

## What a whopper!



**Seven year-old Evan Blackley and his dad, Damon,** caught this whopper largemouth from their Lake Auman dock on a recent Saturday

## SLLA road repaving may wait 'til next year

by Greg Hankins  
 Times Editor



The Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] road repaving project planned for this Fall may have to wait until next year.

During the SLLA Board's Thursday, August 25 Work Session, Interim Community Manager Jeff Allen reported that only one bid had been received in a second round of bidding on the project. That came from S.T. Wooten Corporation, for a little more than the \$600,000 budgeted for the project.

A first round of bidding had resulted in only one responsive bidder — at a significantly higher price. Consulting engineer S&ME revised the project prior to a second round.

Allen said he had contacted a number of paving companies that he had worked with in the past and found they had plenty of work and little interest in a relatively small job far from their home base.

Former President Bob Darr asked why Riley Paving in Carthage had not been asked to bid on the job.

Allen explained that S&ME

selected the contractors who would be asked to bid. He said he also understood that there was some dissatisfaction with the work Riley did during the last round of SLLA repaving.

"Is there something wrong with what we are asking them to do?" Darr asked, referring to the bid package prepared by S&ME.

Assistant Manager Leslie Hosterman said she had spoken with the four companies who attended a pre-bid meeting and "the main thing I got from them is 'We have more

(See "SLLA," p. 26)

## Price tag for MCS building plan more than doubles

by Greg Hankins  
 Times Editor



The projected cost of the Master Facilities Plan for Moore County Schools [MCS] has mushroomed from \$110 million to \$237 million.

Director of Operations John Birath presented the new cost estimates in a lengthy Board of Education Work Session on Monday, August 31. The agenda also included the presentation of master development plans for each of the County's high schools.

A principal driver of the cost increase is a rapid rise in construction costs, Birath said.

He explained that the original cost estimates were developed in 2013, utilizing construction costs prevalent

in 2012. The Board approved the plan in May 2014.

Construction costs have risen thirty-two percent since 2012, Birath said, from \$147 per square foot to \$196 per square foot.

Another driver of costs is the need to increase the average size of classrooms. Birath explained that the original cost estimates were based on average classroom sizes provided by the state Department of Public Instruction. But those sizes, he said, have not been updated since 2003.

Meanwhile, the General Assembly has removed caps on class sizes in grades 4-12 — and may well do so in the lower grades. Meanwhile, budget cuts have created pressure to increase class sizes.

The result is a need for larger classrooms, and the

new cost estimates reflect that.

In addition, as the Administration has explored each of the projects in more detail, the projected cost of most has increased.

### Increased costs for every campus

The initial estimates put an \$11.2 million price tag on a 52,000 square foot expansion of Pinecrest High School. But the first phase of a six phase, decades-long plan for the expansion of Pinecrest developed by S&L Architects will include the reorientation of Voit Gilmore Drive and the relocation of a drainage pond on the site. The new cost, for Phase 1 alone, is nearly \$37 million.

The third project on the ten-project list is the con-

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# School Board uncertain on size reduction

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Members of the Board of Education appear divided on a proposal to trim the size of that body from eight members to seven.

NC District 52 Representative Jamie Boles is pursuing legislation that would do just that, and the Moore County Board of Commissioners on August 18 approved a resolution in support of his efforts.

Last December, the election of Bruce Cunningham to the post of School Board Chairman took seventy eight rounds of voting before Ben Cameron changed his vote and ended the eight-to-eight tie.

Cunningham told the Commissioners during their August 18 meeting that he personally felt "an even number is very awkward. It is very difficult to break ties."

Cunningham brought the question to the agenda of the Monday, August 31 Board

of Education meeting, reporting that Moore County was one of only five school boards in the state that have an even number of members. The state has more than 100 school districts.

Currently, the School Board consists of five members drawn from the same residency districts that are used in electing Commissioners, plus three members elected at large.

All voters in the County have the opportunity to vote for each member of the School Board, whether they represent a district or are an at-large member. Members representing Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5 are elected in Presidential election years; at-large members and the District 3 representatives, in mid-term election years.

Cunningham said he believed that structure of the Board dated to 1965, when the County's various inde-

pendent school systems were consolidated into a county-wide system.

"This is something that I have been concerned about for years and years," Cunningham said during the August 31 Work Session.

Libby Carter suggested that perhaps the School Board Chairman could refrain from voting except in the case a tie among the other members, and Charles Lambert indicated agreement with that idea.

But Cunningham said, in his case, that would deprive the district he represents with representation in the votes taken by the Board.

Helena Wallin-Miller said she thought Carter's suggestion was a good one, "but how do you get around the vote for Chair," when presumably all members would participate, creating the opportunity for a prolonged tie.

Lambert said the 78 vote process last year was a singular occurrence, but Ed Dennison noted that it had taken 13 ballots to elect him as Chairman.

"I hate to see a Board member who can't vote on something they feel strongly about," Dennison said.

Saying "an even number is not good," Dennison added that he felt nine members is too many and five is not enough, so he supported a seven person Board. He noted that School Board representation is expected at many school events, and those obligations could stretch a five-person Board.

Carter said she saw value in a larger Board.

"I really see the value in the more representation you have," she said, "and having these at-large positions gives

you the chance to have a little more representation from your more populous areas or a little more diversity because you are able to have a minority member."

Lambert said Northern Moore County is constantly at risk of being under-represented on the School Board. Having three at-large members, rather than two, makes it more likely that an at-large member from North Moore could be elected, he argued.

Cunningham said he would draft a resolution for the Board to consider during its Monday, September 14 regular meeting.

## Funding for Spanish language programs

The Spanish Immersion Kindergarten at West End Elementary has managed to

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# Big cuts on table for West End Fire & Rescue

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Moore County's new Fire Commission is considering deep cuts to the staffing and personnel budget for West End Fire & Rescue.

David Wilson, whose large tree farm is part of Foxfire Village extraterritorial jurisdiction, was added to the agenda of the Village Council's Thursday, August 27 Work Session agenda to brief members on the Fire Commission's deliberations.

Wilson is a member of the West End Fire & Rescue [WEFR] Board of Directors. The department provides fire protection in Foxfire Village under contract, and staffs a substation located behind Village Hall.

The Commission is struggling to come up with a countywide budget that provides adequate funding to each department, while holding any fire tax increase to a minimum.

When the Commissioners merged the county's sixteen fire districts into a single, countywide district earlier this year, they set a countywide fire tax rate of eight cents per hundred dollars of valuation. The rate in the West End Fire District, which also includes portions of Seven Lakes West, had been 6.9 cents per hundred. The increase was reflected in Foxfire Village's FY2016 budget.

The Fire Commission's current draft funding formula would put the countywide rate at 11.6 cents — but that rate falls \$1.13 million short of meeting the budgetary needs of county departments. The funding formula is a work in progress.

The West End department would come in for substantial cuts in personnel and coverage, under the current draft of the funding formula.

According to the minutes of the Commission's July 9 meeting, WEFR currently has nine full-time firefighters,

staffing the West End firehouse with two firefighters 24 hours a day, seven days and week, while also staffing the Foxfire Substation with one full-timer 24/7. The personnel budget is \$382,728.

The proposed funding formula would cut that budget by more than half, to \$171,667. The West End firehouse would be staffed by a chief and a full-time firefighter daily from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm and the Foxfire Substation by a full-timer 7:00 am to 11:00 pm. The current roster of full-time firefighters would be replaced by part-timers equalling to 5.6 full-

time equivalents.

The minutes of the Commission's July 9 meeting suggest that the number of firefighters at WEFR is "disproportionate," given the number of citizens served.

"They had promised us that we would get the same money," Wilson told the Council.

"We have very few people who live and work in West End," Wilson explained, which makes it difficult for part-time volunteers to respond to calls during the workday.

"We didn't have any choice but to hire these people," he

said of the full-time staff. "That's about the time that we went from a nine to a six in our ISO rating."

The ISO rating of a fire department is directly linked to the rates those in its district can expect to pay for homeowners insurance.

"When the County Commissioners had their public hearing," Councilman Mick McCue said, "it was suggested by someone that they wait until the Fire Commission had done its work, and made its suggestions. But they went ahead and plowed through, gave us a tax increase, and now it looks like the Fire Commission is going to do more harm and change the lay of the land."

WEFR Chief Jerry Nelson told *The Times* on Wednesday, September 2, that he fully supports the Board of Commissioners' goal of making sure that everyone receives the same level of care, no matter where in the

County they live.

"But no services anywhere should be reduced in order to accomplish that," he said.

Nelson said it is true that WEFR has a greater number of paid firefighters per resident, in its fire district. But rescue is a key part of the service the department provides, and its rescue district is much larger than its fire district.

WEFR operates out of a 35 year-old building and has invested over the years in personnel rather than buildings and equipment, he added.

"We haven't spent money on things, but on the quality of care," he said.

The next meeting of the Fire Commission is scheduled for September 10 at 6:00 pm in the basement of the Rick Rhyne Public Safety Building; the WEFR Board meets on September 14 at 5:00 pm at the Fire Station.

## Blood Drive Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

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# Foxfire Boulevard entrance to get facelift

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



An upgrade is planned for the dilapidated split rail fence at the entrance to Foxfire Village and along one side of Foxfire Boulevard.

Mayor Steve Durham reported, during the Village Council's Thursday, August 27 Work Session, that Foxfire Resort & Golf has already purchased posts and rails for the job. They also plan to install new low-growing shrubs in the entrance area.

The Council plans to ask the Appearance Commission to repair the fence on the

other side of the street, as well as along Hoffman Road from Hillside Drive to Foxfire Boulevard.

## Reconfiguring the boulevard

In related business, Councilman Vic Koos suggested a reconfiguration of Foxfire Boulevard along the section that runs from Hoffman Road to the clubhouse, which is currently a boulevard with a single lane on each side.

Residents of the condos on the southeast side of the road have traditionally parked their cars in the median — not a particularly attractive option.

Koos suggested turning the inbound lane of the boulevard

into a two-lane street, leaving the median and outbound lane in place. The outbound lane could then be closed to traffic and used for condo parking, which could be screened with plantings in the median.

An informal estimate put the cost at \$74,000, he said. That is \$14,000 more than the \$60,000 that has been allocated for paving in the last few Foxfire annual budgets.

