

## Pumping blamed for Little J algae

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



A cool wet spring continues to raise lake levels in Seven Lakes North. Yet it never seems to be enough. The Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] has attempted to equalize lake levels by pumping water from one lake to another, but even that solution may have unintended consequences.

Concern about just such unintended consequences derailed, during the SLLA's

Wednesday, April 24 Open Meeting, what was on the surface a simple motion to move responsibility for monitoring lakes and manning the pumps from the Lakes and Dams Committee to the SLLA maintenance crew.

Resident Jerry Johnson questioned why the pumping policy would allow pumping from Lake Windermere on Seven Lakes Country Club (SLCC) into Little Juniper Lake on the North Side.

"There is concern," Johnson said. "It is the last place the

(See "SLLA," p. 36)

## Westside streets get a 'fair' rating

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



Seven Lakes West's roads have been evaluated by a consultant and graded as

"fair."

"Our roads are in better shape than they should be," Director Jim Pierman reported during the Seven Lakes

West Landowners Association's [SLWLA] Tuesday, April 23 Board Meeting. One factor improving the longevity of the asphalt is that shade in many areas shields the surface from ultraviolet radiation.

The West Side has 31.7 miles of road. "A USI representative drove over every road and recorded and plotted

(See "Westside," p. 33)

## Top Flight Hitters



The Athletic Club of the Sandhills' U15 Elite volleyball team took first place in the recent Carolina Region Volleyball Silver Division Tournament in Fayetteville. Front row: Micahla Kitchen, Hailey Jones, Erica Groff. Back row: Allie Barnes, Gray Peery, Brooke Sayers, Sydnie Kavanaugh, Avery Schaefer, Danika Whitford. To learn more about Athletic Club of the Sandhills visit: [www.acsandhills.com](http://www.acsandhills.com), or call 910-693-0662.

## County looks to Harnett to increase water supply

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Though there were no motions and no votes, a day-long discussion of "critical issues" gave the Moore County Board of Commissioners an opportunity to make progress on some longstanding issues — and scratch their heads over some new ones.

### Water

The Board and Public Util-

ities Director Randy Gould appeared to have settled on a new contract with Harnett County as the best option for increasing the County's water supply. The County will invest in the expansion of a Harnett water plant, guaranteeing a steady supply and a lower rate.

Projecting demand out to 2030, Gould believes the County needs an additional 1.71 million gallons per day [MGD] of supply to meet peak demand. Three new wells planned for sites along Linden Road are expected to produce

500,000 gallons per day.

The County currently purchases water from Harnett County under a contract that provides up to 2.0 MGD, and uses a maximum of about 1.2 MGD. Harnett is expanding its water plant, and Moore County can purchase a 3.0 MGD share of that capacity for \$5.25 million.

Moore County would continue to pay for each gallon of Harnett County water it uses, but the upfront payment for capacity would reduce the rate from the

(See "Commissioners," p. 30)

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# Business Guild MayFest is Saturday, May 18

by Cheryl Darwell, Secretary  
Seven Lakes Business Guild

The Seven Lakes Business Guild met on April 17, at Seven Lakes Country Club to discuss plans for 2013.

The goals for 2013 are twofold — to continue to strive to earn Customer Loyalty and to Give Back to the Seven Lakes Community.

Please check out the "Shop Local" ad in this issue of *The Times* featuring pictures of Guild members [Page 13]. The Seven Lakes Business Guild appreciates your support of their businesses.

The group also discussed the upcoming Annual Seven Lakes Street Fair & MayFest on Saturday, May 18 at Village Central on Grant Street from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Many local craft, food and service vendors will be featured along with entertainment and children's activities.

Please contact the Guild if you would like to have a booth at this event.

The MayFest event also celebrates "Strength for Sienna" with 1K & 5K runs, BBQ lunch, corn hole tournaments and a "Be the Match" drive, all headquartered at Sandhills Winery on Seven Lakes Drive. Sienna Shute is a local Seven Lakes resident and UNC student, diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. [See the article on page 5 and the ad on page 17 for more information.]

## Other Business

The Business Guild held their first fundraiser concert on Friday, April 26 at Village Central on Grant Street. Many residents of Seven Lakes and beyond turned out to enjoy the music of Sweet T.

Lake House Bar & Grill is donating proceeds from beverage sales during the con-

certs to the Guild for future activities and projects to benefit the Seven Lakes community.

The Seven Lakes Lions Club announced they will be hosting their annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 9.

The Guild welcomed guest speaker Bill Berger, who has a background as an aviation consultant to the FAA in Washington, DC. He spoke about the various committees and groups in Seven Lakes working toward the future as a community.

The Business Guild, like so many other organizations, lost some members in 2012 due to the economy, so this year the guild is trying to come up with more creative ways to give back to the Seven Lakes Community. The Guild welcomes any thoughts, ideas and feedback from their customers.

Contact Cheryl Darwell, 910-673-7245, CDarwell@

CruisePlanners.com or SevenLakesBusinessGuild@gmail.com, to join the Business Guild, reserve a booth at the Street Fair & May Fest, or if you have ideas to add to the 2013 calendar of events.

The Guild invites members

of the Seven Lakes community to "like us on Facebook" — [www.facebook.com/SevenLakesBusinessGuild](http://www.facebook.com/SevenLakesBusinessGuild) — and invites Business Guild members to post specials and events on the Guild's Facebook page.

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# Foxfire Council gets out its sharp pencils

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



The Foxfire Village Council met in a Work Session Tuesday night, April 30, to discuss, justify, and reduce future spending where possible. Councilwoman Leslie Frusco presented each council member with a budget packet.

Item by item, the Council worked to provide enough funding to cover necessary items while whittling back less urgent expenditures.

## Equipping the Police

Prioritizing the Village's Police Department needs, Councilman Mick McCue said: "It's very easy to make arguments for all the equipment the police department might never need. But you don't need them 'til the day you need them."

## Lions' Golf Tournament is June 9th

The Seven Lakes Lions Club will hold their 17th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Sunday, June 9.

The tournament will be held at Seven Lakes County Club with a 1:30 pm shot gun start. The format will be Captains Choice with four person teams.

Cost is \$80 per golfer, that includes buffet dinner and prizes. Cash prizes, Hole-in-One prizes, and closest to pin.

Proceeds from the event will be used to aid the Lions in continuing programs for the Blind, Sight impaired, hearing impaired and the local community.

For more information, contact Bill Seldomridge at 910-673-2590 or 910-690-9500. To register teams, send payment to: Seven Lakes Lions Club, PO Box 841, West End, NC 27376

The officers follow defined procedures in responding to calls, and ask for County back up when necessary. Items tentatively included in the 2014 budget include a computerized vehicle camera and, possibly, a new firearm.

"Keep in mind, we are going to present this budget at the citizen participation meetings," Frusco said. "We then come back in May after input to edit the final budget."

"Mick, I encourage you to speak to public safety at the citizen meeting, as to why you took some things out of the budget. It is important that our residents know we are serious — and that it doesn't mean these items are unnecessary. It just wasn't a priority this year."

## Trimming Expenses

The Council was able to cut expenses in administration, grounds maintenance, general expenses, and road improvements by \$23,000. That \$23,000 in savings is in addition to a projected \$38,000 derived from increased revenues and savings from non-recurring expenses.

That total of \$61,000 is, in essence, already spoken for, due to a state-mandated

increase in health insurance and retirement benefits for the Village's law enforcement and municipal employees.

The state mandate requires an additional \$68,000, with a flat increase per employee for health insurance and an increase in retirement contribution is based on a percentage of each employee's individual salary.

"It's the first time several employees have come to me and said they are having trouble making ends meet," McCue said. Councilman Steve Durham also commented on the quality of the Village's employees.

The Council agreed that they were fortunate to have such loyal hardworking employees.

McCue suggested budgeting for a potential cost of living increase while maintaining the current level of employee benefits. The Village currently provides health insurance and a five percent contribution to each employee's 401K.

Village employees received an increase the previous year, as well; but the did not receive any increase for several years prior. The Council agreed to include a two percent salary increase in the preliminary budget.

## Citizen input wanted on Foxfire Budget

The Foxfire Village Council has been laboring over the budget proposed for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for weeks.

It's now time for citizens to weigh in.

The Council will host two Citizen Participation Meetings for public comment on the budget, on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm and

Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm.

Both meetings will be held at the Village Hall.

Village Clerk Lisa Kivett told *The Times* that copies of a budget fact sheet would be available at the meetings. Villagers are encouraged to attend and participate in the budget process.



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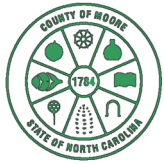
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# Land Use Plan ready for final draft & vote

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



The work of Moore County's Land Use Plan Steering Committee

[LUPSC] is nearly complete. Their draft plan is ready for some finishing touches and a vote to forward it on to the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners.

The panel met in what is expected to be their last formal gathering on Monday, April 29, to register their level of support for various parts of the more than one-hundred-page document.

Moore County's original Land Use Plan, approved in 1999, is only eight pages long. But the difference in length is not because the new plan lays out a larger set of planning goals and objectives.

Instead, the new plan comes complete with a comprehensive inventory of the County's resources, from transportation networks to water systems, from schools to soil types. Graphs and tables lay out a statistical profile of Moore County, looking at population growth, demographics, and household characteristics.

The picture of the County developed in the first ninety pages of the new plan is likely to provide useful reading for businesses and developers considering relocation to the county, as well as for residents interested in better understanding the area in which they live.

The draft plan is available for download from the Planning Department's home page at [www.moorecountync.gov](http://www.moorecountync.gov).

## Nailing down Objectives and Actions

The meat of the Land Use Plan, found in a section entitled "Our Future," is similar in size to the 1999 plan. There are five major goals, versus seven in the 1999 plan. Out of those goals flow a variety of objectives, and under those are listed recommended actions.

It was the objectives and

actions that were the focus of the panel's April 29 meeting, which aimed to gauge members' support for each item, to guide the Planning Staff's final rewrite of the plan. To move efficiently through the list of nearly 100 objectives and actions, each LUPSC member was given a small keypad, like a calculator or remote control. As each item was displayed on a screen at the front of the room, they were asked to register their support for it on a five point scale. The results were displayed on the screen in real time.

Because of the work done hammering out objectives and action items in previous meetings, most items in the plan received an average score of four or better, where a score of five indicates strong support.

Fourteen items had an average score of 3.9 or less, and each of those was discussed by the group before being revoted.

## Taking out the math

For example, Objective 2.1 in the draft document reads "Encourage and support development and land use

principles by ensuring Moore County's cultural, economical, and natural resources are factored equally."

LUPSC ex-officio member Bill Cochrane said he found the wording too mathematical — that he wasn't sure how one could "factor" resources. Chairman Robert Hayter, trained as an economist, countered that it's possible to put a value on anything.

But the group ultimately settled on "Encourage and support development and land use principles by ensur-

ing Moore County's cultural, economical, and cultural resources are considered appropriately."

## Keeping it positive

One of the action items initially read: "Through the use of voluntary agricultural districts, discourage non-farm development and the extension of water and sewer infrastructure into identified prime agricultural areas."

Former Board of Commissioners Chairman David

(See "Land use," p. 23)

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# Community offers 'Strength for Sienna'

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Family, friends, church members, and Seven Lakes businesses will come together on Saturday, May 18 to foster "Strength for Sienna," a suite of events and fundraisers aimed to build awareness of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, while supporting Sienna Shute as she prepares for a bone marrow transplant.

The 22-year-old Northsider is practically a Seven lakes native, having moved with her parents, Bruce and Sally Shute, to the community when she was only three years old.

A graduate of Pinecrest High School, Sienna was entering her final year at UNC-Chapel Hill when she was diagnosed in September with a type of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma [NHL].

NHL is a cancer of the lymphatic system; about 70,000 Americans are diagnosed with it each year. It affects only

about 2.4 in every 100,000 Americans in Sienna's age range.

So far, Sienna has had two different types of powerful chemotherapy to fight the disease. But those have proven insufficient, leading to the next step in therapy, a bone marrow transplant.

That procedure involves using very high-powered chemotherapy to, in effect, obliterate the patient's bone marrow, and get rid of abnormal white blood cells that are causing the problem.

Sienna will then be given donated bone marrow stem cells taken from a donor.

She told *The Times* that the delicate procedure will involve a 30-day hospital stay at Duke University Medical Center. After that, Sienna and her family members will need to rent temporary housing close to the hospital for the next 100 days, so that she can be treated each day at an outpatient center.

