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West Side wins change in 9-1-1

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



They had to ask twice, but representatives of Seven Lakes West ultimately got what

they wanted: a dual-call system for 9-1-1 that will alert both Seven Lakes EMS and West End Fire and Rescue — as well as Moore County EMS — to 9-1-1 calls within the community.

Many, if not all, of the Westsiders who attended the Tuesday, September 4 meeting of the Moore County Board of

Commissioners to express their concern about emergency response left that meeting believing the Commissioners had approved just such a system. And at least one Commissioner — Nick Picerno — left believing the

But a close review of the actual motion approved by the Board — by Clerk to the Board Laura Williams, by Deputy Public Safety Director Scot Brooks, and by The Times — found that the Commissioners had approved something else: a recommen-

(See "9-1-1," p. 27)

Buckingham resigns from SLLA Board

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter



Working at halfstrength and just barely meeting the required quorum of four members,

the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors conducted a brief Work Session on Monday, September 10.

Treasurer Conrad Meyer presided over the meeting, sitting in for absent President

Bob Darr and Vice President Chuck Leach. Meyer announced the resignation of Director Dave Buckingham, who was also not in attendance.

Buckingham was elected in March 2012 and has overseen communications efforts, most notably a new, more user-friendly online presence for the SLLA.

"Last week, we received notice of his resignation,

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Nose to the grindstone



Adjusting the waterflow to a handbuilt grist mill and waterfall feature at his Lake Sequoia home, longtime Seven Lakes resident Ron Zwart said the project was a labor of love."I can't retire because I just can't sit still,"he said. "My wife won't let me build houses anymore and I like to build. I've wanted one of these for fifteen years so this was just pure entertainment and it makes my yard look a little better."

Brown to buy Foxfire Golf

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter



Barring any unanticipated snags, Brown Golf Management [BGM] is positioned to

purchase Foxfire Resort & Golf in late October.

BGM is an acquisition and management consulting firm based in Bluffton, SC; their representative, Stephen Johnson, met with the Foxfire Village Council during a Work Session held on Thursday, September 6.

"We are well-entrenched in the process; and, unless something catastrophic occurs, we'll be here," he said. "We are here to create

assets, not problems. We hope to be neighbors and partners."

Temporary maintenance facility requested

One part of the golf course property that was not included in the purchase price or proposed agreement with BGM is the existing golf course maintenance area, which is owned by a third party and was not involved in the club's bankruptcy proceedings.

Johnson said BGM assessed that property, as part of their environmental due diligence studies, and determined the firm was not interested in purchasing or leasing that parcel.

"We felt there were things we didn't want to get into," Johnson explained. "There is too much rehab needed to bring it up to current standards and to make the maintenance area efficient. We don't think, moving forward, that it would be a good business decision. It is in a bad location, and the facility is not sufficient."

Instead, BGM intends to build a new state-of-the art maintenance facility within the confines of the current course. But, first, they are seeking Foxfire Council's permission to erect a temporary facility on a lower level parking area near the clubhouse.

Johnson said the two lower

(See "Foxfire," p. 29)

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Guild gets a legal primer for businesses

by Cheryl Darwell, Secretary Seven Lakes Business Guild

The Seven Lakes Business Guild met in August at Gorenflo & Campbell, PLLC. During the meeting presentation Michael Gorenflo gave an overview of the legal aspects of business formation and ownership issues. He spoke about types of busi-

and asset protection. Several Business Guild members brought their spouses, so Gorenflo could also touch on the subject of wills, living wills, trusts and powers of attorney, including health

Gorenflo & Campbell offers a free consultation to review

nesses, succession planning these documents, and to determine their validity in North Carolina. This is a service of particular benefit to the many Seven Lakes residents who have relocated from other states.

The business community is invited, including nonmembers, to the next Business Guild meeting on Monday, September 24, 5:30 pm at Seven Lakes Country Club.

The Guild is planning for the Saturday, October 27 Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff, one of the biggest community gatherings. The Seven Lakes Business Guild welcomes all merchants and crafts people to come to this meeting, and share your

ideas, and sign up for a booth Tom Zaleski of Marketing Solutions, will host a lively round table discussion on

business networking. Drinks

and appetizers will be served.

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The community is invited Lakes Lunch Bunch that will meet once time a month for lunch at The Chapel in the Pines Joralemon Fellowship

The first luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 26 at 12 pm. The Chapel will provide soup, sandwiches, drink, and desert, at no cost to anyone. If anyone is on a special diet, please bring your own sandwich, if you wish. Transportation will be provided if needed, and reservations are requested.

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Time for incorporation? Let's talk about it.

by Hollis K. Colquhoun, AFC Seven Lakes West

Since moving to Seven Lakes West eight months ago, I have read the local papers, visited the shopping district many times, explored the surrounding towns and met many lovely people. Seven Lakes is a great place to live, but I have come to realize, it's not a town.

If Seven Lakes were a town, it would be the third largest in Moore County.

Three months ago, I wrote a letter to the *Seven Lakes Times* expressing my concerns about internet sweepstakes operations that were coming to Seven Lakes. I had particularly strong feelings about the one that was slated to open next to the Goshin Dojo, (I am a student there). An "internet sweepstakes" gambling operation shouldn't be in the midst of a family restaurant and martial arts studio.

There has been some good news and bad news for Seven Lakes regarding this issue. The good news: the sweepstakes business "bugged out" of the Subway strip mall at the end of August, (for reasons unknown to me). The bad news: another sweepstakes storefront with a smoke shop has opened right next to the Food Lion, (decked out with blue neon lights), in the center of the Seven Lakes business district.

Since Seven Lakes is not incorporated, the Moore County Planning Board has the sole power to grant business permits in our community. Residents have no voice in determining what happens in the village of Seven Lakes, unless we appear at the Planning Board meetings en masse and successfully plead our case.

In the real estate market, Seven Lakes is competing with Pinehurst and Southern Pines and both of these towns have very attractive and vibrant business districts. When prospective home buyers come to Seven Lakes, initial impressions are very important and the first thing they see is our "downtown"

area with blue neon signs, cracked roads and little charm. When "downtown" Seven Lakes doesn't give a good impression, it makes selling a house in the Seven Lakes gated communities more difficult and causes a negative effect on home values overall. There are over 100 homes currently for sale in the Seven Lakes/West End area and only 12 homes have sold this year, according to Zillow.com.

I have spoken to many residents who want a voice in determining the design and destiny of their "town" of Seven Lakes, but are having

a hard time moving beyond previous incorporation efforts. I have read the "keep the gates", and "no gates" incorporation proposals and understand the concerns of both sides. However, several years have passed and new issues have emerged, so the topic of "incorporation" should be revisited.

It makes sense for all Seven Lakes residents to come together to exchange thoughts and ideas, address their current needs and concerns, and together formulate a plan for Seven Lakes going forward

To encourage this process

of coming together, I have personally reserved the Old West End School Gym off Highway 211 in West End on Wednesday, September 19 at 7 pm, for all residents to talk about the future of

Seven Lakes — any and all ideas and opinions will be welcomed. Think about what will happen to our community, security and prosperity if we do nothing!

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Meeting on the future of 7 Lakes

What: a community discussion on incorporation and other issues affecting the future of Seven Lakes.

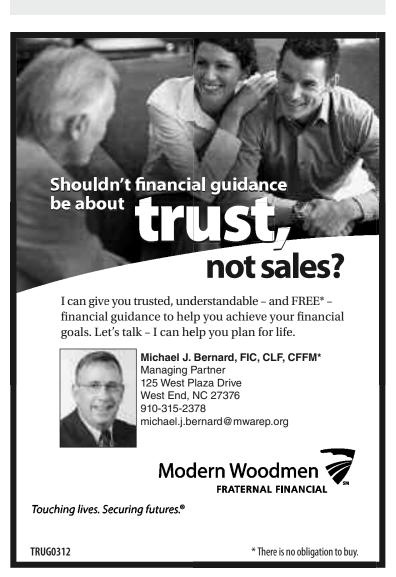
Where: Old West School Gym, off NC Highway 211 in West End.

When: Wednesday, September 19, 7:00 pm

Square Dance Club Open House

The Yellow Rockers Square Dance Club will hold two Open Houses in September. The first open house will be on Thursday, September 20, from 7 - 9 pm, at the Senior Center on 15 -501 north of the Pinehurst traffic circle. The second open house will be held Thursday, September 27 at the Old West End Gym just off NC Highway 211 near Rt. 73 from 7 - 9 pm.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Karen at 949-2001.





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Community involvement praised on 9-1-1

by Stacy Naughton Times Reporter



Moore County has changed its 9-1-1 EMS dispatch system for Seven Lakes West.

Landowners Association [SLWLA] Secretary Jane Sessler gives the credit to concerted action by Seven Lakes West Residents.

During the Association's Tuesday, September 11 meeting, Sessler thanked the community for peppering county officials with emails and turning out for the Tuesday, September 4 Board of Commissioners meeting.

"I want to thank everybody for sending all those emails out to the County and for

showing up to the meeting," doing." said Sessler. "It really made a difference. It really made them have to pay attention to us."

County officials received more that eighty emails from Westside residents, and, in and Seven Lakes West response, implemented a dual-call system that will notify both Seven Lakes EMS and West End Fire and Rescue, as well as Moore County EMS, in the event that a 9-1-1 call is placed in the community. [See story on front page for more details about the change, and story on page 7 for details on the Board of Commissioners meeting.]

"We were very persistent," said Sessler, "and made sure that they now know their feet are on the fire and we are watching what they are

Sessler asked for the community to remain involved and to continue to participate in this issue.

"We need to make sure that the voice of this community is heard — and very loudly," said Sessler.

This was only an 'interim" step said Treasurer Don Freiert, noting that the county is about to begin a comprehensive study of its fire, advanced life support, and rescue services; the result could be redrawn district lines and changes to dispatch protocols.

"We probably haven't heard the end of what fire district and where we are," said Freiert. "We need to stay vigilant and try to be participants in that study.'

McCarthy Resigns

Safety and Security Director Jim McCarthy has resigned his seat as a Director on the SLWLA Board. McCarthy, who has been on the Board for almost two years, plans to move to Tennessee. He had only good things to say about his time on the Board.

"It's a thing that everybody in the community should get involved in," said McCarthy. "To be a director . . . to run for a director is a good thing, despite what other people say. It is a tough job, it takes a lot of hours, but it's a rewarding job."

The Nominating Committee is currently looking for a replacement, a process that should be completed in two weeks, Secretary Sessler said.

The Board will appoint a director to fulfill the remainder of McCarthy's term.

Infrastructure Report

During the eight to twelve weeks it will take to make repairs at Pond Dam #3, Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman has asked that residents use safety precautions around the area.

"We are asking residents to stay clear of the work area," said Pierman, "Please use good judgement not to place yourself in a situation without an escape route."

In other infrastructurerelated matters, Pierman raised the issue of gardens being planted in rights-ofway throughout the community was also addressed by

(See "West Side," p. 11)

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Ray Sohl named SLLA Community Manager

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter



Ray Sohl has been selected as the new Community Manager for Seven Lakes Landowners

Association [SLLA], President Bob Darr announced during the Wednesday, August 29 Open Meeting.

Sohl will report for duty after he finishes up his last week as the Assistant Community Manager of the Governor's Club, a prestigious gated community in Chapel Hill that boasts a 27-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Course.

