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Kiwanis Pumpkin Patch



Seven Lakes Kiwanis is selling pumpkins, mums, gourds and corn stalks to raise money for the West End Elementary library, as well as other groups that benefit children in Moore County. The Pumpkin Patch will be open beside of First Bank in the Business Village on Wednesday - Sunday through October 31. Above, Charlie Flinchum, Pat Weber, John Clohessy and Ron McGaughey, chair of the Pumpkin Patch effort.

Plan for new schools shuffled

Times Editor



The Concept High School, now known as the "Advanced Career Center"

has moved to the top of the Moore County Board of Education's priority list for school construction.

During their regular Monday, October 12 meeting, School Board Members voted unanimously to rearrange the ten-year, ten school, Master Facilities Plan to place the new specialty high school at the top of the list. [See page 7 for a rundown of the curriculum proposed for the new school.]

It is followed by three new elementary schools. A new Area 1 school is planned to help relieve overcrowding at the Vass-Lakeview and Sand-

hills Farm Life campus. Two new elementary schools in Area 3 will allow the district to close four schools: Aberdeen Primary and Elementary, and Southern Pines Primary and Elementary.

All of the new elementary schools will be built to accommodate 800 students, an increase from the 650-student schools that were part of the original Master Facilities Plan.

Those four projects are expected to cost a total of \$119.3 million. The Board approved a timeline for those projects that would have them all completed by August 20, 2019.

Next on the rearranged list of projects is building replacement and renovations at Pinehurst Elementary, a \$26.4 million project.

(See "Facilities," p. 26)

Commissioners change election districts

by Greg Hankins

Times Editor



The Times

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The five districts from which Moore **County Voters** elect County Commission-

redrawn to increase the between District 2 and 3 in chance that at least one Commissioner will be drawn from North Moore.

The new maps place all of Seven Lakes within a single Commissioner district; the ers have been community had been divided

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a redistricting undertaken in 2012 in response to the 2010 US Census.

The Board of Commissioners approved the new maps during their regular Tuesday, October 6 meeting, responding to new state legislation that gave them the right to make the change.

Residency Districts

Moore County's Commissioners are elected from "residency districts." Though all voters in the County vote for each of the five Commissioners, the Commissioner candidates are drawn from five different districts. The system is an attempt to ensure that all areas of the County are represented on the Board, while at the same time making each Commissioner responsible to all voters in the County.

Acting on a recommendation from the League of Women Voters of Moore County, the Commissioner redrew the district lines in 2012, in an attempt to equalize the population residing in each district. Because of growth in Southern More County, the 2010 census revealed substantial differences in District population.

Those difference were especially stark between District 2, which includes Seven Lakes and Pinehurst. The census showed that District 2 had 24,807 residents, nearly twice as many as District 3, with 12,597 residents.

District 3, at that time. included all of northern Moore County, including the Town of Robbins.

The League suggested that this disparity in district size violated the goal of one-person-one-vote, and the Commissioners responded by redrawing the lines, stretching District 3 down the western border of the County and then eastward to include Seven Lakes West, portions of Pinewild, and the Town of Taylortown.

The resulting districts all had between 17,600 and 17,700 residents.

Concerns from North Moore

In January of this year, the Commissioners heard a (See "Commissioners," p. 28)

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League program to focus on local immigrants

The League of Women Vot- for Moore County Schools. ers of Moore County's Tuesday, October 20 program will feature Anna Stevens, Curriculum Specialist for ELS, World Languages, Arts Education, and School Librarians

Stevens will give an overview of the immigrant population in Moore County and the challenges they face.

This topic is part of an ongoing study by the League on Immigration that includes education, poverty, housing,

literacy, agriculture, homelessness and health care. League programs have been designed to hear from experts in these fields, and Anna Stevens is qualified to address many of these areas, but especially those dealing with school children and how they

are impacted by these issues.

Stevens received a Masters in Elementary Education from Clemson University and has spent over thirty years in education teaching pre-K to 6th graders in SC, FL, Brazil and North Carolina.

Fifteen years ago she began teaching English as a Second Language in Moore County Schools.

In addition to her already substantial role with Moore County Schools, she also coordinates parental involvement and education for Hispanic parents.

Marisol Rivera, a Moore

County Schools Social Worker, will also attend the meeting and be available for questions.

The League meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at Table on the Green at 11:30 am. The public is invited to attend.

Make reservations for lunch and the meeting by calling Charlotte Gallagher at 910 944-9611 or by email at owegeecoach@gmail.com.

A check for \$13 made out to LWVMC can be brought to the luncheon. Cancellations must be made by October 18.

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Seven Lakes EMS BBQ

Seven Lakes EMS will have their Fall Chicken and BBQ fundraiser on Friday, October 16, 11 am – 7 pm.

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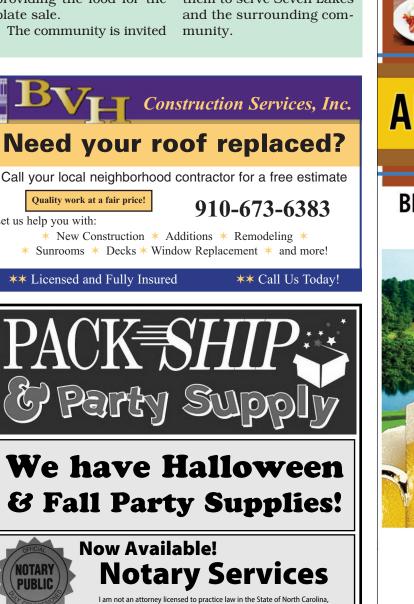
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Board set to interview manager prospects

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



The Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board is ready to interview candi-

dates for the position of Community Manager, President Chuck Leach reported during the Thursday, October 8 Open Session.

Three candidates are under consideration: one from Tennessee and two from South Carolina. Leach thanked Board Members and members of the community for submitting interview questions for the candidates.

Action Items

The Board dealt with four action items during the Open Meeting:

- · Director Bob Racine was appointed to chair the Nominating Committee. He reported that Jim Allen has agreed to serve as the Northside representative on the committee and that he would like to have additional volunteers. including at least one from Seven Lakes South.
- The Board appointed nine members of the Lakes & Dams Committee: Jim Allen. Don Fenztlaff, Al Anderson, Steve Garner, Rodney God-

win, Larry Hineline, Bob Miller, Ira Rozycki, and Dan Thompson.

