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Lakers in Arabia



Kristen, Jon, & Dora Lancaster attend a costume party in traditional Arabic attire. Read about their life in Saudi Arabia on page 5.

Pool repairs will exceed \$64,000

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



\$64,845. That's what it could cost to repair the Seven Lakes Landowners Association's [SLLA] swimming pool.

During the Wednesday, September 25 Open Meeting, the SLLA Board of Directors approved repairs to the pool at a cost not to exceed that amount.

Community Manager Ray Sohl explained that both the pool deck and the pool basin have been undermined by water seeping through expansion joints in the deck. The pending repairs will fill the voids created by the seepage with a concrete slurry. The

deck will be recoated to both seal the expansion joints and provide a more attractive and functional surface.

Sohl provided the board with quotes from two vendors, including two options for the rehabilitation of the pool deck. A quote from a third vendor was still pending at the time of the meeting.

Sohl recommended that the board select a company identified as "Bidder 1" in the Open Meeting agenda packet, even though that company's bid was significantly higher than the company identified as "Bidder 2."

"It's not the lowest bid," Sohl said, "but Bidder 1 has
(See "SLLA," p. 28)

Pickle Ball comes to West Side

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



When Seven Lakes was developed, the leisure pursuits of choice were golf and tennis. But, lately bocce and pickle ball appear to be gen-

erating all of the excitement.

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association has just installed a bocce court on top of one of their tennis courts. And, during their Tuesday, September 24 meeting, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors

approved the painting of pickle ball lines on half of one of the West Side Park tennis courts.

Director Bruce Keyser explained that pickle ball is played on "a big table tennis court" with a paddle and a whiffle ball.

"There's about a dozen of us that play one night a week," Keyser said, noting that there are a number of courts in the Pinehurst area. "It's not as abusive on the body as tennis," he added. "I think we will get a lot of folks interested."

Keyser explained that the court lines would not interfere with the tennis court lines and would be of a different color. The Amenities Committee had already used a portion of its budget to pur-

(See "Westside," p. 26)

Village will require upkeep of properties

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Foxfire Village will encourage residents to clean up their properties, in an effort spearheaded by Councilman Vic Koos.

Members of the Council discussed the best approach to enforcing Village Ordinance 16-4 during a Work Session held on Thursday, September 26.

The ordinance requires that landowners keep their properties "free of any uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds, vegetation, grasses or bushes to a height in excess of ten inches, and any dead fall, dead trees, broken trees, severely leaning trees, debris, litter and all

other forms of waste which may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health, degrade neighboring property, or may be so unsightly as to constitute a public nuisance."

Koos had raised concerns about adherence to the ordinance during the Council's Tuesday, September 10 regular meeting; the discussion was deferred to the September 26 work session.

"I have been approached by several residents that they feel this is an issue that the Council should approach," Councilman Steve Durham said, opening the conversation. "Not only in keeping with the long range plan, but also in improving the appearance of the Village before the 2014 US Open."

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Open House at the Seven Lakes Fire House

by Steve Melone
Seven Lakes VFD

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of the most rewarding experiences. The skills learned as a volunteer firefighter are invaluable.

Fire departments need volunteers with all types of skills and abilities. Besides the men and women who put on the turn out gear and respond to fire calls, other volunteers are needed. Volunteers who have backgrounds in Accounting, Computers, General Business,

Medical, and Law Enforcement are in high demand. Along with these skills, young men and women between the ages of 16 and 18 who are interested in Public Safety as a career path play a much needed role as a volunteer junior firefighter. Please make a difference in the community, become a volunteer firefighter.

See you at the Seven Lakes Fire Department Open House.

Course offered on mental illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness [NAMI] of Moore County is offering their signature eleven-session Family-to-Family Course at no charge to family members of close relatives with mental illness.

The course meets Wednesday evenings, starting Wednesday, October 9 and ending on Wednesday, November 13, from 6:30 pm to 9 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

The course will be held at the First Baptist Church of Southern Pines at the corner of Ashe and New York Avenue.

Attendees will learn current information about severe and persistent mental illnesses, and up-to-date information about medications and current research.

Participants will also be given strategies for handling crises and relapse, all the

while learning how to cope with worry, stress, and emotional overload incident to being a caregiver.

And everyone will be given guidance on locating appropriate support and services within the community.

There is no charge for this educational course, but enrollment may be limited.

For information or to pre-register call 910-295-1053.

7 Lakes Gardeners – Fall Arrangements

Join the Seven Lakes Garden Club on Thursday, October 10, at 2 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Drive.

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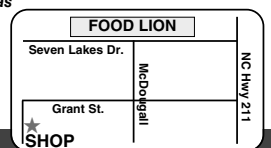
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New policy on water bills raises hackles

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



A new water ordinance that changed the collection policies at Moore County Public Utilities resulted a large number of customers being disconnected from the water system and an even larger number of complaints via telephone and email to public utilities staffers, County Manager Wayne Vest, and County Commissioners.

A discussion of the new policy and its impact was added as a last-minute agenda item during the Commissioners' regular Tuesday, October 1 meeting.

The new policy sets the due date for water and sewer bills at twenty-one days after the bill is issued — and sets the disconnect date ten days later. Customers disconnected must pay a \$40 reconnection fee, and, if they have no deposit on file with Public Utilities, will also be asked for a \$100 deposit. The policy offered Public Utilities staff no flexibility in making allowances for long-time cus-

tomers with no previous payment issues.

Vest told *The Times* that the previous policy had provided too much latitude, and allowed some customers to game the system, falling far behind on their bill, and only paying enough to keep the water from being turned off.

He explained that, in the past, the County had not been consistent in collecting a \$100 deposit for every tap onto the County system. Often the the deposit was refunded after the customer had paid on time for twelve months. As a result, many customers no longer have a deposit on file, and would have to pay the deposit if they were disconnected.

Public Works Director Randy Gould told the Commissioners that inserts in the July and August water bills alerted customers to the billing changes, but many were nonetheless caught off guard.

Vest said he and Gould would be presenting a list of recommended measures to fine-tune the policy to the Utilities Task Force, which will in turn bring a list of

recommended changes to the Commissioners.

Likely recommendations that Vest mentioned include extending the disconnect date to allow time for the customer to receive the next month's bill, which would show the delinquent balance. He told *The Times* that the 31-day disconnect date represents only the first date at which service could be interrupted — not a date on which Public Utilities must disconnect the customer.

Commissioner Randy Saunders, who serves on the Utilities task force, noted that the 31-day window may not be appropriate, given that many Moore County residents take extended trips away from the County.

Gould said Customer Service personnel are likely to be given more discretion in dealing with customers based on a review of the individual's payment history.

Commissioner Larry Caddell, also on the Task Force, explained the reason for the new policies.

"You have a bunch of chronic late payers, who try to find a way to milk the sys-

tem," he said. "It is the same people every month. We are trying to get them to pay their water bill in the month it was due."

"You just can't pay the bills for the water department and go out and pay \$12 million [for a new water source] if no one will pay their bill," he added.

Other Business

In other business during their October 1 meeting, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

- Expressed their "total support" for a new public safety memorial to be erected on the grounds of Sandhills Community College [SCC].

- Adopted a resolution declaring October "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" in Moore County. Kym Nixon invited the Board and the public to an event on trafficking to be held at SCC on Saturday, October 12 at 7:00 pm.

- Approved a contract with

Sanford Metal Building LLC for the installation of 20,000 square feet of tile at \$3 per square foot on floors of the Rick Rhyme Public Safety Center.

- Held a public hearing on and then approved an application by Moore County Transportation Services [MCTS] for \$215,581 in funding from the State Rural Operating Assistance Program.

- Called public hearings for October 15 on the Moore County Land Use Plan, on text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, on the close-out of a 2012 Economic Recovery Program grant, and on an MCTS application for a Community Transportation Grant.

- Based on the requirements of the bylaws of the Emergency Services Advisory Committee, rescinded the appointment of Erik Stromberg as Chairman and elevated Vice Chairman David

(See "Commissioners," p. 21)



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Business Guild sets date for Chili Cook-Off

by Cheryl Darwell, Secretary
Seven Lakes Business Guild

Do you have a storefront or home based business in Seven Lakes? Are you a craftsperson, organization or vendor servicing the Seven Lakes area? Do you have a food truck? Do you make crafts? Are you an artist?

Then you can't afford to miss the Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the Seven Lakes Business Guild, on Saturday,

October 26, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The Cook-Off will be held in the Village Central grassy area on Grant St. (or in Seven Lakes Baptist Gymnasium if it rains).

Register now for a booth to showcase your business. The Guild is partnering with several Guild members to combine events such as an artisan alley, games, music and children's corner. Make your favorite chili recipe —

there is a fierce competition among the many devoted participants.

Spaces at the Chili Cook-Off are only \$30 for non-Guild members, and the spaces are free to all members of the Business Guild.

Don't wait until it's too late, call for your space soon! Contact Cheryl Darwell at sevenlakesbusinessguild@gmail.com, CDarwell@Cruise-Planners.com or 673-7245.



The Seven Lakes Business Guild's Chili Cook-Off is great fun for chili chefs, volunteers, and tasters. Isn't it time you entered your four-alarm recipe?

Shaw House Antique Fair

The Fifth Annual Shaw House Fair of Antiques and Vintage Collectibles will be held on Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the historic Shaw House, at the corner of Morganton Road and Broad Street. Fair admission is free, and the event will be held rain or shine.

Live music will be provided by the Java Mules in the morning, and Joyful Noise in the afternoon. Vintage craft demonstrations will provide both children and adults something to watch and learn about.

The historic Shaw House (1821) and the Sanders Cabin

on site (late 1700s), will be centers of activity as quilters, needlepoint crafts, rug hooking, woodcrafts, dulcimers and banjos, leather craft, chair caning, and the like will be demonstrated in the cabins much as the original inhabitants of early Moore County worked. Docents will conduct guided tours. Bring your crystal or glass items for repair by James Smith.

The Moore Treasures table of donated collectibles and antiques will provide browsing and purchasing opportunities.

