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No lifeguards for SLLA pool?

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter



What is the value of pool safety? And, more to the point, can you put a price tag on the

risk of liability?

These two questions are on the table for the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors as they dive — once again — into treacherous waters of debate over whether or not to employ lifeguards at the Northside Pool.

Community Manager Ray

Sohl raised the question during the Board's Work Session on Monday, November 5, based on his need to develop a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board is expected to make a decision on lifeguards during the next Open Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, November 14.

On paper, the cost for lifeguard salaries is reasonable — and keeping them or cutting them from the budget would not impact other costs of operating the pool, including having a Certified Pool

(See "SLLA," p. 14)

No welcome mat for sweepstakes

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter



"As restrictive as possible," is the consensus reached by the Foxfire Village Council on

updating the Zoning Ordinance to address Internet sweepstakes gaming.

While the sweepstakes parlors can't be banned, they

can be regulated. That was the advice the Council received from the Village's attorney, Michael Brough, contained in a memorandum that Mayor George Erickson distributed during a Thursday, October 25 Work Session.

There are no gaming operations within the Foxfire Village limits. The issue came

(See "Foxfire," p. 25)

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The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] broke ground for the community's new mailhouse on Tuesday, October 30. On hand were: Director Bruce Keyser, Contractor Bill Reaves, Architect Jake Kanoy, Project Manager John Hoffmann, President Mick Herdrich, Community Manager Jeanette Mendence, and Secretary Jane Sessler (not pictured). The mailhouse is expected to be completed by mid-February.

Nick Picerno re-elected

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Nick Picerno won a second term on the Moore County Board of Com-

missioners on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, outpolling Democratic challenger Ellen Marcus by nearly 12,000 more votes of the 44,421 cast in the race.

Those are unofficial results from Moore County polling as reported on the website of the NC State Board of Elections. The official tally in all races will be finalized at the Board of Elections' canvass on Thursday.

November 16.

Turnout was very strong for this year's election, with a long list of key offices up for grabs, from President of the United States, through North Carolina Governor, to US Representative — plus competitive local races.

The unofficial tally shows 46,348 of the county's voters submitting ballots — just over 72 percent.

And more than half of those votes were cast at the county's one-stop voting sites, which collected ballots from 24,633 voters. More Moore Countians voted early than voted on Election Day.

Seven Lakes led the pack

in that regard, with 2,520 voting early — more than any other precinct save Carthage, which tied the Seven Lakes total.

That reliance on early voting unfortunately makes it impossible to provide vote totals for individual races by precinct the day after the election. Early voting totals are reported separately in unofficial results and will be redistributed to their respective precincts in post election processing by the county elections staff.

Local Races

Joining incumbent Picerno (See "Election," p. 28)

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Interfaith Thanksgiving Service planned

Communities of faith in entrances of Seven Lakes. the Foxfire/West End area are joining hands, hearts and voices in an Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 18, at 4 pm at this year's host site, the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, at 581 Seven Lakes Drive, near the North and South

The Chapel can accommodate approximately 250 worshippers. Everyone in the community is welcome and participants are invited to linger for music and refreshments following the service to enjoy getting to know their neighbors.

Using familiar hymns of the church and synagogue, sharing words and prayers from each religion and Native Americans, will offer worshippers an opportunity to share their common faith traditions and give thanks together for many blessings.

There will be an interfaith

choir led by Edward Lee of ple Beth Shalom, Seven Lakes the Chapel in the Pines with members from each of the congregations. Those wishing to sing in the choir should arrive at 3 pm for rehearsal. Participants of the McDonalds Chapel Acoustic Music Circle will also provide vocal, percussion and string music for the service.

Worshippers are asked to bring non-perishable foods, diapers or blankets as a Thanksgiving Offering, to be donated to Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care.

This seventh annual Thanksgiving community gathering is sponsored jointly by the Congregational Church of Pinehurst - UCC, Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church, McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, the Sandhills Jewish Congregation - Tem-

Chapel in the Pines, Community of Mindful Living in the Pines, and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Sandhills. Representatives from each faith community designed the service to invite neighbors into a worship setting in which various faith traditions express their gratitude for the blessings of this shared community, nation and world.

Toys for Tots

Area Marines will be kicking off their Toy for Tots program on November 10. Boxes for new toys will be placed locally at the Seven Lakes West Side Community Center, Beacon Ridge Country Club Pro Shop, and St. Magdalene Episcopal Church.

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Veterans Day observance at the Veterans' Memorial

The Moore County Vet- the Colors will be posted erans will have a Memorial Program on Saturday, November 10, with music beginning at 9:30 am with the program at 10 am, at the Carriage Oaks Memorial site, Carthage.

The National Anthem will be sung by the Baghdad Bad Boys; special music by the Union Pines Band, and by the Union Pines

Special guest speaker will be Col. Peter A. Dotto (retired, USMC).

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Aeromodelers may lose West End airfield

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



Lakes Aeromodelers may have to find a new home, unless Moore

County's Board of Commissioners decides to appeal a recent decision by Superior Court Judge Garland Webb.

The Aeromodelers club, a group of radio-controlled model airplane enthusiasts with a nearly-three-decade history, have flown their planes over a 60-acre pasture near West End, rented from T. Clyde Auman Farms, since the Fall of 2010. But Judge Webb found that Auman's land is part of a Voluntary Agricultural District, and that designation prevents its use for non-farm uses. The Aeromodelers' clubhouse, runways, and taxiways, are, Webb concluded, non-farm uses.

The case came before Webb on appeal from a decision by the Moore County Board of Adjustment. The non-resident owners of an adjacent ten-acre tract of land — Samuel A. Blackwell, III and Elizabeth Blackwell of Raleigh - who purchased their property as a homesite in January 2010, discovered that the Aeromodelers were using the adjacent tract. They complained to the Moore County

Merry Market call for crafters

The Merry Market at Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church will take place on Saturday, November 17 from 9 am until 4

There is room for 20 local crafters at this popular annual event to sell their

If you would like to be part of the Merry Market, we would love to have you join us.

All you need to do is call Carol Burgess at 673-0356 for details.

Planning Department, which, at first, had some difficulty The Seven how best to handle the dis-

> Ultimately, with the backing of the Planning Board, then Planning Director Joey Raczkowski, relying on his authority as Zoning Administrator, found that the Aeromodelers' use of Auman's property was a permitted recreational use, under the Moore County Zoning ordinance

> The Blackwells appealed to the County's Board of Adjustment, which heard the case in July of 2011 and backed Raczkowski's deci-

> The Blackwells then appealed to Superior Court, where Judge Webb ruled that the Aeromodelers' activities were a non-farm use, and therefore prohibited by the County's Voluntary Agricultural District [VAD] Ordinance. Webb said the case represented a "conflict of ordinances," that the Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance, in this case, trumps the Zoning Ordinance, and that the Board of Adjustment had made an error of law in its decision.

He reversed the Board of

ordered that Board to meet and formally reverse its decision. That meeting took place on Friday, October 26, when the Board passed a resolution complying with the court order.

As *The Times* went to press Wednesday afternoon, the Board of Adjustment was scheduled to meet at 4:00 pm to consider whether to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the County appeal Webb's rul-

Oddly absent from the proceedings thus far has been testimony from those at the center of the case: T. Clyde Auman Farms and the Seven Lakes Aeromodelers. Neither was a party to the lawsuit in Superior Court, and thus neither was heard from by Judge Webb. The upcoming meeting of the Board of Adjustment could be the last real chance for either Auman or the Aeromodelers to weigh on the matter.

Aeromodelers President Gary Krasicky told *The Times* that his group had not yet had a chance to read Judge Webb's ruling, and thus could not comment on the case.

Webb's decision raises interesting questions for farm-Adjustment's ruling, and ers, who often lease their

land to third parties for recreational purposes not specifically related to farming. For example, it is a common practice throughout the state for tree-farmers to lease wooded areas to groups of hunters. Would that not be allowed for farmers in a Voluntary Agricultural District? Webb's ruling applies only to the specific case of flying remotecontrolled aircraft, but it is not hard to see that other non-agricultural activities might similarly run afoul of his interpretation of the VAD ordinance.

Farmers register their productive lands in VADs in order to protect them from encroachment by development. Those who buy property adjacent to VAD-registered land are alerted that farm activities may produce noise, dust, and smells that are not typically associated with residential areas. It would be ironic if VAD registration, in addition to protecting farmland from development, also restricted farmers' use of their land to produce income.

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Pack Ship & Party Supply opens in the Plaza

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Conveniently located and opened just in time for the upcoming holiday stretch, Pack Ship & Party Supply offers everything for party planning, entertaining, and getting your gift packages shipped quickly and safely.

Located in the Seven Lakes West Plaza, the start-up business is the brainchild of Michael Long, who recently relocated from Fresno, California, to be closer to family in North Carolina. With professional experience in sales and retail, his new venture, Pack Ship & Party Supply, specializes in products and services not readily available in Seven Lakes.

"The whole idea of this store is that it fills a need in this area," Long said. "I have been getting great feedback from the community, with people coming in to tell me how happy they are that I am here. It's only been a week [since opening], and I'm flattered with the word-of-mouth advertising — that people are already telling their friends about the store."

The shop features a huge inventory of party supplies — ranging from children's birthdays to game day sports items to fine wedding gifts, as well as hostess supplies for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The selection includes both color-coordinated and contemporary prints of gift wrap and bags, streamers, ribbons, and piñatas.

