

## Back to School



Safety Patrol members Grace Jarchow, Avery Campbell, and sisters Kendall and Caroline Hilliard help with the rush on the first day of school at West End Elementary.

## Board drops Spelman from Memorial panel

by Stacy Naughton  
Times Reporter



What began as a drive to protect the Moore County Veterans Memorial in Carthage has become a sometimes acrimonious debate between Veterans and the Board of Commissioners that has dragged on now for four months.

In an attempt to settle the dispute, the Moore County Board of Commissioners approved, during their Tuesday, August 7 meeting, a list of members to serve on a new committee formed to

determine how best to protect the Memorial.

But those appointments — approved three-to-one, with Commissioner Tim Lea dissenting — may have sparked more controversy than is quelled, because the veteran who has been most active in attempting to keep the Memorial issue before the public and the Commissioners, Westsider Chuck Spelman, was removed from the list of recommended appointees.

Spelman, a retired Army Major, is President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966; he has been a key player in the effort to have the land

(See "Memorial," p. 28)

## EMS districts worry West Side

by Stacy Naughton  
Times Reporter



Westiders are feeling the effects of a decision made in April to change the

Emergency Services [EMS] districts throughout Moore County.

In an effort to align fire and rescue stations, the Public Safety Department has divided Seven Lakes West in half — with West End Fire

and Rescue covering the area from Vanore to Morris Drive and Seven Lakes EMS covering the remainder of the community.

This is similar to how the fire districts are arranged in Seven Lakes West, portions of which fall into both the Seven Lakes and West End districts.

But the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors was never officially notified of the change in rescue district assignments.

Instead, it came the Board's attention through correspondence from members about increased response times to Westside medical emergencies, said Secretary Jane

(See "Westside," p. 15)

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter



Stuck in an open position, an intake pipe valve near the top of Echo Dam must be replaced.

The good news is that the repair will only take one day to accomplish and is not anticipated to be a significant expense — as little as \$5,000. The bad news is that water level in Lake Echo must be lowered approximately three feet before the work can begin.

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] initially suggested the repair was a "state-mandated" project, but Lakes & Dams Director Don Fentzlauff admitted that term was a slight stretch.

"This work is necessary to

meet the design requirements for mandated siphon systems, as laid out by the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NC-DENR]," Fentzlauff told *The Times*. "The valve was required when the dam was constructed, but it is malfunctioning and is no longer in compliance with state standards or requirements."

Repairing the valve is not an option — it must be replaced, he explained.

Fentzlauff said the \$5,000 estimate does not include an engineering fee to S&ME, who he has tasked with overseeing the installation process.

"We've tied the work into another job at Echo," Fentzlauff said. "Since they [S&ME]

(See "Echo," p. 28)

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# Sheriff's Office asks for tips on Village break-ins

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

A string of break-ins at businesses in Seven Lakes Village may have been the work of teenagers on a spree rather than "professional" criminals looking for cash or merchandise to sell for money.

That's the suspicion of Lt. Bill Mackey, of the investigations unit of the Moore County Sheriff's Office.

Mackey told *The Times* that the person or persons who broke into eight Village businesses during the evening of Thursday, August 23 took very little of value from any of the locations, aside from one laptop computer and \$43 in cash.

Yet computers, televisions, and other items of value were left untouched in other locations.

That does not mean, how-

ever, that the crimes involved are trivial. Mackey told *The Times* that these breaking and enterings are felonies.

According to incident reports provided by the Sheriff's Office, the businesses broken into included:

- NC Mentor on Grant Street, apparently entered through an unlocked window on the front of the building. Nothing of value was taken.
- The offices of Dr. Yvonne

Smith and Attorney Gary Morris in the Executive Center on Seven Lakes Drive, entered through an unlocked window. Interior wooden doors were damaged, but nothing was reported taken from any of the offices.

- Businesses located in Holly Square on Seven Lakes Drive, including Cyber-Ed Learning Center, DLM Installations, Morgan Hair Designs, and Baldwin Realty. The burglars gained entry by prying open exte-

rior doors, causing \$2,500 in damage in the process. A laptop computer and \$43 in cash were taken.

- The Wimberly Group, in the South Park offices on Seven Lakes Drive, apparently entered by prying up a window. Nothing was taken from the office.

The Sheriff's Office is asking for assistance from the public in solving these crimes.

Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact the Moore County Sheriff's Office at 910-947-2931.

## Wellness Recovery Course

The Linden Lodge Foundation will host a Free two-day course on Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), on Monday, September 10 and Tuesday, September 11, from 10 am – 4 pm at McDonalds Chapel, on Foxfire Road.

WRAP is the acronym for Wellness Recovery Action

Plan and is an evidence-based best practice that teaches individuals and their families how to develop and write a plan to retain mental health wellness and relapse prevention. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, WRAP is an invaluable tool for those in various stages of recovery who need

to develop their own personal relapse prevention plans.

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# From water to fire: County comes to 7 Lakes

by Stacy Naughton  
Times Reporter



Issues ranging from the water supply to fire districts were on the agenda when the

Moore County Board of Commissioners met with the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council [GSLCC] on Thursday, August 16.

Developing a strategy — and an agreement — that would allow Moore County Public Utilities [MCPU] to build a new water treatment plant and tap into the Town of Robbins' reservoir remains the front-burner option for bringing more water to Seven Lakes and the rest of Southern Moore County.

The key to that strategy will be placing a run-of-river intake in the Deep River, in order to pipe water from that source to the reservoir and treatment plant. A recent meeting with NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources officials revealed that Bear Creek — once Robbins' source of water — can't supply enough to serve as a primary source for the County.

Public Works Director Randy Gould explained that,

if the County decides to build a water plant in Robbins, the Deep River will serve as its primary source of water, with the possibility of using Bear Creek water as a supplement.

"We have made some progress," Gould said, of the county's effort to expand its water supply, "and have some options that are further down the road than they were last year."

Much of the water the County produces currently comes from wells in the Pinehurst area, and MCPU is currently conducting a study that will provide some indication of the amount of water that is available in the aquifer that feeds those wells.

The study will also determine how much radium is in the aquifer, which will help in the selection of well sites. Several county wells have been contaminated by radium in the past.

Gould said the most likely short-term water-supply initiatives include the drilling of three wells in Stonehill Pines, and, perhaps, bringing additional water from Harnett County through a new pipeline on NC Highway 73. But the Commissioners have yet to give the go-ahead on

these initiatives, or on the Robbins option.

No matter which options the County chooses to bring more water into the system, water system customers will ultimately pay for those upgrades.

"There's no doubt that users will have to pay the freight," said Gould. "But, if we don't do something, we won't have adequate water for the future, based on the population projections."

Gould said any new residential developments between Pinehurst and Seven Lakes — like Pine Forest — would have to bear the cost of acquiring additional water for their residents, before they can begin building out the development. Planning Director Debra Ensminger noted that no progress had been made toward developing Pine Forest since the Board of Commissioners approved the rezoning of the property last September.

## Hydraulic Fracturing

The Seven Lakes Council had asked the Commissioners to address the issue of hydraulic fracturing, more commonly known as "fracking," a method of drilling for natural gas.

The Board passed a resolution several weeks ago asking the NC General Assembly to preserve the right of local governments to regulate fracking within their borders, in part to protect water supplies.

However, Commissioner Nick Picerno explained, the legislators in Raleigh did not include the local regulatory options in the fracking bill they ultimately passed, which means regulation of this type of gas exploration rests solely with the state.

## County Budget and Taxes

The FY 2012-2013 County Budget, which was adopted in June, cut county spending

and did not include a tax increase, County Manager Cary McSwain told the Community Council.

Since the 2008 economic downturn, the County has worked hard to decrease spending while maintaining services, he said.

That was made even more difficult because reduced consumer spending has cost the county almost \$5 million in decreased sales tax collections, Commissioner Picerno added.

"We knew we had to make government more efficient," he said.

The General Assembly meets next year for its biennial session. (See "County," p. 25)

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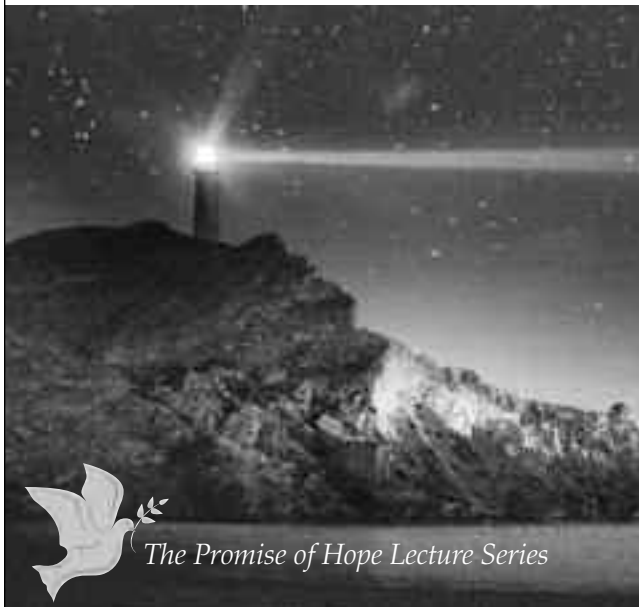
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# In memory of . . .