To donate vintage collectibles or antiques for sale at the Moore Treasures table,

bring by items Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 4:00 pm to Shaw House, or call for pickup at (910) 692-2051.

All proceeds benefit the Moore County Historical Association, except for vendor slots purchased for the event.

Some vendor slots are still available for \$45 each by contacting Grace at 693-1019, or graciousme@embarqmail.com.



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From Seven Lakes to Saudi Arabia and back

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

Thirty five years ago, Jon and Dora Lancaster moved to Seven Lakes —not for the view or recreational amenities, but rather for the security.

"We had sold our house in Moore County, and Jon had gotten a job as a pilot in Saudi Arabia," Dora explained. "We did not want to leave our possessions in storage. We bought a house in Seven Lakes because of security at the gate."

Dora Lancaster left North Carolina in March of 1979 wearing a powder blue spring suit, shepherding three daughters aged 13, 11, and 2 months, and managing fifteen pieces of luggage. The airline Jon flew for graciously allowed Dora 600 pounds of excess baggage.

There were no direct flights to Saudi Arabia. When Dora arrived in London, it was snowing and her light blue summer suit was worse for the wear.

"I can remember trying to change the baby on my lap," Dora said. Jon was waiting for her in London.

"When you go into Saudi Arabia, customs officials go through your entire luggage looking for contraband, such

as pork, alcohol, drugs, pornography, or religious literature. It was harder for me to give up pork than alcohol," Dora said, laughing.

"Since I was allowed excess luggage, I wanted to take as much as I could. I was not sure what was available in their supermarkets, so at the last minute, I stuffed in several packages of Jell-O. One of those packages broke open during transit. The customs man saw all of this orange powder and thought I was smuggling drugs. It took several tense minutes before my husband could convince them that the powder was harmless."

A different time

Dora grew up in another time. A time when people wore their Sunday best to fly and applauded the pilot upon landing. A time when Jell-O was a staple for kids' desserts and congealed salads. A time when women were not allowed to enroll directly at the University of North Carolina [UNC], unless they were in a medical related field. Married women often gave up their careers after they had children. Yet the America of the 1950s and 1960s was progressive com-

pared to the Saudi treatment of women.

"I graduated from Durham High School," Dora remembered. "It was a large school. I went to High Point College, and it was smaller than my high school."

High Point was not Dora's first choice, she explained: "I had to go somewhere else for my first two years before I could transfer to the Education Department at UNC. At that time, women were not allowed to enroll as freshmen or sophomores unless they were going into a medical field such as dental hygiene, nursing, or physical therapy. I thought that was very dis-

(See "Dora," p. 20)



At home in Seven Lakes, Dora Lancaster shows off a traditional Arabic coffee pot.

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Seven Lakes Lions help West End teachers

The Seven Lakes Lions Club, with the assistance of Walmart, was able to purchase a number of gift certificates for West End Elementary School Teachers.

The gift certificates will allow teachers to purchase some of their needed classroom supplies throughout the school year. The Seven Lakes Lions were also able to purchase an additional iPad2 for the Special Ed Classroom for use by students who have difficulty using a computer keyboard. With the purchase of the

iPad, these students will be able to communicate with the teacher by using the touch screen. The Lions also donated an additional \$100 Walmart gift card for the art teacher at West Pine Middle School. The card will be used for the purchase of art supplies for the students to make Peace Posters for the International Lions Club sponsored contest.

The Lions thank Walmart and all the local individuals who supported their many fund raising activities throughout the year.



The Seven Lakes Lions provided West End Elementary teachers with Walmart gift cards to help purchase supplies.



7 Lakes Lions to hold Brighter Visions Drive

The Seven Lakes Lions Club will be out in full force this weekend, October 4 and 5, collecting donations for their Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive, formerly known as the White Cane Drive.

Funds collected will help assist the blind through the Lions-supported Camp Dog-

wood on Lake Norman, and the Lions mobile screening unit that travels throughout the state.

Please help the Seven Lakes Lions Club this weekend provide brighter days and brighter lives for many citizens of North Carolina.

Methodists plan Annual Harvest Dinner

The West End United Methodist Women will host their annual Harvest Dinner on Friday, October 11 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at West End United Methodist Church.

Tickets are \$8 each. The meal includes buffet, dessert, and tea. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the various missions of the West End United Methodist Women. Call Anneliese Feggeler at 673-3734 to purchase tickets.

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Spence sets record straight on Common Core

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



There's plenty of talk in the national press about The Common Core — new standards for teaching math and English language skills in the Public Schools — North Carolina's included.

But, for Moore County School Superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence, The Common Core is just one part of a broader effort to equip students for success in the 21st Century.

"The new standards, Spence told Moore County's League of Women Voters during their Tuesday, September 17 monthly meeting, "along with Essential Standards for additional subject areas, will provide stronger, clearer, and more consistent goals for what students should learn and master in order to be ready for college, career, and life. This is the heart of our work."

Readying students for a transformed workplace

Much of 21st Century employment is reliant on technical skills. Sixty-six percent of all jobs require Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math [STEM] skills in the workplace. STEM jobs are no longer limited to engineers and computer programmers; a farmer must have extensive science knowledge and an auto mechanic needs computer skills.

Twenty-first century students will be instrumental in continuing the technological revolution. Spence quoted educator Karl Fisch: "We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist, using technologies that haven't been invented yet, in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet."

Just as important is teaching students the basic of how to conduct oneself in a work environment.

"Eighty five percent of American workers who are fired for job performance lose

their jobs due to lack of soft skills," Spence said. Soft skills include team work, problem solving, listening, resolving conflict, and other common work ethics.

"These skills are not traditionally considered to be part of the curriculum, but we have to figure out how to teach our young people,"



Dr. Aaron Spence

Spence said.

Students must be prepared to compete, connect and cooperate on a global level. Currently, there are more than 700 international companies operating in North Carolina. Tomorrow's graduates will be selling to the world and buying from the world, working for international companies, managing employees from other countries, and working on international teams to ensure peace and respond to global challenges, such as natural disasters, global pandemics, or climate change.

Career training

The Moore County Innovation Hub (MiH) is a unique opportunity for students to take courses in high school that will lead them to a successful career in the 21st Century workforce.

Students can prepare for

the workplace in what used to be called "vocational" courses, covering traditional skills like auto repair and carpentry, but now including health science, food service, the hospitality industry, engineering, and digital media.

In addition to the courses offered at Pinecrest and Union Pines High Schools, they can tap into courses at Sandhills Community College. Graduating students can earn a certificate, diploma (Associate Degree), or work toward a Bachelors Degree while still in high school.

Looking at future opportunities, Spence noted that "incubators," encouraging creative collaboration, are popping up all over country.

"We are going to create incubators in high schools," he said.

Technical training requires technical tools

"We have got to make sure our kids have the tools that they need to be successful as they move forward in the world," Spence said. "Digital learning is not meant to

(See "Spence," p. 24)



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Kiwanis hear from a hero of Normandy

by **Rollin Tomberlin**
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Sergeant Eugene "Doc" Beibler [Retired] shared his World War II invasion of Normandy experiences with the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club at their Tuesday, September 24 meeting.

A proud member of the newly created US Army paratroops, Beibler jumped into France during the historic D-Day invasion of Europe.

"Few people are aware that the Russians were the first to develop the paratroops as a part of their army," Beibler said. "The Germans saw the potential of this form of fighting force and employed their use effectively in conquering France. They took over the entire country in only five weeks!"

America's paratrooper forces were formed under General Omar Bradley in the 1940s. Their initial unit, the 82nd Division, had been made famous by a World War I hero, Sgt. Alvin York. Later, General Bradley split the airborne units in half, forming the new 101st Division, of which Beibler was a member. Originally assigned to Ft. Benning, Georgia, he was transferred to Camp McCall, NC, for advanced paratroop training.

Jump school included leaping from a 250-foot tall tower, almost the length of a football field in height.

"The target we aimed for looked about the size of quarter," Beibler said. After "static-training," the troops went into airborne jumping. Unfortunately, on his first real jump, he broke his ankle. Being a "teenager," he healed fast, rejoined his unit, and sailed for England on the first of January, 1944. D-Day was only six months away.

The preparations for the European attack were hard to imagine. More than 5,000 ships were in the channel that day. The paratroop units were at eleven separate airfields. Beibler noted that supreme forces commander, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, visited all of them just prior to

their Normandy assault take-offs.

The specific mission of Beibler's unit was to jump into Le Bel Enault estate near

Carentan, France. This huge estate had numerous hydrolocks as part of their field watering systems. The paratroopers were to ensure that

these were not used by the Germans to flood the property and impede the progress of the troops hitting the beaches at Normandy, just thirteen or so miles away.

Other interesting highlights of Beibler's talk included:

- During their first skirmish, their unit captured the

entire 6th German Parachute Regiment, totaling 350 troops. The Americans numbered only 150.

- The fact-based movie, "Saving Private Ryan," was actually written about a fellow soldier in Beibler's group named Felix Nieland, whose

(See "Beibler," p. 21)



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Memorial services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to Liberty Hospice or the American Heart Association are encouraged.

She was preceded in death

by her mother, Ann Gray, and daughter, Shelley Ann Carey.

Survivors include her children Michael (Jennifer) Dick; Kimberly (James) Anton; Mitchell (GraceKay) Dick and Allison (Steven) Lang, thirteen grandchildren, her brother, Robert George Gray and son-in-law, Benjamin (Ivy) Carey.

Shirley G. Becker of Whispering Pines died on September 22, at Sandy Ridge Memory Care, Candor, after battling Alzheimer's disease for many years.

She was born in Paramus, New Jersey where she lived most of her life, daughter of the late Russell and Mary Auryansen.

Mrs. Becker owned The Meadow's Restaurant in Sussex, NJ for 21 years. She worked in Wrights Manufacturing Company that built planes in WWII. Her job was to construct the nose of the

planes. She was a member of West End United Methodist Church in West End.

She is survived by her children, Shirley Sikkema of Seven Lakes; Deborah Sisco and her husband Jerry of Savannah, GA; granddaughter, Jennifer La Terra and her husband Joe of Oakland, NJ; two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was

held at West End United Methodist Church on Wednesday, September 25. Interment followed at Seven Lakes Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Liberty Hospice, 300 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines, NC 28387 or the Alzheimer Association or a charity of your choice.

