado damage, uncontrolled fires, and multiple victims in critical condition were all in a day's work during a recent mock-disaster exercise designed to test the skills and nerve of the Seven Lakes West Community Emergency Response Team [CERT].

One of the largest CERT exercises held to date in Moore County, the event involved thirty-eight Westside CERT members and ten members of the recently formed Woodlake CERT. Also on hand were fifteen emergency responders representing Seven Lakes EMS, Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire & Rescue, West End Fire & Rescue, and several county agencies, including Moore County EMS, Moore County Sheriff's Office, and evaluators from the Moore County and North Carolina Emergency Management offices.

Held at the West End Scout Lodge at Johnson Park on Thursday evening, April 19, the exercise also included ten local scouts, who portrayed the "victims," and Troop 98 Scoutmaster Steve Schrodtt in the role of an agitated onlooker.

The exercise scenario was based around the frightening but very real possibility of a hurricane moving up the coastline and spinning off severe weather that would impact Moore County. The plot assumed substantial delays before state and local emergency responders could arrive, because the scale of the disaster had overtaken the emergency system, including emergency communications systems.

"Our job was to respond to one of the facilities that was hit," explained Westside CERT Program Manager Terry Riddle. "In this case, it was the Boy Scout Lodge. We deployed our teams across three acres of heavily-wooded, rough terrain."

The CERT Program provides education about disaster preparedness and training materials for basic

response skills. The purpose of a local CERT program is to equip volunteers to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace during an emergency when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Just like a Neighborhood Watch program does not

replace trained law enforcement, CERT does not replace locally trained rescue, fire, or medical personnel. Instead, the objective is to fill the gap and provide the greatest good for the greatest number of victims in an organized manner.

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Seven Lakes West CERT members evaluate an "injured" Boy Scout volunteer during their April 19 Training exercise.

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subcommittee of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, but with their own mission statement and charter, Seven Lakes West CERT is by far the largest team in Moore County, with forty-four active members. The team is divided into smaller groups that specialize in key areas, such as medical, communications, logistics, or search and rescue.

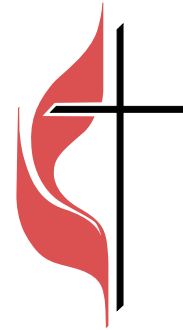
A well-stocked trailer, stored on-site in Seven Lakes West, is kept ready with supplies of first aid equipment, generators, chain saws, lad-

ders, and blankets — "basically, everything we would need initially for a local disaster," said Riddle.

New members are welcome to join — and expected to complete a seven chapter online training course.

Riddle estimated the total time commitment for volunteers is minimal, but said keeping the group prepared is vital. CERT members meet on a quarterly basis for additional training — including mock-disaster exercises — and also hold an annual

(See "CERT," p. 26)



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Soccer's the thing for Northsider Chloe Hoffman

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

She isn't a world-class athlete . . . yet. But young Chloe Hoffman is already sharing the soccer pitch with the likes of former U.S. Women's National Team stars Mia Hamm, Carla Overbeck, and Cindy Parlow.

An eighth grade student at West Pine Middle, Hoffman began playing soccer at the age of four — and has worked her way up the ranks to a position as a defender and midfielder with Triangle United, the fifth ranked team in North Carolina.

Coached by former U.S. Women's National Team player and four-time All American Cindy Parlow, Triangle United's Under-14 team competes in U.S. Youth Soccer Region 3, the highest division in the state. Hoffman and her teammates practice three days a week at their home facility in Chapel Hill and travel throughout the Southeastern United States for games.

"I like the competitiveness of soccer and that it is a team sport," said Hoffman. "I like having a lot of teammates. We are like a family."

In May, her soccer family will compete in the play-offs leading up to the NCYSA State Cup and will also be participating in the "Goals for Girls" soccer clinic, where they will have the chance to practice their skills and train alongside soccer legends Mia Hamm and Carla Overbeck.

Hamm played with the U.S. Women's National Team from 1987 to 2004, and is the number one ranked top scoring player with 275 caps and 158 goals. In fact, Hamm has scored more goals in her international career than any other U.S. player — male or female.

Former U.S. team captain Carla Overbeck and Cindy Parlow are also retired Women's National Team players and were teammates with Hamm on the winning 1999 Women's World Cup squad.

These three world-class athletes are conducting the soccer clinic on May 5 as a fundraising event for Goals

for Girls, an international initiative of girls helping girls through the game of soccer. The program connects girls from different countries with their peers through cultural exchange, service, teamwork, and life skills education.

Later this Summer, Cindy Parlow will lead Hoffman and fourteen other girls to Cusco, Peru to participate in a sports-based afterschool program that promotes self-esteem and leadership in an all-female environment.

For the third year in a row, Hoffman is also training with the Olympic Development Program, which she describes as straight competition with 250 initial players whittled down to 70 girls.

"Basically, every time you get together, you have a game," she said. "And then cuts are held following each event. You have to keep being selected to keep participating, and the culmination is a Summer camp with three

teams from the Southeast Region 3 competing against teams from across the country."

Her first year, she didn't make the cut. But the second time around and again this year, Hoffman made the final roster for Summer camp, which will be held in Alabama.

"Soccer is challenging because you have to think about a lot of things before you do them and it all happens fast," explained Hoffman.

The daughter of Bruce and Heather Hoffman of Seven Lakes North, Chloe is looking forward to a very bright future.

She was recently awarded an academic scholarship to attend high school at The O'Neal School and said her goal is to play soccer for UNC Chapel Hill before starting a career as a professional and national team player.



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Funeral services were held Sunday, April 15, at Bethlehem Baptist Church on Bethlehem Church Rd., Carthage. The Rev. Donnie Gillis officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Sturdivant was a 1963 graduate of the West End High School. She was strong in her Christian faith, generous and giving to everyone she met in need.

Mrs. Sturdivant was preceded in death by her husband of forty two years Johnny Sturdivant in 2005.

She is survived by two daughters, Michelle Sturdivant McLain of Cheraw, SC; and Jenny Sturdivant Dunn of Pinebluff, NC; two brothers, Jerry Vaughn of West End, Pinky Vaughn of West End, three sisters, Christine Shore of West End, Clara Maurer of Aberdeen, and Crystal Douglas of West End, and grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Sallie Sturdivant to Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1838 Bethlehem Church Rd., Carthage, NC; 28327 or Fairview Baptist Church, 1580 Carthage Rd. West End, NC 27376 or

FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 Boles Funeral Home assisted the family.

Helen Wayne, 69, died on Thursday, April 12, at

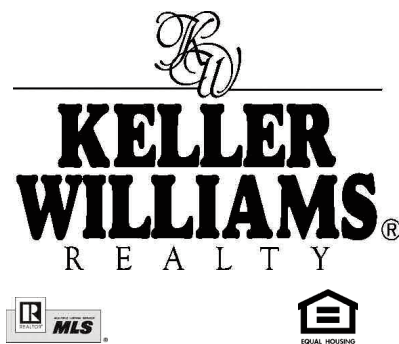
FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. She was born in Gilroy, CA to the late Ted Luhtman and Francis Thompson O'Neil.

Services will be private.

She is survived by her two sons, Arthur Morfin of Seven

Lakes and Conrad Morfin, Jr. of Charlotte; sister Nancy LaFountain of Galt, CA; aunt Gerrie Wilson of Monterey, CA; her grandchildren.

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7 Lakes After 5 May 9: Sweet T

The Lake House Bar and Grill launched its outdoor concert series "7 Lakes After 5" on April 11.

The concert featured the very popular group, the McKenzie Brothers. Every second Wednesday of the month, from April to September, a different band will perform in the parking lot.

The next concert is on Wednesday, May 9, from 6 pm to 9 pm featuring the group, "Sweet T."

Admission fee is a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Backpack Pals Program of Moore County.

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the evening!

Public Works briefs Commissioners on water

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



Water is much on the mind of the Moore County Board of Commissioners these days, who have a proposal to tap the Town of Robbins' reservoir on the table and plenty of other options in the wings.