**Robert Scott Goodwin**, 50, of Seven Lakes, lost his long battle with cancer Friday, August 17, at FirstHealth Hospice.

Mr. Goodwin was employed by Sysco Food Services. The company brought him to North Carolina, where he and his wife chose Seven Lakes to settle and raise their children.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, August 25, at Boles Funeral Home, Pinehurst.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Effie Goodwin Glynn and brother, Alan

Goodwin. Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Mindy Hasenbein Goodwin; daughter, Briana Goodwin, and son, Hunter Goodwin; his father, Everett Goodwin, of Largo, FL; brothers, Everett Goodwin III of Orlando, FL; and Kent Goodwin of Lake Charles, LA.

Memorial contributions may be made to: FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

**Gerard V. Curtin**, 80, of Vernon, VT, died at the Vernon Green Nursing Home on

July 27.

He was born in Woodridge, New Jersey, the son of Warren George Curtin and Virginia (Adams) Curtin.

Mr. Curtin was a decorated veteran of the Korean Conflict, and was awarded the Bronze Star for acts of bravery. He remained active in the U.S. Army Reserve, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Following his active service in the U.S. Army, Mr. Curtin embarked on a career in sales and marketing with Westinghouse Electric Company, retiring from the Bryant Electric division as a Vice Presi-

dent in 1995.

A longtime resident of Trumbull, CT, he and his wife Pat moved to Seven Lakes, after his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia (Logan) Curtin.

Survivors include his children, Barbara J. Milot and husband William Milot of Turners Falls, MA, son Ger-

ard V. Curtin, Jr. and his spouse Daniel Haspert of Laguna Beach, CA, and son Dennis M. Curtin of Gainesville, VA.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, the American Cancer Society, or the charity of the giver's choice in memory of Mr. Curtin.

## WSL: Are you a Southerner?

On Thursday, September 6 at 2pm, the Women of Seven Lakes (WSL) will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at the Chapel in the Pines. The WSL will host Ray Linville, an associate professor of English and Humanities at Sandhills Community College.

Linville will examine with everyone a few elements that make the South a distinct region, with its language and foods. He will help the group understand more about the south's historical, political, socioeconomic and other cultural connections. Everyone will be able to appreciate what SCC students are discovering: that studying regional culture is enlightening, and understanding the American South is important.

This fall at SCC Linville is teaching six classes – four sections of English composition and two sections of a humanities course on Southern culture. The humanities course is a college transfer course that focuses on politics, history, religion, music, art, literature, race relations, family and society, and other cultural elements of this region. A native of North Car-

olina, he is a regular speaker on "Southern topics" during the Palustris Festival each Spring.

Women of Seven Lakes meetings are open to all local residents. Please consider becoming a member if you are interested in fundraising, social events and making a difference in the community. If you have any questions call Laurie at 673-1121.

## Thank You from Linden Lodge



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## Rummage Sale

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 8 am to 2 pm in the Old West End Gym. Donations will be accepted on Friday, October 19, from 8:30 am to 12 pm. If anyone would like to donate items and needs a home pickup, please call either Butch Allen, 673-3312 or Don Truesdell 673-1970.

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# Linden Lodge: a model adult group home

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

A unique residential and rehabilitation program in a rural location between Aberdeen and Pinehurst, Linden Lodge offers a stable home environment for six residents with serious and persistent mental illness.

But what sets this program apart — other than its exceptional facility and staff — is that the entire operation is sustained through private and institutional donations, endowments and grants, some special assistance from Moore County, and the residents own Social Security benefits.

No state or Federal funding is required.

"Linden Lodge operates by donation-only for a population that is underserved and discriminated against, especially when it comes to dollars," said Marianne Kernan, Chairman of the Linden Lodge Foundation.

"This is a community service for these wonderful individuals who deserve an opportunity to have a life — which is something we all want," she said.

"They have the same needs and wants just like everyone else. They want to be a part of their community and have the chance to give back."

## A 'family-setting' home

The residents of Linden Lodge share not only accommodations, but also everyday chores and sibling-like relationships with each other and staff.

Serving as the honorary matriarch and, very likely, the only unpaid program director in North Carolina, Kernan told *The Times* she first became concerned about the need for a residential group home in this area while serving as President of the local chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). At that time, there was only one other such facility in Moore County; and it was run by a large state agency and only had six beds.

"Considering 1 in 100 are diagnosed with a serious mental illness, and we are in a county with a population of nearly 90,000, that was not much space," she said.

The NAMI-Moore County chapter initiated a successful fundraising campaign; and in October 2008, after a four year effort, they were in the financial position to put down a deposit on a small brick home on six acres that was perfect — or nearly so.

Major renovations included improvements to the basement and staircase; a total kitchen overhaul; and, eventually, a building addition

that increased the total number of bedrooms and bathrooms. An outbuilding on the property was also converted and insulated to provide a year-round music, art, and recreational space.

And yet, there was still no debt on the property.

"It is totally paid off through community efforts and donations," said Kernan, specifically crediting the hard work of NAMI-MC members.

In addition, volunteers from the Pinehurst Rotary and area churches — including Community Presbyterian of Pinehurst, Middle Cross Baptist Church of West End, and United Methodist Church of Pinehurst — helped make the home a reality by assisting with building and main-

(See "Linden Lodge," p. 20)



**The Linden Lodge crew – Front - Left, Chris, Marianne Kernan, Chairman, Linden Lodge Foundation with Prissy, the wonder cat; Second row: Dean, Emily; Third row: Kim; Back row: Keith, Jesse, and Ron Ross, Staff**

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# Picerno on Robbins water: 'Much more difficult'

by Stacy Naughton  
Times Reporter



A recent meeting with the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR] has cast some doubt on the prospects for using a reservoir in Robbins as the cornerstone of a plan to bring more water to Southern Moore County.

Moore County Public Utilities Director Randy Gould presented a summary of the NCDENR session during the Tuesday, August 21 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Gould projects that the County will need an addition 3.4 million gallons per day by 2042 to meet the growing demand for water.

As originally conceived, the Robbins Plan was to use water from Bear Creek to meet the County's ten year demand, and then to pipe water from an intake on Deep River to the Robbins reservoir in order to meet the thirty-year demand.

However, this may no longer be as feasible. In the County's meeting with NCDENR, they were told that only 50,000 gallons per day of water can be withdrawn from Bear Creek without major environmental studies.

An old permit that allowed the Town of Robbins to pump 1.5 million gallons per day has been decommissioned, explained Gould, and it is not likely to be re-granted.

As a result, the Robbins option would mean going to Deep River now, not in ten or fifteen years, and that project is expected to cost \$30 million or more. In addition, the County will have to hire a consultant to shepherd an application through the complicated approval process of having the relevant area on Deep River reclassified for a drinking water intake — a process that could take two or three years.

Commissioner Picerno, who attended the meetings with NCDENR said, "I have always tried to put Robbins at the top of our water solutions,

because it is in Moore County. The information we got makes it much more difficult to justify number-wise."

"I'm not saying it's impossible," said Picerno, "but it certainly puts it more in context for me as far as numbers

and how you would pay that expansion versus some of the other options we have on the table."

## Watershed Transfers

Also during their August 21 meeting, the Commission-

ers approved resolutions that transfer responsibility for 200,000 acres of watershed from the County to municipalities.

Planning Director Debra Ensminger explained that there are currently seven

public water supply watershed districts located in the County. Since the 1993 study that drew those boundary lines and assigned responsibility for watershed protection, municipal boundaries (See "Commissioners," p. 26)



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# Land Use Panel ready to draft new plan

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter



Already a few months into the process, the Moore County Land Use Plan Steering Committee met on Monday, August 27, to complete their review of the original plan, drafted in 1999. Having completed their "scrub" of that thirteen-year-old document, the twenty-three member group will now turn their attention to developing a revised plan.

Anticipating that the next few months of discussion will be more colorful and, perhaps, contentious, Chairman Robert Hayter announced that a professional facilitator would take over leading discussions, so that he would have the opportunity to participate more fully.

One goal that all Committee members agreed should remain in the new plan is to encourage citizen participation in land planning and development decisions.

However, public involvement in recent meetings of the Moore County Planning Board have been non-existent and few have demonstrated interest in the revision of the

Land Use Plan.

A non-regulatory document, the Land Use Plan establishes broad policies for land management — put simply, it is like a roadmap to guide growth.

"The problem is land planning does not have any sex appeal. It's not snazzy," Hayter said, noting that the group will have to think creatively to generate public interest.