The enormous variety of paper products for entertaining includes every color of the rainbow in solid color plates, napkins, and plastic cutlery, in addition to prints ranging from casual picnic options to formal black & white and more ornate choices. Plus, the shop has two dedicated aisles of party goods and loot bag supplies for children's birthday parties with themes of pirates and princess motifs, famous characters from film and television, and popular toy lines.

But that is only half of the story — or, in this case, half

of the store.

Pack Ship & Party Supply is also a one-stop location for shipping, packing, and office needs including an aisle of well-priced standard supplies along with faxing, copying, and laminating services.

"We offer full package preparation services for boxing, stuffing, and sending your item — especially those delicate or heavy things that are difficult to ship," Long said. "And we carry a full line of boxes, tape, and packing materials, if you prefer to ship it yourself."

Pack Ship & Party Supply is an authorized FedEx shipping center and also maintains box rentals for standard United States Postal Service mail.

"Instead of calling for a FedEx pick-up, you may drop off your package here," Long said. "And mailbox rentals are popular, especially for local businesses."

Long said he has enjoyed

the change of pace from bigger city living to Moore County — but that his business philosophy did not change with the scenery.

"I like to develop a relationship with the customers that I have. I think that is important," he said. "It's not so much about selling something to a person, but about working directly with them — to be able to provide them with something they will enjoy and continue to enjoy down the road."

And he laughed that he has spent a lot of time explaining himself to all of his new customers in Seven Lakes.

"Everybody wants to know where I'm from . . . am I married . . . and what church do I go to," Long said.

"I just tell them that I packed up everything I owned and drove out here — all 3,200 miles," Long said.

And for the record, he is twenty-five years old and sin-(See "Party," p. 20)

Michael Long of Pack Ship & Party Supply in Seven Lakes Plaza.





USPTA honors Campbell's 30 years as pro

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

One of only five in the state and just over one hundred worldwide, Don Campbell, the head pro at the Seven Lakes Tennis Center was recently recognized for maintaining his status as a top level professional for thirty

Honored by the United States Professional Tennis Association [USPTA], Campbell said it was a very high honor.

"I guess there are not many pros out there my age that are still teaching," he joked.

But Campbell said it is a love of the sport and the and adults to enjoy the game that keeps him motivated. Plus, as manager of the facility, he said the opportunity to work with staff and have other responsibilities also keeps the job fresh.

"I enjoy tennis. I enjoy see- ing it." ing kids improve, and then I have kids who go off to college and then come back in their thirties, now with a family, and they are grown and playing for fun with their own kids," he said.

"I know that I taught them a sport for life — which you don't see with soccer so much. You don't see people in their fifties playing soccer, but you do see them out enjoying tennis and golf," Campbell continued.

Early on, he said, the experience of teaching the children of kids he had year before was a bit unnerving.

"I had to embrace it and opportunity to help both kids realized that, I guess, I'm a bit of a fossil," he laughed. "It is kind of neat to dig through my old pictures and then run into them as adults. But my biggest pride is when I see them out on the courts, still playing tennis and enjoy-

Campbell said tennis is more than just volleying a ball back and forth — a game that can teach kids good sportsmanship while they are out having fun. In particular, he said tennis can help build confidence in children who don't see themselves as athletic or interested in team sports.

"These kids end up playing tennis and feeling good about themselves. At the end of the day, they have accomplished something," he said. "That pride also always gave me encouragement to come back the next day to teach some

Campbell said he is pleased with the growth of tennis in this area and, specifically, the increased number of teams at the Tennis Center, which he leases from the Seven Lakes Country Club.

"It's been exciting to see younger kids interested, and more and more people coming have really picked back up and we are looking to add even more teams."

"It doesn't matter if you

back to play," he said. "Things have played before or never picked up a racket, come out and get some exercise. Tennis is a great sport for everybody," Campbell said.



Seven Lakes Tennis Center Pro Don Campbell with his tennis committee: Marilyn Quintana, Barb Horan, and Sharon and Craig Fogleman.







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Guards given authority over SLLA parks

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter



[A longer version of this story appeared on The Times' website shortly after the Seven Lakes

Landowners Association's Wednesday, October 24 Open meeting. This version has been edited to remoive topics covered more recently in the Board's November 5 Work Session. A report on that meeting begins on the front page. -Editor]

Seven Lakes Landowners Association security guards now have the authority to call in law enforcement to remove trespassers from Association common areas, based on action taken by the Board of Directors during the Wednesday, October 24 Open Meeting.

"We have a problem when an individual or a group of non-residents is causing a disturbance," Security Director Steve Ritter explained.

"Roving Patrol arrives and makes contact, but what happens if the people refuse to cooperate?" he asked, noting that the problem is exacerbated if the violators are non-residents.

He successfully argued for a more comprehensive written policy granting The Budd Group — or any security company hired by the Association — the right to claim authority over common areas.

In essence, he explained, a homeowner can request police assistance to remove a trespasser from their own property. The new policy will grant similar authority for Roving Patrol to contact law enforcement and file a trespassing complaint against a non-resident.

Treasurer Conrad Mever cautioned Ritter that, not so long ago, a former security guard had overstepped his duties and placed the Association at risk.

"The security guard will not be required to enforce that person leaving?" Meyer asked.

Ritter agreed and said security would not detain or arrest any violators.

"This just gives them some teeth," he explained. "We employ them to enforce the rules we enact as far as they are allowed to. This just gives them the last step of authority to call the cops. And the police have to know that the guard has the legal authority to order the removal of a person from the property."

apply only such to non-residents. A resident, or their dependent children, found in violation of a community rule would continue to fall under the Association's already established Judicial Committee protocols.

Roving patrol to discontinue house checks

Turning attention to Roving He clarified that this would Patrol, Director Ritter won

the Board's support for the elimination of Roving Patrol checks of vacant or empty

Explaining that the Security Committee feels the practice places an undue burden on security force, because the checks are time-consuming, Ritter said that time could be better spent patrolling common areas and roads. In addition, Ritter argued the

visits opened up the Association to unnecessary liability concerns.

Typically, Roving Patrol will perform up to ten house checks per day, spending five to seven minutes at each property. Ritter estimated.

Speaking from the floor, Northsider Greg Lishawa also warned the Board that the house checks, which prima-

(See "SLLA," p. 21)

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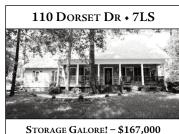


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Panel members map out vision for county growth

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter



small groups of six, using color-coded pins to indicate different

categories of growth, members of the Moore County Land Use Plan Steering Committee mapped out their preferred vision of the future on Monday, October 29.

Specifically, the committee was asked to look eighteen years ahead, using data compiled by Long Range Planner Jeremy Rust. Basing his projections on the current growth rate, he anticipated a steady 1.8% annual increase in population. If that rate holds true, by 2030, the population of Moore County will climb to 116,500 and would require the addition of 12,000 new housing units, 9,400 new non-industrial jobs, 1,500 new industrial jobs, and an estimated ten new schools.

"Even small growth per year has a cumulative affect," explained Rust, noting that his figures were a conservative estimate. "We want to know what is coming. We want to plan for it and be smart about it."

Participating in a charette exercise, Steering Committee members and a few citizens present at the meeting outlined where they hoped this growth would occur. Each group was given an identical base map that included key features — such as streets, rail lines, and other important infrastructure — along with unique environmental features, including lakes and significant natural heritage areas. Moore County Planning staff provided additional resource maps with detailed information on current land use, including zoning and proximity to water and sewer

"What will we be protecting?" questioned Rust, in offering a word of caution to the groups. "When you say yes to one thing — say residential growth at a certain location — it is also like saying that, no, we don't prefer

that growth somewhere else."

Following a nearly two-Working in hour work period, the five groups presented their proposed maps — and what was most interesting were the similarities between the visions rather than their dif-

> Each group identified the undeveloped Heart of North Carolina MegaPark as a positive potential site for industrial growth. Proposed at 3,000 acres, conveniently located along the Interstate

73/74 corridor and near rail lines, once established, the MegaPark will be the state's largest tract set aside for industrial business. And its location on the border of Moore and Montgomery Counties would naturally encourage additional services and residential growth in nearby Robbins — which each group identified as a

Other similarities between the various charette groups included a desire to limit sprawl by encouraging infill development in areas where housing already exists and along existing transportation corridors. Nearly all of the groups identified NC Highway 211 and Seven Lakes as areas ripe for additional devel-

"A 1.8% growth rate is not onerous," said Chairman Robert Hayter. "It is not a rate that we can't deal with. and I don't consider it a negative, but a positive. Our county has an opportunity to move forward at a viable rate. 1.8% is a manageable level of prosperity and

growth."

Looking ahead to the next scheduled meeting of the Steering Committe on November 26, Hayter said that all of the information contained on the maps would be compiled and presented back to the group for further discussion. No meetings would then be planned for December, allowing time for the staff to piece together the map and other discussion into the first draft of the proposed update to the Land Use Plan.

"In January, we will be able to come back with a literal piece of work," he said.

SLCC Christmas Party

annual "Christmas Party" on Saturday, December 8, at the Seven Lakes Country Club.

Festivities begin with Cocktails at 5:30 pm, followed by a fabulous Buffet at 6:30 pm featuring Roast Beef ands Roast Pork Tenderloin. Holiday Entertainment starts at 7:30 pm.