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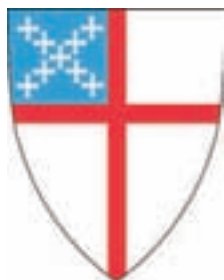
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The presenter is Barbara Stender, MEd Gerontology, who has worked exclusively with family caregivers for

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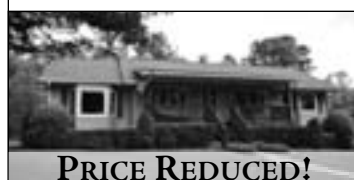
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Critical Issues Summit –

Thinking out loud in the public square

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



"The transparency of it all is what's it's about."

That's how Moore County Board of Commissioners Chairman Nick Picerno characterized the purpose of a day-long "Critical Issues Summit" held on Thursday, September 19.

"I want our government board to be totally transpar-

ent," Picerno said. "I want people to know what we are thinking before we actually pull the trigger on anything. That way, they don't have to wonder, 'What are they up to now?' If you'd read the papers, you'd know what we were up to, because we're out here discussing it in the open."

"I don't want it to be a surprise if we set up a capital reserve for school construction. I want that to be out in the open, I want it to be

discussed, I want our members to think about it. I want all these things to be laid out, so that everybody knows where we are going. It's not a guessing game."

"If it's a dumb idea, I expect them to tell me . . . at least we threw it out on the table for an open discussion, in an open forum, where everybody's in here, including the press."

True to his word, Picerno did lay a few brand new ideas on the table during the Sum-

mit, including establishing a separate capital reserve fund for schools and the possibility of merging the County's economic development arm — Partners in Progress — with the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The agenda ranged widely over County priorities, from what to do with the new land use plan to what to do with the now-empty basement of the courthouse, from funding school construction projects to providing incentives for

new and expanding businesses.

The one obvious thing missing from the agenda, Picerno noted at day's end, was water, because plans for a new source of water for Moore County was nailed down in the first Critical Issues Summit of the year, held in April.

We've broken our coverage of the September Summit into three parts:

- Exploring a new capital fund for school construction,
- Creating a policy for economic incentives, and
- Land use, facilities, and information technology.

You'll find those articles on the next three pages.

Land Use, IT, Facilities, & Transportation

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



The topics that generated the most discussion during the Board of Commissioners

September 19 Critical Issues Summit were creating a capital fund for school construction and crafting a policy for economic development incentives.

But the agenda included a number of items that were dealt with more briefly.

Land Use Plan

Planning Board Chairman Robert Hayter and Planning

Director Debra Ensminger presented the approved draft of the new Moore County Land Use Plan to the Commissioners, who must approve it before it takes effect.

Hayter said the goal of the plan was optimization of land-use within the County.

"Optimum doesn't mean maximum or minimum," Hayter said. "It doesn't mean extreme . . . It refers to that unique middle place that is balanced, without being extreme."

Optimizing land use, he said, will increase the tax base, increase the efficiency of delivering many public

services, provide the best return on the County's investment in utilities, and protect the private property rights of citizens.

Hayter said the County needs to reevaluate its perspective on development, because "the wave of capital moving toward development that we had in the 1990s is not going to work in the next twenty-five years. 'Just build it and they will come' is not sound in the current environment."

He noted that a small percentage of the County's land

(See "Land Use," p. 18)



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Critical Issues Summit –

A new County fund for school construction

By Greg Hankins
Times Editor



One of the new ideas that Chairman Nick Picerno laid on the table during the Moore County Board of Commissioners' September 19 Critical Issues Summit was creating a County capital fund designated specifically for future school construction.

Every year, the County takes in more in tax dollars than it has budgeted — and often spends less than budgeted, as well. That produces an end of year surplus that is added to the fund balance. If the fund balance rises above fifteen percent of the total budget, then the excess must, according to the County's financial policy, be placed in capital reserve funds.

The County currently maintains two such funds: one for capital projects, and one for debt service. The capital projects fund currently totals \$6.5 million, and Chief Financial Officer Carrie Neal told the Commissioners, "If we end this year like last year, we will easily have \$2 million that will transfer back into capital reserves, bringing the total up to \$8.5 million."

Saving money for schools

Picerno suggested creating a third capital fund specifically for school construction projects.

"It might be prudent for the Board to set aside a piece of our capital reserve for future school construction," he said. "If we could say that thirty-five to forty percent of every dollar that we save would go into a capital reserve for future school construction, and start building a con-

struction fund for schools, that the School Board could actually see building, then they could plan, like we do for our courthouse."

"If they need to build a school, they could look at that fund and see three or four million dollars, and see by the trends that in a couple of years it would be \$6 million or \$7 million. Then they could say 'Hey, we don't really need a bond.' And they could see that they have a footing that, right now, they don't have."

The Board of Education is in the midst of developing a new long-term facilities plan, with public meetings expected in October, that is expected to lead to a school bond referendum on the ballot in November 2014. The amount has yet to be set, but is commonly expected to top \$50 million.

The Commissioners, while acknowledging both the need for new and upgraded school facilities, appear united in their determination not to raise property taxes, which might be inevitable, if voters approve a sizable school bond.

Two pots of taxpayer money

A second issue that has been a continuing source of concern for the Commissioners — and for Picerno in particular — is the fact that Moore County Schools [MCS] has built a substantial fund balance of its own over the past few years. Beginning with a fund balance of \$2.4 million in 2007, MCS built that to \$12.4 million in 2012, before beginning to spend down the balance last year, as extra federal funding from the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act — commonly called the "stimulus" — evaporated and state financing rules took away some spending flexibility.

MCS also used some of its fund balance to pay for Phase 1 of its Digital Learning Initiative, and ended the 2012-2013 school year with \$10 million in the bank. This year's budget calls for spending an additional \$4 million of the fund balance; but the school budget, like the county budget, often underestimates revenue and overestimates expenditures.

"If they had a fund that they could get to," Picerno said, "that was there, set aside, visible; and it grew because the Board of Commissioners and the staff of the County was making sure that we were prudent with

(See "School," p. 15)



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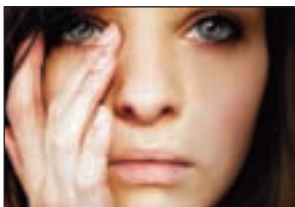
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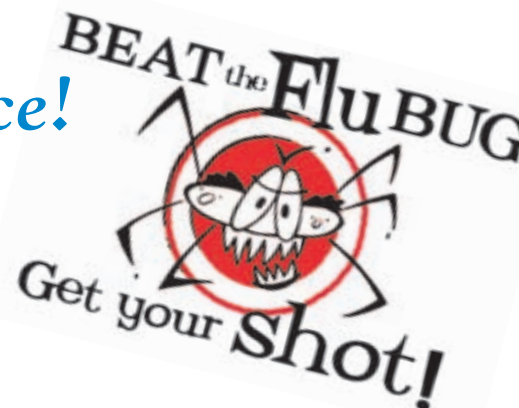
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Critical Issues Summit –

Creating a policy for business incentives

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



The second new idea that Chairman Nick Picerno floated during the Moore County Board of Commissioners September 19 Critical Issues summit got a chillier reception than his notion of creating a County capital fund for school construction.

During a discussion of economic incentives for businesses expanding in or relocating to Moore County, Picerno suggested merging the the County's Economic Development partnership, Partners in Progress, with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau [CVB].

Unlike Partners, Picerno noted, the CVB has its own revenue stream, being funded from the occupancy tax levied on hotel room rentals. Moore County's representatives in the NC General Assembly championed a 2011 bill that allowed up to one-third of the proceeds from the tax to be used for "tourism-related expenditures," including improvements at the Moore County Airport.

Picerno asked whether it might make sense to also tap that funding source for economic development.

After a long pause, Corso said, "That's a big one."

"If Moore County tried to do that in a big way," he continued, "then you would face opposition from the tourism industry."

He explained that the industry was opposed to the imposition of the occupancy tax when it was first approved in the state. When it became clear that it would nonetheless be imposed, the industry organized to make sure the funds collected were used solely to promote travel and tourism. The coalition that led that fight is still quite active, Corso said.

On the other hand, he explained, the Commissioners in Buncombe County persuaded state legislators to authorize an additional tax

levied specifically to fund economic development efforts. None of Moore County's Commissioners expressed interest in the idea of a new tax.

Crafting an incentive policy

Corso was present at the meeting to present his rec-

ommendation for a formal economic development policy that the Commissioners could adopt, the County could publish, and Corso could rely on when recruiting businesses.

Chairman Picerno, in particular, has often expressed

skepticism concerning grants that transfer taxpayer dollars to companies, and voted against incentives the Board provided to First Bancorp and International Tray Pads earlier this year.

"I wish the Supreme Court would outlaw giving taxpayer

money to companies," he said during the September 19 summit.

That portion of the meeting began with a presentation by Brian Godfrey, an intern in the County Attorney's Office, that detailed the eco-

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Incentives

(Continued from page 13)

economic development policies of a number of North Carolina counties.

Godfrey explained that counties cannot, under North Carolina law, abate property or sales taxes. What they can do is make cash grants to new or expanding businesses that, in effect, reimburse a portion of property taxes the business has paid.

Counties that have a published incentive policy generally rebate a percentage of the property taxes generated by the business relocation or expansion.

Often a minimum level of investment — for example, opening a manufacturing plant valued at \$1 million — is required to qualify for an incentive. In some cases, the company is also asked to guarantee the creation of a certain number of jobs.

Rebates range from 30 percent to 120 percent of the taxes the company would have paid. In some cases, the company may be rebated ninety percent in the first year of a project, eighty percent in the second year, seventy percent in the third year, and so on.

Policies vary widely among NC counties. Some are relatively simple, and some involve complicated point systems for factors like job quality and environmental friendliness.

Incentives for new and existing companies

Corso recommended that the County adopt a policy aimed at both attracting new companies and encouraging existing companies to expand their Moore County operations. He also urged that it include a discretionary component, to give the Commissioners the leeway to respond to unique situations.