Committee Member Harry Huberth jokingly suggested that stirring the pot a bit would be helpful.

"We need to make every issue we discuss controversial," he said. "People aren't interested unless they feel their ox is getting gored, so how do we make sure everyone's ox is being gored all the time?"

However, Member David Cummings — chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners when the original Land Use Plan was adopted — said they should not assume the lack of citizen participation is a negative.

"Maybe it indicates that we did good job in 1999," he said.

## Billboards on NC 211

How much control does

Moore County have over road signage — and, more particularly, roadside billboards?

Committee Member Carolyn Mealing raised this question during discussion of a 1999 Land Use Plan goal that encourages attractive gateways for Moore County towns.

Hayter responded that he preferred the term "influence," rather than "control." He explained that the NC Department of Transportation [NC-DOT] has a set of procedures that must be considered for signage located in a right-of-way, and the county does have a role. He added that it would be incumbent upon local leaders to initiate a dialogue with the county about signage concerns.

However, Committee Member Mike Wilson, who owns a substantial tract of rural land that borders NC Highway 211, argued that he did not see any of the sign improvements that he had expected as part of the road-

widening project. In particular, he explained he was unhappy that the increased road width would force the signs onto the opposite side of the railroad tracks — onto undeveloped land.

Debra Ensminger, Moore County's Planning & Community Development Director, clarified that any billboards removed during the construc-

tion process were permitted to be replaced within 180 days; but, as of now, no permits for new billboards have been issued.

## Road planning to accommodate growth

Concerns about the NC Highway 211 widening project also spilled into a discussion (See "Land Use," p. 13)

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Grace Jarchow of Seven Lakes donated her hair to Locks of Love. Two days after her ninth birthday this Summer, she visited Salon C in Southern Pines where family friend, Valerie Murphy, cut her 10" braided ponytail. Grace said it made her feel great knowing that a little boy or girl would be getting her hair.

## 7 Lakes Garden Club

The Seven Lakes Garden Club will be meeting in a new location for the first meeting of the Fall. The club will meet in The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 13, at 2 pm.

During the Thursday, September 13 meeting, Linda Hamwi "The Plant Diva" and a Moore County Master Gardener will demonstrate exciting, new ideas for Fall Container Gardening that goes beyond Pansies and a Cabbage.

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# 'Yellow Dot' offers protection on the road

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The program offers participants a way to provide vital information to First Responders, in the event of a vehicle crash or other roadside medical emergency, when they are unable to speak for themselves.

The program is free and available to Moore County residents. The Yellow Dot Program will kick off at five fire departments on Tuesday, September 11, from 1 pm to 4 pm, where residents may sign up and receive their Yellow Dot materials. Sign-ups will continue each week on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 1 pm to 4 pm.

Signing up is easy.

Participants will have their picture taken and complete an information form with medical and emergency contact information that will go in the glove compartment in a Yellow Dot folder. They also will receive a Yellow Dot decal for the rear window of their vehicle. The decal indicates the presence of the vital information in the glove compartment.

This not only can save response time, but can save lives. Everyone in the family can benefit from the program, from kids through seniors.

The September 11 launch date was chosen by Moore County firefighters and other First Responders in remembrance of the fallen First Responders in the 9/11 attacks.

The Moore County Yellow Dot Program is a public service made possible through the support and efforts of many organizations including the Moore County Fire Chief's Association, Department of Public Safety, Sheriff's Department, and Police Chiefs, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, MooreHealth, Pinehurst Toyota Hyundai Kia, The Pilot, Moore County Leadership Institute, Rotary District 7690, and Rotary Club of the Sandhills.

The Yellow Dot Program is expanding across the nation and is now in thirty-six states. Moore County is one of the first three counties in North

Carolina to introduce the program.

The Fire Department locations for signing up, starting on September 11, are

Aberdeen, Carthage, Pinehurst #91, Seven Lakes, and Southern Pines. Additional Fire Stations are planned as sign-up locations as the Pro-

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(See "Yellow," p. 10)

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# Community newspapers have bright future

by Rollin Tomberlin  
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

On Tuesday, July 31, John Nagy, Editor of *The Pilot* in Southern Pines, discussed the state of the newspaper business at the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meeting.

"On a national basis the news industry has been in a crisis over the last six to seven years," he said.

"Most major daily papers have lost fifty percent of their revenue." Citing the huge losses this has caused big-city papers, Nagy reported that major dailies in Detroit and New Orleans are now giving serious consideration to limiting their publishing to three times per week.

## Yellow Dot

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be trained and are asked to commit their time for two three-hour segments. Residents wishing to volunteer can register their name at: YDvolunteer@yahoo.com

The Yellow Dot Program is seeking local organizations to host their own sign-up event at their own locations and times, starting in October and the program will provide equipment, supplies, and training, as needed. Contact: YDhost@yahoo.com

Besides the obvious cause for advertising reduction due to the recession and collapse of the housing market, Nagy noted that the incredible growth of portable hi-tech communication gadgets also has contributed to the industry's loss of revenue.

Referring to what he called "the Modern Mobile Device Age," Nagy stated that the smartphone and iPad craze has been projected to be supplying almost twenty percent of local news at this time.

Noting that 25,000,000 people are on "Twitter" now, he commented that, by the year 2016, it is forecasted that one billion smartphones and three quarter billion tablets will be in use.

"Interestingly," he said, "the social medium of Facebook's fastest growing demographic market is people aged 45 years to 64 years."

Nagy feels there is still a

good niche in the newspaper world for quality community papers.

He stated local papers need to continue to raise-up the sense of "home town" and instill pride in people's "where you're from" attitudes.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets Tuesdays at the Seven Lakes Country Club at noon. Guests are always welcome.

## Zumba Class

Everyone is invited to join in for a Zumba Dance Class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church every Tuesday evening from 7 – 8 pm, in the SL Baptist Church Family Life Center.

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Pilot Editor John Nagy with Frank Hayes, Kiwanis Chairman

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# Lions gift cards help buy WEE classroom supplies

by Rick Rizzo

Seven Lakes Lions Club

The Seven Lakes Lions Club, with the cooperation of the Aberdeen Walmart, presented to the teachers at West End Elementary Walmart gift certificates to help them purchase needed school supplies for the upcoming school year.

Making the presentation to Principal Leigh Ann McClendon and WEE teachers, was the new Lions Club President Bill Seldomridge. The teachers were very appreciative of the gift certificates and know that the community recognizes their challenges as guardians of youth.

The Seven Lakes Lions

Club meets the first and third Thursdays at 6 pm, at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, Seven Lakes Drive.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting, dinner is provided by the Seven Lakes Lions.

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West End Elementary Teachers & Lions President Bill Seldomridge

## Farm2Table Fall Signup

Seven Lakes, Foxfire and McLendon Hill residents are invited to sign up for the Fall Produce Boxes through the Sandhills Farm to Table Cooperative.

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Boxes cost \$22 per week. There is also a home-baked multi-grain bread box option, as well as an on-line store and

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Boxes will be distributed each Thursday afternoon from September 6 – October

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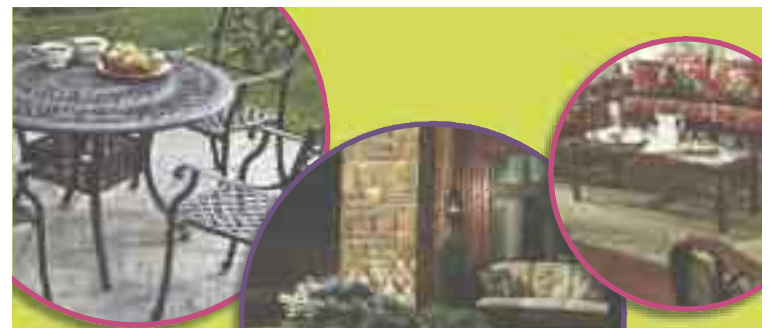
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# Boys Camp benefits from Odd Fellows gift

Cameron Boys Camp received a generous donation from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on Wednesday. Bill Laton delivered the much-needed gift.

Times are tough for just about everyone these days. Like most other nonprofits, the Boys Camp, which reaches out to troubled boys and families in crisis, depends on financial support from the community. Thankfully, there are groups like the Independent Order of Odd Fellows who make it their business to help.

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Cameron Boys Camp is one of many ministries within the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. The Wilderness Camp is a place for troubled boys to work through their problems with the help of dedicated staff. The young men set goals that will help them in being reunited with their family and being successful in society.

In the context of small groups of ten boys living in wilderness campsites, each boy learns a range of "life skills." These include relationship building, respect for authority, goal setting, plan-

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## Land Use

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on careful planning for new roads to accommodate development, which was a stated objective in the 1999 Land Use Plan.

"Like our discussion on water, this objective is an important starting point that we should spend a fair amount of our time working on," cautioned Committee Member Sandy Stewart.

Huberth agreed, but described working with NC-DOT as a discouraging process.