Finding a donor who is an exact match is critical in bone marrow transplants. Sienna's siblings were not an exact match, so the doctors at Duke turned to the National Marrow Donor Registry.

Fortunately, a match has been found through the Registry, she told *The Times*, and she expects to enter the hospital in the next month.

Strength for Sienna is the brainchild of friends of the Shute family, who want to offer support as they face this daunting medical procedure.

Events scheduled for Saturday, May 18 include a 1K and 5K run, a cornhole tournament, and a BBQ lunch. Headquarters for the event is Sandhills Winery on Seven Lakes Drive.

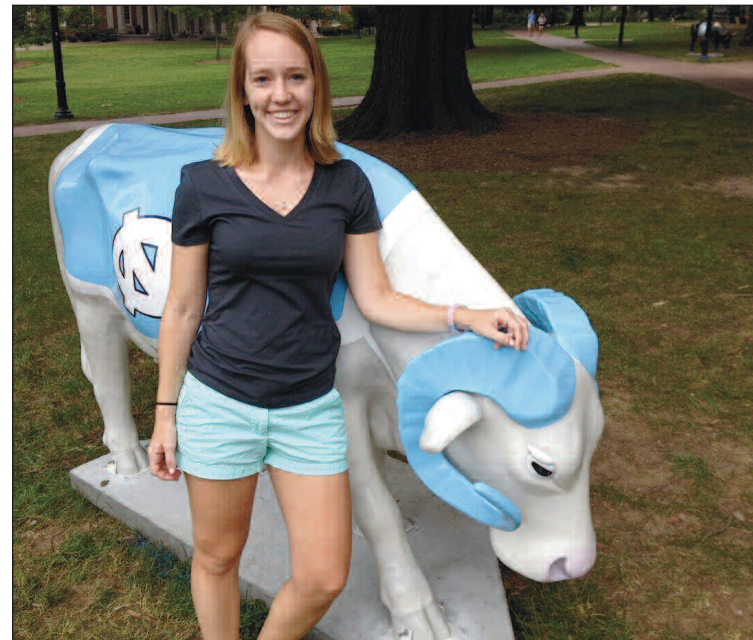
A "Be the Match" bone marrow donor drive is also planned. This will allow participants to register their profile in the National Marrow

Donor Registry with a simple swab of the cheek.

For more information on "Strength for Sienna," see the ad on page 17 or visit [strengthforsienna.com](http://strengthforsienna.com).

Sienna told *The Times* that it feels a bit odd being the focus of so much attention.

"But it's really nice, and I appreciate all of the support."



**Sienna Shute's** battle with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma is the inspiration for "Strength for Sienna," a suite of awareness-building events and fundraisers scheduled in Seven Lakes on Saturday, May 18.



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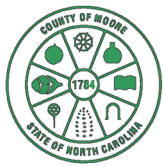
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# Kennedy Resigns from County Board

by Greg Hankins  
Times Reporter



Craig Kennedy has resigned his seat on the County Board of Commissioners, announcing his decision in a Thursday, April 25 letter to Chairman Nick Picerno.

Kennedy, who serves as the Board's Vice Chairman, was elected to a four-year term in 2010, defeating incumbent Commissioner Cindy Morgan in the Republican Primary. He lives near Robbins and has been an consistent advocate for economic development in North Moore.

In his letter of resignation, Kennedy wrote: "I'm unable to complete my term as a Moore County Commissioner due to my work schedule and family commitments. I know Moore County is in good hands with our current Administration and Commissioners. I have enjoyed my time serving the taxpayers of Moore County and feel very grateful to have had this opportunity."

Kennedy is employed by Mountaire Farms in Candor as a night-shift truck driver, delivering chicken feed to local growers. He was absent from both the April 16 regular Board of Commissioners meeting and a day-long Critical Issues Summit the Board held on April 18.

Kennedy told *The Times* that his job often requires him to work sixty hours a week, making it difficult to attend meetings of the many committees and boards on which commissioners serve.

The remaining members of the Board of Commissioners will appoint a replacement to serve out Kennedy's unexpired term.

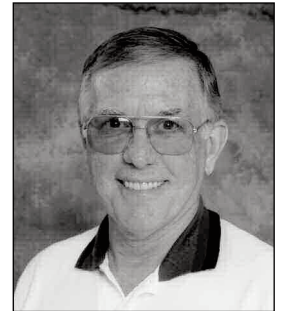
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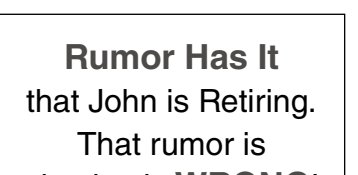
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**Ralph Marr Oldham**, 74, of West End, died April 25 at his residence.

He was born in Surry County, Virginia son to the late Donald and Fannie Oldham.

A Homecoming Service will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at Beulah Hill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Oldham; sons, Anthony Leroy Oldham and Aaron Leon Oldham; daughter, Angela Loren Locklear; brothers, Donald Oldham, Richard Oldham and Wayne Oldham; eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to FirstHealth Hospice Foundation 150 Applecross Road Pinehurst, NC 28374 or Beulah Hill Baptist Church 7400 Beulah Church Road West End, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. in Pinehurst assisted the family.

**Priscilla (Pritz ) S. Davis**, 90, of Topsham, ME, formerly of Seven Lakes, died April 24, at her home.

She was born in Watertown, MA, one of four children of Timothy R. and Margaret H. Stearns.

Mrs. Davis graduated from Wellesley Hills High School, MA and Katharine Gibbs School in NYC and later attended nursing school. She married Richard Osann and

raised five children in Riverside, CT.

In 1993, she moved to Seven Lakes, where she resided for thirteen years. There she met and married George Davis. In 2006, she returned to Maine, her parents' home state.

Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her husbands; her sister, Nan and her son, Timothy.

She is survived by her children, Kathy of Irvine, CA; David (Heather) of Hendersonville, NC; Sally (Dick) of Orange, NH; Rick (Rosemary) of Gorham, ME; and Paul (Sheila) of Kodak, TN; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; her companion, Marcus Nordberg of Topsham, and her sister and brother.

A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, April 27 at the Holden Frost House at The Highlands, Topsham, ME. Burial in First Parish Church Cemetery, Greenwich, CT will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by Stetson's Funeral Home, 12 Federal St., Brunswick, ME.

**Brenda Kirkman Yates**, 68, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday April 21.

Mrs. Yates was born in High Point, daughter to the late Charles and Emma Prevo Kirkman. She attended High Point High School. She and her husband lived in Mary-

land and worked for the U.S. Census Bureau until retirement and returned to North Carolina in 1999.

No funeral services are planned, but a memorial service may be scheduled at a later date. Donations to be made to the COPD Foundation online at [www.copdfoundation.org](http://www.copdfoundation.org), or via mail to: 2937 SW 27th Ave, Suite 302, Miami, FL, 33133.

Mrs. Yates is survived by her husband of 50 years, Larry Yates; her daughter Sherry Gielda (Steve); and granddaughter Kayla Gielda, all of Virginia; sister, Barbara Benfield, and her nieces and nephew.

Boles Funeral Home and

Crematory, Inc. Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**James Robert Southard**, 57, of West End died April 22, at his residence.

He was born in Moore County, son to the late Floyd and Elsie Southard.

Mr. Southard was a retired member of West End Fire and Rescue. He was a talented musician, mechanic, carpenter; a jack of all trades.

He is survived by his wife,

Carolyn; son, Jesse Southard; daughter, Tabatha Aldridge; brother, Clifton Southard; sister, Betty Puckett; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Boles Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. Seven Lakes on Thursday, April 25. Interment followed at West End Cemetery.

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# A fascinating field trip to Lighterwood Farm

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter

When does a child find her calling? West Pine fourth grader Anabel Harper found hers years ago. Fascinated by toads and frogs, she dreams of being a wildlife biologist or a zookeeper. Ever since she was given her first bug box as a preschooler, she has collected toads, studied them, and let them go. She is making plans to go out on a rainy cold night to listen for the Spring Peepers.

So, it was a natural fit when West Pine Elementary School's fourth graders visited Jesse Wimberley's Lighterwood Farm. The farm, less than ten miles from the school, is a magical, secluded place where time has stood still.

Wimberley has worked hard to maintain the Longleaf Pine habitat through controlled burns.

He lives in his great grandfather's 1870 pine planked farmhouse. He has created an educational Mecca for children to convene and experience their natural environment.

Anabel will tell you that it is more than some pine trees, old house and beaver pond. The Sandhills are a unique and rare ecosystem.



Anabel Harper

"There is not another one like it in the world, so cool," Anabel said "We found a pitcher plant. Inside the plant are all these bugs in there. The plant was eating the bugs."

The educational tour began

first thing in the morning. The students, teachers, and parents were dressed for the unseasonable freezing temperature. No-nonsense fourth grade teachers Karen Little and Krystin Fix did not give their students a chance to complain about the cold, but kept them enthusiastic and moving, with a hike to the Beaver Pond.

Live small animal traps had been set strategically along the path. It was too cold for reptiles, but the other traps yielded crawfish, sunfish, newts, salamanders, and, to Anabel's delight, a baby frog. "I didn't want to hold the crawfish, they were kind of crawly, creepy, and had pinchers," she said.

At the Beaver Pond, they had the chance to meet the maker of the dam. "You can-

not outsmart a beaver," Anabel said. The beaver works continuously at night building and rebuilding its dam.

As they walked, Wimberley stopped along the creek. Two students had picked up sticks and were stirring mud from the bank into the water. Wimberley explained the importance of clean water. The

field trip," Rebekah Harper, Anabel's mother, said. "It was amazing. Mr. Wimberley explained the difference between the vegetation on each side of the drainage, depending on the moisture of the soil. Nature has created its own environment based on what its needs are. It is just fascinating that certain pinecones require heat to drop their pine-nuts."

Back at the farm, the sunshine warmed the chilly breeze. The students got to sit on logs around a campfire.

"The campfire was my favorite thing it was really warm," said Anabel. "We were all so cold from sitting and hiking, and then we got to warm up and have a picnic."

Wimberley had invited other professionals to help teach. North Carolina Wildlife Enforcement Officer Mark Dutton and Wildlife Biologist Jeff Marcus provided furs, skulls and tracks of various animals for students to look at and touch. They also dis-

(See "Field trip," p. 9)



Anabel Harper & Abby Marcus

creek water was destined to become potable tap water in Southern Pines, but it must first flow to Drowning Creek.

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Lunch will be served at 11:30 am, Sponsored by Lee Electrical Construction, Inc. and there will be a Shotgun start at 12:30 pm, with a Captains Choice-Flighted

Handicap format.

Cost is \$65 per person, \$300 for four as a corporate sponsor (Includes Hole Sign). Hole sponsorships are \$100. Carts provided, Prizes awarded, Hole-In-One Prize Spon-

sored by Bill Smith Ford.

There will be a BackPack Reception following the Tournament with a Cash Bar & Music.

All Proceeds from the event will benefit the BackPack

Pals program.

The tournament is presented in Partnership with North Carolina Electric Cooperatives.

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mail to: Ginger Finney, 4262 Seven Lakes West, Seven Lakes, NC 27376. Questions, contact Ginger Finney at (910)673-1330 or Jo Nicholas at (910)673-3604.

## Field trip

(Continued from page 8)

cussed the ecology of each animal and the role of hunting in conservation.

West Pine fourth grade teachers were enthusiastic at how well the field trip fell within the curriculum that focuses on North Carolina history, natural science, ecosystems, and adaptation. Wimberley's farm served as an outdoor nature laboratory.

Fourth grade instructor Lydia Conard had assigned her students a project of writing about regional animals. One student, who had chosen turkey vulture, was excited when one was pointed out flying.

Sandhills Area Land Trust provided an environmental instructor to reinforce the importance of protecting natural resources. The students were taught a survival tag game where they had to tag their needed resource or die. To make things interesting, teachers and parents became the predators. In the end, the most resourceful survived.

Anabel's friend pushes her in the old tire swing. She is realistic. Her future career will require long work days in the field. But at the end of the day, she still wants the comforts of her modern day home.

"I wouldn't want to have to hunt for my food," said Anabel.

