

Repaving nearly finished

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



By the time you read this, the road repaving project in Seven Lakes North and South may be complete.

"I think Riley [Paving] has done a marvelous job for us," Seven Lakes Landowners Association President Bob Darr told his fellow Board members during their Monday, August 13 Work Session. He noted that the contractor had corrected some dips and flaws in the road surface beyond what was called for

in the contract.

George Temple, the SLLA's on-site supervisor for the project, said he expected the final cost to be roughly \$513,000, only slightly above the \$504,000 quoted for the job. Darr said most of the fifteen percent contingency budgeted for the job would remain unspent, with the primary exception being Temple's compensation for his supervisory duties.

"We have had some complaints about the differences in road surfaces," Darr said. Some streets -- for example, Dogwood, Shenandoah, and

Firetree -- were paved with a standard application of asphalt. Others, including Cardinal, were resurfaced using a process that Riley calls "triple seal" -- which involves the application of three coats of tar and special types of gravel. The result is a slightly rougher, noisier surface.

"The triple seal will last as long as the blacktop that everyone loves," Darr said, and the technique is considerably less expensive. The Board's goal in using both surfaces in this first phase

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Robbins water? Maybe.

by Greg Hankins
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Robbins for water? Maybe, maybe not.

For years and years, bringing more water to Southern Moore County is the the top task that the Board of Commissioners have set for themselves in their annual retreat.

And for years and years, the preferred option has been to bring that water from Robbins, finding a way to utilize that town's old water plant, or reservoir, or water intake

on Bear Creek, to supply the fast-growing Seven Lakes area with a second source of water, while giving North-west Moore County an economic boost.

The County has made the Town an offer that would get the ball rolling, and the Town has countered, leaving the ball in the County's court. But a recent meeting that included County, Town, and State environmental officials may have changed the rules of the game.

The Robbins Concept

Lately, Moore County Pub-

lic Works Director Randy Gould has been exploring a two-prong approach to tapping water resources in the Robbins area:

- First, using the existing reservoir and an intake on

(See "Water," p. 26)

Koos rejoins Foxfire Council

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter



Expressing appreciation for his work, the Foxfire Village Council reluctantly accepted the resignation of Councilman John Eltschlager and appointed returning Councilman Vic Koos to take his place during their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 14.

Eltschlager thanked the Council and Foxfire Village staff for their assistance over the past two years and said he wished them well in meeting challenges in the future

and in the coming months.

"Thank you for your service. We appreciate your work very much," said Mayor George Erickson, speaking on behalf of the Council.

Erickson said the vacant seat was advertised, and two applicants had expressed interest. MaryAnne Lauer was thanked for her interest but, ultimately, passed over in favor of appointing Vic Koos to return to the Council.

Council Round-Robin

Perhaps much of the blame should rest on the standard four-year term of office but, for whatever reason, the Fox-

fire Village Council has seen an occasionally dizzying rotation of resignations and appointments.

However, these changes have been mostly seamless and non-controversial, as the Village never seems to lack for qualified or interested candidates ready to jump in to serve at a moments notice — a point well-illustrated by the recent resignation of Councilman Eltschalger and reappointment of former Councilman Vic Koos.

A professional engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the recently widowed father of school-

(See "Foxfire," p. 13)

Fishing Foxfire



Jamie Holton gets a few tips from her grandfather, Foxfire Mayor George Erickson, at the Rick Rhyne Memorial Fishing Tournament, Saturday, August 11 at Foxfire's Lake McKenzie.

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setting, and are encouraged to write stories for the monthly newspaper published by the Moore County Literacy Council.

The internal publication highlights the students' achievements and encourages them to continue their education.

Many of the students go on to receive their GED and advance to community college. The Seven Lakes community is encouraged to par-

ticipate in this rewarding program.

If anyone is interested in Tutoring please contact: The Moore County Literacy Council at 692-5954 or e-mail pammcmc@nc.rr.com to attend their workshops and volunteer.

Workshops coming up

The Moore County Literacy Council is offering twelve-hour workshops for volunteers who would like to

become adult tutors. Volunteers are required to attend orientation prior to a training session.

The next workshop begins with an orientation on Tuesday, August 28 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Training sessions will be held on September 4, 5, 11, and 12, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

The workshop sessions will

be held at First Bank, 205 SE Broad Street, Southern Pines.

Donations are gratefully appreciated to help defray the cost of materials.

Register by the week prior to the session. Registrations may be made by phone, at (910)692-5954 or by e-mail to pammclc@nc.rr.com.

Woman faces felony drug charges

Jennnifer Hughes Puckett of Seminole Court in Seven Lakes was arrested on Wednesday, August 1 by Moore County Sheriff's deputies on felony charges involving prescription drugs.

According to a news release from the Sheriff's office, the investigation leading to the arrest was conducted by



Jennifer Hughes Puckett

detectives from the Narcotics Unit.

Puckett is accused of altering a prescription in order to fraudulently obtain Xanax, a Schedule IV controlled substance.

Puckett was charged with four counts of felony obtaining controlled substance by fraud, and four counts of felony dispensing a controlled substance without a license.

She received a \$20,000 unsecured bond and was released.

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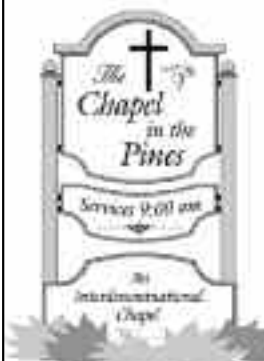
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Westside board votes down Vision & Master Plan

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



Community feedback continues to show that Westsiders are not ready to spend \$40,000 for a Vision and Master Plan for the community.

Based on that input, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board cast a second vote a against the project during their Tuesday, August 14 work session.

The proposal was turned down in a 7-to-2 vote, with only Legal Director Jack Stevens and Long Range Planning Director Don Freiert voting in favor of moving forward. Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman voted in favor of the Master Plan proposal two weeks ago, but voted against it during Tuesday's meeting. The Board held two votes on the project because it had been designated a matter of significant interest to the community, triggering bylaws that require enhanced opportunities for public input and two separate votes by the Board.

In discussion surrounding the vote, many Board members repeated their previous arguments against the proposal: now is not a good time to spend the money, and the community already has a number of significant projects on its plate, including designing the mailhouse and front gate.

"We did get a good response from the overall membership," said Lake and Dam Director Bruce Keyser. "The timing is just not right for the study."

"I hear people talk about 'now is not the right time,'" said Freiert. "When is it? In my mind, if this does not go forward we are missing a great opportunity for leadership in the community. That is what this Board is all about. That's what we were elected for — leadership."

Six percent of members weighed in on the proposal

Freiert, who brought the project to the Board as Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, said he has received comments from 104 community members about the plan, which represents about 6 percent of the overall membership.

Of those, 38 members are in favor of a plan, 54 are against it, and 12 made comments but did not take a position in favor or against. Freiert said that feedback thus far indicates 3.2 percent of the membership are against the plan and 2.2 percent are for it.

"If it is one percent or half a percent that's the difference, then that is the result" said Westsider Bernadette York, responding to Freiert's point.

Many landowners who attended Tuesday's meeting spoke in favor of the plan, including Mary Price, who offered a theory about why

more members have come forward against the plan than for it.

"The people who are negative are more likely to express their opinion than the people who are positive," explained Price. "I just think it's time to make that hard decision that we move forward."

"I am asking you to trust the Long Range Planning Committee," said Kelly Holmes, who is a member of the Long Range Planning Committee and plans to run for the Board next year, "and not base your decision on the weight of the critics alone. I'm asking that you be daring enough to say 'yes' despite the backlash from the critics."

Holmes words were met with applause.

Westsider Dale Erikson, who has consistently spoken in support of the plan said: "A lot of people in the community don't understand the

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Hal Blake's sneakers: 72 years of history

by Ray Pardue
Seven Lakes South

1940. American wages averaged \$172 per year. The average price of a house was \$3900; a new car would set you back \$850. Germany invaded Denmark, Norway, The Netherlands, France, Luxembourg, and Belgium. Franklin Roosevelt won a third Presidential term, nylon stockings first went on sale, the films Pinocchio and Fantasia were released, and the first McDonalds opened. Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Frank Sinatra, and Bing Crosby were on top of the popular music charts.

That year, Southsider Hal Blake, then 18, purchased a pair of Converse high top Chuck Taylor sneakers in Worcester, Massachusetts,

for \$3.95. Why, you ask, is that significant?

Seventy-two years later, after that seemingly extravagant purchase, he still owns them!

For more than 20 years, he wore them for a variety of activities, then regularly for tennis with spouse Marge in Vermont for another 20 or more years. Golf became their principal sport in the 1980's, when they moved to Seven Lakes. The sneakers remained in Vermont, revisited each Summer.

A regular Summer visitor with his family to their cottage in Charlotte, Vermont, from New Jersey beginning in the 1960's. Hal became legendary, remembered fondly for ambling along the dusty road to the tennis court, his

treasured sneakers in a brown bag, put on only after arrival court side. For the walk back, the sneakers reprised their journey in their bag. Hal re-shod in walking footwear.

For his 89th birthday, one of Hal's daughters and a granddaughter presented him with a new pair of Converse sneakers sporting red, white, blue, and yellow horizontal stripes. He graciously declined, claiming the shoes were too large. Besides, he pronounced, the years of use he would experience could not justify the expense.

Hal was honored on July 12 in Vermont on his 90th birthday with a family party, which included Hal and Marge's two daughters, their spouses, and children and

nephews and cousins. Two days after, a picnic for 60 members and friends was held in a nearby state park on Lake Champlain. Both events featured the iconic septuagenarian shoes, still serviceable, and described

by daughter Joan as, "a little slick on the bottoms." The condescension to their age was a replacement of laces sometime in the 1970's, cannibalized from other, too-good-to-be-thrown-out

(See "Blake," p. 5)



Those new 'Chuck Taylors' are spiffy, but Hal Blake still prefers the 1940 version



The Blake clan celebrate Hal's 90th Birthday in Vermont.



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Zielsdorf knows the secret to good beer

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A brewskie, a cold one, liquid bread, and suds: beer is known by many names and, for most, is an acquired taste.

