

SLLA Board votes to keep lifeguards at pool

by Ellen Marcus
 Times Reporter



Despite heavy winds and bad weather it was standing room only at the Seven Lakes

Land Association Open meeting on Wednesday evening, January 30. Residents old and young alike showed up to urge the Board of Directors to keep lifeguards and diving boards at the Northside Pool.

Before the meeting got underway, Board President Bob Darr attempted to explain public hearing procedures in the noisy, crowded room. Board members present were Darr, Conrad Meyer, Bob Racine, Chuck Leach, and Steve Ritter. Don Fentzlaff was unable to attend the meeting.

Public Comment opened with Recreation Committee member Laura Douglass taking the mike. Douglass said she has been bringing her children to the pool for eleven years.

Addressing the board's con-

cern with the liability created by having lifeguards Douglass said: "You limit liability by hiring quality staff, and that has always been the practice of Seven Lakes — most especially in the last two years.

(See "Lifeguards," p. 36)

Darr, Fentzlaff withdraw from SLLA Board Elections

by Ellen Marcus
 Times Reporter

Current Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] President Bob Darr and Lake & Dam Director Don Fentzlaff have withdrawn their names from the list of candidates seeking seats on the Board in the

Annual Meeting Elections in March.

The Association alerted members to Darr's decision in an email posted roughly 24 hours after another email announcing a Candidates' Night on Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 pm.

(See "SLLA," p. 35)

Second design reviewed for Veterans' Memorial

by Stacy Naughton
 Times Reporter



A second landscape design that would expand the Veterans' Memo-

rial in Carthage was sent back to the drawing board, with suggested revisions, by the Veteran's Memorial Design Subcommittee during their Monday, January 28 meeting.

Planner Jeremy Rust presented the design, one of two prepared by the Moore County Planning Department. One of the two was rejected by the committee.

Unlike an earlier plan developed by Southern Pines Landscape Architect Vince Zucchini, Rust's plan covered only 1.5 of the 3.5 acres adjacent to the Memorial, leaving the remainder of the property available for use by the County or sale to commercial interests.

Several Subcommittee members noted that Rust's design lacked an amphitheater and restrooms, both of which were included in Zucchini's plan.

(See "Memorial," p. 35)

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Digital Natives



Carthage Elementary students recently received tablet computers — iPads — in a major Moore County Schools initiative to make digital technology an integral part of teaching and learning. See pages 4 & 5 for the story.

Godfrey will replace Carter as Sheriff

by Stacy Naughton
 Times Reporter



Chief Deputy Neil Godfrey will succeed Lane Carter as Moore County Sheriff, ap-

pointed by a unanimous vote of the Moore County Board of Commissioners during their Tuesday, February 5 meeting. Carter has announced that he will retire from office on May 1, and Godfrey will take on the responsibilities of Sheriff at that time.

"Thank you for all of the trust and faith you have put

in me," said Godfrey, "It will be a great honor to serve you and the citizens of Moore County as Sheriff."

Before the Board voted to name Godfrey to the post, the Moore County Republican Party Chairman Robert Levy requested that the Commissioners make the appointment.

"His interest has been the safety of the people of Moore County," said Levy. "He will be a great Sheriff for all people: Republicans, Democrats and Independents...that is why we recommend him, beyond politics."

(See "Commissioners," p. 31)

Read and discuss 'The Underground Church'

On Sunday, February 10 & 17 and on Sunday, March 3 & 10, The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines is offering the community the opportunity to read and discuss Robin Meyer's recent book, *The Underground Church*.

Meyers, the author of the best-selling book, *Saving Jesus from the Church*, will be in the area May 17-19 offering seminars, workshops, and sermons at The Chapel in the Pines and Pinehurst Congregational Church on Linden Road.

The Chapel is offering these discussions for "Read Around" in anticipation of his appearance.

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This church we will seek together to reclaim in our study of Meyers book.

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in the Pines on the Sunday evenings listed above at 6 pm. Be prepared to be challenged intellectually and spiritually.

For further information contact Don Welch at 910-673-7701 or the Chapel in the Pines at 910-673-2156.

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The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 9 at the West End Elementary School cafeteria at 7:00 am until 11:00 am.

They will be serving pancakes, sausages, syrup, orange juice, coffee and tea. They will also have a raffle for a 42 inch flat screen TV during the breakfast.

Breakfast tickets are only \$8 each and are available

from any Kiwanis member, Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe, Sandhills Winery, Quality Care Pharmacy, and Lakeside Barbershop.

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SLLA raises guest fees for stables, not pool

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

Guests fees for stable use will rise, but a motion to significantly increase guest fees at the Northside pool was defeated during the Wednesday, January 30 Open Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors.

President Bob Darr presented the proposed change to the guest fee structure, which would have eliminated the use of the traditional Guest Cards at the stables and pool. The process for guest use of SLLA amenities in the past has been for the landowner or Association member to purchase a set of Guest Cards — currently priced at four for \$25 — which can be used by that landowners guests to access any of the amenities.

The proposed rule change would have required that the member accompany guests when they use the amenities, and would have substituted a per-use guest fee at the pool and stables, with the following pricing structure.

Stables Fees (non-residents)

1 hour guided trail rides \$20
½ hour pony rides \$5
1 hour riding lesson \$35
Pony Party (10 or less participants) \$50

Pool Fees (non-residents)

Daily passes \$5
Package of 5 \$20

The traditional Guest Cards would be available at a cost of \$7.50 each or \$25 for four, allowing a guest to use the beaches; fish; play basketball, tennis, and table games and access other facilities.

Members object

One resident objected to the new fees, noting that she used to buy four annual guests passes for \$25 for her grandchildren. She would now be required to pay \$20 for each day that her grandchildren swam when they visited her for the summer.

Darr countered the objection, saying: "Here's the dis-

cussion we have had been battling back and forth. Quite frankly people abusing guest passes are primarily a problem at the stables. Let me back up and start again. This was my stand: With the condition we find ourselves going forward financially, we have to find a way to raise money. When you paid your dues of \$900 you expected those amenities to be part of the package. But, we have non-residents riding four days a week, sixty days a year — and they don't live here."

Several people in the audience asked why they were being punished for the bad behavior of others.

Meyer Asks for Split Motion

Moving on, Darr made the motion to approve the proposed fee increases and Director Chuck Leach seconded it. Board member Conrad Meyer then spoke up: "I thought we were going to vote on these [the fees for the stables, pool, and guest cards] one at time. Because that is what it says here in the packet on page seven.

Darr argued with Meyer that the piece of paper that he held in his hand was the motion that the Board had agreed to in the work session — and that they would vote on it all at once. The audience once again weighed in, agreeing with Meyer that they should be voted on one at a time.

Another audience member asked: "Don't we have a new director at the stables? Shouldn't they check people in like they are supposed to do?"

Meyer said, "Bob, I suggest we vote on them one at a time." Darr pointed out that there was already a motion and a second. Meyer then suggested that they retract it.

After several minutes, Leach removed his second and Darr removed the motion.

The Board then considered the proposed fees one at a time, taking the stable usage fee increase first, and voting unanimously to increase the stable fees.

The Directors then voted three against and two in favor of increasing the pool fees, with Leach and Darr in favor and Meyer, Bob Racine, and Steve Ritter opposed. The audience applauded. A unanimous vote approved the fee schedule for Guest Cards.

Open Swim Approved

In other recreation-related business, the Board unanimously approved the USA Swimming Open Water 2013 Events — a competition that an outside group has hosted in Seven Lakes North for a number of years.

Racine noted before making the motion: "In the past, this has always gone to the Recreation Committee first every

year. We were bypassed this year."

Dues Increase Likely, How Much Unclear

While it's clear that the SLLA Board will be proposing a dues increase to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, exactly how large an increase has yet to be determined by the Finance Committee.

Due to the length of the

Open Meeting Meyer said he would be brief in presenting the treasury report. "This month, the finance committee met twice," said Meyer. "Budgets are never fun to do, but we have to do it. We reviewed a draft of the possible dues increase. Many good suggestions were made. I have to make updates and hope to have it completed within a

(See "Fees," p. 37)



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MCS Goal: A computer for every student

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



Education in the twentieth century evolved from rote and measure to open discussion and logical interpretation. Twenty-first century instructors have at their disposal an arsenal of tools, custom curricula, and decade upon decade of research.

What many twenty-first century educators do not have is easy access, for themselves and their students, to a tool that most of us take for granted: the personal computer. Moore County Schools' [MCS] 1:1 Initiative aims to change that, placing laptop or tablet computers in the hands of every teacher, and every student.

It's an ambitious goal. Leading the charge to attain it is MCS Superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence.

Spence has lived education as a student, a teacher, a principal and now Moore County's Superintendent. But, asked why students need individual access to technology in the classroom, he turns first to his experience as the father of six children. The Spence home is an educational laboratory of learning styles and personalities.

'Digital Natives'

Children today are born logged-on, Spence told *The Times* — from their first ultrasound posted on YouTube to visiting with grandparents on Skype.

"My kids are digital natives," Spence said. "These are the first group of students that have grown up in a world of technology. They don't know a world without it."

Beyond that, computers are portals to the internet, and a universe of material that can be put to use by educators.

Spence recalled that he, as a teacher, first got access to a computer in 1996. "I used it for taking attendance," he recalled. "I could get on the internet, but it was very

limited to where you could go."

Students had to depend on the library for resources beyond the textbook. We had a pretty good size library, but the French section was



Dr. Aaron Spence

like six books," said Spence. "I would take students to France in the summer and fill my suitcase with the French newspapers to bring back."

Today, students can go online and read a French newspaper as soon as it is posted. It is even possible to translate it. They can even find French pen pals and communicate with them daily via email.

"Think about it," said Spence. "How we teach French today. The availability of distant learning . . . and the range of resources, I could have had."

Teaching different types of learners

Computers and the internet give the classroom a portal to a wider world of resources. But, just as important, digital technology offers teachers the ability to present material in different ways, suited to different learning styles.

Some students are the classic "bookworms," who process information best by reading. But others learn better by hearing material read, or seeing it presented through photography and motion pictures. And most children learn best by doing, by creating, by practicing.

"One of our kids struggles academically with math," Spence said of his own family. "I loaded her phone down with math apps, and she finds it far more interesting. It's fun for her and helps her to remember," said Spence.

"Technology is a tool," he continued. "A teacher might say: 'You are going to try to replace me with technology.' My response is: 'I need you

to create and understand what each child's needs are. I don't need you do that with a chalkboard and a textbook that is ten years out of date."

"Before my three year old was two, he already knew his alphabet, colors, shapes, and numbers," Spence said. "He learned them on the iPad, downloaded with a preschool app. Our older kids are also engaged educationally and socially online."

Great teachers make technology sing

Laptops and iPads don't come with a button that turns them automatically into a teaching machine. Harnessing technology for learning

requires even more work and creativity from teachers than the old textbook and chalkboard approach.

"The great teachers always have and always will meet the child's needs," Spence said. "Teachers need to excel at their craft to create and implement multiple rich learning experiences."

Crafting approaches that serve students with different skill levels and learning styles is now the norm, because both teachers are evaluated against the principle that all children can learn and make progress.

"No Child Left Behind made a very clear statement that

(See "Spence," p. 34)

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Welcome to the 21st century classroom

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



The twenty-third of January is crisp and the Carthage Elementary Auditorium is full — standing room only. The energy and enthusiasm is electric. Today, Moore County Schools' 1:1 Initiative comes to the classroom. On this Wednesday, each student will be issued an Apple iPad.

The students cheer as Superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence leads them through the journey of securing their iPads. "We believe it's our job to prepare students for the 21st century, and this is a significant first step in that direction," says Spence. "Lots of people worked behind the scenes to make sure you have this opportunity."

Most of the students are "digital natives," more comfortable with computer technology — with technology of all sorts — than their grandparents, their parents, and even their teachers. They have grown up in the digital world, using technology as a way to communicate, record, educate, and understand society. Many have had access to computers, cell phones, email, and other forms of technology since birth.

Giving Thanks Where Due

Spence, acting as head cheerleader, encourages students to shout "Thank you!" as he recognizes the Moore County Board of Education; The Moore County School System's Technical, Community Relations and Finance Staff; the Friends of Public Education; Moore County Commissioners; Carthage Elementary Teachers; and the students themselves.

The loudest "Thank You!" is for Carthage Elementary Principal Denny Ferguson. "Mr. Ferguson had a vision

of what learning can be," Spence says, "and he wanted to be the first school to have iPads."

Fifth grade student Council Members Jonathan Ross, Christian McIe, Aaliyah Smith, and Andrew Lyons politely and efficiently guide visitors down the Carthage Elementary halls, through the bright colorful Media Center, outside, and down the sidewalk to one of three classrooms, where iPads have already been incorporated into the curriculum.

Touring the Classroom of the Future

Aaliyah holds the door open and welcomes everyone to enter into the 21st century cutting-edge classroom. The large windows let in the bright morning sun. There is a low hum of activity as students work together. There is no row upon row of desk, there is no chalk grating on the blackboard, and there is plenty of talking, as students work together on projects.