"We are still talking about the same proposed roads that were being proposed and discussed back in the 1980s," he said. "It takes a long time, and I don't expect I'll be alive to see any of the road improvements in Moore County. So, how can we make it [goal] meaningful?"

Ex-Officio Committee Member Nancy Roy Fiorillo, the mayor of Pinehurst, suggested that one important reason projects in Moore County have been delayed is because NC-DOT will not provide funding if there is not a plan.

"And that is where we're at. I don't think the communities who will be impacted are willing to budge," she said. "But we will be penalized if we don't adopt a plan."

Cummings said, from his experience, that, while many oppose new roads or DOT

projects, once they are complete, these same people and communities appreciate the improvements. Specifically, he recalled a project at the Pinehurst traffic circle was contentious, but the new lane adjustments quickly proved to be more efficient, and the circle remains a scenic gateway for Pinehurst.

Committee Member Pat Corso said he did appreciate the improvements made at the Pinehurst circle but cautioned that the NC 211 project and similar roads could create a generic and utilitarian ambience.

"If you look at 211, the expansion has a significant impact on the community," Corso said. "We're beginning to look like 'Anyplace, USA,' and I believe we are not just anyplace! It seems to me this should be a heightened area of concern because it will undermine the quality of life in our county. He singled out Midland and Linden Roads — and other scenic access roads throughout Moore. "We have not taken a key position to protect these byways."

Without taking steps to protect roads, Corso said, it would be "death by a 1000 cuts. You take a piece here and there; and, before long, we will look like anyplace."

Wilson agreed.

"For two miles traveling

from West End on 211, all of the trees have been removed; and all you will see now is the railroad tracks," he said, reminding the committee that during Small Area A Planning workshops the consensus from residents was that they do not want any new roads.

Cummings noted that one problem between county and NC-DOT planning is that each have different goals.

"DOT's objective is to get traffic from Point A to Point B in the safest, effective manner," he said. "Perhaps we should try to come to an agreement with them — to discuss with them what our objectives are and what are theirs."

### Preservation, Conservation, and Sustainability

While many goals and strategies in the 1999 Land Use Plan have elicited little discussion, there is a simmering issue over some hot button terminology.

For example, the originally adopted plan has a stated objective "to balance commercial, residential, and industrial development to ensure a healthy tax base

and sustainable living wages."

General consensus around the table was this goal is still valid except that the term "sustainable," has repeatedly raised a red flag for Committee Member Bill Cochrane.

He said he was not opposed to the overall goal, but to the word "sustainable," arguing that it has different meanings for different individuals, and suggested changing the sentence to 'good living wages' or something similar.

Cochrane is an active member of Moore Tea Citizens,

the county's Tea Party group, and was appointed to the Land Use Plan Steering Committee in part as a "expert on UN Agenda 21," a decades old document on sustainable development that has become a flashpoint for conservative groups.

Cochrane's concern with terminology was raised again during a discussion over a stated goal to preserve Moore County's historic heritage.

Wilson noted that the Small Area A Plan — which, when

(See "Land Use," p. 14)

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it was adopted, was considered a model document on which other land planning in the county would be based — encouraged historic preservation. He said the goal of historic preservation is to protect the charm of the oldest parts of Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and Aberdeen, as well as the gentle character of horse country, the tradition of pottery making, and the small town atmosphere of Moore County's smaller towns and villages.

His question of whether a register of historic properties has been conducted quickly drew fire from Cochrane.

"I am concerned about what the term 'preservation' means," Cochrane said. "I am totally against taking property rights away, so what kind of historic preservation register are you trying to implement?"

Wilson responded that he hoped a register would simply serve the purpose of making people aware of a particular property's historical value.

Chairman Hayter also weighed in on the discussion, and suggested that members of the committee review a standard dictionary for guidance.

"You need to understand the difference between 'preservation' and 'conservation,'" he cautioned. "There is a need for clarity."

### Facilitator will lead future discussions

Thanking the committee for their efforts thus far, (See "Land Use," p. 15)

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## Westside Meeting

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Sessler, who presented the information during the SLWLA Board's Tuesday, August 28 meeting.

In one such instance, Westsider MaryAnn Foley had to give EMS responders directions to her home, after they had trouble getting across Lake Auman Dam and had to reroute to the front gate.

Safety and Security Director Jim McCarthy told *The Times* that the EMS district realignment made by the County has "now put people's lives at stake," adding that the best solution is to, "change it back to the way it was."

Seven Lakes EMS Chief Tim Bouchelle tried to explain to the Westside Board why the rescue districts had been changed in the first place.

The County tried to align their twenty-three fire districts with seven EMS stations — which doesn't always make sense, as with Seven Lakes West, explained Bouchelle.

"If the rescue squads follow the fire departments it's easier," said Bouchelle. "But the problem is there are twenty-three fire departments and

only seven rescue squads. Do the math. You can't do it."

"We are seeing the effects of the change," Bouchelle told *The Times*, adding that he has received a lot of complaints, but the matter is out of his control.

"The first time I got the call was April 1, when we had a call on Morris Drive that we did not get paged to," said Bouchelle. "I called the communication center and said what happened? They said, 'district lines have been changed.'"

According to Sessler, the West End Station is primarily responsible for fire suppression and rescue. Although there is a West End EMS vehicle available at the station, it is rarely used and there is no certified non-County EMS team dedicated to the station. However, a Moore County EMS unit is located at West End Fire &

Rescue.

The Seven Lakes EMS Station, Sessler said, has a certified EMT team and an ambulance with Basic Life Support — and are equipped to stabilize and transport patients to the hospital within minutes. There are also volunteer first responders who live in the Westside community.

With the new districts, Bouchelle said the Seven Lakes Station cannot be dispatched when an incident happens outside of their district, even though it is on the West Side.

Currently, if a 911 call is made from Seven Lakes West, Moore County will dispatch their Advanced Life Support [ALS] unit. If the unit stationed at West End is available, it will respond. If not, one has to be dispatched from somewhere else in the County, which, according to Bouchelle, could be as far away as Vass.

"All of these areas covered by West End, if there is no County ambulance up there, they can't transport you or anybody in that area," said President Mick Herdrich.

The Board plans to put together a petition to present to Moore County Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips to redraw the recently changed lines, so that Seven Lakes West EMS will continue to cover all of Seven Lakes West.

Bouchelle expressed confidence that Phillips could make the change, and said he may not be fully aware of the impact the change is having in this particular district.

Bouchelle said the best approach by the community is to let the Public Safety Department understand how this is affecting the area through a petition or individual calls.

"It's not about money" said Bouchelle. "It's about what's best for this patient to get them to the hospital . . . that's the whole key to this thing. Get these people to the hospital to get that intervention going, whatever it may be."

### Dam repairs approved

With the safety of Carriage Park Dam, also known as (See "Westside," p. 17)

## Land Use

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Hayter announced that moving forward he would step aside from his role as facilitator.

"I will be an equal participant in discussion," he explained. "We have laid a wonderful foundation, as a working group, and now it is time to go to work."

Specifically, Hayter said there are some content issues that he is interested in discussing and challenging different points of view.

"From a professional land planner's perspective, from a planning board perspective, and from a teacher's perspective, I think I have something to offer . . . I don't think my passion for this county is more than anyone in this room, but I hope my experience will benefit the process," he said.

And he jokingly added, "I want to argue a little bit."

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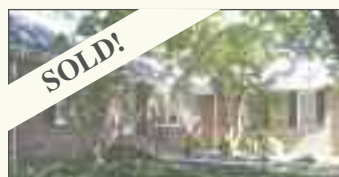


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Pond Dam #3, on Longleaf Drive being a top concern, the SLWLA Board unanimously approved a \$300,000 project to remediate the area. The work, which will begin immediately, is expected to last from ten to twelve weeks.

\$60,000 that was previously allocated to work both Pond Dams will be diverted towards the cost of the Carriage Park Dam remediation.

Work on Pond Dam #2 — which is not significant, according to President Herdrich — will be postponed to the next fiscal year.

Lake and Dam Director Bruce Keyser worked with Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman and former Infrastructure Director John Goodman on the project.

Dam Engineer Dr. Dan Marks recommended the remediation, noting both that the integrity of the pond would be at stake if nothing were done, and that the portion of Longleaf Drive that passes over the dam is the only way to reach the west side of the community.

"Core samples showed a large amount of unsuitable soils, including rotting organic material, in the core area that, if left uncorrected, would lead to an eventual failure of the dam," said Keyser during his presentation to the Board.

There were five options put on the table to remediate the dam — including filling in

the pond. But that radical step would ultimately cost \$500,000, said Keyser, because not only would the dam have to be stabilized, but a culvert would have to be installed as well.

Atkinson Infrastructure, Inc. was awarded the project. Ron Atkinson has done other work in the community, including culvert repairs and the work that was just completed on the lower Lakeway Mall pond dam.