For some, their thirst for fine lagers and ales extends well beyond the standard bottled fare — or even the occasional microbrewery specialties. For these gourmet tastes, home brewing is the best option.

With over ten years of brewing experience and experimentation, Northsider Randy Zielsdorf knows his way around the keg — and has kept a careful log of every single brew he's ever created.

"What got me started was that acquired taste," he explained. "For those people who acquired that taste, you start to appreciate different types of beer."

"And home brewing is very healthy," he added. "The ingredients are very basic;

grain, water, hops, and yeast."

To improve flavor and offset the naturally soft water in Seven Lakes, Zielsdorf said,

he also adds a few teaspoons of calcium chloride and an acid blend, but that is it.

"The major breweries add lots of other stuff, and they

pasteurize," he explained. "Home brewed beer does not have to be pasteurized — and that is a real advantage, as it adds freshness and allows the natural flavor to come through."

He continued, "Here's the thing about beer: there is no organism that will grow in beer that is harmful to a human. There are lots of bacteria that will thrive in beer that will spoil the flavor, but they won't hurt you."

Zielsdorf said he started home brewing shortly after settling in Seven Lakes North in 2000.

"I have a good friend in Michigan who brewed, and he offered me pointers on how to get started," he said, noting that the first big hurdle was in creating space for his new hobby.

While some home brewers work in their kitchens, Zielsdorf — who brews in ten gallon batches — prefers the ample space of his garage for the daylong process.

"In home brewing, they say a watched pot never boil and an unwatched pot always boils over. If you get distracted and the wort [pronounced

(See "Beer," p. 21)



Brewmeister Randy Zielsdorf in his Northside brewery

Blake

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footwear.

Daughter Joan sees in her Dad a similarity with F. Scott Fitzgerald's Benjamin Button, born old and becoming younger with each passing year. She notes he continues to play quite respectable rounds of golf, excels at the bridge table, and stays busy working around their townhouse and yard.

Converse, now a part of Nike®, has asked for the sneakers for their shoe archives, offering a new pair in exchange.

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Veterans ask County to protect Memorial

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



With signs reading "Keep Our Vets Memorial Sacred" and "Save Our Sacred Ground," more than eighty Moore County residents turned out for the Board of Commissioners' Tuesday, August 7 meeting, to protest a proposal to build a Bojangles' restaurant next to the Moore County Veterans' Memorial in Carthage.

A resolution to protect the land surrounding the Memorial was presented to the Board by Raymond Doby, Chairman of the Moore County Memorial Committee. The resolution asked that only "open space" and "professional office buildings" be allowed around the Memorial.

After more than an hour of debate, the Board decided — in a four-to-one vote with Commissioner Tim Lea dissenting — to scrap the resolution presented to them by Doby and instead approve a recommendation by Commissioner Jimmy Melton.

Melton suggested forming a committee made up of six veterans, two Commissioners, the County attorney, and various County employees, to discuss the matter and create a new resolution on the Memorial.

"My number one goal is to make sure that Memorial is the icon of this County," said Melton, "I want to make sure the future of this Memorial is going to be sacred and protected after you and I are gone."

The Board also unanimously agreed to a motion by Commissioner Nick Picerno to suspend all discussion of purchase inquiries about the land surrounding the Memorial until the new committee presents a resolution.

"I told you with my word that I will do nothing to desecrate the Memorial - -and I mean it," said Picerno "I don't think it should be a fight between veterans and a Board of Commissioners . . . it's crazy."

"We will see how this evolves . . ."

"We will see how this evolves," Chuck Spelman, President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966 told *The Times*, adding "We [Veterans] already have a committee put together."

Spelman said the trust between the Veterans and the Commissioners has been lost and that he hopes it can be regained. "I don't know how we get this trust back," Spelman told the Board.

The first blow to that trust occurred when it came to light in May that the Commissioners had discussed in three separate closed meetings an offer from Bojangles' to purchase county-owned property near the Memorial.

Another blow came Tuesday night, when Spelman presented a series of maps -- two of them drawn by the county's GIS department -- that showed the vacant land in front of the Memorial subdivided into three parcels. One of those parcels was identical to the 1.3 acres sought by Bojangles'.

Spelman had superimposed

the Bojangles' map on the County GIS maps. "I superimposed it because I wanted to see if it fit," said Spelman. "And it fit like a glove."

Where the Bojangles' plat map came from remained a mystery, until County Manager Cary McSwain said it had been presented to him along with an offer from Bojangles that he had refused. Exactly who asked the GIS department to draw up the other two maps -- and why -- was not made clear during Tuesday night's meeting.

"Outraged & disappointed"

Commissioner Craig Kennedy attempted to assure the veterans of the Board's good intentions.

"We can get a lot more done working with a committee sitting down," said Kennedy. "We do have the entire County's best interest at heart . . . we should be working together. We can work this out."

However, during public comments and prior to the vote, Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW] Post 7318 Com-

mander Mary Ann O'Connor told the Commissioners she was "outraged and extremely disappointed," not only with the idea of placing Bojangles' next to the Memorial, but with the Board's "dishonesty as public servants."

"Your actions have been deplorable," said O'Connor.

"You had the authority to stop this nonsense then and there, but you did not have the moral fortitude to do so," said O'Connor, referring to the Commissioners' tabling a request by the Veterans at the Board's Tuesday, July 17 meeting to protect the land adjacent to the Memorial.

"The dollars generated through this sale will not be worth the disservice you Commissioners will be paying each and every Veteran of this County," said O'Connor.

The crowd erupted in applause -- which continued despite Chairman Caddells

effort to quell the outburst.

"Most of those people out there on that wall died for this county and gave us the right to elect you to represent us," said Randy Craven, who is the Commander at American Legion Post 12 in Carthage. "Reach down inside you and ask: 'Is this the right thing? Think of the blood shed for you. Is it worth the money?'"

Mark Koppenhofer, Senior Vice Commander at VFW Post 7318 in Southern Pines, echoed that point: "Ask yourself this: 'Is this the legacy I wish to leave as council members -- placing a fast food dumpster on a Veteran's Memorial?'"

"Do not underestimate the passion of Veterans and their family members regarding this Memorial," said Koppenhofer. "Because equal to our pride in service to this great nation is the anger we will

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School Board approves 2012-2013 budget

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter

With local, state, and federal funding in place, the Moore County Board of Education approved the "original" FY2012-2013 budget for Moore County Schools [MCS] Fiscal during their Monday, August 13 meeting. The budget is referred to as the "original" budget, because the Board amends its budget throughout the year, in order to keep it in balance.

The revenue side of the budget includes \$64.2 million from the state, \$26.3 million from the county, and \$12.1 million in federal funding.

State funding is up by \$50,000, reported Financial Director Mike Griffin, who presented the budget resolution. The budget allocates \$4 million to the fund balance this school year and anticipates adding an additional \$4 million for the 2013-14 school year.

"We are in good shape going into the 2013 budget process," said Griffin.

The budget reflects the three point initiative that Superintendent Aaron Spence presented to the Board, along with his budget proposal in the Spring. Those initiatives are: close the achievement gap, focus on literacy K-12, and ensure students are future ready for college or a career.

The budget allocates funding for a teacher's assistant in every kindergarten and first grade class, in an effort to focus on literacy.

Graduation Rate On the Rise

Last year, MCS had it's highest graduation rate ever, at 83.4 percent, which is up by nearly 10 percent from 2008 and is higher than the overall state graduation rate.

"Anyone telling you public schools are failing our students, anybody telling you that students in Moore Coun-

ty are not receiving a world class education, is misinformed," said Dr. Spence, "We are doing a tremendous job educating our students."

In an effort to increase community awareness of MCS performance, Spence and Tim Lussier, NCS Advisor for Community Relations, have created a flyer that lays out key data, including graduation rates, SAT results, and overall budget.

Live Streaming of Board Meetings

The Board began live streaming their meetings for the first time on Monday, August 14. In addition to live

streaming regular meetings, the Board voted to live stream work sessions, as well, and to archive the meeting videos.

Chairwoman Kathy Farren "attended" Monday night's meeting via telephone conference, while watching the live stream. She said, at one point, there were forty-five people online watching the Board's meeting.

Dr. Spence brought the idea to the Board after the Moore County Board of Commissioners made the decision to begin video taping their meetings.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Board member Laura Lang, a great way to

be transparent."

There is no additional cost

involved in archiving the videos.

Mental Illness Support

National Alliance on Mental Illness - Moore County (NAMI-MC) holds its monthly meetings at the Community Room at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Specialty Clinic Building, at the corner of Memorial Drive and Page Street, Pine-

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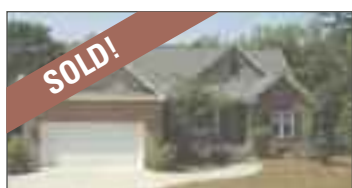
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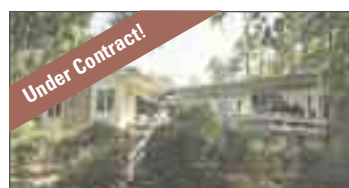
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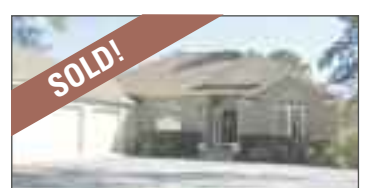
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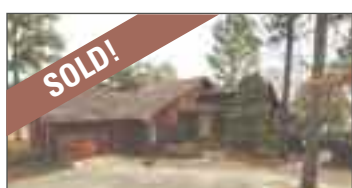
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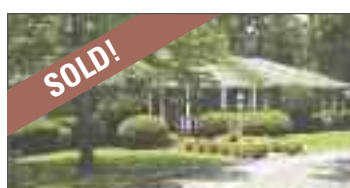
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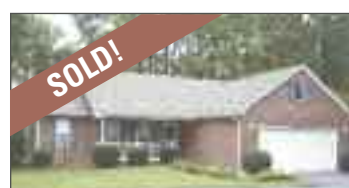
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Dorothy Bates Rhyne, 91, of Southern Pines, died on Friday, August 10, at St. Joseph of the Pines.