Individual attention is the norm in Summer Thomas's fifth grade classroom. Thomas

has created an environment where students are engaged and classroom instruction is a blend of traditional and innovative methods. She brings history to life, incorporating lecture, text, visuals, costumes, photography, discussion, and trips to the media center. The lesson maximizes the students' educational experience, and offers a path into the material for visual, auditory, and tactile learners.

It's not your typical classroom. The students work in (See "Digital," p. 34)



Carthage Elementary students took to their new iPads like ducks to water, doing research and creating their own comic books to present what they have learned.

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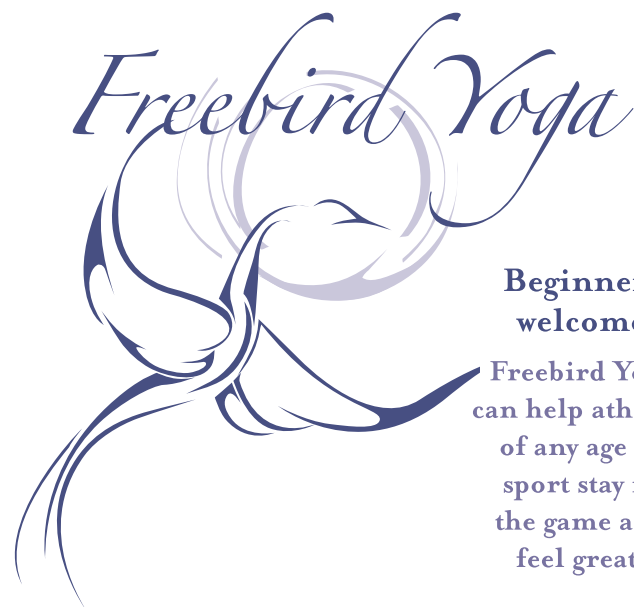
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Law complicates Grande Pines annexations

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



Members of the Foxfire Village Council spent much of their Thursday, January 31 Work Session discussing the annexation of non-contiguous lots within Grande Pines and how best to enforce ordinances fairly. Many Village ordinances are dated and have not been consistently enforced.

The Grande Pines development is unique in that the lots are inconsistent in size, ranging from one-half acre to ten acres. The current applicable state law requires that properties to be annexed must adjoin one another. Attorney Michael Brough attended the work session to advise the Council on how to proceed with annexation in Grande Pines.

Brough recommended that the Village ask State Senator Jerry Tillman or State Representative Jamie Boles submit a local bill to the General Assembly that would allow for annexation of non-contiguous properties only within Grande Pines. A "local bill" is one that deals strictly with a limited area, and is gen-

erally passed without debate, if it has the support of the legislators representing that area.

"Grande Pines annexation has been contiguous," Brough said, referring to previous annexations in the development, "but there are some lots out there that couldn't be annexed in because they are not contiguous."

Brough also recommended amending Village ordinances to clarify when water service can be provided. Requests for annexations in Grande Pines and elsewhere on the outskirts of Foxfire Village are often driven by the landowner's desire to hook onto the Village's water system. Drilling wells in the area around Foxfire can be a hit-or-miss proposition.

Councilwoman Leslie Frusco asked, "Would this local bill put the Village at jeopardy in the future — for another developer to come in and say you have to do this?"

Brough reassured the Council that the answer would be: "No. This is a historical set of circumstances that you are dealing with. What is unique about Grand Pines is the size of lots. The circumstances remove any likelihood that someone

would object on policy grounds due to this exception. The annexation will be adopted only after waterlines have been extended through the properties."

Request for Larger 'For Sale' Signs

Real Estate agent Lynne Williams requested permission posting larger "for sale" signs for commercial properties. Village ordinances currently limit the signs to eighteen by twenty-four inches. Williams asked to post a sign measuring thirty-two by forty-eight inches for commercial properties.

Councilman Steve Durham asked: "What is the proper way to proceed when someone wants to do something in violation of an ordinance? How do we handle that and what is the protocol?"

Mayor George Erickson responded: "As a council, we would have to agree to let her violate the existing ordi-

nance."

The council reviewed the sign ordinances and discussed several signs that currently do not comply with the ordinance. Durham said: "I am all for following our ordinances. If an ordinance doesn't make sense, then I am all for changing that ordinance." Councilman Vic Koos agreed with Durham that

ordinances should be followed.

"In the scheme of things, I don't think it's a big deal," said Durham. "But, if we have an ordinance, then it should be enforced equally. That has not always been the case. We can't take care of all of it, but we can start somewhere."

(See "Foxfire," p. 32)



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US Army Ret. Lt. Col. Edward Jerome Murphy, Jr., 76 of Seven Lakes died Saturday, February 2, at the FirstHealth Hospice House, Pinehurst.

Mr. Murphy was born in Baltimore, Maryland, son to the late Edward Jerome Murphy, Sr. and Elizabeth Ann (O'Connor) Murphy.

A Funeral Mass will be held 11 am, Friday February 8 at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Pinehurst with the Rev. Edward J. Burch officiating. Rite of Committal will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Mr. Murphy served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam War.

After graduating from Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland, he was commissioned in the Army and served for twenty years. Mr. Murphy was honorably discharged at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1978 at Fort Myer, Virginia. He then went on to teach Jr. ROTC at Treadwell High School in Memphis, Tennessee and Calvin Coolidge High School in the District of Columbia.

After retiring as a Jr. ROTC instructor, Mr. Murphy moved to Seven Lakes, where he was a member of the Beacon Ridge Golf and Country

Club and also worked part time at the Pinehurst Resort.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-five years, Patricia (Repine) Murphy; sons, Edward J. Murphy, III of Leesburg, VA; and Timothy P. Murphy of The Woodlands, TX; stepson, Kevin Kennedy of Lorton, VA; stepdaughter, Colleen Kennedy of Lorton, VA; brother, James F. Murphy of Seattle, WA; five grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Edward Murphy to FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care, 251 Campground Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

Colonel Robert Hancock Lockwood USMC (Retired), 78, of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, January 22, at his home.

He was born in Stamford, Connecticut. After graduating from Brunswick School and Nichols College, he entered military service as a Naval Cadet in the Naval Flight Training Program at Pensacola, Florida. His first duty station was at the Marine Corps Air Station in Miami, FL where he met and married his wife, Marty.

Colonel Lockwood served two tours of duty in Vietnam and flew 862 missions. Personal decorations include the Silver Star Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (43), Navy Commendation Medal (2) with Combat "V", Combat Action Ribbon and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star.

After retirement, he became the Executive Director of the Orange County, NC Chapter of the American Red Cross, where he served for ten years. He was awarded the William O. Yohe Outstanding Kiwanian Award in 1993 by the Chapel Hill Club.

He and his wife, Marty, moved to Seven Lakes in 2000 where he enjoyed boating on Lake Auman and golfing, was active as a volunteer for "Meals on Wheels," and a tutor with the "Tuesday Tutoring Program" at West End Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph R. Lock-

wood and mother, Margaret Hancock Lockwood.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Hillis Lockwood; children, Pamela Koll, Kendra (John) Marshall, Brae (Don) DePol, and Brent (Cathy) Lockwood; sister, Jean (David) Reilly; nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinehurst, on Saturday, February 2.

He will be buried at a later date with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

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The Times interviews Westside candidates

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



Three candidates will stand for election to three open seats on the Seven

Lakes West Landowners Association Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in March: Brian Benjamin, Dale Erickson, and Chuck Watkins.

The Times posed a series of questions to each of the candidates, asking about their general motivation in running for the Board, as well as about some specific challenges and opportunities facing the West Side.

Brian Benjamin

Brian Benjamin and his wife Wendy moved to their Morgan Ridge Drive home in 2008 from Rochester, NY. Benjamin is a sales representative for a company that provides communication networks for mobile carriers.

1. Why did you decide to run for the Board?

Everybody has to take their turn to help the community out. I still work full time; and, with only one meeting a month, it helps with the decision to run. The time commitment is going to be a big key for me and trying to manage all that.

2. What position would you like to serve in and why?

I am open to anything. I like the communications aspect. I am familiar with websites, but I'll have to learn the community's website. The current Communications Director, Jane Sessler, is willing to continue helping out in the background. She has really done a tremendous job pulling all that together.

3. During the last year the idea of a Vision Plan that would cost \$40,000 was presented to the community and ultimately voted against by the Board. Where do you stand on this? Do you think the community needs such a plan? Could it be done

in-house without the expense of hiring a consultant?

I think a vision plan makes sense. Does it make sense to spend \$40,000? That, I don't know enough about it to make that call at this point. It is definitely something worth exploring. It would help the Board and future Boards kind of say 'stay on the same path,' and not have the community direction go one way and then the other based on the current board at that time. It could possibly be done in house if the skill set is there. Consultants can

perform a service; but a lot of times you end up having to do a lot of the work yourself, because they can't put that level of experience and detail into what an organization really needs.

4. Communication was always a big road block in the past; but, with the website, that has opened up that avenue. Are there any other areas that could use the same approach? How do you maintain or increase effective communication in the community?

The great thing about the website, like the weekly "E-Blasts," is that it's proactive, you're pushing something out to everyone each week. Probably, for a piece of the community, that's all they want. They just want an idea of what's going on. There are always people looking for more detail, which they can find on the website. The age-old challenge of the cross section of the community is that you hear from the same people over and over. But how do you gather feedback from that large majority you never hear from? And that's

the challenge. That is something I would want to explore, because the community's demographics continue to change. There are more and more younger families with children. How do you get their feedback on what their experience is and what they would like to see as priorities, balanced with the more traditional retirement community that's always been here and always actively involved in everything?



5. The back gate has always been an issue with tailgating and constant repairs. What would you propose to secure that area?

The current environment seems to be working fairly well. We always have issues with the gate being broken or people misusing it. I don't know if you ever get rid of that all together. The cost to man the back gate, I don't know what that is, but it's something to always consider. It's all about balancing expenses and capital reserves and all of that. We can't end up doing everything. The security camera it sounds like is working. The roads, the dam, the amenities that we have — those have to be taken care of first and foremost. I have been in other

(See "Westside," p. 9)



Brian Benjamin

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6. Recently, the Lake Auman Sports Club asked the Board for help in restocking Lake Auman. Unfortunately, the Lake and Dam budget did not have any funds to contribute to this project. With the Lake being such an asset to the community, how would you prevent such a thing from happening in the future?

The Sports Club identified an issue and brought it to the Board. Maybe it was something that no one ever considered before, so there wasn't budget money this year for it. It is something that makes sense. Again, taking care of what we have includes taking care of the Lake. It is certainly something that should be looked at as far as future budgets.

7. The Recreation Budget has also been a hot topic, bringing up the need to possibly scale back on events in the community? How do you feel about this?

Personally, I like the recreation budget. We have always taken advantage of the events in the community. It always begs the questions: How is the money spent? And is it benefiting the entire community? Those are valid questions. As a Board, we have to do the best we can to manage the established budget. When things are over budget there has to be a real good understanding of why it occurred. If you look at Johnson Point and First Fridays down there you get a good cross section of people. They're just nice events, and those aren't very costly. Those are good things.

8. During your tenure what would you like to see accomplished on the Board?

I don't come to it with any specific agenda or thing I'd like to see happen. Since we have lived here, I have seen communication greatly

improve and would certainly like to champion that to see it continue to improve it however we can. The website provides a tremendous service to the community. I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the Board. I know it's going to be a lot of work, but I believe everybody needs to do their part. There are a ton of people working real hard to make our community better, and I am very happy to be a part of all of that.

Dale Erickson

Dale Erickson and his wife Joann moved to their Lawrence Overlook home from Cary in 2003. Prior to his retirement, Erickson held sales, manufacturing, and management positions in electronics-oriented firms, a career that resulted in postings in a number of states.

1. Why did you decide to run for the Board?

I have previously been encouraged by family and friends to be a board candidate. I decided that this is the time, and that I feel capable of contributing leadership experience to continue, and improve upon the standard of living which this community experiences and deserves. I know and respect the other board members, and I can be a good team participant.

2. You have mentioned your interest in being Treasurer? Why is that?

Of the three open positions (treasurer, secretary, and legal) I am the most comfortable with the "treasurer" position. I feel that my "maturity" and conservative viewpoints will assist in making the best long-term economic decisions which the commu-



Dale Erickson

nity will face. In addition, the committees within the finance group are made-up of excellent individuals, and I will look forward to working with each of them.

3. What experience do you have that would make you ready to serve in this position?

I am sensitive to the natural tensions which exist between "needs" and "desires" and

that "value" and "long term" must enter into the decision process. My prior experience includes the development of realistic business plans, the wisdom to recognize and reject non-essentials, and to be ultimately responsible for profit and loss results.

4. During the last year the idea of a Vision Plan that would cost \$40,000 was presented to the community and ultimately voted against by the Board.

Where do you stand on this? Do you think the community needs such a plan? Could it be done in-house without the expense of hiring a consultant?

I believe it is essential to develop a vision and associated mission statements which would be assigned to the board, the management company, the Long Range Planning Committee, and to

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the members of the community. Each group needs to accept responsibility for the well-being and success of Seven Lakes West. This community belongs to all of us, and, believing that "nothing happens automatically," a well-articulated vision is required to identify "our" road-map and to keep us on track. In previous board meetings, I have been consistent in voicing my support for the Vision Plan, but also consistent in voicing my concern regarding the cost. I am willing to provide the impetus to re-start this Vision Plan effort with the dedicated help and guidance from identified community residents. However, I would not dismiss the participation of a local and experienced "facilitator," which could be accomplished with minimal cost. The creation of this Vision Plan will take several months time and may not have all the bells-and-whistles which a consultant firm would provide, but I believe it would be a workable document and would provide the esprit de corps which the community could rally around and become enthused about.