- · The Board accepted the resignation of Dev Gandhi from the Board of Directors. He had joined the Board in August. President Leach said Gandhi's work had made it impossible for him to attend Board meetings, but added that Gandhi truly wants to give back to the community and hopes to be able to serve after his retirement, in a few vears.
- On a motion from Treasurer Mark Gyure, the Board approved a \$4,100 increase in the FY2016 salary budget, "to bring the hourly wage rate more in line with the prevailing wage rate." He thanked Finance Committee

member Jim Allen for research done on wages in the local area.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gyure said the Finance Committee had met twice since the last Open Meeting and had reviewed delinquencies; the potential for a dues increase next year, based on the rising cost of capital maintenance: a resident's request to extend the paved portion of Cambridge Drive; and the opportunity to save costs by implementing labor-saving technology.

Responding to a question from Bob Miller, Community Manager Jeff Allen said the total dollar value of accounts in arrears is \$169,000. However, that total includes

landowners who pay their dues monthly and who are total amount in arrears is making regular payments.

\$25,000-\$30,000 of the (See "SLLA," p. 18)

McLean House **Fashion Show**

The Carthage Women's Club will host a fashion show on Thursday, October 22 at 7 pm, at the Clara McLean House, 20 First Village Drive, Pinehurst. Doors open at 6 pm. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, music and speakers. Proceeds benefit the

Clara McLean House and FirstHealth Cancer Care Fund. Tickets: \$25 at Black Rock Winery, Lisa's Boutique and Cottage of Hope or 910-295-9511, 910-947-1315, 910-944-2255.

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Volunteers are needed to help with donating baked goods such as cakes, cupcakes, and cookies.

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Foxfire pool revenues up, but so are expenses

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



Revenue from the Foxfire Village Swimming Pool was up sharply this S u m m e r.

Councilwoman Leslie Frusco reported during the regular Tuesday, October 13 meeting of the Village Council.

Sales of pool passes and daily tickets totaled \$23,309, an increase of \$6,371 over sales last year.

Twenty-five resident families bought season passes, as did two non-resident families, generating \$5,000, while another \$5,100 in revenue came from the sale of tenvisit punch cards.

Sales of one-day admissions accounted for \$7,7259 of the total revenue.

It was, however, a year that include major pool repairs, including draining and acid washing the pool and replacing a pump motor. The result was total expenses of \$60,281, and a net cost to taxpayers of \$36,972.

That's the largest net loss on pool operations since 2011, another year in which major repairs had to be made before opening the pool.

Because of deterioration in the shallow end of the pool basin, another \$40,000 in major repairs has been recommended before the pool opens next Summer.

Council members are expected to discuss the pool report during their October 29 Work Session.

Nine new homes underway

Lisa Kivett, in her role as Zoning Administrator, reported that nine new homes are beginning or currently under construction, eight within the Village proper and one within the extraterritorial jurisdiction [ETJ].

Five building permits for single family homes were approved in September, and two, both spec homes, were turned down because they failed to meet the minimum 1,500 square feet required on the first floor.

Kivett reported that sixteen

ordinance violation notices were mailed in September, with most of those for unkempt yards. She said many of those residents who were mailed notices last month have made progress in correcting their problems.

One civil citation was issued to a homeowner who had failed to respond to previous notices.

Repaving set to begin

Councilman Vic Koos reported that repaying of selected trouble spots on Village streets is expected to begin on October 29. That will include Foxkroft Circle, a small area on Hillside Drive, and 700 feet of Ridge Road.

The estimated cost is \$45.000.

Koos suggested that the entirety of Ridge Road could be paved — six-tenths of a mile — if the Council wanted to approve a budget amendment for another \$59,000 in street repaving. He said that would save on the overall cost, compared to doing the work in two separate years.

Councilwoman Frusco said she would not vote for the increase, and suggested that Koos hold onto the estimated \$24,000 it will cost to pave a portion of Ridge Road this year, combine that with next year's paving budget, and pave the entire street in FY2017.

Budgeting process debated

That led to an animated discussion in which Koos objected that his some of his fellow Council Members had been subtly criticizing his performance.

Koos said that he had served on Council longer than any of the other members, and that the budget for street repair had never exceeded \$60,000

Mayor Steve Durham, Councilman Mick McCue, and Frusco, all encouraged Koos to prepare a detailed street paving plan for discussion during the preparation of the FY2017 budget, in order to justify additional paving expenditures..

When budget preparation begins, Frusco — who is the Village's Finance Officer — often cautions her fellow Council Members that the budget will be tight and that budget increases are unlikely. Koos said he takes that advice at face value and so simply submits the same \$60,000 budget request each year.

(See "Foxfire," p. 25)





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In memory of .

Anneliese Röhling Feggel- Schmidt Brenneman (huser, 81, died Wednesday, September 30 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Feggeler was born in Germany the daughter to the late Else Engelke and Johannes Röhling. She emigrated to Long Island, NY, in and married her husband, Frank. They lived in East Meadow, NY, for thirty-one years before moving to Seven Lakes. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church of West End and for more than twenty years proudly worked at the United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

Survivors include her husband of fifty-six years, Frank E. Feggeler, Jr.; sons Thomas Feggeler of Baldwin, NY; Steven Feggeler and wife, Linn, of Christiansburg, VA; Mark Feggeler and wife Teri of Pinehurst; and her grandchildren Sara Feggeler, Matthew Feggeler, Rachel Feggeler, Noah Feggeler and Nathan Feggeler.

A memorial service was held Saturday, October 3 at West End United Methodist Church

Memorial contributions may be made to West End United Methodist Church Food Pantry, PO Box 276 West End. NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the

William Fred Schmidt, Jr., 80, of Seven Lakes, died at his home September 9.

A Memorial service will be held at 4 pm, Friday, October 16, in the Crawford Center at West End Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club project - West End Elementary School BackPack Pals and Computers for Kids. (Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club, 5151 Beulah Hill Church Road, West End, NC 27376 or to charity of your choice.)

"Bill" Schmidt, was the son of William Fred and Victoria Woelfle Schmidt was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife Jean, two children, Sorien

band Kurt) of Raleigh, and Kirk William Schmidt of Carrboro, and grandsons Ethan Kyle and William Samuel Brenneman.

Mr. Schmidt earned a B.A. and M.A. in history from Baylor University. He did additional graduate work at the University of Chicago 1965 - 1969, an exciting historic time for him.