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A Hospice Teleconference on "Improving Care for Veterans Facing Illness and Death" will be held on Friday, May 17 with Registration 12:30 to 1:00 pm and the Presentation 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

The service, rigors, values and experiences inherent to serving in the US military help shape and define a veteran's life. As veterans age, these factors may also directly influence how veterans approach serious illness and confront their own deaths.

For some veterans, the pride of having served their country serves as a source of comfort at the end of life. For others, particularly veterans who served in dangerous duty assignments or combat, memories and associations of those experiences may complicate the dying process.

The distinct cultural and social experiences of each war can bring additional challenges: the stoicism associated with service may be a barrier to WWII vets in accepting effective pain management; the disrespect once shown to returning Vietnam veterans may still be felt by

those veterans at the end of life.

This three-hour continuing education program is designed to assist end-of-life care provider organizations and health and human serv-

ice professionals in enhancing their sensitivities and understanding of veterans and to provide professionals with new interventions to better serve dying veterans and their families. RSVP required

by May 13. Please call (910) 715-6000 for information and to register.

The presentation is free. Participants can receive 3.0 contact hours for an additional fee of \$35. A companion

book will be available for purchase. This teleconference will be held at FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care Administration Building, 251 Campground Road, Building 251B, Pinehurst.



## To Our Seven Lakes Community Vietnam Veterans of Moore County Chapter 966 Say: "THANK YOU!"



We would like to thank the Seven Lakes Community for its continued support and generosity in both time and financial contributions! Because of YOU, this was a record year in our effort to support local Veterans, active military and their widows. The accomplishments listed below could not have been made if it hadn't been for the unselfish gifts we received from fellow chapter members and the larger community around us. Due to your ongoing generosity, we:

- Provided and served hot meals for over 120 homeless veteran's families at the VA Hospital for Christmas.
- Provided food baskets at Christmas for military families and widows.
- Helped 6 active duty families for Christmas through churches and the, "Wound Warrior Transition Battalion Program," at Fort Bragg. We provided them with clothes, toys, tires, car repairs, paid electrical bills, furniture and other needs.
- Held quarterly Bingo Nights at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville, NC.
- Donated to, "Wreaths Across America," at Beverly National Cemetery in NJ.
- Supported the Navy ROTC program at Union Pines High School.
- Attended Flag Retirement programs with Boy Scout Troop 98 of West End, NC and the American Heritage Girls of Pinehurst, NC.
- Participated with Boy Scout David Miller of Troop 98 providing funding for cleaning or replacement of soiled or worn American Flags at Pinecrest High School, while supporting David to attain his Eagle Scout Award.
- Donated money to a fund for a local boy with inoperable cancer.
- Assisted in the relocation from Ft Bragg of a wounded soldier's wife, so that she could stay at Bethesda Naval Hospital, MD, to support his recovery.
- Participated in St. Patrick's Day parade in Pinehurst.
- Sponsored the VA Benefits Bus for veterans of Moore County
- Conducted ceremonies on Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, POW/MIA Day, and Veterans Day at the Moore County Veterans Memorial in Carthage.
- Laid wreaths at the Moore County Veterans Memorial in Carthage.

Once again we want to convey our personal thanks to a community dedicated to helping those families that have been making sacrifices so that this county can remain free, especially those families who have made the supreme sacrifice of lost loved ones for our nation's freedom....." FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!"

Thank you,  
Charles (Chuck) Spelman, President

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## Vietnam Vets host Annual Pancake Breakfast

Join the Vietnam Veterans of Moore County Chapter 966 at their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday May, 18 from 8 am to 10 am.

Ask your neighbors to join you at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 1403 N. Sandhills Blvd., Aberdeen. Tickets available at the door; \$7 per person.

The proceeds from the breakfast will support Veterans of any conflict and active duty personnel.



# Auman Sports Club stocks bream & minnows

by Don Smith

Lake Auman Sports Club

The Lake Auman Sports Club purchased and stocked over 10,000 bream and approximately 20,000 minnows in Lake Auman on February 28, one week after they completed the shallow water fish habitat project. All of the fish were purchased from and delivered by Carolina Fish Hatchery in Turkey, NC.

The bream that were stocked included more than 7,500 two to four inch Bluegills, 500 four to six inch Bluegills, 2,000 two to four inch Shellcrackers (Red Ear Sunfish), and 250 four to six inch Shellcrackers.

The Fathead minnows, which are often sold as bait, were stocked as feeder fish for the other fish in Lake

Auman. They will grow up to three inches in length and will reproduce two to four

times during their fourteen month life span.

The fish and minnows were

placed in the lake at fourteen different locations that provided good cover and were spread around the lake.

Five Sports Club members participated in the stocking effort. They were SLWLA Lake and Dam Director Bruce Keyser, Jim Beck, Dave Lamon, Charlie Finchum and Don Smith, who organized and supervised the stocking.

Stocking the fish and minnows, creating additional fish habits around the lake and the expanded fish food feeding program put in place this year are all part of initiatives taken by the Lake Auman Sports Club to address the recommendations identified in a professional lake study of Lake Auman conducted last year.



**Fish stocking team** – Don Smith, Jim Beck, Dan Pieroni, Charlie Finchum, Bruce Keyser and Dave Lamon (front)

## You Can Help The Malcolm Blue Historical Society celebrate its Fortieth Anniversary!

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Drop off your Farmer (ages 8- 12)	Every Wednesday, July
1865 Monroe's Crossroad Battle	Sunday, August 4th
History of Ice Program & Ice Cream Social	Sunday, August 31
School Children's Days (by schedule)	September, 24th-27th
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# Farm to Table Cooperative Good for farmers & families

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter

Eagle Springs was once a thriving farming community. But, in the mid-twentieth century, many small farmers traded in their overalls for belts. In the last decade, there has been a renewed interest in small scale farming and sustaining rural communities. Cultivating the land is again honorable, profitable, and almost fashionable.

Billy and Paige Carter own Carter Farms in Eagle Springs. To be successful, they have learned to think outside the box. As national interest in locally grown food and small scale farming grew into a movement, local green thumbs conceived the Sandhills Farm to Table Cooperative in 2008. Billy Carter was asked to sit on the board.

"I had the opportunity to be involved with the creation and formation of how it might work," Carter said.

Residents can purchase a subscription from Sandhills Farm to Table that entitles them to pick up a box of locally grown produce each week at local gathering spots.

During the recent Farm to Table annual supper, Jan Leitschuh, co-founder and Chairman of the Board acknowledged the role of local farmers: "The farmers make it happen. They are incredible people and bring us beautiful products — often the very day they pick it. They really go the extra mile to make sure we have the best produce with a 100 percent guarantee."

For Carter, who farms 1200 acres, the subscriptions provide close to ten percent of his annual income.

"For smaller farmers, it represents a much larger portion of their income," Carter said. "I like it for the economic aspect — but also for the direct contact it creates between farmers and customers in their communities. It's nice that there is a keener awareness of what

is involved in farming and what it takes to sustain it."

First and foremost, farming requires land. Moore County land is comparatively expensive, which increases the property taxes farmers must

their parents. "My daddy moved here from Fayetteville when he was a kid and was raised by his older sister," Carter said. "My mother is from the Dover area."

"My father was a hard scrabble tenant farmer and sharecropped tobacco," he explained. "He also worked shifts at night. My mother helped farm and worked in the public when necessary. There were seven of us, plus various cousins, and we made up the labor force."

Carter's father instilled an entrepreneurial spirit in his children by giving them their own section to farm.

"It is a lot of fun. It is so rewarding," Carter said. "If everything went perfectly, then everyone would farm."

Strawberry transplants require a perfect mild autumn; Fall weather determines the Spring yield.

"If their yield is good, they are very profitable," Carter said. "If it is bad, then you have sunk a lot of money into it to break even. They provide a good, early source of cash."

He grows five hundred tons of watermelons from transplants each year. "Watermelons are the most reliable, easiest to grow and most profitable produce," said Carter. "We grow pumpkins

(See "Farm," p. 25)



pay. It is often less expensive for a farmer to lease the land than to own it.

"A large portion of the 1200 acres that I farm, I rent from my peers that have either gone to public work or retired," Carter said.

There is no such thing as a lethargic farmer. Carter and his six siblings learned their strong work ethics from

## How to Sign Up

Sandhills Farm to Table subscribers receive a box of varied, locally-grown produce every week. West End and Seven Lakes members can pick up their boxes at West End Presbyterian Church; there are two-dozen other gathering sites sprinkled throughout the Sandhills.

It costs \$25 to join the co-op. After that, a two-person box is \$22 each week; one with veggies for a family of four costs \$40 per week.

You can get more information or sign up at

coop.sandhillsfarm2table.com or by calling 877-940-SF2T (7328).

"I love to get my box. It's like Christmas every week," subscriber Andie Rose said at the Farm to Table potluck.

The West End Presbyterian Church is the gathering site for the West End and Seven Lakes area. Auman's peaches, and Bruton's muscadines and Carter's strawberries, sweet corn, and watermelons are just a few delicious reasons to subscribe.

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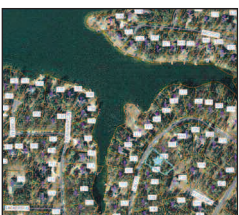


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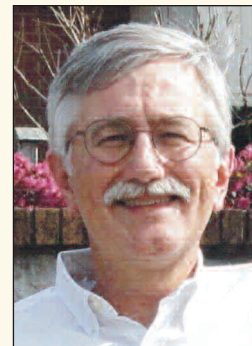
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# Theologian Robin Meyers will speak here

Renowned theologian Robin Meyers will present a lecture series the weekend of May 17-19 at co-sponsoring Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines and Congregational Church of Pinehurst, United Church of Christ.

Dr. Meyers is Professor of Linguistics and Philosophy at Oklahoma City University and has been the pastor for thirty years of Mayflower Congregational Church, UCC.

He has published six major books, including the widely acclaimed *Saving Jesus From the Church: How to Stop Worshipping Christ and Start Following Jesus* and *The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus*.

His writing is informed by his participation in the Jesus Seminar, a group of biblical scholars studying the historical authenticity of sayings and events attributed to Jesus, and, more recently, the history of the early church. It includes theologians such as Marcus Borg, Karen Armstrong, John Dominick Crossan, and John Shelby Spong.

Dr. Meyers is also a syndicated columnist and an award-winning commentator for National Public Radio. He was featured in an HBO documentary, *The Execution of Wanda Jean*, the story of the first woman executed in Oklahoma, and Meyers' attempt to save her life. Next Fall, he will deliver the Beecher Lectures at Yale Divinity School, arguably the country's premier theological lecture series.

Some of the major themes in his works are: the church is increasingly irrelevant because it has cast Jesus as a supernatural being rather than a Galilean prophet proclaiming God's love and justice; beliefs about God are confused with faith, a radical trust in God; doctrines such as original sin and atonement are unbiblical and work against personal responsibility and genuine forgiveness; and that truly following the way of Jesus can be dangerous and subversive, for love and justice often require

speaking the truth to power and acting on that truth.

In urging everyone to regain the spirit and substance of the early church, Meyers says: "In an age of hyper-partisan politics, the church is also guilty of a kind of spiritual gridlock. Liberals and conservatives continue

to argue over abortion and gay marriage instead of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and joining forces to resist a culture of violence and greed."

Dr. Meyers will make the following presentations:

- Lecture 1 and book signing, Friday, May 17, 7 pm at

Congregational Church of Pinehurst. "Galilean Sage or Supernatural Savior? Or, How I Became A Heretic With Help From Jesus."

- Lecture 2 with discussion Saturday, May 18, 9 am at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. "The Risks and Rewards of Fearless Preaching."
- Lecture 3 with discussion Saturday, May 18, 11 am at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. "The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus."
- Workshop Saturday, May 18, 1:30 pm at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. "Practicing a Subversive Love:

Renewing the Church as a Dangerous Place"

Dr. Meyers will also preach at 9:00 am at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines and then at the Congregational Church in Pinehurst at 11 am on Sunday, May 19.

A fee of \$20 per session or \$50 for all four sessions will be charged. The \$50 fee includes a box lunch on Saturday. (Please call 295-7456 for "scholarship" assistance if needed.) Any money received beyond expenses will be donated to the local Habitat for Humanity. Register on line at [youarewelcomere.org](http://youarewelcomere.org) Directions to the churches are provided there.



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# West Pine Middle receives new Math program

A new program entitled Boardworks for Math will now be a part of the instruction in two classes at West Pine Middle School, thanks to a donation from the Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

"We are very grateful for this donation," said Associate Superintendent for Instructional Design and Innovation Dr. Kathy Kennedy. "This is just another example of how the wonderful support we receive from our community helps us to go above and beyond to offer exciting and innovative learning opportunities such as this to our students."