5. Communication was always a big road block in the past but with the website that has seemed to open up that avenue. Are there any other areas that you feel could use the same approach? How do you maintain or increase effective communication in the community?

The "member's comments" of our web site is being abused by a few; and, unfortunately, I believe its effectiveness is being compromised by many non-constructive comments. I would like to encourage more two-way and personal communication, which could be accomplished by re-constituted area meetings. The area meetings could truly be the pulse of the community, if the essentials from the meetings could be communicated to the board. I would support

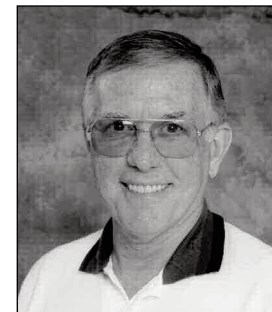
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formal recognition of this communication to be in the form of a line-item in the agenda of the monthly board meetings.

6. The back gate has posed problems for the security of the community with tailgating and constant repairs. What would you propose to secure that area?

A secured, un-manned back gate is probably not realistic, given its remote location in the community. Furthermore, with the new four-lane road coming into West End, the back gate will see a substantial increase in use. I would support a plan for a guard house and proper gates with provisions of 24/7 manning. I would also support partial funding to occur with the elimination of the roving patrol and possible cost concessions which could be negotiated with the security company.

7. Recently, the Lake Auman Sports Club asked the Board for help in restocking Lake Auman. Unfortunately, the Lake and Dam budget did not have any funds to contribute to this project. With the Lake being such an asset to the community, how would you prevent such a thing from happening in the future?

This after-the-fact situation could be used as a budgeting reminder for future years. For this current year, a well-publicized fund-raiser by the Sports Club could address the required financial aid. I believe our currently proposed budget could be used only as a partial help, but would come at the sacrifice of a cost reduction in another area; I would not support any use of the reserve fund.

8. The Recreation Budget has also been a hot topic which has brought up the idea to possibly scale back on events in the community? How do you feel about this?

I would use caution in any plan to reduce value-added community events, but I

would use a different financial model. The Recreation Budget could have been managed in a different fashion. I believe: a) it is unrealistic to not charge a nominal fee for those community events which involve significant food, entertainment, and beverages; and b) certain community events should be for community members only. Looking forward, I believe we have a great opportunity ahead of us in developing a community spirit, in inspiring enthusiasm, and in creating camaraderie. This "esprit de corps" has been previously mentioned; just visualize a community with overt displays of cooperation, involvement, and respect!

9. During your tenure what would you like to see accomplished on the Board?

- Achieve our current financial budget, which re-sets a reserve accumulation dedicated to community roads.
- Placing the priority of the reserve plan ahead of already budgeted line items, some of which are worth taking another conservative look at.
- A well-articulated Vision plan which would "drive" the Long Range Planning Process.
- An "esprit de corps" which clearly recognizes the special characteristics of the community and its members.

Chuck Watkins

North Carolina natives Chuck & Becky Watkins moved to Seven Lakes West in 2011. Watkins spent his career in sales and management positions with manufacturing firms.

1. Why did you decide to run for the Board?

I had noticed through the weekly newsletters that there seemed to be difficulty with recruiting residents to run. Since, over the past 30-plus years, I had served on three Homeowner Association Boards and corporate/professional Boards, I decided

to run and hopefully use some of my experience to help with our new community. I have always believed that we should be involved and contribute to the community that we live in.

2. What position would

you like to serve in and why?

I have varied experiences in business management (including over 30 years P&L responsibility) and other Board of Director positions. I would want to serve where

I am most needed.

3. What experience do you have that would make you ready to serve in this position?

I have extensive P&L and management experience.

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Also, previous Board and committee experience affords me the ability to apply myself to where this Board thinks I can contribute most.

4. During the last year the idea of a Vision Plan that would cost \$40,000 was presented to the community and ultimately voted against by the Board. Where do you stand on this? Do you think the community needs such a plan? Could it be done in-house without the expense of hiring a consultant?

I do not have enough information to answer your question about the \$40,000 or the actions taken by this Board, but I do believe that any community needs a long range plan, which should be reviewed annually and updated as growth and other factors affect it. Furthermore, I think we should have enough talent, knowledge and experience within our community to accomplish this. I would expect advice and guidance from our management group

5. Communication was always a big road block in the past but with the website that has opened up that avenue. Are there any other areas that could use the same approach? How do you maintain or increase

effective communication in the community?

Communication seems to be very good in this community. We may need more contact with County Commissioners, the business community, and other Seven Lakes communities. We also need to continue to urge res-



Chuck Watkins

idents to read the newsletters and committee reports online. Residents need to use this avenue to let their opinions be known. I would like to encourage more residents to attend meetings, participate on committees and the Board. It is very easy to lay back and criticize without having all the facts. By attending meetings, I discovered that some reactions and questions I had to Board decisions were prompted by

incomplete info, especially from other residents that knew no more than me. Being fully informed for a community of this size is critical. As residents, we must be involved.

6. The back gate has always been an issue with tailgating and constant repairs. What would you propose to secure that area?

I do not know what else can be done to secure our back gate other than more stringent enforcement of our rules. It is really disappointing to find a few residents that put themselves above the rules of our community.

7. Recently, the Lake Auman Sports Club asked the Board for help in restocking Lake Auman. Unfortunately, the Lake and Dam budget did not have any funds to contribute to this project. With the Lake being such an asset to the community, how would you prevent such a thing from happening in the future?

Lake Auman is probably our biggest asset and amenity. I would imagine that we could raise additional funds for the restock project through fund raising projects and events. I would need more information about why we need to restock and its

cause and effect before I could address your question related to how to prevent this from happening again in the future.

8. The Recreation Budget has also been a hot topic bringing up the need to possibly scale back on events in the community? How do you feel about this?

I happen to believe that our community recreation events are also one our greatest amenities. Our concerts and other events get very good attendance. This was one of the factors in influencing us to move here. I do believe that we should stay within budgets and when we cannot, then the attendees

should pay for the difference. I would hate to see a "scale-back," because our events are a great way to meet each other, develop new friendships, attract new resident and most importantly . . . maintain and/or increase property value.

9. During your tenure what would you like to see accomplished on the Board?

I hope that we can continue to ensure the positive growth of home values and a planned and prepared growth of the community. Finally, I hope to encourage more resident involvement in our community.

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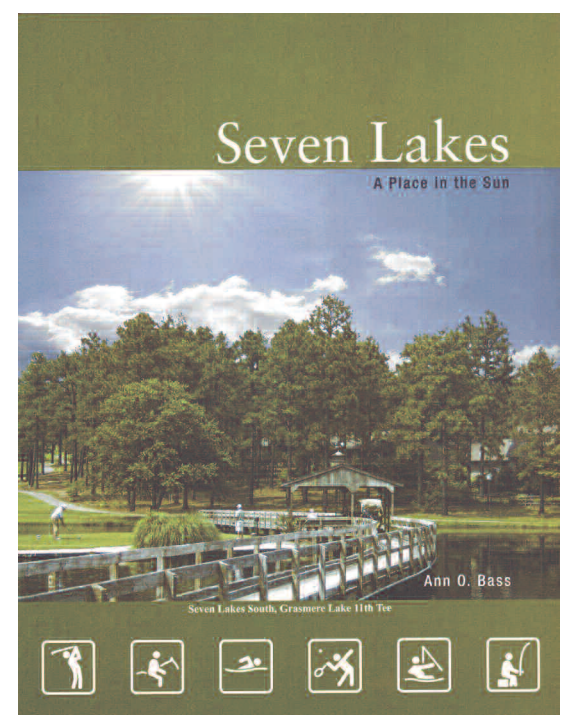
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SALT plans three Sandhills scenic byways

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

You might think there's not much to see when driving rural North Carolina back roads. But isn't that the very point of a scenic byway — to provide a historical and ecological journey through the rural heartland?

In the Autumn of 2012, The Sandhills Area Land Trust [SALT] received private funding to establish the Sandhills Heritage Scenic Byway. The Byway offers the opportunity to increase local tourism, while working to maintain the natural, historic, cultural, and visual resources along three state byways.

"SALT is a community-based land trust," explained Candace Williams, SALT Executive Director. "We make a concerted effort to see what the needs of the community are and how we can address them."

"Our objectives as an organization have always been in

the permanent long term protection of these very lands. We are not just into conserving the land, but are a community resource for all landowners. We inform them what options are available to help them hold on to their family lands."

SALT serves Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Hoke, Cumberland, and Harnett counties.

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Three routes will make up the Sandhills Heritage Scenic Byway. The Indian Heritage Trail will travel NC Highway 73 from West End to Mount

Gilead. The Pottery Road (NC Highway 705) will run West through Seagrove. The Pineland Trail (NC Highway 24/27) will cross from the Sandhills into the Piedmont through Robbins.

SALT hosted three separate

informational gatherings on the byway project to bring landowners and local business owners together. The events were held at the Little River Vineyard on NC 73, The Maness Barn on NC 24/27, and Robbins' historic

theater on NC 705.

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"It's an exciting venture," Williams said. "We are thrilled at how well received it has (See "Byways," p. 33)



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Pinestraw Creative Director at Kiwanis

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PineStraw was initially published as a "newsprint" magazine and dates its creation back to 2005. Now beginning its eighth year, this publication has graduated to a premier "glossy" format utilizing the latest state-of-the-art production standards. With PineStraw's success, a second magazine named O.Henry has recently

been started for the greater Greensboro marketplace.

Rose, herself, has a rare "local" connection. She is from the area and attended high school in Pinehurst prior to getting her journalistic education at college. After a five year stint in the business in Myrtle Beach, she relocated back to the area.

She spoke with pride about PineStraw's success. "Our editor, Jim Dodson, is a nationally-known writer and has had several of his own books published.

The cover of January's edition reflects Rose's cre-



Andie Stuart Rose

ativity. Labeled, "We are Downton Abbey," she posed twelve local residents in appropriate period clothes and costumes and simulated most of the cast of this very successful TV piece from the UK. "We do this occasionally," she said. "One of my favorites was when we did "Cad-dyshack" for our cover.

PineStraw's mission-statement calls itself, "The Art & Soul of the Sandhills." As reflected in this publication, surely this is a most appropriate slogan.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at the Seven Lakes Country Club at noon. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Cheryl Darwell recognized at Cruise Planners conference

American Express Travel's owner Cheryl Darwell announced that her local Moore County franchise Cruise Planners placed in the top three new agencies in 2012.

Darwell was asked to deliver a motivational speech with the CEO of Cruise Planners, at their annual conference

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Cheryl Darwell

in Florida. She will also be featured in an article in Travel Agent magazine.

Darwell is a travel specialist with the nation's largest home-based travel franchise in the US, reported that Cruise Planners - American Express had a thirty-one percent increase in cruise sales over 2011, and their land tours, hotel, air, car and hotel bookings tripled. She said, "I am proud that, when

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Bouchelle Graduates



Timothy James (T.J.) Bouchelle graduated on January 11 from Sandhills Community College, Fire Academy.

Bouchelle is the first member of the Seven Lakes Volunteer Department to attend the SCC academy. He graduated as a North Carolina certified Firefighter I and II with extensive training and certification that included hazardous materials, wild land fire suppression, technical rescue and vehicle mechanical rescue. The class also included training for each student to become a certified NC Emergency Medical Technician.

T.J. is the son of Seven Lakes EMS Chief Timothy William Bouchelle and the grandson of retired Seven Lakes Fire Chief Calvin Loy.

ESU Shakespeare Competition

Everyone is invited to attend the tenth annual English-Speaking Union Shakespeare Competition in the Great Room of the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities in Southern Pines on Saturday, February 23, from 10:00 am to noon. This free event is sponsored locally by the Sandhills/Pinehurst Chapter of the ESU.

Over 200 students have competed in their schools for an opportunity to advance to the chapter level in this competition. The winner of the February 23 competition will receive an all-expense paid trip to New York City to challenge competitors from more than 60 ESU chapters.

The competition will be judged by Shakespeare and theatre specialists from the North Carolina School of the Arts, Temple Theatre, and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Each student must memorize and present a Shakespeare monologue and a sonnet. The students must

present their monologues and sonnets in a professional manner, and the judges will base their evaluations on how well the students exhibit their understanding of Shakespeare.

The Sandhills/Pinehurst Chapter of the English-Speaking Union has as one of its primary goals the support of education programs in the schools. In addition to the Shakespeare Competition, the Chapter sponsors a Middle School Debate program in all the Moore County mid-

dle schools.

The English-Speaking Union of the United States is a nonprofit, nonpolitical educational organization whose mission is to celebrate English as a shared language to foster global understanding and good will by providing educational and cultural opportunities for students, educators and members.