While teaching history part time at the University of Cincinnati, he completed education courses to fulfill requirements for teacher certification. His high school teaching career spanned 40 years and four states - Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, and the last twenty years in Moore County. His key subjects were Advanced Placement European History, world history, and world cultures.

Mr. Schmidt's creative teaching techniques and academic background, many teaching awards, his spon-

sorship of the Mariemont High School Environmental Group in Ohio, the Key Club at Pinecrest, and his coaching of many athletic teams, especially the award winning golf teams of Dixie Heights in KY and Union Pines in Moore County, were a testament to his dedication to young people and education.

Environment, community, and people were important to him. He, along with family and friends, built one of the first twenty homes, a passive solar home, on the non existent Lake Auman in 1983, and he served on the Seven Lakes West Landowners Board three terms. He was Democratic Precinct Chair for over ten years, an avid golfer at Seven Lakes Country Club, and a member of Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club.

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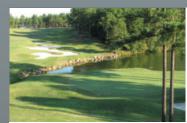


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Schools October 16, 2015 **Seven Lakes Times**

Concept High School curriculum detailed

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



Moore County's proposed Concept High School" has become — at

least, for now — the "Advanced Career Center" and Moore County Schools [MCS] Administration has provided considerably more detail about just what courses and concentrations would be available at the new school.

That's a good thing, because the new career-oriented high school has moved to the top of the list of MCS facilities projects. Operations Director John Birath estimates that the 115,000 square foot school will cost just over \$33 million to build and equip.

The Board of Education reviewed planning for the Career Center and its school construction priorities in a Work Session on Monday,

October 5 and gave its blessings to both plans in a business meeting on Monday, October 12.

Associate Superintendent Dr. Eric Porter and a number of his colleagues — including the principals of all three Moore County High Schools — presented the updated curriculum for the school.

Four pathways

They envision four "pathways," including Skilled Contracting Services, Health Services, Global Leadership, and STEM - Science, Engineering, Technology, and Math.

The goal is to "provide a platform for coursework that expands the curriculum available" at the existing high schools, and also to "expand opportunities for MCS students to access college credits and post-graduate industrial certifications and licenses."

By attracting students from each of the three existing high schools, it is expected

that the Advanced Carer Center [ACC] will relieve overcrowding on the Pinecrest and Union Pines campuses.

The Skilled Contracting pathway would include Carpentry, Masonry, Electrical, Welding, and Advanced Automotive classes, Porter said.

He noted that, currently, masonry is only available at Pinecrest. Moving that program the the ACC would allow students countywide to access it.

Similarly, none of the three campuses have enough Automotive students to support level III and IV courses, but bringing those students together at the Career Center would allow them to move further in their training while still in high school.

The Health Services pathway includes Nursing, Health Science, Biomedical Technology, Emergency Medical Technician training, and Sports Medicine.

North Moore Principal

Jenny Purvis explained that interest from students than state regulations currently limit to ten the number of students that can be served in a single Nursing Fundamentals classroom.

Students in the Health Services pathway will be able to obtain certifications that could lead to employment immediately following high school — or could give them a head start on college credits needed to receive higher certification and degrees.

On her campus, as well as Pinecrest and Union Pines. she said, there is much more

can currently be accommodated. The ACC will be able to serve more students interested nursing — as well as providing more up-to-date nursing labs.

The STEM pathway offers two options: a computer engineering path and a technology design path. Courses could include Graphic Arts, Game Art & Design, Drafting, Computer Programming, Computer Engineering Technology, Adobe, and Cybersecurity.

(See "Career Center," p. 27)

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MCS plans forums on year-round school

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



— those which offer both year-round school and the traditional calendar — in the 2016-2017 school year.

Instead, the four campuses that currently offer the yearround option — West Pine Elementary, Pinecrest Elementary, and Southern Pines Primary and Elementary will all convert entirely to one calendar of the other.

Though the School Board has made no formal decision to eliminate dual-track campuses, that proposal has been on the drawing board for the past three years.

During its Monday, October 12 regular meeting, the Moore County Board of Education approved a timeline for determining whether and where to offer the year-round option.

A series of public sessions are planned to communicate the reasons for the change and gather input. Those sessions are planned for October 19 at Southern Pines Elementary, October 22 at Aberdeen Elementary, and October 29 at West Pine Elementary. Each of those sessions will convene at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

In addition, every family at those schools that currently offer the year-round

option will be asked to complete a survey. The results of the input session and survey will be shared with the School Board in December, with a decision on how to proceed expected in Janu-

An expensive option

Associate Superintendent Dr. Lisa Troutman and Former Director of Budget Mike Griffin explained the rationale for eliminating dual-track schools during the School Board's Monday, October 5 Work Session.

Troutman said schools with both year-round and traditional calendar options inevitably have smaller classes sizes for year-round students, and larger class sizes for those on the traditional calendar, creating an "unfair distribution of MCS' already scarce resources."

Taking West Pine Elementary fourth graders as an example, Troutman said there are 35 students on the yearround calendar, which requires two teachers, yielding a class size of 17 or 18 students

The 77 traditional calendar students, by contrast, are served by three teachers, which results a class size of 25 to 26 per classroom.

Troutman said a majority of parents prefer the traditional calendar, and principals must often actively recruit families to enroll their students in year-round

Often, parents who express an intention to enroll their student in year round back out at the last minute, she added.

Griffin said maintaining the dual-track system costs MCS an estimated \$400,000 per year. That includes \$250,000 -\$350,000 in additional teacher salaries, along with \$70,000 in extra costs for assistant principals and teachers for arts, music, and exceptional children.

Additional costs for transportation, utilities, and cafeteria service add another \$80,000-\$95,000.

"Clearly, there is a vocal support for year-round," Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey added. "But in order to sustain the numbers in the year-round program, the administration has to go out and find them and encourage them."

Grimesey said there is no question about the enthusiasm of the minority who support year-round school, but "it's really difficult to grow that minority to a solid major-

Board member Laura Lang asked whether it might be possible to make the entire district into a quasi-yearround calendar, with the school year beginning earlier in August and extending further into June.

"That indeed would be the

Superintendent's preference," Grimesey said. "The state is not cooperating. The state has a very clear definition of year-round that does not have anything to do with starting after August 1. We don't have the statutory freedom to do that right now."



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Repaving underway on West Side

by Greg HankinsTimes Editor

This Fall's \$900,000 repaying project is well underway in Seven Lakes West.