Companies eligible for the programs would include those in manufacturing; information technology; warehousing and distribution; research and development; call centers; wholesale trade; and company headquarters that create at least seventy-five new jobs. It would not include retail and service businesses, Corso noted.

Companies that invest at least \$1 million in real property assets — that is, land and buildings — would be offered a five year grant, reimbursing them for a percentage of property taxes according to the following scale: year one, 90 percent; year two, 80 percent; year three, 70 percent; year four, 60 percent; year five, 50 percent.

Noting the importance of supporting the expansion of existing companies in the county, Corso said that very few such expansions involve investments of more than \$1 million. So he suggested that the grant percentages be the same, but that the threshold be reduced to \$250,000 in real property.

For both new and existing industries investing not in real property, but in machinery and equipment, Corso recommended that the grant be 50% of property taxes rebated over a five-year period, adjusted for yearly depreciation of the equipment.

Corso said it is important that Moore County have a relatively generous incentive package, because the County is surrounded by poorer counties that are able to offer companies more in the form of state grants. He also noted that the recent dismemberment of the NC Rural Economic Development Center

will deprive Moore County of what has been a valuable business recruitment resource.

After the session broke up, Commissioners Picerno and Saunders, who together make up the Board's economic development task force, told *The Times* that they would work with Corso and the legal department to develop a proposal that could be brought back to the Commissioners for a vote. Picerno said that could come as early as the October 15 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Promoting More County during the US Open

Responding to Picerno's suggestion that a portion of the occupancy tax be used to support economic development incentive, Corso said, "What would I really like? We've developed with the Realtors, homebuilders, and CVB, a committee called 'Moore Forward.' The idea is to promote the county as a whole."

Corso explained that Wake County has developed a website aimed at what they call "talent recruitment."

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(See "Incentives," p. 19)

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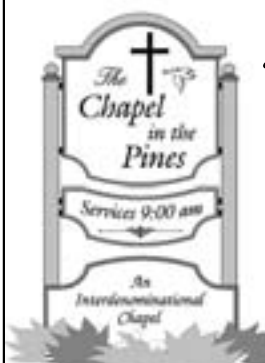
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School Construction

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taxpayer money, I think it would give them a little more comfort, to not be having to worry about having a big fund balance at the school level and then the County having to keep a fund balance at the County level. What we're doing is taking taxpayers' money and putting it in two big pots of money. I don't like that, and I don't think it's right."

"The schools need a safety net," Picerno told *The Times*. "This gives them a safety net without them thinking about keeping \$9 million, \$10 million, \$12 million in their bank account."

Commissioner Saunders supported the concept, saying "We have been open with the schools about, if you have a need, come to us." Having a visible County capital fund dedicated to the schools would be useful in the case of emergency needs — a boiler replacement or the need for a new roof — he said. But it could also provide MCS with a fund that could be used for larger projects, like new school construction.

Picerno said the new fund would give MCS a planning tool that they don't have now, as well as create visible evidence of the County's commitment to education. He noted that school funding consumes forty-five cents of every dollar the County spends, and also accounts for the bulk of the County's debt service obligations.

Timing is key to avoiding a tax increase

Commissioner Larry Caddell noted that "what has always helped us" in the past has been spacing out school bonds over enough years that most of the debt from one set of bonds is paid by the time new bonds are issued.

"When you shorten up that time period, that's when you really put the hurt on us," Caddell said.

Picerno said that establishing a capital fund dedicated to schools might reduce the need for a bond referendum. "If you have \$6 million in the fund, and you need

to replace a school, you might be able to borrow the rest from a bank, and get a better interest rate than on a bond," he said. "Right now, a bond is all you've got."

Over the past few years, the County has typically generated \$1.5 million to \$2 million in excess funds each year that have been transferred into its capital funds. If forty percent of that were allocated to school construction, that would amount to \$600,000 to \$800,000 per year. Reaching a balance of \$6 million could take a decade.

Asked about that after the meeting, Saunders said, in his discussions with School Board members, he had not gotten the impression that the first thing on their agenda for facilities is building a new school. So there might be time to begin to accumulate a balance in the new capital fund before the schools need it.

"It's a phase in," he told *The Times*. "It's not like they

are going to take \$80 million [of a bond issue] in the first year . . . if they can buy us two or three years to get the current [bond] debt down before they do a new issue, then that buys us some time" — and might allow the Commissioners to avoid a tax increase.

"The question I am asking them," Saunders said, "is how can we push that date, without hampering what they are trying to accomplish."

Too much money in the bank

Commissioner Jimmy Melton cautioned his fellow Commissioners that there can be danger in accumulating too much in reserves, "because this Board isn't going to be around forever, and too much money in the bank, that just tickles some politicians to death." He warned that "another set of politicians" might replace the current Commissioners and have other plans for using the money.

"When this Board leaves, we need to have this fund balance pretty well designated for a particular purpose," Melton said.

"We should lay it out where all the money would be going," Picerno agreed. "Then a future Board would be forced, in public, to change

the policy."

If the Board does decide to create a school construction fund, and allocate some percentage of each year's surplus to it, that process will likely be written into the County's formal financial policies.

Merry Market

St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church will be having their Annual Merry Market bazaar a week earlier this year on Saturday, November 16, at 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- **Scrapbooking Event** – 2 pm to 9 pm, at West End United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall, (and Saturday, October 5, 8 am to 6 pm) Cost is \$25 for both days. Drinks & Light Snacks provided both days. Friday night dinner at the church. Saturday lunch: soups and stews. RSVP to Jamie Wesner at 910-949-2019, 919-499-7267 or at sjwesner@earthlink.net.
- **First Friday at the Sunrise** – 5- 8:30 pm, Summer concert series. Musical Guest: Sean Hayes at the Sunrise Theater Green Space. Free. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines 692-3611.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

- **McLendon Hills Neighborhood Yard Sale** – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. 50 residents combine treasures for the ultimate yard sale. Come shop until you drop.
- **Zumba Class** – 9:30 to 10:30 am, free class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive. 910-673-4656.
- **Metropolitan Opera Live at the Sunrise** – Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*, 12:30 pm. Anna Netrebko and Mariusz Kwiecien star as Tatiana and the imperious Onegin in Tchaikovsky's fateful romance. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines 692-3611.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *Blue Jasmine*, starring: Cate Blanchett & Alec Baldwin. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest tonight is: *Bruce Mol-sky, Joel Newberry*. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910) 944-7502.

- **Celebrate Mental Illness Awareness Week** – 7 pm, Recovered Author

Alex McKeithen will read from his own riveting memoir, *The Seventh Angel*. Held at McDonald's Chapel, 1374 Foxfire Road. www.nami-moorecounty.org

- **Fall Community Revival** – 7 pm, at Faith Baptist Church, Guest speaker is Mark Harris, special music. Revival nightly at 7 pm, through Thursday, October 10. www.faithwestend.org Faith Baptist Church, 2180 Carthage Rd. West End. All welcome. 947-3797.

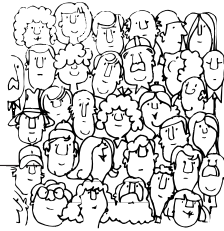
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *Blue Jasmine*, starring: Cate Blanchett & Alec Baldwin. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-3838.
- **Foxfire Resort and Golf** – 12 - 6 pm, Sunday Ticket Tailgate lunch. The Resort will be offering lunch and drink specials, prizes and all the top games of the day. 910-295-5555.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *Blue Jasmine*: Cate Blanchett & Alec Baldwin. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- **"Wet & Wild"** – Reception at the gallery 4 to 6 pm. Artists League of the Sandhills, Aberdeen. Exhibiting artists are Deane Billings, Caroline Love and Michelle Satterfield. Public invited. Exhibit will hang from Oct. 6 - Oct. 31.

What's When Calendar



and Methodist Studies at Boston University School of Theology. Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst. Admission is free.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- **English Speaking Union** – meeting "The Battle for North Carolina's Coast: Past, Present and Future" will be the subject addressed by guest speaker Dr. Stanley R. Riggs. Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm. Dress: Black Tie Optional, \$46 per person. Contact: Hope Price (910) 692-7727 or Hopewp@AOL.com
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Mayberry Bible Study** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong. Based upon Andy Griffith's Mayberry. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship, devotion and a meal provided at \$5.

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- **OWLS of Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – 10 am, invite the community of all over age 50 adults to their meeting. Guest speaker will be Robert Ivy, coordinator with Billy Graham associates for North Carolina. He will speak on the project, *My Hope For America*, featuring Billy Graham. Bring your luncheon dish to share, and the group will have lunch together after the presentation. Call 400-5556 for information.
- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased.
- **Foxfire Village Council** – 7 pm, meeting. Foxfire Village Hall.
- **Zumba Class** – 7 pm to 8 pm, free class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Ruth Pauley Lecture Series** – 7:30 pm, "Churches in Crisis: The Future of Christianity in America" will be addressed by Dr. Christopher Evans, Professor of History of Christianity

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- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Foxfire Resort and Golf Dinner and Show** – join the Resort for a *One Man Groucho Marx Show* with a buffet dinner. Dinner begins at 6 pm, show at 7:30 pm. Limited seating. Reservations required. Call 910-295-5555 for reservations, questions, menus.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *Running Wild*, Documentary. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

- **West End United Methodist Women Harvest Dinner** – 6 pm, annual dinner in the Fellowship Hall at West End United Methodist Church. Tickets \$8 each. Buffet dinner, dessert, and tea. Proceeds benefit missions of the West End United Methodist Women. Call Anneliese Feggeler at 673-3734.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *Running Wild*, Documentary. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

- **Zumba Class** – 9:30 to 10:30 am, free class, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **5th Annual Shaw House Fair** – 10 am to 5 pm at the historic Shaw House, corner of Morganton Road and Broad Street. Fair admission is free, and the event held rain or shine. Live music provided. Vintage craft demonstrations. Quilters, needlepoint crafts, rug hooking, woodcrafts, dulcimers and banjos, leather craft, chair

caning. Tours. Proceeds benefit Moore County Historical Association.