Public Works Director Randy Gould briefed the Commissioners during their Tuesday, April 17 meeting on three water-related efforts underway at Moore County Public Utilities [MCPU]:

- Progress on drilling three new wells to increase water supply in the county system.
- The prospects for using an old quarry and some talc mines in the Glendon area as a county reservoir.
- The possibility of commissioning a formal study of the aquifer that feeds Moore County wells, to better understand its capacity and value as a long-term water source.

The County recently received the deed to three new well sites, Gould reported, and test wells have been drilled in two of the sites. The results show that the wells have "very positive results," with a yield of 90 to 150 gallons per minute.

A test on the third well is pending. Once it is complete, the next step will be developing a design for the production wells and wellsite treatment facilities. Gould estimated it would cost \$1.7 million to bring the three wells into production.

"We don't have it budgeted for this year," said Gould. "But it is certainly something we want to proceed with . . . with the proper funding at the proper time."

Public Utilities is also investigating the rock quarry and talc mine sites, which lie north of Deep River.

The NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR] has provided information about the quality of water in the

area, but that data did not reveal pH levels. "We are still in the process of gathering that information," Gould said.

Gould told the Commissioners that the County could commission a formal study of the aquifer that feeds Moore County wells in order to determine how much groundwater is available. But he questioned whether that effort would be worth the cost.

"The balance is going to be: do you want to spend your money on studies?" said Gould. "Or would you rather find well sites and drill wells and get the direct information?"

MCPU staff is gathering data from existing wells and from the US Geological Survey [USGS] to evaluate water quality in existing wells — paying particular attention to radium, which has been found in some MCPU wells. If the Board decides to fund

a comprehensive study of the aquifer, results would be available by next July.

In other Public Works business during Tuesday's meeting, the Board approved the Pinehurst lift station 3-4 replacement project. The nearly \$1 million project is being financed with a low interest loan from the state.

The Board also approved a request by Assistant County Manager Ken Larking for an agreement between Carthage and the County for wastewater treatment and disposal services at the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Schools seek no increase in County Funding

Moore County Schools [MCS] is seeking no increase in county funding for FY 2012-13. Though the Board of Commissioners did not vote on the \$26.2 million budget request during their Tuesday, April 17, meeting,

they appeared to be impressed with how new MCS Superintendent Aaron Spence plans to allocate resources.

Tuesday night's presentation was Spence's first before the Board of Commissioners.

"I think you are going to be a breath of fresh air," said Chairman Larry Caddell, "and we look forward to working with you."

One of the key goals for MCS is to focus on literacy this year, Spence told the Commissioners, explaining that twenty-five percent of Moore County students are not proficient in reading.

"We have got to focus more

on preparing our students to read and write well — and read and write at high levels," he said.

One ingredient in that effort that did not find a place in this year's MCS budget is increasing the availability of technology in the schools. "There is no way we can do that in the current budget," explained Spence. "It's going to take an investment."

"How do we as a school system, how do we as a County, support each other in making sure our students are prepared for the world in which they are going to live and work?" Spence asked.

(See "Commissioners," p. 24)

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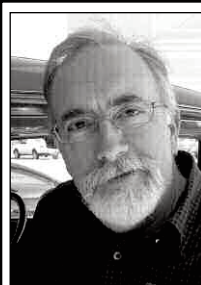
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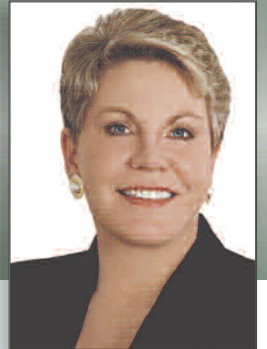


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West End Elementary artists shown at Gallery

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The project was a cooperative effort between The Gallery and WEE Art Teacher Caitlyn

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Vietnam Vets elect new slate of officers

Moore County Chapter 966, Vietnam Veterans of America installed new and re-elected officers on April 2. President Chuck Spelman, Vice-President Dan Conrad, Secretary Bill McNeill, Treasurer Mike Shapiro, and Directors Larry McCallum and Mike Pusillo were sworn in by ranking member Walter Pullar.

Through multiple programs the chapter actively works to meet needs of veterans and active military personnel, raise awareness, and honor the contributions of the military.

As a partial list of community service during 2011, Chapter 966 supplied snacks and Bingo prizes quarterly for veterans at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, sponsored and helped serve Christmas dinner to sixty homeless veterans and their families, helped three veteran families at Christmas, supported the Warrior Transition Battalion at Ft. Bragg by supplying fifty-three food baskets during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The chapter meets at 7 pm the first Monday night of each month in the West Side Park Community Center in Seven Lakes West, Seven Lakes.

For more information, con-

tact Chuck Spelman 910-673-2798 or membership chairman Laud Pitt 910-673-5521.



VVA Chapter 966 President Chuck Spelman accepts the gavel from Immediate Past President Mike Pusillo.

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Dessert Fundraiser supports Methodist Youth Mission Trip

The West End United Methodist Church Youth Group will host a "Dessert" fundraiser for their Youth Summer Mission Trip.

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Karen Simmons-Milligan, owner of Karen Simmons Designs in Seven Lakes Village, received the Art Clay™ Senior Instructors Certification this month.

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Karen Simmons-Milligan of Karen Simmons Designs

Clewis photos win awards

Two photographs by Westsider Janice Clewis, won awards at the 2012 Convention of the Professional Photographers of NC [PPNC], held in Raleigh in March.

One of the images — "What Are You Looking At!" — won second place and was chosen for the PPNC Traveling Loan Collection. It will be displayed on the PPNC website throughout the year and included in PPNC's The Carolina Photographer Magazine.

Clewis, a PPNC member since 2005, studied during the week under well known photographers such as Richard Sturdevant, Jeremy Sutton, Bruce and Josh Hudson, Scott & Adina Hayne.

Clewis served on this years PPNC Convention Committee and was one of the speakers for the convention, as well. She was awarded a scholarship for the PPNC East Coast School this summer to attend Jeremy Sutton's class. Sutton is an internationally recognized painter, educator and Corel Painter Master based in London and San Francisco.

Clewis works from a residential custom boutique studio in Seven Lakes. Her educational background is in Art Education, Exceptional Children and Photographic Technology; Portrait Studio Management.



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Churches plan 7 Lakes Unity Service

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The escalating division and separation between neighbors in Seven Lakes West and the communities of Seven Lakes North and South has prompt-

ed local church leaders to rally together in a joint worship service.

From Seven Lakes' earliest days, residents of Seven Lakes West and Seven Lakes North and South have moved

freely through the gates of all three communities.

Earlier this year, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors approved a considerably more restrictive access policy at their entrance gates. In response, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board has also considered several new restrictive gate policies.

"The issue of access is a concern of the clergy, since our pastoral responsibilities know no boundaries," explained The Rev. Don Welch of The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. "We met to talk, and we see this as a festering problem in the area that is a deterrent to genuine community."

Coming together in a show of unity, the congregations of Seven Lakes Baptist Church, West End United Methodist Church, West End Presbyterian Church, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal

Church and The Chapel in the Pines will conduct a Service of Unity to express concerns about the growing sense of disunity and to pray for harmony, peace, and cooperation among all the residents.

"The first thing we want to do is to offer up prayers for unity in the community," Welch said, "and we invite all residents and members of all churches affected by this."

The Service of Unity will be held at The Chapel in the Pines on Sunday, May 6 at 5:00 pm and will be conducted by clergy and leaders from each of the churches represented. The Reverend Dudley Crawford will deliver the sermon and The Chapel Choir will sing. All citizens of Seven Lakes without regard to residence or church affiliation are invited to attend.

For further information, contact The Reverend Don Welch at 673-6701.

Lions' Golf Tourney

The Seven Lakes Lions Club will be holding their 16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 3, at Seven Lakes Country Club, with a 1:30 pm, shot-gun start.