She was born in Elberton, GA daughter to the late W. Earle and Marie Hall Bates. She was a graduate of Hendersonville, NC High School and Furman University in Greenville, SC.

On February 8, 1941, she married William Andrew Rhyne of Gastonia, NC and. She lived most of the WWII years in the DC, area and for the next 46 years spent time in North Carolina, South Carolina, Brazil and Virginia where her husband was a textile engineer.

They retired from BASF in Newport News, VA in 1982 and moved to Seven Lakes, and later lived in Pinehurst.

She was a hospital volunteer at FirstHealth of the Carolinas, and a former member of Our Saviour Lutheran

Church, Southern Pines.

A graveside service was held Sunday, August 12, at Pinelawn Memorial Park Mausoleum, Southern Pines. The Rev. David Beam officiated.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1998.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda R. Carpenter of Seven Lakes and Anne R. Tripp of Angier, NC; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and one brother, W.E. Bates, Jr. of Charlotte.

Memorials be made to Pinehurst United Methodist

Church, 4111 Airport Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374 and/or to FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines assisted the family.

Edgar Jones Steelman, 83, of Seven Lakes died Tuesday, August 7.

Mr. Steelman was born in Atlantic City, NJ, son to the late Edgar J. and Esther Westcoat Steelman. He lived most of his life in Longport, NJ. He and his wife Nancy retired to Seven Lakes, fifteen

years ago. He served in the United States Navy and went to study and practice architecture in New Jersey with Wasleski, Steelman, and Wurtz. His passion was flying and he cherished his Mooney aircraft, played golf, skied, and played the trumpet in the Moore Concert Band.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Nancy Johnson Steelman; his children, Donna Woloshin of Medford, NJ; Mark Steelman of Longport, NJ; and Paul Steelman of Las Vegas, NV; and six grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service was held Saturday, August 11, at Margate Trinity Methodist Church, Margate, NJ. Burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to: Margate Trinity Methodist Church or Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines at a later date.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is assisting the family.

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Board approves transfer of watershed authority

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter



The transfer of over 200,000 acres of watershed from County to municipal jurisdiction was unanimously approved by the the Moore County Planning Board — convened as the Moore County Watershed Review Board — at their meeting on Thursday, August 9.

The year-long process of transferring authority over the watershed acreage has involved the development and approval of resolutions supporting the transfer by all eleven Moore County municipalities. The final step is approval by the Board of Commissioners before the updated plan is sent to the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission for final approval.

In total, seven watersheds were designated in Moore County when the original map was developed in 1993. A “watershed” is identified as land where surface water drains into an area used as a county or municipal water source.

As required by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NC-DENR], the watershed plan specifically limits the amount of impervious surface that can be developed without storm water controls. It primarily includes areas along the western border of Moore County and then all areas south and east of Carthage. Only the drier, rural areas in the northern section of the county remain outside these designated watersheds.

The transfer of watershed land from Moore County to the municipal jurisdictions will have no impact on those state regulations or protection of these areas; instead, the change simply reflects the growth of town boundaries over the past twenty years.

“There have been annexations and extensions to the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] areas since the map

was drawn in 1993, but these did not [automatically] trip the allocation of these lands from county to municipal watersheds,” explained County Planner Tim Garner.

He also noted that state regulations stipulate the percentage of impervious land that can be developed within a watershed; however, the Moore County Watershed Review Board — and the municipalities — retain the option to increase that figure, if desired, through a special non-residential allocation request process.

Little work for the Board

Things are picking up, reported Debra Enslinger, Planning & Community Development Director, with an increase in the number of requested inspections and permits, but members of the Moore County Planning Board continue to languish in monthly meetings with limited agendas and little to discuss.

Opening the floor for com-

ment, Enslinger asked the Board if they would prefer to meet only when there are public requests to consider.

Member Rodney Pickler supported that suggestion, noting it would be a more efficient use of county staff and Board time to group agenda items together for a a called meeting, rather than meeting monthly when there is no business to conduct.

Member Johnny Harris also questioned the cost to tax payers of conducting the meetings; however, Enslinger responded that planning staff are not paid overtime to attend meetings.

After discussion, the Board agreed to table any formal decision about future meetings until September, when Chairman Robert Hayter would be available.

Other business

In other business on Thursday, August 9, the Planning Board :

- Elected Les Murray by a vote of acclamation to pre-

side over the meeting, due to the absence of Chairman Robert Hayter and Vice Chair Martha Blake.

- Welcomed Lydia Cleveland to the Planning office administrative staff.
- Heard from Debra Enslinger that the Land Use Plan Steering Committee will meet on August 27 for a “final scrubbing” of the original plan before they move forward with discussion of determining what

will be included in the updated plan.

- Bernard Capstick noted the meeting was his final appearance on the Planning Board. He thanked Enslinger and her staff, and his fellow Board members for their efforts. “I have enjoyed working with this Board and knowing that we all have the best interests of Moore citizens at heart.”

Zumba at SL Baptist

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Justin Britt completes Modern Woodmen program

Justin T. Britt, of Jackson Springs, a Modern Woodmen of America representative, has completed a five day educational program at Modern Woodmen's home

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Prancing Horse teams up with Seven Lakes Stables

by Laura Dougalss
Times Reporter

An exciting new partnership with Prancing Horse will bring this innovative 'hippotherapy' program to the Seven Lakes Stables.

This is the third satellite site in Moore County for the nearly thirty-year-old organization, following on the heels of successful programs already established at barns in Whispering Pines and McLendon Hills.

Starting in September, Prancing Horse volunteers and teachers will conduct one to two hour weekly sessions of therapeutic riding for special needs adults and children. A well-established therapy for those with physical, mental and emotional challenges, the Prancing Horse approach promotes interaction between horse and rider. Basic requirements for a horse participating in the program include a calm temperament — and the ability to walk, trot, and stop on command.

Prancing Horse Executive

Director Judy Lewis said she is thrilled with the new Seven Lakes location, and with Stables Manager Kate Pennington.

"You have a wonderful facility — the barn is spotless and beautiful — and Kate has been very accommodating," Lewis said. "She is a real treasure."

Lewis said the organization has felt warmly welcomed by the residents of Seven Lakes, adding that many from the community have volunteered their time at other Prancing Horse locations and had eagerly sought a partnership between Seven Lakes Stables and Prancing Horse.

Lewis explained that adding this third location has greatly expanded their ability to serve more special needs individuals. Based on another new partnership with Sandhills Community College, she added, the Seven Lakes facility will primarily be used by participants in the school's Project Succeed program.

"We still have a waiting list of riders; but, I think, with

this new location, we will be able to accommodate perhaps fifty or more riders," she said.

Prancing Horse participants generally ride once a week for thirty minutes to an hour. For every rider, the program requires at least two and sometimes three volunteers to lead the horse.

"So you can see, just in a week's time, with only forty riders we need over one hundred volunteer hours," Lewis said.

"We are limited by the number of teachers, by the number of horses and facilities, but also by the need for a lot of volunteers. If we have more time, more horses, and more volunteers — we could easily fill those slots."

Lewis said riders in the program run the gamut from three-year-old special needs children to seniors over seventy.

"As long as they are enjoying the horses, we are happy to serve," she said.

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Northsider and Prancing Horse volunteer Phyllis Jenkins with Seven Lakes Stables Manager Kate Pennington.

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Foxfire Council

(Continued from front page)

aged children, Eltschlagel secured the highest vote count during the November 2011 election, when he ran unopposed to complete the unexpired two-year term of Page Coker, a seat that he was initially appointed to fill in August 2010.

At that time, Councilman Vic Koos relinquished his responsibility over Streets & Parks, passing those tasks to Eltschlagel, while Koos took on Public Safety.

During the most recent official election, Councilman Mick McCue was likewise elected to fill the unexpired term of office that he had been appointed to fill, following Vic Koos resignation in July 2011.

Citing health reasons and changing demands on his family, Koos said, at that time, that his resignation was made reluctantly and had been a very difficult decision. First elected into office in November 2007, Koos oversaw Streets and Parks for three years, before being tasked with Public Safety concerns.

Public Safety

The Rick Rhyne Memorial Fishing Tournament, held on Saturday, August 11, was very well-attended, with over 200 children registered.

"We had a lot of folks here — and many were not from here — so this was a great way to display the Village,"

said Councilman Mick McCue.

Parking and heavy vehicles displayed at the Village Green Park, as part of the day's activities, did cause damage to the sprinkler system, he reported, noting that he would seek compensation from event organizers and also would be looking at ways to mitigate such damage at any future events.

Sgt. Chad Shue recognition

Describing his work with the Foxfire Village Police Department as "nothing less than outstanding," McCue recognized Sgt. Chad Shue with a five-year service pin and a certificate of appreciation during the August 14 Council meeting.

Hired in 2007, Shue quickly distinguished himself by completing additional coursework in community policing and field training, and was rewarded for his efforts with a promotion to Sergeant in 2008. Shue was also recently certified as a teaching instructor for basic police training. In addition, based on his long-standing interest in K9 policing, Shue was thanked for developing this very successful program.

"For a very modest investment, Foxfire has a valuable and effective asset," said McCue. "Sgt. Shue and his partners — first Ruger and now BiBo — have made a number of drug arrests and have proven to be a valid

deterrent against that type of crime."

He also noted the K9 program has been a tremendous community relations asset, with Sgt. Shue providing hands-on education to local children through frequent visits to schools and scout troops.

Sackman Property Well Site

Exploring the prospects for a potential municipal well site, Mayor George Erickson said he renewed contact with the owners of a five-acre tract near the Hoffman Road and

(See "Foxfire," p. 14)

Prancing Horse Needs Volunteers

Prancing Horse Therapeutic Riding Center will offer three separate volunteer training workshops: at Muddy Creek Farm on September 10 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am; at McLendon Hills Equestrian Center on September 13 from 3:30 pm - 5 pm; and at the new location, Seven Lakes Stables on September 12 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am.