Paving Supervisor Gene Opdyke told *The Times* that work on the first of four phases began on Wednesday, October 7, as a Full Depth Reclamation [FDR machine] began grinding up the pavement on a section of Longleaf Drive from Smathers to Beacon Ridge Country Club.

The FDR machine "completely removes the existing pavement and several inches of the underlying material,

mixes and grinds up all that, adds dry cement to the mix, and deposits all that on the roadway to form a new, firm base material," Opedyke explained.

That was expected to be complete by the time this edition of *The Times* was published, to be quickly followed by several days of paving in that section, laying down two layers of asphalt.

Meanwhile, the FDR machine will move to another section of Longleaf, between Morganwood Drive and Fogelman Court.

Opdyke said he hoped

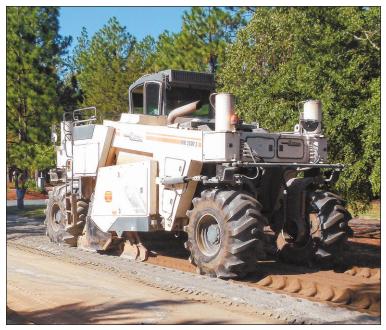
paving on the second segment could begin on October 22, with the entire project wrapping up by the end of the month.

However, the work is weather-dependent, and a day or two of rain could throw a wrench into the schedule. "I will be happy with the finish occurring by November 10," Opedyke said.

Westside motorists are encouraged to be mindful of workers and truck traffic during the construction.



A dusty business [photo by Jack Lattin]



The Full Depth Reclamation [FDR] machine chews up asphalt and creates a new road base. [photo by Jack Lattin]

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New flag at 7 Lakes West honors Laud Pitt

by Daniel Conrad VVA Chapter 966

Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966, honored deceased member, Laud Pitt, along with several of his family members.

A new flag was raised at

the entrance to the Seven attended along with members Lakes West community on Monday, October 5 at 6:30 pm in a solemn ceremony.

Pitt's daughter, Michele Stewart, son-in-law, Colonel Geoff Stewart and granddaughter, Emily Stewart

of Vietnam Veterans of Moore County Chapter 966.

Laud Pitt was an original member of VVA Chapter 966 serving as Chaplain and was a resident of Seven Lakes West with his wife Anna. He dedicated his life to serving the community by visiting inmates at local prisons offering to talk with them and read scripture. He was also very active in his church.

Jack Bergquist, President of Chapter 966, ended the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance and said," After the pledge at our chapter meetings, Laud would always have an appropriate, although often lengthy invocation, for

our membership. I am sure as he looks down on us this evening, he is ready for an appropriate invocation."

Colonel Stewart said, "The entire family was honored by the tribute to Laud. The flag is a fitting reminder of his love for our country and service to his nation."



Colonel Geoff Stewart, Emily Stewart, Michele Stewart, VVA members: Larry McCallum and Mike Shapiro.



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New veterinary clinic planned for 7 Lakes

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



A new veterinary clinic proposed for the Seven Lakes Business Village won the

blessing of the Moore County Planning Board during their Thursday, October 1 regular meeting.

Dr. David Garza, who current operates Pinehills Veterinary Mobile Services, is seeking a conditional use permit to establish a veterinary clinic in the building that currently houses The Property Center, adjacent to Seven Lakes Plaza Shopping Center.

The Board of Commissioners has final approval of the permit; they are expected to hear the request in November or December.

Garza told the Board that the clinic would lease the front seventy percent of the building in its first year of operation, with current owner Phil Harrell moving his business to the back thirty percent.

Garza said he plans to buy the building and occupy it completely in his second year of operation.

Planner Teresa Thompson told the Board that the County Building Inspector has already reviewed the plans and determined that the existing number of parking spaces is sufficient. Garza has met with public utilities to arrange to have the building connected to County water.

Thompson said the existing septic system would need to be enlarged.

Garza told the Board that the clinic would not have any outdoor kennels and that he had no plans to offer boarding services. The only animals that would stay overnight in the clinic are those being treated, he said.

On a motion from David Lambert, the Board unanimously endorsed the conditional use permit request, sending it on to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Dollar General permit approved

Also during the Planning Board's October 1 meeting, a new Dollar General Store planned for NC Highway 211 near its intersection with Juniper Lake Road obtained a Special Non-Residential Intensity Allocation [SNIA] from the Watershed Review Board.

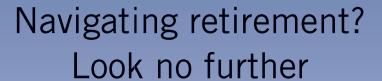
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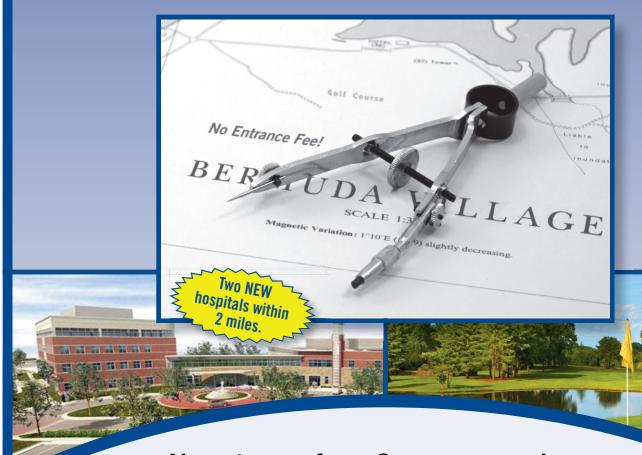
shed Review Board.

The property in question lies in the Nick's Creek watershed, in which only 24 percent of a tract may be covered with impermeable surfaces: buildings, parking lots, etc.

the goal of the watershed regulations is to protect the drinking water supply. Nick's Creek serves as the primary water supply for the Town of Carthage.

(See "Planning," p. 29)





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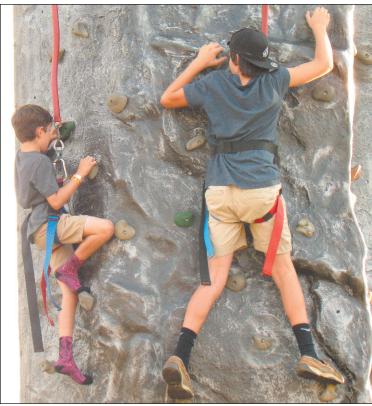
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WEE Fall Festival raises money for good



Kylie McGough, daughter of PTA Vice President Austen McGough, doing the Limbo at the WEE Fall Festival



The WEE Fall Festival included a climbing wall



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by Janna Ptak Times Reporter

Cake Walks, bouncy houses, and face painting were only a few of the fun features of the Annual West End Elementary [WEE] Fall Festival on Friday, October 9.