Format will be Captain's Choice with four Person Teams (teams may be men, women, or couples).

The cost for this charity is \$80 per golfer. This includes a buffet dinner served at the conclusion of the Tournament.

Prizes for 1st & 2nd places - cash prizes, with Hole-in-One prizes - TBA, Closest to the Pin Prize on a Par 3 Hole.

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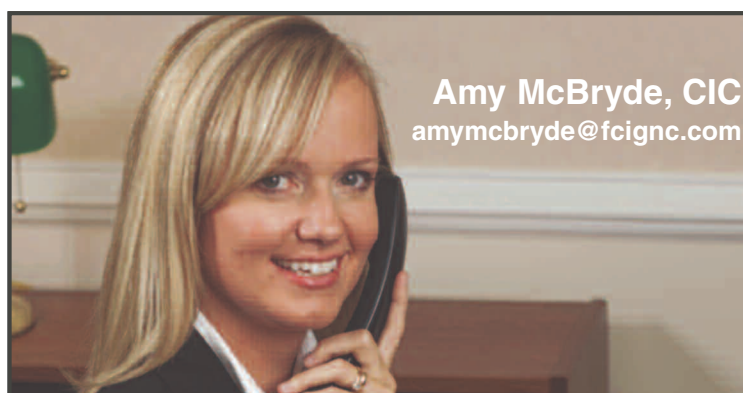
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Sandhills Quilters welcome new members

The Sandhills Quilters' Guild hosted a new members' tea on Tuesday, March 27, at Jean Brown's home in Whispering Pines.

Five new members attended, and the Quilter's Guild will host several gatherings during the year for those who were not able attend this first one.

Several committee chairwomen were present to give

an overview of what the guild does to serve the community and the special projects that they are involved with throughout the year.

The Guild meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the First Baptist Church in Southern Pines at 9:30 am.

The Guild welcomes all visitors who quilt or want to learn how to quilt. Please

feel free to visit anytime and who knows, perhaps you will stay!

Members pictured in the photo include: (standing)

Lynett Crosby, Pat Kern, Carolyn Follansbee, Jean Brown, Sue Wright (new member), Linda Seiberling, Jackie Simpson, Judy Forster (Pres-

ident); and (seated) new members Jackie Koder, Sandra Chadbourne, and Sue DePerro. Not available for photo: Ginger Brant.

You, too, can make compost!

The 13th Annual International Compost Awareness Week Family Program will be held on Saturday, May 5, 9:30 am, at the Moore County Extension Center in Carthage.

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Those attending the Educational Program will be given

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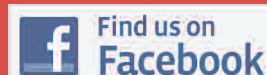
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Kiwanians learn about Meals on Wheels

by Rollin Tomberlin
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Rebecca Lindstrom, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels gave a brief report to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis at Beacon Ridge Country Club on Tuesday, March 27.

"Delivering hot meals to the homebound is our main business," she said. "But supplying a friendly face on

a daily basis to shut-ins is an equally rewarding mission."

In 1974, Ida Baker Scott started the fledgling organization with a decision to provide five of her friends with a daily hot, nourishing lunch-time meal. Since then, the services have grown to an average of 100 meals each weekday for those in need.

Meals On Wheels of the Sandhills is a United Way supported charity serving the towns of Aberdeen, Pinebluff, Pinehurst, and Southern Pines. It is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dependent entirely on private monetary help to exist. The meals are cooked in the kitchens of Penick Village in Southern Pines and

are delivered by volunteers who supply their time and their vehicles, and cover their own fuel expenses. The meals

cost \$2.75 per person, and those who can afford it pay for them. Approximately fifty percent of the lunches are paid for by the recipients.

Individuals who receive meals are referred through the department of Aging & Social Services, FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, home health agencies, churches, and other responsible parties. There are no financial or age restrictions.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets Tuesdays at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Their mission is "Serving the Community and its Children." Guests are invited.



Rebecca Lindstrom

Imagine Woodworks is now Genesis Home Services

Imagine Woodworks, formerly located at 314 Grant Street in Seven Lakes Business Village, offering custom woodworking services, has rebranded their business: "Genesis Home Services and Remodeling."

It's not a new name so much as a return to roots for owners Benton and Susan Cramer, residents of Seven Lakes North who have offered an extensive line of home services under the Genesis name since 1996.

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Westside plans Johnson Point Concerts

The Seven Lakes West Events Committee schedule for the 2012 Johnson's Point Summer Concert Series. The Johnson Point Concert Series will bring six fun filled evenings of music, sunsets and friends by the lake the first Friday evening of each month from May until October. The first concert will be, Friday, May 4. All concerts will begin at 7 pm.

The schedule is as follows:
May 4: "Almost Perfect" a

Blues/Country/Southern Rock local band that will rock you out of your seats.

June 1: "Paris" performing with songs from the 60'S, 70'S, 80'S, 90'S & today. Paris has opened for many national acts including The Ohio Players and The Drifters.

July 6: "Redline" a beach music/country rock/oldies band that loves to entertain and will get the crowd involved with the show.

August 3: "Fog Blue Band" will bring their smooth sounds to Johnson's Point. These "four old guys" lay down the blues and R&B like no other.

September 7: "Loaded Dice" performing. Their music ranges from classic/southern and blues rock/country/beach/oldies and top 40 with a set list packed with dance tunes. Bring your dancing shoes!

October 5: The "Musicians"

will be the last band of this incredible summer concert series. Come enjoy the blues and southern rock sounds of Fred Westbrook and Alan Heckle.

Also as part of the Summer Concert Series the Activity Committee will have on hand their new Corn Hole Boards game that will also be available for use at community events.

Any interested persons can participate in the game set up on Friday, May 4 at 6 pm at Johnson's Point an hour before the Summer Concert Series.

There will also be a 50/50 benefit for the Moore County Backpack Pals Program at the concert, please buy tickets to show your support and bring a snack food item such as pudding cups, raisins, packs of cookies, etc. The Backpack Pals organization will be there to sell tickets and collect donated food items. All proceeds will be donated to this vital program.

Admission: Free, please bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks and drinks.

(All Events for Seven Lakes West Residents)

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Tim Burgess scores at the Farmers' Market

Why is Tim Burgess so happy? Because he just picked up some fresh, locally-grown produce at the Seven Lakes Farmers' Market in front of Sandhills Winery.

Every Saturday, from 9:00 am 'til Noon, Winery owners Bob and Leslie Rose host a farmers' market, with plenty of fresh veggies, fruit, baked goods, and handicrafts.

The blueberries and melons that Tim snagged last year aren't in season yet, but you'll find plenty of strawberries and other goodies on hand. So stop by on Saturday and pick up some great local food!

If you have your own veggies, baked goods, or crafts to sell, the Farmers' Market welcomes vendors. Call Leslie Rose at 910-673-2949 for information.

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Sandhills Community College often sees many college students home for the Summer take college-credit courses and transfer the credits back to their college or university.

The complete list of all Summer semester classes is available on the college's website at www.sandhills.edu. These include traditional classroom style classes, online and hybrid courses. Hybrid are those which are

a mix of classroom and online components.

Just a few of the subject areas that transfer are: science, English, mathematics, history, humanities, psychology, religion, and sociology. The cost is only \$69 per credit hour as compared to \$130 and up at most NC state universities.

Typically, only the credits transfer, not the grade. Students are advised to verify beforehand with their home college that the credits for

the courses they plan to take will transfer.

Registration began on April 19 for students. Summer

semester at Sandhills will begin on Tuesday, May 22.

Call 695-3725 for more information.

Learn to Sail!

Enrollment for the Learn-to-Sail Program is available. All residents of Seven Lakes, minimum age of sixteen (16), 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 Lake Auman. 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 11 through Friday, June 15, 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 on sailboats provided by Club members. The instructors are members of the Club.

Contact Bill Mamel (673-8970) or by email wmamel@nc.rr.com if interested in enrolling or for further information.