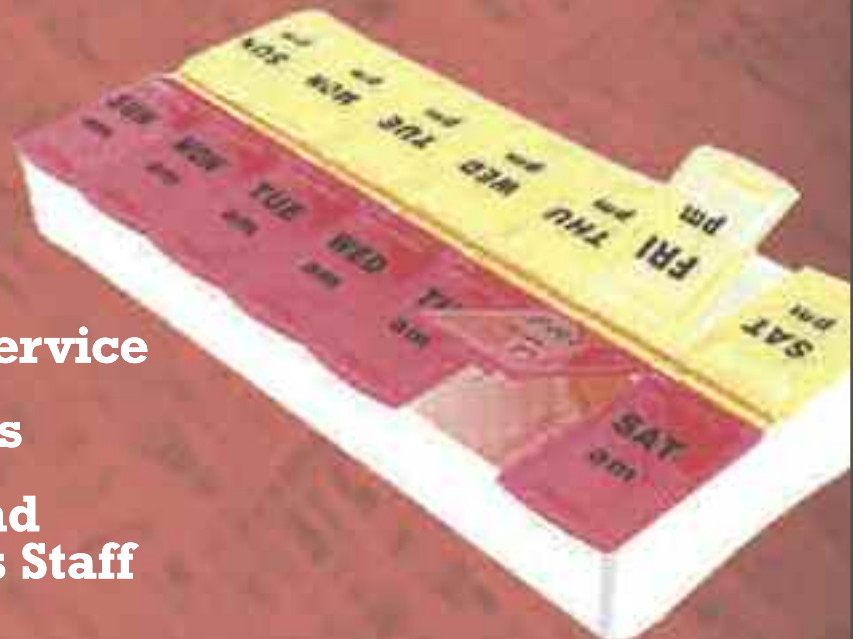
Volunteers are needed for classes held on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

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Woodland Circle intersection.

He explained the Council first approached the owner two years ago, seeking to purchase 1.44 acres of the parcel. That request was declined, with the owner citing their preference to sell the entire tract, at an asking price of \$250,000.

Erickson said in his recent efforts — conducting exclusively via email messages — found that the owners expressed the same sentiment.

"They still want to sell it as a single parcel, but no price was discussed," he said, though he noted they have offered an exchange of the land in lieu of satisfying some of the debt owed on water assessments for the Woodland Circle extension project.

The newest and most successful municipal well is located very near the site, and Erickson said a test well at the location, completed several years ago, demonstrated positive results.

"It runs along that same vein," he explained.

Councilwoman Leslie Frusco suggested that, rather than purchase new land, the Council should consider pursuing a new well site on the 160-acres owned by the Village — land also located in the Woodland Circle area — which was donated in lieu of a \$1.4 million assessment on the undeveloped property.

However, after going around the table in discussion, all agreed that no immediate action was needed.

Erickson reminded the Council that Councilman Steve Durham would be presenting a new long-range water study very soon and that the late Dick Cristman, the former Foxfire Water supervisor, had previously calculated the Village would not need another new well for ten to fifteen years, based on the current rate of growth.

Councilman Durham said his committee had collected a lot of data and agreed with that assessment.

"There is no need in the short term for new well," he said.

PARTF Grant Proposal

A grant application seeking funding to improve and rebuild the centrally-located pool and tennis courts in Foxfire Village was denied

by the North Carolina Parks & Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] in 2012 — for a sixth consecutive year.

Mayor Erickson said he recently received an invitation to submit a new application but added that, personally, he was not in favor of pur-

suing a grant at this time.

Initially developed in 2006, the grant request had been tweaked and resubmitted over and over, each year creeping closer to the top of the list, but always falling short.

"I am pleased that the

PARTF grant program is still in place — that it has not been eliminated — but I do not have any confidence that Foxfire has a reasonable chance to compete," he said.

In addition — and more importantly — noted Council-

(See "Foxfire," p. 15)



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cilman McCue, Foxfire Village is not in an economic position to provide the local matching funds that would be required if a PARTF bid were successful.

Frusco agreed.

"We need to look at the long range financial health of our Village, before we commit to another big project," she said.

One suggestion that gained some traction, offered by Councilman Durham, was to downsize the existing request or develop a new, but much smaller scale project as a grant request.

Erickson noted the original request included the addition of a community center at the Village Green Park, a facility that could accommodate groups and allow residents to gather for cards and other social pursuits.

Two properties annexed

Extending the corporate limits of the Foxfire Village just a little bit more, the Council unanimously approved two voluntary annexations.

During a public hearing prior to the vote, no comment was offered either for or against the request.

One parcel is located near the intersection of Hoffman Road and Hartsell Lane, and the second is within the Grande Pines subdivision.

In previous discussion, Erickson explained the two requests were based on the property owners' desire to tap on to the municipal water system.

An annexed property is subject to all the financial obligations, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in Foxfire Village; but this action also entitles these owners to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of Foxfire Village — including water service.

Finance

As of July 31, the General Fund stood at \$759,293 including \$100,089 set aside in capital reserves, reported Finance Director Leslie Frusco.

The Water Fund stood at \$227,343, plus an additional \$135,702 is held in a restricted escrow account for a new well.

Annual bank loan payments made in July include \$26,192 from the General Fund toward the Village Green Park loan; and \$41,144 from the Water Fund for new water lines and other improvements. In addition, loan payments on the Woodland Circle project are due in April 2013 and will include \$173,300 from the General Fund and \$13,929 from the Water Fund.

Based on information received from Moore County, the Council approved a transaction writing off approximately \$500 in 2011 property tax debt.

"We don't forgive property taxes, but there are certain times that Moore County does re-assessments or finds an error," explained Frusco. "These are taxes that will not be collected."

In addition she noted that the new county billing system

for taxes has created additional work for Foxfire staff, as they attempt to cross-reference established information that was not included in the new documentation.

Streets

In response to a request he filed with the NC Department of Transportation, Councilman Eltschlager reported that low-hanging branches at the intersection of Hoffman and Richmond Roads have been pruned back — improving the line of sight.

He also reported that a pot-hole on Woodland Circle had been filled.

Planning & Zoning

The Council accepted the resignation of Chairman Steve Sparks from the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Established early in the Village's 35-year history as an incorporated municipality, the Planning & Zoning Committee includes nine members — a number Mayor Erickson argued is likely too high.

"The Council has discussed reducing the number of committee members," he said. "It has become very difficult to get that many active members, so we have considered reducing it from nine to five."

"I want this committee to be an active and viable part of the things we have to deal with," he added.

Other business

In other business on Tuesday, August 14, the Foxfire Village Council:

- Heard from Long Range Planning Chair McCue that he anticipates the completion of a water study report and recommendations, conducted by Councilman

Durham, and will present that information to the Council in September.

- Heard an update from Mayor Erickson on the proposed multi-county Hazard Mitigation Plan, which includes high and low priorities and a timeline. Such plans are necessary to receive emergency funding and the intent of a multi-county approach is to increase the established percentage rate for those reimbursements.
- Heard an update from Mayor Erickson on the Triangle J Council of Government's new economic development plan: NC Tomorrow.

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power of a vision."

President Mick Herdrich said, without community feedback, the Board would have had to make a tough decision on the proposal. But, because it was designated a matter of significant interest, there is now feedback from the membership, and that has to be taken into consideration.

"There are times when it is necessary for the elected body to make tough decisions," said Bill Price, who spoke in favor of the plan, "which may not be popular — which are necessary to move the community forward."

Board members have suggested that the best route for proponents of a Vision and Master Plan to move their effort forward may be to have it included in an annual budget, which will, like all annual budgets, need to be approved by a vote of the membership.

"I don't think there is anybody on this Board who wouldn't love to have a plan," said Secretary Jane Sessler.

"I would love to have a Board where I knew somewhat where we are going."

However, Director Stevens argued that the time to adopt a plan is now and not later. "Kicking the can down the road would be short sighted," said Stevens, adding that putting a plan into place would take the community out of "crisis management."

The budget process for next year begins in October. Though the Board's second vote shelves the Vision and Master Plan proposal for now, Herdrich said, "I am sure this issue is not over."

Pond Dam Repairs

Odor and seepage coming from the dam on Longleaf Pond #3 convinced Dam Engineer Dr. Dan Marks that a further inspection of the dam was needed. The result of that inspection indicates that the materials used to build the dam have decomposed over time, reported Lake and Dam Director Bruce Keyser.

Although this is "not yet to a dangerous point," Marks has requested that the pond

be drained so that remediation can begin.

The engineer outlined four options for remediation, and the Lake and Dam committee has selected the option that would leave Longleaf Drive open during the repairs.

"While we may have a few delays or probable one way

on Thursday, August 2 that included former Long Range Planning Director John Goodman and contractor Ron Atkinson.

"I want the community to know that John Goodman's expertise and diligence on this project will result in major cost reductions," said

way in a tenuous position."

Core test results from the dam at Longleaf Pond #2's were much more favorable, and that dam is not expected to need remediation.

Upcoming Events

Events Director Rosemary Weber said the band "Loaded Dice" will be playing at the First Friday Concert at Johnson Point on Friday, September 7, with the 50/50 raffle proceeds going to the Boy Scouts Troop 98.

On Saturday, September 15, the Events Committee will host Margaritaville Night from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at West Side Park Community Center. Light appetizers and Margarita mix will be provided. There will also be a limbo competition. Tickets, are limited to 150 people, are \$7 per person and are available in the Community Center. The 50/50 raffle will benefit Blaise McNair.

On Saturday October 20, the committee will host the annual Octoberfest, which will include German style food, music, and drinks. Ticket prices will be announced at a later date.

(See "Westside," p. 17)

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— Westside Secretary Jane Sessler

road access, we do not anticipate losing access to the roadway during remediation," said Keyser.

The repairs to the dam will include removing improper material from the backside of the dam and then replacing and reinforcing to a 100-year storm standard, explained Keyser.

In an effort to save money, the material being removed will be laid over the new material to create a "gentle slope on the back side" of the dam said Keyser.

A pre-bid meeting was held

Keyser.

A proposal for the project will be presented to the Board during their Tuesday, August 28 evening meeting. With Board approval, the project could begin immediately and would take eight to twelve weeks for completion.

Currently, the dam is not considered "high risk," and remediation can move forward at the community's discretion, Keyser explained. However, Marks has said delaying the project for an extended amount of time could put "the dam and road-

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Commissioners

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feel toward the desecration -- actual or perceived -- of the memory of those Veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice."