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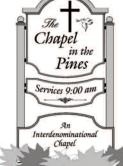
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Munro, Stewart, earn Girl Scout Silver Awards

Lakes and Melanie Stweart of Robbins have been awarded the Girl Scout Silver Award by Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines, which is the second highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

The award symbolizes a Girl Scout Cadette's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community as she discovers her strengths and takes action to make the world a better place.

For her Girl Scout Silver Award project, Munro worked to improve the soccer facilities

Sandhills Classical Christian School, constructing six soccer goals out of PVC pipe and new netting, as well as buying twenty soccer balls with money raised through donations. She also sewed ten scrimmage vests for game

Munro is herself a soccer player. She is the daughter of Carol Munro and is a member of Girl Scout Troop #911 led by Heidi Rabstenik.

Melanie Stewart, daughter of Randall and Julia Stewart of Robbins, made and deliv-

Gillian Munro of Seven to be used by students of ered tissue paper floral arrangements to residents of a Carthage nursing home for her Silver Award service project.

> "I wanted to give them something to enjoy and that would brighten their days," she said.

> "But, what I found was that many of them enjoyed my visit even more than the flowers. I was amazed that such a small gesture could mean so much to them."

The Silver Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout in the sixth through eighth grades can earn. It recognizes the work of Girl Scout Cadettes who demonstrate leadership skills culminating in 50 hours or more dedicated toward a service project that makes a difference in their community.

For more information on membership or volunteer opportunities with the Girl Scounts, call 919-782-3021 or visit www.nccoastalpines



Gillian Munro and Melanie Stewart earned Girl Scouting's Silver Award.

Come to the Merry Market The popular Merry Market sponsored by St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church will take place on Saturday, November 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and running through 4:00 p.m. The Merry Market this year is featuring the works of over 20 area crafters of wonderful jewelry, festive candles, baskets and a host of other items. Also take advantage of the huge bake sale of cake, cookies and all manner of baked goods. St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church is located at 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.

Thanksgiving Floral Arranging at SCC

15, from 10:00 am until Noon, Sandhills residents will have the opportunity to participate in a Thanksgiving Floral Arranging demonstration by wellknown floral designer Aldena Frye.

Get ready for the holidays with this class on creating Thanksgiving arrangements and holiday decoration ideas for the home using natural

On Thursday, November plant materials from your vard.

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WEE students win 'Speuter Bowl' Contest

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Snuzzy the dog and Milo the cat will soon have appointments at the Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic of the Sandhills, thanks to three winning essays submitted by students at West End Elementary.

Megan Edwards, Claire Enloe, and Erin Oglesbee were recognized for their writing achievement by volunteers from the Moore County Pet Responsibility Committee.

The five-week long curriculum is integrated into the schools' Character Education program, which emphasizes positive behavior traits such as good judgment, integrity, kindness, perseverance and respect. Each year, over 1,000 fourth grade students participate. Volunteer teachers for the West End Elementary program include Tilghman Waesche, Liz Surface, Lois Pollard, Lynne Brauch, Linda Bittner, Jackie Meyer, and Mary Smith.

The Speuter Bowl essay contest is a voluntary component of the Pet Responsibility program, and the prize of a free spay or neuter surgery is funded through a generous contribution by the Moore County Kennel Club.

"We had a hard time deciding on a winner for the Speuter Bowl," said Waesche. "But everybody who handed in an essay should be proud of themselves. We need you to be advocates for animals and Moore County needs kids like you."

On hand at the school to present the awards was Speuter the cat, portrayed by Betsy Ficcaro, who also applauded the children's efforts.

"We have too many cats and too many dogs that need homes. We need to spay and neuter and be responsible pet owners," she said.

But the real star of the day was special guest pooch, DJ, the new ambassador of the MIRA program and guide dog for the organization's founder, Bob Baillie

"It is really important if you see an animal abused or that is left on a chain in the yard all the time, that you need to tell someone," he told the students. "Dogs do so many good things for us and we need to look after them."

Baillie described how many (See "Speuter," p. 25)

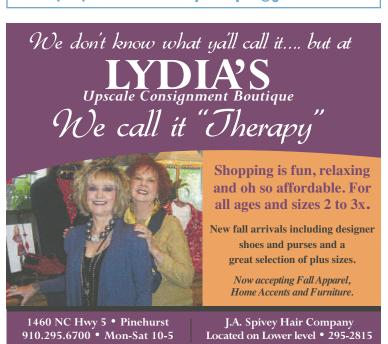


West End Elementary School Speuter Bowl winners met with MIRA founder Bob Ballie and guide dog DJ.



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In memory of

Gary David Boothe, 72, of Seven Lakes, died on Tuesday, October 30, at his home with his family by his side.

He was born in Phenix City, Alabama to Ocie Chilton Boothe Jr., and Jimmie Hulette Abernathy Boothe.

He retired after 21 years of service to his country in the United States Army. After his military career, he worked for Lockheed Martin and Sprint. He was a member of West End Presbyterian

Mr. Boothe was preceded in death by his father Ocie C. Boothe Jr. and his brother. Charles Richard Boothe.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy "Dottie" Adelaide Flagg Boothe of Seven Lakes; daughter, Tracy D. Labbe and husband Jeffery of Parkton; son, Todd A. Boothe and wife Jane of Cincinnati, OH; his mother, Jimmie Hulette Abernathy Boothe of Columbus, GA; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was

held on Monday, November 5 at West End Presbyterian Church, West End with the Rev. Larry Lyon and Rev. Chip Pope officiating. Interment with military honors will follow the service at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake.

Memorial contributions may be made to: FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC; or to West End Presbyterian Church, PO Box 13, West End, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the

Louis John Koss. 91 of Seven Lakes, died Monday October 29, at his residence.

Mr. Koss was born in Chicago, IL son to the late Anthony Paul Koss and Rena (Macchi) Koss.

A visitation and service were held on Saturday, November 3 with Hospice Chaplain Archie Stevens officiating. A reception followed at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Mr. Koss served his country during WWII in the US Army participating in both the European and Pacific Theaters. Spending the last thirty years of retirement in Seven Lakes Mr. Koss became an avid golfer and fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of sixty nine years, Patricia Kathleen Koss; sons, Robert Louis Koss and Carolyn of Boulder, CO; Terry Charles Koss and Pilar of Vina Del Mar, Chile; daughter, Lori Ellen Koss of Seven Lakes; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Memorial donations may made in memory of Louis Koss to First Health Hospice and Palliative Care at 150 Applecross Road in Pinehurst, NC 28374

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English as a second language – for dogs

Using "no" for every behav-

No matter where you are from or what language you speak, the spoken word is always a foreign language to your dog.

"Sit," "down," "come," "stay." In any language, those are all foreign to your dog. As you are communicating all these "simple" commands, your dog is thinking, "It's all Greek to me!"

Imagine yourself walking into a room full of people speaking a foreign language that you have never heard before. Not one word is familiar to you. Someone in the room asks you to sit in the chair and make yourself comfortable. In order for that to make any sense, a great deal of body language would have to be used. Your host would use arm gestures showing you the chair — or even mimic the action of sitting, so that you can fully understand.

Body language and or hand signals are the key components in communicating with our canine friends. Think about teaching a dog to sit. We need to catch our dog sitting, or lure our dog into a sit, or push our dog's bottom down into a sit. Then we can make the association of that action with the word. We have now begun to teach our dog to speak our language.

So often training is hindered by too much conversation. How can your dog filter through all the talk to get to what you actually are

ior we don't like does not translate into training or modifying a behavior. The same applies to the "come" command. Owners are asking their dog to

come to them all the time and for everything.

The dog has heard it so often that she has habituated to the word.

It is barely recognizable. Your dog is not clear on what it is you actually want them

Think of "come" as the tree that you pass on your walk every day. After several times, you barely notice that the tree is there.

Taking the time to teach your dog a behavior — and then adding the word associated with it — helps them to understand the meaning behind the word. Be patient, because each dog learns at its own rate. Depending on the breed — or even the individual dog — they are capable of learning, but in different

It has been shown that a Border Collie can learn as many as one thousand words. Throw a ball, and say "fetch" as they run to get it.

Say your dog's name; and, as he looks at you and starts

to come, say the word "come." Teach your dog to sit, and then say the word "sit" as its bottom hits the ground.

Now you are teaching your dog your language. Don't forget the praise, treats and pets to reinforce that you dog should listen to the language that you are teaching.

Abby Ganin-Toporek, CPDT-KA, is the owner of Sandhills Dog Training. Reach

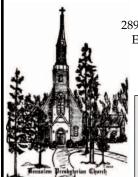


Does this sound familiar: "Rover you need to sit and stay. No, no, no that is not right. Sit, sit sit — Ugh! SIT! That's frustrating for you, but think how challenging that can be for your dog. Who could blame him if he shuts down and gives up and never learns to process the word and action

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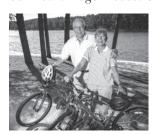
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Biz Guild Fall Festival was an indoor success!

by Cheryl Darwell, Secretary Seven Lakes Business Guild

The Seven Lakes Business Guild has a lot to be proud of with a record turnout for their annual Chili Cook-Off on October 27.

In spite of the event being moved indoors, with the iffy weather forecast, Seven Lakes Baptist Church generously offered the use of their beautiful gymnasium and many of their members were on hand to assist with setup.

and dancing.

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Hundreds in the community attended to taste chili, browse the dozens of vendor booths to check out early holiday finds like jewelry, wreathes, baskets, home décor, photography and crafts.