And while he is new to town. Sohl will share duties in the Seven Lakes office with several more familiar faces, including Assistant Community Manager Stephanie Cook, who previously worked with Talis and has been hired to continue in that role by CAS. along with longtime front office staff members Alice McPheeters and Brenda Massimo, who will continue to provide assistance on an asneeded basis. Bianca Pratt, another new hire, rounds out the CAS team.

During the meeting, the SLLA Board also reconfirmed the recently signed contract with Community Association Services [CAS], which is effective as of this weekend. A Pinehurst-based firm, CAS, Inc. manages more than 200 communities in North Carolina, including McLendon Hills and Seven Lakes West.

Prancing Horse pact tabled

A motion to ratify an agreement with Prancing Horse Center did not make it off the table, due to concerns over liability and insurance; however, the program is expected to commence soon, once the Board collects the additional information it needs. Prancing Horse provides equestrian opportunities for disabled adults and children and currently has a satellite site at McLendon Hills

Director Bob Racine explained the contract included a requirement that Pranc-

ing Horse provide an "adequate liability policy," but the value of that policy had only been presented to him informally.

"They have been told that, without an adequate policy, there will be no program here," Racine said. "If we don't feel comfortable with it, we won't have it. They have been instructed that we must review the policy before we move forward."

SLLA Treasurer Conrad Meyer also questioned a 90day termination clause, recommending a shorter period initially in case either side has an immediate misgiving.

In response to Meyer's request for overall information about the program, Darr said he had visited the satellite site location sponsored by McLendon Hills and had been extremely impressed — but

agreed it was imprudent to ratify the contract without having all the facts.

"It is a therapy for handicapped children and adults, and it is one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen," Darr said. "What I saw absolutely thrilled me."

In particular, he recalled watching a severely handicapped child being placed on a horse and then led around the arena by volunteers.

"He was the happiest little kid you could imagine, giggling, and with a grin from ear to ear!" Darr exclaimed.

He noted that his visit also afforded him the opportunity to address liability concerns with a group leader, and said he was fairly confident it would not be an issue.

Darr explained that the agreement will generate a

little income for SLLA, as Prancing Horse will pay a \$70 fee to use the stables for one to two hours per week, plus \$20 for each horse participating. They provide all of their own equipment, including horse blankets, reins, and other tack.

Prior to proposing an agreement with SLLA, the organization had previously evaluated the horses and facility, finding both to be exceptional. Prancing Horse also held an open house in Seven Lakes earlier this month for interested residents and potential volunteers; but the event was poorly attended, reported Racine.

Liability concerns at stables

Expressing concern about a few policies in place at the stables, former SLLA Treas-

urer John Paulson had some words of caution.

"Tm not here to gripe, blame or point fingers. I'm here to raise questions for the Board to consider," he said. "I'm a supporter of the stables. I think we need to have them. They are good for kids, good for grandkids. My issue is liability."

In particular Paulson recommended adding language to the legal release form that all riders must sign including the same warnings that are posted signs.

"Our rules say use the stables at your own risk; but, from a liability issue, that will get tossed out in a court of law," he warned. "The Association got part of it right but not the other part; and if you don't have both, it is

(See "SLLA," p. 20)

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New zoning permit may aide golf course

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter



The creation of a new zoning permit that would allow for temporary structures to

be approved on a case-bycase basis may be the best method of handling a request by Brown Golf Management [BGM], Mayor George Erickson told the Foxfire Village Council during the Tuesday, September 11 monthly meeting.

In anticipation of BGM taking over ownership of Foxfire Resort & Golf in late October, the firm recently met with the Council and explained their intent to use two lower level parking lots as a temporary maintenance facility. [See story on front page.] BGM has stated, unequivocally, that they have no interest in using or leasing the existing maintenance area; instead, a new state-of-theart facility will be built within the confines of the course. In the meantime, the temporary facility would store and protect golf course equipment, tools, and other normal operational materials.

As recommended by Village Attorney Michael Brough, a new zoning permit that could be issued for temporary facility requests would be a more efficient and succinct way of responding to this request, versus a written agreement. Such action will require several steps, notably drafting a new ordinance and conducting a public hearing — tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 9.

In addition, Erickson reported that BGM will prepare a scale drawing of the proposed temporary facility for Council and Appearance Committee review.

Offer on Village-owned lots

An offer of \$18,000 each for two undeveloped lots owned by Foxfire Village was received, Erickson reported.

The lots were a municipal well site that was closed down during the Woodland Circle road extension project.

As is legally required, Foxfire Village will announce the bid and accept higher offers from rival bidders. The deadline for upset bids is the last Friday of the month.

Surplus police vehicle

A new K9 vehicle for Foxfire Police is due to arrive soon, and the vehicle currently used by Sgt. Chad Shue and his dog BiBo has attracted the attention of West End Fire & Rescue personnel, reported Councilman Mick McCue.

"They would like to turn it into a First Responder vehicle and administrative car for their department," he explained, noting that the police cruiser uses much less gas and would be more efficient for trips when the fire truck is not necessary.

"They would be able to use it at a lot less expense; but I made it clear that any money to maintain the vehicle or for fuel would have to come out of their existing budget," McCue said. "And they agreed to that."

Other than a donation, he said the Village could look at selling the vehicle — but expressed doubt that it would raise much revenue.

Finance Director Leslie Frusco cautioned McCue that there were insurance considerations that must be considered when turning over the vehicle.

"I want to see if there is any liability in making this transfer; and, also, that if we give it to them that there is an understanding that the vehicle stays here to service Foxfire," she said. McCue said he would resume negotiations with WEFR to work out those concerns.

Long Range Planning

A newly developed tri-fold brochure to advertise Foxfire Village is nearly ready for Council review and approval, reported McCue.

In addition, a revamped website for the community is in progress; and residents will soon be able to sign up for email notifications and announcements.

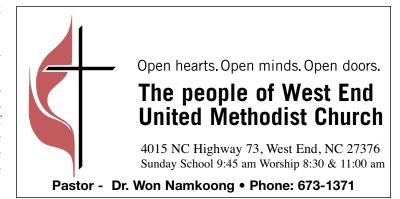
Councilman Steve Durham and his Long Range Planning Water subcommittee have been working on several key objectives, including a comprehensive analysis of the current water system and long range water needs, as well as identifying and reducing any potential threats that

McCue said he would could create catastrophic failesume negotiations with ures.

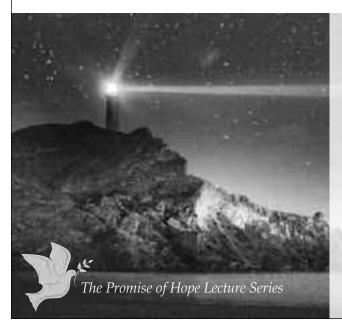
During a Foxfire Village Council work session held on Thursday, September 6, Councilman McCue reported that the subcommittee has updated a water source alternative study that was originally drafted in 2006 and later updated in 2009. The group has also completed an inventory of the Water Department and analyzed staffing requirements and the last three years of expenses. That study included a comparison to similarly-sized utility companies.

The subcommittee has identified six viable options for the long term — ranging from maintaining the existing system to abandoning the same in favor of Moore County water, and varying degrees

(See "Foxfire," p. 14)



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Board votes 'no' on Memorial documents

by Stacy Naughton Times Reporter



For the second time, Moore County's Board of Commissioners failed to

authorize the County Attorney to draft working documents aimed at protecting the Veteran's Memorial in Carthage from encroachment by commercial development.

In a 3-to-2 vote during their Tuesday, September 4 meeting, Commissioners Jimmy Melton, Larry Caddell, and Craig Kennedy voted down a motion by Commissioner Tim Lea that would have instructed County Attorney Misty Leland to draft preliminary documents outlining the joint ownership and maintenance responsibility proposed for the Veterans Memorial site in Carthage. Those documents would have formed the basis for meetings of the new ad hoc committee. on the preservation of the Memorial, formed by the Board of Commissioners and the original Veterans Memorial Committee.

The Board had split 2-2 on the motion during its Tuesday, August 22 meeting, when Kennedy was absent.

Commissioner Nick Picerno seconded Lea's motion, with the proviso that the draft documents would not be legally binding, noting that they could serve as a working document and starting point for the Committee, which is aimed at protecting the

Memorial and the land surrounding it.

Chairman Caddell said the documents would "handcuff" the Committee's chairman, Commissioner Melton.

Explaining that the matter has been discussed now for five months, Lea said having draft documents available to the Committee would facilitate its work.

"The Board has already agreed in principle that the Memorial site be protected," said Lea. "I have found, when working on this Board, when we want to delay something we appoint a committee . . . This is not a big decision. This is just whether or not this Board wants to do this or not."

According to Lea, the critical issue facing the Committee is how much land around the Memorial needs to be included in the joint-ownership arrangement.

The Board has yet to set a date for the first meeting of the Committee.

Board changes 9-1-1 response on West Side

Based on concerns about emergency response time voiced by residents of Seven Lakes West, Moore County's Board of Commissioners approved, during their Tuesday, September 5 meeting, a temporary fix to a new Emergency Medical Services dispatch procedure that will ensure an ambulance is sent to all calls in Seven Lakes West — and across the county.

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[This decision by the Board was clarified and refined in a meeting of the Emergency Services Advisory Countil on Thursday, September 6. See story on the front page for details. - GH]

Moore County Public Safety recently changed its protocols for dispatching County EMS and Volunteer Rescue Squad units based on a strategic planning project, County Emergency Manager Scot Brooks told the Commissioners.

"It is inefficient and very expensive if you are sending multiple units to the same call," said Brooks, who added that this duplication of service was a common practice in the past. Brooks explained that Public Safety moved to a tiered system that aims to send only the necessary equipment and personnel to a call and not "tie up" extra resources.

Public Safety also redrew the boundary lines of rescue service areas, splitting Seven Lakes West between West End Fire & Rescue and Seven Lakes EMS.

But an untended result of the change was slower response times in Seven Lakes West, according to Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Secretary Jane Sessler, who addressed the Commissioners on the issue. "We are now aware of some of the issues that may have precipitated the changes to the system," said Sessler, "and none of them have improved the efficiency or efficacy of the critical management of our emergency services."

After changes to the rescue service areas were discussed during the SLWLA's Tuesday, August 28 meeting, West-siders sent more than eighty emails to the Board of Commissioners expressing concern

West Side Asks for Dual Dispatch

"The residents in Seven (See "Commissioners," p. 16)

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Spence: School year 'off to a good start.'

by Stacy Naughton Times Reporter



The school year is "off to a good start," Superintendent Dr. Aaron

Spence said during the Moore County Board of Education's Monday, September 10 meeting.

After visiting many classrooms during the first few days of school, Spence said, "The best part about a new school year is . . . it's an opportunity to learn from the things we have done before and continue to get better and to meet the expectations that we have."

Among the changes Moore County students will see this year is a greater emphasis on fresh produce in school lunches, the Superintendent added. He thanked the broader Moore County community for their support and volunteerism in Moore County Schools [MCS].

Board Action

During Monday's meeting the School Board approved the following items:

- The Board's Code of Cooperation and Board Operating Procedures.
- The Board's Goals for the 2012-2013 school year.
- The Board's curriculum and work session dates for the 2012-2013 year.
- The appointment of SFLA as architects on the Auxiliary Gym expansions at

Union Pines and Pinecrest High Schools at a cost of \$350,000. SFLA were the architects used for the cafeteria remodel at Union Pines.