Dual Ownership Proposed

After Chairman Caddell said he would prefer to make the area around the Memorial "open-space-only," Commissioner Lea made a motion to accomplish that by amending Doby's resolution to eliminate the words "professional office buildings."

But Caddell joined Kennedy

and Melton in voting against Lea's motion, which won the support of only Lea and Picerino.

Caddell explained his vote by indicating he would rather the land be deeded jointly to the County and the Veterans.

"If you are going to make it sacred ground, make it sacred ground," said Caddell. "But don't stick an office space there that later on you have to come back and fight over."

However, Doby said the Veterans cannot assume

ownership of the land because they do not have the funds to pay the insurance and maintain the property adjacent to the Memorial.

Caddell told the Veterans that is where dual ownership would come in handy. The County could pick up the tab for the insurance and upkeep of the land.

That option is among those the new committee is expected to consider.

Caddell asked the veterans in attendance to present their recommendation for six or

seven veterans to serve on the new committee at the Board's Tuesday, August 21 meeting. Commissioner Lea suggests the veterans might also recommend which Commissioners should serve on the panel.

West End Voting Site

Turning to other business Tuesday evening, the Board approved a \$1,500 contract with Neal Smith Engineering, Inc of Southern Pines for a structural inspection of the Old West End School Gym. The gym serves as the polling

place for the West End precinct, but needs some repairs and upgrades prior to Election Day in November, when more than 500 voters are expected to use the facility.

"There could possibly be issues with the structure of the building," said Smith, who said there have been no repairs to the building in years.

After the results of an inspection are compiled, a long range plan can be developed for the building, he added. The hope is that minimal repairs can be done to the building before Election Day.

Westside work session

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Other Business

Other Business conducted during the Board's Tuesday, August 14 meeting included:

- Cash disbursements for the month of July were \$134,700. Non recurring items included: \$7,400 to Mark's Enterprises for work at Longleaf Dam and \$34,000 to Capel Landscaping for work done on Lake Auman and to East Coast Pyrotechnics for the fireworks display. All disbursements were budgeted, said Treasurer Don Friert.
- Community Manager Jeanette Mendence said fans have been purchased for the security building, grass has been planted

near the dam at the end of Lakeway Mall, and a broken pipe for the fire sprinkler system at the Community Center has been repaired.

- Safety and Security Director Jim McCarthy said high resolution cameras have been installed at the back gate. Two additional cameras will be ordered for the front gate. McCarthy is currently investigating electronic gates for the roadway over Lake Auman.
- A water main break on Longleaf near the water tower and Vanore Road has been fixed, said Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman. Moore County Public Utilities made the repair, which affected an area the

size of a fifty gallon drum, he explained. He encouraged anyone experiencing water quality problems to contact the County. Director Sessler reminded the community that water main breaks or similar occurrences are posted on the community website.

- The Amenities Committee has touched up the paint on the basketball court and will do the same to the parking lines at the Community Center, reported Mendence.
- ARC Director Dan Blue reported that there are six new construction projects

and thirty one other projects currently underway in the community.

Social Services

The Board approved an FY2013 Home and Community Care Block Grant Agree-

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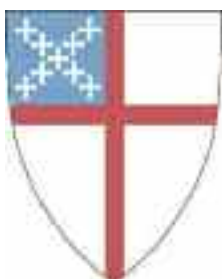
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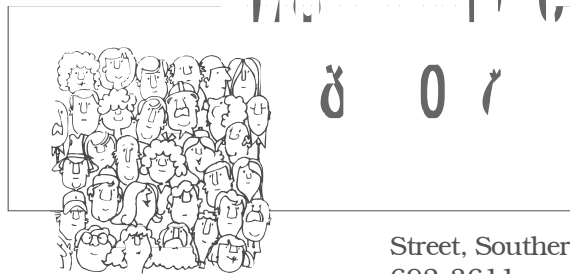
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- **North, South & West Open Golf Tournament at SLCC** – 8:30 am Shotgun start. Entry Fee: \$35 per player (\$70 team) The entry fee will include cart fee, range balls, lunch and prizes. Format: Fourball Competition - "Better Ball of Partners" Both players must reside in the same geographic development to qualify for this event (Seven Lakes North, South or West). Register at Seven Lakes Country Club Golf Shop. Contact Gene Roberts 910-673-1092, ext. 2.
- **Backyard Bocce Bash** – 8:30 am, benefit for Sandhills Children's Center. \$25 per player, teams consist of four men and/or women. The Junior League of Moore County is partnering with Sandhills Children's Center to help raise more funds for the children. They will be grilling up some great hotdogs and selling them during the tournament, as well as providing some afternoon entertainment. Spectators are welcome to bring a lawn chair and support this worthy cause. Organize a team, think of a clever team name and register at 910-692-3323 or online at www.BackyardBocce.org
- **Farmers Market at Sandhills Winery** – 9 am - 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Faith Baptist Church worship service** – 6 pm, Impact Ministries. The service will incorporate praise and worship music, drama skits, and a focus on presenting the Gospel in a way

that will be easy to understand and apply. The focus is to "IMPACT" the community through the teens and young adults. Faith Baptist Church, 2180 Carthage Rd, West End.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy



Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *The Collaborator* – 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. A playwright whose marriage and career are in a free fall has an explosive run-in with his former neighbor, a right-wing ex-con. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- **Geology of the Sandhills** – 3 pm, Where did all the sand in the Sandhills come from? What is paint rock? Join the ranger to learn the answers to these questions and discover more about the geology of the Sandhills. Meet in the auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

- **Weight Watchers Meeting**

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

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *The Collaborator* – 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. A playwright whose marriage and career are in a free fall has an explosive run-in with his former neighbor, a right-wing ex-con. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

- **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** – 6 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

- **Project Linus** – 10 am, workshop. The group will be working on fleece blankets, crafts and marketing items at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse until 2 pm. Drop by to donate an hour of your time. Bring a snack or lunch. Call Pat Weber at 673-1457 or weberconsult@ncrr.com to add your name to the Project Linus attendee list at the North gate.

- **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. Bible Study designed for the reverts; 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 this session. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid*, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$5. Butch and Sundance are the two leaders of the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang. Butch is all ideas, Sundance is all action and skill. The west is becoming civilized and when Butch and Sundance rob a train once too often, a special posse begins trailing them no matter where they run. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

- **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.

- **"TMJ" (Temporomandibular Joint Disorders)** – 4 pm, Ray Metzger, PT, with Appalachian Physical Therapy, will be at the Senior Enrichment Center to discuss causes of severe jaw discomfort and even pain. Those with TMJ disorders may experience facial pain, pain or tenderness of the jaw or neck, limited movement or locking of the jaw, painful clicking in the jaw, headaches, uneven bite, difficulty chewing, or pain around the ear. Physical therapy can often help with exercises to strengthen muscles and improve flexibility and range of motion, and with alignment training. Call 215-0900 to reserve a seat. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Scutes and Scales at Weymouth** - 3 pm, What do these words have in common? You'll find out when you join the Ranger to learn about the reptile residents of the Sandhills. Meet in the auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- **Awana Olympic Family Kick Off** – 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Ages: Preschool – 5th graders & family. Wear your red, white & blue for Olympic games, inflatables & prizes. Seven Lakes Baptist Church, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive. Seven Lakes, 910-673-4656.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.
- **Seven Lakes Business Guild meeting** – 5:30 pm, at Gorenflo & Campbell, PLLC, 105 Seven Lakes Court (same parking lot as Carolina Golf Association). Gorenflo will make a 30-minute presentation on Small Business/Estate issues. Topics he will briefly cover: Entity Types, Business Succession Planning, Asset Protection and Wills/Trusts and Elder Care documents. Drinks and light snacks will be served. Call Cheryl Darwell at 910-673-7245 if you plan to

attend the meeting.

- **Moore County Land Use Plan Steering Committee** – 6 pm, at Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.
- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – 7 pm, meeting at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. "Birding in Bolivia" Bill Newton will share his recent birding adventures in the high, dry plains of the Bolivian Andes. Photos of the Altiplano region from March will prove to be very impressive. Visitors Welcome. 910-692-2167 for more information or visit www.sandhillsnature.org

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

- **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.
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 7 pm, work session. West Side Park Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

- **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. Bible Study designed for the reverts; 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 this session. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 7:30 pm,

General meeting. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

- **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 \$5.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Living With Alzheimer's** – at 6 pm, Presented by the Alzheimer's Association at the Fox Hollow Senior Living, 190 Fox Hollow, Pinehurst. 910-695-0011.



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Commissioners

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ment in the amount of \$780,000, as requested by Aging Director Terri Prots. The money will go toward In-Home Aide, Nutrition, Transportation, Senior Center Operations, and Information and Referral programs. The grant requires a local match of \$87,000, which is included in this year's Aging Department Budget.

The Board accepted a \$50,000 grant from the state of North Carolina for the School Nurse Funding Initiative [SNFI], as requested by Health Director, Robert Wittman. The money will be used in conjunction with FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc to provide a school health nurse to serve Moore County Public Schools.

The Board accepted a \$75,000 Urgent Repair Program Grant, as requested by Moore County Planning Supervisor Tim Emmert. The money will be used for repairs to help at least thirteen qualifying Moore County homeowners. The local match for the program is \$5,000.

The Board approved a request by John Benton from the Moore County Department of Social Services to enter into an \$85,000 contract with Sandhills Transportation for Medicaid Transportation services for eligible clients. The contract is eligible for state and federal reimbursement.

Information Technology

The Board approved a \$526,500 storage area network refresh lease with DDI Leasing, Inc. for five years, as requested by Information Technology Director Darlene Yudell. The funding for the first year of the project was approved in this year's budget.

The Board convened as the East Moore Water District and tabled a request by Yudell to lease the water tower on Union Church Road to Broadlink for installation

of a broadband antenna to act as a redundant high capacity network link for County connectivity. There is no cost to the County for this project. County Attorney Leland will review the contract before it comes back to the Commissioners for action.

Public Works

The Board approved a sewage treatment and disposal service contract with Southern Pines, as requested by Assistant County Manager Ken Larking. Terms of a state loan the County received in order fund an expansion of the Addor wastewater treatment plant requires that the county negotiate long-term contracts with its sewer customers, which include the municipalities of Aberdeen, Carthage, Pinebluff, Southern Pines, Taylortown, and Moore County Public Utilities.