WEUMC Spaghetti Supper

The West End United Methodist Church Men will be sponsoring their annual Spaghetti Supper on Friday, May 4 from 5 pm - 7 pm, in the West End United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$8 each and include salad, spaghetti, desert and a drink. Takeout is available. Tickets can be purchased at the door or ahead of time by contacting Stu Chase at 673-2635.

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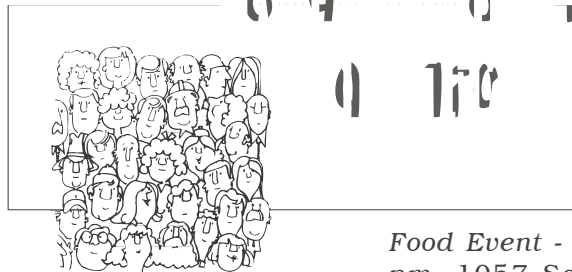
SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church Yard Sale** - 8 am. Wonderful items for sale including household goods, yard tools, and furniture, baked goods, hot dogs. St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **O'Neal Parents Association Tag Sale** - 8 am - 12 pm. O'Neal School, Bradshaw Dining Hall, 3300 Airport Rd., Southern Pines.
- **Bird Walk** - 8 am, Birds that have wintered in the tropics are making the incredible flight north to spend the summer months in North America. 2 mile hike to look for these winged wonders. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167.
- **Farmers' Market** - at Sandhills Winery 9 am - 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **SLCC Game O'Rama Night** - Seven Lakes Country Club. Cocktails at 5:30 pm, followed by a Buffet Dinner. Contestant and audience participation games begin at 7:30 pm. All inclusive members \$15/nonmembers \$20 inclusive.
- **Little Shop of Horrors at Temple Theatre** - Play runs through Sunday, May 13. Tickets: \$22 Adults. \$12 Full time students w/ID. \$18 Groups of 10+, Lee Country Educators and Active Military. Box Office 919-774-4155 or www.templeshows.com Temple Theatre, 120 Carthage Street. Historic Downtown Sanford. Check website for more dates and times.
- **O'Neal Players Presents** - "The Odd Couple" (Female Version) by Neil Simon. 7 pm, in the O'Neal Theater, 3300 Airport Rd., Southern Pines. \$5 per person.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** - 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes, 673-3838.
- **Woodcleavers and Yellowhammers** - 3 pm,

These are a couple of local names for two woodpeckers the pileated woodpecker and the northern flicker. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd.,



Southern Pines, 910-692-2167.

- **O'Neal Players Presents** - "The Odd Couple" (Female Version) by Neil Simon. 6 pm, the O'Neal Theater, 3300 Airport Rd., Southern Pines. \$5 / person.
- **Congregational Church of Pinehurst UCC** - 7 pm, documentary - "Little House in the Big House" deals with the Vermont prison system that instituted a program which incarcerated women learn carpentry, electrician and plumbing skills by building modular homes. Film incorporates personal stories of inmates' journeys through building together, taking instruction, depending upon each other as team, and carrying their skills forward after release. Pinehurst Congregational Church, 895 Linden Road, across from Elliott's. (910) 295-2243 or contact John Arnold (910) 295-2456 or by email at jarno@nc.rr.com

MONDAY, APRIL 30

- **Seven Lakes Artists Group** - 1 pm, meets every Monday at Seven Lakes Northside Clubhouse. All Local artists are welcome join the group.

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** - 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.

- **Wine Tasting** - at Sandhills Winery Class #6 Italy Wine And

Food Event - Tuscany, 6 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

TUESDAY, MAY 1

- **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, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

- **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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** - 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** - 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator

Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

- **Welcome Home Bible Study** - 7 pm, at West End United Methodist Church. The church will begin a Bible Study designed for the reverts; those who went to the church when they were young and strayed away or were not active in the church, then came back later to know God and seek the purpose of life. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

- **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 for \$5.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** - 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Women of Seven Lakes** - 2 pm, at Seven Lakes West Community Center. Speaker will be John Nagy, new editor at The Pilot. Presentation of the Taste of the

Town proceeds to the West End United Methodist Church and Friend to Friend, and the election and installation of next year's Board of Directors. Refreshments served. All are welcome.

- **Wine Tasting** - at Sandhills Winery 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

FRIDAY, MAY 4

- **Local Chefs Help Children with Disabilities** - Fourteen of Moore County's finest chefs will be preparing tastings of their best recipes for the Run for the Roses Wine, Beer and Food Tasting on, at The Fair Barn in Pinehurst. Enjoy all of the food and spirits to the cool jazz sounds of the Court Stewart Jazz Group. Tickets, 910-692-3323 or www.SandhillsChildrensCenter.org Admission \$55 and The Jockey Club, \$75.
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- **Spaghetti Supper at WEUMC** – 5 pm to 7 pm, in the West End United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by The West End United Methodist Church Men. Tickets \$8 each and include salad, spaghetti, desert and a drink. Takeout is available. Tickets purchased at the door or ahead of time by contacting Stu Chase at 673-2635.
- **Johnson Point Concert Series** – 7 pm, "Almost Perfect" a Blues, Country, Southern Rock local band. Free, please bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks and drinks. (Event for SL West Side Residents Only)
- **Weymouth Woods Night Hike** – 8 pm, Discover the kinds of wildlife that appear in Weymouth Woods after dark. Night hike begins in parking area. Bring one flashlight per family. Meet at Visitor Center, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, 910-692-2167.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

- **Seven Lakes Baptist Church Yard Sale** – 7 am – 12 pm. Space rental available, contact Jenny Rose for information. Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Farmers' Market** – at Sandhills Winery 9 am - 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Compost Awareness Week Family Program** – 9:30 am, at the Moore County

Extension Center in Carthage. Compost Educational Lectures Program and Compost Related Exhibits. Attendees will also be able to visit four-site garden tour. After the educational program & collecting a free bag of Compost, a map to the location of the Compost Garden Tour will be handed out for self directed visits. 910-947-3188.

- **Elliott's Provision Co. Free Cooking Demo.** – 12 pm - 2 pm. Strawberries and Goat Cheese. Local cheese-makers to make numerous different cheeses that pair with strawberries. 905 Linden Road Pinehurst, (910) 255-0665.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes, 673-3838.
- **Artists League of the Sandhills** – Opening reception, 2 - 5 pm, "Capturing the Glory of Nature in Watercolor & Oil Paintings" featuring Margo Matarese & Martha Tournas. Exhibit runs through May 25. 944-3979, Artists League of the Sandhills, 129 Exchange St., Aberdeen.
- **Weymouth Woods Senses Hike** – 3 pm, Discover what nature has to offer through all five senses: touch, smell, sight, sound, and taste-Hike approximately 1.5 - 2 miles. Visitor Center, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, 910-692-2167.

- **Belford Baptist Church** – 3 pm, hosting "100 Women in White." Evangelist Anita Owens-Scott from New Direction Life Ministries, Norwood, will speak. Belford Baptist Church, 925 Windblow Rd. Jackson Springs.

- **Service of Unity** – at 5 pm, Congregations of Seven Lakes Baptist Church, West End United Methodist Church, West End Presbyterian Church, St Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church and the Chapel in the Pines. join together in a service of worship to express concerns for the growing sense of disunity in the Seven Lakes Community. Reverend Dudley Crawford will deliver the sermon; and the Chapel Choir will sing. Service held at The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, Seven Lakes Drive. All are invited to attend. 673-6701.

- **Youth Group "Dessert" Fundraiser** – 6 - 7:30 pm, West End United Methodist Church hosting a "Dessert" fundraiser for their Youth Summer Mission Trip. Held at the church. Desserts, goodies of all kinds served. Donations taken.