Council members expressed support for the idea. Sedlak was asked to look for a retired civil engineer in the Village who might be able to design the project.

## Repaving Ridge Road

Koos said that he planned to use money left over in the paving budget after paving Foxcroft Drive to pave roughly 700 feet of Ridge Road, which is approximately 3200 feet in length.

Councilwoman Leslie Frusco encouraged Koos to consider hanging onto the surplus in his budget until FY2017, and including the complete repaving of Ridge Road in his budget for that year.

Koos told the Council that he plans to bid out all paving jobs in the future.

## Mailbox issues

In other paving related dis-

cussion, Koos reported that twenty-seven Village homes have their mailboxes positioned far enough from the roadway that postal vehicles must leave the pavement to deliver the mail. That creates ruts on the shoulder and causes the pavement to crack and chip off.

Koos volunteered to contact the homeowners and offer to move the mailboxes, but his fellow council members were cool to that idea. They instead suggested contacting the homeowners and asking them to have the mailboxes moved closer to the road.

"If we get half to do it, we are better off," Durham said.

## Library Teen Board

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# Stonehill Pines goes on the auction block

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



The developer of Stonehill Pines has thrown in the towel. A golf resort community proposed for a nearly 1,500 acre site in Foxfire Village, Stonehill Pines has been stalled on the launch pad since 2009.

During the Thursday, August 27 Work Session of the Foxfire Village Council, Mayor Steve Durham reported that he had a brief conversation with Rick Robinson, lead partner in the development.

"He said that the auction opening price is nothing that they would accept," Durham said.

That opening price is \$4,000 per acre, which, on the 1,485 acre tract, would amount to \$5.94 million. Moore County's recent revaluation found the property worth just under \$7 million

for tax purposes. The developer paid \$19.7 million for the property in 2008.

The sixteen separate tracts that comprise Stonewall Pines lie northeast of the Foxfire Village core, along the east side of Hoffman Road.

At the developer's request, the Village annexed the property in 2009, undertaking a substantial revision of its zoning ordinance in order to create a Planned Unit Development (PUD) option.

The PUD allows for a 250-room hotel and golf resort that includes two golf courses, a 20,000-square-foot spa, a driving range, clubhouse, and amphitheater, as well as 1,050 residential units with up to 300 single family homes and 300 multi-family units, and a 14,000-square-foot conference center.

The 2008-2009 recession hit Moore County hard, however, and both Stonehill Pines and the nearby Pine Forest development were put on hold.

The online auction will be held on Thursday, September 10 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the auction company's website, at [www.cbremarketplace.com](http://www.cbremarketplace.com).

## Water Department forgiveness policy

Councilman Sedlak presented a draft amendment to the Village ordinances that would change the policy regarding extraordinary water bills caused by a plumbing malfunction.

Currently, when the failure of an irrigation system, laundry room hose, or other household plumbing results in an extraordinary loss of water, the Village offers a forgiveness policy, allowing the homeowner to pay the bill over a period of three months, if they were in town at the time of the malfunction.

If they were out of town and took corrective action immediately up on discovering the problem, the Village

will charge the homeowner only the Village's minimum water rate — \$22.00.

For leaks that use more than 35,000 gallons of water, the homeowner will be charged the current cost of water, \$1.25 per thousand gallons. Sedlak said he wasn't sure how the \$1.25 rate was calculated.

Though it is not explicitly stated in the ordinance, the Village's policy is to allow a homeowner to use the forgiveness policy only once.

Sedlak's new proposal would remove the one-time-only nature of the policy and charge the homeowner the current rate for 15,000 gallons — \$109.75 — plus \$1.25 per thousand gallons for any usage over 15,000 gallons.

"I don't like the idea that

we will forgive a leak as many times as it happens," Frusco said.

"I think you leave in the one-time-only policy," McCue said. "You have to be a responsible homeowner. Do you want to personally pay for someone else not taking care of their property?"

Sedlak proposed instead allowing a homeowner to use the forgiveness policy only once per year or once in every eighteen months.

"It would be better if I could use my judgement," Sedlak said, arguing that he could tell if someone was abusing the privilege.

"Judgement inevitably involves bias," Frusco said. "Judgement gets clouded."

The ordinance in question

(See "Foxfire," p. 25)

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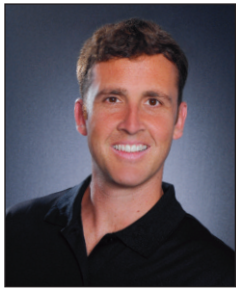
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Mr. Pitt was born in Washington, DC and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland. He obtained his B.S. degree in Forest Management from Mississippi State University in 1958. He and his wife Anna moved to Seven Lakes West in May 2003.

He retired from the United States Army with twenty three years of service as a commissioned officer attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Mr. Pitt served three overseas tours in Germany and two combat tours in Vietnam. His military career also included several years stationed at Ft. Bragg.

Commissioned in the Army's Ordnance branch, he served in many different units including a tour with the Special Forces, Airborne school, Ranger training, and Special Forces qualification. Among his decorations, he was most proud of earning the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB) for his service in Vietnam.

After retiring from the Army, he and Anna settled in Northern Virginia where he worked for the next fifteen years as a defense contractor with the intelligence community located on Vint Hill Farms. He served as president of the local Home Owners Association and was in charge of the Neighborhood Watch for several years.

After moving to North Carolina, Mr. Pitt became active in prison ministry visiting Correctional Institutions in Scotland and Hoke Counties.

He was an active volunteer providing pastoral care to patients in the local hospital and active in his church. He and Anna also served many years at the Food Pantry in Aberdeen preparing schedules and training new volunteers.

He recently celebrated his

80th birthday in Pinehurst on Sunday, August 23.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years Anna, his brother Roger Pitt; three daughters and their families; Michele Stewart with husband Geoffrey; Natalie Conrad with husband Chris; and Steffanie Blake with husband Arthur; seven grandchildren, Brooke, Ashley, Bradley, Andrew, Rachel, Emily, and Sofia.

Memorial donations may be made to Chosen People Ministry or Samaritans Purse.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Elliott John Frank**, 73, of Pinehurst, formerly of Seven Lakes and Honeoye Falls, NY died Monday, August 24, at his home.

Mr. Frank had a strong work ethic and wide ranging interests, leading businesses like a custard stand, a Travelodge, SAJE Press, and Greenleaf Dollhouses.

He served his community as a Mason, President of the Rotary Club, a member of the Lions Club, and on the HFL Board of Education.

Survivors include his wife of twenty-six years from Geneseo, NY, Ann Smith Ruvolo Frank; his sister, Margaret Frank Harrington; four children: Sarah, Alicia, Justin and Emily, along with his grandchildren.

Donations may be made in his memory to: Seven Lakes EMS, 714 7 Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

**Madeline W. Buck**, 81, of Seven Lakes died Monday, August 17.

Mrs. Buck worked for many years in Baldwin Public Schools in New York. After retiring to North Carolina, she served as Chaplin for the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Southern Pines, and was a member of the Ladies Guild at Our Lady of the Americas

Catholic Church, Candor.

Interment will be at the Long Island National Cemetery in New York.

She was preceded in death by husband George and a grandson.

Survivors include her four children, George, John, Carol and Kathy; eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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# Contractor insurance prompts Westside debate

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



An Architectural Review Committee [ARC] proposal to ask general contractors active in Seven Lakes West to voluntarily provide proof of liability insurance encountered stiff resistance from the Insurance Committee.

Shaughnessy said the new policy was recommended as a prudent measure by ARC member Dick Van Horn, who has substantial experience in the insurance business. Van Horn consulted with both Moore County and the Insurance Committee on the proposal.

Shaughnessy explained that Moore County does not require contractors to maintain insurance, but instead divides contractors into three levels, by size, and requires that those in levels prove that their assets exceed their liabilities by a prescribed amount.

He said the new policy was a experiment of sorts; and, at least initially, it would be a matter of gathering information, as opposed to requiring contractors to carry liability insurance. Shaughnessy said contractors would be asked to voluntarily provide

proof of insurance, but that it would not be required.

"We may find, after a period of time, that this requires too much administration," Shaughnessy said, "and, if it comes to that, we will deal with it at that time. Nothing is really set in stone."

Director Jack Lattin said he wasn't sure why the policy should be implemented if it is not mandatory.

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn noted that the Mandatory Septic Management Program had begun as a voluntary program. He said the Legal Committee had voted nine to three in favor of the program — before they knew that it was voluntary.

The Insurance Committee, however, opposed the new policy.

John Hoffmann, a member of the Insurance Committee, said that the committee did not believe that the policy is necessary, and that it would interpose the Association between contractors and homeowner who hired them.

Any homeowner with good common sense would make sure that a contractor they hired would have general liability insurance, he argued.

He also objected that ARC had not clearly defined which contractors would be contacted.

Silberhorn noted, however,

that the program, as described in Shaughnessy's motion, would not involve specific projects, but would rather involve contacting contractors who are active in the community, independent of any ongoing construction project, to determine whether they have general liability insurance.

He said the Legal Affairs Committee felt that it would be helpful because, if the Association is brought into a suit involving a contractor, it will have to defend against that suit, even if not at fault. And the contractor's liability insurance could be helpful in covering the related attorney's fees.

The Board ultimately approved the new policy in a five-to-one vote, with Lattin opposed.

## Bocce court survey results

Dan Lambert presented the Board with the results of a Communications Committee survey gauging community interest in a bocce court and a dog park.

Of 131 respondents to the bocce survey, 68 had played bocce. Respondents were

closely split on whether they would like Seven Lakes West to have a bocce court, with 67 voting yes and 64 voting no.

Seventy-two respondents indicated that they would never use the court, if one were available.

Forty respondents expressed concerns about the cost, maintenance, and location of a bocce court.

Lambert noted that having a cost estimate, proposed location, and maintenance plan as part of the survey (See "West side," p. 24)

## Paint for the Pantry

West End United Methodist Church will host a "Paint for the Pantry" on Saturday, September 12, from 2 – 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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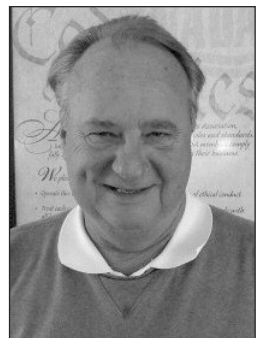


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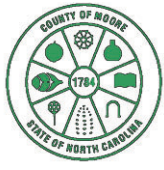
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# Pine Forest development moving forward

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



The developer of Pine Forest has made a \$217,100 payment to Moore County ahead of a September 6 deadline to move the project forward.