 A request by School Board member Ed Dennison to sell the Academy Heights property to Moore County, which was adopted during the first reading.

Other Business

Other business conducted by the Board during their Monday, September 10 meeting included:

- The Board is now using iPads instead of laptops during their meetings. "I think its wonderful that we have a Board that wants to learn and grow, and not just expect our students to learn and grow," said Chair Kathy Farren.
- Tina Kissell, Becky Benton and Dr. Kathy Kennedy presented the meeting's

Program Highlight, focusing on Student Support Services and, in particular, the Personal Education Plan [PEP]. This plan helps students who may be struggling to better address the problem and come up with a solution.

- School Board Chair Kathy Farren was nominated to the Board of Directors of the NC School Boards Association. MCS Board member Laura Lang said Moore County has not had a representative at the state level in some time. "I think it would be a nice thing for Moore County to have a representative on the school board," Board member Bruce Cunningham.
- Lang gave an update on a recent Facilities Committee meeting. Saving money on energy resources and creating a study of MCS space needs were among the topics discussed.

Flu Shot Clinic

A Flu Shot Clinic, will be held at the West End UMC Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, September 23, from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Quality Care Pharmacy of Seven Lakes will be administering flu shots for people 14 years old and above. Cost for the vaccination is \$25.

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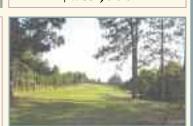
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Robert Henry Schultz, project.org Boles Funeral age 85 of Asheboro, died Monday, September 10, at Clapp's Nursing Center, Ashe-

Mr. Schultz was born in East Meadow, NY, son to the late Peter Schultz and Rose (Eisenhauer) Schultz.

He served his country during WWII in the US Navy, was a member of the Smithtown, NY Masonic Lodge and the Frankenberger Society in Queens, NY. He resided in Seven Lakes, from 1988 to 2010 and was as a founding member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pine-

Mr. Schultz was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years in 2010, Elsie Schultz, and his brother, Peter Schultz.

Survivors include his two sons, Douglas Schultz of Asheboro; Stephen Schultz of Greenwich, CT, and one grandson.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, September 13 at Seven Lakes Cemetery, Seven Lakes with the Pastor Mark Edwin Ryman officiat-

Memorials may be made to the American Heart & Stroke Foundation at 4217 Parkplace Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060, or to the Building Fund of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 505 South Park St, Asheboro, NC 27203

Boles Funeral Home of family.

Dr. Dennis D. Bell, of Foxfire Village, died on Tuesday, August 28 at his residence.

A celebration of life service was held on Thursday, August 30 at Pinehurst United Methodist Church. The Pastor David Beam officiated.

Dr. Bell is survived by his wife of 41 years, Carnetta B. Bell; daughter Denise Graner of Pinehurst; son Brian Bell of Apex, his sister, Carolyn Spicer; and many grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorHome assisted the family.

Robert Maxwell MacGregor, 82, of Seven Lakes, died August 29. He was born in Batavia, NY, son of the late Hugh Gordon and Hazel Ford MacGregor.

Mr. MacGregor served his country for six years in the USAF during the Korean conflict. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, he began his career in the automotive industry, holding management positions with Pontiac Motor Division, Avis and Southeast Toyota. His assignments took him to Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Garden City, NY. San Francisco and Boca Raton, FL.

He was owner of MacGregor Pontiac Buick from 1973 to 1980. He retired from Southeast Toyota in 1993 and moved to Seven Lakes. Shortly thereafter he accepted a position as Vice President of Operations for an automotive management company with dealerships in North Carolina and New Jersey. This eventually led to a partnership in one of the dealerships until it was sold in 2001.

During his career he received numerous awards and commendations for his performance and served as President of the Pittsburgh Suburban YMCA, President of the Batavia, NY YMCA, and served on the Board of Directors of the Batavia, NY Seven Lakes assisted the Rotary Club. He was a licensed pilot and enjoyed motorcycling, golf, and working out and gardening. He made his first tandem sky dive on his 76th birthday.

A Celebration of Life was held at Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes on Saturday, September 1.

Mr. MacGregor is survived by his wife of 31 years, Norelyn Case MacGregor, his daughters; Susan Hawkins, Cathy Carli, and Laurie Mac-Gregor, all of Batavia, NY, seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three step-daughters; Andrea Herring of Cuba, MO, Cynthia Berry of Houston, TX, Lauralyn Albers of Ashburn, VA

and a step-son, Lawrence Brown of Cuba, MO; and six step-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to The ALS Association, Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter, 120 Penmarc Drive Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27603 or to a charity of one's choice.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Sandhills Quilt Show

The Sandhills Quilters Guild, in conjunction with the Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation, will hold its bi-annual quilt show, Quilting in the Pines V, at the Fair Barn located on Beulah Hill Road (Rt. 5) in Pinehurst, on Friday, September 28 from 12 pm to 8 pm and Saturday, September 28, from 10 am to 5 pm. Adult admission is

\$5: children under 12 admitted free. A two day admission can be purchased

In addition to over 150 quilted items, there will be a pincushion exhibit, silent auction, a boutique of quilted goods, vendors, raffle baskets and door prizes.

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Foxfire Police offer 'Senior Touch' program

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Introduced by Foxfire Police Officer Scott Patterson in March 2012, the Senior Touch Program has attracted seven participants and has been well-received.

"We are primarily a senior community and I wanted to develop a program that would provide an opportunity to give back," Patterson said. "My feeling – and everyone at the Police Department is we are community-oriented policing. It is not about arrests and citations. In a small town like Foxfire, our goal is to connect law enforcement to our residents on a personal level. We are here to serve you."

A part-time officer with Foxfire Police, Patterson said he wanted to develop a program that would benefit the community and, after discussing ideas with Chief Mike Campbell, created the Senior Touch Program.

Enrolled participants receive a monthly visit from a uniformed police officer primarily Patterson - who spends a few minutes visiting with the resident before conducting a safety inspection of the home and ensuring that their medical information is readily available, most often posted on the refrigerator, in the event of an emergency.

Patterson said both single elderly adults and couples are welcome to participate in the program and described a standard visit as a friendly open conversation.

"It's about communicating. Talking to them and listening too. We'll often trade 'war stories' and it is a social outlet for them, but it also allows me to make sure their medical information is upto-date and posted for EMS."

The other benefit of the visit is simply to make sure the residents feels at ease where they live, Patterson explained.

"It provides a gateway for them to communicate and allows us to more of a neighborhood watch. If they see anything, they know who to

call," he said. "We give them non-emergency numbers they can call and also explain the difference between emergency and non-emergency type situations."

Patterson said it is a bal-

ancing act to conduct the helps fill in the gaps with visits as part of his routine patrol hours and said Foxfire Police has been blessed with the addition of a certified auxiliary officer - who volunteers once a month - and

the Senior Touch Program.

Eventually, he said his goal is to broaden and expand the program to include more registered participants and also additional volunteers to conduct the checks

For more information or to sign up for the Senior Touch Program, please call Foxfire Police at 295-5959, contact the Village Administrative office, or email patrol@foxfirenc.com



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West Side

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Pierman

In the past residents had occasionally planted a garden in the Association's right-of-way, and, for whatever reason, abandoned it, thinking the Association will take care of it.

Pierman said the Infrastructure Committee does not have the funds to take care of all of these gardens.

"Unless the Board says 'I want to keep that garden,' as far as I am concerned, that's in the right-of-way, and that is something I do not have money to maintain," said Pierman. "It will be allowed to grow wild, or it will be changed into a type of area that can be maintained at a relatively low cost."

The rights-of-way in Seven Lakes West include eighteen feet on either side of the road, which is owned by the Association, Pierman explained.

Anything within that eighteen foot area can be removed by the Association — for example, a driveway that extends into that area and needs to be removed for certain repairs.

Westside lots also include utility easements that take up five feet on each side of the lot and ten feet at the back of the lot, Pierman added.

Treasurer's Report

Cash disbursements for the month of August were \$112,700, reported Treasurer Freiert.

Non-recurring expenses for the month included \$15,000 to Marks Enterprises for work on Pond Dam #3 and Lake Auman Dam; \$21,000 to Kanoy Architecture for the mailhouse design; and \$3,300 to Reliable Fire Protection for work at the Community Center.

The NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT] has formally accepted the portion of Lakeway Drive that was donated to them by the Association, Freiert reported, adding that NCDOT funding for the rail crossing project has been secured and set aside. The Department has

completed its review of the crossing design; the next step is to send them to the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway for their review.

That review process can take up to 90 days, Freiert explained, at which point contracts and equipment must be obtained before work can begin. He added that the project is not expected to be completed until late 2013.

Events Report

On Saturday, September 15, the Events Committee will host Margaritaville Night at the Community Center from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, reported Events Director Rosemary Weber. Entertainment will be provided by the Paris Band with light appetizers and Margarita Mix to be served. Tickets are \$7 per person and can be picked up at the office.

A Concealed Weapon Carry Permit Course will be held on Saturday September 29 and Saturday October 6 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Community Center. A full eight hours of instruction are required by North Carolina for this course.

Immediately following the October 6 class, Captain Tom Brady will arrange for participants to take the required shooting test at a local shooting range. The application fee is \$80, which is payable prior to the first class. Class size is limited, said Weber.

Lake and Dam Report

The Lake Auman Sports Club Bass Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Johnson Point Marina, reported Infrastructure Director Pierman.

The cost is \$25 per boat or angler for this individual tournament. There will be prizes for combined weight and biggest fish, with a picnic to follow. More information may be found on the SLWLA

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Communications

Secretary Sessler reported that the community website has not been hacked; however, a mass mailing was sent out by a member.

The problem has been discussed with the individual, explained Sessler, who reminded the community that the website is to be used for individual emails not mass emails.

Sessler said a repeat occurrence may results in the removal of the member directory from the website. An individual can opt out of the website directory by updating their profile.

"We really want to be able to use this site with the purpose it has been set forth with," said Sessler.

Manager's Report

Community Manager Jeanette Mendence reported that an inventory of road signs throughout the community is being conducted.

The Lake Auman Sports Club will be installing a work bench at the storage facility. The parking lines at the Community Center have been repainted.

The pool will remain open on weekends throughout September, after which the tile in the pool will be checked, (See "West Side," p. 12)







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Jackson Springs Church has new minister

Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce that on August 1, Paul B. James, began serving the church as Pastor in the role of Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE).

Pastor James is a bi-vocational pastor in that he is minister at Jackson Springs while continuing his dentistry profession of nearly 30 years in Robbins. His commission was approved by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina in June, 2012.

A Service of Celebration of Commissioning was held at the church on August 5.

Rev. Dr. Larry Lyon of West End Presbyterian Church led the service and Rev. Don Welch, Chaplain of the Chapel in the Pines of Seven Lakes preached the sermon. Other celebrants in the service included: Judy Boroughs, Clerk of Session at Jackson Springs; Rev. Chip Pope and Rev. Dudley Crawford

byterian Church; Roger Simmons, CRE Class of 2012 of Community Church in Pinehurst; Edna Ann Loftus, PhD, CRE Class of 2012 and professor at St. Andrews University; Allen McLean, CRE Class of 2012 and member of Blandonia Presbyterian Church in Sanford; Rev. Dr.

(retired), of West End Pres- David Helms, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Southern Pines; and, Rev. Tom Currie, retired Presbyterian minister living in Carthage.

> A reception followed in the church Fellowship Hall.