First grade teacher Peggy Overton, who has been at WEE for twenty years, was in charge of a game in which children would pick a toy duck out of a small pool. The number on the bottom



Reese Augustine

of the duck was related to the prize the children would receive.

The Cake Walk was manned by Kimberly Burr, Courtney Fiore, and Ashley Wilson. Burr is a member of the PTA, and Wilson is in her fifth year of being a second grade teacher at WEE.

Lance Barber, Physical Education teacher at WEE, was in charge of the relay

race. Barber is himself a WEE graduate and now enjoys encouraging children to exer-

He came up with the relay race idea four years ago, and it has been a part of the Fall Festival ever since. Assisting Barber with the relay race were high school students Allie Barnes, Madeline Anderson, and Caroline Anderson (Continued on page 13)





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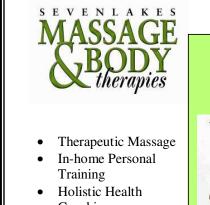
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causes – and is a lot of fun to boot!

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— all WEE graduates.

The Fall Festival involved more than just teachers, parents and the PTA. Community groups and business did

local school.

A booth sponsored by Seven Lakes Green Printing, sold West End Elementary Warrior Tee-Shirts. A perto the PTA.

The Garden Club, composed of Seven Lakes residents, also sponsored a booth. The Garden Club is a group of master gardeners

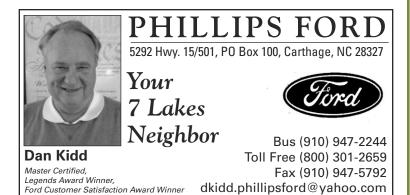
their part in supporting the centage of the sales was given who come to the school once a week to work with children during the after school program. During this time, the Garden Club teaches students how to properly plant ticipated at WEE Fall Festiand maintain a garden.

Chisholm Electrical Contractors strung up lights around the school for the

Kona Ice, which has par-(See "WEE," p. 24)



Phys Ed teacher Lance Barber sets up Hudson Flint for the relay race



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Discovery Flight offers would-be aviators

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Human beings have always dreamed of flight — since our early human ancestors looked up from the savannas of Africa at a big-winged bird of prey circling high above.

It's those big birds that inspire us. It's not the wrens, and finches, and chickadees that flit to and fro in the back yard that capture our imagination, but the big birds with wings as wide as a man is tall, soaring just under the clouds, watching the world below with what must have seemed to our ancestors a God's-eve view.

And, in fact, you can fly.

an expensive ticket on a jetliner that all-to-quickly rises above the clouds, almost before you can survey the landscape below.

Instead, you can learn to fly a small plane, one that seats two people, or a few, flying a few thousand feet above the earth, below the clouds, with a fabulous view of the scenery below.

You start with flying lessons, like those offered by Flight Instructor Jack Stevens at the Moore County Airport, south of Whispering Pines.

Discovery Flight a flight-school appetizer

Stevens, a resident of Seven And not just by purchasing Lakes West since 1992, has

been flying since 1969 and teaching others to fly since 1982. In that time, he has amassed 5,400 hours in the

Stevens recently invited The Times to a Discovery Flight session at the airport – an introduction to the possibility of taking lessons in order to achieve a Private Pilot Certificate under Federal Aviation Administration [FAA]

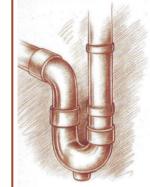
We began with a review of the training process, which requires hours of study and significant time in the cockpit. We reviewed the extensive preflight inspection and checklists that are required before takeoff and after landing. And we flew a Cessna 172S from the Moore County Airport to the Carthage Airport, over Seven Lakes, and back again.

With Stevens closely monitoring a second set of controls, the student pilotreporter was even allowed to

man the controls during take off, and to control the plane in flight.

The three hour session proved to be an informative and exciting window into the possibility of becoming a pilot.

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a taste of pilot training

(Continued from page 14) Learning to fly

he currently has about ten students pursuing pilot certifications. The airport's flight training center has three

instructors. Stevens is the most senior of the bunch Stevens told The Times that and is currently working toward certification as the lead instructor.

> **Instructor Slim Thompson** is a retired Special Forces

Lieutenant Colonel who flew more than 600 combat missions during his military career. Kate Buffton is a retired Air Force Major.

Stevens said about thirty percent of the training center's students are women. The center even offers a special ten to fifteen hour "pinch hitters" course for women or men whose significant other is a pilot and who would like to be able to land the plane safely, should their significant other have a medical emergency in flight.

The most popular certification sought by beginning students is the Private Pilot Certificate, which allows an individual to fly under Visual Flight Rules — that is, at less than 18,000 feet, in clear skies, with good visibility.

Those who want to be able to fly at night, in the clouds, or when inclement weather reduces visibility, can seek an Instrument Rating.

Stevens said his students tend to have one of three objectives in seeking a pilot's license: flying for fun, flying for business, or looking of a career in aviation.

(See "Flying," p. 20)



Westsider Stevens is one of three flight instructors at the **Moore County Airport**



Flight instructor Jack Stevens completes pre-flight paperwork in the Cessna 172S cockpit







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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- Going Batty! (For Wee-Ones) 10 am, learn about these fantastic flying mammals, play games, and make a craft. For 3 to 5 year-olds and parents. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- SL EMS Fall BBQ Fundraiser – 11 am - 7 pm, a choice of Fried Chicken or BBQ with baked beans, cole slaw, and a roll. Jordan's Catering will be providing the food. Community invited to come and enjoy. Eat in or take out.
- Moore County Home Garden & Life Style Expo – noon - 5 pm, Southern Pines Elks Lodge, 280 Club Circle, Southern Pines. Admission \$5, First Responders and Military Free with ID. www.Home-GardenLifeStyleExpo.com
- Blaise Foundation Golf Tournament – noon, Tee time 1 pm, at Little River Golf & Resort, at 500 Little Farm Blvd., Carthage. Cost \$80 Player. Checks and donations made payable to: Team Blaise Foundation, P0 Box 1031, West End NC 27376. Contact Robbie (910) 783-8554 or Linda (910) 315-4074.
- Free Golf Clinic 2 pm, Lauren Fournier, former LPGA Symetra Tour Player, will be teaching. 280 Country Club Circle, Southern Pines. Sponsored by Home, Garden, & Lifestyle Expo. (www.HomeGarden-LifeStyleExpo.com)

• Temple Presents The Addams Family – opening nigh, show runs through Sunday, November 1. Opening Night celebration tonight featuring hors d'oeuvres from The Steele Fellowship Hall. Tickets \$8 each can be purchased from anyone in the United Methodist Men's Group or at the door. Takeout available. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73,

West End.