In June, the Board of Commissioners approved an agreement with developer MHK Ventures, Inc. that will provide Pine Forest with as much as 500,000 gallons of water per day from the County system — some of which may be used to irrigate a planned eighteen hole golf course.

MHK has agreed to pay \$2,171,000 for access to that water supply. Its recent payment to the County, announced by County Manager Wayne Vest during the Commissioners' Tuesday, September 1, regular meeting, is a ten percent down payment. The balance is due on January 29.

Pine Forest is a proposed 1,652 acre Planned Unit Development [PUD] stretching from West End to Archie Road and from NC Highway 211 to NC Highway 73. The PUD-Hamlet Zoning for the property was approved in 2011.

The development must overcome one more hurdle this month: approval of its preliminary plan by September 6. Vest told Commissioners that approval is in the process of being executed.

It is expected to include a

300-room resort hotel and an 18-hole golf course.

## Manager could end Animal Operations input sessions

At the urging of Chairman Nick Picerno, the Commissioners voted unanimously to authorize County Manager Vest to end monthly public input sessions on Animal Operations, if he finds them to be counterproductive.

Several months ago, the Animal Operations Advisory Committee asked to eliminate the public comment segment of their regular meeting, because the number and combative nature of the comments received was preventing the committee from focusing on its work. In its place, Vest and Animal Operations Director Brenda Sears began hosting regular sessions aimed at gathering public input.

"We still have small group that likes to come in and make unsubstantiated, undocumented claims," Picerno said of those meetings.

"I am very dismayed that they would use that opportunity to come after our Animal Operations Director and some of her staff for just one or two incidents," Picerno said. "I don't know anyone in the United States of American that is perfect and that has not made an error."

Picerno noted that there are now cameras installed at the Animal Center, "and there are very few incidents."

"I know there are some things that go on; they are

documented; and we have a director taking care of it."

"If they want to have a complaint," he said, "we have a public comment segment right here at our meeting. Let them come straight to us, instead of demeaning our County Manager and-or our employees."

## Other business

In other business during their Tuesday, September 1 regular meeting, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

- Called a public hearing for September 15 on the Town of Pinebluff's request to extend its extraterritorial jurisdiction. The Moore County Planning Board voted unanimously to deny the request after its own public hearing in August.

- Approved a \$60,500 contract with Fat Monkey Express for trucking of bio-solids from the County's wastewater treatment plant to an authorized disposal site in Anson County.

- Approved lease agreements with the State Department of Public Safety for probation and parole offices in

the County Courthouse and county-owned offices at 107 McNeill St in Carthage. The County previously leased facilities for the purpose; moving them into County-owned properties will save \$41,388 this year, Property Manager Bobby Lake said.

- Received the year-end financial report from Sandhills Center for Mental Health. Chairman Nick Picerno asked Sandhills Center CEO Victoria Whitt to present the Stepping Up mental health program at the County's Critical Issues Summit on September 10 & 11.

- Approved an amendment to the contract with Tyler Technologies for the County's enterprise resource planning computer software.

- Authorized the County to forego the standard RFQ process for projects of less than \$50,000 involving architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management at-risk services; design-build services; and public-private partnership construction services. The change brings the County in line with recent changes to state law.

- Approved \$8,275 in digital learning invoices for Moore County Schools.

- Passed a resolution celebrating the dedication of the Moore County Public Safety Memorial.

- Appointed Gail Dodge as an ETJ member of the Whispering Pines Planning and Zoning Board, and Lewis Bennett as an alternate ETJ member of the Pinebluff Planning Board.

- Appointed Commissioner Jerry Daeke Chairman of the Moore County Transportation Committee.

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# More than 200 turn out for Family Day and

by Janna Ptak  
Times Reporter

On Sunday, August 23, Beacon Ridge Country Club hosted a Family Fun Fest to introduce younger families to the club and its upgraded facilities.

This event — which included swimming, a water slide, free pizza, outdoor games, and tours of the clubhouse — was a hit. Thirty-five families signed up for the event in advance, but nearly 200 people attended the event.

Beacon Ridge owners Don and Rhonda Billings came up with the idea about three months ago while meeting with club members. The discussion surfaced the realization that what was once

a community filled with retirees is now overflowing with young families and children.

This was the first family-focused event of its nature hosted by Beacon Ridge, but with such a large turnout, they hope to host similar events in the future.

Beacon Ridge General Manager Howard Cannon helped oversee the event, and said he was excited to be a part of an event aimed toward millennials.

"Family is what we're going to be about," Cannon said. "We want to be their club. . . Guests are welcome, too."

Keith Williams, Beacon Ridge's webmaster, took plenty of photos during the Family

Fun Fest. They can be seen on the Club's Facebook page.

Beacon Ridge currently has more than two hundred members. Thirty-two members joined this year alone, and the club plans to continue to build on that growth.

Beacon Ridge amenities include tennis courts, pool, eighteen-hole golf course, fit-

ness center, Golf Shop, and the restaurant.

The club offers group and individual golf lessons. Greg Hall, the Director of Golf, also offers private lessons at the club. Children's lessons are also provided. Yoga lessons are also offered in the fitness center.

Hall has been with Beacon

Ridge for two years and told *The Times* that he loves his job. He was excited to be able to participate in the Family Fun Fest.

"It's a wonderful idea," Hall said. "It's bringing people together. I've never seen so many kids. It's a breath of fresh air. The club is doing great and growing."

The Fitness Center is located on the lower level of the Clubhouse. Members also have access to the Fitness Center Certified Trainer, Mark Miller. Miller has been with Beacon Ridge since May of this year. The Center is open from 5:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Dining at Beacon Ridge is available Tuesday-Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm for lunch and from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays for dinner. Sunday brunch buffet is 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The restaurant calendar can be found at [BeaconRidgeCC.com](http://BeaconRidgeCC.com).

New amenities and improvements also include a new sports bar on the top floor called "Deux" which means "Two" in French. A new chef is recreating the lunch and dinner menus.

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Kids have a blast on the water slide, as Moms keep watch



Doug and Holly Williams with their six children.

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# get to know Beacon Ridge Country Club

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And Beacon Ridge is also in the process of planning movie nights.

James McDermott, a member for the past fourteen years, said he loves having the luxury of being able to golf as well as having the social aspect of meeting really nice people.

Doug and Holly Williams attended the event with their six children. Two of their boys, Max and Ben, said they were excited about having the opportunity to sign up

for golf lessons.

The Atkins family said they were happy to see families from the community getting together. Daughters Avery and Ainsley said they had the most fun playing on the water slide.

Joseph Hunters and his son, Bryce, spent time playing games together at the event. Mrs. Hunters and their youngest son watched as Bryce scored points by tossing two golf balls held together by a shoelace.

Brett and Kenzie Jones

attended with their son, Dillon, and twin daughters, Anna and Sarah Kate.

They have been Seven Lakes West residents for seven years and said they are glad to have children's golf lessons right next door at Beacon Ridge. They praised the club renovations and the

club's efforts to reach out to young families.

Beacon Ridge has many events lined up for September, including the Labor Day Golf Tournament for couples. Members and their guests are asked to sign up for the event by Saturday, September 5. More info about the tour-

namment can be found on the club website at [BeaconRidgeCC.com](http://BeaconRidgeCC.com)

For more information about Beacon Ridge, visit the website and the Facebook page at [facebook.com/beaconridgecc](https://facebook.com/beaconridgecc)



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# Leslie Walters and Brad Perry are wed

Leslie Walters and Brad Perry were married on June 13, at Seven Lakes Baptist Church. Pastor Chris Hrabosky officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dee and Janice Walters of Seven Lakes, and granddaughter of Mack D & Brenda Walters of Orrum, and the late John & Vernell Campbell. The bridegroom is the son of Gary and Kay Perry of Dublin, GA and grandson of the late Jack & Frances Perry and late Marvin & Frances

Browning.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Deena Walters. Bridesmaids included Mandy Cherry (the groom's sister), Natalie Davis, Jordan Moses, Lauren Shelmerdine, and Kaitlyn Vogt. The flower girl was Olivia Warren.

The best man was the groom's father, Gary Perry. The groomsmen included Tim Cherry (the groom's brother-in-law), Keval Patel, and Christopher Monroe. The usher was Han Lin and ring

bearer was Liam Harvel.

The couple honeymooned in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

The bride is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and will be receiving her PharmD degree from University North Carolina in May 2016 to practice pharmacy.

The groom is a graduate of Georgia Southern University and Campbell University. He is employed as a pharmacist at Walgreens. They currently reside in Greensboro.



## Free Alzheimer's program

St. Joseph of the Pines is hosting a special presentation by Dr. Ben Bahr, UNC-Pembroke professor and researcher will present a program about dementia and Alzheimer's Disease.

The event is free on Tuesday, September 15, at 2 pm at St. Joseph of the Pines, Belle Meade Clubhouse, 100 Waters Drive, Southern Pines.

Dr. Bahr is trained in the fields of chemistry, biology, and neuroscience and is the lead scientist of several grants awarded for the study of Alzheimer's disease and other brain disorders. He has aimed his life's focus at "the most beautifully designed,

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In 2013, Dr. Bahr received the Governor James E. Houshouser, Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Service for promoting Alzheimer's disease awareness.

Before and after Dr. Bahr's presentation, from 1 pm – 4 pm, St. Joseph of the Pines will offer Free Memory Screenings. There is no appointment necessary for the memory screening. It is confidential and the results are given to each participant to share with their primary care physician.

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# League of Women Voters to host Rick Tufts

The September kick-off luncheon for the League of Women Voters of Moore County will be at 11:30 am on Tuesday, September 15 at Table on the Green, 2205 Midland Drive, Pinehurst. The guest speaker will be Rick Tufts, lifelong resident of Pinehurst and the great, great grandson of James Walker Tufts, founder of Pinehurst.

Rick Tufts is also the son of Peter Tufts, past vice president of Pinehurst and the golf course architect to both Seven Lakes and Beacon Ridge golf courses.

Tufts will talk about some of the history of Pinehurst and his family's involvement and he will also share some of his experiences working at the various area golf courses.