"A great deal of trust developed . . . and he already came with a stellar reputation," said Goodman, "I really don't know of anybody who can do what he's doing."

Goodman said if the project were let for competitive bids, he would decline to manage it, which would likely mean paying someone else to handle project management chores, increasing the overall cost.

"For this project, I firmly believe it is in the best interest of our community to negotiate with somebody we have huge trust with," said Goodman. "It keeps all our other costs down."

Keyser pointed out that Marks' projected project cost is very close to the price that Atkinson quoted.

The project will utilize a steel sheet pile cutoff system on the pond side with a forty-eight inch concrete riser and a twenty-four inch conduit through the dam. The rotting organic material will be

replaced with proper fill, Keyser said.

It will include safety features previously approved by the Board: the removal of stumps, the addition of a walking path, and the addition of safety guiderails on the face of both dams.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Don Friert gave the investment report for the quarter ending on July 31, 2012. Current cash on hand, including CDs and money market funds, was \$1.3 million said Friert.

Of that, \$400,000 is in checking and money markets, with an additional \$870,000 in CDs and \$34,000 in US Treasury Bills, generating an average yield of two percent, Friert said.

\$280,000 in money market funds is maturing immediately, with the balance maturing in 2020 to 2032.

Friert said the last financial quarter ending on July 31 had "a few ups and downs, but nevertheless not unexpected."

Friert gave a brief outline of the community's investment report for the last quarter which will also be posted

on the community website on the finance page.

The community has a total of \$5.3 million in assets, of which \$1.3 million is in cash and equivalent assets, with the balance of \$4 million in property and equipment.

### Upcoming Events

The next concert at John-son Point will be on Friday, September 7 with the band

Loaded Dice, Events Director Rosemary Weber reported. Proceeds from the 50/50 will be dedicated to Boy Scout Troop 98.

On September 15, the committee will host Margaritaville Night at the Community Center from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The band Paris will be the entertainment, with light appetizers including shrimp,

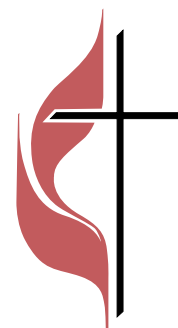
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- **Farmers Market at Sandhills Winery** – 9 am - 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)
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- **V.J. Day**
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- **Wildlife Pantry** – 3 pm, Local examples of seeds, fruits, nuts, and other plant parts which are utilized by native wildlife will be examined during a short slide presentation and a walk along some of the trails.

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

- **Labor Day**
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes



Drive, Seven Lakes.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon. All are welcome.
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

- **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. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead this session. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- **Bread of Life Ministry** –

West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers,

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- **Women of Seven Lakes** – meeting, 2 pm at Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall, Seven Lakes. SCC associate professor, Ray Linville will speak on "What Makes the South a Distinct Region?" If you have any questions call Laurie at 673-1121.
- **Sandhills Community College** – artist Kevin Bass will exhibit pieces from his body of work in a show that opens with a reception from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Hastings Gallery in the Katharine L. Boyd Library.

The work of Bass will be displayed through October 5. Admission to the Hastings Gallery is *free* and open to the public during regular library hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:45 am to 9 pm.; Friday, 7:45 am to 5 pm and Sat., 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- **Johnson Point Concert Series** – 7 pm, "Loaded Dice" performing. Their music ranges from classic southern and blues rock, country, beach, oldies and top 40 with a set list packed with dance tunes! *Free*, Bring your dancing shoes! *Free*, Bring your chairs, blankets, snacks and drinks. A 50/50 raffle to benefit Boy

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- **Grandparent's Day**
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- **Seven Lakes Landowners S'Mores Party** – 6 to 8 pm, Sequoia Point, Seven Lakes North. Sponsored by the SLLA Recreation Committee, all the ingredients to make s'mores will be provided and a lifeguard will be on duty to keep little swimmers safe. Fun for all and all ages are welcome.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game Room. Open to all landowners.
- **Wellness Recovery Course** – 10 am – 4 pm at McDonalds Chapel, on Foxfire Road. Hosted by Linden Lodge Foundation. A *Free* two-day course on Wellness Recovery, (course will continue/conclude on Tuesday, September 11). Presented by certified instructor and Program Coordinator, Eva Eastwood, of the NC Mental Health Consumers Organization, Raleigh. *Free* to all people in Moore County. Bring a brown bag lunch – drinks will be provided. Space is limited. Contact Marianne Kernan at 910-528-6820 for registration and information.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- **Patriot's Day**
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association**

– 9 am, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon. All are welcome.

- **Foxfire Village Council** – 7 pm, meeting. At Foxfire Village Hall. Open to community and public.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- **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. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead this session. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- **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.

- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 2 pm, at new location for the first meeting of the Fall. The club will meet in The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall. All levels of gardening experience are welcome! Linda Hamwi "The Plant Diva" & Moore County Master Gardener will demonstrate exciting, new ideas for Fall Container Gardening. Everyone is welcome, newcomers and anyone with questions about gardening in the Sandhills.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)
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## Linden Lodge

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tenance projects.

Currently, Linden Lodge offers seven bedrooms that house six residents plus one live-in staff member, and on-site amenities for recreation, physical fitness, and other wellness opportunities.

An unanticipated hurdle early in the home's history occurred in March 2010, when the care operator did not renew their contract. With few other options for finding care, Kernan said the

decision was made to form an independent non-profit organization to run the facility.

A loan was obtained and the Linden Lodge Foundation officially purchased the property and took over operations the very next month.

"Did we ever jump through hoops!" Kernan exclaimed. "We had to get permits and licenses; and we had to do it quickly, because we had three individuals living in the home that we didn't want to be displaced."

One practice established early and that remains unchanged is that Linden Lodge sees very little turnover.

"Once people come, they are welcome to stay. This is not transitional housing," Kernan said, noting that it is not a recovery or rehabilitation center for substance abuse. "That is not our purpose or expertise."

What Linden Lodge does provide its residents is the chance to restore self-esteem by providing residential and psychiatric stability, the chance to contribute back to their community, and,

when possible, the opportunity to pursue education and meaningful employment.

### Chores, jobs & daily routine are the norm

Ranging in age from their early-20s to mid-50s, the six Linden Lodge residents are a vibrant mix of men and women, each with their own interests and activities. Two are military veterans, a few are students, and all stay busy with volunteer jobs.

"This is what the real world is like, so we felt that is what the home should be too," said Kernan. "That is what makes us special — our residents participate in the community. They volunteer at local high schools, nursing homes, the hospital, Habitat for Humanity, and the food bank. They are all out there giving back to their community a lot — a lot!"

Before arriving at the home, each resident's mental health is carefully evaluated; and, based on that information, an individualized plan is developed with appropriate goals.

Kernan calls it a person-

centered plan, and a major component is the assignment of regular household tasks.

"Everyone here does chores," she explained. "Reason one is: this is a home. If you were on your own, you'd need to take care of these same things. Reason two is because we rely on donations strictly. There is no extra funding for housekeepers or gardeners. And reason three is because the more you occupy the mind, the lesser the symptoms."

Necessary living skills encouraged on a daily basis include personal hygiene,

grocery shopping, food preparation, housekeeping, budgeting, and time management. Each resident is expected to take care of his or her own bedroom and laundry; then other tasks are broken down so everyone has a chance to perform work, including setting the table, putting out the trash, sweeping, vacuuming, and more.

"They all share jobs and responsibilities and often will lend each other a hand," she said.

Televisions may be kept in bedrooms but the residents

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## Westside

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chips, dip, and Margarita mix. Tickets are on sale at the Landowners Office for \$7 per person — and are limited said Weber.

### Manager's Report

Community Manager Jeanette Mendence said she has heard a lot of complaints about contractors eating lunch at Johnson Point. Mendence asked that homeowners inform their contractors that this is not allowed.

There have been complaints about the temporary irrigation system at the end of Lakeway Mall, which needs to remain in place until the end of September, at the request of the landscaper, Mendence said.

### Other Business

Other business conducted during the August 29 meeting included:

- Architectural Review Director Dan Blue said there were a total of two new projects and one closed project during the month.

- Reporting for the the Amenities Committee, Mendence said Labor Day Monday will be the last weekday on which the pool will be open. After that, for the month of September, the pool will only be open on weekends.

- Pierman said the Infrastructure committee is actively involved in thirty-seven projects ranging from roads to dams.

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# Linden Lodge

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are encouraged to be physically and mentally active. A donated computer in the living room is available for surfing the web and keeping in touch with family, and this is also where Prissy the wonder cat keeps a careful eye on the action from a favorite chair.

Just outside the back porch is a garden, which has proven to be a bountiful endeavor. This year's harvest included tomatoes, blueberries, strawberries, squash, zucchini, eggplant, pole beans, cantaloupe, and jalapenos and other peppers. The large country property also has a few fruit trees and Kernan said she hopes the Scuppernong vines will produce enough grapes to sell at a local farmers market.