- **Moore County Library - Carthage** – 11 am to 1 pm, *Lego Build for Kids*. The Library's Lego collection will be provided for everyone. 910-947-5335, Moore County Library, 101 Saunders Street, Carthage. Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 6 pm, Sat. 10 am to 4 pm.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *Running Wild*, Documentary. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad St. Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

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- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, Poplar Knight Spot. Music

guest: *Angela Easterling, Moores and McCumber. Rooster's Wife*. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.the-roosterswife.org

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

- **Columbus Day**
- **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.
- **Jackson Springs Community Club** – meeting 7 pm, at the Club house 447 Mill Road, Jackson Springs. Planning the Annual Fall Harvest Festival. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring ideas. Questions call Susan (910)-639-5267
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *Running Wild*, Documentary. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way,

traveling, bereaved or deceased. Reverend Carol Burgess. All are welcome.

- **League of Women Voters of Moore County** – Glenda Clendenin, Director of the Moore County Board of Elections will speak on the changes in the NC voting laws. Public is invited. Table on the Green, Midland Country Club. 11:30 am. Cost: \$12 for luncheon and program. Reservations required. Call 944-9611.
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 6 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Aging in Place: Is Your Home Suitable?** – 6 pm to 7pm. Free workshop for family caregivers of seniors. Sandhills Memory Care, 292 McDougall Dr. Speaker Barbara Stender. Refreshments. 673-2230 or 673-2045 to reserve.
- **Zumba Class** – 7 pm to 8 pm, free class, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.

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Rosary at Chapel in the Pines – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.

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Land Use, IT, & Facilities

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contains more than sixty percent of its tax base, with most of that property lying within the municipalities. "If you just expand that by five percent," Hayter said, "it captures 70% of the tax base. We need to focus on the infill opportunities around our municipalities, and not be putting new towns out in the rural area."

It is less expensive to provide a whole range of services — police, fire, schools, water, sewer — in more densely-populated municipalities than in rural areas, he explained. "Once you have a municipal government handling things, you get better performance on the county share of the tax base," he said.

Noting that the developer of the Pine Forest PUD, which lies along NC Highway 211 between Pinewild and West End, preferred not to be inside a municipality, Chairman Nick Picerno asked Hayter whether, under the new land use plan, the Board would be discouraging that sort of development.

Hayter said a dialogue with the developer would be appropriate, adding that the land use plan "does not say 'Thou shalt not approve a subdivision.' But, if you can get development in a municipality or ETJ, then you create greater efficiencies."

Commissioner Jimmy Melton, who chaired the Planning Board when the County's original land use plan was developed in the late 1990s, noted that the Pine Forest development falls within an area designated by that plan as part of the urban services boundary — the area that was projected to experience increased develop-

ment.

Picerno ask the staff to schedule a public hearing on the land use plan for the October 15 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Absent significant objections from the public, the plan could be approved at that meeting.

Unified Development Ordinance delayed

Planning Director Ensminger provided the Commissioners with a summary of major changes made in the Unified Development Ordinance [UDO], which combines the current subdivision and zoning ordinances. Among those she highlighted were:

- Eliminating five zoning districts by consolidating them with similar districts.
- Allowing a landowner to place a manufactured home as a second dwelling unit on his or her property without going through a conditional use permit process before the Planning Board.
- Changing requirements for planned unit developments so that one hundred percent of the acreage of a golf course is counted towards those open space requirements.
- Eliminating the requirement that new major subdivisions include the establishment of a landowners association.

Ensminger asked the Commissioners to delay consideration of the UDO until January. She noted that it had been one year since the Planning Board approved the document and that two new members had been added to the board in that time. In addition, Ensminger said, a number of changes in state

legislation must be incorporated into the draft.

Facilities

County Manager Wayne Vest brought the Commissioners up to date on plans to utilize the now vacant basement of the County Courthouse for offices of the Clerk of Court and Probation Department, as well as moving the District Attorney to space in the Currie Building

formerly occupied by Public Safety.

Vest reported that the Veteran's Affairs office has moved into a space in the Agricultural Center once occupied by the Farm Services Agency. That will free up space in the Ayers Building, allowing the Human Resources Department to relocate from its current perch on the third floor of the Historic Courthouse.

Noting that the Commissioners had several years ago approved plans for a County Administration building that was never built, Chairman Picerno told Vest that the Board would like to see him work on the "total vision" for the future of County facilities, "because we do have folks scattered all over Carthage."

Vest said that concern is not on the back burner but

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Land Use, IT, & Facilities

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"is always in the middle part of my mind."

Information Technology

Information Technology Director Darlene Yudell briefed the Board on two major IT initiatives, one that is going well and one that is not.

The good news is the "virtualization" project, which gives County employees the ability to log into the county computer system — and their individual desktop — from any internet-connected computer.

More than sixty individual employees are currently set up to use virtualization,

Yudell said, adding that she sees "early signs of this becoming a standard." Feedback from employees has been ninety-seven percent positive.

Chairman Picerno noted that virtualization will save the County money by allowing it to replace personal computers with much less expensive "thin clients."

The ERP — enterprise resources planning — system the county acquired four years ago from Tyler Technologies has been more of a mixed bag, Yudell reported.

The system is supposed to allow the integration of various departments across County administration, but

has been far more successful for some than for others. For example, the Finance Department has been able to use the system successfully, but the Tax Department has found it unworkable.

To compound the problem, Tyler Technologies has been particularly unresponsive in addressing the problems the County has faced.

The Commissioners encouraged Yudell to identify an alternative system for the Tax Office, and to allow the County Attorney's office to explore the possibility of obtaining refunds or credits from Tyler.

Incentives

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triangle.com, focuses on what it means to live, work, and play in Wake County. Based on research into what drives the decision making of key target groups, the site provides first person testimonials from individuals representative of those targets.

By contrast, "if you ask folks being recruited to come here, it is difficult finding out anything about us," Corso said.

He suggested that the dual 2014 US Open Championships presents a unique opportunity for Moore County to enhance its visibility.

"We need to find a way for us to be able to put a website like that out there," Corso said. "We are putting out RFPs to get this done." He noted it might cost as much as \$50,000.

The website would need to be up by the end of first quarter 2014, he added, in order to benefit from the publicity surrounding the US Open.

Investing in the County's 'business'

Commissioner Saunders said he had looked into the tax value of the previous US Open Championships hosted in the county and found that the 2005 Men's US Open generated an extra \$325,000

in sales tax, while the Women's U.S. Open generated an additional \$160,000.

"So, we are looking at potentially an extra \$500,000," Saunders said. "We have a captive audience of people that are coming . . . if we can promote ourselves . . . we need to look at a way to invest some of this \$500,000. If this is a business, we need to invest

some of this extra revenue in our business."

He noted that the County will have a kiosk inside the gate at the Open, as well as a US Open-related kiosk at Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

Corso asked that he and CVB Director Caleb Miles be invited to present the concept for the website project to the Commissioners.



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Dora

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criminatory.”

After transferring to UNC, Dora was repeatedly mistaken for another student. “When I walked across campus, someone would smile and start to wave. Then they would look sheepish and turn and walk away. I realized that I looked like someone they knew.”

It wasn't long until Dora met her 'twin,' Barbara. “Even my mother, when glancing up, would think that Barbara was me,” Dora said. And it was thanks to Barbara that Dora met her husband.

“He came running up to me and started talking,” she explained. “I told him that I wasn't Barbara, and that is how we met. They say everyone has a twin somewhere; I met mine.”

Jon attended UNC on a Navy scholarship. The couple married as soon as they graduated. Jon was assigned to the Navy's Flight Training Program as a student pilot. He first flew for the Navy and then became a commercial pilot.

Life in the compound

In a country where few women work outside the home and are seen in public, Dora was determined to continue her career. The airline employees lived in a compound. In Saudi Arabia women were not allowed to drive. Buses were provided to take children and the teachers to and from school and to after-school activities.

Dora learned to adapt to the discriminatory treatment of women.

“It was hard, as my husband was often away,” she said. “He might fly a Saudi prince and his family on a vacation. He could be back the next night, or he might be away a week or more. You just didn't know. A woman was not supposed to be in a car with a man unless she was married to him, so sometimes it was difficult to get where you needed to go.”

“I became pretty good at riding a bicycle within the compound, while balancing a baby on the back of the bike and groceries in the front basket. The compound was owned by the airline for the employees. Within the compound you were careful about your dress, but you didn't have to wear an abaya. I could wear short sleeves and slacks.”

What is considered sexy varies greatly from one culture to another. Dora was surprised to find that Saudi men thought that a woman's elbows were alluring.

“When I went to school to teach, I would wear slacks or longer skirts and long sleeves,” she said. “You had to cover those elbows. After the first Gulf War, the religious police would make you leave a shopping area if your head was not covered. As long as religious police were around, my friends and I would wear head scarves. When they left, we would take off the scarves. The authorities became stricter about enforcing proper dress after the Gulf War.”

“We lived in Jeddah on the Red Sea, and it was easier to live there than in the cap-

ital, Riyadh, which was more strict. The girls were young when we moved there; but, as they grew older, they had to cover up and wear loose, long sleeve shirts and slacks when they were in out in public. However, at the American school, they could wear what they might wear to school in the US.”

Seeing the world

American children who grew up in Saudi Arabia couldn't go to school there after ninth grade. “The school where I taught only went through the ninth grade,” Dora said. “Now the school goes through the twelfth grade. The Saudis really didn't want Americans teenagers in the country, as they were considered to be a bad influence.”

The Lancasters decided to send their daughters to a boarding school in Fort Laud-

erdale. “It was very hard for me to let my children go at the age of 15,” she said, “but my children all say that it was good experience.”

In many ways their daughters had the charmed life of jet-setters.

“The school was owned by Saudi Arabian airlines,” Dora said. “My youngest daughter played soccer in Greece and ran track in Alexandria, Egypt. Because the airline owned the school, the school received plane tickets to take the kids to these places. I have asked my girls if they wished that our family had moved back home rather than having to go to boarding school, but they say, ‘Oh, no! It was great!’”