According to Kennedy, "Boardworks for Math is an interactive educational software program aligned to the eight Mathematical Practices in the Common Core State Standards. All classrooms in Moore County Schools now have SmartBoards, and the software contains numerous resources designed specifically for the SmartBoard to supplement exciting and engaging lessons created by the classroom teacher."

"Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is delighted to be able to help Moore County Schools with this special math project," said Committee Chair Peggy Olney.



**West Pine Middle Math Team** – Front row: Holly Conlon, Veronica Paimore, Jan Benton, Becky Oldham, and Jamie Roseberry. Middle row: Cynthia Keegan, Katie Hippenmeyer, Trudy Coleman, Principal Dr. Candace Turk, and Nicole Stiener, left rear, Steve Lassiter, and right rear, Boardworks trainer, Paul Robinson.

"We want to thank Dr. Kennedy for helping us identify this project, which fits into our goal of promoting excellence in education, especially in the areas of literacy

and math. We are making this contribution in honor of our member Lucille Leeman, who was responsible for raising these funds for math."

The Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma initiated a literacy project for Moore County Schools ten years ago by sponsoring the Reading Is Fundamental book giveaway for students at Aberdeen Elementary.

Five years later, they were able to add Robbins Elementary due to extra funds donated by Seven Lakes Women and the Kiwanis Club. The program continues today.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an honor society. Gamma Sigma chapter is made up of both active and retired women who are from Moore County as well as other areas of the United States.

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# New Lions

At a recent meeting, the Seven Lakes Lions Club had an induction ceremony, receiving three new members. Shirley Donaldson, sponsored inductee Claire Barrow; and John While sponsored inductees Lesile While and James While.

With the addition of these new members, the Seven Lakes Lions Club will be able to provide additional service

to the blind, the visually impaired, and the community at a time when it is most needed. The Seven Lakes Lions Club meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines on Seven Lakes Drive. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Bill Seldomridge at 910-690-9500 for information to become a new member.



The Seven Lakes Lions welcome new members.

## Need balloons for your event? Michael's got 'em!

It took a while, but Michael Long of Pack Ship & Party Supply in Seven Lakes Plaza Shopping Center now has a full helium tank and hundreds and hundreds of mylar balloons suitable for any occasion you can imagine — from kindergarten graduation to retirement parties, and everything in between.

There's been a shortage of helium in the US, Long told *The Times*. Helium is a relatively scarce element (at least on Earth),

and the government-set price had been rising rapidly.

But helium is a by-product of some natural gas extraction, and the increase in drilling for gas has boosted the supply of helium. That's good not just for balloons, but for MRIs, which also use the scarce gas.

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# Streit grandson achieves Eagle Scout



**Andrew Streit**

Andrew Streit of Penfield, NY has earned his Eagle Scout badge. He is a member of Scout Troop #363 and is a senior at Webster Schoeder High School.

For his Eagle Scout project, Andrew conducted the First Lego League Tournament (middle schoolers building robots out of Legos) at a local middle school. In conjunction with the tournament, a food drive was held with all food donated to FoodLink.

Andrew will graduate in June and has received an academic scholarship to the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Andrew is the grandson of Phil and Judy Streit of Seven Lakes West.

## Methodists will host Salad Supper

Enjoy the "Salad Supper" at West End United Methodist Church on Friday, May 10 at 6 pm.

The United Methodist Women's Salad Supper will be served in the Church Fellowship Hall.

This is one meal you do not want to miss. Tickets for this event are only \$8 each and can be purchased from Lou Anne Cline at 673-5431.

**Saturday, May 18, 2013**  
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# Colquhoun wins Beverly Hills Book Award

Local resident and author Hollis Colquhoun, of Seven Lakes West, received national recognition at the 1st Annual National Beverly Hills Book Awards

The First Annual Beverly Hills Book Awards recognized

*Women Empowering Themselves: A Financial Survival Guide* by Antoinette Babek and Hollis Colquhoun as a Winner in the category of Divorce, and Finalist in the category of Women's Issues.

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in Los Angeles, is open to all English language books in



Hollis Colquhoun

print. This competition is judged by experts from all aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, book cover designers and professional copywriters, who select award winners and finalists based on overall excellence.

*Women Empowering Themselves: A Financial Survival Guide* is a compact and easy-to-understand book that will

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## Todd Pusser at Chapel Lunch Bunch

All single seniors are invited to attend the Seven Lakes Lunch Bunch for lunch at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Joralemon Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 22 at 12 noon.

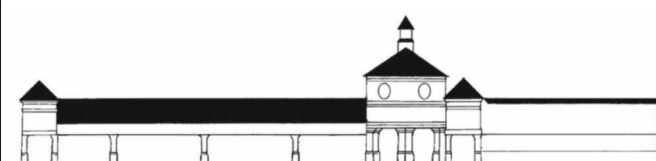
Todd Pusser, an award-winning photographer, will be the presenter. Pusser's travels have taken him to over 30 countries and into every ocean on earth.

His photos have appeared around the world and have been featured in prominent magazines such as BBC Wildlife, National Wildlife, National Geographic Kids and Ocean Realm and many more. Pusser has won many awards in prestigious international wildlife photography competitions. When he is not traveling Pusser resides in the Sandhills area.

To make reservations for lunch and if transportation is needed, please phone Dora Lancaster 673-0166.

There is no cost, however reservations would be appreciated. Transportation will

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# Hinson brings Mrs. Stonewall Jackson to life

The dramatic and tragic story of Anna, Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, told through letters and historic documents crafted into a one-woman performance, will be presented Sunday, May 19 at 2 pm at First Baptist Church of Southern Pines, 200 E. New York Ave.

Kelly Atkins Hinson, a Pinehurst native who resides on a Confederate ancestor's farm in Jackson Springs, researched, wrote, and dramatizes this story, costumed as the lady of the 1860s. She wears full mourning and takes her story from "The Memoirs of Stonewall Jackson," as told by his widow, Mary Anna Morrison from Lincoln County.

She tells of the couple's early married life, including his views on secession, slavery, and the Confederacy.

She reads letters written by him to his wife while they were separated by the War, while he fought alongside Robert E. Lee and other Con-

federate generals. Jackson himself dies while the war goes on.

The Moore County Historical Association is sponsoring



*Kelly Atkins Hinson portrays Anna, the wife of Confederate General Stonewall Jackson*

this program, and there is no admission charge. Hinson's performances have been well received by descendants of those who fought on both sides during the Civil War.

"History cannot be changed to suit the listener," Hinson says, "so I try to tell Anna's story in her own words, those

of a 19th century Southern, Christian lady who married a fine Southern, honest, Christian man," who in Hinson's opinion "just happened to be the greatest strategist who ever set foot on a battlefield."

For more information call (910) 692-2051.

## Markeplace at Synergy Park

Don't forget to drop by the The Seven Lakes Marketplace called "Lucky Finds" this Saturday, May 4, from 8 am to 3 pm.

The Fire Department will have their truck there, bouncy houses for the kids, food vendors, and a live band.

Synergy Park is located adjacent to the Seven Lakes Cemetery on McDougall Street. If you turn by the Prescription Shoppe from Seven Lakes Drive, just follow that down and you won't be able to miss it. From NC Highway 211 turn by Bright Meadow Christian PreSchool and follow that a short way. Again, you cannot miss it.

There is still room for a few more craft vendors and yard sellers. If you wish to have a booth at the first Marketplace, call Tammi Smith at 638-3848 or Barb Horan at 673-8169.

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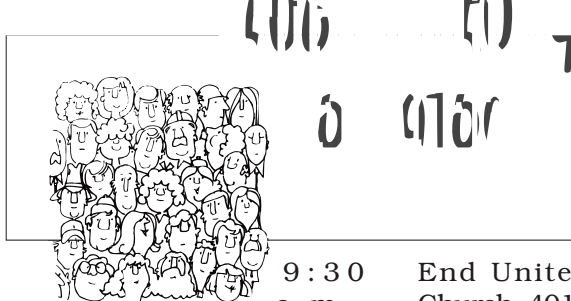
**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

- **Bird Walk** – 8 am, Spring migration is underway. Join the ranger for a 2-mile hike to look for these winged wonders. Bring binoculars, tick repellent, sunscreen and field guides. Meet at the park office. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.
- **"Synergy Park" hosting Yard Sale/Flea Market and Craft Show** – 8 am to 3 pm. Proceeds support Synergy Park. Synergy Park is on Seven Lakes Cemetery Road (from Seven Lakes Drive down MacDougall Street). Come on out, and have a day of fun.
- **Zumba Class** – 9:30 to 10:30 am, free class, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, in the Hankins Family Life Center.
- **Cinco de Mayo for The Moore Humane Society** – 3 to 5 pm, Annual Pooch Parade Fundraiser to raise funds for animal rehabilitation and adoption. K9 Unit will be the honored guests presenting the skills of their dogs. [www.moore-humane.org](http://www.moore-humane.org) or [sites.google.com/site/mhspooch-parade/](http://sites.google.com/site/mhspooch-parade/) \$10 registration fee per dog and \$15 at the door.
- **"The Beauty of Inks, not just Black Anymore"** – exhibit by Emma Wilson at the Exchange Street Gallery. Reception 4 - 6 pm. Public is invited. Artists League of the Sandhills, 129 Exchange Street, Aberdeen. 910-944-3979.
- **Big Bluegrass Hall of Fame Show at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, Tribute to Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs & The Foggy Mountain Boys. Performed by Marshall Stevenson and the Bluegrass

Train Band. Opening Performance by South Ridge. \$18 General Admission. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

- **Cinco de Mayo**
- **Orthodox Easter**
- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** –



Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes 673-3838.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *Ginger & Rosa*, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- **"Walking for Wildflowers"** – 3 pm, NC State Parks has declared 2013 to be the "Year of the Wildflower." Join the ranger for a 1.5 to 2-mile walk to look for spring wildflowers and other flowering plants. Bug spray is recommended. Meet at the park office. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.
- **"The Beauty of Inks, not just Black Anymore"** – exhibit by Emma Wilson at the Exchange Street Gallery. Open: 3 - 5 pm. Public is invited. Artists League of the Sandhills, 129 Exchange Street, Aberdeen. 910-944-3979.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Tonights guest is rock artist, *David Jacobs Strain*. Rooster's Wife. 114

Knight St., Aberdeen, [www.theroosterswife.org](http://www.theroosterswife.org) (910)-944-7502.

**MONDAY, MAY 6**

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Monday Night Services**

at WEUMC – evening Fellowship Meal at 6 pm followed, by Worship Service at 7 pm. Come as you are. West

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- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *Ginger & Rosa*, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**TUESDAY, MAY 7**

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Epis-

copal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. All are welcome.

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Zumba Class** – 7 pm to 8 pm, free class, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, in the Hankins Family Life Center.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Welcome Home Bible Study** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong leads the session in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**

- **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 \$5.

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)
- **Zumba Class** – 7:00 to 8:00 pm, free class, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, in the Hankins Family Life Center.

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**

- **West End United Methodist Women's Salad Supper** – 6 pm, at West End United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets \$8 each, call Lou Anne Cline at 673-5431.

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

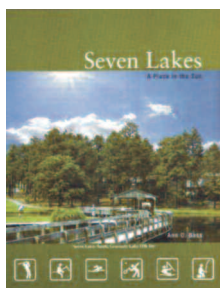
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**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

- **Mother's Day**
- **Women's Sunday at West End United Methodist Church** – 8:30 am and 11:00 am, the church will celebrate Women's Sunday. Both services will be led by women. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Jean Alfano, the ushers, greeters, and choir will consist of only women to celebrate the women in the church on Mother's Day.
- **Mother's Day Dinner at Seven Lake Country Club** – Cocktails 4:30-5:30 pm, Dinner 5:00-6:30 pm. RSVP by Thursday, May 9. Call the club at 673-1100. Buffet \$19.95, SLCC members \$17.95. Ages 6-12 \$12.95, 5 & under Free.
- **"Mother's Nature Day Hike"** – 3 pm, Join the Ranger at for a hike. Meet

at the park office. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167.

- **The Rooster's Wife** – doors open at 6 pm, show at 6:45 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Tonights guest is *Harpeth Rising*. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)-944-7502.