Healthy eating is an important concern, she noted, as the side effects from many of the psychiatric medications can contribute to other health problems, especially weight gain. Cooking is done by one of the four paid staff members, as there is at least one professional staff member in residence at all times.

And all of the residents have the opportunity to stay fit through a specially priced membership with The Body Shop in Aberdeen.

"We try very hard to encourage healthy choices, so not only will they be mentally well but also physically well as they age," she said.

## Living a full life

The basic philosophy behind the Linden Lodge community is that individuals learn to live life by living it.

Emphasis is placed on developing friendships, the importance of family relations, and spirituality — presently, all of the residents are members of and attend worship services at McDonald's Chapel, near Foxfire.

Maintaining a low stress environment is also valued.

"Stress will kick in illness if you are predisposed; but, even with meds, if you are under great stress then it'll be an issue," Kernan said.

The double dose of trying to control stress and the complication of taking medications with unavoidable side effects are two of the top challenges to finding meaningful employment, which most of the residents are seeking.

"On these meds, you may not feel great," she explained. "You have to take the medication for mental clarity, so it can be a trade-off. You may be clear thinking, but then you have a tremor or blurry vision. Finding an employer willing to work around those bad days is difficult."

When asked what the most important thing they would like the greater community to know about themselves, the residents of Linden Lodge expressed appreciation for the opportunities the facility

provides and asked for a better understanding of their lives.

"We are not mentally ill. We are living with mental illness," Chris explained. "We are not defined by our mental illness."

Emily, the home's youngest resident, and a recent CNA graduate, had a similar take.

"We are not crazy. We are not dangerous. We are normal people with a little problem," she said. "We have feelings and we should be treated like everybody else."

Marianne Kernan agreed. "People do not equate mental illness like biological illness; but it is — just like at any other organ. The disease just happens to hit the brain," she said.

In fact, there are more people suffering from mental illness in the United States than all of the cancers put together.

"This illness is not common, but it is also not rare," Kernan said. "Nearly 1.2 million people in the U.S. have it or are recovering — that is recovery being subjective to the illness and symptoms. You can take

meds and do what you're told and your life is normal, but recovery for each person is different."

For more information on the Linden Lodge Foundation, or to make a tax-exempt donation, visit [www.lindenlodgenc.org](http://www.lindenlodgenc.org) or mail to P.O. Box 4153, Pinehurst, NC 28374.



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# OPINION

## Like Grandma said, 'If you got 'em, flaunt 'em!'

Being called "two-faced" is never a good thing but for "Venus," there's no arguing that it is a completely accurate description.

In case you missed her fifteen minutes of fame this week, I'll tell you that Venus is a celebri-cat based on one outstanding feature. Well, actually, it's more like two features, but that distinction is debatable.

You see, each side of her little kitty face is unique. With pitch black fur and a haunting green-eye on the right, Venus is a blue-eyed, orange tabby on the left. The result of this split-appearance is striking enough to take this formerly feral cat from a dairy farm in North Car-

olina, to a new home in Florida, to a cozy seat on the NBC Today show couch in New York City.

Her owners — that is to say in feline-speak, the people that she allows to share her home — describe Venus as a tough little cookie who doesn't take any guff from her fellow four-footed roommates.

Who can blame her? If I looked like a Pablo Picasso collage come to life, I'd probably walk around with a chip on my shoulder and a decided

arch to my tail too.

But Venus has her issues and I have mine.

Rather than being two-faced, I consider myself more

appealing like a mountain lake — you know, slightly frigid and deceptively deep.

And then there are the freckles. That's where the party is at!

All jumbled together and loud, my freckles scream out for attention. These dots don't sit idly by and wait for comment: they guarantee it. And just to ensure that my resident population never gets too territorial, every summer brings a fresh new crop of baby freckles. It's like watching my own reality show that's rated M for melanin.

Luckily, I also have plenty of experience in deflecting stranger's well-intentioned but occasionally bizarre questions.

Man in grocery store: "Have you ever counted them?"

Me: "Um, actually no. That might take, oh . . . the rest of my life."

Kid at park: "Do they hurt?"

Me: "Yes, they did, every single day of middle school. Now that I'm an adult, I'm on a pain management plan. Redheads get a special deal from the government."

As for Venus, my advice would be keep your chin held high, even when you're stuck with two of them. Originality sells: don't dare to be different, dare to be yourself.



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

like a two-toned kind of gal: fair and freckled.

Fair is the easy part. I have an underlying milky-white complexion that brings to mind Renaissance paintings and leisurely indoor pursuits. This side of me is calm and

## What about that sweepstakes parlor?

**Question:** Why don't you preachers close down the Tobacco Sweepstakes place that opened recently by the Food Lion in Seven Lakes? Aren't you against gambling?

**Response:** Every day, I pass by the business establishment you cite and I think,

"How tacky! I wish it were not in our community. Maybe the citizens of Seven Lakes will refuse to patronize such a place and it will close."

I think these things, but I do nothing about it. What do you think "we preachers" should do? Picket the store? Preach about the sinfulness

of tobacco and gambling? Would this do any good, or would it instead provide free advertising?

The state actually sanctions gambling by operating the "Education Lottery." Have you ever bought a ticket when the jackpot gets up to several hundred million dollars? Have you ever bet on a football game or a golf match — or how about a bracket in the "March Madness" NCAA Basketball tournament? Do you play for a prize in your bridge games? How would you feel about a few friendly hands of "nickel ante" poker?

I confess that I have participated in every one of these gambling activities.

Do I feel guilty? Not really! I guess I just consider the money as the price of some harmless recreation. At the Chapel in the Pines, we have

a gambling box for people to contribute their "ill-gotten gains." We raised quite a bit of money over the last three

grocery. You may be interested to know that the town of Whispering Pines prevented such an establishment from locating there.

Of course, Whispering Pines is incorporated and can pass and enforce such an ordinance. I wonder what's next for Seven Lakes . . . a topless bar or perhaps an adult X-rated theater?

A town of 5,000 citizens without a government has little or no control about what buildings are built or what businesses decide to locate there. A community without a police force is at the mercy of the county sheriff's department to enforce whatever laws or ordinances apply to the entire county.

What are we preachers going to do about gambling in our town?

A better question might be, "What are you going to do?"

Don Welch, the minister at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, welcomes your comments and questions at [dwelch1@nc.rr.com](mailto:dwelch1@nc.rr.com)



### Ask the 'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

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# Seven Lakes: It's a great place to live

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of taking an unplanned mission trip with our youth group to Philadelphia. The trip was unexpected, because our youth pastor had to have emergency surgery, and I needed to go in his place. I went reluctantly, but quickly realized that the trip was just what I needed.

Like many people, my ambitious nature can make me a bit dissatisfied. I am constantly on the lookout for something better, to improve, to develop. It is not wrong to be ambitious; however, sometimes I can become a bit disillusioned with what I have been blessed with. My trip to Philadelphia was just what I needed to put things back into perspective.

Like most mission trips, we did not go to the best part of town. Our purpose was to go into the inner city community and make improvements to homes for single mothers and the elderly, and to community centers. My group worked on a church that had been there for more than fifty years — and from the looks of it, there had

been no improvements in that entire time.

We painted and refaced with stucco and reframed and bricked

up one section. Other teams rebuilt porches and did landscaping and painting. The amount of work was incredible. We slept in a school on the hard floors with no air conditioning.

Twenty-four high school students and four adult leaders went from Seven Lakes and each worked as if it were their own church or property. I was so encouraged that this generation — so often stereotyped as lazy and selfish — worked tirelessly and selflessly to improve a community to which they didn't even belong. Not once did they complain about their sleeping conditions or the amount of work that was required. These students would get up at 5:00 am and worked some nights until 7:00 pm. Some of our students even purchased sidewalk chalk so that they could play games

with the children who came by to see what we were doing. This was a wonderful experience of which to be a part.

After having time to reflect on the trip, I realized how blessed I am to live in Seven Lakes. Some people live in fear and have to place bars on the windows and doors of their homes and churches. They live in anticipation that someone would rob them or that some drug dealer would proposition their children.

We live in a wonderful community where our children play at the pools and lakes; our neighbors are friendly and look out for one another.

Is our neighborhood perfect? Not as long as I live in it, but I, for one am grateful to live in such a wonderful community.

I have heard someone say, "You know how good you have it, when you realize what you are complaining about."

So, the next time you have the inclination to complain about where we live, try to remember how good we have it.

*Rev. Chris Hrabosky is pastor at Seven Lakes Baptist Church. Email your questions or comments to [chrabosky@mac.com](mailto:chrabosky@mac.com)*



## Bound by Grace

Rev. Chris Hrabosky

## Still making us drive

Dear Editor:

I recently noticed a sign for a new Harris Teeter in Taylortown on Highway 211 just down from Lowes Foods.