Everyone is welcome, but reservations are required. Call Charlotte Gallagher at 944-9611 or email your reservation to [owegeecoach@gmail.com](mailto:owegeecoach@gmail.com). Lunch and program cost: \$13.

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## Chapel wants your rummage

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines will have their annual rummage sale on Saturday, October 17.

The annual sale provides funds for their White Christmas program that helps local families.

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines is now accepting items for this Rummage Sale. This year the Chapel is short of donations of furniture and household items.

Donations are taken throughout the year and stored until four days before the sale. Volunteers then unpack the items and place them in their designated places.

If anyone in the community has some good used furniture or household items they would like to donate, please call the Chapel office 673-2156 to schedule a pick-up time.

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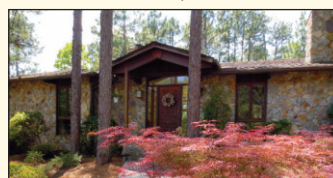
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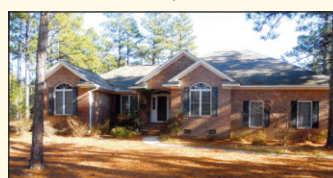
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# Dedication planned for Public Safety Memorial

The public is invited to the dedication of the Public Safety Memorial on the campus of Sandhills Community College on Friday, September 11 at 1 pm. The memorial is located in the garden area of campus between Causey, Van Dusen and Logan Halls.

Designed by Landscape Architect and SCC Trustee Robert Hayter, the memorial commemorates those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to the citizens of Moore County.

It is comprised of three intersecting circular levels,

each representing an area of service: sheriff and police; emergency medical services; and fire. There are benches and resting areas for reflection and contemplation.

As an inspirational tribute to the entire community of law enforcement officers, fire personnel and EMS providers, the memorial contains the names of twelve public safety personnel who have lost their lives as they provided safety to the people of Moore County since the 1920s.

The dedication will include a presentation of colors, spe-

cial music, the laying of a memorial wreath, brief remarks, a speaker, a resolution, special acknowledgment of the Honor Roll and a 21-Gun Salute.

Sandhills Community College was chosen as the site of the memorial because it is the location many local first responders undergo training.

For more information about the event, contact Gayvin Powers at (910) 695-3716 or [powersg@sandhills.edu](mailto:powersg@sandhills.edu)

## 'My Fair Lady' at Temple

The Temple Theatre will present My Fair Lady, sponsored by LIFE 103.1 and First Bank. The show runs from September 10 - 27. There will be an Opening Night celebration on Friday September 11 featuring hors d'oeuvres from Cafe 121.

Pompous phonetics professor Henry Higgins takes it upon himself to transform a Cockney working-class girl into someone who can pass for a cultured member of high society.

His subject turns out to be the lovely Eliza Doolittle. The timeless storyline, memorable songs, dazzling cos-

tumes, and brilliant dancing make this a show for all generations

Peggy Taphorn directs a cast featuring John Allore as Higgins, New York-based Mark Woodard stars as Alfred P. Doolittle, and Jim Wicker as Colonel Pickering. 2011 Miss North Carolina, Hailey Best-Jernigan, stars as Eliza Doolittle.

Taphorn adds, "It's great to be collaborating with choreographer, Jacob Toth. I think we have assembled an A-list cast and creative team to bring this classic to life. As we were looking at shows for this season, I couldn't

believe that My Fair Lady had never been done here before. The Temple is the perfect place to stage this iconic musical."

2015-16 Temple Theatre Season tickets will be on sale until September 17. For tickets or information, call the Box Office at 919-774-4155 or visit [templeshows.com](http://templeshows.com)

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# Get creative with classes at Sandhills

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## Art Classes

Have fun creating whimsical paintings with local artist Mary Wright in her course, *A Whimsical Approach!*. This course is offered Tuesday evenings September 8-November 3 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Students will use bright colors, creative designs, patterns and textures much like the influence of master artist Henri Matisse. No experience is needed. Visit Mary's website to see her original works at [www.marywrightoriginals.com](http://www.marywrightoriginals.com).

Artist and photographer Natasha Holmes will be teaching *Roots of Drawing* on Wednesday, September 9-October 21 from 6-8:30 p.m. Learn the fundamental techniques of drawing and sketching. Classes begin with warm ups and lead into developing skills for observing and drawing life. Sighting and measuring will support accurate representation, as well as exploration of line variation and range of light and shadow. Beginners are welcome.

Budding artists can learn the basics of oil painting using the Old Masters method in *Oil Painting Workshop*. Students will begin with a detailed value study before adding color and depth with glazing. Learn what makes a good composition and how to adjust photos to enhance paintings. Join realist artist Jean Frost on Thursday, September 10-October 15 from 1-4 p.m. View Jean's original works at [www.jeanfrostoilpaintings.com](http://www.jeanfrostoilpaintings.com). All levels of artists are welcome including beginners.

The course fee for each art course is \$60. View the course description at [creativeliving.sandhills.edu](http://creativeliving.sandhills.edu) for supplies needed for the first class.

## Dance and Music

If your new passions are dance or music, former professional classical ballet dancer Rosalind Wirsing will be teaching *Ballet for Body & Brain* on Tuesday, September 8-November 24 from noon-1:30 pm. Learn to create beautiful movements to music of different styles and eras while also feeling healthy and fit. All levels are welcome, including beginners. Course fee is \$60.

Beverly Dunlop returns with three levels of learning how to play the piano. In *Piano Beginning Complete Level 1*, students learn to play music involving C, G and middle C positions, primary triads, sharps and flats, basic rhythm patterns and how to read intervals. No experience is needed. Classes will meet Thursday, September 10-December 10, 1-2 pm.

In *Piano Intermediate Complete Level 2* students continue learning to play music involving C, G and middle C positions, primary triads, sharps and flats, basic rhythm patterns and how to read intervals. The prerequisite is *Piano Intermediate Level 1* or prior experience. Classes will meet Thursday, September 10-December 10, 2-3 pm.

*Piano Intermediate Complete Level 3* introduces stu-

dents to inversions of seventh chords, diminished seventh chords, sixteenth notes, diminished and augmented triads, major and relative natural, harmonic and melodic minor scales with primary chord progressions. The prerequisite is *Piano Intermediate Level 2* or prior experience. Classes will meet Thursday, September 10-December 10, 3-4 pm.

A textbook is required for each piano course and is available in the SCC Bookstore. Fee is \$50 for each course. Classes meet in 124 Wellard Hall.

## Crafts and Hobbies

Each fall, master floral designer Carl Klabbatz teaches his popular *Holiday Floral Design* course. Participants learn to craft stunning holiday creations with containers and accessories in relation to design, color and texture, enabling students to learn the fine art of floral arranging just in time for the holidays. Klabbatz has been teaching floral design at SCC for over 30 years. Classes will be held Monday, 6-8:30 p.m., September 14-November 2. Course fee is \$60.

## Personal Enrichment

Writer and folklorist Ray Linville explores the influences of history and culture

on the foodways of the South that make it a region distinct from all other areas of the United States. How well do we know the stories our foods tell us? Whether you are a native or a recent arrival to the South, learning more about its foods helps you appreciate its historical, socioeconomic and other cultural heritage. His talk, *Southern Foods*, meets Wednesday, September 16 from 2-3:30 pm. Class fee is \$15.

## Registration

Seats are still available for

these courses. To register in person, stop by the Sandhills Community College Continuing Education office located on the first floor of Van Dusen Hall.

You may also register by phone with a credit card at (910) 695-3980. Registration hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 am until 5 pm and Fridays 8 am until 4 pm.

For more information on all fall Continuing Education courses, visit the website at [www.sandhills.edu/coned](http://www.sandhills.edu/coned)

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- **First Friday Concert at the Sunrise** – 5-8 pm, in the green space beside the theater. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines
- **Johnson Point Concert** – 7 pm. The Fog Blues Band performs in Seven Lakes West

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

- **United Methodist Men's Breakfast** – 8 am, The Men at West End United Methodist Church meet in the church Fellowship Hall and enjoy a home-cooked Breakfast and a time of fellowship. After breakfast, a brief devotional and the men discuss projects to assist both the church and the community. Any man of the church or our community is welcome to attend.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:00 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 10 am service. 275 Knox Lane, West End.
- **Intro to Weymouth Woods and Ecology of the Sandhills** – 3 pm. If you are new to the area or would like to know more about the park and your local ecosystem, then this is the program for you. Program includes an indoor presentation and short hike. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- **Labor Day**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & troubled, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Reverend Carol Burgess. All are welcome.
- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club** – lunch at 11:30 am, meet-

ing at 12:05 pm. \*New meeting location, Fellowship Hall of the Chapel in the Pines. Visitors are welcome.

- **Trivia Tuesday at Sandhills Winery** – 6 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes



## What's When

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- **Foxfire Village Council** – 6:30 pm, meeting at Foxfire Village Hall.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- **Grand 'Reopening' of the Sandhills Woman's Exchange** – 10 am to 3 pm. Cabin operates from September to late May (excluding January) every Tuesday through Saturday. Enjoy homemade chili and lemon pie in the quaint dining room. Gifts in the shop feature local crafts.
- **Chapel Lunch Bunch** – 12 pm, All single seniors are invited to attend the lunch bunch program at the Chapel in the Joralemon Fellowship Hall. No cost, reservations appreciated, and transportation will be provided if needed. Bev and Bob Wetherbie will provide musical entertainment. They play many different kinds of horns and they will a brief history of the horns, and singing many of songs that will bring back good memories. Community can come at 12:30 pm for the entertainment. To make reservation for lunch and if transportation is needed call the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines at 673-2156.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** – from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Please make your reservation by calling 673-4931. Walk-ins are welcome and encouraged to donate. Severe shortages exist locally and nationwide. You can make a valuable contribution. Remember to bring

your donor card or photo ID. Donors must be 17 years of age to donate [16 years of age with parent's consent]. Presented by the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club and Women of Seven Lakes.

- **Boyd Library Talk** – 3 pm to 4 pm. Join John Stacey, Ed.D. Dean of Learning Resources for Sandhills Community College as he explains the history of the John Boyd Library. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle). Call 215-0900 to reserve.