Local businesses were well represented from cruises to churches, and included the

community college, civic groups, SL Country Club, electricians, banking, insurance, shipping, and heating and cooling services.

Kids were entertained with a bouncy house, face painting and dancing.

The highlight of the day was the awards ceremony for Best Chili. Seven Lakes BB&T took top honors; Grace Church Seven Lakes won second place; and third place went to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis; who also won the coveted "People's Choice" award. Dancer's Workshop of Carthage took the "President's Choice" honors for best decorated booth.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to organize and participated in the Guilds largest annual event.



BB&T Seven Lakes took Top Honors in the Chili Cook-Off.



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Grace Church Seven Lakes took Second Place

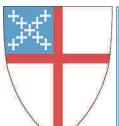
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Dancer's Workshop won the award for best booth



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SLLA Work Session

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Operator on staff, purchasing pool chemicals and maintenance, and hiring at least one gate attendant, if lifeguards were eliminated. SLLA Treasurer Conrad Meyer estimated that eliminating lifeguards would result in annual savings of approximately \$20,000.

But saving that money is only one concsideration. Perhaps more important is the paradoxical affect of lifeguards on Association liability, in case of an accident.

"There is increased exposure, if you have a lifeguard on-duty and they have not performed to standards," Sohl explained, noting that many homeowners associations have eliminated lifeguards, including Seven Lakes West. "You have considerably more liability than if you had not had a lifeguard on-duty at all."

An informal straw poll indicated the majority of the Board agreed with Sohl's recommendation because of the risk factor, except for Security Director Steve Ritter, who offered high praise for SLLA lifeguards and said a decision to eliminate them would be "unconscionable."

"I have visited the pool many times with my grandchildren and have been blown away by the professionalism of our lifeguard staff," Ritter said. "Never once did I witness any downgrade in supervision or security at the pool. They do a great job!"

'My concern is that for — What? \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year — we are going to want to take the best care of our people and kids. What is their safety worth?" Ritter questioned. "Yes, there is liability, but, in the big picture, I believe we owe it to our community. This is not a little backyard oval, but a big pool that we have."

Recreation Director Bob Racine asked for more time for his committee to discuss the issue; but, he also reminded the Board that a teenaged non-swimmer was rescued from deep water on the very first day of last Summer's pool season.

"Our lifeguards have done their job," he said.

SLLA President Bob Darr said he understood that the issue was a two-fold problem - involving both the cost of lifeguards themselves and concerns over liability. He added that he has learned that having a diving board does not increase that lia-

"It is the presence of lifeguards and whether they are paying attention," Darr said. "If they fail, you are left hanging out to dry, literally!"

Director Ritter argued that lack of lifeguards would not eliminate the Association's responsibility to maintain order at the facility.

"You would need someone to check the pool, to check people in with passes, to make sure there was not

rough-housing," he said, questioning the ability of a single person to fulfill all of those tasks.

Ritter said having a pool attendant blowing the whistle to control rough-housing on the pool deck could create confusion.

"It would be hard for a parent to determine that the staff person is only responsible for what is going on outside, not in the pool," he

Racine agreed, "If we have one person checking in, how much time can he give to maintaining control? And the control issue is paramount."

Street sign replacement to comply with Fire Marshal

Forty-one street signs must be replaced to reflect changes in street names made by Moore County last year, announced Community Manager Ray Sohl.

He estimated the materials cost for the project at a minimum of \$5,000, but said he is seeking additional information from the Fire Marshal's office to determine if there is a fixed date when the new signs must be in place.

"It is a safety issue," he noted; however, any changes to existing signs will also create an appearance issue, as the replacements will not match the hundreds of other street signs throughout the community.

Sohl recommended a phased process with all signs in an area of the community replaced at the same time. He is also hoping his discussion with the Fire Marshal's office will clear up questions related to any size or reflectivity requirements.

Treasurer Meyer suggested that the Architectural Review Board should have the opportunity to have input on the design of future signs and posts.

Darr agreed that more research was needed.

"This is a big deal financially to change all of the signs, versus just updating the forty-one that are incorrect," he said. "We need to investigate this further."

Park curfew set back one hour

Taking a first step in restricting evening access to community parks, based on ongoing problems with petty vandalism, the Board is look-

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ing to bump up curfew one hour, to 10:00 pm.

"We have had some issues with vehicles parked late at night [at common areas]," explained Security Director Ritter. "When the parks close at 11:00 pm, we still end up with vehicles out there, and it becomes tough for security to clear that out."

He said members of the the Security Committee all agreed that scaling back hours was a good place to start, and that they had considered closing the parks at sunset or one hour later, but had finally settled on 10:00 pm as a compromise. Association sanctioned events and pavilion rentals would be exempt from the new policy.

SLLA President Darr said he would accept their recommendation — for now but restated his position that he sees no reason for community parks to be occupied after dark.

Speaking from the floor, Greg Lishawa asked whether any thought had been given to seasonal hours, noting that, during Summer, sunset is close to 8:30 pm, while it is dark by 6:00 pm in Winter.

Ritter said he was concerned that shifting park hours by season would not gain much traction.

Darr agreed and called the one hour change simply a first step in resolving the problem.

"The issue is that most of our vandalism is occurring after midnight," he said. "Right now, we will go with 10 pm, which may help, particularly because of parking restrictions, and we will see what happens."

Boat lift discussion

The appeal of a denied request to place a boat lift at the end of a dock — rather than along the side — raised several concerns and was ultimately tabled until Lakes & Dams Committee members conduct a detailed analysis of the potential impact.

Northsider Bill Moses addressed the Board and rec-

ommended the study group, because he said there are multiple issues that must be resolved. He noted that there are safety factors, in addition to maneuverability concerns — particularly if a boat lift is installed on the end of a dock in a narrow cove.

"I am concerned about the precedent this would set," cautioned Lakes & Dams Director Don Fentzlaff, noting existing rules limit a structure from extending beyond twenty feet into the lake. "The committee is concerned if this means that more and more people will want to put one at end of their dock."

Manager Sohl agreed, and said there was a significant difference between allowing such structures at docks located in the middle of a lake versus a dock in a narrow cove. He also questioned whether a raised boat would obstruct the view.

In a related discussion, a member of the audience raised concern over PVC irrigation pipes that extend into the lakes. He said they are all different sizes and lengths and suggested they should be measured to ensure they do not exceed the twenty-foot limit.

Exception for real estate signs hits covenant snag

Picking up on suggestion offered during the October meeting, to allow lakefront and golf front properties an exemption from the rule prohibiting For Sale signs, the Board's discussion quickly derailed when it was determined such action would require revising the community covenants.

Sohl cautioned that the prohibition on real estate signs was found in both rules and the covenants, and the Directors appeared to agree that revising the covenants is not a viable option.

The suggestion was first raised based on a desire to improve marketability of the community to visitors; including the 22,000 golfers who visit Seven Lakes Country Club annually, and also guests of residents who might be out enjoying the lakes. By allowing real estate signs on the waterways and fairways, the idea was to increase property sales without cluttering up the roads.

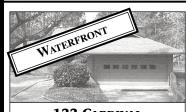
Sohl reminded the Board that road-front signs can often become a hindrance to sales. "Too many can make a community look like it is in duress," he said.

(See "SLLA," p. 16)





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During discussion, Director Ritter expressed concern that allowing signs on one type of property but not another was a slippery slope. Eventually, he noted, it would be understandable for interior homes to demand the same opportunity.

Other options to increase home sales were discussed, including placing small colorcoded and numbered signs to indicate a property was available, as well as posting photographs and home sale information at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Six-month entry pass to be eliminated

A longstanding practice of issuing six-month visitor passes is on the SLLA Board's chopping block.

Originally approved for building contractors, the passes have, over the years, come into common use by landscapers, home health care professionals and cleaning services, among others.

Nodding their approval, the Board listened as Security Committee member Brenda Massimo recommended eliminating the six-month pass in favor of a one-month pass, distributed by the SLLA office.

Discussion got sticky, however, over who is ultimately responsible if the contractor violates community rules. As presented, a signed form would be maintained at the office, but Treasurer Meyer restated his concern that a member should not be held responsible for the actions of a contractor, particularly because many of these businesses work for many residents within the communi-

ty.

Darr agreed with Meyer and asked that the member signature be removed from the proposed form. But he suggested that that at least one resident must initially vouch for the business as an active contractor at their

Speaking from the floor, Chuck Stephenson suggested the form should include multiple spaces where a contractor could fill in all of his existing work sites. Meyer also expressed concern over the increasing the workload in the SLLA office.

"I am concerned that will create a lot of work, if you have 100 monthly passes that must be generated," he said.

Director Ritter said that a signed form, once completed and kept on file, could simply be updated each month.

Speed bump installation postponed

Three speed bumps are stored in the SLLA maintenance barn, but the Board

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decided to put the brakes on deploying these devices in favor of other, less obstructive options.

Last month, the concern was raised that the newly paved roads have encouraged motorists to drive faster, placing pedestrians in danger.

Security Director Ritter said he has been in contact with the Moore County Sheriff's Office to borrow a speed trailer that will warn passing vehicles when they are speeding.

"I think it would be good (See "SLLA," p. 17)

Candidates Wanted!

A few good men and women are needed to serve the Seven Lakes Landowners Association on the Board of Directors and as committee volunteers.