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I just don't get why their planners would think it would be better to go head to head with Lowes rather

than just capturing a market base that is just crying for a good food store within a couple miles. But no . . . we still are the ones made to "drive in." Hopefully, some business finally figures out there are plenty of customers in northwest Moore County to support them.

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# An abuse of power by Chairman Caddell

I was deeply disappointed by what, to me, was a flagrant abuse of power by Chairman Larry Caddell at the August 21 Moore County Board of Commissioners' meeting.

The Commissioners had voted at the previous meeting to form a joint committee to

find a solution, acceptable to the county and the veterans, that would preserve and protect the purpose and sanctity of the Moore County Veterans Memorial.

Chairman Caddell had asked the Moore County Veterans Memorial Committee to come up with five or six members and said that he would honor that — and also said that the Commissioners would be happy to have Chuck Spelman serve on the committee. Chuck Spelman, President of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 966, has been an outspoken supporter of preserving and protecting the Veterans Memorial.

The Veterans Memorial Committee appointed five members, including Mr. Spelman, to serve on the committee and notified the County Commissioners of their appointees. Prior to the commissioners' meeting on August 21, Chairman Caddell directed the Memorial Committee to appoint a sixth member.

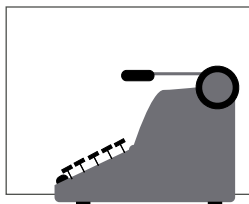
At the commissioners' meeting, Ruby Hendrick, Secretary-Treasurer of the Veterans Memorial Committee, read the letter that had been sent to the commissioners and included the newly appointed sixth member, Robert Cooke. On motion by Commissioner Tim Lea, the letter was accepted into the public record by unanimous vote.

Later in the meeting, Chairman Caddell stated the following people would serve on behalf of the veterans: Raymond Doby, Ruby Hendrick, Joanne Atkins, Carolyn Mealing, and Robert Cooke. Noticeably absent from the

list was Chuck Spelman. When Commissioner Tim Lea asked to have Mr. Spelman's name added back on the list, stat-

## Your Turn

Carolyn Mealing  
Concerned Citizen  
Seven Lakes West



ing that he had been appointed by the Veterans Memorial Committee, Chairman Caddell asked if Commissioner Lea was making a motion to that effect. Commissioner Lea responded, "yes." The motion died for lack of a second.

Chairman Caddell gave no reason for excluding Chuck Spelman.

I thought we lived in a democracy. Has our county

government turned into a dictatorship, where free speech is punished? To me, this was a definite abuse of power. Commissioner Caddell ignored his own commitment to include Spelman. What

ever happened keeping your word?

Does this inspire your faith and trust in our government? I don't know about you, but it gives me great cause for concern!

## Moore Republican Women

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nial “long session,” said McSwain, who fears the state will try to pass expenses down to the counties. “When the General Assembly’s doors open, the counties are in trouble,” he said.

The Commissioners will meet for a mini-retreat this Fall to discuss next year’s budget, with a more detailed retreat in January.

“The way we approach it as a Board . . . we are very conservative with your money,” said Picerno, “We know it’s your money, not ours.”

A property tax revaluation will be conducted in 2015, said Tax Administrator Wayne Vest, who added that current assessed values are in line with the County’s overall housing market.

Noting that values within some areas of the County are faring better than others, Vest said the upcoming revaluation will reflect those differences. Housing sales between now and 2015 will determine the new assessed values.

Vest said that, typically, foreclosed properties will not impact the equation for tax assessments. Those wanting more more information regarding a particular area or neighborhood should contact the tax office, Vest said.

Commissioner Picerno said the goal is to have a “neutral assessment” in 2015 — in other words, the tax rate would be adjusted upward or downward so that the same total amount of tax revenue is collected.

### Veteran’s Memorial

A committee will be formed to create a resolution to resolve the long and short term issues regarding the Veteran’s Memorial and the land that surrounds it in Carthage, explained Commissioner Jimmy Melton.

Two Commissioners and six Veterans representatives will make up the committee. In the meantime, the Board has passed a resolution to make clear that the property surrounding the Memorial is not available for sale.

“It’s not on the market, it’s not for sale, it’s not for anything, until the committee has had time to do its work,” said Picerno.

A representative of the Bojangles’ restaurant chain approached the County in October 2011 with an offer to purchase 1.3 acres near the Memorial. The Commissioners discussed that offer in three closed sessions.

Since the offer was made public in May, a growing number of Veterans have been turning out for Board of Commissioners meetings to protest the location of the restaurant and to urge the County to protect the area.

The Board voted during their Tuesday, August 7 meeting to form the new committee on the Memorial and to make clear that the land around it is not currently for

sale.

An idea floated in that meeting by Commissioners Chairman Larry Caddell would keep the land around the Memorial as “open space” co-owned by the Veterans and the County, with the upkeep and insurance payments being taken care of by the County.

### Fire Districts Update

Fire Marshall Ken Skipper said the County’s fire districts are still under review by an outside consultant; a final report should be presented by February 2013.

“We will not blindly change districts without knowing what the full impact is,” Skipper said.

McLendon Hills raised the issue of fire district insurance ratings earlier this year, asking the Board of Commis-

sioners to move the community from the Eagle Springs district into the Seven Lakes district.

Not only is the Seven Lakes fire department closer to McLendon Hills, but moving into the Seven Lakes district would decrease insurance rates for homeowners, due to the district’s lower fire insurance rating. However, it would take a big bite out of the fire tax revenues supporting the Eagle Springs department.

Commissioner Tim Lea said the goal is to have a flat tax for all fire districts in the County.

Skipper explained that any changes to fire districts will need to be done by July 2013, when the new tax year will begin.

### Other Business

Other business discussed by the Commissioners and the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council included:

- The Moore County Land Use Plan is under active review by a steering committee, said Planning Director Ensminger. The committee has met six times. “We have had very

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## Commisisoners

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— and the boundaries of their extraterritorial jurisdictions [ETJs] have changed.

Planning Staff worked with NCDENR to draft resolutions for each watershed, recommending the transfer of the watershed areas that are now located within the ETJs of municipalities.

All eleven municipalities have adopted the resolution supporting the transfer of the watershed from Moore County.

In other Planning Department business, the Board approved the appointment of planning staff members as review officers, as requested by Ensminger. The additional officers will approve all surveys and plats to be recorded with Moore County,

at no additional expense to the County.

The Board tabled a public hearing on the Working Lands Protection Plan at Ensminger's request.

### Other Business

Other Business conducted during the Board's Tuesday, August 21 meeting included:

- The Board approved, in a three-to-one vote with Lea dissenting, a project budget ordinance for the Runway 05 extension at the Moore County Airport, as requested by Airport Director Steven Borden. The County will give a local match of \$329,000, which will be taken from the general fund balance. Funds will be reimbursed to the County's general fund through a

portion of the Convention and Visitor' Bureau's lodging tax.

- County Manager Cary McSwain reported that a full engineering report has been completed on the Old Gym in West End, which is an election polling place, and County Property Manager Rich Smith will make recommendations on how to move forward with repairs to the building. McSwain will also prepare a list of possible uses for the 7,000 square foot building.
- Tea Party member Jeremy Montgomery spoke on the recent move by the Pinehurst Village Council to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons in Pinehurst's public parks and

greenway trails. "We are not in favor of restricting that right," said Montgomery. The Pinehurst Council passed the ordinance and then repealed it a month later.

- The Board approved the report on the 2012 session of the Board of Equalization and Review as presented by Jim McNiff.
- The Board approved the merger of Sandhills Center for Mental Health with Guilford Center Behavioral Health and Disability Services. With the merger, Sandhills Center will serve a nine-county area. This will be the ninth county to merge with the Sandhills Center.
- The Board approved a revised assistance policy for the single family home rehabilitation grant program as requested by Tim

Emmert. The program will assist three homes and does not require a local match.

- The Board approved a sewage treatment and disposal service contract between the County and the Town of Aberdeen, as requested by Assistant County Manager Ken Larking.

### Appointments

The Board appointed new Cooperative Extension Director Stephen Greer in place of Linda Gore on the Land Use Plan Steering Committee. Gore was serving as an interim appointee prior to the appointment of a new Extension Director.

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little participation from the community," said Ensminger, who encouraged interested citizens to attend the open meetings. The plan serves as the overarching vision that informs zoning and development regulations.

- Assistant County Manager Ken Larking briefed the Council on the County's GIS system, explaining how it helps with EMS, Public Utilities, and the tax administrator's office, among others.
- The Board had a member of the Moore County Sher-

iff's Office address concerns raised by the Council about safety issues surrounding a sweepstakes business that recently opened in Seven Lakes. One member of the audience noted that, if Seven Lakes were incorporated, the town would be able to keep such businesses out of the community.