> "What a blessing it is to join the faithful and energetic people of Jackson Springs

Presbyterian Church in ministry," said Pastor James. "This church has a long and rich tradition of loving God, caring for each other, and serving this community for the last one hundred and ninety-five years. Now, all of us have our focus on the future and, with God's help, we want to explore new and exciting ways to serve our

A special offering was received during the service for the Food Pantry at the

West End United Methodist Church. The pantry serves 230-250 families bi-weekly in the Jackson Springs, Seven Lakes, West End areas. As the food pantry has experienced a decrease in food donations from the Food Bank of North Carolina, its expenses have risen to as much as \$40,000 each year. Pastor James and Judy Boroughs presented an offering of \$850 to WEUMC pastor, Rev. Dr. Won S. Namkoong, the following Sunday.



Rev. Paul B. James was commissioned as the new minister of Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church on August 5.

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Other Business

Other business conducted during the SLWLA Board's Tuesday, September 11 work session included:

• ARC Director Dan Blue reported that two new homes are under construction with a total of thirtythree projects underway throughout the community. ARC has revised two permits to expedite work for

satellite antenna installation and "like kind, like color" repairs, said Blue. The permits are available on the community web-

- The Amenities Committee is investigating expanding the dance floor in the Great Room of the Community Center, reported Mendence.
- President Mick Herdrich and Lake and Dam Director Bruce Keyser were absent from Tuesday's meeting.

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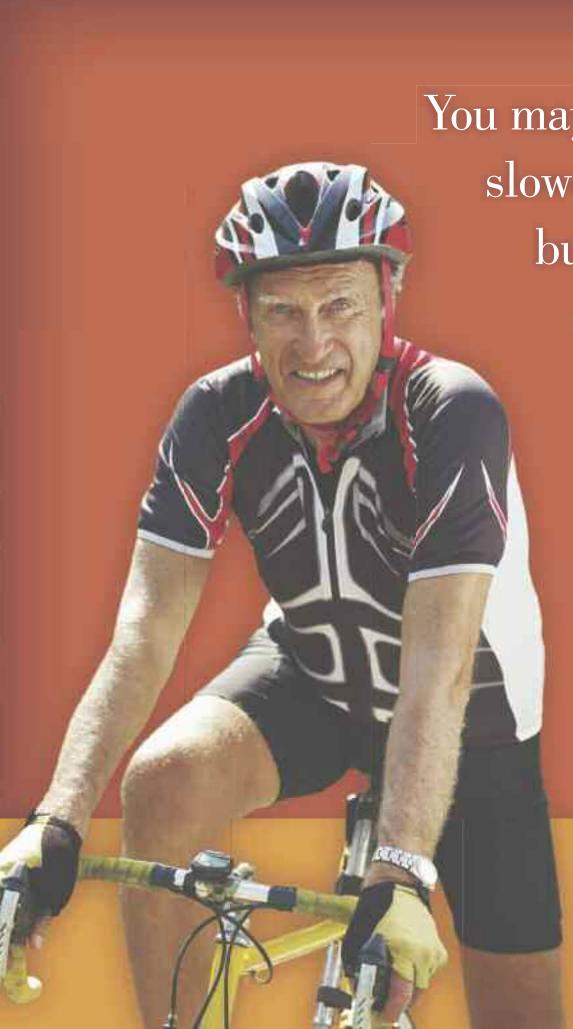
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between those options. In addition, private water company contractors have been consulted for options and cost estimates.

Representatives from Moore County Public Utilities have met with the subcommittee and toured the village's facility and are waiting for a rough proposal of what Foxfire would like them to consider, as far as options, explained McCue.

"They've offered their expertise to review all of these options to help us make the best decision for our residents," he said.

The LRP Water study is on schedule and the committee is trying to be proactive, McCue told the Council, and thanked Durham and his volunteers.

"Thanks to their efforts. Foxfire will be able to make decisions based on data, instead of just flailing around," McCue said.

Finance

Ad valorem tax bills have been sent out, and some property tax revenue has already started coming back in, reported Finance Director Frusco.

As of August 31, the General Fund stood at \$800,641, including \$100,092 in capital reserves and \$20,990 in the Stonehill Pines account. The Water Fund was reported at \$240,283, plus an additional \$135,716 is held in a restricted escrow account for a new well.

Annual loan payments made in July included \$26,192 from the General Fund towards Village Green Park improvements, and \$41,144 from the Water Fund for water lines and wells. Anticipated in April, annual bank loan payments for the Woodland Circle extension project include \$173,300 from the General Fund and \$13,929 from the Water

Frusco reminded her fellow Foxfire Council members that it was imperative — and their fiduciary responsibility — to carefully review purchase orders and monitor their

department's budget.

"Purchase orders are not just signing a paper," she said. "You must look and see if this is a normal budgeted expense and if not, why not? What is it?'

"In most cases with expenses, we are okay; but there are still some places where we can pay a little more attention to the approval of items," Frusco cautioned.

Hoffman – Shamrock gate

A metal gate that closes off Shamrock Drive except to emergency vehicles is sturdy and will remain in place; however, the decorative wooden fencing on either side is in poor condition and a liability hazard.

During the recent work session and also at the September 11 monthly meeting, Councilman Vic Koos drew attention to the issue and recommended immediate action

"Before I ask for money to replace the fence, I will check the budget . . . but the wood is rotted and some of it is hanging down," Koos warned.

Shamrock Drive was formally closed by a Council vote and resolution in 1980, in the wake of a vehicular death related to illegal street racing and also commercial trucks using the residential road as a shortcut. A discussion in 2008 on whether to reopen that gate prompted an outcry from Shamrock residents; but excessive costs to upgrade the roadway also played a role in the Council's decision to reapprove that closure

Koos said the primary metal gate is in good condition, but the outer wooden fences must

In other streets-related discussion, Koos said he has been removing old and frayed Foxfire Village stickers from street posts and replacing them with new stickers. Each sticker costs \$5, and Koos recommended that, once the existing inventory is depleted the stickers be decommissioned.

"I think, in the future, we should discuss removing them completely," he said, noting that every intersection requires four stickers.

During the work session on September 6, Koos reported that a sink hole on Woodland Circle may be the result of a crack in an underground

"I have talked to the engineers twice, and they are supposed to come out and give us their recommendations," responded Mayor

Village Green Park

Six sections of sidewalk at the Village Green Park have cracks, Koos reported; two (See "Foxfire," p. 15)

be replaced, recommending that a split-rail fence would be attractive and in keeping with other fencing materials in that immediate area. In addition, he suggested that installing trees and shrubs would enhance the gate and also serve as another layer of deterrence to keep vehicles from illegally going around the structure.

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(Continued from page 14) are noticeable, and the others are just hairline cracks.

Noting that it was expensive to cut out sections for replacement but also very difficult to match cement colors, he said the Village may have to live with a slightly ill-matched filling in those cracks.

Other upcoming improvement projects include replacement of several signs along the walking trail — damaged by woodpeckers — and seeking volunteers to assist with re-staining and re-painting projects at the picnic shelter pavilions. Earlier this year, the Appearance Committee was granted \$1,000 in the budget for supplies for this job.

"Volunteers are hard to find in the Summer when it is hot," Frusco noted during the work session. "But, I expect as the weather cools, we'll be able to tackle some of these projects."

In other discussion, McCue recommended that a \$100 facility deposit should be collected from groups using the Village Green Park — even when those same groups are not being charged for use. In particular, that concern was raised in August when a charitable fishing tournament, cosponsored by the Foxfire Police Department, resulted in a five or six sprinkler heads being damaged.

Other business

In other business during the September 6 Work Session and the September 11 Regular Meeting, the Foxfire Village Council:

- Approved a schedule of regular work sessions for the Foxfire Village Council, to be held the last Thursday of each month. An exception was granted for September 2012.
- Heard from Erickson that a voluntary annexation request from a Grande Pines resident may require a satellite annexation, since the property is not contiguous with existing Village limits. He said a request to NC Rep. Jamie Boles would be required and must include a petition

from the property owners seeking annexation.

- Heard from Erickson that developer Pete Mace is working with two bids for the installation of a new water main in the Grande Pines subdivision. "This is a permanent water line," Erickson explained. "The Village will do our due diligence to make sure it is properly installed, before we allow them to tap on to our system."
- Heard from Erickson that the Foxfire Garden Club has requested that the Village take over planning and staging of special events and flag-raising activities at the Village Green memorial garden.
- Reviewed a population report from the State of North Carolina, that

- detailed only slight growth over the past year; from 902 to 920 residents in 2011. Frusco noted such information was very important, as state revenue is partially if not entirely based on population figures.
- Discussed the ongoing improvements to the tennis court area. Fencing and the old courts have been removed, with grading work and laying down pine straw anticipated for next week.
 "I have heard from a number of people that it already looks better," said Frusco.
- Tabled a motion to accept and endorse the 2012 Solid Waste Management Plan, developed by Moore County. Councilman McCue requested additional time to review the fifty-page doc-

- ument before approving and endorsing the plan.
- Heard from Frusco that she is working with Village Clerk Lisa Kivett to compile an expense report on the pool. That information will be reviewed and compared with costs and revenue from previous years.
- Honored former Councilman John Eltschlager for his dedicated service to the Village. Eltschlager was appointed to the Council in August 2010 and oversaw streets until his resignation in August 2012.

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Lakes West are very concerned about the recent changes that happened to our EMS coverage," said Sessler. "The Seven Lakes EMS squad is very familiar with Seven Lakes West community and knows the way around our incredible maze of roads."

She asked that a dual call to Seven Lakes Rescue and West End Fire and Rescue be made in the event of an emergency in Seven Lakes West, noting that several Westsiders volunteer with the Seven Lakes Squad and that the Westside community has contributed to the recent purchased of a new Seven Lakes EMS ambulance.

More than forty residents of Seven Lakes West attended the Commissioners' meeting and stood to show their support after Sessler spoke to the Board.

Max Foley told the Commissioners that he had experienced slower response times firsthand, when he called 9-1-1 because of cardiac symptoms suffered by his wife, Maryann. He explained that it took one-and-one-half-hours from his call to Mrs. Foley's arrival at the emergency room.

"In our case, it worked out alright; but it might have been different," Foley told the Commissioners. "These situations arise all the time, not only in Seven Lakes West, but throughout the County. If one ambulance is out, and we have to keep going further and further away, I have a concern with it."

Commissioners Approve Change to Dispatch System

At the recommendation of Emergency Manager Brooks, the Commissioners unanimously approved a temporary change to the dispatch system. If a Moore County advanced life support unit in is the district from which a call originates, it will be dispatched to the call. If a paramedic unit is not available, then 9-1-1 operators will automatically dispatch the next available basic life support ambulance, even if the call is to a location outside that unit's rescue district. This will take effect countywide — not just in Seven Lakes West.

Moore County EMS units carry professional paramedics and associated equipment capable of providing advanced life support, and County property owners pay a special tax levy to fund that service. Volunteer Rescue Squads like West End Fire and Rescue and Seven Lakes EMS — provide only Basic Life Support Services. Many residents may not be aware of the distinction. Adding to the potential for confusion is the fact that the garages at West End Fire and Rescue house both a Moore County Advanced Life Support unit and a West End Basic Life

Support unit.

Brooks told *The Times* that his goal is to have paramedic-level response to every emergency in the county.