• The Rooster's Wife-doors open at 6 pm, show at 6:45 pm, gallery of Poplar Knight Spot.

Music guest: Andrea Zonn. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org

• SunFlix at the Sunrise – 7:30 pm, *Big Stone Gap*. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- Bird Walk and Bird Banding 8 am, Stop by the bird banding station where Susan Campbell will be banding migrants and other resident bird species. Bring water, bug spray, binoculars, and field guides for a 2-mile hike. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church Fall Fest

 9 am 2 pm. Yard sale, music, coffee, donuts, BBQ and fried chicken meals available. If anyone would like to have a yard sale table, make a \$20 donation to the Chapel and contact

Amy McDonald at 295-6608. Music by Ella Patrick, the Ingram family and David McDonald and friends. BBQ and chicken meals are \$8 per plate. Desserts for sale.

- Seven Lakes Baptist Church Indoor Yard Sale
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- Culdee 30th Harvest Festival 10 am to 7 pm, Harvest Festival and Auction at 916 Highway 73, West End. Events include crafts, canned and baked goods for sale, youth hot dog and snack sale, Silent auction, Live auction, quilt auction and a raffle. Chicken & dumpling supper offered at 4 pm with plate dinners \$8 per person. Dine in or take out, 910-295-6685.
- Kids Tennis Carnival from 1-4 pm, at the Seven Lakes Tennis Center. Fire truck, SL EMS on hand with information, ice cream, hot dogs, a corn hole game, bouncy house and a free tennis clinic for children ages 5-12. Call Tennis Center 400-5275 to reserve.
- **Met Opera Otello** 1 pm, The Met season opens with Verdi's masterful Otello, inspired by Shake-

- speare's play Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.
- Free Golf Clinic 2 pm, Lauren Fournier, former LPGA Symetra Tour Player, will be teaching. 280 Country Club Circle, Southern Pines. Sponsored by Home, Garden, & Lifestyle Expo. (www.HomeGarden-LifeStyleExpo.com)
- Year of the Amphibian Story Hike – 2 pm, Join a Park Ranger to hike your way through a story in honor of NC State Parks Year of the Amphibian. Trail will be set up all day from 8 am to 5 pm. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- Star Gazing in the SCC Gardens - starting at 6 pm. Sunset is 6:41 pm and dark at 7 pm. Cindy Bingham, Director of the Planetarium at Neuseway Nature Park of Kinston will help visitors look into the night time sky. Bring the family, a picnic supper, blanket or chairs and a flash light to the Ball Visitors Center at Sandhills Community College. Register by email at landscapegardening@sandhills.edu or call 910-695-3882.
- Hamlet National Theatre Live from London - 7 pm, \$25 reserved seating. British theatre live from the London. Benedict Cumberbatch takes on the title role of Shakespeare's great tragedy. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines 692-3611.



Show times for The Addams Family: Thursdays at 2 pm, Fridays at 2 pm and 8 pm, Saturdays at 8 pm, and Sundays at 2 pm. Tickets call the Box Office 919-774-4155, www.tem-pleshows.com

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- Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church – 8:15 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe.
- West End United Methodist Church – Sunday School, 9:45 am, Worship Services, 8:30 am or 11:00 am. Everyone welcome, child care available
- Chapel in the Pines 9 am worship service, 581 Seven Lakes Drive.
- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- West End Presbyterian Church – Sunday School, 10 am, children ages 3 through grade 5, middle school, high school, adults. www.westendpres.com for schedule for adult classes. Worship Service, 11 am. Nursery care provided, 275 Knox Lane, West End.
- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Golf Day 6th annual golf tournament at Beacon Ridge Country Club. Proceeds benefit the community. Entry fee \$65 includes: lunch 11 am 12 noon, 18 holes of golf (scramble format). Start 12:30 pm. Great prizes. Details or entry form, call: Phil Cox 910-986-2964.
- Horse Farm Tour 11 am to 4 pm, by Prancing Horse Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship. Lunch available for purchase. Tickets \$20 in advance; \$25 the day of the tour at

the NCSU Equine Health Center, 6045 US HWY 1, North. Children under 12, free. No pets permitted on any farm. Tour begins at NCSU Equine Health Center. For information, www.prancing-horse.org

- Birding For Beginners 3 pm, using binoculars, and go for a short walk. Bring sunscreen and bug spray. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 692-2167.
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- West End Presbyterian Church Youth – 6 pm, middle school and high school students. West End Presbyterian Church, 275 Knox Lane, West End.
- West End United Methodist Church Explorers dinner 6 6:30 pm, meeting 6:30 pm 7:30 pm, children grades K-5. Time of learning, crafts and activities before eating. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.
- The Rooster's Wife doors open at 6 pm, show at 6:45

pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest: Randall Bramlett Band. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

• Weight Watchers Meeting
- 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary
Magdalene Episcopal
Church, 1145 Seven Lakes
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 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.
- League of Women Voters of Moore County 11:30 am, luncheon and meeting at Table on the Green, Pinehurst, \$13 per person. Guest speaker: Anna Stevens, giving an overview of the immigrant population in Moore County and the challenges they face. Everyone welcome. Reservations required (910) 944-9611 or owegeecoach@gmail.com
- Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club
 lunch at 11:30 am, meeting at 12:05 pm. Fellowship
 Hall of the Chapel in the
 Pines. Visitors welcome.
- 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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church – 8:50 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- Gallery at Seven Lakes 1 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- Rosary at Chapel in the Pines 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Seven Lakes Landowners Association – 9 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Game Room.
- Bread of Life Ministry West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors. Time of fellowship and devotion and a meal provided at \$5.
- Gallery at Seven Lakes 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- Foxfire Village Council 6:30 pm, meeting at Foxfire

Village Hall.

Carthage Women's Club **Fashion Show** – 7 pm, at Clara McLean House, 20 First Village Drive, Pinehurst. Doors open at 6 pm. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, music and speakers. Proceeds benefit Clara McLean House and FirstHealth Cancer Care Fund. Tickets: \$25 at Black Rock Winery, Lisa's Boutique and Cottage of Hope or 910-295-9511, 910-947-1315, 910-944-2255. Fashions provided by Lisa's Boutique.