The Greater Seven Lakes Community Council was represented at the meeting by President Pete Dotto of the McLendon Hills Property Owners Association, Seven Lakes West Landowners Association President Mick

Herdrich, and Seven Lakes Business Guild President Karen Milligan. Both Commissioner Craig Kennedy and Chairman Larry Caddell were absent from Thursday's meeting, as was GSLCC member Bob Darr, President of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

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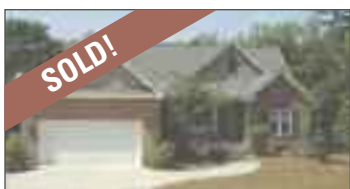
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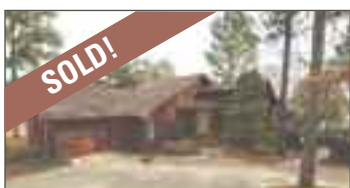
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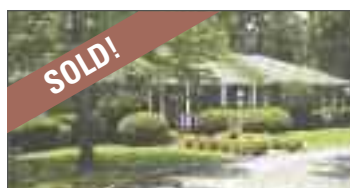
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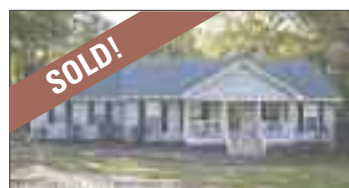
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## Memorial

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around the Veterans Memorial in Carthage protected, after learning that the Bojangles' restaurant chain had offered to purchase a portion of the property for a fast-food restaurant.

"What is at issue is ensuring the protection and preservation of the purpose and sanctity of the Moore County Veterans Memorial," said Spelman earlier in the meeting.

The Commissioners, during their August 7 meeting, asked the original Veteran's Memorial Committee to prepare a list of recommended nominees for the new committee.

Spelman's name was one of six on that list, presented in the other Commissioners. Spelman told *The Times*,

*"This particular thing — the Memorial and everything — has gotten completely out of hand ..."*

— Commissioner Jimmy Melton

writing to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Lea's motion to keep Spelman on the committee — noting that he was specifically requested by the Veterans — died due to the lack of a second from any of

"I just want the truth to come out," adding, "this was a volunteer committee. We all volunteered to be on this committee. All I ask for now is the truth."

The Commissioners ultimately

decided on five names for the Veteran's Committee to include: Ruby Hendrick, Joanne Atkins, Carolyn Mealing, Robert Cook, and Raymond Doby, who organized the drive to have the Memorial built.

In another three-to-one vote, with Lea dissenting, the Board appointed Commissioners Nick Picerno and Jimmy Melton to represent them on the Memorial Committee, with Melton chairing the meetings.

Also included on the panel

were County Social Services Director John Benton and Planning Board Chairman Robert Hayter. Both are Veterans, Melton said.

Commissioner Lea asked that Benton serve in an ex-officio capacity and not be allowed to vote, since it could be seen as a conflict of interest. However, this request died due to the lack of a second.

Commissioners Melton and Picerno, along with Hayter and Benton, will serve in a

(See "Memorial," p. 29)

## Echo

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were going to be here anyway, we will have them oversee the project. It was the smart way to do it."

Funding for the job will come from the unrestricted capital reserve account rather than the restricted reserve set aside for road paving costs and state-mandated dam repairs.

Road work completed this Summer has tallied up to approximately \$520,000 — leaving over \$100,000 in restricted reserves — but Fentzlaff said it was important to leave that account alone.

"If we don't have to deplete the reserve for roads, why would we?" he asked. "Since the valve project is such a small amount of money, we decided it was best to take it out of capital funding."

As of June 30, the unrestricted reserves totaled \$481,554, according to Association financial reports.

### Project details

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to the downstream side.

Fentzlaff explained that the two-valve system is essential when work is needed on the opposite side — as in the current situation.

The scope of work includes cutting the connecting pipe and then installing a new coupling and replacement valve.

According to the SLLA announcement, lowering the lake level by three feet will take eighteen days and is expected to commence after Labor Day. The actual valve replacement is scheduled for Friday, September 21 [The

alternate work date is Friday, September 28].

Lake Echo waterfront property owners are encouraged to consider any dock, bulkhead or lake bottom maintenance while the water level is down. Intake lines may need to be extended to continue using lake water for irrigation. In addition, boat owners should consider removing their boats from Lake Echo — if desired — before the lake level drops to a level that would make removal difficult.



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# Memorial

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voting capacity on the committee.

County Manager Cary McSwain, Clerk to the Board Laura Williams, and representatives of the County Planning and Legal Departments will also attend the meetings of the panel, but will not vote.

"This particular thing — the Memorial and everything — has gotten completely out of hand," said Melton, "And it's affected some real fine people . . . I will do everything in my power that this Memorial will be as Mr. Doby set it out to be: One of the most precious things that Moore County has done."

Although the Commissioners agreed to meet with the Veterans to begin hammering out the details of a resolution to protect the land adjacent to the Memorial, no date for the initial meeting has been set. Because the new committee is an advisory Board to the Commissioners, public notice must be given of its meetings and the meetings themselves are open to the public.

## Board Splits on Drafting of Memorial Resolution

The Board tied two-to-two on a motion by Commissioner Lea to have County Attorney Misty Leland move forward with creating draft legal documents that would protect the area around the Veteran's Memorial. Commissioner Craig Kennedy was absent from Tuesday night's meeting.

Lea, in a motion seconded by Picerno, asked that the drafts documents outline two key points: to guarantee the land around the Memorial remains "open space," and to stipulate that the County and Veterans would co-own the land, with the County picking up the tab for insurance and maintenance of the grounds.

But, with Caddell and Melton in opposition, the motion failed to pass, and will be brought back up at the Board's Tuesday, September 4 meeting.

Both of the key points in

Lea's motions were recommended by Chairman Larry Caddell at the Board's August 7 meeting — a fact that was brought to his attention Tuesday night by both Commissioner Lea and the Veterans in attendance.

"All we talked was in generalizations the other night," said Caddell. "What we made a motion to do was appoint a committee to get together and go over the data."

Lea asked that the legal documents be drawn up before the new committee meets, to give the panel something to work with, adding that nothing would be set in stone.

"In the last meeting, as been referenced, Mr. Chairman, you stated on more than one occasion that the land should remain open," said Commissioner Lea.

"I love people that quote me on everything," said Caddell. "I said it would be better off than putting a fifty-thousand-square-foot building on it to leave it open."

In this case, it appears that Caddell's memory is faulty. A review of the recording of the August 7 meeting confirms that Caddell did in fact say he would only vote in favor of a resolution to protect the land around the Veterans Memorial if all of the land remained "open space."

"The only way I would ever vote on it [the resolution] is if it was left to limited to open space, period. That's the only way I'd ever vote on it," said Caddell during the Board's Tuesday, August 7 meeting. "If you want to leave it open space, leave it open space; but don't leave in there office space and all this other stuff."

The Board did unanimously accept a presentation given to them by the Veterans Memorial Committee which outlined what the Commissioners had discussed in open session with the Veterans on August 7, namely, to keep the land open space and co-own the property with the County.

## Caddell: No Back Door Deals

Chairman Caddell has

insisted throughout the four months of debate over the Memorial that he has not been involved with any negotiations concerning selling the property next to the Veterans Memorial in Carthage to Bojangles'.

"There was a comment made during the last meeting about back door negotiations," said Caddell, who proceeded to read two letters to the public, one from Bojangles' property broker David Atkins, of Atkins Property, and the other from Eric Newman, General Counsel of Bojangles' Restaurants, Inc.

"Mr. Larry Caddell, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Moore County, NC has had no direct conversations with me nor have I met with him regarding any discussion involving Bojangles' interest in purchasing property in Moore County," wrote Atkins.

Atkins is the broker who presented the County with a formal offer to purchase 1.3 acres near the Memorial as the site for a Bojangles' restaurant, an offer that was distributed to the Board of Commissioners by County Manager Cary McSwain and discussed in an October 2011 closed session. The proposed

purchase was also dealt with behind closed doors in February 2012 and May 2012 in discussions that an attorney specialized in NC Open Meetings Law has advised *The Times* were improper.

The second letter Caddell presented, from Bojangles' attorney Newman, said there has been no contact with Caddell or any other Commissioners.

"We [Bojangles] are not going to proceed until the County resolves its issues," wrote Newman. "Mr. Randy Kibler [CEO of Bojangles] immediately instructed the real estate department to take no further action to pursue the parcel adjacent to the Memorial."

VVA President Spelman, who spoke to Bojangles' CEO

Kibler on August 10, said during Tuesday's meeting that Kibler was "very upset about having his restaurant in the news with such negative connotations." Spelman said the Veterans have no complaint against Bojangles'.

"We have the utmost respect for Bojangles'," said Spelman, "It is a fine organization that does a great deal of good for Veterans. Although Bojangles' is the restaurant at issue it could easily have been any fast food restaurant."

During their August 7 meeting, the Commissioners passed a resolution to suspend any discussion of purchase offers for the land until the new Memorial committee has made its recommendations to the Board.

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