MONDAY, MAY 7

- **Moore Republican Women's Luncheon** – Registration: 11:30 am - Luncheon 12, held at the Pinehurst Country Club. The speaker will be House Speaker Thom Tillis. Valet Parking available. Cost: \$16 Inclusive. Reservation, Joan Ward at 295-6544.
- **Seven Lakes Artists Group** – 1 pm, meets every Monday at Seven Lakes Northside Clubhouse. All Local artists are welcome.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.
- **Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 966** – meeting, 7 pm, at the Westside Park Community Center, Seven Lakes West. Membership open to all Vietnam-era veterans who served honorably and associate membership is open to anyone who has an interest in supporting the activities of the organization. Visitors welcome. Membership Chairman Laud Pitt (910)673-5521.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

- **V-E Day**
- **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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **"7 Lakes After 5" for BackPak Pals** – concert, 6 pm - 9 pm, "Sweet Tea." Admission fee a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Backpack Pals Program of Moore County. Lake House Bar and Grill parking lot, Grant St., Seven Lakes.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Welcome Home Bible Study** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead this session. Text will be John 10: 11-18.

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Westside meeting

(Continued from front page)

want the liability of "recommending" any person or company.

Events Director Rosemary Weber said her committee is investigating the possibility of hosting a seminar twice a year where Westsiders with businesses can set up a booth and give out information to the community.

Community Manager Joan Frost said another great way to advertise is in the EMS Telephone Directory.

Westside resident Grace Kirkpatrick said if someone needs a referral they should ask their neighbor.

Sessler also reminded the community that the "Interlake" newsletter, published by the Seven Lakes Landowners Association is still available online and can be printed at home — or a copy can be picked up in the SLWLA office.

Comments welcome

President Mick Herdrich said the comment section of the community website has

turned into an editorial forum for a few individuals in the community, and expressed the hope that opinions expressed on the forum "does not discourage any other members of the community from making comments on there."

"I would like to encourage everyone that wants to ask a question, has an idea, has a suggestion they would like to bring forth to please use that comment section," Herdrich said

The website comment section provides a forum for asking the Board questions, providing recommendations, or for specific clubs to contact each other.

Manager's Report

Community Manager Frost reported that the SLWLA office now has a fourth CAS staff member, Susan Latolian, who will be working full time, primarily assisting the Architectural Review Committee [ARC] with compliance issues, as well as focusing on Safety and Security.

Vehicle barcodes are being added to the new CAS and gatehouse computer system, as the staff prepares for the implementation of the new Access Policy on May 1. Frost reminded landowners who are sponsoring barcodes for frequent visitors that "when you sponsor a person, you are accepting full responsibility."

A new Security Company — US Security — will take over operations at the front gate on Tuesday, May 1 at 6 am. Some of the current security staff, including on-site supervisor Maggie Roth, will transition to the new company.

Payment booklets for the year will be mailed out soon, Frost said, and any questions should be directed to the CAS office. So far, ninety percent of boats have been registered; those who have not registered their boats will receive a reminder letter from the office.

West Side Park Community

Center [WSPCC] pool passes have been ordered and will be distributed May 8-15. The pool gate keepers from last year will return this year, Frost said, adding that "they are more familiar with homeowners and their needs." The pool will open on Saturday, May 26.

One of the community's gates was damaged and repaired by Waste Management, Frost said, adding that she hopes the redesign of the West Side's entrances will provide better access for Waste Management trucks in the future.

Frost reported that Wayne Jones will continue to handle custodial work at the Community Center.

An organ in the Great Room room of the Community Center will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

ARC Report

The Board approved a motion presented by ARC Director Dan Blue to add a

sentence to the ARC Standards, Section 7.12 which would now read: Docks may be constructed from March 1 through October 1 on the condition that the entire dock construction process be completed within five consecutive working days.

The community will have thirty days to comment on the matter before it is voted on for a second time on Tuesday, May 24.

In lieu of the ARC Director, two ARC co-chairs can sign a construction project or report said Blue.

Blue asked that required notifications of resident property owners laid out in ARC Standards 7.11.10 and 7.06 be extended to include owners of undeveloped lots. "As a lot owner, if I am going to pay full dues, I expect full consideration for the privilege as well," said Blue. In the future ARC will consider the recommendations of homeowners and lot owners when

(See "Westside," p. 21)

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Westside meeting

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notification requirements are sent out.

Blue said he objects the the fact that the owners of some lots — particularly those on the lake or the golf course — are effectively prohibited from erecting a fence. "My personal feeling about this is that it is an unfair 'taking' of land," said Blue, "and there should be some sort of exception made in this regard."

Blue recommended that invisible or electric fences be allowed on these properties.

Currently seven construction projects and twenty-nine other projects are underway.

Events Committee

The Events Committee will host a community picnic on Saturday, June 23 at Johnson Point, announced Events Director Weber. Individuals whose last name starts with A thru M are asked to bring an appetizer to accommodate twelve to fifteen people, and those with a last name starting with N thru Z are asked to bring a dessert.

The event is free, but tickets need to be picked up in the SLWLA office after May 4, so that a head count can be given to the company catering the event. Along with food, lemonade and water will be provided.

On Friday, May 4 at 7 pm The Almost Perfect Band will kick off the Summer Concert Series at Johnson Point. Weber also announced that a Corn Hole Game Tournament will be held in connection with the concert series.

On May 1 Moore County School Police Officer Sergeant Steven Clark will be in the community to discuss organizing a safety class and gun safety course for women.

The Board approved the appointment of Charlie Flinchum and Dusty Star Johnson to the Events Committee. Anyone interested in joining the Events committee should contact Weber or attend a meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the Community Center.

Infrastructure Committee

Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman said the beautification process at the second lower pond dam will begin after May 21. The Beautification Committee is currently drawing up plans for the area.

The preliminary drawings for Longleaf Drive Dam Number 3 are underway, with rough estimates being submitted. A spillway extension is being considered, and the project will include a walking path next to the dam.

Two culverts on side roads close to Beacon Ridge Country Club need repairs. "Some of these things have not seen any attention for thirty years," said Pierman, "It is simply part of the infrastructure that, after a period of time without attention, it goes ahead and deteriorates."

Technical drawings and permits for a storage building have been obtained. "We have finally overcome some hurdles we didn't expect," said Pierman referring to the permits. Pouring of a concrete slab for the building site is scheduled for next week.

Lake & Dam Committee

Lake and Dam Director Bruce Keyser expressed a concern that a number of unregistered boats are coming into the community. With boat registration underway — and registration decals to be affixed on boats by May 1 — security will be taking a closer look at boats passing through the gates.

The SLWLA work boat will be stored at the Johnson Point Sail Boat storage area this year, Keyser said.

In the wake of the resurfacing of the Johnson Point Boat Slips, \$500 in electrical repairs will be needed.

Keyser reminded boat owners to properly tie up their boats at the docks. "The liability rests with the renter — with the boat owner," said Keyser, "They need to make sure those things are done properly to keep those docks in pristine condition."

A study of Lake Auman fish and water quality will be conducted on May 3 & 4.

Repairs to the roadway over Lake Auman Dam should be complete in four to six weeks, Keyser said.

Legal Committee

The Archiving Committee — a sub-committee of the Legal Committee — has contacted Carolina Record Center to discuss archiving the community documents, Legal Director Stevens reported.

Digital archiving and storage of those documents is being discussed, Stevens said, adding that he expects the Carolina Record Center will present recommendations to the Board at a later date.

Other Business

Other business discussed during the SLWLA Board's Tuesday, April 24 meeting included:

- Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] leader Terry Riddle said the organization recently participated with local public safety agencies in a mock disaster exercise. It was the largest such exercise ever conducted in Moore County, with 45 volunteers said Riddle.
- On another matter, the gate at the boat and trailer storage facility, Riddle recommended installing one

very long gate instead of spending \$9,000 on an electric gate.

- Bruce Macdonald said the annual fee for use of the boat and trailer storage facility should be segregated in a separate fund which could be used to pay for repairs.
- Resident Bill Maple reported that discovering that his home was listed in the wrong fire district, as well as specifying the type of siding of his home, saved

him twenty percent on his homeowners insurance premium. He encourage other people to check their fire district and its rating.