Please call 692-6261 for more information about becoming a member or attending one of the ESU dinner meetings.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive by the Red Cross on Wednesday, February 13, from 1:30 - 6:00 pm at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

Anyone may make an appointment by calling the SLLA at 673-4931.

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come. Participation was low at the last blood drive and blood donations are desperately needed for those in need.

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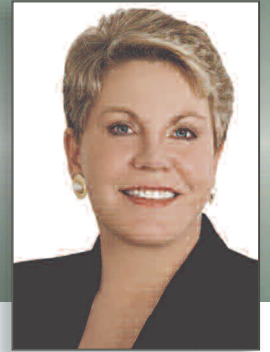
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'The Shed' – Fresh pork skins and more

by Ellen Marucs
Times Reporter

It is a chilled to the bone, cut the fog with a knife January day — the perfect day to stay at home by the fire and the very last day to be out looking for a farm stand. Between Seven Lakes and

Candor on NC Highway 211, only The Shed is open for business. The entrance is raked, the lights are on, and dark green collards have been placed out on a wooden stand. David Allen Coe plays on the radio.

"I'm open year round with

a shorter schedule in the Winter," says Jimmy Dunn owner of The Shed. Dunn graduated from high school in 1965 and married his wife Amanda in 1976. They raised two boys and one girl and now have six granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

Dunn and his two brothers were raised in West End. Their family farm was in Montgomery County at their daddy's home place. Dunn's grandfather was a share cropper. "When I was a little fellow, I can still remember visiting him some," Dunn reminisces.

The Shed has been open around five years. Dunn bought the place in 1997.

The practice of retiring to run a farmstand goes back three generations in the Dunn family. Dunn's grandfather and father had a vegetable stand on Holly Grove School Road and NC 211 for several years.

"I buy all I can local from Carters or Wilson's in Derby. This time of year, I also go

to Winston Salem," says Dunn. Tomatoes are his best sellers. They are also Dunn's favorite vegetable, followed by watermelon. With perfect timing, Pat Saunders drives up and gets out of her car in the cold mist. She is on her way to Biscoe to see her sister and makes a point to

(See "The Shed," p. 18)



Customer Pat Saunders stops from some good tomatoes and a chat with The Shed's Jimmy Dunn

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Nominations must be received no later than February 27.

The Shed

(Continued from page 17)

stop at Dunn's when she's out this way.

She walks up and asks Dunn if he has any "good" tomatoes. "Well I got some, but I'm not saying they're good," he replies. He retrieves a box of tomatoes from the back for Saunders to pick through.

Saunders also grew up in West End. "We've known each other since he was a kid," she says. Saunders is an avid canner and cans "everything." She uses old-fashioned tried and true methods.

She cans her greens beans in a boiling water bath. She follows the SURE JELL® recipe for making jams and jellies. In the Spring, she picks strawberries from local fields and makes strawberry preserves. In the late Summer, she puts up grape jelly. Her pantry and deep freeze

are full.

Dunn parks his custom black trailer advertising boiled peanuts and pork rinds with an illustrated happy pig near the road. It seems to get all the attention he needs.

"A lot of people stop for the boiled peanuts. They've never tried them before," Dunn says. He boils his own peanuts down for four to five hours, using dried peanuts instead of green, because they are cleaner and the price is better.

"This time of year, we get maybe a dozen people a day. The Summer is a lot better."

When asked if being featured in the newspaper will help pick up Winter business Dunn laughs. "I hope not too much, I don't want to work too hard," he replies.

The Shed is a bright warm neighborly spot on a dreary January day.

Cheers All the Way



Taylor Cohen, a freshman at Pinecrest High School, and the granddaughter of Jim Schrum of Seven Lakes West is a member of the RAGE team of Cheer Extreme.

On December 28 and 29 Cheer Extreme Sanford, traveled to Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, to compete in the Cheer Nationals, a two-day competition with more than 100 teams competing.

Cheer Extreme came away with a second place finish in Senior 4, first place finish in Senior 3, first place finish in Youth 3. The Senior 2 team, Team RAGE, not only received First Place in their division, but also came away as the Level 2 Grand Champions — beating out 25 other teams.

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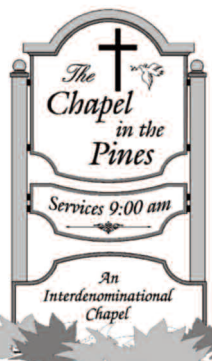
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The Bad

We all tend to depend on the electric fence for our dog's exercise and forego many of the walks needed to socialize and stimulate our dogs' minds. And that makes your

yard into a giant kennel.

So many dog owners believe that, if their dogs are outside, they have fulfilled their dogs' exercise needs. One cannot argue the value, but to rely on it is a huge mistake.

Dogs become bored and, so often, when left to their own devices, will virtually “hang out.” On the flip side, destruction ensues as a result of boredom.

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Abby Ganin-Toporek

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The Ugly

Electric fences can make dogs aggressive — or make aggressive dogs even worse. It heightens their territorial behavior and their dislike for

people and other dogs.

When stimulated enough, many dogs break the fence. In order to get at someone, in their excitement to say hello — or, in the worst case, in order to bite them, the dog is able to ignore the shock. There is even the possibility that a runaway dog could be run over by a car or truck.

And dogs aren't the only fence-breakers. Very often people and other dogs innocently cross the line of the electric fence. What a surprise for the child who just wants to pet the nice doggie! The dog who has territorial instincts, will protect his home — with no warning — and bite the person or dog who enters his territory.

Use it wisely

With busy schedules and complicated lives, dog and owners are lucky for electric fence technology.

Chose it and use it wisely to give both you and your dog the best advantage.

Never forget that your dog needs a lot more than this virtual large box day in and day out.

Combine it with walks and outings, and this can be a wonderful tool.

Abby Ganin-Toporek, CPDT-KA, is the owner of Sandhills Dog Training. (910) 673-0074 or sandhillsdogtraining@gmail.com

Juvenile to be charged in Northside break-ins

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

The Moore County Sheriff's Office plans to charge a fifteen-year-old juvenile from Wake County with breaking and entering nine vehicles and a home in Seven Lakes North during the weekend of May 12 & 13, 2012.

Seven separate victims were named in six reports filed with the Sheriff's office.

Items taken from vehicles included money, GPS receivers and cellphones. One victim reported that her home was entered and a bicycle was taken.

Sheriff's Deputies processed the vehicles and the residences for possible evidence left by the perpetrator.

On Thursday, January 31 Sheriff's Investigators determined that a fifteen year old juvenile from Wake County was responsible for the residential and vehicle break-ins.

Due to his age juvenile petitions had to be taken out and sent to Wake County. The petitions will be served on the juvenile in Wake County and he will be scheduled for a first appearance in Moore County Juvenile

Court in Carthage.

The juvenile will face charges for nine counts of breaking and entering to motor vehicle, three counts of larceny, one count of breaking and entering, and

one count of larceny after breaking and entering.

Because the alleged perpetrator is a juvenile, the Sheriff's Office was not able to provide his name or other identifying information.

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- **Create a Dish Garden** – 10 am, Linda Hamwi "The Plant Diva" will be the instructor to make a dish garden. A make-it and take-it workshop. Sandhills Community College, Steed Hall/Stephens Laboratory. Horticultural members \$25; non-members \$30. Tricia Mabe, 695-3882 for a reservation. Space limited to 24.
- **Turkey Shoot** - Alec Creek 7 pm. Win prizes. All proceeds benefit Sandhills Animal Rescue League. Alec Creek Farm, 396 Thomas Road, Jackson Springs. 910-974-4468 or 910-638-1921.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

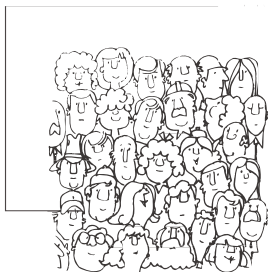
- **Boy Scout Sunday at WEUMC** – 11:00 am worship service West End United Methodist Church will celebrate the contributions of the local Boy Scout Programs. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 Highway 73, West End. Church Office at 673-1371.
- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest April Verch. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)944-7502.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game Room. Open to all landowners.
- **Prancing Horse Center for Therapeutic Riding** – hosting a volunteer appreciation luncheon at the Village Chapel, Pinehurst. Volunteers from the program, the Horse Farm Tour, and the Barn Dance are

invited to attend. Reserve space 246-3202 email prancinghorsecenter@yahoo.com. Lunch followed by the annual meeting.

- **Hurricane Sandy Presentation** – 4 pm, the United Methodist Women at WEUMC have invited Father Bill Knapp to share his experiences



in New Jersey

in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 Highway 73, West End. Church Office at 673-1371.

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Sandhills Photography Club** – 7 pm, member competition meeting, at the Hannah Theater Center on O'Neal School, 3300 Airport Rd., Southern Pines. Competition is Pets. www.sandhillsphotoclub.org
- **Jackson Springs Community Club** – meeting at 7 pm, at the club house on Mill Road, Jackson Springs. Guest speaker: Steve Bouser. Meeting open to the public. Dinner reservations and questions, call Betty McConnell 910-673-3320, Jackson Springs

Community Club, 447 Mill Road, Jackson Springs.

- **Monday Night Services at WEUMC** – Monday evening a Fellowship Meal at 6 pm followed by Worship Service at 7 pm. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 Highway 73, West End. 673-1371.

- **Sandhills Area Land Trust 2013 Winter Lecture Series** – 7 pm, An Intimate Look Into the Lives of Wildlife of

the Sandhills. Brady Beck, wildlife biologist and wildlife photographer North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Southern Pines Civic Center, 105 S. Ashe St., Southern Pines. Questions: 910-695-4323 www.sandhillslandtrust.org \$5 donation suggested.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- **Lincoln's Birthday**
- **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.
- **Exhibit of West African Art at SCC** – Opening Reception: 4 pm - 6 pm. On Loan from the Angstreich Family of Southern Pines, Hastings Gallery of Art, Boyd Library, Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst. Free Admission.

- **Foxfire Village Council** – 7 pm, meeting. At Foxfire Village Hall. Open to community and public.
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 7 pm, work session. West Side Park Community Center. Open to landowners.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- **Ash Wednesday**
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive Seven Lakes** – 1:30 - 6:00 pm at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Anyone may make an appointment by calling the SLLA at 673-4931. Walk-in welcome. Blood donations are desperately needed. Sponsored by SL Kiwanis Club.
- **English Speaking Union** – cocktails at 6 pm, dinner to follow. "Shakespeare: His Life on Page and Stage," Lon Bumgarner. Held at Country Club of NC. Hope Price 910-215-7727 for information.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **McDonalds Chapel Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** – 5:30 - 7:00 pm, in the church's fellowship hall. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, harvest apples, juice, coffee, and milk. Suggested donations \$5 a person or \$10 for a family. Proceeds benefit Linden

Lodge. Public invited. McDonalds Chapel, 1374 Foxfire Road, Aberdeen. Jill McCloy at 692-5094.

- **Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service** – 6 pm, the church will have a Covered Dish Dinner to celebrate the beginning of the Lenten Season. 7 pm, following dinner, there will be a special service of imposition of ashes. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- **Valentine's Day**
- **Breathing for Life: A Bridge to Better Health** 10 - 11:30 am, treat yourself to a relaxing educational session at the Senior Enrichment Center. 215-0900. Senior Enrichment Center 8040 Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle).
- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship and devotion and a meal at \$5.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
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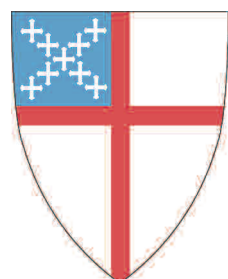
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- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Valentines' Day Concert** – 7:30 pm, Owens Auditorium. Concert will feature the Sandhills Community College Jazz Band directed by Rob Hill and special guest vocalists Lynn Nelson, John Costantini, and Alan Daubenspeck with new arrangements for the band by Fred Brush. Free.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- **Concealed Weapon Carry Permit Class** – 9 am to 2 pm, SL West Community Center, & February 23. Fee \$80/person. Class size limited, contact Rosemary Weber - RosemaryW@sevenlakeswest.com

- **Turkey Shoot** - Alec Creek Farm in Jackson Springs at 7 pm. Win prizes. Alec Creek Farm, 396 Thomas Road, Jackson Springs. 910-974-4468 or 910-638-1921.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.
- **Air Force Woodwinds Free Concert** – 4 pm, members of The United States Air Force Band will be at The Village Chapel. Free. Village Chapel, 10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst.
- **Luminary Service** – 4 pm, in the Sanctuary, WEUMC will have a service to honor members, family and friends who are battling cancer or to remember those who have lost the fight. Service open community. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 Highway 73, West End.
- **McDonalds Chapel Music Circle** – 4 to 6 pm, in the church's fellowship hall. All traditional musicians and listeners are welcome to attend. Interested acoustic musicians are invited to participate in this casual jam session. McDonalds Chapel, 1374 Foxfire

Road, Aberdeen. Jill McCloy (910) 692-5094.

- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest *Tommy Edwards and Jack Lawrence*. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)944-7502.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- **Presidents' Day**
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Monday Night Services at WEUMC** – Each Monday evening a Fellowship Meal at 6 pm followed by Worship Service at 7 pm. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 Highway 73, West End. 673-1371.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- **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.
- **The League of Women Voters of Moore County celebrates Black History**

Month – 11:30 am, a conversation with Carol Henry, a life-long resident of Jackson Hamlet. Held at Table on the Green, Midland Country Club. Reservations required. Charlotte Gallagher, 910-944-96611 for reservations. Cost: \$12.

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 6 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Lenten Bible Study on Mental Illness** – How should Christians respond to mental illness? Rev. Dr. "Bob" Whitehouse, pastor of McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, will lead a four week Lenten bible study. McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, 1374 Foxfire Road, Aberdeen. Dr. Bob Whitehouse at (910) 245-7024.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

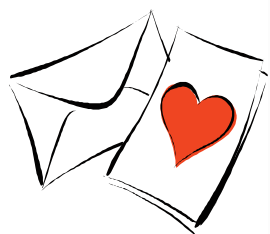
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- **Dr. Matt Farina** – 2 pm - 3:30 pm, Civil War enthusiast, will return to speak at the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traf-

fic circle). 215-0900.

- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Lenten Services West End United Methodist Church** – the church will be having special Lenten Services each Wednesday evening during Lent, February 20 – March 20, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.
- **Ruth Pauley Lecture Series** – 7:30 pm, "An Evening with Ernest Green" Civil Rights Pioneer and One of the Little Rock Nine" Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst. Free, 910-245-3132.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship and devotion and a meal at \$5.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.



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SCC gears up for 50th Anniversary Celebration

Sandhills Community College has begun gearing up for its Fiftieth Anniversary year that will culminate on December 4. On that date in 1963, the college was chartered.

The college's website now has a "Celebrating 50 Years" section found under the "About SCC" link. Viewers can read profiles from "50 for 50." This is a feature about people who have helped shape Sandhills or have been shaped by the college throughout its history. It is in no way inclusive of all individuals, only a sampling of people affiliated with the college in a variety of ways. Each week, on the home page, a new person will be linked from a prominent panel.

Also in the Anniversary section, radio interviews with graduates will be posted. Graduates are being interviewed on the local station,

WIOZ Star 102.5 FM. Graduates who would like to participate in an interview and tell how Sandhills benefitted their lives can contact Angie Beane at angie@star1025fm.com or 692-2107 or Rich Rushforth at rich@star1025fm.com or 692-2107 Ext. 204 and schedule a time to go to the station and record a segment.

Of course the Alumni Association is involved in the anniversary observances. To commemorate the year, Alumni and friends and family of Alumni are being given the opportunity to leave their permanent mark on the campus.

The "Graduate Walk - Paving the Way to Success" will be a beautifully designed brick area, centrally located the campus. Each brick will be laser engraved with alumnus name, graduation year and degree. All information

regarding how to participate in this program is available in the Anniversary section of the website and in the Alumni Association section or contact Jennifer Blakely at blakelyj@sandhills.edu or 695-3712.

The Annual Homecoming, organized and hosted by the SCC Alumni Association, will be grander than ever in 2013. It will be held on September 14, 2013.

Some of the stories about graduates that appeared in the college's magazine, Career Focus, can now be found in this section under the "Creating Success" link.

An engaging timeline with milestone years in the history of the college is in the works and will be added to the site in the future.

The college's first classes were held above the Ice Cream Parlor in downtown Southern Pines, so some sort of ice cream social will prob-

ably be in the list of events. Keep your eyes and ears open as more special happenings develop throughout the year.

Air Force Woodwinds Concert

Six members of The United States Air Force Band will appear at The Village Chapel on Sunday afternoon, Sunday, February 17, at 4:00 pm.

The Langley Winds woodwind sextet from Hampton, Virginia, features the diverse talents of six professional musicians whose commitment to excellence has earned worldwide acclaim and military distinction. The Langley Winds presents polished and passionate performances of the woodwind ensemble literature as well as transcriptions and patriotic favorites.

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such warm and wonderful acoustics that lends itself to choral and orchestral music.

The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band has a rich history of inspiring public patriotism and enhancing an esprit de corps among all the US military service branches. They travel more than 30,000 miles each year performing concerts for the public and providing music for military protocol events throughout the Mid-

Atlantic region.

The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band remains at the forefront of preserving and enriching America's military and musical heritage into the Twenty-first Century.

This concert of outstanding music will be presented to the community as a free concert. The Village Chapel is located at 10 Azalea Road, adjacent to the Village Green in the Village of Pinehurst.

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Early February Events at the Senior Center

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Pickleball players gets together on Thursdays from 2 – 4 pm. Pickleball is a racquet sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis with the benefit of being lower impact. The game is played with a hard paddle, whiffle ball and a low net. Pickleball is sweeping the nation, gaining popularity with all age groups. It was invented in Washington state in 1965 and named for one of the creator's dogs, Pickles. Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle). 215-0900 for information and to reserve a seat.

Breathing for Life: A Bridge to Better Health

On Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14 from 10 - 11:30 a.m, treat yourself to a relaxing educational session at the Senior Enrichment Center. Bill Croft, Sandhills Community College Health Sciences Department Chair and Respiratory Therapy Professor will help everyone experience a journey through the mind using contemplative—mindful—practices that can

be used to enhance wellness on a daily basis. In an hour and a half, participants will gain experience with healing breath, imagery, and music during this stress reduction class; however, breathing will be at the heart of this class. It's simple, easy, affordable, and available to anyone. Croft specializes in whole health education with an emphasis in mind-body techniques for stress reduction, exercise, and nutrition. He teaches a variety of popular classes in mindful wellness through the Center for Creative Retirement at Sandhills Community College during the fall and spring semesters of each year. Call 215-0900 to reserve a seat. The Senior Enrichment Center is located at 8040 Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle).

The 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville

May marks the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville; Robert E. Lee's most famous but costly victory. His second Corps commander, Thomas J. Jackson, was wounded by friendly fire at a critical time in the

battle. Six weeks later, Lee invaded the north a second time. He had a larger, better supplied army with high esprit d' corps, but he had many officers in new command positions.

What happened to Jackson? He should have survived his wounding, but he died eight days later. Jackson's last days were described in great detail by Dr. McGuire, who lectured extensively about Jackson after the war. The impact of Jackson's death would be felt at Gettysburg in July 1863.

Dr. Matt Farina, retired pediatric cardiologist and Civil War enthusiast, will return to the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center on Wednesday, February 20 from 2 - 3:30 pm. He is a member of the Capital District Civil War Round Table of Albany and the Rufus Barringer CWRT of Southern Pines. He will retell Jackson's final days and speculate on why Jackson died. Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle). 215-0900 for information and to reserve a seat.

Member of Little Rock Nine to Speak

Ernest Green will speak at Sandhills Community College for the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series and as one of the College's special events for African-American History Month. He will visit the campus for most of the day on Wednesday, February 20 and speak that evening at 7:30 pm, in Owens Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Green made civil rights history in 1957 as one of the Little Rock Nine, the nine African-American students who desegregated the formerly all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. This was following the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education that declared

segregation illegal. He was the first African-American to graduate from the school.

In 1999, Green, along with the other eight students, were presented by President Clinton with the highest honor the United States gives to a civilian, the "Congress-

sional Gold Medal," for his outstanding bravery during the integration of Little Rock Central High School.

Several books, movies and documentaries have been produced chronicling Green and his eight classmates historic year at Central High.

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Rankin Museum offers a trip back in time

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

Fossilized dinosaur eggs, a thirteen-foot alligator, and indigenous Amazonian head-dresses can be seen only twenty miles south of West

End. The Rankin Museum of American Heritage, in downtown Ellerbe, houses specimens that can rival the Smithsonian, as well as a comprehensive account of local history and geology.

Richmond County provides funding for every fourth grader in the county to visit the museum — and for good reason. The museum's exhibits are placed in chronological order, with specimens dating back more than 200 million years. From Megalodon (giant prehistoric shark) teeth excavated in Aurora, North Carolina, to a 20th century turpentine still, the museum can take hours to explore.

Gail Benson has worked at the museum for twenty-seven years and serves as on-site museum curator and supervisor of the collection. She was a long time friend and colleague of Museum founder, Pressley R. Rankin, Jr., MD. "There is a phosphate mine in Aurora that they use to let Dr. Rankin dig at," said Benson, pointing to the impressive hand-sized Megalodon teeth that he found. "I went with him on several of the excavations."

Rankin was Ellerbe's town doctor and an avid collector of artifacts during the first half of the twentieth century. By the mid-twentieth century, the scientific community recognized the need to regulate

the collection of artifacts in order to better preserve the prehistoric and historic record. Dr. Rankin built the museum in the 1980s to preserve and share his collection.

Rankin grew up in Mount Gilead, where his father was the local doctor, and began his first collection of bird eggs when he was eight years old. His love for natural history and prehistoric man was reflected in his early collections. His desire to preserve history is reflected in each exhibit; from his mother's attic, and his father's 19th century doctor's office, to the history of Central North Car-

olina. Rankin died in 2010 at the age of 89. He is remembered in a life-size portrait at the entrance of the museum.

Benson described Rankin as "a man of many jackets: an army jacket, a doctor's, a hunting, and his everyday wool jacket. His travels carried him from the arctic circle to every continent except Australia." His collections were driven by his interest and thirst for knowledge.

Rankin's favorite collection was the Native American artifacts. "The largest amount of his collection comes from this region, but he collected

(See "Rankin," p. 25)



Abby & Emma Marcus explore the Fossil Dig at the Rankin Museum of Natural History in Ellerbe.

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Rankin Museum

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all over,” Benson explained. “Over the years, different state and federal laws have come into effect that has stopped excavation. But he was still collecting from people. His whole life was about trading, bartering and purchasing artifacts from other people.”

The indigenous North American prehistoric exhibits are immense and span thousands of years. The earliest known North American fluted bi-facial projectile point, named “Clovis” dates back 13,500 years ago. There are several Clovis points on display in the Rankin Museum.

“I think my favorite is the Richmond County geology exhibit,” said Benson. “The diversity of the geology is really amazing. The Uwharrie Mountains were formed by volcanoes and they are one of the oldest mountain ranges, in the US. The sea came up right to them. The Sandhills was actually a shal-

low sea. All that intrigues me.”

Turning each corner you meet a new specimen. A thirteen-foot preserved Floridian Alligator stretches the length of one of the aisles. “He’s the most popular,” said Benson. “Children either love him or are scared of him.”

An ongoing ethical argument between Rankin and Benson was trophy hunting. Rankin was an avid trophy hunter and had killed animals from all over the world. Benson supports hunting only for food or controlling animal populations. Rankin killed and had preserved many of the specimens prior to opening the museum. After the museum was built, the specimens became part of the exhibits.

“I can appreciate the value in us having it,” Benson said. “These are animals that I might never see otherwise. But, I cannot say I agree with it.”

Ellerbe celebrated its Cen-

tennial in 2011. Benson oversaw the creation of nine new exhibits representing local history, along with an interactive fossil excavation center for children. The museum averages between 3,000 and 4,000 visitors a year. The exhibits are fluid and the exhibits are continuously being updated and new ones created. The museum is a non-profit that is headed by a volunteer board.

The Rankin Museum is a time capsule providing tangible evidence of the evolution of natural history and insights into the study of anthropology, archaeology, geology, and paleontology.

The museum is the testament of a man whose thirst for knowledge drove him to the far corners of the world — but love for home always brought him back to Ellerbe.

The Museum is located at 131 West Church Street in

Ellerbe, and is open every day but Wednesday: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 – 4:00 and Saturday 1:00-5:00 and Sunday 2:00-5:00. Admission is \$4/adult & \$1/child. Call (910) 652-6378 for more information.

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Response: In June of this year, I will celebrate 65 years of preaching the Gospel. For half of those years, I was not the pastor of a parish, but a college teacher or administrator. During those periods, I sometimes served as an interim pastor or supply, so the total number of sermons over 65 years would probably approach 2,000 rather than 3,000.

Early in my ministry, I began to shred each sermon

after I had preached it; and now, in the computer age, I go through my files and delete previous sermons three or four times a year. I do this to avoid the temptation to “go to the barrel” and re-preach a sermon when I am under pressure for time.

I believe that there are four essential elements that a sermon must have if it has any chance of conveying God’s message to those who hear it. A sermon must have a specific Biblical text, prepared by a specific preacher, for a specific congregation, at a specific date

in history. If you change any of these four elements, the sermon loses integrity, no matter how many ways one may try to dress it up or make it relevant for a different



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congregation at another place or time in history.

I am helped in this task by using the Common Lectionary, used by most churches who are related to the National or World Council of Churches. The lectionary

provides four Biblical texts for each Sunday in the Church Calendar. One text comes from the Gospels, one from the Epistles, one from the Hebrew Scriptures, and one from the Psalms. They are recommended for use over a three year cycle, so that, theoretically, there are over 1,400 texts available to the preacher every three years.

If one believes, as I do, that God still speaks though Holy Writ, the preacher does not have to search for a text each week. She has four of them staring her in the face. Using the lectionary allows us to preach from every book in the Bible over a nine year period. Preachers who do not use the lectionary tend to ride their favorite “homiletical

horses,” and their sermons are limited to the same five or six theological themes heard by their congregations Sunday after Sunday, occasionally freshened by new illustrations.