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates and looking for people to step forward. Currently, there is one SLLA Board vacancy and four seats — representing a majority of the Board — to be determined by the Annual Election in March.

New folks are also needed on the many committees that keep the community thriving, including Lakes & Dams, Security, Architectural Review, Communications, Maintenance, Recreation, and Finance.

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to keep it for a few weeks and move it around to compile data on where we may need more speed control," he said. "I am all in favor of putting out speed bumps, but I'm just not sure where they will be best placed."

Ritter also noted that not only are speed bumps unpopular with the general public, they are also disliked by emergency services, because they can slow response time.

No change determined for renter fees

A recommendation by Community Manager Sohl to place the burden of renter fees on the property owner-landlord was ultimately shot down, primarily over housekeeping concerns about registration and keeping track of incidental fees.

Sohl said, from an administration point of view, it made sense to demand the renter's fee from the owner, since the Association has a

legal relationship with the member — not the renter.

But during a rather lengthy back and forth, Meyer opposed the change.

"My position is that I don't see the existing system as broken," he said. "We have modified the renter administration fee and we have to bill them anyway. It is all paid upfront."

In a related discussion item that seemed to gain more traction, Sohl recommended that renters no longer be issued windshield stickers. Instead, only barcode stickers will be distributed. That system offers more control because they can be "turned off" at any time during the fiscal year.

Security Director Ritter said that his committee strongly endorsed Sohl's recommendation.

Southside gate house

Two bids have been received for anticipated renovation work at the Southside

Gate House, and Sohl recommended the Board take

"It has been a long process to collect bids. The two submittals are in line with each other," he said, noting that a third estimate had been sought, but was not returned.

Treasurer Meyer said the Finance Committee would review the bids and also to make sure that proper bidding policies have been adhered to, before they will make their recommendation.

A vote is anticipated at the November 14 Open Meeting.

Jet boats definition proves elusive

Constant changes to technology and boat design had the Board scratching their heads while trying to figure out how to update the rules to allow for jet boats — or, at least, a very narrowly, defined version of a jet boat.

Lakes & Dams Director Fentzlaff proposed the change, noting that current restrictions will remain in place to prohibit jet skies or personal watercraft.

"There is a misconception on what a jet boat is," he explained. "What we are allowing for is, essentially, a ski boat that uses a water jet propulsion system. These boats look like combination of a ski boat and a deck boat."

He said such crafts are neither noisier nor create more wake than a similar boat with a propeller engine.

Darr argued that part of the issue is the term, jet boat.

"Because these are not actually powered by a jet engine — it is a misnomer of what exactly that term means," he said.

Community Manager Sohl recommended a review of how the U.S. Coast Guard defines different types of boats may be in order.

Treasurer Meyer also expressed concern that he did not want to open up the rules so they could be interpreted to allow for personal

watercraft [PWC].

"When does it become a PWC? Technology and the industry are constantly changing . . . someone will push the envelope," he cautioned. "I am worried this will open the door to a lot more smaller boats that go real fast. We don't control people who go too fast on our lakes now! I am scared we are opening a can of worms."

Director Racine suggested no change to the rules, arguing that there is only one resident who has come forward with a request for a jet

'Sometimes you create a problem by trying to solve a problem," he warned.

After discussion, Fentzlaff's recommendation was tabled for further consideration.

Boat Trailer Annual Fee

If approved by a vote later this month, all boat trailers stored on Association-owned

(See "SLL A," p. 20)





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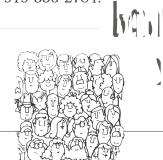
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· Spaghetti Supper at **WEUMC** – 5 to 7 pm, West End United Methodist Men is sponsoring their annual Spaghetti Supper in the Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets \$8 each include salad, spaghetti, desert and a drink. Takeout is also available. Tickets can be purchased at the door. All proceeds support local Scout Troops.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- Moore County Veterans **Memorial Program** – music at 9:30 am, program at 10 am, Carriage Oaks Memorial, Carthage. National Anthem sung by Baghdad Bad Boys; special music by Union Pines Band, Colors posted by the Union Pines NJROTC. Guest speaker Col. Peter A. Dotto (retired, USMC). BBQ/chicken, refreshments by Southern Pines VFW Post 7318 Men and Women's Auxiliary.
- The Tempest 1 pm, Metropolitan Opera in HD. \$25 per ticket. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- · Elliott's Provision Co. Free Cooking Demo - 12 pm - 2 pm. Broccoli, find out why it is good for you. 905 Linden Road Pinehurst, (910) 255-0665.
- · Turkey Shoot Come to Alec Creek Farm in Jackson Springs for a Turkey Shoot held every Saturday night at 7 pm. Proceeds benefit Sandhills Animal Rescue League. Alec Creek Farm, 396 Thomas Road, Jackson Springs. 910-974-4468 or 910-638-1921.
- · Carolina Pines Ballroom **Dance** – 7 pm, "Annual Formal Holiday Dance" Wear your favorite holiday

attire and join in for an evening of fun, dance, great music, and food, 105 McReynolds St. Carthage. \$7 members, \$10 guests. For information Asunda 919-356-2784.



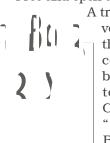
• Temple Theatre – 8 pm. The Unusual Suspects Comedy Tour features four comedians with their own style of comedy. A little bit of something for everyone. Tickets: \$20 (for mature audiences only, 17 and up.) Temple Theatre, 120 Carthage Street, Sanford. Box Office 919-774-4155 www.templeshows.com

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- Veteran's Day
- · Veteran's Sunday at WEUMC - 8:30 am and 11:00 am Services. West End United Methodist Church will honor those who served in uniform and are currently serving our nation.
- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church - 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- Sunflix at Sunrise Simon and the Oaks - 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm. \$7 per ticket. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- **The Rooster's Wife** 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest tonight is MATUTO. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroost-

erswife.org (910) 944-7502.

Veteran's Day Concert -7:30 pm, The Sandhills Community College Jazz Band, Owens Auditorium. Free and open to the public.



A tribute to the veterans, the theme of the concert will be a tribute to Emerson Cole and his "The Big Bands Are Back."

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** - 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.
- **Sunflix at Sunrise** Simon and the Oaks - 7:30 pm. \$7 per ticket. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- Sandhills Photography Club - 7-9 pm, new meeting location at the Hannah Center Theater, The O'Neal School, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines. November Program: "Another Evening with George" by George Butt. Submit one image that you want critiqued. Images should be submitted electronically. Guests

welcome. www.sandhillsphotoclub.org

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- Seven Lakes West **Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to all landowners.
- Healing Service 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased.
- Foxfire Village Council -7 pm, meeting. At Foxfire Village Hall. Open to community and public.
- Sunflix at the Sunrise -7:30 pm, Plimpton: A Documentary, starring George Plimpton as himself. Free. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- Gallery at Seven Lakes -1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Aquatic Therapy 3 pm, Michelle Rodriguez PTA with FirstHealth Moore Rehab Outpatient Clinic will give an informative presentation on Aquatic

Therapy. 215-0900 to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Hwy 15-501, Pinehurst.

- 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 in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners** Association - 7:30 pm, General meeting. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Open to all landowners.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- SCC Thanksgiving Floral **Arranging** – 10 am until 12 pm, participate in a Thanksgiving Floral Arranging demonstration by wellknown floral designer Aldena Frye. Ball Visitors Center, Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens. \$10 for Horticultural Society members; \$15 non-members. Reserve Tricia Mabe at 695-3882.
- Native American Heritage Month Celebration - Performance times: 11 am and 12 pm. At Sandhills Community College, Boyd Library Patio. Music, Dance



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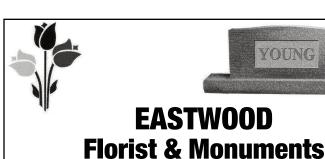
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- · Gallery at Seven Lakes -1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Back and Joint Tips for Surviving the Holidays -4 pm, Physical Therapist Ray Metzger from Appalachian Physical Therapy will give an informative presentation on preventing and relieving back and joint discomfort. 215-0900 to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Hwy 15-501, Pinehurst.
- · Sandhills Winery Wine **Tasting** - 5:30 pm to 8 pm. Thanksgiving Wine Tasting. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- Rufus Barringer Civil War Roundtable - 7 pm, meeting at the Southern Pines Civic Club, at Ashe and Pennsylvania Aves., behind the tennis counts, Southern Pines. The Roundtable welcomes back James A. Morgan III, to present "Pensacola and Fort Pickens at the beginning of the war." Visitors are welcome. Refreshment served.910-235-0946 or 910-695-9058.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

 5th Annual Seagrove Celebration – 6 to 9 pm; Gala night. \$40/person. Demonstrations, children's hands on activities, historical and educational talks and presentations. Area potters will be at the Cannery with their pottery and merchandise. Historic Luck's Cannery, 798 Pottery Highway NC 705, Seagrove. celebrationofseagrovepotters.com

Heart of Carolina Jazz **Band hosts Marlene Ver** Planck - 7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Reserved seating \$15. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- Merry Market 9 am 4 pm. featuring the works of 20 area crafters of wonderful jewelry, festive candles, baskets and a host of other items. Also take advantage of the huge bake sale of cake, cookies and all manner of baked goods. St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
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- 31st Annual Seagrove Pottery Festival – Admission \$5 Children under 12 free, 9 am - 5 pm, Seagrove Elementary School, 528 Old Plank Road, Seagrove. Featured Potters: Johnnie and Georgia Maness of Piney Woods Pottery. Demonstrations. 336-873-7887 www.seagrovepotterymuseum.org
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day & Paper Shredding Mixed Paper Recycling - 10 am 2 pm, at Pinecrest High School (Parking lot off of Volt Gilmore Lane).
- Elliott's Provision Co. Free Cooking Demo - 12 pm - 2 pm. Thanksqiving Turkey, featuring local

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- A Night of Bluegrass -7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Reserved seating \$15. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- Turkey Shoot 7 pm. Proceeds benefit Sandhills Animal Rescue League. Alec Creek Farm, 396 Thomas Road, Jackson Springs. 910-974-4468 or 910-638-

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pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest tonight is Newfound Road. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910) 944-7502.