<u>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24</u>

- · United Nations Day
- Moore Philharmonic Orchestra Fundraiser – 8 am to 10 am, the Orchestra hosting a Flapjack Breakfast at Applebee's in Aberdeen. Tickets \$7. mporchestra.com for information.
- West End Presbyterian Church Children's Sabbath – 9:30 am until 12 noon. Stories, music and crafts children ages 3 through Grade 5 will explore the Sabbath, enriching their understanding of the role of prayer. All are welcome. Register your child by October 16. Contact Kris Adler-Brammer, 673-4341.





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owed by a single landowner. Gyure said progress is being made toward collecting on that account.

Allen said about twenty accounts are currently being pursued by the Association's collections attorney. The total $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$ amount owed is not just unpaid dues, but also associated fines and interest. In addition, some of the accounts involve bankruptcies, which complicates collections — and makes it difficult to obtain the full amount owed.

Gyure noted that the current collections attorney is only paid when money is actually collected. Allen said foreclosure is an expensive process, because the Association is an unsecured creditor and will be paid only after any bank holding a mortgage on the property is satisfied and any back taxes are paid.

Manager's report

that repairs at the North mailhouse have been completed.

He said Cooper, the oldest member of the SLLA stables herd, at 26, has been retired. An area horse owner with a 1,000-acre spread offered to take Cooper as a gift for his five-year-old daughter.

The Association is currently running about \$25,000 under budget, Allen said.

He reported that he had worked with Davenport Landscaping to create a twelvemonth schedule laying out expectations for work to be performed in each month.

Allen reported that the fish habitats that will be built from discarded pasture fence posts will be under construction during the month of October. Foster Lakes Management will assist in placing the habitats.

The community's lakes are full, with the exception of Little J, which is down a foot — though that is up from a twenty-three inch deficit. Water is being pumped from Big J to make up the deficit.

The Northside barcode Manager Allen reported scanner has been replaced with a rebuilt unit, which saved both time and cost. A new speaker at the South

Gate will improve communication with the North Gate.

Committee reports

Judicial. Director Racine reported that the Judicial Panel heard two cases. One involved landowners who erected a structure without approval from the Architectural Review Board [ARB] approval. They were fined \$50 and must submit the structure to ARB for approval - which is not guaranteed.

The other case involved a visitor and a golf cart violation. No fine was issued, though the Judicial Committee put the violation on file in case of a repeat issue.

Community standards. 160 courtesy letters were recently sent out for a wide range of violations, Racine reported. "These are nice letters," he said. "They are just the violation."

In addition, thirty-five letters were sent out asking for the immediate correction of specific violations.

Lakes & Dams. Widman said that Seven Lakes West's Lake & Dam Director Bob

making the person aware of Fewkes had made a presentation on the Lake Auman Dam at a recent meeting of SLLA's Lakes & Dams Committee, providing information on the structure of Lake Auman Dam and the history of recent major repairs to (See "SLLA," p. 19)

Square Dance with the Yellow Rockers

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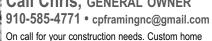
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Widman reported that, despite the plentiful rain, the siphon was not triggered on the Lake Ramapo Dam spillway. The siphon is designed to increase the outflow of water from the lake once it reaches a certain level, but that level apparently was never reached.

Widman said his committee is working on amendments to the rules and regulations. They are taking piezometer readings to gauge the depth of water internal to the dams, as well as exploring the possibility of a full engineering review off all the dams.

Recreation. Trick or Treat at the SLLA Stables is planned for 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Halloween, October 31, Racine reported. Hot dogs, hay rides, and other activities are planned.

Racine reported that there were 79 students at Summer Horse Camp, producing \$4,740 in revenue.

Security. Lishawa reported that the security company is working on using tablet computers to replace the current paper system that gate guards use to identify members and others allowed through the gate.

Lishawa said there continues to be a significant problem with residents failing to call the gate in advance when visitors or work crews are expected.

Residents attempting to enter through the visitor's gate without a barcode will be asked to show an ID and membership card, he said. "Our rules and regulations say it," he said, "and we are still getting a lot of people in here that don't belong."

ARB. Director Sandy Sackmann reported that three homes are currently under construction. The ARB approved one single family home, the replacement of an existing retaining wall, two new decks, a split rail fence, and a sun room.

The ARB continues to monitor several projects, and will host a Moore County Building Inspector at its next meet-

Other business

In other business during the Thursday, October 8 SLLA Open Meeting:

 Responding to a question from Les Sommers, Manager Allen said that finishing the bocce ball court had been scheduled, but weather interfered. Allen told The Times on Wednesday, October 14 that the repair had been rescheduled for October 15. Don Fentzlaff noted that holes left from the removal

of the old fence posts around

the pasture had not been

filled in. He was assured that the maintenance crew would rectify the situation.

Spaghetti Supper

A WEUMC Spaghetti Supper will be held on Friday, October 16, from 5 - 7 pm. The West End United Methodist Men are sponsoring the Spaghetti Supper in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$8 each and

include salad, spaghetti, desert and a drink. Takeout is available. Tickets can be purchased from anyone in the United Methodist Men's Group or at the door.

West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End.

Fall Festival

McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church will host a Fall Fest on Saturday. October 17 from 9 am - 2 pm. There will be a yard sale, music, coffee, donuts, BBQ and fried chicken meals available.

If anyone would like to have a yard sale table, make a \$20 donation to the Chapel and contact Amy McDonald at 295-6608.

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Flying

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For example, he said he has a couple of students who have businesses in another state, but who want their families to have the opportunity to live in Moore County. A private pilot certificate allows them to conveniently travel back and forth from home to work.

Among the most dedicated students are those with a military background, including individuals on active duty who are stationed at Ft. Bragg.

Stevens said the drop-out rate among would-be pilots is high, between sixty and seventy percent.

"They have underestimated the cost, underestimated the effort, or they have underestimated the cost when sharing that information with their significant other," Stevens said.

Attaining a private pilot certification can cost \$6,000-\$10,000, Stevens said, and he prefers to estimate on the high side of that range. The textbook alone costs \$250, and the course of study takes six to twelve months to complete.

Obtaining an instrument

rating essentially doubles the expected cost — and the time required.