- **Girl Scouts Just 4 Me** – 6:30-7:30 pm, at the Sandhills Children's Center, 1280 Central Drive, Southern Pines. Kick-off meeting of a new community outreach troop that welcomes girls ages 5-21 years [Grades K-12] and especially encourages those with special needs to come share the fun. Activities will be flexible and include earning badges, arts and crafts, games, songs, and making new friends. Volunteers are welcome! To register or learn more, contact Laura Douglass at [ldouglass@nccoastalpines.org](mailto:ldouglass@nccoastalpines.org) or call 910-692-6156
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at Chapel

in the Pines, Seven Lakes. Coordinator is Virginia Heerema, 673-5150.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

- **Fall Wreath Making Demonstration** – 10 am – 11:30 am, join plant design instructor Aldena Frye for a Fall Wreath Making Demonstration. Participants will make napkin rings to take home. Program will be held at the Ball Visitors Center, Sandhills Horticultural Gardens, Sandhills Community College. Price for the event is \$15 for Sandhills Horticultural Society members, \$20 for non-members. Space limited to 40. Payment is due at registration. Contact Tricia Mabe to register at 910-695-3882.
- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Time of fellowship, devotion and a meal, \$5.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)
- **Ruth Pauley Lecture Series** – 7:30 pm, the group will host Jake Sullivan, former senior national security advisor to Vice President Joseph Biden in Owens Auditorium, at Sandhills Community College. Sullivan's lecture is entitled The U.S. and Global Leadership in the 21st Century.

A complete list of Ruth Pauley speakers and topics can be found at [www.ruth-pauley.org](http://www.ruth-pauley.org)

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 7 pm, Open Meeting. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

- **Patriot Day**
- **SCC Public Safety Memorial Dedication** – 1 pm, public invited to the dedication of the Public Safety Memorial, Sandhills Community College, in the garden area of campus between Causey, Van Dusen and Logan Halls. Includes a presentation of colors, special music, laying of a memorial wreath, brief remarks, a speaker, a resolution, special acknowledgement of the Honor Roll and a 21-Gun Salute. Gayvin Powers (910) 695-3716 or [powersg@sandhills.edu](mailto:powersg@sandhills.edu)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

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- **Paint for the Pantry** – 2 – 4 pm, West End United Methodist Church will be hosting a "Paint for the Pantry" in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$35 per person (*Proceeds benefits WEUMC Food Pantry*). Join and paint the super fun and easy "Swirly Twirly Cross" while helping to raise money for a worthy cause. Light Refreshments served. Sign-up at WEUMC or at [www.socialableart.com](http://www.socialableart.com)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- **Grandparent's Day**
- **Caterpillars** – 3 pm, Join a park Ranger at the visitor's center for a brief talk and a 1 mile walk through the park. Ranger will talk about basic life cycles of butterflies and moths and concentrate on the larval life stage, a caterpillar. These insects come in bright colors, some have horns, some mimic other animals, and some can sting you. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- **West End United Methodist Church EXPLORERS** – dinner with youth from 6 – 6:30 pm, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30

pm for children grades K-5. Time of learning, crafts and activities before eating. Children's ministry, explore God's Word through scripture, crafts, games. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- **First Day of Rosh Hashanah**
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & troubled, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Reverend Carol Burgess. All are welcome.
- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club** – lunch at 11:30 am, meeting at 12:05 pm. Fellowship Hall of the Chapel in the Pines. Visitors welcome.
- **League of Women Voters of Moore County** – 11:30 am, luncheon and meeting at Table on the Green, Pinehurst, \$13 pp. Guest speaker: Rick Tufts. Everyone welcome. Reservations required (910) 944-9611 or [owegeecoach@gmail.com](mailto:owegeecoach@gmail.com)
- **Alzheimer's Program at St. Joseph of the Pines** – 2 pm, free program, presented by nationally recognized Alzheimer's expert Professor Ben A. Bahr, from the University of North Carolina – Pembroke. Held at St. Joseph of the Pines, Belle Meade Clubhouse, 100 Waters Drive, Southern Pines. For reservations call, 246-3125. A Confidential

Memory Screening will also be held from 1 - 4 pm, with No Appointment Necessary.

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5:30 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Trivia Tuesday at Sandhills Winery** – 6 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- **Project Linus Workshop** – 10 am to 2 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Do you have extra acrylic yarn that you would like to donate to Project Linus? If so, drop it by this workshop. Volunteers will make afghans, crochet around fleece blankets and will join together donated knitted or crocheted squares. Group will make fleece blankets, inspect blankets and hand sew Linus labels on blankets. Call Pat Weber (910) 673-1457 or email [weberconsult@nc.rr.com](mailto:weberconsult@nc.rr.com) if you have questions. Help provide blankets to children in need in Moore County.
- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 2 pm, at Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Drive. Club will be offering a Free Soil Testing: Bring one or more soil samples from your garden. Members will teach everyone "How to read Soil Testing Reports." Master Gardeners will answer your garden questions for any plant

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

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Time of fellowship, devotion and a meal, \$5.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- **Slithering Snakes (For Wee-Ones)** – 10 am, Whether you love snakes or are scared of them, this

will be a fun opportunity to learn more about these awesome animals. Ranger will try to ease fears and help you love them even more as they read a book, play some games, make a craft, and meet one of the park rangers' pet snakes. All activities geared towards 3 to 5 year-olds and parents. Program lasts 30-45 minutes. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.

- **Antiques Book Roadshow** – "Treasures in Your Attic" Have you always wondered the value of your treasured book? Bring your books and join Father John Sharpe as he appraises them in the Antique Roadshow fashion. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle). Call 215-0900 for information or to reserve a seat.



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# Stop Hunger Now needs donations and volunteers

West End Presbyterian Church is partnering with other local churches including West End Methodist Church, Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, and Seven Lakes Baptist Church to host "Stop Hunger Now," a meal packaging event scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 am.

Stop Hunger Now gets food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable people, and is working to end global hunger in our lifetime. Based in Raleigh, NC, they have provided over 180 million meals in 65 countries since 1998.

The goal this year is to package 80,000 meals. In previous years the West End effort has successfully packaged 23,000 meals (2012), 42,000 meals (2013) and 63,000 meals (2014). Both donations and volunteers are needed to reach the 80,000 meal goal.

Each meal costs \$.29, so the churches must raise \$23,200 to reach the 2015

goal. Donations may be sent to West End Presbyterian Church at P.O. Box 13, West End, NC 27376. Write "Stop Hunger Now" in the memo line.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, September 12 to

prepare the meals. 275 volunteers participated in last year's effort.

This is an event for all ages, from 4 to 94, everyone can participate. Contact Holten Easter for more information at 910-673-1429.



**Volunteers of all ages are needed for the Stop Hunger Now effort at West End Presbyterian Church on September 12**

## Open House at WEPC

West End Presbyterian Church has completed the first phase of an ambitious \$800,000 capital improvement project, remodeling offices and Sunday School classrooms in the administration wing of the Church.

The community is invited to view the progress at an Open House before and after the 11:00 am church service on Sunday, September 13.

Local Contractor Bill Reaves Construction handled the job, with Pete Chase serving as construction manager and Kitty Cobb heading up interior design.

The church has raised more than \$700,000 toward its capital campaign goal of \$800,000.

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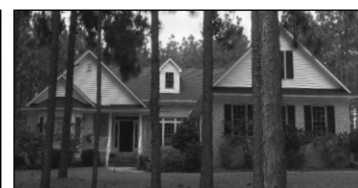
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struction of a "concept" high school near Sandhills Community College designed to accommodate high school students who wish to take college classes, either to get a head start on their college career or to earn certifications aimed at launching a specific technical career path.

The new school will be open to students from any of the County's three traditional high schools, and it is expected to help reduce the overcrowding at Union Pines and Pinecrest.

The projected price of that project has risen from \$14.6 million to \$28.8 million.

"We have felt from the get-go that that original price was on the low side," Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey said.

He explained that the overcrowding can be eased only if substantial numbers of students chose the concept school and that many remain there all day, returning to their home school only for after school extracurricular activities. The concept school will need to serve 600-1000 students all day long, he said.

"We need to have a dining facilities for them," Grimesey explained. "They need a commons area."

Other projects have seen similar cost increases:

- A new elementary school in Area 1 (Carthage and Whispering Pines) was originally sized to accommodate 650 students. The plan now is to build a 650 student school with a 800-student core capacity, to provide for expansion in the future. The cost went from \$15.5 million to \$26 million.

- Two 650-student Area 3 elementary schools are expected instead to be 800-student schools. The cost went from \$15.6 million to \$28 million in Aberdeen and \$29.2 million in Southern Pines. Birath explained that a new 650-student school in Aberdeen would be over-capacity and would have to use modular units on the day it opened. Moving to an 800-student school in South-

ern Pines should allow MCS to close both Southern Pines Primary and Southern Pines Elementary, which will ultimately save on operational costs.

- Planned renovations and a single building replacement at Pinehurst Elementary have become a new two-story school, with the projected cost increasing from \$6.5 million to \$23.2 million

- Planned renovations and a wellness center at North Moore High School have been revised to, in Phase 1, include thirteen new classrooms and an auxiliary gym, as well as new athletic fields, taking the price from \$1.3 million to \$12.2 million.

Birath said the new cost estimates reflect "the total cost of ownership." In other words, they include the cost of site acquisition (when needed), design, construction, furnishings, and classroom infrastructure that would make them ready for occupancy by teachers and students.

Grimesey said MCS administration should be able to manage three projects, at different stages of development, simultaneously.

## Timeline

Birath produced a timeline that would have planning and design for the first project beginning in November of this year and projecting the completion of the last of the ten projects by August 2024.

Moore County's Board of Commissioners have held up the use of lottery funds for the design of a new Aberdeen Elementary School pending the receipt of more detailed cost estimates and a timeline from MCS.

After the August 31 Board of Education meeting, County Manager Wayne Vest told *The Times* that the information provided by Birath is what the County has been looking for. He said it would allow the County budget team and financial advisors to map out school facilities funding needs in time for a scheduled Board of Commissioners Critical Issues Summit on September 10 and 11.

The work session was attended by the mayors of Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and Whispering Pines, as well as other town council members and municipal staff. Those towns have expressed a keen interest in the pace

and order of the school facilities projects.

Southern Pines and Aberdeen have jockeyed to have replacement of their aging schools moved up the priority list, while Whispering Pines expressed concern

when the first land purchase for a new school was in Aberdeen, rather than in Area 1.