**MONDAY, MAY 13**

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game Room. Open to all landowners.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Monday Night Services at WEUMC** – evening Fellowship Meal at 6 pm followed, by Worship Service at 7 pm. Come as you are. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 Highway 73, West End. 673-1371.
- **Jackson Springs Community Club** – 7 pm, monthly dinner meeting, 447 Mill Road, Jackson Springs. Rev. Tom Currie, a retired Presbyterian Minister will

present the program "Heifer Project International." The Heifer Project includes the gifts of rabbits, goats, llama, tree seedlings, honey bees, and flock of chicks. www.Heifer.org For reservations call Betty McConnell 673-3320.

- **Sandhills Photography Club** – meeting 7 pm, at the Hannah Center Theater on The O'Neal School campus, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines. Andrew Craft will be the speaker, photographer at the Fayetteville Observer. Public welcome. www.sandhillsphtoclub.org

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. All are welcome.
- **Zumba Class** – 7 pm to 8 pm, free class, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, in the Hankins Family Life Center.
- **Foxfire Village Council** – 7 pm, meeting. at Foxfire Village Hall. Open to community and public.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Welcome Home Bible Study** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong leads the session in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**

- **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 \$5.
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- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Zumba Class** – 7:00 to 8:00 pm, free class, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, in the Hankins Family Life Center.

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**

- **Hospice Teleconference** – Improving Care for Veterans Facing Illness and Death at FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care Administration Building, 251 Campground Road, Building 251B, Pinehurst. Registration: 12:30 to 1 pm, Presentation: 1 pm to 4:30 pm. RSVP by May 13. (910) 715-6000 to register. Presentation free.

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

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## Young Presbyterians enjoy Camp Monroe

West End Presbyterian Church, held its first ever youth retreat for third, fourth and fifth graders the weekend of April 19-20.

The group of young people plus their three advisors visited the Presbyterian camp, Camp Monroe, in Scotland County overnight. Activities included a ropes course, other recreational activities, some study and discussion time as well.

This youth group of third, fourth, and fifth graders is called "Connections." The group meets every other Sunday during the school year and is open to children

in those grades throughout the community.

West End Presbyterian is planning to observe both Graduate Sunday and Pentecost Sunday on the third Sunday in May, May 19. Both college and high school graduates will be recognized during that Sunday's worship service.

The new Presbyterian Men's Group will meet for breakfast at 8 am this Sunday in Priscilla's Kitchen in the Crawford Center.

West End Presbyterian Church, Knox Lane, one block west of Highway 211 in West End.

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The program will be conducted from Monday, June 10 through Friday, June 14, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

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in a classroom setting at a private residence on Lake Auman, and on the water on sailboats provided by Club members.

The instructors are members of the Club.

Contact Bill Mamel (910) 673-8970, or by email [wmamel@nc.rr.com](mailto:wmamel@nc.rr.com) if interested in enrolling or for more information.

## Tutors Needed

The Moore County Literacy Council is in need of tutors for their site at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Seven Lakes. Tutors provide one-on-one tutoring for adults who are learning to read, read better, and/or speak English.

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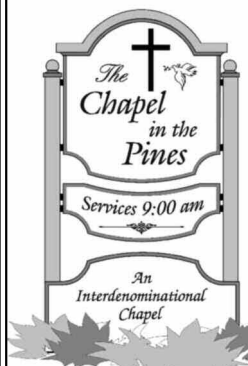
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Land use plan

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Cummings, who farms in the Vass area, objected that “everyone should have county water if they want it,” and pointed out that failing wells are a perennial problem in rural communities.

Another LUPSC member said: “I have a problem with anything that discourages development. If you don’t grow you die.”

West End forester Mike Wilson noted that the availability of sewer is a much more significant stimulant to development than water alone.

So the action was changed to read: “Through the use of voluntary agricultural districts, discourage the extension of sewer infrastructure into identified prime agricultural areas.”

With that change, the item received an average score of 4.1 in the revote.

**Working on the railroad**

And so it went, with members discussing and mas-saging each of the fourteen items that received less sup-port. One area that seems likely to be either dropped or significantly modified in the final draft is that dealing with transportation — both via railway and via bicycle.

Objective 4.2 reads “Main-tain stable railway system,” and is followed by three actions aimed at supporting that objective, including “Encourage rail-oriented tourism.”

“You can’t do anything with a railroad,” LUPSC member Art Williams said, and Chair-man Hayter seconded that assessment.

“You can’t maintain them, but they are important for economic development,” countered Partners in Progress Director Pat Corso. “It’s just worded wrong.”

But revotes on rail-oriented language yielded lower scores than the items had won ini-tially, making it less likely that the objective and its actions will continue to appear in the final draft.

**Walking and biking**

Objective 4.6 — “Promote the implementation of trans- portation methods to provide for alternate methods of transportation where appro- priate and feasible” — also came in for some rough sled- ding in Monday night’s meet- ing.

The related action items advocated for “complete streets,” that make room for bicycles and pedestrians, as well as cars and trucks.

Cummings and Wilson, both coming from the rural perspective, argued that bike paths and sidewalks on coun- try roads are simply a waste of money. Pinehurst Mayor Nancy Fiorillo argued that “these are more urban kinds of issues instead of county issues. I’m not sure, as a county planning director, I would be concerned about this.”

But Chairman Hayter reminded Fiorillo that the “county” is not just rural farmland, but is also land that nestles right up against the extraterritorial jurisdic- tions of Pinehurst and other municipalities.

The same concerns were raised when attention turned to actions that recommended new development include “open space and neighbor- hood parks that are inter- connected via an off-road pedestrian and bicycle net- work,” as well as the devel- opment of “a multi-juridis- dictional bicycle and pedestrian plan for the coun- ty.”

Comments like “no one lives out there,” led Corso to defend the value of including parks linked by bicycle and pedestrian paths in new res- idential developments.

“If someone is going to develop in the county, they should emulate those kinds of standards,” Corso said. “This is common in quality developments. These are things you would want to see. It’s inconceivable that you wouldn’t want that.”

“We’re always hearing about walking, and bicycling, and health,” he continued. “Why

(See “Land Use,” p. 24)



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We will continue to cook, but are exploring differ- ent avenues that will allow us more flexibility. We also hope to take some time off for family obliga- tions. All this having been said, we have no idea how long it will take for the right buyer to come along. We will have a full month of menus for May and June and then take our annual July 4th week off. We will play it by ear after that.

We can’t even begin to express all the gratitude we feel for so many of you that have made our dreams become a reality. It is very sad to be ending this chapter. Without you there would never have been a Goldie’s Gourmet.

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<b>6</b>		<b>7</b> Tomato Basil Soup ♥ Shepherd's Pie Dinner	<b>8</b> Goldie's Chili Chicken Tarragon Dinner	<b>9</b> Shrimp & Crab Bisque Bourbon Salmon Dinner ♥	<b>10</b> Potato Leek Soup Beef Stroganoff Dinner
<b>13</b>		<b>14</b> Broccoli Spinach Soup ♥ Chicken Pot Pie Dinner	<b>15</b> Vegetable Soup ♥ Pot Roast Dinner	<b>16</b> Beef Barley Soup Shrimp Stroganoff Dinner	<b>17</b> Manhattan Clam Chowder ♥ Two Bean Enchiladas Dinner ♥
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<b>27</b>		<b>28</b> Navy Bean Soup ♥ Chicken Enchiladas Dinner ♥	<b>29</b> Gazpacho ♥ Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	<b>30</b> Beef Vegetable Soup Crab Cakes Dinner ♥	<b>31</b> Mushroom Bisque ♥ Swiss Steak Dinner

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# Land use plan

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are we all fat? We need to encourage this. Quality communities are doing this. They are seen as progressive. They build bicycle ways and pedestrian ways, and those are considered enhancing of property values.”

It wasn’t clear, after the discussion and revote, exactly how those sections of the document would be rewritten to reflect the disparate concerns expressed.

## Impact of Fort Bragg

Moore County is required, under state law, to notify the Fort Bragg / Pope Air Force Base Regional Land Use Advisory Commission of any changes to rezoning or new subdivisions proposed within an area of Moore County that lies within five miles of the base. The Commission may then make non-binding suggestions or recommendations to the County. At Chairman Hayter’s request, the Planning Staff had added a section to the draft plan explaining this relationship.

LUPSC Member Terry Bryant objected strongly to that language, saying members had no input into it. It was emailed to members on Friday, April 26. Noting that the inclusion of similar language had prompted a rewrite of the Working Lands Protection Plan in which that

language was removed, Bryant said: “Including it in this document is not necessary and could influence Commissioners or Planning Board members to turn down a rezoning in the future.”

“There is a state law that recognizes a ring of property around Fort Bragg,” Hayter replied. “To not advise the public that this exists would be malpractice. Am I in favor of it? No. It’s like the airport protection zone. We have to let the public know. Why put your head in the sand?”

“I didn’t know this document was to inform the public,” Bill Cochrane said.

“My obligation is to inform the Commissioners and the citizens of the County about

anything that have to do with land use,” Hayter said.

“It needs to be in there,” LUPSC member Joe Clendenin said, “because it affects land use planning.”

### Next steps

Chairman Hayter suggested that the draft plan would now go through a three-to-four week rewrite and then be sent to each committee member via email. They will then electronically vote on whether it is ready to send forward to the Planning Board. He encouraged members to send any suggested changes to the document to the Planning Staff.

Hayter said he felt the Planning Board should hold at

least two meetings on the plan, with public hearings, before deciding whether to forward it on to the Board of Commissioners for an additional public hearing and possible approval.

David Cummings asked for confirmation that the vote would be confined to full members of the panel; ex-officio members would not vote on the final document. Hayter confirmed that would be the case.

Cummings expressed a preference that the committee reconvene in person for the final vote, but, after discussion, an electronic vote appeared acceptable to the majority of committee members.

# Farm to Table

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mainly for mine and Paige’s pleasure.”

Due to this year’s cold Spring, the growing season is almost three weeks behind. The rain pours outside Carter’s office. It’s the perfect day for paperwork, and there are stacks of it.

Carter points to the stacks. “It looks like I am a really messy person. Farming is different now, and it generates a lot of paperwork.” Carter earned a degree in horticulture from North Carolina State University.

What requires the most

paper work are the regulations required to deem your land organic create a tedious, timely, and expensive process, explained Carter. Small farmers are careful with their land and the product they produce. It often makes more sense to buy locally grown food than to buy organic produce trucked across the country.

“Neither me nor any other farmer wants to be elevated,” Carter said. “We are lucky to have the role. It is more about what is being produced, not necessarily who is growing it.”

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# Serious slide guitar at the Rooster's Wife

Virtuosic slide guitarist and storyteller, David Jacobs-Strain, accompanied by harmonica master Bob Beach, brings his passionate performance to Aberdeen in a show presented by the Rooster's Wife at the Poplar Knight Spot on Sunday, May 5 at 6:45pm.

A bridge between today's indie folk troubadours and the delta guitar slingers of the 1930s, Jacobs-Strain is a six-foot-two Jewish blues singer from Oregon, a Stanford drop-out in a trucker hat, and a Left Coast poet; one part Leo Kottke, one part Ken Kesey, and one part Robert Johnson.

Known for both his virtuosity and spirit of emotional abandon, Jacobs-Strain's live show moves from humorous, subversive blues, to delicate

balladry before swinging back to swampy rock and roll.

"I try to make art that you can dance to, but I love that darker place, where in my mind, Skip James, Nick Drake, and maybe Elliot Smith blur together."

Jacobs-Strain's new album, *Geneseo* [Release Date: June 25, 2013], speaks of open roads, longing hearts and flashbacks of Oregon — a record of emotions big and small, and lyrics that turn quickly from literal to figurative.

"I'm fascinated by the way that rural blues inscribes movement and transience," says Jacobs-Strain. "The music that frees a singer keeps them on the run; there's a crossroads where a thing can be enchanting but dangerous; damaging

but beautiful."

David Jacobs-Strain has appeared at festivals from British Columbia to Australia, including Merlefest, Telluride Blues Festival, Philadelphia Folk Festival, Hardly Strictly, Bumbershoot, and Blues to Bop in Switzerland.

He has instructed at Jorma Kaukonen's Fur Peace Ranch, and at fifteen years old was on the faculty at Centrum's Blues and Heritage workshop.