- Interfaith Service Of Thanksgiving - 4 pm, Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Everyone in the community is welcome and participants are invited to linger for music and refreshments Worshippers are asked to bring non-perishable foods, diapers or blankets as a Thanksgiving Offering, to be donated to the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care.
- **Community Thanksgiving** Service - 7 pm, West End Baptist Church will be hosting a Community Thanksgiving service with the choir from West End Presbyterian providing music. The Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong and Father Bill Knapp of West End Baptist United Methodist will deliver the message.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Weight Watchers Meeting - 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary

- Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.
- **Moore County Land Use Plan** – 6 to 8:30 pm, Steering Committee work session. Held at Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End, 910-215-0900. Public welcome.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 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.
- Moore County Board of Commissioners - 6 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- · 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 in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.



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property will be required to display a current annual registration sticker, effective May 2013.

Stickers will be available for purchase at the office for a \$10 fee, to cover administrative costs. Specifically, boat trailers stored at Sequoia Point and long term storage at the SLLA Yard Debris Site would be impacted by the new policy.

Two new horses at stables

Two new privately-owned horses have joined the Seven Lakes Stables herd, announced Sohl.

The horses are owned by a resident of Seven Lakes and will be made available to all members and guests, per standing policies.

Sohl explained that the owner will retain and claim ownership, the horses are being leased for \$0 to the

Association. In exchange, the community will pick up all feed, veterinary, and maintenance costs for the ani-

In addition, one existing Stable horse is being retired to a good home and another older horse will be similarly placed once the two new arrivals have settled in.

"Since these are younger horses, we will have lower vet costs and use less feed." he noted.

Changing policy on dues and collections

Limiting installment plans to fewer options and a shorter period of repayment — perhaps three to six months was part of a larger Work Session discussion on revising the current collection pol-

Community Manager Sohl proposed extending the foreclosure process from thirty to ninety days and explained that fines would be levied at different points. He noted the changes would bring Association policies in line with state statutes. Also incorporated were penalties for multiple lot/property owners. If an owner is delinquent on any single account, they are determined to not be in good standing.

In discussion on installment plans, Meyer said that the current process is long and complex, which drives up costs. There are multiple ways to pay dues and various options on payment plans.

"It's anything goes, and, as a result, it costs us money to manage," Meyer said. "It costs us money to send out bills and keep track. And for our efforts we get one percent on the outstanding balance - which I doubt covered our costs," he argued.

The revised policy will be

voted on at the November 14 he cautioned. Open Meeting

Bad Debt Write-Off Policy

Looking to establish a uniform policy for writing-off bad debts, Sohl recommended a new policy that includes various triggers for determining when an account is deemed uncollectable.

He suggested a maximum period of three years for such a decision to be made, and noted those triggers would include instances when a debtor cannot be located, is deceased, or has no assets.

Treasurer Meyer recommended a budget limit of no more than \$70,000 per year allowed for bad debt.

"If go over that, we would be tapping into our revenue,"

Other business

In other business during the Monday, November 5, SLLA Work Session:

- A resident complimented the community landscaping. "It looks so much better," he said. "No question, it is a 100% improvement over how it used to look."
- Immediately following the Work Session, the Board met in Closed Session to discuss two legal issues.
- Director Chuck Leach was not in attendance.

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gle. Currently settled in a rental, Long said he's looking forward to putting down roots — or at least enough permanence that he can adopt a pet.

"I don't need much room for myself, but I'd really like to get a dog," he said. "I really like it here and have decided that it is not that much different from California, where I grew up. There were 600,000 people, so that part

is a lot different, but Fresno is a valley. It's called the Breadbasket of the World, because there is so much agriculture. So there was not too much of an adjustment to living here, with all the farms around. It still has a little bit of a home feel."

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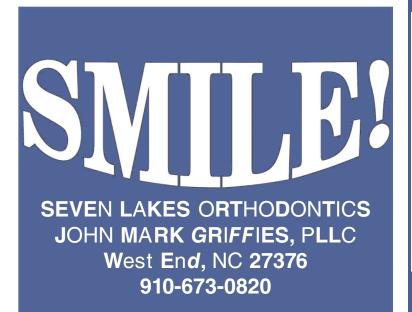
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rily occur during evening patrol hours, may be drawing unwanted attention to vacant homes.

Nominating Committee needs members & candidates

Seated by a vote of acclamation, Director Steve Ritter reported for the Nominating Committee that he will be distributing information fliers to draw attention to the need for committee volunteers and Board candidates. In addition, he is seeking volunteers to assist him on the Nominating Committee.

Four seats will be decided in the Annual Election next March — and the Board is still understaffed, with former Director Dave Buckingham's seat still vacant.

Earlier this month, Director Bob Racine announced he will seek re-election; but, thus far, Directors Darr, Meyer, and Don Fentzlaff have said they have not decided whether to seek another term of office.

"We all know people we

would like to run," President Darr said. "I suggest we need to get those names together, so we, as a Board, can make contact to encourage those residents to run."

Bylaw amendment restricts presidential authority to dissolve committees

"A lot more can be accomplished by a group of people putting their heads together than by a single individual," Director Racine said, in introducing his successful motion to amend the Bylaws restricting the authority to dissolve advisory committees to a Board majority vote.

In prior years, committees have been created and disbanded at the pleasure of the SLLA President, which Racine said was not appropriate because it provided too much power to one individual.

Three new policies and documents approved

Based on recommendations by Community Manager Sohl, the Board approved a new request for proposal [RFP] template and a similar contract template, both developed to ensure key information is included on any future projects.

In addition, the Board approved a new retention policy for SLLA documents that clearly defines various categories of paperwork and storage schedules.

"This defines what records are to be kept permanently, and others, for what period," he explained.

Open records will continue to be made available to members, with a photocopying charge of twenty cents per page.

In addition, Sohl said it was important to identify all permanent records so he could ensure they are stored digitally off-site.

"They are kept on a remote system, which is safer, more efficient, and allows for easier access," Sohl said.

Finance

Describing the recent Finance Committee meeting agenda as "jam packed," Treasurer Meyer said they are working diligently on collections and are making good progress, thanks to Sohl's assistance.

Meyer also reported the Association's audit is complete and said it marks an important point, "Because it puts a stake in the sand when Talis ended and CAS picked it up from there. It puts us all on the same page."

In related news, he said October financial statements are the first with the new CAS system in place, but that there would not be any major changes anticipated in formatting before the start of the next fiscal year.

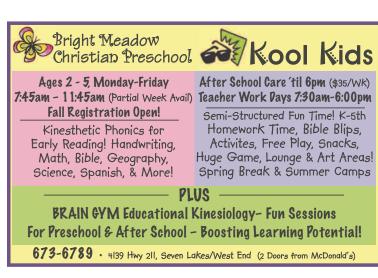
The Finance Committee has also started preliminary budget discussions and said they are looking for input from committees, particularly for capital projects requests.

Maintenance projects

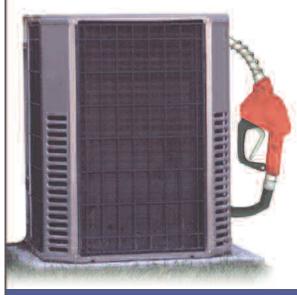
During the Community Manager's report, Sohl presented a laundry list of projects currently in the bidding process, including repair work at the Southside gate house, barn repairs, road striping work, and security gates, cameras and associated software.

Reroofing work at the North Clubhouse, pool pump house, and Sequoia Point shelter is anticipated to begin in January, Sohl reported.

Director Chuck Leach said the Maintenance Committee had met and prioritized several new proposed items that were forwarded to Sohl for action, and also announced that he was seeking an additional committee member.







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Editorial

Happy Birthday!

This edition of *The Seven Lakes Times* marks the first issue in our twenty-eighth volume. Translated out of newspaper-speak, that means we're starting our twenty-eighth year of publication.

The very first issue of *The Times* rolled off the press in November 1985.

Founded by five community-minded folks, whose names appear in the box below, *The Times* was born during troubled times for Seven Lakes, when developer money troubles put the future of the community in doubt, and residents and landowners had no reliable source of information.

"It will be the aim of the editors and reporters to objectively report the happenings of those things that directly and indirectly affect life in the Seven Lakes Community and the well-being of its residents and property owners," *The Times*' founders wrote in their first edition.

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Those words still ring true as the mission of this newspaper, even though the folks who wrote them have moved on, and the paper has, for the past fifteen years, been published by different owners.

The Times continues to be focused on life in Seven Lakes and those things that affect it, whether they take place in the North Club House, the West Side Park Community Center, or the Historic Courthouse in Carthage.