Superintendent Grimesey took the opportunity to reassert that the original

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# MCS

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facilities plan remains the current facilities plan — at least in order of execution.

"The Administration has neither the authority nor the desire to change the School Board's approved order of projects," Grimesey said. "The School Board's Master Facilities Plan remains the guiding document for the Administration's activity."

## Detailed, phased plans for the high schools

The meeting began with the presentation of master development plans for each of the County's three high schools, developed by SFL+Architect Tom Hughes.

Explaining the need for a comprehensive master plan for those campuses, Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey noted that the buildings are already fifty years old, and recent expenditures on auxiliary gyms and other upgrades at both Union Pines and Pinecrest are investments that the district will not want to walk away from. As a result, those schools can be expected to still be in use fifty years from now.

"Babies being born this year will turn 50 years old in 2065," Grimesey said. "As they turn fifty . . . there is a good chance that their youngest child will be coming up on graduation from high school."

"The discussion we are having today will shape the high school experience of the children of babies being born today."

"We are asking future generations to accept decisions that we are making now," he said, "where we are going to destine them to be using buildings that are on hundred years old. And currently, right now, we're not tolerant of buildings that are more than sixty or seventy years old."

"So, we owe it to those future generations to have a plan," Grimesey said, "that if they are going to be using a building that is 100 years old, that it will not look and feel like it is one hundred years old."

"The reason why this is important now is that, if the taxpayers are going to be putting multiple million dollar additions onto these buildings, we want to make sure that those investments now

entrances to funnel foot traffic through a single entrance adjacent to the administrative offices, enclosed the currently open campuses, and increased the number of athletic fields.

*"The discussion we are having today will shape the high school experience of the children of babies being born today."*

— Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey

fit and conform to that long term plan."

The detailed, multi-phased plans that Hughes presented, for each high school, over time, added and enlarged classrooms, reconfigured

Each approach is unique, based on what the architects saw as the unique character of each school.

The changes at Pinecrest would be the most dramatic, pushing out exterior walls

on the main buildings to get rid of the external hallways in favor of a more enclosed approach and, ultimately, covering the brick courtyard to create an indoor common space.

At North Moore, little used islands of green space within the building structure would be replaced with indoor common areas.

The plan for North Moore includes three phases; the plan for Union Pines, four phases; and the plan for Pinecrest, six phases.

Only the first phase of each high school master plan is included in current MCS Master Facilities Plan. The remaining phases represent long range plans extending decades into the future.

Detailed drawings of the

phases of all three high school master plans can be found on the Master Facilities Plan page of the MCS website at [www.ncmcs.org](http://www.ncmcs.org). A video recording of Birath's and Hughes' presentations is also available on that page.

School Board Chairman Bruce Cunningham commented MCS Administration on the presentation.

"We have never before seen a presentation with this level of forethought and detail," Cunningham said. "Now it's our job to sift through all of this."

The Board is expected to discuss the Master Facilities plan and the development plans for the high schools during its Monday, September 14 regular meeting.

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## School Board

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attract only fifteen students for this school year, Director of Budget Mike Griffin reported.

Griffin said the program needs to have 20-22 students per class to make it viable. Otherwise, the low student count in that class can increase class size in the remaining classes in a given grade level.

West End has nineteen students in the Spanish Immersion second grade class, seventeen in the first grade class, and fifteen in Kindergarten.

Associate Superintendent Dr. Lisa Troutman noted that the entire cohort of Kindergarten at West End is smaller by at least two classes this year, which reduced the

number of students available to enroll in the Spanish Immersion Class.

Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey said Principal Leigh Ann McClendon is undertaking a recruiting effort to make sure numbers rise for next year. He also noted that students from other attendance areas may be able to transfer into West End Elementary in order to participate in the program.

Troutman said recruitment is necessary to ease the concerns of parents, who may already be nervous about having their young children start school.

Grimesey said he would like to see the program continue until students in the program are tested in third

grade, because similar programs with which he has been involved demonstrate that earlier training in a second language improve facility and test scores in both the first and second language.

A second Spanish Language program, the Language Academy at Robbins Elementary, is in its first year and has attracted two full sections of students, with a dozen more on the waiting list.

The Language Academy is designed to combine native English speakers with Native Spanish speakers in a curriculum that is conducted fifty percent in each language. It's students, in the first year are two-thirds native Spanish speakers and one-third native English speakers — which reflects the overall school population.

VIF International Education provides teachers and support for both programs. The Board will vote in September on the \$46,300 contracts for each program. The Robbins program is eligible for federal Title 1 funding, Griffin said.

### Other Business

In other business during its Monday, August 31 Work

Session, the Moore County Board of Education reviewed a number items that will be voted on during the September 14 regular meeting, including:

- Changes to the School Board meeting calendar that will add a work session and regular meeting in December, as well as in July and August. Those changes will be finalized at the September 14 meeting.

- A \$217,000 lease agreement with Dell Financial Services that would replace aging core servers and storage arrays, as well as desktop computers used in MCS classrooms.

- A contract renewal with Republic Services for solid waste disposal in all the district's facilities that will also

include implementing a recycling program to bring MCS into compliance with state law. The cost is \$11,208 per month during the school year.

The Board also received an update of the Master Facilities Plan, as well as long-range development plans for each high school. [See story on front page.]

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## The guard at the gate

The Guard at the Gate  
Gated communities never appealed to me. Actually, in New England, where I lived before moving to North Carolina a few years ago, we really didn't have them.

When we began looking for a home down here, the realtor showed us several places within the gates. I was skeptical.

Why the gates? To keep out the riff raff? To confer status? To live only among people of "your own kind?" Whatever the reasons, the whole concept seemed rather elitist.

But after looking at about a dozen houses, the one we really liked was in a gated community, so we bought it. Now, we have a bar code on our car so we can pass

smoothly through the gate, exchanging friendly waves with the guard.

### Outside the Box

Harry Bronkar

The neighbors are friendly, and they are not, thank God, all seniors like us. School buses also enter the gates, dropping off young people throughout the community.

Folks are working in their yards, planting flowers, trimming bushes, and picking

up those ubiquitous pine cones. Joggers and dog walkers pass on the roadside in the morning hours, visibly reminding us of the reason for the twenty-five mile an hour speed limit.

Life behind the gates seems pretty normal, not much different from the outside world where I have lived nearly all my life.

The gates do not, however, keep the outside world at bay. The evening news on our TV sets crashes the gates and brings us graphic evidence that life is not good

for a lot of people "out there." Violent terrorist acts occur more and more frequently in our country, generated by people for whom life cannot be happy or fulfilling.

The horrible earthquakes in Nepal brought death and destruction on a scale that we never expect to experience here. Tornadoes in our nation's heartland destroy entire towns and claim numerous lives. I am told that occasionally a tornado may even breach the security of our gates and disrupt our good life!

Indeed we need to ask, "What is the good life?"

Most of us enjoy nice homes, good cars, food on the table, money in the bank, and the generally pleasant North Carolina weather.

But, the good life is not secured by the guard at the gate nor the external things listed above.

Some people enjoy the good life in the love and support of family. Many rely on a personal faith to provide stability and balance for life's challenges.

While many of us live within the gates, we will all find our good life "out there," as we realize that we are part of the human family and that our gated community provides no guarantees.

*Harry Bronkar is a Baptist Minister enjoying retirement in Seven Lakes North. You can reach him at hbronkar@gmail.com*

## Thoughts on 'modern' public school design

On Monday, August 31, an accomplished architect of educational facilities presented to the Moore County Board of Education long-range development plans for each of our three high schools. They increase classroom size; enhance the flow of traffic; increase facilities for athletics, the arts, and entrepreneurship; and incorporate expanded common areas.

They are beautiful plans, plans that attempt to honor the unique character of each school.

As Tom Hughes, of SFL+a Architects, presented those plans, he repeated one syllable over and over and over. It occurred dozens, scores of times in his two hour presentation.

"In."

In, inward, inward facing, pointing inward — it was a

constant drumbeat of "in."

And the designs he displayed matched that rhythm.

Pinecrest and North Moore High Schools, both originally built in the 1960s, are open campuses. At North Moore, a cluster of buildings is connected by walkways. There's no one entrance into the facility.

The three main buildings at Pinecrest front on a large brick common area. The hallways are external to

the buildings, instead of inside. They are like extended balconies used to move from one room to another.

The new designs would push walls outward to the edge of those balconies, taking the hallway inside. It would use new structures to close the gaps between buildings, and, ultimately, cover

the courtyard.

North Moore's campus would remain uncovered, but no less fenced in, by the artful placement of new buildings and a few inconspicuous walls.

The reason for all this inwardness is obvious. We live

### Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins

in a post-Columbine, post-Sandy Hook world. The armed and deranged among us take out their rage not just on worshippers, moviegoers, and runners, but also on school children.

"When I was elected to the School Board, it's interesting how your perspective changes," School Board

Chairman Bruce Cunningham said. "You look at things differently, you look at things with responsibility on your shoulders, for safety and security."

Shortly after joining the Board, he recalled, he realized that a vehicle could drive right into the courtyard at Pinecrest. So he worked to have bollards installed to prevent it.

That was, without doubt, a wise decision.

But, I wondered, sitting in that presentation, hearing the drumbeat of "in, in, in" over and over, is there a price for all of that inwardness, for all of that shouldering of responsibility, for making safe fortresses of our high schools?

I can't pretend to know the thoughts of the architects who designed Pinecrest and North Moore.

It was a time of tumult, with unrest in our cities, the assassination of civil rights

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## Modern schools

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workers in Mississippi, and an escalating war in Vietnam. And it was a time of some optimism, with progress on civil rights legislation and Johnson's Great Society. It was a time of expanding personal freedom.

Perhaps the designers of those schools felt that ample open outdoor space would help vent the tensions that rocked both college and high school campuses at the time.

It was the dawn of the environmental movement. Perhaps they felt that access to fresh air and sunshine (as well as rain and snow) would benefit students more than spending their entire day confined between gray or beige walls.

It was heartening to hear Hughes mention that North Moore students were adamant in their desire to keep the open-air quality of their campus.

In the 1960s, more and more high school students

were moving directly from graduation to college. Perhaps those architects felt there was value in acclimating students to a campus atmosphere, which they would soon enough be calling home.