Living in the compound isolated the American families. They had little exposure to Saudi women, who often were kept out of the public

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Dora

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eye.

"I met very few Saudi women, because they stay in the home," Dora said. "The ones that I met were Westernized women who had attended colleges and universities outside of Saudi Arabia."

"My husband certainly met his share of Saudi Royalty, government ministers, and visiting leaders from other countries," Dora said. "He did not like to fly Palestinian

leader Yasser Arafat and his armed body guards because of all the guns they brought on the plane."

At end of the Gulf War, Jon flew the Saudi defense Minister into Kuwait to sign the peace treaty. The next day they found Iraqi soldiers still hiding at the airport. It was tense in Jeddah during the war. On Arabic radio stations, Saddam Hussein warned that he had a surprise for the people of Jeddah.

"The only day that my

youngest daughter missed school in nine years was the day after our troops had moved into Iraq," Dora said. "I didn't let her go to school."

Home to Seven Lakes

The gated community of Seven Lakes offered the Lancasters the security they needed to leave their furnishings and other possessions while they lived in Saudi Arabia. But Dora's well-traveled teenage daughters often complained that Seven Lakes

was awful and that nobody but old people lived there.

Ironically, it is where two of the Lancaster daughters would meet their future husbands, one at the swimming pool and the other at Sequoia Point.

The Lancasters returned to Seven Lakes when Jon was diagnosed with melanoma. He died in 1996.

After returning to Seven Lakes, Dora taught at Elise Middle School, Sandhills Farm Life, and West End Elementary.

"My favorite place to teach was Saudi Arabia," she said. "We could order whatever we wanted for our classrooms. Money was no object. In contrast, before I went overseas, I believe that I was allowed

\$35 each year to order classroom supplies."

"I feel so sorry for the educational professionals who work so hard, who are paid so little, and are asked to give so much," she said. "People sometimes say teachers have the Summer off, but they forget that teachers are not paid for those months. If you have never taught, you probably don't understand all that is asked of a teacher during the school year."

Now retired from teaching, Dora drives herself to several of the volunteer positions that she holds.

"It was cheaper to buy a liter of gasoline than a gallon of water in Saudi Arabia," she remembers.

Beibler

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family had already lost several of his older brothers in the war.

• Beibler's unit helped capture Carentan, a town made famous in the D-Day film, "The Longest Day." During the invasion a trooper's para-

chute was fouled on the town's church, St. Mary Eglise, and he hung there until daylight when the Germans cut him down and sent him off to a POW camp.

• While some estimates of the Normandy invasion forecast that casualties might

run as high as seventy percent, the 101st reported losses of only fourteen percent killed.

During subsequent discussion the Kiwanians learned that the Normandy military cemetery contains more than 9,000 graves. Those who have visited the D-Day area strongly urged that anyone planning a visit to France add this site to their itinerary.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at 11:30 am at the Seven Lakes Country Club.

Commissioners

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Kennedy to that position.

• Appointed Neil Tighe as an ETJ member of the Foxfire Board of Adjustment, and Carol Gerdes and Johnny Williamson as alternate members of Pinebluff's Planning Board.

• Appointed Leo Roberson, Shirley Perkins, Dot MacDonald, Mary Jane White, Lee Baker-Kossyk, Cathy Miles, and Paul Baxter to

the Aging Advisory Council.

• Applauded members of the County's Information Technology Department for winning a 2013 Digital County Survey Award.

• Because of the expected absence of two Commissioners, cancelled their November 5 regular meeting.

Health issues prevented Commissioner Jimmy Melton from attending the Tuesday, October 1 meeting.

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Human trafficking – It's happening here

I first learned about human trafficking a few years ago while my wife and I were flying to New York. We boarded the airplane and my wife beat me to the window seat. She knows that I like the window seat, because if I am next to the window and she is next to me, then I don't have to interact with anyone on the plane. She is more social than me and usually doesn't mind sitting next to other people.

As I sat there, grumbling to myself that I had to sit in the middle, a young woman came and took the seat next to mine. There was sadness in her eyes like I had never seen, and I definitely wanted to avoid conversation. "After all, I'm on vacation," I thought to myself. "I have to talk to people and hear about their problems every day." But I knew all along that she needed someone to talk to, and this is probably why my wife

sat in the window seat.

I put my book down and mustered up a pleasant "Hello." Her first words were, "Are you a pastor?"

I thought to myself, "Did I not wash the stamp off of

hear. To my surprise, she began to tell me her life story.

She had been sexually trafficked from the time that she was sixteen years old until she was rescued in her early twenties by an organization that rescues victims of trafficking.

She told me how she had run away from home, and a man became involved in her life by

giving her free drugs, and then how her life spiraled out of control for the next eight years. I hung on every word as she told this incredible story. I was astounded that this could happen to someone in America. She told me how hard it was for her after she had been rescued, because she was now a full-blown drug addict and,

after being rescued, she had a difficult time adapting to a normal life.

The flight ended and I wondered, "God why did that just happen?"

I wouldn't know until about three years later, when Kym Nixon approached me about starting a ministry to help those who are in human trafficking. I know that it sounds like something out of a Hollywood movie, but there is human trafficking that happens right here in North Carolina.

When I was first approached about this, I have to admit that I was more than skeptical. In my mind I couldn't even conceive of something so dreadful happening in my country, let alone my state. I was aware that human trafficking occurred, but that is something that happens in third world countries or the big city.

I half-heartedly attended

the briefing, because Kym is a member of my church. I was blown away by what I learned. I thought, "What can I do about it?" They answered all of my questions.

So why am I writing this? On Saturday, October 12, the Changing Destinies ministry is having a night of education at Sandhills Community College. It is a free event that begins at 7:00 pm and I would love for everyone to come and hear stories from some of the girls from right here in NC. Girls who were rescued from human trafficking will share their stories. If you are interested in learning more about this travesty that is happening in our own backyard, please come and learn more.

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



What does heaven look like?

Question: When ministers describe Heaven, they often speak of "pearly gates and golden streets." How can anyone know what heaven is like? I just finished the book, *Proof of Heaven*, by Dr. Ebon Alexander, in which he describes his own near

death (or after death) experience while in a coma. Do you believe that he and others who have had similar experiences are now able to describe what heaven is like?

Response: After years of reading and studying these "near-death experiences,"

beginning with several conversations with Dr. Raymond Moody, who first published his findings in a book called "Life after Life," I do not think that these people are actually experiencing what life will be for us when we die. What their experiences do prove is that "people have these experiences."

Do they prove that there is a heaven? Do they prove that there is a God? Do they tell us what the afterlife is like? The obvious answer to all three questions is no.

These are imaginative dreams or visions which are colored by culture and life

experiences. Christians have Christian experiences, Muslims have Islamic experiences, and atheists and agnostics have different experiences altogether.



Ask the
'Rev'

Rev. Don Welch

You may ask, "Doesn't the Bible describe what heaven is like? Didn't the prophet Isaiah have a vision of God sitting on a throne? Didn't John of Patmos in Revelation see seraphim and angels singing around the throne of God? Didn't the Apostle Paul or Stephen the first Christian martyr see the

heavens open and hear the voice of God?

The Bible is a collection of sacred writings that describe how human beings believed they experienced God through their dreams and visions.

There is little doubt in my mind that these experiences were real in the minds of those who had them and wrote about them — either in the Bible or in more modern books and articles. There is also little doubt that these experiences of heaven and life after death were transformative for those who had them. Lives were changed, usually for the better. I also know that these writings have been very meaningful to a lot of lonely, grieving people.

Do I believe that there is
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The real story on SLLA stables

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Steve Hudson's letter in *The Times* on September 20. Hudson wrote that the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board was depleting the recent dues increase on non-essential items, particularly the two new horses at the stable. He neglected

to mention a few facts.

First, the stables are operating at a lower cost than was approved in the budget. They are saving money.

Second, the stables' revenues from the increased rides has exceeded projections. They are taking in more money than expected.

Third, due to good man-

agement, the stables are able to buy and support the additional horses within their approved budget. The increased activity and increased profile of our stables is clearly beneficial to our community.

All of this was discussed in great detail at our open meetings, which Hudson chose not to attend. There was plenty of time for comment.

And I would also like to point out that Hudson had a golden opportunity to direct the community in the direction he felt best when he was elected to the SLLA Board of Directors. But after only one work session meeting, he resigned.

Bill Hirsch
SLLA Director
Seven Lakes North

live my life, and anyone who says that they know who will go there is usurping God's power.

I am willing to be surprised by God when I die, and I see my passing from this life to whatever is beyond as a great adventure that I approach without fear or apprehension.

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

Heaven

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life after death? The answer is: "Yes, that is my belief, but it is only a belief, not a fact that neither I nor anyone else can prove." Do I know what heaven is like or whether or not there is a hell? No, I don't, but I do trust in God, not only in this life but in any life that will come, to do what is right and just and loving. Any descriptions of the furniture and geography of heaven are irrelevant to the way that I

Belize Trip the focus of Chapel Lunch Bunch

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines "Lunch Bunch" October luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 23 at noon.

All single seniors are invited to attend the luncheon at Chapel in the Pines Joralemon Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the meal. Transportation will be provided if needed.

Following lunch, Laura Kuzma, Volunteer Coordinator for the Foundation of FirstHealth and the CARE-Net Coordinator, will be the guest speaker.

In June, Kuzma travelled

with her children (ages 14 and 12) on an educational trip to Belize. They spent a week traveling throughout the country experiencing and learning about the rain forest, ancient civilizations, sea life, and the everyday life of the people of Belize.

The community is welcome to come at 12:30 pm for the presentation.

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Spence

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replace the teacher. It is meant to be a tool like a chalkboard once was, to help teachers and students collaborate."

Literacy beyond literature

The foundation for a student's success is literacy.

"Everything revolves around literacy and building a deeper and richer vocabulary," Spence said.

And "literacy" is being redefined. In the past, the focus has been largely on literary texts, novels, and stories. Now there is a balance of reading literary texts and informational texts.

"It is great that they can read a book, but employers also want them to be able to read a technical manual," Spence said.