We expanded *The Times*' coverage to include Foxfire in 1997, and added more coverage of the Moore County Commissioners, Planning Board, and School Board, as it became clear the work of those bodies was becoming more and more relevant to an ever-expanding Seven Lakes.

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Sniff, cough, sneeze

It is cold and flu season, two with the creeping crud. so you know what that I have a headache, I have a means? cough, but I'm well enough

Sniffle, cough cough, achoo! Yes, it means that it is cold and flu season.

It's been a rough week here at the germ factory. New viral samples are arriving daily and my little Petri dishes — you know, the kids — are still busy incubating last week's trial version of the Black Plague.

I have a headache, I have a cough, but I'm well enough to get out of bed in the morning. Unfortunately, everything after that point takes me twice as long to accomplish.

Oh wait, that's running about average for even a healthy me, these days. Instead I'd better say I'm well enough to work but I'm moving at one-third speed. If I had a theme song, it would

be a 45 rpm record running at 33 on the turntable.

> Luckily, I'm not averse to a little chemical en-



Laura's -Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

I am an Army of one losing the battle against a thousand microbes that hitch a ride home on the school bus every single day.

hancement.

Eschewing turkey sales for pharmac and pick or a

In my never-ending quest to disinfect doorknobs, pillow cases, and faucets, I've decided that Lysol really needs to come up with a house-sized spray bomb. Hey, it works for fleas and bed bugs! Why not the common cold?

And forget about the Merry HallowThanksChrist-masWeen decorations, this is that truly magical time of year when a trip to the store resembles a coughing, stuffy head, fever, so-you-can-rest medicine commercial. Folks are sneezing, folks are wheezing, and boxes of tissues are flying off the shelves faster than my son can turn up his nose at the dinner table.

Personally, I am on round tant in the other.

Eschewing the tinsel and turkey sales, I head straight for pharmaceutical paradise and pick out that special little something for myself. It doesn't sparkle or smell pretty but nothing spells holiday cheer like a tiny sip of this or a tablet of that to fix what ails me. Throw in some orange juice and chicken noodle soup and "I'm

The cough is quieted, the headache is soothed, and the tummy is warm and happy.

baaaaacck!"

Cold and flu season? Bah humbug, I'm ready to feast and be merry. And I'll be easy to spot at the party. Just look for the lousy dancer with a lampshade on her head, a glass of wine in one hand and a can of disinfectant in the other.

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Pro-choice or pro-life?

tian minister, "pro-choice" or "pro-life?"

Answer: Your question is a simple one, but almost any way I answer it will involve a number of complications and provisions.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the famed physician, theologian, and missionary has been my guide and teacher in all matters concerning life. His theology and ethic could be summarized in three words: "Reverence for Life." In his lifetime of service during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the subject of abortion was never discussed; although it was widely practiced illegally and crudely in dark allevs.

I am aware that there are valid arguments on both sides as to when life actually begins. I happen to believe that life begins with consciousness at birth, but I wrong. My real concern is that a number of "pro-lifers" appear to be concerned only with the physical life of the fetus and seem to have little regard for the quality of the child's life after birth.

For me, being "pro-life" would mean that a child would be born to at least one

Question: Are you, a Chris-certainly can be proven from pre-school through college.

> Wouldn't a person who is pro-life support gun control laws that keep automatic rifles and hand-guns off the street and out of the hands of anyone except police and armed service personnel, in order to protect human life?

How does a pro-lifer support the death

> penalty or preemptive wars without exploring every other way to prevent crime and resolve conflicts, or the

stockpiling of nuclear weapons whose only purpose is to take millions of lives?

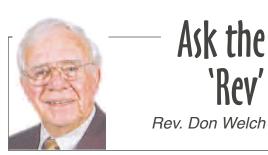
If a person is pro-life, wouldn't he or she support laws that restrict the use of tobacco and other drugs that kill millions of people around the world year after year; or contribute large amounts to stop hunger and starvation of children in our own country and across the globe?

Many who are so opposed to abortion are also opposed to contraception and sex education for young people. Does this make sense? Aren't con-

To answer your question,

my "choice" is to be pro-life, but the lives I wish to save are living, breathing, thinking children and adults — and the quality of their lives is more important than bringing more unwanted and unloved children into an already overcrowded world.

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



and preferably two parents who not only want the child but are able financially, physically and emotionally to care for that child. A true pro-life person would support healthcare for all children and adequate schools for children

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Governing from the bottom up

I am always amazed at how relevant God's word is today.

I have been studying the exodus of the Children of Israel out of Egypt. Even though this event most likely

occurred during the 14th century BC, it is still relevant today.

It begins with the Children of Israel crying out to God because of

their enslavement. The Children of Israel had become slave labor, the male children were being killed, and the government controlled everything and everyone.

The Egyptian Pharaoh was tyrannical, even though he fed them, gave them housing, and took care of their needs. The reality was that they were slaves. God heard their cries and sent a reluctant Moses to deliver them from Egypt.

Children of Israel finally left Egypt. However, as soon as they were freed from their slavery, they began to complain. They remembered how

they were fed Bound by Rev. Chris Hrabosky

> and housed in Egypt. The Bible says that their god was their belly.

> In other words, they were looking out for their own comfort. They even asked Moses to return them to Egypt, back under the slavery from which they had just been freed.

> Moses struggled as well. Every problem that the people had was brought to him. He had, in essence, become the "Daddy" to over a million

After a long process, the Israelites in the wilderness. He had people coming to him with all of their problems and he would deal with these throughout every day.

> As you can imagine, Moses was as frustrated as the people were. Finally his fatherin-law, Jethro, showed him that he had created a mobile Egypt. He was ruling from the top down just as Pharaoh had. Moses had become responsible for everything the Israelites needed. They were just as much in slavery in the wilderness as they had been in Egypt.

Moses realized that something had to give and he structured the first bottomup government. He set it up so that the families governed themselves. If they couldn't handle a problem, they would take it to the tribe. If the tribe couldn't handle it they would then take it to Moses.

This is the model on which America was founded. We are a government of the people, by the people and for the people. We are set up to be governed at the lowest possible level. We have local government, state government, and federal government. Each is set up to handle problems at the lowest level.

As I watch America, I realize that we have become more and more dependent on government. The larger government gets, the more government takes.

As you read this, the presidential election has already taken place. As I write this, it has not.

Whether our president is a Democrat or a Republican, the result of the election doesn't matter. Whoever our president is, he is accountable to us. We must make every

effort to limit his power.

The best government handles problems at the lowest possible level. I pray that America will recognize that the more control that we give to the government, the more enslaved we become.

My Dad raised me to leave his protection and provision. It is time for America to stop asking daddy-government to handle our problems. It is time to take responsibility and govern ourselves.

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to the Council's attention when a resident, earlier this month, suggested that the Foxfire General Store – which is currently listed for sale on the real estate market could be an attractive site for a sweepstakes parlor.

"I don't want to have one come in here, and then look like we're trying to pass new regulations after the fact,"

cautioned Councilman Mick McCue.

Sweepstakes operations are technically not considered gambling establishments under North Carolina law, because winners are predetermined, and the parlors have flourished over the last few years throughout the state, despite opposition from many municipalities.

The Council took no action

in its Work Session, but conversation at the table suggested Foxfire Village will not attempt an outright ban. Instead, the Council appears to be looking at revising the Village ordinances to restrict the number of hours a business can be open each day.

"If we want the Village to grow, we need a commercial district — so I don't want to discourage that," said Finance Director Leslie Frusco. "But I would rather see us manage it through setting up applicable hours."

Councilman McCue noted that other municipalities have controlled gaming businesses through limiting the number of machines permitted in any one location, and suggested that Foxfire should also consider setting "reasonable" taxes for such businesses.

Woodland Circle Property

Eyeing year's end as a turning point, Councilwoman Frusco said, if the 160-acre property on Woodland Circle remains unsold, the Council

must consider other options.

The large tract of equestrian-zoned property was accepted as a donation in lieu of a \$1.4 million assessment following construction of the roadway extension project, leaving the Village responsible for repaying the construction loan. In the past few years, Frusco has managed the unanticipated expense by negotiating two years of interest-only loan payments, paying down the principal using a portion of the Village's fund balance, re-amortizing the nearly \$2 million loan, and successfully

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dogs are family pets, but others have been specially trained to work, including DJ.

"He trained for over two years to be a guide dog," Baillie explained. "It is very important what he does. I can't see where I'm going, so I have to trust D.J.'

Surprisingly, Baillie said there are 500 blind people in Moore County, though they are infrequently seen, because it is so difficult to get out when you cannot see.

He was inspired to start his foundation when he learned that there were no guide dog programs for blind children.

"By providing them with trained dogs, we allow kids to be independent. They can go out and get on a school bus and go to class, like any other kid," he said.

MIRA dogs are specially bred, he explained, between a Labrador retriever, which he described as like a tractor they are strong and last a really long time — and a Burmese Mountain dog, which are known for having pattern memory traits.

"It is a real pleasure to be able to go out by yourself for a walk," Baillie explained. "It is difficult to imagine what it is like not to see. My dog has given me, literally, my life back, and allowed me to

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do things for other people that I couldn't do before.'

The MIRA Foundation has funded twelve guide dogs and have lined up five or six new dogs for the next year, an amazing achievement, considering the cost for each dog and their training can total \$60,000.

Following the awards ceremony, Baillie invited the West End Elementary fourth graders to come up and pet DJ and said they could continue to visit him on his own Facebook page, D Jay Baillie. Each child also received a MIRA t-shirt featuring the organization's original mascot and Baillie's first guide dog, Devon.