Forestry Services

The Board approved an agreement between the North

Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Forest Resources and Moore County for the protection, development and improvement of forest lands in Moore County.

NC Division of Forest Resources submitted a letter of request in July to approve a contract for fiscal year 2012-13 to pay forty percent of the total cost of the Forester or Forest Ranger salaries and expenses in connection with the overall Forestry program in Moore County. The County set aside \$158,000 in the annual budget for this program.

Other Business

Other business conducted during the Commissioners' Tuesday, August 7 meeting included:

- The Board approved a request by Amy Morris and Matt Garner to proclaim September as National Recovery Month.
- The Board approved a

request by County Planner Jeremy Rust to call a public hearing on Tuesday, August 21 at 6:00 pm to consider the adoption of the Moore County Working Lands Protection Plan.

- Human Resources Director Denise Brook presented the employee service awards for the month.
- The Board tabled the presentation of a report on a recent meeting on the options for bringing water from Robbins to southern Moore County that included representatives of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources and County officials.
- A change order for \$4,000 for the Little River Lift Station was approved by the Board.
- A Budget Ordinance for the Airport's Runway 05 Extension was tabled at the request of Airport Executive Director Steve Borden.

The \$329,000 local share of the cost of the project is to be funded by using a portion of the County occupancy tax.

- The Board agreed that the formal process of selecting a new County Manager will begin after the November elections. Current County Manager Cary McSwain will retire at the end of November.

Appointments

- The Board appointed Susan Zucchini and Peter Madsen to the Library Board of Trustees.
- The Board appointed Dr. Mark Brenner to the Airport Authority.
- The Board appointed Robert Hayter to the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees.
- The Board tabled the appointment of Partners in Progress Director Pat Corso to the Workforce Development Board.



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Beer

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vort] boils over, it is a sticky, sugary mess all over your stove."

Offering a brief primer, Zielsdorf said brewing begins with drawing and then heating ten gallons of water with the calcium ions. The grain and water is then mixed together in a separate container, called a Mash Tun, until it reaches an oatmeal consistency. After a resting period, the vorloft is collected from the mix – which is a cloudy liquid at first.

"The purpose of vorloft is to get the wort cycling out until it is clear," he clarified.

At this point in the process, the wort is emptied to another boiling pot, so, as it drains from one vessel, you replenish from a second container until the entire mixture is once again hot. Now the hops are added and boiled — depending on the type and recipe — for a period, then cooled to allow the yeast to be added before again being transferred to smaller containers.

Zielsdorf cautioned that it is important to leave the cap loose to allow oxygen to escape during the crucial fermentation process — which can last up to two weeks.

"Some beers have a more vigorous ferment. Sometimes I will even put big tubes down the bottle neck to let the air escape: otherwise it could spew and you'd have a real mess," he joked.

Throughout the next twelve to fourteen days, he noted, it is important to continually remove the precipitate that falls to the bottom of the jugs.

"It's not good to leave the young beer in that so you have to siphon it out," he said.

One of the more enticing aspects of home brewing — other than enjoying the fruit of your own labor — are the many recipes and types of beer available.

"I do a lot of research into finding good recipes, and you can always modify them to your own taste," Zielsdorf said.

His very first brew has remained a staple recipe: a

Weiss beer.

"A German Weiss beer was always a strong preference for me; and, as a home brewer, it is a relatively easy bottle to brew, because it primarily uses only two grains and one kind of hops," he said. "A more difficult beer would contain more specialized grains and multiple types of hops, but the process of brewing is the same process. It is the ingredients that bring up the difficulty level."

Zielsdorf has a few other tried and true favorites, including a Helles lager, a porter, an IPA [India Pale Ale], and, occasionally, a German Dunkel.

"I always do a porter for

the colder weather, but I think I'll probably only brew one every other year from now on. The flavor is fabulous, but it is so rich and heavy that I have a hard time going through ten gallons," he said. "Though my British neighbor loves it!"

Aside from the appeal of cold weather brewing, Zielsdorf said the hot Summers make it difficult to brew because he prefers to use liquid yeast — which is delicate.

"The problem is if the yeast is sitting in a delivery truck and its 100 degrees, it'll probably kill the yeast," he said, noting that, in a pinch, a home brewer can also use

dry yeast.

"I can brew up to forty gallons, but not at one time. I usually brew in three cycles until my storage is full, and then I can go several months without having to brew," he said.

The actual brewing process is an all-day affair, mainly due to the time incurred by heating large vats of water. Long enough, he said, that he prefers working in ten gallon batches unless he is trying something really experimental. Plus all the beer and supplies require adequate space.

"You have to make some provisions before you can store a five gallon keg, so if

I'm brewing a Helles lager — which likes to sit in cooler temperatures — I brew in late Fall and finish it by early Spring, which allows me to keep the keg in my garage," he said.

Other types of beer, like a Weiss, ales and IPAs can be stored at room temperature and, once indoors, Zielsdorf also has the option of storing his beer in a specialty fridge with its own tap.

"The second keg of every batch is always smoother and better because it's been sitting around for a few months," he said. "That drinks really well."

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OPINION

New neighbors make quite a racket

Usually, I have some inane pop song running through my own private stereo between the ears, playing the same repetitive refrain over and over.

Sometimes I'm lucky and it's a golden and silky-voiced embrace, like Karen Carpenter reminding me that every Sha la la and every Shing a ling a ling is so fine; but more often it is a high-pitched and intense whine.

Oh wait, that's just the kids calling me.

Mom, Hey Mom! Mommy? Are you there, Mom? Mom, are you listening? Mom!

This week I've found a kindred spirit out in the woods behind my house.

Phee phew, phee phew

Over and over, this shrieking call commands attention — all day long. And since we've now seen three of these raptor-like new neighbors, I can only assume it's a demanding youngster.

Phee phew . . . Are you watching? Mom! Dad! Here, look, look at me!

Armed with various B-grade binoculars and a thick bird watching manual, Darling Hubby and I stood in the yard — for great lengths of time, mind you — trying to figure out who was the new kid in town and just what exactly is he screaming at?

"It's a Red-shouldered hawk," I said with authority.

[Note: I was wrong.] "That's it, I'm sure of it."

"It's an Osprey, said the man of the house. Look, he has white on his wings."

Back and forth we argued —



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

like two old cackling crows — with our heads craned back, pointing at the bird then pointing at our book, and back again.

No doubt our other neigh-

bors, the non-winged ones, thought we were daft. And this odd behavior went on for days.

Phee phew, Phee phew!

We could neither agree what it was nor escape from its shrill call. The sound pierced our walls and crested overtop the humming

air conditioning and daily chaos of life with two kids, three cats, and one giant, shedding speed bump of a dog.

Day five: "I've got it!" Darling

Hubby declared.

"It's a Mississippi Kite."

"Huh? What is that, a third cousin of the Canada Goose or maybe a big sister to the Carolina Wren?"

Yet I had to admit complete defeat. Not only had I never, ever, heard of a Mississippi Kite but — and this is worse — he was right.

Phee phew, I sang back.

A migratory hawk. I'm so very glad we've gotten to know these newcomers before they head south for the Winter. They are exactly as the book describes: graceful, buoyant, and quite gregarious: I've decided they'll fit right in.

Welcome to the neighborhood, Kite family.

How to make friends, when you're new in town

Question: My husband and I moved into Seven Lakes eight months ago and have been very disappointed with the way we have been received. We had heard so much about southern hospitality, but we have had real difficulty in making friends. Our neighbors, who are church-going Christians, barely speak to us and never even asked us to attend church with them. Aren't Christians supposed to love their neighbors?

Response: I am so sorry that you have had difficulty making friends in this community and that your move here has not been a happy experience.

Yes, Christians are urged to love their neighbors and to practice holy hospitality — and southern hospitality is real. There's a good chance that you have not met many southerners, since the majority of the people in Seven Lakes came from north of the Mason-Dixon line. Maybe

your "church-going" Christians are among those who have never really learned what true Christian discipleship is about.



Ask the 'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

My wife and I have lived in nine different towns during our marriage. In the course of moving around the country, we have learned a few things about making new friends. Here are some suggestions.

No section of the country or the world has a monopoly on neighborliness or hospitality to strangers. If you had friends in the community where you lived before, you should have little difficulty making friends here.

First, make a practice of remembering the names of new acquaintances. Remembering names is a matter of

paying close attention when you meet a person and then finding a way to repeat that name several times in your initial conversation.

Second, brag about your new community. Tell people how much you are enjoying the area and the people

here. Keep your complaints and criticisms of your new surroundings to yourself. People love to hear good things about the place they chose to live.

Third, don't tell people how much better anything was where you came from. Reminisce privately with one another about the things you enjoyed in your former town, but your new friends will be bored by your previous experiences and accomplishments.

Fourth, find a church and attend regularly. Don't wait for someone to invite you. Most churches are full of

hospitable people, unlike your neighbors.

If it is a small church, you are likely to feel welcome immediately. If you attend a larger church, find a small group within the church where you can feel that you belong. It could be a class, the choir or a particular interest group. Some people who are wary of churches may find similar acceptance in a civic club, country club, bridge group or book club; but, believe me, your opportunities to make new friends are more likely in a church.

You probably expected a minister to recommend this, but many people I know have found this to be true.

I pray that you will experience new and lasting friendships soon. It's no fun being lonely.

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

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Use and misuse of the Bible

I have been asked recently. "How is it that many intelligent people come up with so many different views about the same book — The Bible?" It's a very interesting question, to say the least.

From my perspective, the answer is not as complex as one might think. The fact is that anyone can make the Bible say whatever they want it to say. A crude illustration of this is that the Bible says, in Psalm 14:1: "There is no God." The text just before that states: "the fool has said in his heart." If I am looking to justify my actions or to support my beliefs, I can do so by using Scripture out of context.

So, how do I study the Bible to properly understand its teachings? The science that is used for proper study of the Bible is called "biblical hermeneutics." It is the science of text interpretation.

It takes an in-depth look at many factors surrounding the book. It includes looking at the history, the characters, the time and place, in order to gauge the context of why the book was written.