"The emphasis for literacy is also in social studies, science, and math," he explained. "Students are required to find the answers in the text and to go back and prove their answers. It is a richer way to understand what you have read."

Literacy can also transcend linguistic barriers, and Moore County Schools are encouraging innovative approaches. A Spanish Immersion Kindergarten Class was introduced at West End Elementary in August.

"It is remarkable," said Spence. "After four weeks of school, students are singing the alphabet, reciting numbers, and saying their colors in Spanish."

Facts or Fiction?

Spence addressed some of the misconceptions that have circulated regarding the new Common Core standards — among them, the idea that The Common Core is a plot by the Federal government to create a national curriculum and that students are taking federally developed standardized test.

Neither of those notions is true, Spence told League members.

The most egregious fallacy is that North Carolina is feeding individual student data into a national data base.

"I can tell you we do not feed any student information into a national data base," Spence said. "The data is housed with the state, and only local administrators have access to it." The exception are scores on the SAT and ACT college entrance exams, which have always been collected at a national level.

"North Carolinians participated in the development of the Common Core Standards," Spence said. "There has also been no additional cost for development or implementation of the Common Core."

Beyond Arithmetic

Spence, who is a father school age children, has a firsthand look at the impact of curriculum changes on students' work.

"I see it in my own daughter's homework," Spence said,

referring to more in-depth math word problems in elementary school. "It's been an interesting challenge at home, but also very rich dialogue."

The shift in mathematics is toward asking students to puzzle out how to solve a problem and the tools they will need to accomplish that. There can be more than one path to reach the right answer. Students will be able to take what they have learned and apply to real life situations.

Transitioning Pains

A new curriculum is not learned over night. It requires time for the teachers, parents, and administrators to learn and implement it.

"It is a new curriculum and there is a learning curve," Spence said. "The teachers are already beginning to bet-

ter understand and teach it."

"The Common Core standards are clearer and more complex than past standards," he added. "They are also better aligned with what universities, community colleges, and employers want students to have in order to be successful." Much of the Common Core was developed with input from local communities, businesses, and universities.

The Common Core also provides consistency from

one state to the next. Spence said that many of the military families he has talked to, "Love it. If they are transferred to another state they know their child's new school will have the exact same standards. It is a very clear nationally-aligned curriculum."

Currently, 45 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense have adopted the Common Core Standards.

Chapel wants your rummage!

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 19, at the old West end Gym. Doors will open at 8 am.

Community donations will be accepted on Thursday, October 17 from 8:30 am until 5 pm, and Friday, October 18 from 8:30 am until 12:00 Noon. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help please call Don Truesdell, 673-1970

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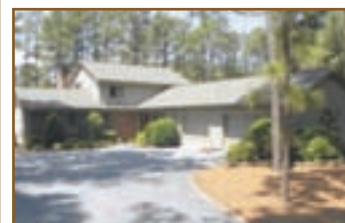


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Foxfire Council

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"My immediate concern is not with vacant lots but with occupied homes that are unsightly," Durham said.

Koos said that he, too, had received complaints about the appearance of some properties.

Mayor George Erickson said the Village's Appearance Committee had compiled a list of problem properties, but the list had gone missing when the Committee Chairman had to make an unexpected trip out of state.

A simple matter

Councilman Mick McCue said enforcing the ordinance should be a relatively simple matter.

"You take a photo of it," he explained. "You give it to the Village Clerk. And the Village Clerk gives notice. You give them fifteen days. You send them a letter and say, 'You've got weeds, this high.' Vic can do it. The Appearance Committee should do it."

McCue said he had provide Village Clerk Lisa Kivett with some sample letters that could be used to give notice to violators.

"The Appearance Committee, by their own rules, should just understand that they are our eyes and ears," McCue said.

It was evident from the Council's conversation that they were already quite familiar with properties that were likely in violation of the ordinance.

After additional debate, they determined that, rather than waiting for the Appearance Committee to weigh in, Council members would forward addresses of concern to Koos, who would photograph the violations and work with Kivett to have notices sent out.

Village water system

Councilman Durham suggested that the Council should "keep alive" its discussion of alternatives for the future of the Village's water system. The Council recently turned down an offer from Moore County to pur-

chase the system.

"Perhaps at some very near future meeting," Durham said, "perhaps we need to delineate the questions that need to be answered that couldn't be answered in the process heretofore: 'What is the projected cost of running a line from our nearest well to the Village Green? What would be our watering costs? How would we pay the portion of salaries that is currently paid by the water department?'"

"If we don't stay on top of this, we are going to let it slide," Durham said. "Our whole discussion was about not our immediate needs, but our future needs — and now is the best time to make arrangements for our future needs. The best time to make those decisions is when you are not under any pressure."

"I agree one hundred percent," Councilman McCue said. "This ought to be on every agenda, and we should pick one of those issues we haven't worked out and work it out."

"The first one that I come back to is: 'Do we want, for the foreseeable future, to continue to run off of wells? Say, for the next ten years.' That is the first decision where you start down the different paths."

"If we have the growth that we hope for, that we are planning for," McCue said, "then where is the next well?"

"Or do we do both things

— run wells until they run dry, but also hook up to the County?"

"Mick and I between us are going to make sure that we talk about this a lot," Durham promised.

Other Business

In other business during the Foxfire Village Council's Thursday, September 26 Work Session:

- Councilman Durham led the Council in a discussion of a job description he had developed for the Water Superintendent position.

- The Council reviewed a flyer that Frusco had developed for the marketing of 160 acres of property the Village acquired in the wake of the Woodland Circle Extension project. Mayor Erickson noted that loan payments on the project will cost the Village \$85,000 in both 2014 and 2015. Assessments being paid by property owners will run out in 2016, forcing the Village to come up with \$175,000 for that year's loan payment — nearly twenty percent of the Village's annual budget. Councilwoman Leslie Frusco was not present for the meeting.

- The Council discussed purchasing an exhaust fan for the Village firehouse, to help more effectively clear exhaust fumes from the building. He noted that firefighters stationed in the facility have been complaining of illness and Chief Wayne

Kennedy suspects excess carbon monoxide may be the cause.

- The Council voted to forward the name of Neil Tighe to the Moore County Board of Commissioners as ETJ representative on the Village's

Board of Adjustment.

- The Council voted to switch two appointments to the Board of Adjustment, making William Kirk an alternate and Helen Forsythe Kirk a full member of the panel.

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chase a portable net that can be rolled up and stowed out of the way.

Front entrance contracts awarded

President Jack Stevens reported that the Front Entrance Committee continues to make progress and has selected Imperial Designs and Bill Reaves Construction to design and build the new gatehouse, which will sit roughly where the old mailhouse sits now.

LKC Engineering will handle the roadway and landscape design, Stevens said.

Road standards approved

A recent comprehensive assessment of Westside roadways also included the development of a seven page document called "Street Paving Standards and Methodology," Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman reported.

At his request, the Board voted to include that document in the SLWLA Rules and Regulations, to provide guidance for future road paving in the community. The standards will require a second affirmative vote of the Board to be approved.

"From my standpoint, anyone can pick this up and learn from it how a road is supposed to be done," Pierman said.

Roads Project Manager Needed

That same study of Westside roadways produced a plan for upgrading, repairing, and repaving SLWLA roads. Pierman said he is seeking a volunteer to serve a two-year term as project manager for roads. He noted that the manager would be empowered to form a committee to help with the work. Interested landowners should contact Pierman or the office.

Architectural Review

Architectural Review Director Dan Blue asked and received Board approval for four changes to the Architectural Standards:

- Defining normal lake level at 525.21 ft above sea level,

which will serve as a reference point for enforcing standards regarding the minimum elevation required for lakefront homes.

- Giving the Architectural Review Committee [ARC] the authority to require a topographic map as part of the application for landscaping projects that involve significant land disturbing activities — for example, the installation of a retaining wall.
- Changing the "road maintenance fee" charged when heavy equipment is being used on landowner projects to a "road use fee." Blue explained that the fee compensates the Association for unusual wear and tear on the roads.
- Distinguishing "additions," which increase the square footage or change the roofline of a home, from "renovations and improvements," which do not.

Changes to SLWLA rules must be approved at two separate Board meetings and are subject to a thirty-day public comment period before they take effect.

Finance

Treasurer Dale Erickson reported that, for the fourth

month in a row, Association income in August fell behind budget.

The Association has about \$70,000 in delinquent accounts, he said, with 162 landowners who are 30 days or more delinquent.

"If those people were paying on time, we would not have a problem with our income," Erickson said.

Year-to-date expenses are nearly \$43,000 under budget, he reported.

Non-recurring expenses in August included \$15,442 for Carriage Park Dam Erosion Control, and \$12,750 for a service contract with Community Electronics. Restoration of sand at the Johnson's Point Beach cost \$5,050, and new ranges and electrical work in the Community Center kitchen cost \$4,062.

The Board approved a transfer of \$120,000 to reserves from last year's fund balance, bringing total reserves to \$919,000, Erickson reported, and the budget calls for adding \$43,000 each month to that total.

However, expenses related to road repaving and the reconfiguration of the front entrance lie on the horizon.

"Those need to come in on budget for us to get the

\$724,000 that we hope to end the year with," he said.

Events

Louise Thomas, Diane Silberhorn, Jane Sessler, Chris Beck, and Patsy Thomas were appointed members of the Events Committee.

Events Director Nancy Workman was absent from the meeting, so Community Manager Mendence reported on her behalf.

A Trunk-or-Treat Halloween event will be held at the Community Center on October 31. Those interested in decorating their cars and providing treats for children are asked to email Workman or the Landowners Office.

Mendence said a volunteer has stepped forward to chair the Christmas Party for adults, but a volunteer is still needed to chair the children's Christmas Party.

Next year's schedule

includes Fourth of July festivities and First Friday concerts at Johnson's Point. Members interested in chairing other parties or events for children or adults should contact Workman or the office.

Manager's report

Community Manager Jeanette Mendence reported that a new fountain has been ordered for the Lakeway Mall pond, because the old one had malfunctioned and couldn't be repaired.