Chairman Larry Caddell told *The Times* that the Commissioners' action Tuesday night was an "easy decision" to put the Seven Lakes West residents' "minds at ease." As President of Southern Software, which provides the 9-1-1 dispatch system to Moore County, Caddell said the system could be updated immediately.

The Emergency Services Advisory Committee [ESAC] — a group of firefighters, fire chiefs, and citizens that discuss emergency situations throughout the County will discuss the matter further during their Thursday, September 6 meeting and formulate a more permanent solution to recommend to the Commissioners.

During the budget process earlier this year, the Commissioners approved funding to add seven new emergency responders to the Public Safety staff.

Closed Dam Road is an Impediment

According to Fire Marshall Ken Skipper, part of the problem affecting emergency response in Seven Lakes West is the closed road over Lake Auman Dam.

Skipper said he has asked Seven Lakes West to have the gates changed from manual locks to an electronic system — or one that can be triggered by a siren.

"We didn't know there was an issue with these gates until recently," said Skipper.

According to SLWLA Safety and Security Director Jim McCarthy, each County medical and rescue vehicle has been given a barcode to access the back gate of Seven Lakes West and has a way to unlock the gates over Lake

Currently, the gates have to be unlocked manually — something that should take about thirty seconds.

"That thirty seconds is a lot of time, if your house is burning or you're having a heart attack," said Skipper.

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Board Approves Working Lands Plan

In a four-to-one vote, with Commissioner Craig Kennedy dissenting, the Board approved the Moore County Working Lands Protection Plan, a document that both describes Moore County's farm and forest lands and recommends strategies for protecting them.

Presenting the document, Planning Director Debra Ensminger said all of the other ten counties in the Fort Bragg area have adopted similar plans.

The development of these plans is a project supported by the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, created by the General Assembly in 2005 to focus on preserving and developing farm and forest lands in the state. Moore County's adoption of a Working Lands Protection Plan means that its farmers and foresters will be able to tap state funds available to those who place conservation easements on their property and that possibility appeared to raise concerns for two Commissioners.

Commissioner Nick Picerno suggested, and the Board approved, adding language to the Working Lands Plan that will make clear to landowners that adopting a conservation easement will restrict what they can do with their land in the future.

"I worry . . . for the property right and a person not understanding," said Picerno.

Picerno also questioned the future impact of the Plan, asking, "What if Walmart comes in down the road and wants to buy that land — but because an heir's parents signed this document, it can't be done?"

Commissioner Lea, who is a timber and cattle farmer, said the plan allows farmers to tap into more funding opportunities. "What about future generations?" asked Lea. "Well, it's my property today."

Commissioner Kennedy, who voted against approval, said he didn't object to the Working Lands Plan, but to the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, which he said is run by unelected officials.

"This program here causes me to say 'What are we doing? We want to restrict development of these people's properties?" said Kennedy. "I don't think we should be looking for handouts . . . I cannot support this plan."

In 2008, agriculture was a \$74 billion industry in North Carolina — \$373 million in Moore County. The County's 6,000 agricultural jobs make up 13 percent of all jobs.

In the past twenty years, Moore County's population has grown fifty percent, putting pressure on the County's farm and forest lands for non-agricultural uses. And with the expansion of Fort Bragg under BRAC, the Base Realignment and Closure program, there will be an even greater pressure on the area's farm lands, Ensminger said.

The Planning Board voted 7-0 to endorse the Working Lands Protection Plan. Now that it has been approved by the Commissioners, it will be forwarded to the NC Commissioner of Agriculture for final approval.

The implementation of the plan will not require additional expenditures of staff time, Ensminger said.

Other Business

Other business conducted during the Board's Tuesday, September 4 meeting included:

- The Board accepted a space needs study that was presented to them by Chinn Planning Inc. and Ware Bonsall Architects. Meeting the County's long term space needs up to thirty years could cost up to \$33.3 million. "It lays out a vision for this County and a map," said County Manager Cary McSwain.
- The Commissioners approved the \$90,600 purchase of a new backhoe requested by Ben Vaughn of Public Utilities.
- The Board approved a lease agreement of \$400 per month between Westmoore Volunteer Fire Protection Association, Inc. and Moore County for housing staff and a Paramedic Quick

Response Vehicle, as requested by Scot Brooks. Brooks explained that the staffing process has begun for the 24/7 coverage facility, which should be in place by mid September.

- The Board approved a request by Information Technology Director Darlene Yudell to purchase switch infrastructure needed at the new Public Safety Center for \$276,000.
- Employee service awards were presented by Human Resources Director Denise

Brook

• The Board approved the month of September as Citizens' Voter Awareness Month, requested by Glenda Clendenin.

Appointments

- The Board appointed Pat Corso to the Workforce Development Board.
- The Board appointed Harvey Bryson to the Veteran's Memorial Committee, requested by Commissioner Melton.





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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- · "Cocktail" Golf Clinic At Beacon Ridge Country **Club** – 4:30 pm to 6 pm. Get Some Great Golf Tips From The Pros At Beacon Ridge. \$15/Person Includes Great Golf Tips From the Pros and Two Beers or Two Glasses of Wine Call Pro Shop, 673-1092.
- Sweet Charity at The Temple Theatre. Award winning Bob Fosse musical by Neil Simon. Play continues through September 30. Check for dates and times at www.templeshows.com Temple Theatre, 120 Carthage Street, Sanford. Box Office 919-774-4155.
- Paul Murphy and Family **Return to Weymouth** – 7 to 9 pm, Popular jazz tunes - some standard, some new. Weymouth Center, 555 E. Connecticut Avenue, Southern Pines. Tickets \$15, at Weymouth Center, Given Library's Book Store, Country Bookshop, and Arts Council of Moore County. Weymouth Center (910) 692-6261

<u>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15</u>

- · Farmers Market at Sandhills Winery – 9 am - 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts, 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- · Mixed Paper Recycling -9 am - 3 pm, at the Kangaroo Station in the Fresh

Market Shopping Center, Southern Pines. Keep Moore County Beautiful, 910-947-3478.

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create delicious desserts. 905 Linden Road Pinehurst, (910) 255-0665.

- First Responder Appreciation Day - 12 pm - 4 pm, Meet local responders and thank those who save lives everyday! Sponsored by Seven Lakes Memory Care, 292 McDougall Drive in Seven Lakes Business Village. Drop by for food, fun, safety tips, and much more. Hot dog plates \$3. Proceeds benefit Alzheimer's Association. 673-2045.
- · Elliott's Provision Co. Free Wine Tasting - 12 pm to 4 pm. New Zealand Sauvignon Blancs. 905 Linden Road Pinehurst, 255-
- Margarita Night 7 pm to 9 pm, Limbo the Night Away at the West Side Park Community Center. The Paris Band to entertain everyone. Snacks, dessert and Margarita Mix (BYOB)

provided. 50/50 to benefit Blaise McNair. Tickets \$7/person.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

ion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

· Fall Wildflower Hike – 3 pm, Join the Ranger

on a hike to see the Fall colors. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the

The Rooster's Wife – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest tonight is Hot Club of Cowtown. Buy tickets on line or at the door. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910) 944-7502.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Rosh Hashanah
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** - 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Land Use Plan Steering Committee – 6 pm - 8 pm meeting, at the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- Healing Service 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. All are welcome.
- The League of Women Voters Moore County -11:45 am, Patrick Coughlin, President and CEO of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce will speak on Growth and Change in the Sandhills. Held at Table on the Green, Midland Golf Club. Cost is \$12. Everyone welcome. Call Charlotte Gallagher, 910-944-9611.
- Moore County Board of Commissioners – 6 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

 Project Linus Workshop - 10 am - 3 pm, at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The group will be making fleece no sew blan-

kets, inspecting blankets, labeling blankets and making crafts for fundraisers. Drop by or bring a snack and stay the day. Help make blankets for children in need in Moore County. Call Pat Weber 673-1457 weberconsult@nc.rr.com.

- Verbal Illusionist Ed "Moose" Duke - 2 pm, Duke will make his stories come alive at the Senior Enrichment Center. 215-0900 to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.
- Welcome to Medicare 2 pm, seminar. Jill Sherman, Moore County Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Coordinator, will help everyone sort through Medicare options. 215-0900 to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, Pinehurst.
- · Is it time to talk about **Incorporation?** – 7 pm, A meeting for all residents to talk about the future of Seven Lakes - all ideas and

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opinions will be welcomed. Think about what will happen to your community, security and prosperity if nothing is done. Meeting will be held at the Old West End School Gym off Highway 211. See you there!

- 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 20

- Bread of Life Ministry West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship and devotion and meal for \$5.
- Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- Yellow Rockers Open House – 7 - 9 pm, The Yellow Rockers Square Dance Club will host an open house at the Senior Center on 15 -501 north of the Pinehurst traffic circle. Refreshments served. Couples interesting in learning about square dancing are invited. Call Karen at 949-2001.
- Advanced Funeral Planning – 7 pm, Daniel Armstrong, Funeral Service Licensee of Boles Funeral

Home, will talk about funeral planning, including the process of preplanning. 215-0900 to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Hwy. 15-501, Pinehurst.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Autumn Begins
- Bird Walk 8 am, migration is underway. Join the Ranger for a 2 mile hike to look for these winged wonders. Learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, tick repellent, sunscreen and field guides. Meet at park office. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- Farmers Market at Sandhills Winery 9 am 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinerv.com
- Bensalem Ingathering Celebration starts at 10 am. Food, crafts, music, raffles, Cornhole Tournament at 10:15 am, Auction at 12 pm. Activities for the children and the whole family. Bensalem Presbyterian Church, 2891 Bensalem Church Road, Eagle Springs, 910-673-1982.
- Elliott's Provision Co. Free Cooking Demo 12 Pasta at Home. Learn how to make great pastas at home. 905 Linden Road Pinehurst, (910) 255-0665.
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ation. A fun-filled day starting with a walk, and then continuing with demonstrations, dog contests, food, games and pet photos for \$10. Amy 910-603-5577 or email:

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Flu Shot Clinic, West End UMC Fellowship Hall 11 am 1:30 pm. Quality Care Pharmacy administering flu shots for people 14 years old and above. \$25. Most insurance plans, including Medicare and BCBS, cover this vaccination with no out of pocket expense. Quality Care will donate \$10 from every flu shots administered to the American Heritage Girls troop.
- After The Fire 3 pm, Join in for a one-mile hike to discover how fire benefits

plants and animals that live in the longleaf pine forest. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.

• The Rooster's Wife – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest tonight is Caleb Hawley, Kristi Rose and Fats Kaplan. Buy your tickets on line or at the door. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910) 944-7502.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- Weight Watchers Meeting
 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary
 Magdalene Episcopal
 Church, 1145 Seven Lakes
 Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Seven Lakes Business Guild Meeting – 5:30 pm, at Seven Lakes Country Club. Business community invited, including nonmembers, to the planning for the Saturday, October 27 Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff. Contact Cheryl Darwell at 673-SAIL or CDarwell@CruisePlanners.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

• Healing Service – 11 am,

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. All are welcome.
- Women of Weymouth Supper on the Grounds - wine and beer social at 5:30 pm, barbecue dinner. Entertainment provided by Fred Brush and Lynn Nelson. Reservations call 692-6261.
- Seven Lakes West Landowners Association
 7 pm, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.

<u>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26</u>

- · Yom Kippur
- 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.
- Seven Lakes Landowners Association – 7:30 pm, General meeting.