I try to live with a chosen text for several weeks until it becomes the perspective from which I view life around me. This usually provides me with ample illustrations from community life and world events that bring the text home to the congregation. I have probably told you more about the art of preaching than you care to know, but you asked.

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

Westside's dues 'parity' is patently unfair

Dear Editor:

A new year, another new budget for Seven Lakes West community and another big increase for all owners, but especially unimproved lot owners.

My guess is that most unimproved lot owners usually live out of state. They never use the roads, never use any of the amenities or service and of course are far

enough away not to be of concern to the Landowners Association Board.

However, we *do* pay county taxes and monthly dues to the association. Again, the unimproved lot increase represents a larger percentage increase than the improved lots and supposedly paves the way to make all lots essentially equal under the Board's distorted view of real

estate reality. In what universe does an empty piece of land have an equal maintenance impact of a 3000-5000 sq. ft. house with multiple cars, bikes, etc., using the roads, marina, pool and whatever else needs to be fixed or maintained at Seven Lakes West.

The only guidance I read in the Landowners Association documents concerning parity was the idea to gradually make the lots dues of various homeowner groups equal to each other when the different groups were combined several years ago. Some of the homeowner groups were to have their fees increased until all were paying the same dues amount for the respective lot. I don't believe there was any intention of trying to make unimproved and improved lots equal. I believe the Board is using this old language to unfairly increase the dues of unimproved lot owners to reduce the costs

of the people actually using the facilities. Apparently, the only thing this Board understands is legal intervention.

Maybe it's time to move this issue to a real estate

attorney and let him decide if this lot parity is a reasonable and fair way of doing business.

*Jane and Phillip Boettjer
Rockford, Michigan*

SLLA Board should respect bylaws

Dear Editor:

I would like to start by saying the present Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board has done a very good job. I applaud your efforts.

I do have a problem with your attitude towards our by-laws. It appears that you Board members that did not announce your intent to run again at the December meeting now feel you are entitled to change the by-laws so you did not have to go out and get the required 50 signatures for the January open meeting.

You simply juggled the by-laws so you didn't have to go out and meet people. By-laws give you the right to govern and how to govern. Changes should be for the benefit of the community, not for your personal gain!

I hope this is not the start of anymore abuses. Please obey the by-laws and the Rules of Order. At the present time, I'm one person who is ashamed of your actions in this matter. Don't you think you're better than this?

*Steve Hudson
Seven Lakes North*

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The Missing Link

As a pastor, I think that it is important that Christians study both Science and History. If the Bible is true, then I don't have to worry about what science and history expose.

In fact, each time an archeologist turns over his shovel or science makes a new discovery, we see that the scripture stands the test of time while science books continue to change. Just make sure that examine the evidence from a critical view. After all, it was science that at a point in time said that the earth was flat.

According to the *theory* of evolution, it has taken billions of years for things to change. Somehow in the billions of years, the transitional species or missing link (note the term "missing link") has been elusive at best. Even the best examples struggle to stand up to scientific scrutiny.

We can find hundreds of dinosaur bones that, according to the theory of evolution, are millions of years old, but we can't find a transitional human that is supposed to be less than 30,000 years old. Some of the "evidence" that is taught as fact is speculation at best, yet many will

go out of their way to embrace this faulty science. For instance:

Lucy: This is a partial fossil skeleton found in 1974 and is said to be the foremost

proof of a pre-human ancestor. To look at Lucy in a science book, one would think that they found a

complete skull. According to Richard Leakey, one of the best known fossil anthropologists in the world, Lucy's skull is so incomplete that most of it is "imagination made of plaster of paris." He went on to say that no firm conclusion could be drawn about what species to which Lucy belonged.

Nebraska man: A single tooth, discovered in Nebraska in 1922, grew an entire evolutionary link between man and monkey. That is, until another identical tooth was found protruding from the jawbone of a wild pig. When DNA testing was done on Nebraska man, it was found that it was in fact, the tooth of a pig.

Neanderthal: Neanderthal remains were found in France in 1908 and touted as the missing link. Considered to be ignorant, ape-like, stooped and knuck-

derthals. His 30 year career has ended in disgrace after the revelation that he systematically falsified the dates on this and numerous other "stone age" relics.

One of the largest frauds in science history was the infamous Piltdown skull that was found in a gravel bed in southern England by Charles Dawson. It seemed to clearly show a connection between man and beast. Very few scientists were skeptical and it was widely accepted throughout the world. There were books written, including 500 doctoral dissertations on the Piltdown skull. Forty-one years later, careful examination revealed the Piltdown man to be a crude forgery consisting of a recent human skull, combined with the jawbone of an orangutan. It was dyed with chemicals to give it the appearance of age and modified to fool the experts.

You may ask why a pastor would write about these "scientific things?" After all, I am not an expert in science. I would contend that the Theory of Evolution is more faith than science. I say that it is more faith than science because the science begins

with the premise that in the beginning there was nothing and everything came from nothing.

When you ask me to believe something on faith, then you step into my realm of expertise. There is enough evidence in science and history that we shouldn't have to make up evidence to "prove" my theory. I should examine the evidence carefully and allow the results to speak for themselves.

I will admit that I can't prove creationism, but you will have to admit that you can't prove evolution. Both are theories that to this point have not been proven. In my estimation, it takes far greater faith to believe that nothing produced something in perfect order, than it does to believe that in the beginning God created.

I would rather place my faith in God, than place my faith in nothing.

Chris Hrabosky is pastor at Seven Lakes Baptist Church. You may send him your question or comments at chrabosky@mac.com.



le-dragging, much of the evidence now suggests that Neanderthal was just as human you and me, and his stooped appearance was because of arthritis and rickets. Neanderthals are now recognized as skilled hunters, believers in an after-life, and even skilled surgeons, as seen in one skeleton whose withered right arm had been amputated above the elbow.

In 1995, German professor and anthropologist Reiner Protsch von Zieten claimed that the skull fragments discovered in a peat bog near Hamburg was more than 36,000 years old and was the vital missing link between modern humans and Nean-



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The Future of Seven Lakes: Incorporate

This is the third in a series of articles on the future of Seven Lakes by Westsider Fred Young, President Emeritus of Elon University and Chair of VIF International Education. He and his wife, Phyllis, built their first house in Seven Lakes North in 1978 and moved to Seven Lakes West in 2006. Contact him at youngf@mindspring.com.

A Premier Community

Those of us who live in the greater Seven Lakes community have it within our grasp to build a premier residential community at little or no increased cost to most residents. Seven Lakes has many of the resources necessary to become such a community as well as a number of liabilities that detract from this possibility.

Two major structural flaws

probably preclude greater Seven Lakes becoming a premier residential community: Lack of Leadership and Lack of Money.

To correct these flaws greater Seven Lakes should incorporate, which will provide the necessary leadership structure. Raising the crossbars and keeping our sales tax money at home will increase annual revenues about 55%, which will go a long way toward solving the financial problem. It is essentially impossible for Seven Lakes to be a premier community while forfeiting \$1,600,000 annually.

Approximate Annual Revenues

North/South	\$1,300,000
West	\$1,600,000
Current	
Total	\$2,900,000

Sales Tax	\$1,600,000
New Total	\$4,500,000
	55% increase

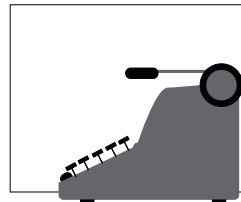
Incorporate and Establish Town/Village Government

- Improve security by organizing a Police Department.
- Increase our annual revenues about 55% by keeping our \$1,600,000 sales tax money at home.
- Reduce costs for most landowners several hundred dollars annually by paying for road repaving, maintenance, and security.
- Repave all the roads as they need to be repaved.
- Rebuild the downtown pro-

viding storm drainage, paving, parking, sidewalks, and beauty areas. Attract additional restaurants, boutiques, etc. Make it a place where we will be proud to

Your Turn

Fred Young
Seven Lakes West



take our guests, where people throughout the Sandhills come to dine or to shop, a place that will appeal to real estate prospects.

- Develop and implement a community plan.
- Market and promote the community.
- Adopt zoning, building, and sign ordinances.
- Develop and implement a plan to upgrade West End.
- Manage the growth along NC Highway 211.
- Recruit desirable business-

- es for the community.
- Coordinate beautification projects.
- Coordinate water and sewer plans and projects.
- Secure and manage community development grants.
- Secure a seat at the table for Seven Lakes when matters that affect us, such as roads, water, sewer, and land use plans, are being decided by Moore County and other regional organizations.
- Improve sales and property values.

Continue the Present Course

- No leadership structure; nobody responsible for greater Seven Lakes.
- Keep the crossbars.
- Pay and forfeit \$1,600,000 in sales tax revenue annually to Moore County municipalities that compete with us.
- No community planning or promotion.

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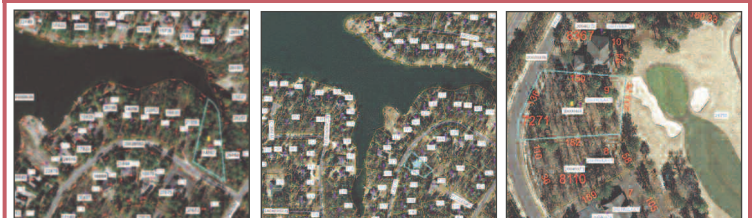
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- Continued deterioration of the business district.
- No zoning, building, or sign regulations.
- Uncontrolled sprawl along NC Highway. 211.
- Delay repaving and accept additional patched roads.
- Increased landowner fees to pay for repaving, road maintenance, and gates.
- Security provided by Moore County law enforcement.
- Decreasing sales and reduced property values.
- Decreasing community competitiveness with newer developments.

If Incorporation is a Good Deal, Why isn't Everyone Jumping on Board?

First, there is no leadership or credible central organization to put incorporation together. To create a town requires legal assistance, financial expertise, a major time commitment, and financial support. Currently, these resources are not available.

The landowner associations have responsibilities for their membership, not the entire community. The Business Guild tried to incorporate, but had a bad plan and lost credibility because of perceived self-interest. A group of volunteers tried it, but had

no authority or responsibility, felt that their task ended when the plan was presented to the community and did not promote it aggressively.

Second, there are those who resist another layer of government, but they miss the whole point which is to have strong, responsible local government thus reducing the size and need for greater centralized government.

Finally, the primary reason

that we have not incorporated is the attachment many residents have for the gates.

We Can Have our Cake and Eat It, too

We can keep the gate houses and guards, just not the crossbars. Police officers who are highly visible and on patrol, gatehouses with uniformed personnel on duty, and monitored cameras will increase security. Raising

the crossbars will allow us to keep our \$1,600,000 in tax money at home, pay for most of the improvements necessary to improve our community, and reduce annual costs for most landowners.

The next article: Security: Police Department or Crossbars?

Time to think about the future of 7 Lakes

Dear Editor:

Mr. Young, please keep up your great work on the reality of the future for Seven Lakes. Time is long overdue that the leaders of the Seven Lakes communities get their heads out of the sand and move toward incorporation.

Several years ago, we bought a fine lot in Seven Lakes West (Beacon Ridge, near the clubhouse) planning to build our retirement home.

However, when we watched how the communities' boards worked (not), and the board members operating within their cliques, it became clear that we would not want to be a part of communities managed so poorly that just seemed to perpetuate as such. No real leadership was visible as well as no real plans for the future.

Finally, you have brought to light the basic problem and the fix that is needed. We can only hope that the light shines brightly enough for the citizens of the com-

munities to force the boards to collectively pursue incorporation.

Please continue your mission. I would really like to build on that lot.

Fred Haeflein
Charlotte, NC



The Seven Lakes Business District could look like this if we incorporate. South view from near the Shell station. Stagaard & Chao Architects

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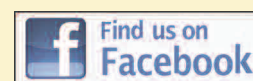
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No 'Vision Consultants' needed on West Side

Dear Editor:

In reading through the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association 2013 Budget, there are two line items in Reserves which are not clearly defined:

- LRP Land Bank \$25,000. *Explain, please*
- LRP Plan Reserves \$20,000. Vision Consultants (total of \$40,000)

Is this the "Long Range Plan" (i.e. "Vision Plan") from an outside consulting firm

to advise us what our "vision" for Seven Lakes West should be?

It is my belief that residents of the community have already expressed opposition to this expenditure. We did not want or need this information coming from an outside firm. We, the Residents of Seven Lakes West have a vested interest in this community. We know what we need and we know what we would like to have done with-

in Seven Lakes West.

For Example: We have the mailhouse project almost completed, the guard house is to be moved. The old mailhouse must be demolished. Next, the roads — the roads must be repaved. Most believe re-patching is "band-aid" fix and rarely works in the long-term.

We need to put any (additional or extra) funding into the repaving of the roads, not spending it on a "con-

sulting" firm to tell us what we all already know. We know that walking and bike paths enhance the quality of life and add value to communities who offer these amenities. The back gate also needs work (from the responses on the message board) . . . just passing on a "few" ideas which would keep us busy for years.

Having a third party tell us what is easily available from our residents and from

research we, the residents are capable of doing, (without costing total of \$40,000) is an insult to us.