On the road, he's shared the stage with Lucinda Williams, Boz Scaggs (more than 60 shows), Etta James, The Doobie Brothers, George Thorogood, Robert Earle Keen, Todd Snider, Taj Mahal, Janis Ian, Tommy Emmanuel, Bob Weir, T-Bone Burnett, and Del McCoury.



**David Jacobs-Strain** — one part Leo Kottke, one part Ken Kesey, and one part Robert Johnson.

## FirstHealth offers journaling for cancer patients

After World War II, concentration camp survivor Viktor Frankl wrote a book about his experiences in Auschwitz that has since sold more than 10 million copies and been translated into 24 languages.

Frankl described how, even during the horrors of concentration camp life, he was able to find a meaningful purpose and then imagine having a future based on that purpose.

Participants in a new FirstHealth of the Carolinas journal-writing group for cancer patients and survivors will read the book as an introduction to journaling with a focus on "meaning," according to licensed clinical social worker Beth Dietrich, LCSW.

"In the group setting, we will listen to how the book evokes the thoughts of others and maybe challenge our own beliefs about meaning," Dietrich says. "How do I define my meaning? What are my responsibilities? My hope is that we bring together a group of individuals who search themselves while reading this and enhance or increase their sense of mean-

ing every day."

The "Making Meaning through Journal Writing" group will meet the third Thursday of each month at in the library of the Clara

McLean House, 20 FirstVillage Drive, Pinehurst.

The journaling group will be led by Dietrich, who has been a licensed clinical social worker with the FirstHealth

Cancer Center since 2006. Participation in the group is open to men and women who have had cancer in the past or who are currently in treatment for cancer.

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**Response:** To attempt an answer to your sincere question, I turn to the teachings and example of Jesus.

In the Sermon on the Mount he said, "You have heard it said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, 'Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you.'"

(Matthew 5:43-45)

In the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples and us, we are taught to say, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."



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And when Jesus was on the cross, just before he died, he cried out, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

Reading these words, many Christians believe that we should forgive anyone, regard-

less of the hideousness of the crime. This blanket forgiveness would be offered to murderers, terrorists, rapists and even those who abuse women and children.

But listen to Jesus when he talks about children.

"If any of you harm a child or cause one of these little

ones to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone was fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the midst of the sea."

Does this sound like forgiveness for everyone?

I have reached this con-

clusion in my own mind. I am required as a follower of Jesus to forgive anyone that hurts me and to pray for that person.

The Spirit of God gives Christians the power to forgive as God has forgiven me; but I am not given the authority or permission to forgive anyone who hurts another person. Only the one who is hurt or the family of that person is asked to forgive. Only God has the power to forgive the sins of everyone who repents.

In the Boston bombings and the attack on the World Trade Center thousands of innocent adults and even little children were killed or left orphaned. God may give the survivors and their fam-

ilies the power to forgive the murderers, but God has not given me that power or authority. If you hurt me, I can forgive you, but with hundreds injured and four killed by the Boston bombers and an entire city shut down for days, only those who had loved ones involved must now wrestle with the question of forgiveness.

I will pray for the surviving bomber, but I cannot forgive what he did to all those runners and spectators and particularly to the children. May God forgive me if I am wrong.

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

## Praise for the Prescription Shoppe

Dear Editor:

Edmund Burke wrote: "No one could make a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little." Unfortunately, I think most make this mistake. Not because they don't care, but simply because it doesn't seem like a small gesture would make a difference.

Now clear your mind and imagine a town almost half

the size of Seven Lakes. Now imagine an explosion so powerful and devastating that a four-to-five block radius of destruction levels 80 homes and a middle school, and traps 133 residents of a nursing home in rubble. Imagine fourteen lives lost (eleven lives of local volunteer first responders) and 200+ more injured — all of whom are your friends and neighbors.

From Seven Lakes, NC to

West, TX, at 1193 miles apart, it doesn't seem like there is much you can do to help. One Seven Lakes resident decided to make chocolate chip cookies. Thirty-three individually-wrapped cookie care packages, each with 5 cookies and a note "Thinking of your Community."

There was one big obstacle for the resident . . . the cost of shipping the cookies to West, TX. Enter Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe. This

resident, new to the area and unknown to anybody at the pharmacy, entered the local business and requested assistance to ship the care package to the Texas town in need. Owner Rob Barrett graciously offered to sponsor the shipping cost.

On Monday, April 22, the thirty-three cookie care packages were shipped overnight delivery to West, TX, courtesy of this local business.

Considering the number

of people impacted by this tragedy, a mere thirty-three care packages seems like something so little that it wouldn't make much of a difference. Maybe it won't, but again, imagine if an event this devastating happened in Seven Lakes. . . . and you were one of the individuals who received a small package of homemade chocolate chip cookies from a small town half-way across the country. Would you think it was a gesture too small to make a difference to you?

The next time you fill your prescription at Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe, don't forget to give a "Thank You" to Rob Barrett for his generosity that allowed thirty-three individuals to know Seven Lakes, NC is thinking of West, TX in their time of need.

The next time you think a small gesture is too small to matter, think again.

*Cheryl Taylor  
Seven Lakes*

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### Letters to the Editor



**Your letters welcome!**

The Times welcomes letters from our readers, and we print most all we receive.

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# How can we deal with tragedy?

How can horrific things like the Boston Marathon bombings continue to happen in America? That is the question that I keep asking as I watch tragedy after tragedy unfold in America.

Why are people so hopeless and desperate that they feel they need to commit acts of terror on innocent people? How do they think that hurting a child will solve their problems?

There are so many questions and so few answers!

Apparently, something has gone horribly wrong in the minds of these people. How do we stop it? How do we fix what is broken in the minds of those who hate America and our way of life? Where did we go wrong? Did we do something wrong? Who is to blame?

The list of questions is endless, and it is frustrating, because we can't even look to the leaders of our two polit-

ical parties. They can't set aside their differences to reasonably work out a problem. Each just blames the other for all of the problems in the world. So what do we do?

I don't pretend to have the answers, but I know that we



## Bound by Grace

Rev. Chris Hrabosky

will never get the answers to any of our questions if we don't stop pointing our fingers at each other. We don't have to agree with each other about everything, but perhaps we could find some common ground. Certainly, we can agree that there is a problem.

It has become obvious to me that we are not going to get the answers from a political leader, because politics just divides our country further. I know that I can't fix you and you can't fix me and the government can't fix anything.

To be honest, it is not our job to fix each other. I don't know about you, but it is a full-time job trying to make sure that I fix me. I don't have time to fix you.

As all of these things ramble through my brain and spill out in this column, one thought keeps coming into my head: What if we start following the golden rule?

Let me remind you what it is, just in case you haven't heard it in a while. It says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!"

What a novel idea!

What if we start doing nice things for someone just because it is nice? What if I help my neighbor with his yard work, or hold the door for someone?

If you are a girl and a gen-

tleman holds the door for you, rather than calling him a male chauvinist pig, you could just say thank you?

What if you volunteered your time in the community or just smiled at someone who needed it.

It's all about simply treating others the way that you want to be treated.

Maybe this won't fix all of

the problems in the world, but it sure does make my world a better place when someone does something nice for me.

One of my favorite sayings is this: "I can't do everything, but I can do something and what I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by God's grace I will do."

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# Too much trash in Seven Lakes & West End

Dear Editor:

My husband and I moved to the Seven Lakes area four months ago, and I would like

to know: Where does all the garbage and trash come from on the sides of the road on NC Highway 211?

How long can someone put a couch for sale in the front yard? How do the styrofoam food containers and plastic

shopping bags blowing in the wind end up in the beautiful pine trees?

From Dead Man's Curve on NC Highway 211 to West End School, there is a problem. We have a really nice "dump" off Highway 211 on Love Grove Church Road in West End, and the McDonald's and Seven Lakes Friendly Mart have trash cans available.

When I took the test for my NC Driver's license, I knew the answer to the question: "What is the maximum fine for littering?" The answer: \$1000. Maybe the fine should be the minimum, because it's not working.

I cannot believe a parent would tell their children to: "Oh, just toss the trash out the window." I also can't believe the number of people who drive their open back pickups that just toss their trash in the back and drive down the road with the stuff flying out everywhere and don't even notice it.

Trash on the roadside is actually something everyone can fix! Please recycle and put your trash in a trash can, and at the dump — not on the side of the road.

Keep our roadsides clean and save the world.

Karen Coats  
West End

## FirstHealth Youth Triathlon

The FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Pinehurst will partner with The Foundation of FirstHealth in a fundraising effort for the Children's CARE Fund in conjunction with the sixth annual FirstHealth Youth Triathlon.

The event will be held Saturday, May 18, and will feature four races for children ages 4 to 12. Triathlon participants will have the opportunity to collect donations from family and friends in support of the Children's CARE Fund, which was

established by the Foundation to provide early intervention for children who need, but cannot afford quality health care.

Suggested donations are \$5 per Triathlon leg (swim, bike and run), and donation envelopes are available at the front desk of the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Pinehurst. The child collecting the most donations will win a bicycle donated by Rainbow Cycles of Southern Pines.

The 2013 Youth Triathlon will feature four age- and distance-appropriate events. The first event will be for ages 4-5 and will start at 12:15 p.m. It will be followed by ages 6-7 at 1 p.m., 8-9 at 2 p.m. and 10-12 at 3 p.m.

Each event – pool swim, closed bike course and greenway trail run – will be done

on a closed course.

The cost to participate is \$30 per child or \$35 for late registration after May 10. To register, visit the Center for Health & Fitness in Pinehurst or go to [www.firsthealth.org/youthtriathlon](http://www.firsthealth.org/youthtriathlon) and download a registration form that can be returned by mail. (Race day registrations will not be accepted.) Course maps are available on the website.

Late registration and packet pick-up will be held Friday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pinehurst location.

A Parents' Information Night will be held Thursday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Health & Fitness-Pinehurst.

For more information on the Youth Triathlon, contact race director Jodi Heimrich at 715-1843 or by email at [jheimrich@firsthealth.org](mailto:jheimrich@firsthealth.org).

## Sandhills Photo Club

The Sandhills Photography Club will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 13, at 7 pm at the Hannah Center Theater on The O'Neal School campus, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines.

Andrew Craft will be the speaker. He has been a staff photographer at the Fayetteville Observer in North Carolina since 2005. His assignments have ranged from covering the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan to shooting pets of the week.

For the past three years, Craft has been named the North Carolina Photographer of the Year by the North Carolina Press Photographers Association. Other awards won by Craft are Pictures of the Year International, Best of Photojournalism, Editors and Publishers Photos of the Year and the Atlanta Photojournalism Seminar. Public welcome. For more information [www.sandhill-photoclub.org](http://www.sandhill-photoclub.org)

## Keep the gates

Dear Editor:

I read the articles written by Fred Young in *The Seven Lakes Times*.

I realize that he feels that removing the gates will be good for our community.

But, many widowed ladies like having the gates. We go out at night to play

bridge, pinochle, bingo, etc.

No one worries about coming home in the dark.

Without the gates, most of us would worry about being out after dark.

I hope we keep the gates.

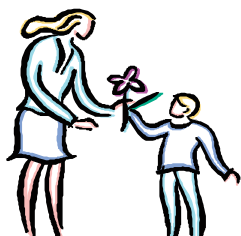
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# Boles, Barber named Notable SCC Alumni

Sandhills Community College recently announced the 2013 Distinguished and Notable Alumni Award winners.

Distinguished Alumni are unique individuals who have been chosen and recognized for their outstanding contribution to their profession and their community. They have made substantial contributions for the good of others and have served as a positive motivational force for those around them.

James L. Boles, Jr. is the 2013 Distinguished Alumni award winner. Boles is a lifelong resident of Moore County. After graduating from Sandhills in 1981 with an associate degree in Business Administration, he went on to study mortuary science in Cincinnati, Ohio graduating in 1982.

At age 23, in 1984 Boles purchased a local funeral home, and founded Boles Funeral Homes and Crematory, Inc. He began with the first funeral home location in Southern Pines. He expanded his funeral service business to six funeral home locations in Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Seven Lakes, Red Springs, Rowland and Sanford. He also owns and operates Longleaf Crematory on premises at the Southern Pines funeral home location.

The first pet funeral home, Good Shepherd Pet Crematory and Cemetery, was also established by Boles.

Boles is a member of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Pines Elks Club, the Sandhills Kiwanis Club, Whispering Pines Volunteer Rescue and the Moore County Republican Men's Club.