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Paulson also expressed concern that the new stables manager, Kate Pennington, prefers Thoroughbreds over Quarter Horses — which he said have a calmer and stable temperament; that jumping stands are in the fenced arena ring, yet no jumping is allowed by SLLA rules; and that kids have been allowed to ride bareback [a supervised activity during pony camp]. In addition, he argued the newly posted Fall and Winter hours did not make sense, with riding hours potentially falling after sunset and a shortened schedule on Saturdays.

"Safety is my number one concern . . . Things happen unexpectedly, so it is important to have these liability issues addressed." He asked, "Why is a person with no financial risk involved making decisions that will impact our liability?'

Northside Water main break

Casually mentioning that he had noticed low water pressure at his home, Treasurer Meyer asked whether the Association is typically notified when Moore County Public Utilities plans to work on the water system.

But it wasn't a maintenance project that caused the disturbance for many residents on Wednesday afternoon; it was a water main break at Edgewater Drive in Seven

In an interview on Thursday, August 30, Public Works Director Randy Gould, told The Times that the break occurred on a six-inch water main, at a PVC coupling that has likely been in place since the community was originally developed.

"It is a thinner-walled material than we use now," Gould explained, noting that the repair included a stainless steel repair clamp that was installed on the joint. "What we put in is much better than what was there before."

Gould said the break took a few hours to repair, but was not considered an emergency-type of situation. Overall, he described the Seven Lakes [North, South and West] infrastructure as stable, with only three or four reported leaks each year.

Meyer said that he was unaware of the water main break, and that he would have appreciated an email from the Association office.

"Even if we don't know how long it will take to fix it, it would be good to have information," he said. "In the spirit of continuous improvement, I suggest in the future with such events that there be notification. We could have done a better job of communicating."

During the Communications report, Director Dave Buckingham said he is still actively seeking volunteers for his committee. Twentyeight percent of Association members are now registered on the new community web-

New boat permitting and slip policies approved

Approving a slightly tweaked set of policies related to boat permits and marina slips at Sequoia Point, the Board noted one of the biggest hurdles with revising the rules and regulations is in getting that information distributed back to residents.

Director Steve Ritter suggested an email blast should be sent, noting that new rules — such as one prohibiting guest power boats from entering the gates without prior approval — could create quite a commotion if they were enforced unexpectedly.

Treasurer Meyer agreed and noted the Board had spent a lot of time updating the rules. He recommended a list of changes should be included as part of the standard end-of-year report and ballot, which are mailed to all property owners prior to the Annual Meeting.

SLLA President Darr asked Communications Director Buckingham to meet with fellow board members to discuss any rules changes which should be included in the updated Green book of rules and regulation — and then to develop a plan of how that information should be sent out to residents, including those who do not regularly use email or the community website.

Newly approved Rule 8.4 limits each lot owner or longterm renter to no more than two power boats, and requires that all boats, and trailers stored on common property, must be reregistered at the SLLA office on an annual basis. Boat permit stickers are issued using the same color-coded system as in place for windshield stick-

In addition, Rule 8.5 requires that boat slip leases be executed on an annual basis; subletting is prohibited. Fees are \$400 a year, payable on or before May 1. A waiting list is maintained: however.

refusal to accept a slip when it is made available will forfeit the \$40 deposit.

Road Paving

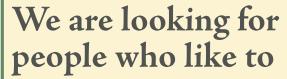
Phase one of the road paving project is nearly complete, reported George Tem-

He anticipated Riley Paving would be sweeping all of the areas where the triple-seal process was applied and that he was reviewing quotes for road striping.

"Striping will be done where there is new pavement and also the speed bumps," Temple said. "The plan is to also restripe the rest of the community where it is currently marked," Temple said. "It needs refreshing, and I think we can afford it."

Temple estimated that this first phase of road paving involved twenty percent of (See "SLLA," p. 21)







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the community's roads.

"Hopefully in three years, depending on what happens with dues and the budget, we will be able to do another chunk. This was just a beginning."

SLLA President Darr commended Riley Paving, and singled out Temple for a job well done.

Finance

Praising Talis Management for the smooth transition process to CAS, the new SLLA management company, Treasurer Meyer said they have made impressive progress on the migration of data and the transfer of accounts.

Much work is still to be done, he noted, particularly related to sharing policies and procedures with CAS.

Meyer said that, rather than attempt any major shifts, since the Association is at the midpoint of the fiscal year, it made sense to use the same categories and budget numbers with the new system.

"We have mapped over existing accounts as they are," he explained. "But, next year, we can make some more user-friendly changes."

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Meyer said they have a preliminary audit in hand and expect the project will be complete at the end of the month. Work towards improving the annual registration process is on hold until CAS and Community Manager Ray Sohl are settled in.

"We are still hopeful that we will be able to streamline that process," Meyer said, noting that there remain a few software technical hurdles to overcome to implement some of those improvements.

The Finance Committee also green-lighted several maintenance projects proposed by Director Chuck Leach, primarily related to new roofing work at the North Clubhouse, pool pump house, and pavilions.

Lastly, Meyer said the committee will be drafting a clear, written policy for pro-rating dues which, until now, has been calculated at the discretion of office staff.

SLLA President Darr noted the actual budget shows a decrease in expenses at the Yard Debris Site. "So far the new rearrangement seems to be working well," he said. "And with our new contractor, we seem to be saving some money, and I hope that will continue."

Darr also said he was pleased to note a decrease in the cost of feed at the stables.

Overall expenses for the Association are running \$12,000 under budget. Any funding still available at the end-of-the-year is automatically rolled into reserves.

Judicial Committee

By a vote of acclamation, former SLLA Director Donna

Stephan and Harold "Sam" Halpin, were appointed to the Judicial Committee. The Board also accepted the resignations of outgoing members Dick Weber, Dean Charles, and Chairman Ed Chapman.

"We are still seeking one more full time member and an alternate member," said Director Bob Racine, who serves as the Board liaison for the group. "This is an important committee and we need it be at full strength."

Reporting on recent action, Racine said fines were issued to residents for a variety of violations including speeding on the lake, failure to receive ARB approval, and storing commercial vehicles on the premises. Three warning letters were also issued regarding activities at Sequoia Point. More hearings were anticipated for other violations, including a charge of dog running at large, driving a vehicle in the stables area, abusive conduct to an Association employee, and failure to maintain a yard.

"Do you notice a theme here? We're tired of hearing that nothing gets done," said Racine. "We will enforce our rules."

Grounds and Maintenance

With the blessing of both the Finance Committee and ARB, Director Leach said work will commence on reroofing the North Clubhouse and vinyl-wrapping of the window facings and all exterior wood trim.

New metal roofs will be installed on the pool pump house and the nearby shelter pavilions, he said, noting the material was selected for its durability.

"Damage to the pavilions is being done by young people skating off the roof, according to the contractor," Leach explained. "Shingles are damaged and torn off, but not by wind."

Repair work is also anticipated at the South gatehouse in the next few weeks.

Lakes & Dams

During public comment, Northsider June Kirkland asked the Board to delay lowering the water level in Lake Echo until October.

As part of a necessary valve replacement project, the lake must be lowered by approximately three feet, an action expected to take eighteen

(See "SLLA," p. 25)





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OPINION

Tickled pink!

Pink is a standard hue in guessed it, poison ivy. my home. Not that I'm a fan of its confectionary sweet goodness, but because I am the parent of a pink-obsessed

Pink room, pink clothes, pink attitude; Lindsay has it all. I gave in long ago to this daily annoyance when I accepted that, like Shelby in Steel Magnolias, it's her signature color.

So my concern this week is not pink per se. It's the location of said color: Darling Hubby's legs.

Stretching from knee to ankle, angry and raised blotches attested to his efforts in the yard last week. You

"It's so itchy," he whined. I was nonplussed.

Now, let me just say that my nurturing instinct here

was tempered by a deep and profound understanding of the psyche this patient. I often joke that Jim

would sooner swallow rocks than an aspirin. He's always been more of a 'Take it like a man," kind of guy, rather than a 'Take two and call me in the morning,' fellow.

This is not a trait we share. by the way. "Better living through chemistry," is my motto, but I digress.

So there I stood, staring

Laura's -Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

down my miserable spouse with my best and only ammunition in hand: Calamine lotion. I was not counting on Success.

"It's pink!" the whining con-

tinued "Does it even work?"

Putting on my best Doris Day smile, I assured him it was a standard remedy and that no one would laugh at his medicated pink legs least of all me. I lied.

Luckily, what we do share in common, other than a pink-obsessed child and a mortgage, is a sense of humor. Grinning ruefully or perhaps it was more of a grimace - Jim ignored my teasing and accepted the proffered pink liquid.

And then even more surprisingly, Mr. No Med morphed into Mr. Pink [No, not the character played by Steve Buscemi in Reservoir Dogs, though he's a fan].

Slathering lotion on day and night, Darling Hubby, aka "Mr. Pink," is entrenched in an epic battle against the dreadful rash. What was first just a dab of pink smeared here and there is now a multilayered caking of pink, wrapped 'round his calves.

I started the week with one lone aging bottle of Calamine pulled from the back of the cupboard. But, like the unfortunate captain from Jaws, I think I'm going to need a bigger boat — or bottle, as it were. Turns out, you can order it by the case.

Douglass, box of 12? Order

Help! My pastor's a liberal Democrat!

Question: I attend church regularly, and I like my minister personally. He is a good preacher, but I don't always agree with him. I consider myself a conservative and sometimes he sounds too much like a liberal. I know he is a Democrat because one of the poll workers saw him vote in the Democratic Primary. Do you think that a minister should be a member of a political party? Shouldn't he or she be neutral about politics and just

preach the gospel?

Response: What a good question! For all I know, you could be a member of my congregation.

Let me begin by saying that I think Christians should be good citizens. In a democracy, good citizens vote. In a twoparty political system, they usually vote for Democrats or Republicans. If they want to have a say in the selections of candidates or platforms of a party, they register to vote in that party's primary

and actively participate in party activities to support the candidates selected.

Are you concerned that your minister

exercises his citizenship in this way, or are you upset because he has chosen to affiliate with a party different

from your choice?

If your pastor is speaking from the pulpit and urging the congregation to vote for his choice of a candidate or party, he is abusing his position as a shepherd for all the sheep in his flock, but there is a thin line to be walked

Many of the Hebrew

minister not speak from those texts, because they echo a particular candidate's posi-

Ask the

Rev. Don Welch

prophets spoke out against their governments when they believed that what the government was advocating was immoral or abusive to the marginal people in their society. They were especially concerned about the poor and dispossessed. Should the

Jesus was neither a Democrat nor a Republican, but he had a great deal to say about the use of wealth and the abuse of children. Should I not read from theses texts because some members of the congregation may consider Jesus to be too liberal and others may think he is too silent on important ques-

Our nation is more ideologically divided today than I can remember in my 80 years of citizenship. It has become nearly impossible to have a civil discussion on any issue. Shouldn't the church be a place where

Christian people can engage in civil discourse about important social issues that face our nation?

"Liberal" and "conservative" are not four letter words. but they sound like they are when they become labels to demean those with whom we disagree. I consider myself a conservative who wishes to "conserve" the eternal values of the scriptures; I consider myself a liberal when I want to get the church to stop worshipping Christ long enough to listen to the teachings of Jesus and follow Him.

Don't criticize and discourage your minister for his political involvement. When you disagree, tell him so and have a face to face conversation. You may find that both of you are trying your best to live out your Christian faith as citizens of this wonderful country.