- The Board approved the appointment of Bill Foreman to the Finance Committee.
- Treasurer Don Freiert said a \$70,000 CD with Bank of America has been called. The money will be received on April 26 and will be put into a money market fund

(See "Westside," p. 29)

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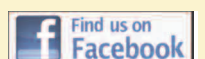
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Plugging words . . . for fun!

I was trying to spell “brassiere” but I ran out of tiles and had to settle for “brassier.”

That’s okay. I still captured a triple word score and managed to rack up 95 points: my new personal best. Better still: this was in a game against Darling Hubby, who almost always wins.

For a man with few annoying habits, this one tops the heap. Going down in flames doesn’t come naturally to me, so I waiver between admiration and irritation at Jim’s consistent ability to beat me at tennis, air hockey, poker — heck, he could probably outplay me at Old Maid.

But what I’m talking about here is Scrabble, or, more precisely, the ultra-popular online version, Words with Friends.



Laura’s Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

I have a degree in communications. Darling Hubby has a degree in computer science. You’d think I would have an advantage in word games. Certainly, I think I should

have an advantage.

But the numbers on the screen don’t lie.

Week in, week out, I come up on the losing side of the scoreboard.

I figure the first step is to admit to the problem, so here goes:

Hello. My name is

Laura, and I am a lousy Scrabble player, and I am an addict.

I could cheat to win. The internet is chock-full of quick fix websites with lists of words

for those tricky ten-point letters like J or Q, especially when you don’t have its compatible pal U.

But I try to avoid these. Victory is sweeter when it’s pure. Well, pure-like anyway.

You see, I have been known to plug on occasion — meaning, I guess.

Have a few odd letters and don’t know where to put them? Plug them in and let the computer — not your opponent with a massive dictionary in hand — decide whether or not to call foul.

Scrabble purists hate this feature. But for lousy players, like me, plugging can be a

life preserver, especially when I’m adrift in a sea of vowels.

Seriously, what exactly am I supposed to do when I have a tile rack that resembles the chorus of “Old McDonald Had a Farm?”

Unfortunately, Darling Hubby caught me plugging this week.

“So, exactly what is a neve?” he challenged.

I sputtered out some lame excuse and hung my head in shame.

Luckily, I happen to have a massive dictionary on my desk. So, just in case anyway else asks, now I know: neve is the upper part of a glacier.

How can you oppose Amendment One?

Question: I read that you appeared before the County Commission and spoke against their resolution on “The Marriage Amendment.” How could you, as a minister of the Gospel, take a stand for homosexuals and lesbians, when the Bible clearly says they are sinful?

Response: Not only does the writer of the Old Testament book of Leviticus say that “a man who lies with a man as a woman commits a sinful act,” he calls this an “abomination,” which the dictionary defines as an act that is detestable and dis-

gusting. (Lev. 18:22)

In the very next chapter, the writer says: “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Lev. 19:18b) Isn’t it interesting that Jesus, in the Gospels, never quotes anything from Leviticus except the commandment to love your neighbor?

Indeed, Jesus never condemns any sexual act except adultery. Adultery, believe it or not, is still a misdemeanor in the state of North Carolina, but no adulterer, to my knowledge, has ever been denied a marriage license.

I speak out against Amend-

ment One because it does nothing to strengthen traditional marriage, but makes criminals out of a large minority of citizens, heterosexual as well as homo-

sexual, who choose for a variety of reasons to c o m m i t themselves to each other

in a loving relationship without the blessing of the State.

I speak out because I am

not only a clergyman, but I am also a follower of Jesus, whose last commandment to his disciples was “love one another.”



Ask the ‘Rev’

Rev. Don Welch

Recently, I received an email from a highly-respected, conservative member of my congregation. This is what he wrote:

Because I am an American Christian who believes in Jesus, should American citizens of a different religion and belief have the same rights as I do? Because I am a white American, should Americans of a different color have the same rights as I do? Because I believe in the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman, should those who believe otherwise have the same rights as I do? I have yet to find anywhere in the US Constitution where

it says they shouldn’t.

Years ago, when I was a newly drafted US Army enlisted soldier, I took an oath to defend the Constitution. Over the years, nothing has changed. Are you surprised?

— Bud Shaver

No, Bud, I am not surprised. Over 50 years ago, I took an oath to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to administer the sacraments to everyone without discrimination — and, over all these years, nothing has changed.

I am committed to supporting faithful loving and committed relationships between men and women, men and men, and women and women. The key words are “love” and “commitment.”

I believe that the Jesus “who came not to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:17), supports me in this commitment.

Don Welch, the minister of the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines welcomes your comments and questions at: dwelch1@nc.rr.com

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Greetings from former resident Jack Vaughn

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the thoughtful neighbors and friends of my uncle, Jack Vaughn for their kind words and inquiries about Jack during my recent visit to your community.

Many of you were aware of the severe flooding to hit our area of northeast Pennsylvania due to tropical storm Lee last September. Although Jack's living space was not flooded, the facility at which he had been living did receive severe damage in the administrative and resident support areas of the building. All res-

idents were temporarily moved to various senior living locations in other areas of northeast Pennsylvania.

Jack took this all in stride, and the repairs and renovations to his facility are almost complete; with a target date of June for moving Jack and others back to Athens.

So many of you asked me for Jack's address in order to send him some news and notes. Jack looks forward his mail, and I can assure you he reads every word. He will celebrate his 87th birthday on April 28.

I am sure he would love to

hear from his friends in Seven Lakes. Please send any correspondence to: Jack Vaughn, c/o Carleton Senior Care & Rehab Center, 10 West Ave, Wellsboro PA 16901-1325.

I will update you as soon as possible when Uncle Jack is moved back to Athens.

Again, our family thanks you on behalf of Uncle Jack for you prayers and well-wishes. Likewise, I'd like to say thank you for such a warm welcome during my all too brief stay.

Cheryl Wood-Walter
Athens, PA

It's Game-O-Rama Night at 7 Lakes Country Club

Everyone's invited to a "Game O Rama Night" on Saturday, April 28, at Seven Lakes Country Club. It will be an evening of food and fun.

Festivities begin with Cocktails at 5:30 pm, followed by a Buffet of Fried Chicken, New Red Potatoes, Green Bean Almondine, Caesar Salad and Chocolate Mousse.

Contestant and audience participation games begin at 7:30 pm featuring "Jeopardy," "Seven Lakes Squares," and "In It To Win It". Hosts are Roni & Al Hann and committee.

All-inclusive price for members \$15 and nonmembers \$20 inclusive. Call 673-1100 for reservations.

You do not have to be a member to attend this event.

Thanks, Home Builders!

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to The Moore County Home Builders Association for another great Spring Home and Garden Show.

The Moore County Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) were happy to participate in the Spring Home and Garden Expo again this year.

The venue gives the gardener's an excellent opportunity to share their gardening knowledge and enthusiasm with attendees and vendors alike. The gardener's embrace the "green" spirit in conservation and water-wise gardening measures just as "green" builders seek building techniques and materials that are environmentally friendly.

The Master Gardener Volunteers represent the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Department in many ways including the Telephone Hot Line 910-947-3188

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Commissioners

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In another step aimed at improving literacy levels, Spence is proposing to have a teaching assistant in every first grade classroom.

"We feel like the primary years are where we need to lay the foundation for success," he explained.

State funding for Moore County Schools will drop again this year, from \$63.2 million to \$62.3 million, Spence said, but he does not anticipate any staff or faculty lay offs. Instead, ten or more teaching assistants may be hired for the upcoming year.

Sandhills Community College Budget Request

Sandhills Community College [SCC] requested a three percent increase in local funding — bringing the total to \$4.1 million — for the FY 2012-13 budget. SCC President Dr. John Dempsey explained that part of the increased funding will be

allocated to the operation and maintenance of three new campus buildings totaling 80,000 square feet.

The Commissioners passed a resolution recognizing the SCC basketball team, The Flyers, for winning the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Mens National Championship.