A new kayak rack has been installed at Johnson Point and has one space left to rent.

Noting that the US and NC flags that fly in front of the Community Center had been replaced, she thanked Ron Workman for replacing the chain on the flagpole. The lights illuminating the flagpole

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have also been repaired.

Other recent repairs include the perimeter fence on NC Highway 73, which had been damaged by a vehicle accident.

Mendence said the gatehouse, pool house, and Community Center all recently passed a fire inspection.

The muhly grass along Longleaf Drive at the Lakeway Mall pond has a fungus and must be burned in order to recover, Mendence reported.

Other Business

In other business during the Tuesday, September 24 meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association:

- President Stevens thanked Fran Fellingham for gathering together a large number of Association files that had been preserved by her late husband Joe Fellingham, a key member of the Westside Board during its early days. The papers "filled an important void in our history," Stevens said.

- The Board approved the formation of a Communications Committee to assist Secretary Brian Benjamin in enhancing the effectiveness of the website and email newsletters. Dan Lambert and Lisa Sheridan were appointed to the committee. Benjamin was absent from the meeting.

- Lake & Dam Director Keyser said work is underway to provide the Department of Motor Vehicles with the information necessary to allow the Association to auction off trailers abandoned in the boat and trailer storage lot.

- Keyser said a digital GPS survey was recently completed on Lake Auman dam, which will provide a baseline for future maintenance.

- The Board appointed Kathy Kirst as a member and Jack Berquist as an alternate on the Judicial Panel.

- Ed Cockman, who is chairing the Nominating Committee, encouraged interested landowners to consider running for a seat on the

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excellent references all over the state. Bidder 2 has done work for us, and we feel it was not up to standard."

Depending on the options selected for the pool deck, Bidder 2's quote was between \$8,000 and \$12,000 less than Bidder 1's quote.

Sohl expressed some hope that the third bidder might provide a lower price than the \$64,845 authorized by the Board.

Sohl explained that the less expensive option for rehabbing the pool deck would provide only a "partial coating of the pool deck. The other is a more complete job, and will look better."

The cost difference between those two options was more than \$15,000, and that caused Director Bob Darr

some concern.

"Are you saying that \$15,000 is just about aesthetics?" he asked Sohl.

Sohl replied that the more expensive option would provide a better appearance, but that it would also extend the useful life of the pool deck, as well as eliminating trip hazards caused by undulations in the concrete surface.

Board members took the unusual step of approving the not-to-exceed price of \$64,845 without having a third bid in hand because the work must begin as soon as possible, in order to allow the concrete to cure before the onset of cooler weather.

Once the third bid is in hand, Sohl said he would notify the board members of an optional special meeting at which they could meet with all three Bidders. *[On Monday, Sohl told The Times that a fourth bidder, with substantial experience, is expected to provide a quote.]*

Because it involves contract negotiations, that meeting was expected to be held in a closed executive session.

In other pool related news, Director Darr reported that the pool had hosted 4,776 swimmers during the Summer season. Guest fees produced \$3,378 in income; and pool expenses, at \$33,731, were in line with budget.

Guests accounted for about twelve percent of pool usage, Darr said.

Deposit for new construction increased

At the request of the Architectural Review Board, the Directors raised the refundable new home construction deposit from \$3,000 to \$5,000. The fee is charged to builders before construction begins and is refunded once the job is complete, if the builder has complied with all SLLA rules.

ARB Director Bill Hirsch explained that the fee has remained at \$3000 for many years, and probably should be raised on the basis of inflation alone.

He said the goal of the increase was "so there is a real incentive for folks to get their money back. We didn't want to go higher, because it might discourage projects."

Also at the recommendation of the ARB, the Board approved a new policy to refuse construction applications for relocating homes, that is, existing structures, from either off-site locations or locations within Seven Lakes.

Hirsch explained that the ARB had recently considered such an application and had significant concerns about the wear and tear that a

home relocation would put on the community's infrastructure.

Ramapo Dam spillway rehabilitation

At the request of Lakes & Dams Director Rich Faraci the Board rescinded a motion it made in July to hire engineering firm S&ME to develop a design plan for the replacement of the Ramapo Dam overflow pipe, at a cost not to exceed \$13,825.

Faraci explained that Ramapo is a low hazard dam, and is not under jurisdiction of the state dam safety office. He said the cost of having a professional engineering firm design the repairs would have exceeded the cost of the work that needs to be done.

Instead, Faraci and Director Hirsch have developed their own design.

"We are improving the system," Hirsch said, noting that

he and Faraci had consulted with the vendor of the overflow system. "It seems odd to pay more for the engineer than the work," he added.

Faraci said the new system will take the "dead" deoxygenated water from the bottom of the lake, improving the "whole ecosystem of the lake."

Bid packages are out to contractors, with a due date of October 15.

In preparation for the work, the Association is borrowing a floating pump from Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire and Rescue in order to lower the Ramapo Lake level by six feet.

Faraci said the actual construction work is likely to take three or four days.

Agreement with Seven Lakes Country Club

Bits and snatches of a
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SLWLA

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Board of Directors.

• Noting that speeding is a persistent complaint, Cockman said that residents who observe a violation of traffic rules can report the license number of the vehicle to the office. If the witness is willing to testify before the Judicial Panel, the Association can take action against the offender.



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pending agreement between the SLLA and Seven Lakes Country Club continue to leak out during Board meetings, but the details of the pact remain undisclosed.

President Ritter acknowledged during an earlier Open Meeting that the agreement would place covenants on the golf course property that ensures it remains either a golf course or open space.

Apparently, the transfer of a number of lots owned by the Country Club to the Association is also part of the deal — or, at least, that was implied in an exchange between Ritter and Director Darr during the September 25 Open Meeting.

Darr expressed frustration that the process continues to drag on without resolution.

"I have a problem," Darr said. "We have an agreement that both the Country Club and SLLA have agreed to. Why are we waiting for the lots? Why can't we get the agreement signed as it is?"

"The lot thing was done just after they approved the revision of the covenants, which was the major thing," Ritter replied. "It is a total package. We have to change the covenants and the lots have to be deeded."

"It is now all coming together — I am hoping a week," Ritter said.

"It seems like, every Open Meeting we have this discussion, and it's always next week," Darr replied.

Barcode gate for debris site

Maintenance Director Chuck Leach said his Committee unanimously recommends the installation of a barcode-activated gate at the yard debris site.

Leach said disposal costs for the site are already \$7,325 over budget for the year — and could be \$22,000 over budget by the end of the fiscal year, if present trends continue. The cost of installing a gate is \$12,300,

he said, "and it is something that could happen very quickly."

Resident George Temple noted that a recent survey of residents found that the yard debris site is "by far the number one amenity." Temple said that, every year, the debris site runs well ahead of budget during the Summer and early Autumn, but usage falls off in the colder months.

"I don't doubt we will be over budget," Temple said. "I don't believe the \$22,000 over budget. But I don't doubt \$10,000."

The Board will consider the recommendation during the Monday, October 14 Work Session.

Other Business

In other Business during the Wednesday September 25 Open Meeting the SLLA Board:

- Ratified a unanimous electronic vote to appoint the law firm of Bagwell Holt and Smith as the Association's collection attorney.
- Wrote off as bad debts \$5,240 in uncollected dues on four properties, all of which are in foreclosure.
- Approved the recombination of lots 2543 and 2536.
- Approved an increase in compensation for one SLLA employee. Details were discussed in a closed session on September 9 and were not disclosed during the

Open Meeting.

- Authorized a compensation increase for the SLLA Security Supervisor, because the security company is finding it difficult to fill the vacant position. Treasurer Conrad Meyer noted that the security contract is up for renegotiation in three months, so the Association will not bear the cost of the increase for long.
- Manager Sohl reported that he had met with the NC Department of Transportation's County Engineer, Marty Tillman, to discuss drainage along Seven Lakes Drive from the firehouse to the North Gate. Tillman made a number of suggestions for dealing with the excess water, and Sohl said he would have a proposal for the Board at their October Work Session.
- Director Racine said the Community Standards Committee is developing a

booklet for distribution to residents that will highlight key areas of the rules and regulations. Director Meyer suggested that it might be included in the Annual Meeting ballot mailing, so that every landowner receives a copy.

- Director Darr thanked Les Summers and Greg and Kathy Lishawa for their help in installing a new bocce court on one of the tennis courts. He noted that the playing surface has a significant curve when played from one end, but allowed that playing on grass or dirt often involves similar challenges. The court was installed at a cost of \$1,400.
- President Ritter reported that SLLA security contractor The Budd Group has been acquired by Universal Protective Services. No significant changes are expected among top line personnel.

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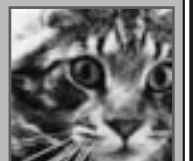
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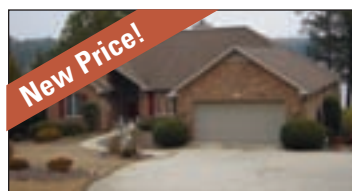
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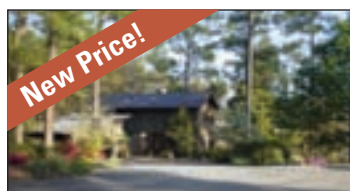
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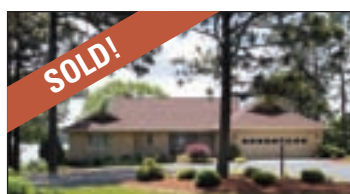
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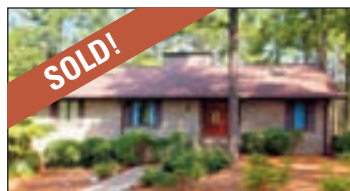
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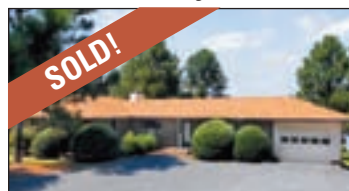
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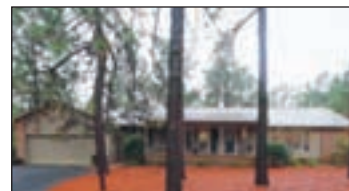
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