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The exclusive Gospel vs. ecumenism

these days to conform to whatever view is deemed "politically correct" by cultural liberals.

"Politically correct" issues are often tied to discrimination and racial bias, which is clearly wrong, and further extend to moral judgments. If anyone disagrees with one's lifestyle or beliefs, he is labeled as "intolerant" or

The pressure is mounting for ecumenical communion as well. Its supporters suppose we all worship the same God and just use different names for Him. They contend that only religious prejudice could keep us from worshiping together.

On the surface this sounds wonderful. After all, shouldn't we all get along, especially those of us who call ourselves Christians? Lofty ideals, such as unity, tolerance and world peace are the motivations behind these appeals, but such categorical acceptance of all religion is dangerous. It leads to the conclusion that anything goes and that there is no absolute truth. No one who takes seriously the teaching of the Bible can agree with this. It is a denial of God, and His Word and it is called apos-

Truth however is very narrow, and the Bible teaches only one very exclusive way to God. In John 14:6, "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me." This is why we are told in Matthew 7:13, "wide is the gate, and broad is the path that leads to destruction and many there are which

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There is great pressure go in." This kind of teaching the truth? is opposed to ecumenicalism, yet it is clearly and exclusively taught in the Bible. Scripture gives very strong warning for those who try to come to God apart from Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in John 3:36

As a Christian, I am called to love people. How can I truly say that I love someone and then not communicate the truth that Jesus Christ is the only hope that they

the water so that nothing is clear? Luke

> teaches in Acts 4:12. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under

heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." As a Christian who believes that the Bible is God's Word, I cannot in good conscience give credence to something with which I disagree.

It is not intolerance that hinders me from joining the ecumenical movement. Love requires that I share the truth that Jesus is the exclusive way that we can come to clear teaching of Scripture is opposed to it.

God. I can't compromise the by endorsing something that





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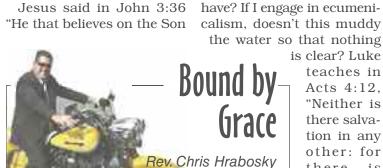
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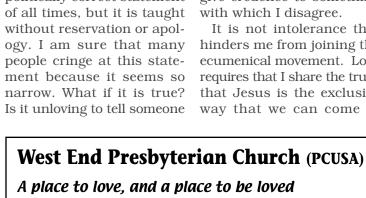
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Face it. The Auman Dam gates are a problem

Dear Editor

It amazes me that the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board continues to act surprised that the road being closed over the dam creates a delay and safety issue. A past Board made a decision not to install a sensor system, which was

promised, because of the cost. Yet we continue to have the funds for needless and costly fireworks.

I personally was exposed to the failure to utilize the dam road when my father fell and needed assistance at my house on Morris Drive. When I investigated the reasons why the West End EMS did not use the road over the dam, the response was the dispatcher routed him through the front gate. When I further investigated this matter with the Seven Lakes Fire Department, I got a real wake up call. You ask why. . . . the dispatcher recognizes

the ambulance and unlock a gate, therefore it is not their first choice to route a vehicle utilizing the dam road.

Also, sadly, at the time of my call, I found out it is not guaranteed that a vehicle will be dispatched by the shortest distance. In addition

the delay time to get out of I heard all the Board rhetoric about our dam being high risk, and yet the individual I spoke to seemed surprised to hear that Dr. Dan Marks told the homeowners that the repairs done on the dam put it in the best condition

> I conferred with an attorney and it was determined this a lawsuit waiting to happen. The responsibility of the Board is to insure the safety of the residents of Seven Lakes West, and, in my opinion, they have failed miserablv.

> > Carolyn James Seven Lakes West

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Go slow on Prancing Horse at stables

Dear Editor:

Concerning the idea of allowing Prancing Horse to use the Seven Lakes North stables, I feel there are too many questions that the board has not looked at. Prancing Horse has been in existence for 27 years in Moore County. Yet out of the many, many horse farms here, they only have two places that allow them on their property. Why? Why not more farms?

Prancing Horse is not a part of Seven Lakes, so why allow this group to operate here? The board has not voted on the agreement as yet. Why hasn't the proposed agreement been published for landowners to review it? I asked to read it and was told very quickly, No! Why

Are our amenities for the landowners or any group that wishes to use them?

Some years ago, Prancing

Horse won a law suit brought by a former employee. It was listed as "Young vs Prancing Horse and Ronnie Meltzer' From the record, while working with her charge and two volunteers, Anna Young was trampled and kicked in the head and is now permanently blind. This was an accident, but do we want to be open to this type of thing happening in Seven Lakes? What type of certifications do the

Prancing Horse employees have? This is therapeutic rehab. What about the volunteers? How are they chosen and certified? Who is covered liability wise?

Too many questions are unanswered.

I hope the board will look further into this matter and get more input from the landowners before they vote.

Steve Hudson Seven Lakes North

Bravo for video

Letter To The Editor:

On behalf of The League of Women Voters of Moore County, thank you Moore County Board of Commissioners for making it possible to watch a video tape of the Commissioners' meetings within 24 hours of a meeting. This is a giant step forward in providing transparency in government, and we applaud the efforts of the commissioners and staff who have made this possible.

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great effort and many small steps to get to this point, but each step of progress has brought great improvement in our citizens' ability to participate in and understand their government, and for this we are sincerely grateful. Thank you all for your part in making democracy

> Carolyn S. Mealing President The League of Women Voters of Moore County



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days commencing after Labor Day.

"September is a warm month," Kirkland argued. "We still have children swimming and people out boating. Also, there are a lot of houses for sale on Echo. One more month of warm weather would be better for them. than looking at a lake that is going down."

However, Lakes & Dams Director Don Fentzlaff expressed concern that postponing the project would also delay the refilling process which is expected to take several months.

The lake is being lowered, not drained," he said. "And all of the other lakes will be open for swimming and boating. We recognize this is an inconvenience for those on Echo, but we have the contractor signed up and the engineer to oversee the replacement . . . We had to consider many options, and this was best that we could come up with."

Continuing the Lakes & Dams report, Fentzlaff said water tests had been conducted and the numbers were a bit high, though not at a dangerous level — and those results were not unexpected since the tests were completed after heavy rains. A beach area near Lake Ramapo with a resident goose population also showed higher levels. A report of foul-smelling water was investigated on Sequoia near Firetree Lane, but two tests of water in the area provided normal readings.

The Emergency Action Plans [EAP] have been updated and will be reviewed.

Community Standards

Director Bob Racine reported an increase in Community Standards inspections and

He offered a few recommendations, including removing pine needles from roofs, which are not only unsightly but also cause damage. Racine also said the committee will be targeting basketball goals in the right-ofway, and boats and trailers parked in front yards.

The Community Standards Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month and they are seeking at least one additional volunteer mem-

Under action items, the Board amended the rules to create a faster track system of correcting violations, eliminated approximately four weeks from the judicial process.

Other business

In other business conducted by the SLLA Board on Wednesday, August 29:

• Director Fentzlaff reported that Architectural Review Board [ARB] approvals included two concrete pads, the removal of trees from a lot; a rebuilt front porch; addition of split rail fencing; a decorative fence; a boat lift; and one new home. Two applications were denied for failure to provide enough information, and two others for not meeting

ARB standards.

- Director Ritter reported he has met with representatives for The Budd Group on three occasions to discuss personnel issues. He was pleased to report a new supervisor will start work in September, and also that they have established a critical checklist of areas that security should be aware of in the community.
- The Board approved a new two year contact for fireworks, issued to the same vendor for the same fee for a repeat of the 2012 display. Concerns were raised about the delay in getting the show off the ground this year; Leach noted that humidity had been a problem with the fuses becoming damp.
- The Board approved renumbering several rules adopted in June 2012, related to a restriction on non-factory ballasting of

boats. "We inadvertently put them in a place where we already had a rule . . . There is no change to either rule, just in the numbering," explained Fentzlaff.

Beacon Ridge Game Night

Beacon Ridge Country Club announces the start of their new - "Dinner and Game Night at Beacon Ridge" beginning September

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SLLA Work Session

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which is effective immedately," Meyer said. "We appreciate the work he has done and for being the driving force behind the new website."

Following the meeting, The Times had the opportunity to speak with Buckingham regarding his decision.

He explained that he began his term with good intentions and high hopes, but has been disappointed with the overall lack of support for his efforts - from management and the community.

Despite repeated requests for volunteers to join a Communications Committee, Buckingham said, no one stepped forward. And with both he and his wife dealing with ongoing medical issues, he made the difficult decision to resign.

"I could not do it all myself, especially after the personal issues that took place over the past few months," he explained.

Buckingham expressed regret over the outcome and said that he would gladly assist a new Director with the transition process for communications.

During the Work Session, Director Bob Racine — who chaired the Nominating Committee — said he was actively seeking interesting candidates.

Prancing Horse contract signed

An agreement with Prancing Horse Center was ratified during a Special Director

Open Business Meeting called Friday, September 7, for the express purpose of taking action on the contract, which had been tabled during the August 29 Open Meeting, primarily over questions raised about liability insurance

Prancing Horse is a wellestablished "hippo-therapy" program for disabled children and adults in Moore County. Using satellite sites — such as the Seven Lakes Stables — volunteers conduct oneto-two-hour weekly therapeutic riding sessions.

Treasurer Meyer said a quorum of the Board was present at the meeting and that the insurance policy was reviewed and discussed. In addition, he said President Bob Darr had spoken to the Association's insurance agent and underwriter.

"The question was, 'Do we have proper coverage?' And the answer is, 'Yes.' They felt we were appropriately covered," said Meyer. "The other question was, 'Will there be any additional premium required for the program?' And the answer was 'No.' We have coverage in place and having Prancing Horse here will not cost us any more from a liability standpoint."

Proposed capital project contracts

Nearly \$26,000 in proposed capital projects, already vetted and approved by the Finance Committee and ARB [Architectural Review Board], will be voted on during the upcoming Open Meeting later

this month.

Presented by Meyer, on behalf of Director Chuck Leach, a proposed \$19,100 contract with Elite Roofing includes a traditional shingle reroofing of the North Clubhouse building, and metal roofing at the Sequoia Point pavilion and the pool pump house.

In addition, a proposed \$6,875 contract with Cheek Brothers was also discussed. Work includes the installation of vinyl wrap siding on trim areas of the North Clubhouse, as well as new gutters and downspouts.

Director Steve Ritter questioned how the projects fit in with the budget.

Meyer reported that both contracts represented the lowest bids received and that funding would come from the unrestricted reserves account.

"Do we have the money? Yes. But is it the highest priority? That is determined by the Long Range Planning [LRP] Committee," he said.

However, Director Racine disagreed.

"This is a lot of stuff at one time, and a lot of money, but the final decision rests with the Board, not the LRP," he

said. "No other committee is elected — they are appointed. For these two items [proposed contracts] I agree; but, in the future, we'll have to make some tough decisions with money."

Speaking from the floor, Northsider Chuck Stephenson said the existing roof shingles are of low quality and the roofs are rotted and leaking. He also reported that vandalism from younger residents had caused damage to the pump house and pavilion shingles and gutters at the North Clubhouse.

15-minute mailhouse parking

A few students are habitually using parking spaces at the North Mailhouse building — which is located near a regular school bus stop.

"Cars parked all day at the mailhouse create a problem," Director Racine said, "especially for people making wide sweeping turns into the lot. And we have many elderly residents. The spaces closest to the building need to be available for short term parking."