"Reserves" should be set aside for emergencies and unforeseen events . . . not "things" (i.e. vision studies) that we, overwhelmingly determined, do not want or need.

Bernadette York
Seven Lakes West

Lenten Bible Study on mental illness offered

How should Christians respond to mental illness? This is a pressing question because, though it is often ignored or stigmatized, mental illness is pervasive in our country.

Roughly one in four Americans suffers from a diagnosable mental illness, while approximately one in seven suffers from a serious mental illness. This means that most

people in our country probably know someone among their family members, friends and colleagues who is affected by mental illness. So what is the Christian response to those suffering from and affected by mental illness?

Rev. Dr. "Bob" Whitehouse, pastor of McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, holds an undergraduate degree in

psychology, and extensive post graduate training in family systems theory, will lead a four week Lenten bible study to explore how to answer this question.

The study was developed by the Presbyterian Church USA in 2004. In this study, Whitehouse will explore what the Holy Bible, theology, and science have to tell everyone

about mental illness. The group will also share how mental illness has affected the lives of the participants in the bible study. The public is invited and encouraged to join to explore ways in which everyone can be more effective in ministry to those with mental illness.

The bible study will be held

McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, 1374 Foxfire Road, Aberdeen.

The group will meet on four consecutive Tuesday evenings from February 19 through March 12 at 6:15 pm.

For more information, call Dr. Bob Whitehouse at (910) 245-7024.

Black History at League

On February 19, in celebration of Black History Month, the League of Women Voters of Moore County will host a conversation with Carol Henry, a life-long resident of Jackson Hamlet.

Jackson Hamlet is a unique community of approximately 100 households within the extra territorial jurisdiction of the Village of Pinehurst.

Jackson Hamlet's history dates back to the early days of Pinehurst Resort when African-Americans were recruited to work as caddies, cooks, grounds men and maids at the resort.

The luncheon is catered; prior reservation required. Please call Charlotte Gallagher, 910-944-9611, by February 15. Cost of the luncheon is \$12.

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Commissioners

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Commissioner Larry Cad-dell made the motion to appoint Godfrey with Commissioner Jimmy Melton seconding the motion.

Public Hearings

After holding a public hearing, the Board authorized Transportation Director Tawanna Williams to apply for a Community Transportation Program Grant. The grant will consist of \$240,000 for Administrative purposes and \$134,000 for Capital.

The required local match is \$49,000, which will be met through user fees. Last year, user fees collected by the Transportation Department totaled \$652,000, Williams said. The grant will help to provide safe, reliable transportation services, she added.

At the request of GIS Director Chris Koltyk, the Commissioners called a public hearing on Tuesday, February 19 to amend the road naming and addressing ordinance. The proposed changes will add five new roads and remove one. If approved, one of the roads, Longleaf Court, will be added in Seven Lakes West.

At the request of County Attorney Misty Leland, the Board called a public hearing on Tuesday, February 19 to discuss the lease of the Short Road water tower to AT&T. The lease fee would be \$46,000 a year, with a three percent increase annually for a seven year period.

Support for Farm to Institution Initiative

The Commissioners expressed a willingness to contribute financially to the Sandhills Farm to Institution Initiative. The program's goal is to make an agricultural contribution to the community and the economy by increasing the amount of produce sold and bought in the County, by linking local farmers to institutional food buyers.

Although Chairman Nick Picerno wanted to table the request, in order to identify a source of funds, Commissioner Jimmy Melton request-

ed that the Board approve the request.

"We need to move forward on it, then we can look for the funds," said Melton, "Farmers have got hit with a blow due to the recession. Anything we can do to help

the farmers would be great. We owe it to our farmers."

Multiple County business that have signed onto the initiative include Pinehurst Resort, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Sandhills Community College, and Moore

County Schools.

Picerno and Commissioner Randy Saunders will look for funding sources within the County budget. The funds will not be needed for roughly five months, after the completion of a consultant's study

commissioned by the Initiative.

Furniture Contract Approved

The Commissioners approved a \$109,000 contract for furniture for the Rick (See "Commissioners," p. 32)

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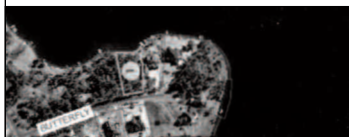
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Seven Lakes West*

Foxfire

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Councilman Mic McCue agreed with Durham, "If we stick by our ordinance, then we will have to do something about the signs that are in violation with the existing ordinance."

Mayor George Erickson said the current sign limitation "was written in the 1980s as a residential golfing community of seniors. No commercial exceptions were made in the language for anything else."

"Do we want to have something in the ordinance that allows for something commercial, or permits them to have something bigger?" asked McCue. "If we want to do that, and think that is the right thing to do, then maybe we should amend the ordinance."

Both Frusco and Durham said they could appreciate the request for a larger sign. "I do understand the business aspects," said Frusco. "When you drive by and see

the little signs it doesn't lend itself to promoting itself as commercial. Larger signs could enhance some promotion. However, I would want to make limitations on the maximum length of time that you could have that sign up there."

Discussing the dated ordinances, the aesthetics of larger signs, and the image of the Village, the Council decided to enforce the current ordinance until they had time to review it further. They will also contact owners of any sign currently out of ordinance.

they came to us, is that they would like to be a good neighbor." The council agreed that open communication would benefit both the Village and Brown Golf Management.

Other Matters

In other discussion, Frusco updated the Council on the budget progress. "Budget preparation is starting," she said. "At our next work session, we will be sitting down to do major budget work. Some departments already look like they might be over budget."

Frusco encouraged her fellow councilmen to consider projects outside the normal scope of the budget, and bring them for consideration to the next work session.

Asphalt patching will begin the second week of February, Koos reported. He also brought it to the board's attention that several trail markers and signs have been removed from the park.

Commissioners

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Rhyne Public Safety Center to be purchased from Mac-thrift Office Furniture of Raleigh. The furniture should be installed by the middle of March, said Chief Deputy Godfrey, who made the request.

Public Works

A third and final change order for the Midland Road Waterline Upgrade Project was approved by the Commissioners at the request of Public Works Director Randy Gould. The change order will reduce the price of the project by \$12,000.

The service agreement between the County and the East Moore Water District [EMWD] was amended to reflect an increase in tap fees approved by the Commissioners on January 15. The Board approved the amended agreement as both the Moore County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Directors of the EMWD.

Other Business

In other business during the Tuesday, February 5 Board of Commissioners meeting:

- Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips gave an update on VIPER system installation.
- Human Resources Director Denise Brook presented the employee service awards for January.
- The Board tabled the appointment of an elected

official to the Fort Bragg Regional Alliance until a County Manager is hired.

- Tabled appointments to the County Manager Application Review Committee.
- County Attorney Misty Leland clarified the function of the new Task Forces approved by the Board in January. Two Commissioners were appointed to each of a series of task forces that will deal with key issues in the County on an informal level, with the information they gather being presented to the full Board before any action is taken.

Getting to know Brown Golf

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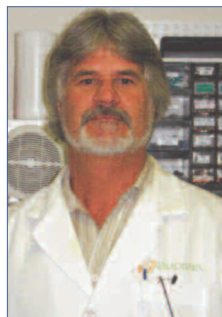
Councilman Durham said: "I would like to meet with them soon. If you recall, the first thing they said, when

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Byways

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been with landowners and the small business people within these communities.”

Ultimately, SALT’s goal in creating the byways is to create opportunities for the rural and small town landowners and businesses along the routes.

“Hosting the events gave residents an opportunity to visualize what could be in their communities. Landowners were meeting other landowners, many for the first time. It became a real community gathering. We also offered programs and invited six county and state support agencies. The agencies can aid farmers and landowners in being more financially stable.”

Working — and preserving — the land

In the late 18th century, the Highland Scots who settled the Sandhills carved out a hard existence. It took ingenuity to make a living off of the land — and it still does.

“The sandy soil was too poor for farming,” explained Jesse Wimberley, SALT Outreach Coordinator and local agritourism farmer. “We are very fortunate to have an intact ecosystem, which is one of the most unique in the world, because of fire ecology. The relationship between Sandhills animals, plants, and fire is very unique.”

Wimberley has turned his grandfather’s homestead into an outdoor classroom opening his farm for tours to teach about the cultural and natural history of the Sandhills. There are SALT programs that can help landowners determine whether they are paying too much in taxes. There are cost share and the voluntary agriculture programs to assist in land management.

“I am in every county, state, and federal program offered, to help fulfill my goals here on my farm,” Wimberley said. “There are programs out there that can help a landowner do that. Many landowners don’t even know that these exist.

“These are the programs that helped me achieve my goal. They provide good advice and assist in writing a forestry management plan, from exotic plant removal to developing burning plans. I placed my land in a conservation easement and sold the development rights to North Carolina. I am paid to protect the land and watershed. I am actually growing water.”

Preserving the economic viability of farms & forests

Small country churches and community centers sprinkled across the Sandhills preserve what is left of once-thriving farm communities. Farming and agriculture (which includes forestry) was once the bedrock of the local economy. As industry came to the area in the early twentieth century, many left their farms to work in factories. But hard work is breathing new life into the agricultural economy of the Sandhills.

“The two sectors of the economy that have held up through the recent downturn have been agriculture and tourism,” said Wimberley. “The Sandhills Heritage Scenic Byway marries these two. As the population increases — and the projection is a 50 percent increase by 2030 — the demand for biological services, water, clean air, natural resources, products, and healthy food will increase in demand.”

“We still have and abundance of resources,” he added. “Down the road in Robbins, there is a young farmer incubator project going on there. As the demand for local healthy food increases, we’ve got to preserve the land available to farm.”

Tying together beauty, geology, and history

Driving NC 73, the longleaf pine forest of the Sandhills gives way to rolling hills of hardwoods.

Williams said: “You can actually see where the Sandhills end and the Piedmont begins — the demarcation fall line. Geographically, it is so amazing. We are the only land trust in the state

that actually has three byways in their geographic area.”

Land planners use the term “viewshed” to describe the value what most folks would call “scenery.”

Driving the byways, you experience a visual tapestry of the forests, peach farms, and open fields — and viewshed.

“A viewshed is a commodity that has a physical effect,” Wimberley explained. “We don’t have a way of measuring the value to that, but we know that’s there. That’s an asset. People are drawn to it and they are going to spend dollars out there and bring resources back into the communities.”

Part of “scenery” along the Heritage Byways are sites significant to North Carolina’s culture, heritage, and prehistory. Part of the NC 24/27 bypass follows the Old Plank Road. Important stops along the byways include Town Creek Indian Mound, the

Rankin Museum, the historic Bostic School House, House in the Horseshoe, Jackson Springs, and Bryant House.

“We are hoping that this is just going to be the beginning in forming partnerships with cultural resources and historical groups,” Williams said.

A Guided Tour

To enhance navigation along the byways, the SALT staff is currently developing a map and guide — and an informational app that can be downloaded. The guide can lead you to fresh peaches

from Dave’s Produce Stand, old time music at the Maness Barn, a pottery demonstration, prehistorical artifacts at the Rankin Museum, or and evening of bluegrass in Mount Gilead.

The Sandhills Heritage Scenic Byway is for all to enjoy — not just tourists, but Moore County residents as well.

“Go out and explore it,” encouraged Wimberley. “Learn the story these byways tell.”



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Digital Natives

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groups of four, facing one another. Their desks are turned to create a large work surface. The students are busy working, quietly talking and assisting one another. Thomas monitors the classroom, providing one-on-one assistance when needed.

Students work on the sleek Apple iPads, skimming the surface with their fingertips. They are each creating their own historic comic book about the Royal Proclamation of 1763.

So, how did Early American Colonists feel about King George III proclaiming that they could not settle beyond the Appalachian Mountain range?

Jacob Johnson can tell you: "They were mad and upset because the king set a proclamation that the colonists could not move over the Appalachian Mountains — and those that had already were supposed to come back."

Aaliyah Smith agrees: "They were really upset. There was one man named Daniel Boone that didn't listen and went anyway."

The photos that they are using to create their comic books look familiar. Student Chalana Brewer explains: "We dressed up in costumes, got to act out the proclamation and take photos of each

other." The photos were then shared on the iPads.

Khalil Blue demonstrates how he can manipulate the photos and write in the captions. With their iPads in hand, the students can search through secured learning links for facts, dates, and related material, as well as downloading maps. Each comic book is unique, reflecting the student's understanding of the history lesson.

Thomas is a seasoned instructor and has taught at Carthage Elementary for ten years. She was named Teacher of the Year in 2008 and Outstanding Elementary School Mathematics Teacher for 2009 for Moore County by the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM).

"We received extensive training before we introduced the iPads into the classrooms," Thomas explains.

Training teachers first

In a question and answer session after the classroom demonstration, Principal Ferguson admits that the iPads are only as good as the instructor.

"The iPad is another tool to enhance learning and provide instant access to learning materials and resources," he explains. "It engages the students and allows them to

create their own product. Before the devices can be turned over to the students, the teachers must first be trained. When teachers see something work, they're sold, because they want the kids to learn."

"The teachers worked together to chose the apps (educational applications)," Ferguson said. "Kindergarten through second grade needs more phonetic awareness, and work developing fine motor skills. The teachers downloaded different apps, tried them out, talked it over, and then decided. The teachers that downloaded Comic Life in Education loved it," says Ferguson.