Volunteers Honored

The Board approved the week of April 15-21 as National Volunteer Week, as requested by RSVP Advisory Council Chairman Bryan Rainbow.

Also presented during the meeting were the five Moore County residents who received the 2012 Governor's Award for Volunteer Service: Brenda Burt, Kay Davis, Judi Giles, Joyce Hunt, and the Moore County Citizens' Pet Responsibility Committee.

Burt, a West End resident, also received the Moore Coun-

ty Medallion Award for Volunteerism for her work with the homeless.

Moore County has over six hundred volunteers who contribute an estimated \$1.3 million through 64,000 volunteer hours.

Planning Department

The Board approved a request by County Planner Robert Farrell to transfer .02 miles of roadway at Lakeway Drive and NC Highway 211 at the entrance to Seven Lakes West to the NC Department of Transportation for a public railroad crossing.

In February, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] and the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway Company [ACWR] completed an agreement that resulted in the Association paying \$169,400 to defray ACWR's on-going maintenance and insurance costs associated with the

crossing.

To date, BB&T has contributed \$75,000 toward those expenses, and the Property Center has contributed \$500.

The Board approved a special warranty deed between the County and Village of Pinehurst for an equal exchange of 5,000 square foot parcels. Pinehurst made the request due to the need for additional roadway as part of an economic development package for the expansion of businesses in the Village.

The Board tabled a public hearing to close out the 2009 Scattered Site Housing Community Development block Grant, as requested by Planning Director Debra Ensminger.

Ensminger presented the Board with the Unified Development Ordinance [UDO], recently approved by the Planning Board, which the

Commissioners will begin reviewing in June.

Animal Control Officer Fined

After meeting in closed session prior to Tuesday's regular meeting, the Commissioners authorized the County Health Director to pay a civil penalty of \$400 assessed against Animal Control Officer Frank Ringelberg by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture [NCDA], Animal Welfare Division.

Though the fine was not discussed in open session, documents available on the website of the NCDA indicate that Ringelberg was assessed a fine of \$500 fined, and had his euthanasia technician privileges suspended for six months, because he euthanized two stray dogs with a .22-caliber rifle on the Mid South tennis court in August 2011.

In assessing the penalty, (See "Commissioners," p. 26)



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Commissioners

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Animal Welfare Section Director Dr. Lee Hunter found that the dogs were in a fenced tennis court when Ringelberg encountered them, and that the officer could therefore have safely left them so confined while he retrieved a tranquilizer from the Animal Shelter. Hunter also notes that Ringelberg "made no effort to secure assistance from anyone to catch the dogs before he euthanized them."

On Friday, April 20, Dr. Hunter told *The Times* that the Animal Welfare Division had reached a negotiated set-

tlement with Moore County that reduced the amount of the civil penalty to \$400. Assistant County Attorney Brenda White told *The Times* that the settlement also provides that only Ringelberg's field euthanasia privileges are suspended for six months. He may continue to assist in on-site euthanasia at the County Animal Shelter.

Public Safety Facility

After much debate, the Board approved — in a four to one vote with Commissioner Lea opposed — a \$50,000 amendment to the Kleinfelder Southeast, Inc. contract for special inspections for the new public safety facility.

"To the taxpayer on the street, that is a lot of money," said Lea, who argued that the the contract for the project was already approved and said he could not justify the extra cost.

Project Manager Rich Smith presented the request, which brings the total cost of inspections to \$319,000. The special inspections are mandated by the state.

Other Business

Other business conducted during the Board's Tuesday, April 18 meeting included:

- The Board received a letter from the Greater Seven

Lakes Community Council inviting the Commissioners to a joint meeting in Seven Lakes, scheduled for July 19.

- During member comments, Ellen Marcus asked the Board to approve the Moore County Schools FY 2012-13 Budget.
- Victoria Whitt of Sandhills Center for Mental Health requested \$274,000 — the same amount as last year — for the organization's FY2012-13 budget.
- The Board approved a request by Information Technology Director Darlene Yudell for \$500,000 to upgrade the County's information technology system.
- The Board tabled a decision on paying off school bonds until the county's financial consultant Davenport & Company can present some options during the May 15 Commissioners' meeting.
- A request by Scot Brooks for a Sole Source agreement with Radio Communications Company of Cary to upgrade the Robbins tower site for FCC compliance was approved by the Board. The cost of the upgrade is \$67,000 and is being paid for with 911 funds.
- The Board approved a Fire Code Enforcement Agreement with the Village of Whispering Pines presented

by Fire Marshal Skipper.

- County Manager Cary McSwain will present the County's FY 2012-13 budget to the Commissioners on Tuesday, May 1, with a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 15. The Commissioners will then hold a budget work session on Thursday, May 17, in

hopes of adopting it on June 5.

Appointments

The Board appointed Judith Trevarrow to the Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee and Thomas Kees to the ABC Board.

CERT

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social event.

"Sometimes people ask me: Why do we need CERT? We have firemen, sheriffs, and EMS services already," Riddle said. "The reason is that Seven Lakes West and Seven Lakes North and South covers a very large area. If we have two or three small tornadoes or one major tornado touch down somewhere in the county, it could be hours if not a day before we see first responders. That is why we have CERT."

He continued: "If you were home and there was a disaster in the community, would you be willing to help? Most of the time, people will say yes. So, wouldn't you be willing to train and put your name down on a roster so, if we had a disaster, you could help in an organized and safe way?"

In particular, Riddle said he is hoping to attract a few more volunteers in each of the key team areas: medical, search & rescue, logistics, and communications. In addition, he strongly encouraged residents of Seven Lakes North and South to form their own CERT, perhaps chartered by the Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

For more information about the CERT program, visit www.citizencorps.gov/cert/ or contact Terry Riddle at 673-3776.

O'Neal Summer Camps

The O'Neal School is hosting an array of summer day camps for youth in the community. With the supervision of O'Neal's Summer Fun Coordinator, Beth Field, a variety programs have been scheduled on O'Neal's campus.

In addition to the traditional two-week Falcon Day Camp, there is a week long program for 3 and 4 year olds called "Falcon Fun and

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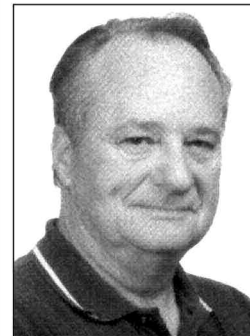
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Access

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avoid any potential conflict between the communities. In the end, our efforts were unsuccessful, as SLLA elected not to participate in any access policy changes.

It is unfortunate that so much misleading information has been distributed concerning this issue. It is also unfortunate that a small number of people perceive that our efforts to improve the security within our gates somehow negatively impacts the overall unity within the greater Seven Lakes Community.

I have included some Q&A's concerning the policy for clarification.

SLWLA New Access Policy Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are SLWLA residents required to have a barcode on their vehicles?

Yes. All SLWLA residents must have a barcode for entrance.

2. Will SLLA decals continue to be recognized for entrance to SLWLA?

As part of our new emphasis on barcodes for access control, effective 5/1/2012 SLLA decals will no longer be recognized for admittance into SLWLA.

3. What if I have a frequent visitor to SLWLA?

Any frequent visitor to SLWLA is eligible to purchase a barcode if sponsored by a SLWLA member. The sponsor will accompany the individual to the our office and complete the sponsorship application. The vehicle(s) of the individual must be brought to the SLWLA office along with proof of ownership and registration. Once approved and a one-time administrative fee of \$20 is paid, the individual will be issued a SLWLA barcode and it will be placed on their vehicle.

4. If the frequent visitor being sponsored is a SLLA member, does the policy require a second barcode on their

car?

No, a second barcode is not necessary. SLLA residents who are sponsored as frequent visitors will have their SLLA barcode number activated in our system.

5. How do I enter SLWLA if I do not have a barcode?

Individuals without barcodes will be handled in the same manner as any other guest by having the SLWLA member notify the front gatehouse, who will provide the guest with a pass when they arrive.