Perhaps they felt — as Hughes noted somewhere in his talk — that high schools serve as important focal points for the community, as places where the community comes together, and where community spirit is built. Open, accessible campuses certainly communicate that role in a way that a large fortress, with a single entrance point, does not.

All of those considerations may have been at work. All are certainly valid now.

I am not suggesting that safety and security is not important. I am suggesting that it is one among many objectives, and that it does not trump all others.

There is reason to believe that the parenting styles adopted by members of my

generation and those a bit younger have created a generation of children who are uncommonly coddled, who enter higher education to a surprising degree unable to participate in robust debate of difficult issues, and who, as a result, have vastly greater levels of depression and anxiety as they adjust to the chaos of university life.

Is our preoccupation with safety above all else an extension of that coddling?

I do not know. But I wonder if our communities, and our students, are well served by schools that face inward, instead of outward, that are forbidding, rather than welcoming.

I am concerned that we, with the best of all intentions, are adopting an architecture of fear.

I may be wrong of course. And it will be decades before these campuses are fully enclosed. That should provide ample time to discuss what turning our schools inward means for our students, and our community.

## Thanks for the assist

Dear Editor,  
I'm requesting your help to thank Bill and Bonnie, the Seven Lakes West couple who came to my aid on Saturday, August 22 after I suffered a nasty spill over the handlebars of my bicycle. Unfortunately, I didn't

get their last name, so I'm hoping they read this.

They witnessed my fall and immediately stopped to help me. I wound up with a dislocated shoulder and broken collar bone and was very appreciative of the ride they gave me back to my house.

I feel very fortunate to live in a community with so many wonderful neighbors.

Thanks Bill and Bonnie!

Scott Miner  
Seven Lakes West



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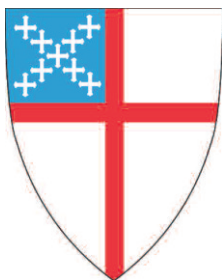
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## West side

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might improve the quality of responses.

### Dog park survey results

Of the 144 who responded to the survey regarding a dog park, 64 indicated they own one or more dogs, and 66 felt Seven Lakes West could benefit from having a dog park.

Ninety-three of those who responding said they would likely never use a dog park if one were available.

38 of those responding expressed concerns about maintenance and clean-up; 37 expressed concerns about safety or that a dog park would create a noise nuisance or represent a liability.

Lambert said, given concerns about noise and the tendency of sounds to travel, that it might be difficult to find a suitable location for

a dog park in Seven Lakes West, given the density of the community.

### Finance

Treasurer Mercedes Herdrich was absent for the meeting, but provided financial reports and a brief written summary.

As is common early the fiscal year, income continues to run ahead of budget, because many members pay their full assessment at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Actual expenses were \$25,224 under budget for the first three months of the year, though both Security and Lake & Dam were over budget, by \$11,069 and \$8,622 respectively.

More than \$550,000 was added to the reserves in August, in anticipation of the upcoming road repaving project.

On a motion from Bernadette York, the Board voted to move \$2,005 from the Road Reserves to the Contingency Reserve Account. That amount represents money left over from a right-of-way project and will be used to help fund the Lake Auman Toe Drain Project.

### Maintenance

Community Manager Jeanette Mendence reported that repairs had been made to the Nature Trail behind the playground area, with a drain and some trees removed.

Three dead trees were taken down elsewhere in West Side Park.

The gazebo near the pool has been completed, Mendence said, and three picnic tables have been donated for that space. She thanked Ron Workman for ordering the tables.

### Coming Events

The Fog Blues Band will perform at Johnson Point on Friday, September 4, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

A Newcomers Reception will be held on Wednesday, October 14 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Great Room of the Community Center.

The last day for the West-side Pool is Labor Day, September 7. Mendence thanked Patty Dublino for volunteering to teach water aerobics during this Summer's swim season.

### Other Business

In other business during the Tuesday, August 25 meeting of the SLWLA Board of Directors:

- Mendence urged drivers to be cautious of children walking to bus stops in the morning and afternoon hours, now that school has started.

- ARC Director John Shaughnessy reported that there are nine new homes

under construction in Seven Lakes West, as well as two additions underway.

- Shaughnessy announced that Parks Cobb has resigned from ARC and thanked him for his many years of service.

- The Board approved the distribution of a survey on communications to the community beginning on September 1.

- Director Bob Fewkes reported that the Lake Auman Toe Drain Project was started on time. An overall description of the drain system is posted on the website.

- The Board voted to appoint Nina Hartless to the Legal Affairs Committee.

- Mary Anne Fewkes urged the Board to create a Long Range Planning Committee, and President Mandy Goodwin said she has already begun exploring that possibility.

## Chapel Lunch Bunch

The Chapel Lunch Bunch will resume on Wednesday, September 9 at noon.

All single seniors are invited to attend the lunch bunch program at the Chapel in the Joralemon Fellowship Hall.

There is no cost, reservations appreciated, and transportation will be provided if needed.

Following lunch, Bev and Bob Wetherbie will provide musical entertainment. They

play many different kinds of horns and they will give a brief history of the horns. They will also be singing many of the songs that will bring back good memories for everyone.

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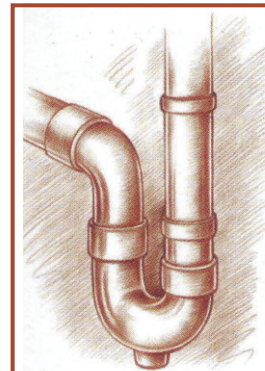
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## Foxfire

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is one that had been approved by the Council, but never added to the Village's published ordinances.

Council members agreed that the policy should be a Water Department policy, rather than an ordinance, and asked Sedlak to revise it based on the Work Session conversation and bring it back for further review.

In other Water Department matters, Sedlak said Lydia Conard, who manages the treehouses, asked to have their water meters relocated. He will obtain a quote for the project, but said the Village will not pay for the work.

### Increasing square footage

Councilman Mick McCue had suggested during the August 11 Council meeting that the members consider raising the minimum square footage for new homes, in reaction to Senate Bill 25, recently passed by the General Assembly, which takes away the ability of municipalities to set aesthetic standards for homes.

McCue's thinking was that larger homes, commanding a larger investment, might be more likely to be aesthetically pleasing.

That suggestion prompted Frusco to look at the minimum size standards imposed by other towns.

"It seems what we have is in line with the others," Frusco said. Foxfire's current standard is a minimum of 1,800 square feet, with 1,500 on the main level.

Noting that the Village has some of the larger lots available in Moore County's residential developments, McCue suggested raising the standard to 2,000 square feet, with 1,500 on the first floor.

"So that it is similar in stature to the other homes being built," McCue said. "The vast majority of homes that I have seen being built since I got here are certainly bigger than 1,800 square feet. You don't know if they are going to build a better house or a worse house in its appearance value, but that other factor is important with our large lots."

Mayor Durham asked whether setting the larger minimum standard would inhibit growth the village.

"If you look at all the houses being built by the bigger homebuilders over in Whispering Pines," McCue said, "they are a lot bigger than 2,000 square feet. Homes built today for young and old are bigger than they used to be, by and large."

Council members agreed to get feedback from the Planning and Zoning Committee before putting the McCue's proposal on an agenda for approval.

### PARTF Grant

Also during the August 27 work session, Council members agreed to explore submitting an application for an NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] grant that would help fund a new pool house and community center.

The Village received a PARTF grant that helped pay for Village Green Park, but was turned down several times for a project that targeted rehabilitation of the pool area and nearby tennis courts. The courts were ultimately removed.

Councilwoman Leslie Frusco noted that existing plans for an expanded pool house included a meeting room and community kitchen, as well as space for a fitness room.

PARTF grants require that the local government making the application take on half the cost of the project.

"Considering that we have at least a structure of that grant already done, and considering we have all that land out there where we took the tennis courts down," Frusco said, "the thing about doing

it at the pool site, is that's one of the things that we set aside that capital reserve money for — was to do something with that pool house."

Durham noted that having a new space for council meetings might allow the Village to move its administrative offices out of rented space and into the Village Hall, which currently houses the Police Department and the Council meeting room.

"Are we in it for the long haul; do we want to keep that swimming pool open?" Durham asked.

"I think that's an amenity we need to keep," Frusco replied, and Councilman Jon Sedlak quickly agreed.

Frusco noted that she had recently ridden through Pineland Preserve, a new development in the Village,

and saw signs that at least two of four new homes in the area included small children in the family.

"I think that pool provides us with something that encourages growth out here," Frusco said.

Mayor Durham said he would get additional information about an upcoming training session for PARTF grant applicants. Both Sedlak and Councilman Vic Koos volunteered to participate.

### Police Department

Councilman McCue reported that Officer Scott Patterson, who is currently out on medical leave, is interested rejoining the Village Police Department only as a full-time officer.

The Village already has two  
(See "Foxfire," p. 26)



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## SLLA work session

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work than we know what to do with.”

Allen said he would contact Riley, as well as some other firms.

“It’s looking like it may be tough to get anything done this year,” former Treasurer Conrad Meyer said. “Maybe we should take a step back and look at a larger project for next year.”

He noted that the Association’s restricted reserve account will grow by another \$200,000 in FY2017, helping fund a larger project that might be more interesting to paving contractors.

### Losing pasture to a new fence

The meeting began with a series of questions from former President Darr. Darr explained that many landowners don’t realize that he is no longer a member of the Board, so he is often approached with questions

about SLLA issues and decisions.

Darr said he understood that the new fence that will extend along two sides of the horse pasture will be posi-

tioned five feet back of the existing fence. He noted that this would cost the Association nearly an acre of pasture.

President Chuck Leach

explained that the fence installer requested the five foot distance because of concerns that once the new fence is installed, pulling out the posts of the old fence would weaken the new ones. In addition, pine trees are in the way in the fence line along Seven Lakes Drive and two telephone poles with guy wires are in the fence line on the western side, adjacent to the Business Village.

“Losing an acre of pasture is not a good idea,” Darr said.

Turning to another stables-related area, Darr said he recalled that the original landscaping contract with Dav-

enport included mowing the pasture, but SLLA crews have been handling that job lately.

Treasurer Mark Gyure confirmed that Davenport is supposed to mow the pasture, and Interim Community Manager Allen said he would check into the situation.