As a well-respected citizen of Moore County, he was elected to the NC House of Representatives District 52 in 2008 and is in his second term. He currently serves as the Republican Deputy Majority Whip. He is Vice Chairman of Appropriations Committee, Chairman of Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Chairman of Commerce and Job Development Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control, Vice Chairman of Government Committee, Chairman of Joint Legislative Committee on Justice & Public Safety.

He will be representing the Alumni Association on Saturday, May 11 as a speaker at commencement.

Notable Alumni are recognized for their contributions to their profession, discipline, or community leadership roles; public service; creative endeavors; or other major accomplishments since graduation.

uation.

Kimberly McKinney Barber, a member of the class of 1984, was chosen as the 2013 Notable Alumna. Barber has been employed for 25 years at Pinehurst Surgical Clinic as a medical assistant/medical secretary. She has been recognized on numerous occasions for her

dedication and professionalism on her job.

The individual nominating Barber for this award said of her, "Over the past year, Kim has battled and won against breast cancer. She has been a strong voice and advocate to other women to encourage them to get mammograms. During her ordeal

with cancer, Kim has been very open to discuss breast cancer with others on Facebook and those around her, willing to share with others to make them aware in case they ever have to face this obstacle. Many women stated that they got their first mammogram because of her story. She continued to work, only missing a few days because of surgery. She missed a total of less than two weeks with three surgeries."

The nominator continued, "She creates the kind of achievements every day that most of us only wish we could, by inspiring others around her to achieve more. She is the one behind the curtain making sure the actors look good and get the accolades. I can think of no one that would better represent our institution than this amazing woman."

The Alumni Association is free to all past students and graduates of Sandhills Community College. The contact person for the Association is Jennifer Blakely and can be reached for registration at 695-3710 or blakelyj@sandhills.edu.



President Elect Tammy Williams, President Sherrill Matthews, Secretary Patricia Mabe, Notable Alumni Kimberly McKinney Barber (Class of 1984), Linda Boles Parke receiving award for Distinguished Alumni Representative Jamie Boles (Class of 1981), and Alumni Coordinator Jennifer Blakely.



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\$2.40 per thousand gallons the County is currently paying to \$1.92 per thousand gallons. It would also contractually guarantee that Moore County is first in line for the 3.0 million gallons, in front of even Harnett County retail customers.

Adding a water tank, booster pumps, and new water mains to the project brings the total cost of the project to \$10.8 million. That's about half the cost of bringing water from Robbins or from Wagram, two other options the County has studied. And it would provide a second supply of water to the Seven Lakes area.

Gould said the Harnett deal could raise water rates by \$5.79 per month, a roughly ten percent increase on the average \$53.51 water and sewer bill. But Chairman Nick Picerno was quick to warn: "I don't want the press to report that Moore County is going to raise water rates ten percent. That's not going to happen."

Picerno said he would prefer to see rate increases phased in over time, and he also noted that Gould's rate projection assumed no increase in the number of water customers, which is unlikely as the County grows.

Commissioners Larry Caddell and Jimmy Melton spearheaded the Board's task force on water. Caddell said he hoped the Harnett plan could be brought to a meeting in May for approval.

### Budget

Sales tax revenues are flat, and the Commissioners have no interest in a property tax increase, but they are facing increased benefits costs that average \$1000 per employee.

County Manager Wayne Vest told the Commissioners that the Budget Team, which includes Commissioners Picerno and Saunders, are currently looking at a Fiscal Year 2014 expense budget of \$119.6 million, up from \$118.2 million in the current year's budget.

That \$119.6 million does

not include additional funding requested by Moore County Schools, Sandhills Community College, or the Moore County Animal Center. Nor does it include any cost of living increase for County employees.

### Schools Technology

While seeking no increase in local operational or capital funding, Moore County Schools [MCS] is asking the Commissioners to create a new digital technology fund in support of the 1:1 Initiative to put a laptop or tablet computer in the hands of every student and teacher. MCS is asking the County to contribute \$750,000 to that fund this year, an amount that rises to \$1 million and then to an on-going \$2 million per year.

Commissioners Caddell, Melton, and Picerno all complained that the \$750,000 request came as a surprise. Based on meetings with MCS Superintendent Aaron Spence and members of the Board of Education, they believed the digital technology initiative was on a slower track, that would rely on test installations to build local data on effectiveness before rolling the program out more broadly.

"The \$750,000 was unexpected for this year," Melton said. "We definitely want to fund it, but I'm not for the longterm lock-in without results."

"I understand what they want to do," Caddell said. "I think it's great. But it's \$2 million forever. You can't take \$2 million out of the fund balance every year and balance your budget." He also noted that a bond issue for new schools is on the horizon, which will require even more new funding for the schools.

Commissioner Saunders expressed some hope that the price of computers and tablets would decline, reducing the expenses involved below the MCS projections for future years.

"I think some members of the school board were shocked at how fast the Superintendent wants to move," Picerno said. "The thing that always bothers me: it is sort of funny that the legislature has put us in charge of funding it, but we have no role in spending it. Every year they [MCS] have ended up with a surplus. They are adding money to their fund balance. At the current funding levels, they have a surplus. They have

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## Help Wanted! Part-Time Reporter

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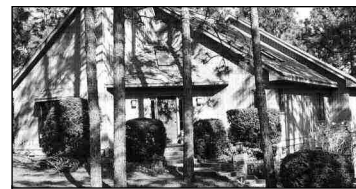
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used this to jumpstart digital learning."

"We should view this as a one-year trial," Picerno said. "We don't look at it as a four-year project. And we should make them have skin in the game. We should come up with a joint way to do this. Put it in a fund, so that we know that every cent of it is being spent on technology."

The MCS budget request, presented to the Commissioners two days prior to the Critical Issues Summit, showed the schools matching the \$750,000 requested from the County with \$1.5 million in MCS funding, which Spence indicated was largely being taken from designated fund balance.

School Board Chairman Ed Dennison told the Commissioners: "We don't budget a surplus; but, because of the rules the state has, [Chief Financial Officer] Mike [Griffin] is able to save us money. Instead of spending it, we have put it in our fund balance. With the program that we have discussed with you, we know our fund balance is going to go down for three to four years and will get to

four percent. We are saving it — not spending it."

Though the Commissioners did not spend a lot of time discussing Sandhills Community College's request for a \$200,000 increase in operational funding and a one-time \$500,000 capital infusion, Picerno suggested that the County may want to fund part of that request, while asking the college to fund the remainder from its own fund balance.

"The college had a \$1.6 million surplus last year," Picerno said. "Does that mean we are giving them too much money, or that they are doing what we ask and being good with their money? I think these both are doable, but that they are going to have some skin in the game."

### Employee Benefits

The Budget Team's draft FY2014 budget includes a \$634 per employee increase in Health Insurance; \$209 per employee to fund newly legislated unemployment insurance; and roughly \$116 per employee for retirement. It does not include any cost of living increase in salary.

County employees were

awarded a 1.5 percent cost of living increase for six months of the current budget. Giving employees a 1.5 percent increase for the last six months of FY2014 would cost \$219,500.

The County currently makes contributions to a traditional defined benefits pension plan for its employees, and also contributes an amount equivalent to three percent of salaries to each employee's 401K plan. Commissioner Picerno suggested the possibility of capping the combined pension and 401K contribution at ten percent of salary.

Perhaps more interesting was an Employee Health Improvement Initiative proposed by the County's employee benefits consultant, Mark Browder of Mark III Employee Benefits.

Under the plan, employees who agree to participate in a wellness program would continue to have the full cost of their individual health insurance covered by the County. Employees who opt out of the wellness plan would pay \$15 every other week, or an extra \$390 for the year. The same extra cost

would apply to the various dependent coverage options available to County employees. The goal is to improve employee health and reduce claims against the County's self-funded employee health insurance program.

The Wellness Program would measure a variety of risk factors shown to have a strong correlation to illness, including waist circumference, blood pressure, cholesterol ratio, and blood sugar levels. In FY2014, the dis-

count would be available simply for agreeing to participate in the plan. In subsequent years, employees would have to meet certain targets in the control categories in order to avoid higher health insurance costs.

"There will be some wailing and gnashing of teeth," Consultant Browder told the Board. "However, it is a real catalyst for having people think about their health and do better." He stressed that

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such programs work only if they include an economic incentive.

Commissioner Larry Caddell expressed strong support for the plan; it will require a vote of the Commissioners to be implemented.

### Fire & EMS

Consultants have just completed a comprehensive study of the County's fire and EMS system that generated thirty-five recommendations, including the merger of a some districts and moving to a single, countywide fire tax rate, rather than the current district by district rate structure.

Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips told the Board that his staff had begun to dissect the recommendations and use them to develop a public safety strategic plan.

Pinehurst Fire Chief Carlton Cole, speaking for the Moore County Chiefs Association, said the chiefs had questions about the allocation of funding among districts if the County moves to a single fire tax rate. He noted that fire tax revenues collected from within a district can only be used within that district. So implementing a flat fire tax rate will be more complicated than simply adopting the same rate in each district.

Both Phillips and Cole asked the Commissioners for guidance, but found the questions turned back to them.

"We're not the experts," Commissioner Caddell said. "You guys are. We spent the money on the study. Get a group together to get this ironed out. We need for somehow you guys to get together in a room and let's make a recommendation."

Thought he didn't mention McLendon Hills by name, Commissioner Picerno reminded Cole of the problem that originally generated support for the study: the fact that some communities are included in and pay taxes to support one fire district, when they are actually closer to another. McLendon Hills is in the Eagle Springs district but is closer to the more

highly-rated Seven Lakes squad. That means McLendon Hills residents are paying higher insurance rates and higher fire taxes than they would be if they were in the Seven Lakes District.

"What we want is a situation where we aren't increasing a person's insurance rate because their tax dollars are needed to fund a department over here," Picerno said.

### Other Matters

Other topics discussed during the Thursday, April 18 Board of Commissioners Critical Issues Summit included:

**County Facilities.** The county recently paid for a comprehensive study of its future space needs that recommends building a 111,000 square foot Judicial Center and moving County Administration into the circa-1979 facility currently used for Superior and District Court. But Commissioner Larry Cad-

dell was highly skeptical that the "pillbox of a building" can meet the need. Commissioner Randy Saunders warned against over-building, noting that an increasing reliance on the internet and virtual presence technologies may shrink County and Court space needs in the future.

**Information Technology.** The Commissioners appear ready to call in the lawyers to deal with a supposedly advanced government software package that was purchased to provide coordination across County departments, but has instead created more work for staff.

**Economic Development.** County Attorney Misty Leland presented a draft Economic Development policy that appeared to meet with approval from both the Commissioners and Partners in Progress CEO Pat Corso. An ad hoc committee is planned to edit the draft.

## Help for Family Caregivers

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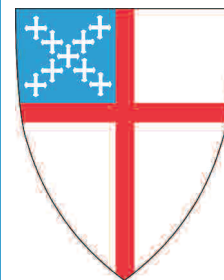
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## Westside meeting

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ted the conditions into a database program called Total Pavement Access," Pierman said. "He then generated a Pavement Condition Rating (PCR) to determine the degree of distress and deterioration."

Pierman gave an example of how the PCR program would work. "By querying a specific request (for example, tree roots) the program will then list the eleven roads

that have tree root problems and provide an estimate of what the repairs might cost," Pierman said.

Most roads scored within the average to good range. "Most roads are in very good shape, but some are also very bad," Pierman explained. "The one that scored a zero only has one house on it. It is functional; it just has a tremendous amount of alligator tracking."

When prioritizing which roads should be repaired first, Pierman asked: "Does it make sense to repair a road that only has one house on it? These are the issues we are going to wind up dealing with, as we develop a five-year plan."

### A Stitch in Time

Now is an opportune time to make repairs and increase the life of the community's

roads, Pierman said. He displayed a chart that showed the longevity of well-maintained roads. Within the first seventeen years the roads deteriorate by forty percent. If repairs are not made at that point, the condition of the road plummets over the next thirteen years. Making repairs early on can increase the expected life of a road by more than ten years.

"We may want to make nec-

essary repairs now, to prevent making a bigger investment later on," Pierman said. "If we make repairs at the fourteen to sixteen year mark and stop the degradation of the road, we can save a lot of money. Essentially, spending one dollar at this point saves spending seven to fourteen dollars later on."

The road network is the Association's second most

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## Kennedy

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pired term, though who they appoint is likely to be determined by the Executive Committee of the Moore County Republican Party.