Many of today's study Bibles have done the preliminary work for you and placed a few pages at the beginning of each book of the Bible containing history and background surrounding that book. The purpose of hermeneutics is to allow the expositor to exegete the scripture — or allow the scriptures to say what they say, without the reader applying personal

presuppositions to them.

The problem is that we all see the world through our own colored lens or worldview. In other words, we bring our own background,



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thoughts, culture, history, even religion and beliefs when we interpret the Bible. When one comes to the Bible and tries to use it to prove that what he already believes is true, that is called "eisegesis," and it is why many mistakes are made when studying the Scriptures.

An example of eisegesis would be that one comes to the Bible with the presupposition that one can get to heaven by her good deeds. She can find multiple scriptures that would support that presupposition; however, that would be approaching scripture the wrong way. For proper exegesis, one must study to interpret the text, not just to prove a theory. Hermeneutics gives one the proper rules and techniques to ensure that the text is interpreted properly.

The Bible is the number one best selling book of all time. It is an amazing book that is different than every other book that you will ever

read or study. I would encourage everyone to read and study the book that I believe is God's love letter to mankind.

If you read the Bible in context and approach it with an open mind you will receive tremendous benefits from looking into the very Word of God.

Don't be afraid to ask questions and don't settle for weak answers. One of my favorite verses is found in Acts 17:11 "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

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This course will be held in a classroom courtesy of First Baptist Church of Southern Pines.

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the severe and persistent mental illnesses, up-to-date information about medications, and current research.

Attendees will also be given strategies for handling crises and relapse, all the while learning how to cope with the worry, stress, and emotional overload of being a caregiver.

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Gates on dam slow EMT response

Dear Editor:

An Open Letter to the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board:

On Tuesday, July 31, my wife woke up with her heart in AFIB (the heart goes out of rhythm). I called 911, and the following chain of events was the result.

An EMT arrived from West End and started checking vital signs. (I'm not sure if he was from West End Fire & Rescue or Moore County; both are housed in West End.) He stated that he had a hard time unlocking the gate to come across the dam.

Once he crossed the dam he turned right onto Morris and followed it to James. When he reached the intersection of Morris and James he turned right onto James, saw the numbers were going

in the wrong direction, and turned around.

I am not blaming the EMT. James Drive is confusing, and I believe he followed the instructions in the 911 data base. The quickest way to 186 James from the dam is to continue one-half mile on Longleaf and turn right onto James.

An ambulance arrived from Pinehurst. They had come in the East Gate and headed to the dam. On arriving at the dam discovered they didn't have the combination for the lock and had to turn around and traverse another six miles around Longleaf and come in from the Beacon Ridge side of Longleaf. They then turned onto Morris and, at the first street, turned onto James and followed it the full length to 186 James

— again following what I think were the directions in the 911 database. The quickest way to 186 James from the Beacon Ridge direction is to continue on Longleaf to James Drive (the third street on the left after Beacon Ridge) and turn left. I am the first house on the left.

I think you get the picture. Time is of the essence with heart problems. Marianne's pulse was 175 when the loaded her in the ambulance (her normal rate is 60-70).

Two things: One of the responders suggested signs at the intersections of James indicating which numbers are left and which are right. Two, something must be done with the locked gate over the dam.

Someone said that Seven Lakes should have respond-

ed; they wouldn't have had to cross the dam. Seven Lakes could be out on another call, and you still need a back up from West End. The Manager of Moore County Public Safety indicated he has suggested a siren activated lock for the dam gates. He indicated it is expensive; but, in my mind, it would be a better use of our funds than a Vision and Master Plan.

I am not being critical of the emergency responders. They did a wonderful job. The problems they encountered are our problems. I hope the 911 data base has been updated with the directions I provided.

Max & Marianne Foley
Seven Lakes West

'Born again means born again'

Dear Editor:

Some of the comments in the article "Are You Born Again?" in the August 3 edition of *The Seven Lakes Times* caused me some concern.

The Greek word "ἀνωθεν" that Jesus uses in John 3 can mean either "from above" or "again."

But reading the entire passage shows, in Nicodemus' response to Jesus, that he clearly understood it to mean "again."

While I may agree on the technical elements of the article, I do not agree that "there are many ways that one can be transformed from death to life and enter into a relationship with God."

There is only one way in which one can enter into a relationship with God and that is through the only "Mediator" between God and men (1 Timothy 2:5): Jesus.

Jesus Himself said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6 HCSB)

You are only "born again" once, not again and again and again. Ephesians 1:13-14 states that "you are sealed

with the Spirit of Promise, the Holy One." (Greek Majority Text). Being "born again" or "salvation" is simply believing that:

1. Jesus is the promised Messiah to come,
2. He is the atoning sacrifice which cleanses you from sin and its penalty, and
3. Trusting Him alone, that He has done this and will do what He has promised, taking you to be with Him in His Father's house. (John 14:1-4).

True, there are many doctrinal teachings throughout Scripture which expound more on salvation in Jesus Christ, but the three statements above are the basic essentials.

Jesus said that "only the

one who does the will of My Father will enter the kingdom of heaven" and the will of the Father is this, "That you believe in the One He has sent." (John 6:29 HCSB).

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Water

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Bear Creek to feed a new County-owned water plant that would treat up to 1.5 million gallons per day [GPD], with up to 400,000 of that going to Robbins and the rest to southern Moore County via Seven Lakes.

- Second, placing a new run of river intake in the Deep River, north of Robbins, and using that more plentiful source to supply the reservoir and treatment plant, producing up to 3.3 million GPD.

Gould's estimates put a price tag of roughly \$15 million on each phase.

Little water available from Bear Creek

But, under current environmental regulations, Bear Creek can provide only a fraction of the water it once supplied to the Town of Robbins. That was the "bad news" County officials got in a July 31 meeting with a dozen representatives of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR].

"The bad news is that the availability of water out of Bear Creek is greatly diminished," Commissioner Nick Picerno told *The Times*. Picerno was joined at the meeting, held in Raleigh, by Commissioner Craig Kennedy, Robbins Mayor Lonnie English, County Manager Cary McSwain, Assistant County Manager Ken Larking, and Gould. NCDENR attendees included representatives of the Division of Water Quality,

the Division of Water Resources, and the Public Water Supply Section. Also on hand was State Senator Jerry Tillman, whose reconfigured district includes Moore County.

Gould prepared a summary of the meeting that was available for review at the Tues-

withdrawal of twenty percent of the 7Q10 Low Flow of a stream. "7Q10 Low Flow" is the lowest stream flow over seven consecutive days that would be expected in a ten-year period. For Bear Creek, that's 240,000 GPD, and 20 percent of that is 48,000 gallons.

GPD, but that's still a fraction of the 1.5 million GPD the county was hoping for.

It's Deep River or Nothing

That means the two-phase, thirty-year plan Gould envisioned for tapping Northwest Moore water has become a one-phase plan with a much shorter timeframe, and obtaining state authorization to tap the Deep River involves a process that is neither quick nor cheap.

"We got better news about the Deep River," Picerno told *The Times*. "The sixteen million gallon per day flow means we could potentially withdraw 3.2 million gallons. That's more in the ballpark."

"But what I heard was that, to get to that point, the permitting process takes twenty-four to thirty-six months," Picerno said. "It has to be approved by multiple agencies. They were suggesting that we go out and hire consultants."

"If I have to spend money on consultants, and it doesn't pan out, then I have just thrown away that money."

Noting that Moore County

Public Utilities "is not awash in capital reserves," Picerno added that "I don't want to take what little money we have in there and chase a fish that won't bite the hook. That doesn't mean I'm against it, but it's a concern."

Kennedy, who hails from Northwest Moore, came away from the meeting with a somewhat more optimistic assessment, noting that the NCDENR officials seemed eager to see the Deep River water resource developed. Rapid growth in the state's population has state legislators and officials putting a priority on the development of public water supplies.

Still, Kennedy noted that "there are a lot of hurdles to jump." The amount of research and planning necessary to win a permit to withdraw water from Deep River is, in fact, daunting. The county will have to determine where to put its intake on the River and then measure streamflow at that location. A filing under the State Environmental Quality Act will be required. The river

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— Commissioner Nick Picerno

day, August 7 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, but Gould's presentation was postponed until a future meeting. As a result, the Board hasn't been formally briefed on the meeting.

The Town of Robbins once held a state permit that would allow it to draw 1.5 million gallons per day from the Bear Creek intake, Picerno explained, "but when they shut down their water plant and quit using that source, the permit went away. We're under a whole new set of rules now."

"The flow rate in Bear Creek would only allow us 50,000 to 60,000 gallons per day," Picerno said. "That is not even a pittance. That's one-eighth of the daily use in Seven Lakes."

Gould told *The Times* that, without major environmental studies, the state allows the

Because the water flow in any stream would normally be significantly higher than the 7Q10 Low Flow, it is possible to obtain permission from NCDENR to take advantage of periods of high flow, withdrawing larger amounts of water for storage in an off-stream reservoir. Commissioner Kennedy told *The Times* that this "high-flow skimming" process could produce as much as 200,000



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Water

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itself will need to be reclassified -- and other local governments and landowners along the river have a say in that reclassification.

Engineering & Consulting Costs Could be Substantial

Gould said he had not yet begun to develop estimates for the consulting and engineering costs associated with the permitting process. Those costs will depend, to some degree, on the details of a re-imagined project. For example, will high-flow skimming from Bear Creek be a part of the project, or will the county abandon the idea of pulling water from that stream?

"My gut is, it's not going to be cheap," Picerno said of the studies required to win a permit. "Cheap, to me, is a couple thousand dollars. If you were talking \$50,000 to \$100,000 . . ."

He noted that "about thirteen different governmental agencies have to sign off on it. All that does is add cost, and doesn't really produce water."

On the other hand, Kennedy noted, the state has developed a clearinghouse process that gives local governments a single point of contact through which they reach the dozen or more agencies that must sign off on the various applications required to develop a new water resource.

The advantage of looking to Robbins as a source for water is the potential that the project will spur economic development in Northwest Moore County, Picerno said. "But we don't have unlimited funds."