The Citizens Pet Responsibility Committee was appointed by the Moore County Board of Commissioners in 2006 to provide solutions to the pet overpopulation crisis.

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requesting a lower interest rate.

However, Village finances continue to be held hostage while the property sits, unsold.

Frusco suggested advertising the tract in high-end magazines targeted at equestrian interests; but Grande Pines developer Pete Mace, speaking from the floor, advised against that strategy.

"It would be better to let local realtors know about it: what it is, what is available, and what are the options," Mace said. "The local market is picking up, and that would be the best thing to do."

Offering to review a survey of the property and provide the Council with his own recommendations, Mace expressed confidence that real estate sales are improving.

"The military is getting more comfortable with this area," he said. "It used to be considered too far out, but many are coming now. They like the school district, and that is a big thing. Also the club [golf course] is changing hands, and there is something solid there again."

Specifically, Mace identified Foxfire as a prime location for a new upscale townhouse project.

"People are downsizing, and they don't want to deal with the maintenance," he said. "Yes, there are some who are still willing to buy a ten-acre lot and build a farm, but I see more of a market for homes priced under \$400,000."

Frusco agreed that options moving forward include subdividing and possibly rezoning the 160-acre undeveloped tract. The asking price, she added, has been lowered to \$1.2 million.

Pineland Preserve

In another discussion that touched on both real estate and commercial zoning concerns, Mace presented a few requests related to the Pineland Preserve development.

Specifically, Mace expressed

concern about commercially-zoned, undeveloped lots that front along Hoffman Road, but are adjacent to potential building lots in the subdivision.

"They will be hard to sell because there is only a small berm [buffer area] and then the possibility of a business being built there," he explained.

Since the lots are not located on a corner and, therefore, much less attractive for commercial use, Mace proposed they could be rezoned as residential properties.

Another option, Mace recommended, would be to allow privacy fencing on lots in the Pineland Preserve development; however, current zoning ordinances prohibit such structures.

"The problem is, how do we allow a fence there, but not in the rest of Foxfire," cautioned Frusco.

In discussion, Mace responded that he could request a Conditional Use Permit with restrictions on fencing that could include

total square footage, that it not be installed along property lines, fencing in back yards only, and height restrictions.

Unlike Grande Pines, Mace said, the Pineland Preserve development will not be gated and, as such, is looking to dedicate its streets to Foxfire Village, assuming they meet road standards.

Frusco cautioned him that, in addition to core sample work, Mace needed to address any potential drainage problems.

"Within the Village limits we are encountering a lot of drainage issues," she said. "We don't want houses to be put in on roads that have drainage issues that the Village does not have the funds to address. We need to know the streets are up to DOT standards and do not have drainage problems, because, once we take them over, it will become our problem."

Financial update

Reporting that forty-seven percent of budgeted ad val-

orem taxes have been collected, Frusco described the process as "very encouraging," with several very large property owners already making good on this year's owed taxes, including Stonehill Pines and Foxfire Resort & Golf Club.

"I'm not sure if money is starting to flow better or the reason, but I'm not going to argue with it," she said.

Foxfire Village has an exceptional track record of taxes collected, at 99.66% in, 99.54% in 2010, and 98.69% in 2011; however, there are few outstanding accounts from those same years, primarily as a result of bankruptcies or foreclosures.

"We are diligent about going after anything that makes sense to go after," she said. "Some of them are taxes owed that is a miniscule amount and it is not worth going after with attorney fees; but, if the property ever changes hands, we will collect on it then, or

whenever someone wants to build on that land."

Long Range Planning

The dilapidated tennis courts have been demolished, resulting in a major improvement to the appearance of the central recreation area.

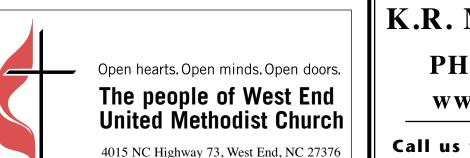
Turning attention to the pool building, Councilman McCue said he received an informal estimate for renovation work to include new plumbing fixtures, windows, and drywall replacement.

"This is a fairly extensive remodel; but this contractor's estimated costs were quite low," he said.

Mayor Erickson cautioned McCue that any renovation work must meet ADA requirements, and Frusco reminded the Council the pool building septic system will also need to be tested.

In other discussion on Long Range Planning, McCue presented a draft version of a tri-fold marketing brochure

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the committee has developed. McCue said the final product will include lots of photographs, with emphasis on equestrian opportunities in Foxfire, the Village Green Park, the pool and golf course, and photos of the Foxfire Police and Fire Department.

Other business

In other discussion during the Thursday, October 25 Work Session, the Foxfire Village Council:

- · Heard from McCue that concerns have been raised over road maintenance by residents of the Pine Ridge area of Foxfire Village. Frusco said the road is publicly owned and maintained, including drainage work.
- Heard from McCue that Village Attorney Michael Brough recommends the Planning & Zoning Committee be restructured as a five-member group, with a set quorum of three. In addition, he recommended that one member be a resident of the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ], until such time as the population of that area increases.
- Heard from McCue that the Foxfire Police Department is still waiting on delivery of the new K9 vehicle. He presented a proposed resolution to donate the existing vehicle to West End Fire & Rescue, to be voted on at the November 13 meeting.
- Called a Public Hearing for the voluntary annexation of two properties in the Grande Pines subdivision, to coincide with the November 13 meeting.
- Approved the schedule of proposed Work Sessions dates for 2013; those dates will be listed on the Foxfire Village community website.
- Heard from Erickson that he has previewed the new community website, currently under development. He described it as outstanding with many new features.



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Election results

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on the Moore County Board of Commissioners will be newcomer Randy Saunders, a Republican and current member of the Whispering Pines Village Council, who ran unopposed for the seat being vacated by retiring Commissioner Tim Lea.

Challenger Ben Carmeron will replace incumbent School Board member Lorna Clack, having gained a five percentage point margin in the contested District 1 race for the Moore County Board of Education.

Incumbent School Board members Kathy Farren, Laura Lang, and Bruce Cunningham will all return to the Board after running unopposed.

National Races

Moore County proved more conservative than North Carolina as a whole in the Presidential race, giving Romney and Ryan 64 percent of the vote, while the GOP ticket barely topped 50 percent of the vote statewide.

Despite a challenger who hails from Southern Pines, incumbent Republican Congresswoman Renee Ellmers attracted 61 percent of the votes in Moore County, and won with 56 percent of the vote in the full second district.

State Races

Nearly two-thirds of Moore County voters cast their ballot for former Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory for Governor, versus a third who chose current Lt. Governor Walter

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Dalton. That's a larger margin than the 55 percent that McCrory won in statewide balloting.

In every other statewide race which included a Republican candidate, Moore County voters chose the Republican, generally giving them roughly 60 percent of the votes cast in the county.

Both Moore County's current NC Representative, Jamie Boles, and the county's new State Senator, courtesy of redistricting, Jerry Tillman, ran unopposed and will return to those respective

legislative chambers.

Judicial Races

Seventy-three percent of Moore County voters registered their preference for returning Southern Pines' Judge Skipper Creed to his District 19B District Court Seat, while 63 percent voted for Rob Wilkins, the incumbent in another District 19B judicial race. Both Creed and Wilkins were, in fact, reelected in district-wide voting.

In a closely-watched — and hotly contested — race for Judge Paul Martin Newby's seat on the NC Supreme Court, Sam J. Ervin IV, grandson of Senator Sam Ervin of Watergate hearing fame, lost his bid to unseat the incumbent, pulling 48 percent of the vote against Newby's 52 percent. Newby's margin was even greater in Moore County, at 62 percent.

Unofficial Election ResultsSelected Competitive Races

	<u>Moore</u>	<u>Statewide</u>
President		
Obama/Biden	35.5%	48.3%
Romney/Ryan	63.6%	50.5%
Johnson	0.7%	1.0%
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Ellmers	61.2%	55.9%
Wilkins	36.9%	41.4%
Irving	1.9%	2.7%
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First- second- and thirdplace winners in each age group receive prizes of \$100. \$50, and \$25 respectively. The 2013 Writers' Competition booklet will include the winning manuscripts.

Entries should be postmarked or delivered to Weymouth Center, 555 E. Connecticut Ave., P.O. Box 939. Southern Pines, NC 28388, by Friday, Feb. 1, 2013. The committee will notify winners by the middle of March 2013. First-place winners will read selections from their winning entries at an awards presentation at Weymouth Center on Sunday, April 28, 2013.

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weymouthcenter.org. All of Moore County's public and private schools have also received the guidelines for this competition.

For more information, call 692-6261 and leave a message.

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season with Victorian flare at the annual Holiday Jubilee at the 1897 Poe House on Sunday December 2 from 1:00-5:00 pm.

The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex invites the community to attend this free event featuring a concert by Fayetteville's own Coventry Carolers.

The Coventry Carolers will perform on the front porch of the Poe House at 1:30 and 3:30 pm. The house will be elaborately decorated for a Victorian Christmas providing a beautiful backdrop for this festive event and will be open between the caroling performances.

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The 1897 Poe House will be decorated for Christmas from November 20 through January 6. It is open for tours Tuesday-Friday during the week at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm; Saturdays on the hour from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and Sundays on the hour from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Call 910-486-1330 or visit www.museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov

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