He explained that the problem was first identified last year, and the families have

been asked to park in another section of the main lot, but the issue has not been resolved.

"We shouldn't even have to ask them," Racine said. "It is common courtesy, but we have asked and they have not complied."

"It is the same two or three cars all the time. We have talked to the parents and they are doing nothing about it." he said.

Racine recommended a new fifteen-minute parking area should be established and posted, with fines issued through a standard Judicial Committee process to viola-

Treasurer Meyer and others questioned how this zone would be policed.

Racine said that vehicles suspected of long-term parking violations could be reported by any resident and suggested a letter of notification from the office should be the first step towards corrective action.

Rule revision recommended

In another discussion related to Judicial Committee, Director Racine said a recent hearing involving animals hit

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dation by Brooks that, when a Moore County EMS unit is not available to take a call. the nearest volunteer ambulance would be dispatched.

Those different understandings of what transpired during the September 4 Board of Commissioners meeting surfaced during a county **Emergency Services Advisory** Committee [ESAC] meeting on Thursday, September 6, attended by a handful of Westsiders — and by Picerno, the Commissioners' representative on the Committee.

After more than an hour of presentation and discussion around the issue. Picerno cut the Gordian's knot, insisting that the Commissioners intended to temporarily implement a dual-call system for Seven Lakes West. Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips said it was within the purview of ESAC to authorize the change, it was unanimously approved, and 9-1-1 Communications Manager Kris Sheffield implemented the new protocol before the meeting broke up.

What's Dual-Call?

Based on the ESAC action, any 9-1-1 call from Seven Lakes West will result in 9-1-1 operators sending a Moore County EMS Advanced

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a snag because the referenced rule was out of date.

As written, Rule 5.2.10 is insufficient because it refers to animal transportation by Association employees — an activity that is no longer typical or expected. Racine recommended that the statement be removed.

Proposed committee appointments

Committee appointments anticipated for approval at the September 26 Open Meeting include:

Judicial Committee - Loren Swearingen.

Architectural Review - Jane Leach and Brett Siebenhar.

Life Support paramedic ambulance to the scene plus, Basic Life Support personnel at Seven Lakes EMS and West End Fire and Rescue will also be paged to alert them to the incident, so that they can be ready to respond if needed.

Brooks explained in a presentation at the ESAC meeting that Moore County's emergency medical service is handled by two very different types of first responders:

 Professional paramedic crews manning Moore County EMS Advanced Life Support [ALS] ambulances, who have had at least 1,096 hours of training, can provide a wide range of medical services, and operate under the supervision of an emergency room physician at FirstHealth Moore Regional

Hospital. The County has seven ALS units and is adding two more.

Volunteer rescue squads manning Basic Life Support ambulances, who have had at least 169 hours of training and can provide basic (See "9-1-1," p. 28)



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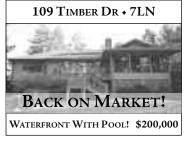
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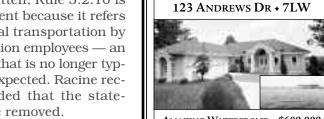
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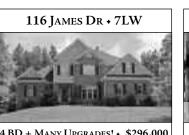
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medical services. Seven Lakes EMS and West End Fire and Rescue both fall into this category, as do rescue squads in Robbins, High Falls, Carthage, and Aberdeen.

The ALS paramedics are paid employees of the county, supported through a special ALS property tax levy. The volunteer rescue squads are also supported through a distribution of ALS funds, as well as through contributions and fundraising. Seven Lakes EMS also derives some funding by charging insurance companies and Medicare for patient transport; it is the only BLS-level squad in the county that bills insurance companies.

"We desperately need the volunteers," Brooks explained. "We try our best to support the volunteers, and give them a huge sum of money. We need them "

But Public Safety's goal, he added, is to respond to every call with what taxpayers have paid for: paramedic level service. So, every 9-1-1 call summons a Moore County EMS paramedic to the scene.

A County-Size Chess Board

Brooks explained that Public Safety handles 15,000 9-1-1 calls per year — or more than 40 calls per day. As a result it is common for one or more of the seven ALS paramedic teams to be occupied with a call. When that happens, the other ALS units are shifted from their usual posts to other staging areas in the county, in order to shorten their travel time if a call comes in.

"When we get down to three trucks available, we put one at Midway, one at Eastwood. and one at Pinecrest," Brooks explained.

When only one paramedic ambulance is not occupied with a call, that unit is positioned at Eastwood. When all the ALS trucks are on calls, the rescue squad units are asked to be ready to respond.

Brooks presented ESAC with a proposed revision of the current procedures, based

on his understanding of the motion approved at the September 4 Commissioners' meeting. Under that scheme, when only three County ALS trucks are available, the BLS rescue squads would be notified. When only two county trucks are available, the pagers of BLS volunteers would be activated. When County EMS is down to one truck, BLS volunteers would be asked to go to their station and notify the 9-1-1 communications center when they are ready to respond to calls.

Brooks said his plan was a proposal that would have to be cleared with the BLS rescue squad chiefs.

Seven Lakes West: Not What We Asked For

But Brooks' plan was not the answer that Seven Lakes West was looking for.

"In a perfect world we would prefer to see the professional EMTs," Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Secretary Jane Sessler told the committee. "That is the ambulance we would like to see . . . but you need to use your volunteers more efficiently. If you don't have enough paramedics, then you need to share the responsibility."

Sessler noted that the victim of a heart attack on Beacon Ridge Golf course was saved by volunteers, not by paramedics.

"A call came in this evening, and Seven Lakes EMS was not called," she said. "This is what we asked for the other night. A dual-call, so that the volunteers who live in the community can respond. It sounds like you have a contempt for the volunteers."

Former SLWLA President Ron Shepard added: "In April. the call system for Seven Lakes was changed and Seven Lakes wasn't notified. And a pickup truck shows up instead of an ambulance. The real problem is that you broke up Seven Lakes and eliminated the dual call."

Public Safety began a process in April of redrawing the rescue squad district lines in Seven Lakes West, which has always been split between the Seven Lakes and West End Fire Districts. However, prior to the change, rescue calls for all of Seven Lakes West were routed to Seven Lakes EMS rather than West End Fire and Rescue. In April, the lines for rescue were made congruent with those for fire. And, while the change was the subject of meetings and negotiations between Public Safety and the two rescue squads, neither the public nor the SLWLA was notified about

the change.

Fire Marshall Ken Skipper argued that the change made sense, because, using the back gate, West End Fire and Rescue is closer than Seven Lakes EMS to the east side of Seven Lakes West. Brooks added that the West End squad is larger, and responds to one hundred percent of the calls it receives, which is not the case for Seven Lakes EMS.

Erik Stromberg, an ESAC member and, until recently, assistant chief at West End. noted that he lives on Callis Circle and that other Westsiders volunteer with West End Fire and Rescue.

Though the details were not clear, conversation among Phillips, Brooks, Skipper, and Seven Lakes EMS member Chuck Ridenour during the meeting made clear that the relationship between Seven Lakes EMS and West End Fire and Rescue is rocky at best. Phillips suggested that the rescue district lines in Seven Lakes West were redrawn in April after an argument erupted between the two BLS squads when both responded to a call.

Dual Call a Temporary Fix

After considerable backand-forth, ESAC Chairman Otis Ritter said he left the (See "9-1-1," p. 29)

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levels lots are infrequently used and are buffered by a stand of bamboo. In addition, the parking lots would be further camouflaged behind a six to eight foot chain link fence covered with screening material.

Johnson said BGM would place a few temporary sheds on the lots, including a self-contained chemical building and sheds for tool storage and a mechanic shop. A temporary, self-contained fuel tank would also be placed on the lot.

He estimated the temporary facility would be needed within days of closing, since the old facility would not be used by BGM at all. The temporary site would remain in use for two to three years, after which BGM will clean and restore the parking lots.

"We don't foresee any problems, but we want some elasticity," Johnson said. "If we can get it [the new facility] done in twelve months, we'll do it in twelve. It is in our best interest to get it done. We don't want to disrupt operations. We want to start improving the course immediately; and it will take a lot of work, time, and equipment."

New golf maintenance area planned

Turning attention to the proposed new facility, Johnson said BGM has identified three potential sites — but have their eye on one preferred location that is centrally located near the clubhouse but also provides good vehicle access and will not detract from the course or nearby residential areas.

"We don't use the term 'maintenance barns,' because these are places where sophisticated work goes on," he said. "Our plan and hope is to build a new and state-of-art facility within the current course . . . We will give you a facility that will enhance our asset and your asset — your home."

Johnson said the new facil-

ity would include a 5,000 to 7,500 square foot building, a self-contained detached chemical building, covered storage for vehicles, and an outdoor area for rock and gravel, plus a dumpster for golf course debris.

Johnson explained the buildings will be constructed in an attractive manner and carefully sited to minimize site lines on the course or to create any negative impact to nearby homes.

"It would not be wise for us to come in and do something reckless to our property or to something that is yours," he said.

"We think it is not only passion that we bring — but the experience and the resources we have are something you have not seen before at this level," Johnson said. "I know you've had song and dances before, but this one is for real. This is long term."

"I can promise you the financial resources are there. I'm excited to be here. I love to get into a project, and take it, and have you within a month say: 'Wow!' And I promise, you will!"

Council agrees to proceed

Noting that the BGM request is in fact two-pronged, Mayor George Erickson said each must be considered independently.

"I would like to see the temporary facility crystallized with drawings and have the Appearance Committee take a look, so they understand what this group will do with it," he said. "The permanent facility will be a much more heavily-involved process."

Finance Director Leslie Frusco agreed.

"We must do more due diligence with the permanent structure," she said. "We will need to go to Planning & Zoning with those plans."

"I don't have a problem Regular Meeting.]

with a temporary facility," Frusco said. "I believe they are trying to be good partners. We haven't had that kind of relationship with owners of the golf course in a long time, and a good course will only enhance Foxfire and the marketability of our community."

In addition, she noted that, with BGM not leasing the old maintenance facility, the Council will have a less encumbered opportunity to address ongoing issues with the current owner of that property.

[See story on page 6 for more Council discussion and action on this matter during their Tuesday, September 11 Regular Meeting.]

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September 4 Board meeting under the impression that Seven Lakes EMS would be automatically dispatched to all calls in Seven Lakes West. Both Picerno and the West-siders present seconded that impression.

Picerno then offered a motion to implement a dual-call system, in which Moore County EMS, Seven Lakes EMS, and West End Fire and Rescue will all be notified when a call comes in from Seven Lakes West. That was unanimously approved by the committee, and immediately implemented in the 9-1-1 system.

However, it is a temporary fix — designed, in Picerno's words, to "take the emotion out of the situation," so that the community, ESAC, and the Commissioners can focus on facts.

In earlier action, the committee approved a \$42,250 bid from Volunteer Fireman's

Insurance Service for a comprehensive "Fire Services Agency Evaluation and Emergency Services Master Plan Study" that will "evaluate the current staffing, operations, resource deployment and to make recommendations for current and future operations that will consider anticipated continued growth over the next 10 -15 years within Moore County."

That study will also examine and make recommendations for fire, rescue, and EMS district response areas. If the contract is awarded by the Commissioners, the study is expected to begin in October and deliver a final report in February 2013, in time for recommendations to be incorporated in the county's FY 2013-2014 budget

And that report will likely once again raise the issue of who is called, when a Westsider calls 9-1-1.





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