The other advantage, he added, "is that it has a reservoir." While acknowledging that the underground aquifer that supplies Moore County's wells is also a reservoir, of sorts, Picerno said he would like to add to the bodies of water that the County depends on for water. "And a body of water I can see gives me a little more confidence."

"I think it is doable,"

Kennedy told *The Times*, "but it is not a walk in the park. It may be wishful thinking, but I would hope we could negotiate an agreement with the Town that would allow us to develop that resource -- for the County's benefit and for their benefit."

Rules limit transfer from one river basin to another

If the county were to win a permit to extract 3.2 million GPD from the Deep River, transfer that water to the Robbins reservoir, and build a new water plant to treat it, state regulations will still limit how that water can be used in southern Moore County.

Environmental rules normally cap at 2 million GPD the movement of water from one river basin to another, and Moore County sits astride three separate river basins: the Deep, the Cape Fear, and the Lumber. Robbins and its reservoir are in the Deep River basin; most of Moore County's population resides in the Cape Fear and Lumber River Basins; and the County discharges the wastewater from its Addor wastewater treatment plant into the Lumber River.

So, only 2 million GPD of Deep River water could be transferred to Southern Moore County and then deposited, through septic systems or the Addor plant, into the Cape Fear or Lumber River basins.

However, Seven Lakes North and McLendon Hills both lie on the north side of the ridge upon which NC Highway 211 rests, placing them in the Deep River Basin.

Gould told *The Times* that the County and NCDENR can use GIS systems and the database of County water users to determine how much of the water transferred from Robbins would be used in the Deep River basin, in order to stay within the interbasin transfer rules.

Alternatives?

Asheboro, in Randolph County, has the ability to treat up to 9 million GPD of water from the Uwharrie

River, and is ready to sell Moore County water. The Uwharrie is part of the Yadkin Pee Dee River basin, so interbasin transfer rules apply; however, Asheboro is grand-

decades down the line.

Gould previously estimated the cost of bringing water from Asheboro to Moore County at \$24 million. That's roughly the same as the cost

The least expensive short-term options on Gould's drawing board involve purchasing additional water from Harnett County or drilling seven new wells. These options, with their associated infrastructure, would cost roughly \$5 million each. Further infrastructure expansions, with a \$9 million price tag, could utilize Harnett County water to supply all of the 3 million additional gallons per day that Moore County is expected to need in the next 30 years.

Gould will likely brief the Board of Commissioners on the meeting with state officials during the Board's Tuesday, August 21 regular meeting.

"I think it is doable, but it is not a walk in the park."

— Commissioner Craig Kennedy

fathered to provide water to the Deep River basin. On the other hand, Kennedy noted that Asheboro is itself a fast-growing area, and the excess water production capacity they have now might be needed closer to home a few

to bring Lumber River water from an unused industrial water intake near Wagram, assuming the County could partner with Southern Pines and Aberdeen to cover the cost of purchasing the facility.



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SLLA work session

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of road repaving was to test the durability of and community reaction to the triple seal, to help the Board decide which surface to use in future repaving efforts.

Temple noted that the roads that have been triple-sealed have not received their final sweeping, which will remove loose gravel. "Those roads will look better as more and more traffic goes over them," he said.

The speed bumps that Riley initially installed on Sequoia Dam will be replaced by much wider speed tables, Darr said. He noted that the speed control devices had been moved from their original locations based on feedback from residents, with the goal of controlling speeding near the beach area and slowing traffic as it exits the dam.

"I had a former director ask me not to put them in at all," Darr said. "They are a pain," but we have a safety issue as it relates to speed on that dam.

Darr said he had asked Riley Paving for recommendations of road-striping contractors and will obtain estimates to bring to the Board.

CAS Contract

The Board met in closed session following to Work Session to review the final contract with CAS.

Darr told *The Times* on Tuesday that the contract has been approved and signed by both parties.

In response to a landowner's question, President Darr said CAS will provide the Board with three recommended Community Manager candidates from which to choose a new SLLA Manager. A decision is expected prior to September 1.

Treasurer Meyer said work behind the scenes to transfer financial and member information from Talis to CAS is proceeding apace.

Accelerating enforcement

Director Racine presented a rules amendment designed to move violations more quickly to the Judicial Com-

mittee, by eliminating the second notice to the violator. The Board agreed to move that amendment forward to the August Open meeting for a vote.

Racine explained that, under the current procedure, if the first notice of a violation is mailed on June 1, the earliest an uncorrected violation can be sent to the Judicial Committee for action is July 15. And then Judicial may give the violator thirty to sixty days to correct the problem.

The new process will drop the second notice, cutting two weeks out of the process, and getting the violation in the hands of the Judicial Committee more quickly.

President Darr said one of the problems with SLLA enforcement procedures is that they treat all violations equally. So, someone leaving their garbage cans out at the end of the driveway triggers the same procedure as someone with a significant structural issue affecting their house.

"If you have someone with garbage cans, they don't need 30 days," he said. "They should have three days, or two days. If it's mold on the house, then they have to get a contractor and have the funds to pay for the work -- what you are talking about is very relative."

"What we get into when we get into this kind of a plan [i.e., Racine's revised process] is that we are putting everything in the same basket and there is no variation."

Accepting the point, Racine argued that speeding the process up by two weeks was nonetheless a step in the right direction. Both Darr and Racine said they expected some significant changes to the rules enforcement process once CAS, the new management company, comes on board in September.

RV Rule Change Tabled

The Board tabled a rule change aimed at tightening enforcement of rules that limit the amount of time a recreational vehicle [RV] may be parked at a residence. Owners are currently allowed

to park their RVs at their homes for up to 48 hours for loading, unloading, and cleaning. The rule amendment would have allowed this only once in a two-week period without approval from the Community Manager.

Members of the Work Session audience objected that this was unduly restrictive, and Racine admitted that it was targeted at one particular resident who is abusing the current rule.

"This bothers me on a lot of this stuff," President Darr said. "We have two or three violators and we make rules that affect everyone in order to get at those two violators."

Which Rules Book is Right?

Racine's suggested change to the RV rules sparked a conversation about how best to keep the official rule book updated -- and how best to inform landowners of changes to the rules.

A resident attending her first work session said she found the rules numbering system confusion, and also had difficulty keeping track of the continual revision of the rules.

Harkening back to his days in the corporate world, Treasurer Conrad Meyer explained that his company kept the most recent, officially-approved copies of key documents in digital form in a place called "controlled documents." Both he and Director Ritter suggested that the most up-to-date version of the rules should be maintained on the SLLA website.

Another rules revision proposed by Racine highlighted the problems involved in keeping the rulebook straight. The Board recently approved Rule 8.4.4.9, disallowing non-factory ballasting of a boat. But the number 8.4.4.9 had already been taken by another rule. No

one caught the error until the new rule had already been approved.


So, now the Board must re-approve both rules with their proper numbers, which it will do at the August Open Meeting.

Entry of Non-SLLA Boats

Also referred to the Open Meeting is new language in the Boating Rules that has been tabled several times. Lakes & Dams Committee member George Temple explained the intent of changes to section 8.4.2.


"Historically you have been able to bring any boat through the gates," Temple said. "This says you have to have a Seven Lakes sticker to get through the gates or get an exception [from the Community Manager]. It also requires that boat trailers have to be registered annually instead of just once."

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Director Ritter asked about the practical impact the change would have on procedures at the gates.

"From the gate perspective, if a resident or a guest comes in with a boat with no sticker. What does the gate do?" Ritter asked. "Presently, they allow the person in and they tell the person to go to the office."

Under the new rule, "he has to take it somewhere and leave it until he gets his slip," Director Don Fentzlaff explained.

"Imagine it is Saturday, and there is someone going cross country, and they are towing a boat," Ritter countered. "Whoever they are going to be visiting has to go down to the office and get an exception slip in advance. It is going to cause all kinds of complaints and issues."

"The issue is that we have people in the community who have brought in unregistered boats and their friends have brought in boats," President Darr said. "If the member is not interested enough to get permission, then we aren't letting them in."

"Our guards at the gates aren't the friends of everybody," Darr added. "There are rules, and if they are enforcing the rules, they are going to make some people unhappy."

"If you haven't gotten permission to get the boat in here, you don't get in here with the boat," he said.

In another change to the boating rules, the \$50 deposit required of landowners adding their names to the waiting list for a boat slip will be made non-refundable, if the Board approves the rules revision at the August 29 Open Meeting.

Grounds & Maintenance

Director Chuck Leach said his grounds and maintenance committee is making steady progress on plans for re-roofing the nineteen SLLA-owned buildings. He said they have settled on contractors for re-roofing the North Club House, the pool pump house, and a roof at Sequoia Point. Those

recommendations have been forwarded to the Finance Committee, Long Range Planning, and the Architectural Review Board and will eventually come to the Board for approval.

Leach said there is significant termite damage the maintenance shed and he recommended that CAS have it evaluated once they assume management duties.

Fireworks

At the request of Director Racine, the Board will vote at the August Open Meeting on a two-year renewal of the Fourth of July fireworks contract with Atlanta Pyrotechnic. Both the fireworks programs and the \$6,884 cost will be the same as this year.

Interlake

The Board discussed the possibility of eliminating the Interlake newsletter, replacing it with a electronic version on the new SLLA website.

Currently, the office staff prints approximately 400 copies at nominal expense. But Treasurer Meyer said the larger question is how much staff time is consumed in putting the publication together. He also asked whether any significant time would be saved in doing away with the print edition, if the same staff effort goes into producing a digital version.

"Let's see what the cost of it is and think about the usage," Darr said. "Right now we are going to keep it."

Public Comment

Noting that there has been talk about a possible dues increase, one resident said he had heard Seven Lakes Country Club owns fifteen lots on which they pay no dues. In addition, owners of undeveloped lots do not contribute to the restricted reserve for road repaving and state-mandated dam repairs. "Maybe we could start col-

lecting from all these people and maybe raise the dues \$50 instead of \$100," he suggested.

"We have had a lot of discussion about this," President Darr responded. "One of my failures in my job is that I

haven't scheduled a time to meet with the Country Club to discuss these issues. As we look to what it is that we need to do and as we look to the probability of dues increase, those are issues we will keep discussing."



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