The North Carolina General Statutes require that the replacement be of the same political party and reside in the same district as the member being replaced. In forty-two of the state's one hundred counties, including Moore County, the law requires that the Board of Commissioners consult the Executive Committee of the appropriate political party for a recommendation — and appoint

the person recommended, as long as that recommendation is made within thirty days of the vacancy.

Moore County GOP Chairman John Rowerdink told *The Times* that the party's Executive Committee includes not only the party's chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer, but also the GOP captains of the county's twenty-six precincts, along with some committee chairs. Rowerdink said a date had not yet been set for the committee to gather and make its recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

The district that Kennedy

represents, District 3, is the County's largest, geographically, stretching all the way from the Lee County border on the east to the Montgomery County border on the west, encompassing the town of Robbins, and running south along the County's western border to take in Eagle Springs.

When new district lines were drawn after the 2010 census, Seven Lakes West

was carved out of Commissioner District 2 and added to Commissioner District 3, which means a resident of Seven Lakes West would be qualified to replace Kennedy. The enlargement of the District followed NC Highway 211 eastward to also take in Taylortown and portions of Pinewild.

Kennedy told *The Times* that he had met with some members of the GOP Exec-

utive Committee and encouraged them to recommend a replacement who resides in North Moore.

Moore County Elections Director Glenda Clendenin told *The Times* that there are 5,167 registered Republicans in District 3, so the GOP Executive Committee will have plenty of potential replacements from which to choose.

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## Westside meeting

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valuable asset, after Lake Auman.

"One thing that came out of this study," Pierman said, "is that our roads' worth was calculated at \$11 million."

### Appearance vs. Practicality

"One of the big objections people voice is crack patching that makes the roads look awful," resident Bill Price said. "There's a lot of criticism. I wonder about consideration of a seal topping, similar to what they used on the North Side."

Pierman replied: "One [option] is called 'liquid road.' It's like a slurry and is similar to what was done over there. But it uses a finer grade of smaller stones. It is not structural. That's one of the things we have to take a look at. It would be nice to put something over the top of it, but that might not be appropriate thing to do."

### Tailgating & Finger Wagging

Unfortunately, well-maintained roads cannot deter reckless driving. It has been reported that residents are abusing the speed limit and ignoring traffic signs.

"I look over this group and see only law abiding citizens," Director Ed Cockman said. "Yet I would like to speak to drivers speeding, tailgating, and the lack of concern for

stop signs that go on in this neighborhood. We have lots of complaints from bicyclers, walkers, and people who have a car run up on their tail."

"I have been in conversation with [Moore County Sheriff's Deputy] Mike Kantorowski, and he is committed to spending time in our neighborhood," Cockman continued. "When he finds someone speeding through radar or rolling through a stop sign, he will ticket them."

Cockman concluded: "There have been a few instances of confrontations in our neighborhood because of erratic driving nature. I know everyone doesn't always do what they are supposed to, but accosting someone is not the right way to handle it. Please report it to the office."

### Under Construction

Director Dan Blue said, during his Architectural Review Committee [ARC] report that there are several large new residences under construction and number of relatively small projects.

"I expect to see an increase of new homes being built in the community," Blue said. "We recently received inquiries from a number of developers. It is an unfolding scenario as we speak."

"ARC is making sure that they are doing a good job and building a home like the

community would want. My outlook for the community is pretty positive. Basically, things are looking better than they have since 2009."

### Long Range Planning

"It is important to remember nothing happens automatically, but rather it is the foresight of people that put forth plans and projections that allowed this community to move forward," said Treasurer Dale Erickson, soliciting potential members for a reformed Long Range Planning Committee.

Former Treasurer Don Freiert disbanded the committee shortly before the expiration of his term on the Board, saying he wanted to give a new Chairman the opportunity to staff the Board as he or she saw fit.

"I want to restructure and reinstitute this very important function for our community," Erickson said. "In order to make good intelligent long range decisions, we need to have a group in place to put things together to make sure we have a good road map as we move forward. If you feel motivated and would like to participate, we are asking for volunteers and residents

to participate."

### Safe Boating

The US Power Squadron will be conducting the ANC3 Safe Boating Course in the Community Center on May 1, 4, 8, and 11.

"I would urge all boaters, especially those who are new to boating and individuals under the age of 26 who will be operating a boat, to sign up for the course," Vice President Bruce Keyser said.

### Beach Expansion

The Lake and Dam Committee hopes to be able to expand the beach area at Johnson Point to re-claim the original size of the beach and repair the bulkhead area. The expansion would require

a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

### Outdoor Fun

Warm Summer nights and the Summer First Friday Concert Series is just around the corner. The band "Paris" will perform May 3 at Johnson Point, reported director Rosemary Weber.

### Other business

In other business during the Tuesday, April 23 meeting:

- Community Manager Jeanette Mendence reported that all swings have new seats and chains, and other repairs have been made on playground equipment.

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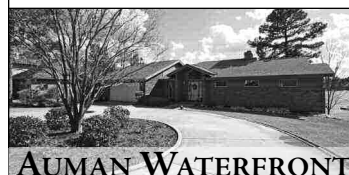
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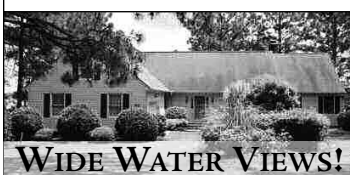
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## SLLA Open Meeting

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water should come from." Johnson's concern was the nutrient load in Windermere's water, the result of fertilizer runoff from the golf course.

"They have been pumping from Windermere for six to seven years," he explained. "Water clarity and slime have increased since they started pumping from Windermere."

"We have excellent water that we are putting over a dam," Johnson said. "We can pump from there. It's not an issue. If we have good water available, then I don't understand why we take it from the Country Club."

In 2007, *The Times* reported on a pumping agreement between the Club and the Association that allowed SLCC three hours of pumping a day from Lake Echo to maintain the Club's tennis courts on the North Side. In exchange, the SLLA asked that the Club would allow pumping three hours a day from Windermere to Little Juniper.

Windermere's purpose was

and is golf course irrigation. Resident Ron Erskine, then a member of the Lakes and Dams Committee voiced his concern about the impact of Windermere water on Little Juniper water quality in 2007, urging the board to pump water from Longleaf instead.

At the time, water quality reports showed that the nitrate levels in Windermere, Longleaf, Little Juniper, and Big Juniper were all less than half the "stream standard" level set by the state.

Erskine reminded the board that residents fished and swam in Little Juniper and argued that nitrates were not the only pollutants of concern.

At Wednesday night's meeting, SLLA Manager Ray Sohl reminded the board the Lake Pumping Policy and assigning its implementation to staff had already been vetted by the Lakes & Dams Committee and discussed during the

Board's April 13 Work Session.

### Two Separate Issues

Johnson's concern was about the Lake Pumping Policy itself — not who was charged with implementing it.

Former Director and current Lakes & Dams member Don Fentzlaff said pumping from Windermere resulted in a small savings of about \$100 per month.

"The Country Club has cut back on the use of fertilizer as a good standard practice," Fentzlaff said. [SLCC Course Superintendent] Scotty [Clawson] doesn't feel the water is worse than any water from the other lakes. Tests show the water quality is very similar."

"We can't go back and test what water used to be in Little J, before they pumped from Windermere," Johnson replied.

"The Country Club has

been pumping in 17 gallons a minute," Fentzlaff said. "The amount of water being pumped in is not an extraordinary amount. The reason we are getting water from Windermere is it doesn't cost us anything. When we pump it ourselves we have to pay around \$100."

Unsatisfied with the discussion, Johnson asked the board to factor in his observations, since he had lived on the lake since 1999.

"We have algae in the lake," he said. "This is enough of an issue for me, and I am frustrated enough, that next week my house will be on multiple listings."

Board Member Bill Hirsch asked, "Can we get some readings and see how it compares to other major lakes? See it in strict chemistry. I for one wouldn't know which way to vote on it."

Sohl recommended reversing the order of pumping in the Lake Pumping Policy. "We could reverse that order

of pumping and use Windermere only under an emergency situation," he suggested. "As a primary source we could use Big Juniper. It is only a \$100 per month we eliminate by pumping from Windermere."

Recent analyses of Little Juniper water showed that its nitrate levels fell within a normal range and were similar to those from the year before. Hirsch questioned what other factors would cause the algae.

"It doesn't get aerated enough," resident George Temple said.

"Which was true when we had clear water without slime," Johnson replied.

President Steve Ritter agreed with Sohl's suggestion of making Big Juniper the primary pumping source for little Juniper and putting it to a vote.

Another resident spoke up. "We are on Big Juniper. We have got weeds taking up

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• President Jack Stevens and Secretary Bryan Benjamin were absent from the meeting; Vice President Bruce Keyser chaired the meeting.

• Keyser told *The Times* via email that, after a closed executive session the Board voted 7-0 to instruct the Association's attorney to begin foreclosure proceeding on Lot 5001.

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five houses and you keep pumping water out of there. If you keep pumping water out there, we aren't going to have any water left."

Board Member Richard Faraci recommended tabling the vote for a month. "We are now getting two different sets of information," he said.

Ritter agreed to table the action and send it back to the Lakes & Dams Committee.

### SLLA is a Business

The Board voted unanimously to allow SLLA to proceed with five foreclosures. If settled, the debtor will be responsible for all legal and court costs and back dues.

"Meyer did a great job on this," said Sohl. "These five properties — there are two lots and three homes — have not paid their dues."

"The lawyers are saying that we should proceed with foreclosure on these properties," Meyer said. "Owners can pay past dues and get current. If not, the foreclosure process will start. What we want are the property owners to pay their dues like all the other people in community are paying their dues."

Foreclosing is a last resort. "Obviously, our intent is to try and get property owners to pay off what is owed us," Ritter said. "If that fails, we push it forward and we forfeit back dues. Once the bank forecloses, they are required to start paying property dues."

It is too late to foreclose on five other properties that have already been turned back over to the bank and are uncollectible. The sums are \$1400, \$142, \$183, \$573 and \$5427.77.

"We have five properties that we will not be able to collect back dues," Meyer explained. "We are asking to go ahead and write them off our books, and go ahead and proceed with these collection actions."

The Board voted unanimously to write off the five uncollectable accounts.

### Bylaws Rewrite

The Board voted unanimously to end their confusion and hire HOA Attorney Jim Slaughter to rewrite the Bylaws for a cost not to exceed \$1200. The aim is to craft bylaws that exhibit consistency, conformity, and concision.

"It is also important that the rewrite follows good HOA practice," Sohl said. "The current bylaws are unique. You want them to be consistent with other HOA practices in North Carolina."

### Security Officer Opening

Roving Patrol Officer Robert Schumaker has resigned. The Bud Group is conducting interviews and should have a permanent replacement within a week, Sohl reported.

"We still have a night roving patrol," Sohl said. "That function is still being done, just without a supervisor."

### SLLA has Board Opening

Director Steve Hudson made public his decision to resign in the April 19 edition of *The Times*.

"As reported in the paper, prior Board Member Mr. Hudson has resigned from the Board," President Ritter said. "His resignation has been accepted, which creates an opening for the Board. At this time, we have two people

who have written me and said that they would be interested."

New Board member and architect Bill Hirsch is still working to strike a balance with personal work and his new duties. "We would like the new board member to concentrate on the Architectural Review Board [ARB]," Ritter said. "With Hirsch's work schedule, it is becoming quite taxing to do his full time job and do this."

"We would request that anyone who would like to serve on the Board of Directors to contact our staff," Ritter continued. "If we have multiple interested people, we will bring them in to meet with the Board Members."

After meeting all candidates, the board will vote on the matter. "We hope we can get that done in the next month or six weeks," Ritter said.

### Local Youth Group Welcomed

Seven Lakes North has again extended its hospitality to an elementary youth group sponsored by West End Presbyterian Church. The sponsors and thirty students will picnic and swim at Sequoia Point on Tuesday, May 28 afternoon. The Board voted unanimously to waive any fees.

"The tutors provide one-on-one supervision, and it is well organized and disciplined," former SLLA President Bob Darr said. "It is wonderful thing to do for those folks."

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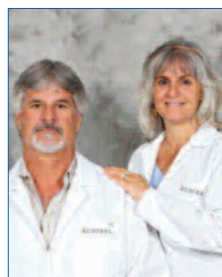
The board voted unanimously to approve a 5K & 1K run and cornhole tournament, a fundraiser that will benefit a SLLA resident who has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

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