Parent & School Board Support

Ever since Principal Ferguson personally requested that Carthage Elementary be a pilot school for iPads, he and his staff has been overwhelmed by parent support. Over 270 parents attended two scheduled informational meetings.

"They are excited at the opportunity for their kids to learn on devices that they might not be able to afford,"

says Ferguson. With the continued weak economy, fifty-seven percent of Carthage Elementary Students are on free or reduced lunch. Many families do not have internet access or own computers.

The evolution of technology in the classroom is very much appreciated by Moore County Board of Education Member Charles Lambert. When Lambert was in high school, "technology" was microscopes and overhead projectors. Lambert credits working as a principal in Moore County Schools with keeping him up to date in technology.

"In the late eighties, we were introduced to computers; they were reserved for the business office and media center with a few in our classrooms," Lambert says.

"When I was the principal

at Pinckney Academy it was a feeder location for all three high schools. We transported students back and forth from the high schools and trained them in culinary arts, nursing program, cosmetology, auto mechanics and Computers 1 & 2. By the nineties everything was changing. Automotive systems were becoming more dependent on computers and instruction and training," says Lambert.

A new journey is just beginning for Moore County students. Students at Pinckney have laptops and students at Carthage Elementary have iPads.

Spence says that three middle schools — Elise, Highfalls, and West Moore — are expected to be "one-on-one" during the next school year.

Spence

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everyone has to learn at a reasonably high level," said Spence. "The old-school attitude of sink or swim is unacceptable and needs to change."

Ultimately, bringing computer technology to the classroom makes high-level teaching easier, Spence said.

Public Education Works

Spence has no tolerance for the oft-heard criticism that public education is bro-

ken.

"We are graduating sixty percent more kids than we did in 1940," he pointed out. "I believe every single child can learn and achieve. We have to create that culture."

"Learning needs to be authentic, challenging, and exciting for kids," he added, and technology offers a tool for making that happen. But top-quality teaching is the engine that drives the train. "Technology is not the end-all for teaching or learning," Spence said.

"We create that context and use technology to open up opportunity for learning. Technology can foster a very rich learning experience."

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Memorial

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Many events at the Memorial are held on weekends, when adjacent County offices are closed, so a lack of restroom facilities has been an issue in the past, explained Subcommittee member Ruby Hendrick.

The Subcommittee asked Rust to redraw the design, incorporating an amphitheater and restrooms.

Zucchini's design was pre-

sented by the original Moore County Veterans Memorial Committee in December. Covering the entire 3.5 acre parcel, it included an amphitheater, restrooms, a reflective pond, and walking trails.

Social Services Director John Benton, who facilitated the Subcommittee meeting, advocated taking ideas from each design concept and incorporating them into a single plan that would then

be presented to the larger Veteran's Memorial Advisory Committee.

"Be mindful, there is not a right or wrong plan here," said Benton. "These are options with pluses and minuses."

Moore County Planning Board Chairman Robert Hayter, who also sits on the Subcommittee, asked the group to look at the designs to determine what is "essen-

tial" and what is "ideal."

According to Hayter the 3.5 acres that the first design calls for is more land than is necessary to protect the Veterans Memorial from encroachment by commercial interests.

The Board of Commissioners created the Veteran's Memorial Advisory Committee in order to quell a controversy that erupted when it was revealed they had considered,

in closed session, an offer from Bojangles' Restaurants to purchase a portion of the parcel adjacent to the Memorial. Veterans objected that litter and noise from a fast-food restaurant would disturb those seeking a moment of reflection at the Memorial.

"What is the optimal amount of land to facilitate the Memorial?" asked Hayter. "It does not take this much

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SLLA Candidates

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The Association email announcing Darr's withdrawal from the race cited only "personal reasons," and Darr did not return phone calls seeking additional comment prior to press time.

Fentzlaff confirmed his withdrawal from the race, also for personal reasons, late Wednesday afternoon — too late for the news to make the print version of this edition of *The Times*.

Director Steve Ritter, who headed this year's Nominating Committee, presented six candidates for the five open seats on the SLLA Board during the Wednesday, January 30 Open Meeting. They included Darr, along with current Directors Bob Racine and Don Fentzlaff; former SLLA Treasurer Steve Hudson; Richard Faraci; and Mark Steele.

During the Open Meeting, Ritter discussed the challenge he had encountered in finding candidates: "I was assigned to be the coordinator and find new candidates to run for the board," he said. "At the conclusion of the fiscal year, we will have four board members expiring. By our rules I was supposed to make a presentation of new potential candidates at our December meeting. Unfortunately, I only had one that offered to run at that time. Since the December meeting, I have had some discussion with board members whose terms would be expiring and some have decided to run again."

At its January Work Session the Board proposed a

motion to remove a requirement in the Bylaws that candidates entering the race in January submit a petition signed by fifty members. The motion was in part to encourage others to run.

"I've received heated emails concerning this particular procedure [to waive the fifty signatures] that said that we should have gone out and got these fifty signatures,"

President Darr said during the Open Meeting.

"At that time only Racine was going to run. It took a lot of talking from Steve to get some of us to run. Fentzlaff and I decided to run, because we had these openings, and so we put our name in the hat. Since then, we've had three more agree to run."

The Board then voted to amend the by-laws for one

year and waive the signature requirement. The motion passed unanimously. Ritter then presented the candidates and the official ballot.

The two-year terms of four Board members — Darr, Racine, Fentzlaff, and Treasurer Conrad Meyer — expire in March. A fifth seat is

vacant because of the mid-term resignation of David Buckingham from the Board.

According to the SLLA Bylaws, Buckingham's seat should be filled by Board appointment. The Board has not announced how it will fill Buckingham's unexpired term.



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Lifeguards

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Pool Manager Barbara Keating just took it to the next level."

Strong Communities Increase Property Values

Resident Shelly Johnson worked her way one-by-one through the disadvantages of having lifeguards listed on a handout provided by the Board.

Considering the liability, expense, and outsourcing of lifeguards, Johnson said that the very reason she moved to Seven Lakes North was the availability of amenities for young people, including on-duty lifeguards, swimming lessons, a safe-haven for her children to grow up in, and, most of all, the sense of com-

munity that she said cannot be outsourced.

"Seven years ago, we chose to build our home at Seven Lakes North, because of the sense of community," said Johnson, who added that she toured Seven Lakes North, South and West before purchasing a lot. "We chose the north side because, when we visited, we saw and appreciated the sense of family and community. We saw children playing at the pool and people running and biking out on the street. The pool has been the highlight for amenities since we moved here."

Noting that she had been advised to build in other communities with greater resale value, she chose Seven Lakes

North because of the amenities geared toward the youth. Johnson stressed that removing the lifeguards would in fact lower property values.

Outsourcing Our Future

Johnson then addressed the Community Manager's suggestion that outsourcing the jobs of lifeguards and pool manager could reduce liability.

"I appreciate the job that you do to govern this community," she said. "But you have to remember that it is a community. Why would you want to take away the very thing that makes this a community? Why would you outsource jobs? Outsourcing this would be like corporate America sending jobs overseas. The money we pay these kids is an investment in our community and future. We are giving them the opportunity to be gainfully employed here in this neighborhood."

"I see the life guards interacting with the kids," she continued. "Not just calling them down, but giving instructions on how to dive and initiating pool games. As far as the extra liability of the diving boards goes, there is liability everywhere.

Anyone can get hit by a golf cart. These kids grow up learning a skill before they even have the chance to be afraid of it."

There have been reports of vandalism by youth in the community over the last year. Johnson pointed out: "The youth that are at the pools are the rule followers. You see them stand in line waiting to dive, they are not pushing or bullying. The bigger kids are mentoring the smaller kids. Why would we want take everything that is working in the community away? Let this area continue to be a safe haven that our youth have grown up in all of these years. Please do not take it away from them."

Saving Questioned

Within the meeting packet was a proposed budget that included the projected salary of the lifeguards and a pool manager for 2013 and the potential savings if they were eliminated. The summary not only reported projected salaries, but also included what the Association must pay in federal and state payroll taxes.

Those projected salaries

did not reflect the salaries actually paid last year, said Kathy Anderson, who has lived at Seven Lakes for fifteen years. Two of her sons worked as lifeguards during the last pool season.

"I saw on page 2 the number that you put down as the projected salary," Anderson said. "Then it will be quite an increase from their current pay. They are not making that now. I am expecting them and the pool manager to get a big raise. The correct wages would bring your projected budget way down."

The Value of a Life

"It is more than expense or liability, it is a safety issue for all ages," Anderson concluded. "The lifeguard that saved a fifteen-year-old from drowning last year was my son. He also aided an elderly gentleman that had slipped the year before."

Barbara Keating managed the pool for the last two years. Her parents are longtime residents of Seven Lakes. Due to a back injury she can no longer be certified. She spoke on behalf of the lifeguards:

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Memorial

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land in option A to do this. That is a fact."

Hayter added that the cost of the projects also has to be taken into consideration, but he was apparently thinking more about the potential loss of tax dollars than the actual cost of construction.

Hayter explained that the tax base in Carthage has declined. The property on which the Memorial currently sits — as well as the adjacent 3.5 acres — are both County-owned and currently exempt from Carthage property taxes. Turning the 3.5 parcel adjacent to the Memorial into a park would permanently exclude it from the town's tax rolls, while placing a restaurant on a portion of the property would put that acreage back on the town's tax rolls.

Hendrick reminded Hayter that, when it comes to funding the project, the Memorial Committee has not asked for any money.

"We have not asked anyone for anything," she said. "Not the Commissioners, not the taxpayers. We have donations waiting . . . sizable donations."

Implementing the Zucchini design, created at the request

of the original Memorial Committee, could cost as much as \$1 million. Rust did not provide a cost estimate for the design concept he presented.

The Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, February 25 at 9:30 am at the Social Services Building in Carthage.



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Lifeguards

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"It is not just safety. Our lifeguards maintain the pool and give hospitality to people who come to the pool. Pointing to a resident Marge in the audience, Keating said, "As soon as they see Marge, a lifeguard opens the gate for her and helps her in and gives her a noodle."

"They also help administer first aid," Keating continued. "I coached the swim team and I taught swimming lessons to children. They are not just babysitting. These kids work hard. They are Lifeguard Certified and can administer first aid. I encour-

age you to continue to have the lifeguards. We are putting money back into this community. These are high school and college students and they make \$7.50 an hour. I coached, managed the pool, supervised the lifeguards and taught swimming and made \$12.00 an hour. It's about the community, not numbers. Please, think very hard."

Both Motions defeated 3-2

Once public comment on the matter was concluded, Recreation Director Bob Racine read the motion to remove lifeguards. Many in the audience were incredu-

lous, and one lady called out, "Bob what are you doing?"

Racine reassured the crowd that he was against the motion; but, as Chair of the Recreation Committee, it was necessary for him to make the motion that had been agreed to at the work session.

When the vote was called, the motion to remove lifeguards was defeated three-to-two, with Darr and Leach for the motion and Racine, Ritter, and Meyer against.

There was some confusion about the meeting protocol among the audience. When Darr asked the board for a

show of hands, many in audience raised their own hands. Darr and others in the audience tried to explain that only the elected board members could vote.

Racine then read the motion to remove the diving

board. Again, the motion was defeated three-to-two, with Darr and Leach for the motion and Racine, Ritter, and Meyer against.

The audience erupted into applause as each motion was voted down.

Fees

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weeks."

Darr announced that the Finance Committee would host a Town Hall Meeting on budget issues on Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 pm.

"There will be all kinds of conversation with the community as it relates to dues increases," Darr said. "The people need to know what the financial committee does. We will have presentation of all the numbers, projections and plans and have the opportunity to discuss the dues increases on the ballot.

"We haven't determined how much it's going to be, but it will be on the ballot. We are hoping for 100 to 150 people to come. It's very important that you be here, that everybody be here, so we can make a good decision about the dues increase."

Other Business

In other business during the Wednesday, January 30 Open Meeting:

SLLA Manager Ray Sohl reported that street signs on both the North and South Sides will be replaced in phases. "Striping of new roadways and dams will begin tomorrow at 9:00, weather permitting," said Sohl. "The new roadways and dams will be striped white along the edges and yellow along the centerlines."

SLLA Security has increased its checkpoints for the roving patrol and implemented a new checkpoint schedule, reported Ritter. "The patrol will now cover all roadways and properties within the eight-hour shift at least once. The security supervisor wanted me to express his gratefulness to the board for providing him with the tools do his job."

The Board unanimously approved a long list of items, many of which had been discussed during the Board's January Work Session:

- Upholding a determination by the Architectural Review Board [ARB] and Lake & Dam Committee disallowing a boat lift.
- Writing off some bad debts.
- Approving Petway Mills & Pearson as auditors.
- Revising the lot recombination policy.
- Appointing Ron Zwart to the ARB.

- Granting a contract for replacement of the roof on the Landowners Office.

- Accepting the resignation of Carolyn Follansbee from the Judicial Committee and appointing Mary Meyer to fill the vacant seat.

A Job Well Done

The January 30 Open Meeting was a long and trying one for Board Members.

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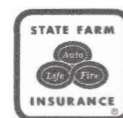
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