### Bringing structure to the budget

Treasurer Gyure presented a draft proposal that would allocate a set percentage of each year’s budget to each of four “colors of money.”

Seventy percent would go to operational expenses, fif-

(See “SLLA,” p. 27)

## Ruth Pauley Lecture

The Ruth Pauley Lecture Series will host Jake Sullivan, former senior national security advisor to Vice President Joseph Biden on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 pm in Owens Auditorium, at Sandhills Community College. Sullivan’s lecture is entitled The U.S. and Global Leadership in the 21st Century.

After his appointment to the Vice President’s staff in 2013, Sullivan began participating in U.S. discussions with Iran, culminating in the nuclear agreement under consideration by Con-

gress today.

He earned his BA in political science from Yale University in 1998 and holds a Masters in Philosophy in international relations from Oxford University, received his Juris Doctor degree from Yale in 2003 where he currently serves as a visiting professor. Sullivan has held numerous advisory positions in the United States Departments of State and Justice.

A complete list of Ruth Pauley speakers and topics can be found at [www.ruth-pauley.org](http://www.ruth-pauley.org)

## Foxfire

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full-time officers, the number budgeted for this year.

McCue said he was not sure when Patterson would be cleared to return to work, but would express to Patterson that the Council would welcome him back on a part time basis.

### Planning & Zoning report

Mary Gilroy, who chairs the Village Planning & Zoning Committee, told the Council that she and Village Clerk Lisa Kivett had met with the Village Attorney to discuss ordinance revisions related to Senate Bill 25.

She said it appears that many of the current architectural standards in the ordinances, which have been made invalid by the new law, can be instead be expressed as strong preferences.

So, while situating garage doors to the side of the home cannot be required, it can be “strongly preferred.”

Gilroy said volunteers are needed to help develop the

Village Land Use Plan.

### Work Session moves

At the request of Mayor

Durham, the Council agreed to move their Thursday, September 24 Work Session to Tuesday, September 22.



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teen percent to restricted reserves for dams and roads, ten percent to the unrestricted reserves that fund all other capital projects, and four percent to the replacement of capital assets: pickup trucks, mowers, backhoes, etc. The remaining one percent would cover contingencies.

Using this year's \$1.5 million budget, Gyure said, \$232,500 would have gone for restricted reserves, \$155,000 for unrestricted reserves, \$62,000 for capital assets, \$15,000 for contingencies, and \$1,085,000 would have gone for operations. In the current budget, operations is funded at \$97,000 more than that proposed figure.

"If we would have had this in place five years ago, we would have \$1.3 million in the restricted reserves, ready to move forward with repaving," he said.

"This would give members a clearer picture, going forward, of why dues increases are being asked for, or why expenses are being cut," Gyure said. He noted that the current budget process does not allocate anything to the replacement of capital assets, which means when something breaks, it has to be covered out of the operational budget.

"This doesn't change what we do, but it allows us to see it in a quicker snapshot," he said.

### Upgrading security

Gyure said he, Security Director Lishawa, and President Leach will begin exploring options for improving security of SLLA facilities,

looking in particular at a couple of options.

The first is what Gyure called a "credentialing system," a system that would use a key fob, an electronic membership card, or other means to allow members to access SLLA facilities without retrieving a key from the office staff.

Instead, a reservation could be made through a web page, permission could be authorized by staff, and the member could enter the game room, bocce court, clubhouse, pool, etc. using their membership credential.

The second system they will be exploring is the use of wifi enabled cameras to watch over SLLA amenities,

like the pool, Sequoia point, the North Clubhouse, etc.

Gyure explained that newer cameras can operate over wifi, making communication much easier and less expensive than depending on radio frequencies or hardwired internet connections. The purpose of the cameras would be not so much to alert law enforcement to vandalism or some other problem in process, but rather to "record for prosecution."

### Maintenance Department compensation

Darr asked whether members of the maintenance department had gotten a raise approved by the Board in June, noting that the Board's

decision had been reported in *The Times*. He said members of the maintenance crew were told by the previous Community Manager that there were no raises in the budget.

President Leach said he would look into the matter. Assistant Manager Hosterman said "the details weren't disclosed, and, because it is a personnel issue, it can't be discussed in public."

"To pass it in public and have it in the paper, then there is an issue," Darr said.

### Using Local Contractors

Noting that Pinehurst Resort has just opened a new major swimming pool, Darr said a large sign at the site

notes the names and addresses of all the contractors who were involved in the project — all local companies.

"We ought to get some kind of a system that we are dealing with local contractors whenever possible," he said. "There needs to be a system so they are advised about what needs to be bid on."

### Support for Seven Lakes EMS

Director Greg Lishawa noted that only about twenty-five percent of the funding for Seven Lakes EMS is provided by Moore County. The remainder comes through various fundraisers.

(See "SLLA," p. 28)

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He recommended that the Association purchase a \$75 ad in the 2016 Seven Lakes EMS telephone book.

One source of EMS funds is through the sale of reflective street signs — the green signs with white lettering that are highly visible at night.

Not only does the sale of the signs help fund Seven Lakes EMS, Lishawa said, the signs also make it much easier for public safety first responders to find a home, particularly at night.

He asked that the Board allow Seven Lakes EMS to promote sale of the signs by setting up a table at community events and occasionally in the mailhouses. Directors voted unanimously to move those recommendations to the Open Session.

### Questions for Manager candidates

The Board has a search underway for a new Community Manager. President Leach said each of the Board's committees are developing a list of questions to ask candidates during their interviews. Landowners may submit questions for consideration to Board members.

Don Fentzlauff noted that the contact information for Board members on the SLLA website is not up to date. Leach promised to have that updated.

### New era of communication

Leach said he had recently met with Seven Lakes Golf General Manager Jay Iskow and has the goal of bringing about "a new era of commu-

nication between the Association and the club."

He said Iskow is planning to offer dinner at the club restaurant beginning in November and would welcome feedback and suggestion from the community.

### Dues rate for combined lots

Treasurer Gyure ran into stiff resistance from members when he asked to amend the Rules and Regulations to set a discounted annual dues rate of \$347 for lots that had been recombined into either a developed or undeveloped lot.

A similar proposal from former Community Manager Ray Sohl had met similar resistance.

In the past, the Association has simply waived dues on a lot that had been recombined with another lot, a practice that reduced the overall dues revenue collected by the Association.

Resident George Temple reminded Gyure that the Covenants reserve the right to set dues levels strictly to the membership — not the Board of Directors. And neither the members nor the Board has ever approved the \$347 rate.

Gyure argued that the covenants require that every lot contribute to the maintenance of the community property. In the absence of action by the membership to make that happen, the responsibility to do so belongs to the Board, he said.

"Everyone is supposed to be paying something," he said.

"It's very clear in the covenants," Temple replied.

Director Bob Racine suggested tabling the matter for further study.

But Assistant Manager Hosterman noted that a pending real estate transaction involving a combined lot gave some urgency to the question.

Member Greg Hankins suggested that a mechanism exists for calling a special meeting of the Association, if a decision is needed from the membership.

Manager Allen said the mailing required for such a meeting would likely cost the Association \$1,000.

"These things almost always fail," he added. "You've got what you've got right now. I suggest you just live with it until the Annual Meeting."

On a motion from Racine, the proposal was tabled indefinitely.

### Other Business

In other business during the Thursday, August 27 SLLA Board Work Session:

- The Board unanimously moved to the September 10 Open Meeting a photocopier contract with a new vendor that will save the Association approximately \$2,900 per year.

- A unanimous vote of the Board moved to the Open Meeting an amendment to the rules and regulations that will allow contractors to work in the community Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm. No work will be

allowed on Sundays or holidays.

- The Board voted to move a recombination of lots 141 and 142 to the Open Meeting.

- Leach reported that the contractor applying the final surface to the new bocce ball courts has failed to complete the second court because of health problems in his extended family.

- Director Lishawa asked for input from the community on any needed revision to the rules and regulations impacting security. He can be contacted via email or

phone.

- Darr said he had heard the Board was undertaking a review of the SLLA stables and considering reducing the herd size. Leach said no such review is planned or underway.

- Darr asked whether the engineering study of Ramapo Dam was available. Director Greg Lishawa, who has been temporarily chairing the Lakes & Dams Committee, said the final report is not in yet. New Lakes & Dams Director Mark Widman said he would look into the matter.

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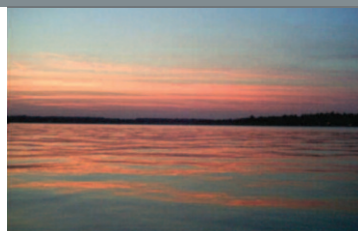
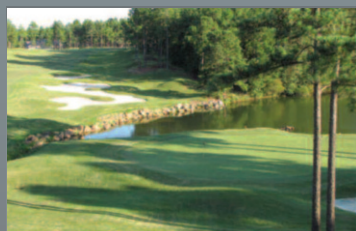
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The program will be held

at the Ball Visitors Center of the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens at Sandhills Community College.

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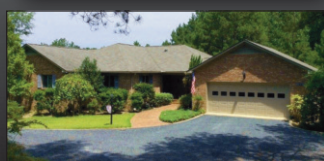
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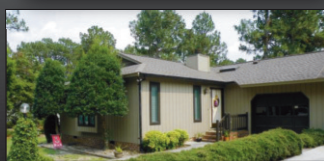
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**5 Vineyard Place, Foxfire**  
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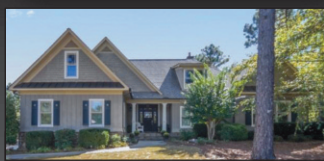
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**141 Grace Ct, 7 Lakes West**  
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### Seven Lakes West

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117 James Dr.....\$32,000  
124 Vanore Rd.....\$14,800  
138 Beacon Ridge Dr....\$49,900  
103 Dennis Cir  
1.23 Acres.....\$89,500  
120 Pittman Rd.....\$99,000

### Seven Lakes West

159 Morris Dr.....\$324,999  
  
**Seven Lakes North**  
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### Seven Lakes South

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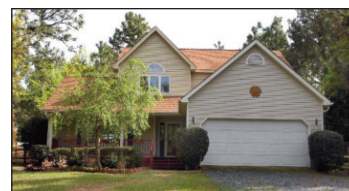
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