6. How do I access Beacon Ridge Country Club if I do not have a barcode?

Individuals requiring access

to the Beacon Ridge Country Club will identify themselves at the front gate and be provided a pass indicating that destination.

7. What if I need to attend a meeting at SLWLA?

Meeting sponsors will provide attendee lists for the front gate and attendees will identify themselves when entering.

8. How will Seven Lakes West residents gain access to SLLA?

Access to the North and South sides of Seven Lakes by SLWLA members is the responsibility of the SLLA. Information about that can be obtained by contacting their office at 673-4931.

WEUMC Salad Supper!

The West End United Methodist Church will hold their Women's Salad Supper on Friday, May 18 at 6 pm.

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Robbins

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go up \$20 to develop this water source?" Commissioner Lea asked.

The Town had previously suggested that the County purchase its reservoir and other water infrastructure — including the old water plant, which could be brought back into service only at a substantial cost.

Commissioner Nick Picerno said that acquisition was not financially feasible — especially with the high price to get those facilities up and running.

"Right now the cost of \$29 million is high," Picerno explained. "It is going to be a big burden on Public Utilities as it is, when there are

other resources available. It's not that we want to go to Harnett County . . . if we could help Robbins and become a partner — which means both entities would have a benefit."

Other options

MCPU currently buys one million GPD from Harnett County and has a contract that would allow it to purchase an additional one million GPD, which would provide enough additional water to meet the projected ten-year peak demand. Utilizing that additional water would require a \$1.5 million upgrade to the County's water infrastructure. Harnett County has offered Moore County

the opportunity to purchase a share in a new water treatment plant, which would give the County the same amount of water that can be realized in Robbins, for half the price: \$14 million.

The Harnett County option would not, however, provide the Robbins area with any additional water to meet its needs or foster economic development in northwest Moore County.

"As Moore County Commissioners, you would be willing to put \$14 million into another county — and Robbins wouldn't even get water?" asked Robbins Town Commissioner Terri Holt. "But you're not willing to put \$29 million into Robbins so

the entire County can get water? That doesn't make sense."

"These are just options," said County Chairman Larry Caddell. "We are just trying to be honest with you."

"I know these are options," said Holt. "For half the County."

Caddell said the areas of the County expected to grow fastest in the next several decades are down NC Highway 211, from Pinehurst to Seven Lakes, and moving towards Robbins.

Commissioner Jimmy Melton said a partnership Robbins and Moore County would be in the best interest of both parties: "It can benefit the southern end of the County; but, in turn, it could benefit you tremendously with the water being here attracting new businesses."

"All of us here are very

committed to seeing our town grow as well," said Robbins Commissioner Claire Barrow. "We all know growth is coming at us from all directions . . . Through a partnership, we want to be sure that we're allowed to have the water capacity that we are going to need."

Commissioner Craig Kennedy asked the Robbins Board to develop a proposal detailing what they would like to see in a partnership with the County and present that at a future meeting.

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Election

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Aside from Amendment One, and the Presidential primary, there are a variety of other races on both the Republican and Democratic ballots. Six Democrats and six Republicans are running for the opportunity to replace Bev Perdue in the Governor's Mansion, and there are competitive races for US House, NC Senate, and a variety of statewide offices.

One race of particular local interest is for the reconfigured District 29 Seat in the NC State Senate. Pinehurst resident John Marcum is facing five term incumbent Jerry Tillman of Archdale and Tommy Davis of Aberdeen in the GOP primary for that

seat. There is no Democratic candidate for that seat.

If you have registered as a Democrat, a Republican, or a Libertarian, you'll have to vote in that party's primary. But, if you registered "unaffiliated," you can pick and choose which primary ballot you'd rather have at

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McLendon Hills

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missioners, and its own insurance rating, set by the NC Department of Insurance.

But the McLendon Hills request is motivated by the insurance rating. "It has nothing to do with taxes, nothing to do with service . . . it has everything to do with insurance rates," said Dotto.

Currently, the Eagle Springs fire district has a "Class 8" insurance rating, while Seven Lakes has a "Class 6" rating. Dotto told the Board this costs the typical McLendon Hills homeowner an additional \$600 a year in insurance fees.

Move would cut Eagle Springs VFD revenues

Moore County Fire Marshal Kenneth Skipper told the Board that, if McLendon Hills

leaves the Eagle Springs Fire District, it would cost two full time jobs for that district, as well as a \$68,000 decrease in the overall budget.

Eagle Springs currently has a fire tax rate of 7.1 cents per hundred dollars of valuation; the Seven Lakes rate is 3.8 cents. In the FY 2011-2012 County budget, those rates were expected to produce \$245,000 in support for Seven Lakes; \$151,000 for Eagle Springs.

"Paying more in insurance for a less advantageous district, just to keep the tax base going?" asked Dotto. "If moving sixty houses will cost two jobs, my question is: What are those two employees doing?"

According to Dotto, delaying the move will cost the sixty homeowners in McLendon

Hills \$40,000 in insurance this year.

"Give us the insurance rates now, and we will deal with the tax rates later," he said.

Commissioner Tim Lea suggested moving McLendon Hills into the Seven Lakes insurance district — which would save residents money on their premiums — while leaving them in the Eagle Springs Fire District for tax purposes.

But Chairman Larry Caddell worried that that strategy could start the county down a slippery slope weighing similar requests.

"If you do that for McLendon Hills, then that whole area in question is going to come up next," said Chairman Larry Caddell.

Fire Marshal recommends County-wide study

Fire Marshal Skipper recommended that the Commissioners hire a consulting firm to look at the fire insurance, fire protection, and fire tax districts throughout Moore County.

But the estimated \$85,000 cost of the study gave Commissioner Craig Kennedy

pause; he argued that the study could and should be handled "in-house."

Regardless of the cost, Commissioner Jimmy Melton said an independent study should be conducted throughout the County to determine whether the current fire protection, fire insurance, and fire tax districts make sense.

Melton said an independent study would ensure that no one could say the study was not done "fairly."

The Emergency Services Advisory Committee [ESAC] also recommended hiring a consultant to conduct a comprehensive study of the County's current fire service operations, Skipper said.

The last time such a study was conducted was in 2004.

"No Board has been willing to deal with this because of the political heat," said Commissioner Lea. "[We're] going to have to deal with it sooner or later."

He suggested that a flat fire tax throughout the County may be the best solution.

In the end the Commissioners tabled the request and asked Skipper and his staff to bring back further recommendations.

Commissioner Nick Picerno, a member of the McLendon Hills Property Owners Association, was recused from consideration of the request due to a conflict of interest.

Westside



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- until the end of the year.
- The Long Range Planning Committee has sent out five Requests For Proposals [RFPs] to companies that could help create a "Vision" for Seven Lakes West, Treasurer Freiert reported. So far, two of the five firms have confirmed receipt of the RFP.
- The Board approved the members of the Safety and Security Committee as requested by Director Jim McCarthy.

- The Board also approved the CERT roster which was presented by McCarthy.
- A newcomers reception will be held in the Community Center on Monday, April 30 at 7 pm.
- The Board approved the Human Resources Committee as presented by President Herdrich: Chairman Nancy Workman, Ed Cockman, Judy Trivet and Mary Ann Fewkes.

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Sandhills Animal Rescue League [SARL] is a no kill shelter, 501(c)3 organization operating since January 2002.

Please help Sandhills Animal Rescue League continue to provide excellent vet care and good nutrition, and to buy supplies that are needed on a daily basis by sending a tax deductible donation using the form below.

You may choose yearly, monthly, or a one time contribution.

Thank you from the cats and dogs we rescue, our volunteers, and the board of directors of Sandhills Animal Rescue League.

For more information about the League, volunteer opportunities or other information please contact Lou Atkins at 974-4468 or 638-1921.

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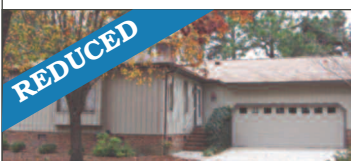
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