Two paths to certification

Students can pursue their private pilots certification under one of two different FAA regulations: Part 61 or Part 141.

Part 61 is the more flexible of the two options, allowing the student to proceed at their own pace, and providing for extended gaps in the pace of instruction. Stevens said his active duty students often must pursue training under Part 61, because they may be deployed at any time.

The disadvantage of Part 61 is that it may ultimately require more flight training hours

Part 141 is a more structured training environment better suited to full-time students — and generally results in obtaining certification more quickly.

The Moore County Airport's instructors can accommodate students on either path.

"The cockpit is a poor classroom," Stevens said, so students can expect lots of homework — two to four hours of homework for every training flight — or "sortie."

Once the certificate is obtained, training is not done. Pilots must come in for periodic check-ups and recertification offered by the flight training center. In addition, pilots must obtain a medical certification that they are fit to fly.

Planning & checklists

Stevens makes abundantly clear that flying an aircraft is a awesome responsibility. That is honored in the careful planning that precedes any flight and the abundant checklists used prior to take off, when in the air, before landing, and after landing.

There is a laminated checkoff sheet in the cockpit of the aircraft to remind pilots of their responsibility and lead them through the process.

The flight must be planned in advance, and a key issue, whether or not the pilot will be flying under visual or instrument rules, is an extensive weather report. The weather is double-checked using weather radio in the cockpit before take off and before landing.

The flight is mapped out, using special maps that detail airspace restrictions and indicate who can fly where at what heights — the pilot's equivalent of a hiker's topographical map. These maps, and many of the planning tools used by pilots, are available as applications that run on an iPad tablet computer, which accompanies the pilot into the cockpit and is con-

nected to satellite GPS and aircraft locator systems via a satellite antenna.

Inside the plane

Inside the plane, the beginner is overwhelmed with a welter of gauges that describe everything that is going on with the plane: wither it is pointed up or down; how fast it is moving up or down; whether the wings are level or tipped to the right or left; the airspeed; the RPMs of the engine; and more. A radio

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connects the pilot not only to weather, but the co-pilot, to other aircraft in the area and to the airport on the ground.

The plane is piloted with a steering wheel that moves not only in a circular motion, but also pulls out and pushes in [the "stick"]. The pilot's feet control not a gas pedal and clutch, but the rudder on the tail of the plane — as well as brakes on the landing gear.

Despite the unfamiliarity of the steering mechanisms, once airborne, the Cessnas that Moore County Airport uses for instruction are inherently stable. They can be steered with the slightest pressure on the wheel, the stick or the foot pedals — and turning requires adjusting all three of those controls in concert.

Flying straight ahead in clear weather, and enjoying the scenery, on the other hand, requires almost no input at all from the pilot.

And the scenery, in Moore County is marvelous. One is struck first by the amazing amount of green, whether the green trees or the pale green of pasture and row crops. And second, one is stuck by the amazing amount of water — lakes and ponds are everywhere.

Moore County is a remarkably beautiful place from the seat of a Cessna 172S, with a bird's-eye view.

Get in touch

The Discovery Flight, which provides individuals with an appetizer to help them decide whether flight instruction is something they would like to pursue, costs roughly \$200-\$250, depending on the amount of time in the air

Flight Instructor Jack Stevens may be reached at 910-690-0223 or by email at jack.ellen.stevens@ gmail.com.

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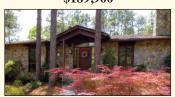
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OPINION

October memories

October is already more than half over, and the gift it brings is beautiful. Warm, not broiling temperatures, generally blue skies, golden pumpkins, and ever changing foliage amidst the evergreen

October nudges you to stop, take a deep breath, and say, "Thank you, God, for all this beauty!"

But one day last week, I was driving from the grocery, dropping by the hardware store, then rushing to the mailhouse, and muttering that the sun was in my eyes.

Now this is no way to apprea and I just can't bring myself ciate October.

Outside the Box

Harry Bronkar

to a day when I was about boys was just my age. He ten years old. The haze of brought a kerosene lantern burning leaves filled the air— out of the barn, and in the

to call this pungent aroma So, I began to think back pollution — and it brought

the sense of smell into har-

> mony with sight and touch. Just before dark we drove into the country to visit some friends.

One of the

deepening darkness we took a walk across the pumpkin

At the far corner, we sat down and watched the big harvest moon come up. After a while the chill of the night air filtered through our jackets, and slowly — because hurrying just seemed out of place — we made our way back to the house.

The adults were inside, and so was hot cider and homemade donuts and a fire in the big fireplace.

It was a special October day, and after nearly seven little more about it.

decades I still vividly remember it.

Two days, very much alike, eight hundred miles and seventy years apart. One absorbed through the early innocence of childhood, the other endured in the frantic pace of adult preoccupation.

I now realize a bit more what Jesus meant when he said that unless you become as a little child you cannot enter the kingdom of God.

There is a good lesson here, and if I can slow down long enough, I want to think a

Sweet treats are not good for your teeth

This Halloween, millions of trick-or-treaters will knock on doors hoping to swap a few jokes for a fistful of candy. And while an occasional sweet treat is perfectly fine, the health risks of excessive sugar consumption are no funny business.

October is National Oral Health Month. It's also a season laden with parties, celebrations and the temptation to load up on sugar. That's why I'd like to caution readers young and old to not only

avoid or limit candy intake, but also to avoid or limit soft drinks (even sugar-free diet versions), fruit drinks and sports drinks that may contain phosphoric or citric

Consuming sugar and soft drinks can create a 'cascade effect' of tooth decay. With just one small sip, sugar reacts with plaque to create cavity-forming acids. That single sip sets off a twentyminute attack on our finite reserves of enamel, which is

repeated with each sip. In fact, the amount of acid in some soft drinks nearly matches the acid content in car batteries.

In addition to sticky, gooey candy, sugary drinks particu-

larly threaten young trick-ortreaters in orthodontic treatment. Orthodontists and dentists have seen

too many patients whose sugar and phosphoric acid intake has inadvertently led to cavities.

But don't get spooked by the risks. If soft drinks are consumed, I recommend these preventive measures be taken to protect teeth:

Parents should delay soft drink consumption into adolescence, if allowing it at all. The enamel in baby teeth and new permanent teeth needs time to mature and harden.

Drink fluoridated water and use a fluoride tooth-

Brush immediately after consuming soft drinks, sports drinks, fruit juice or any liquids with phosphoric or citric acid.

Use a straw to keep sugars and acids away from the

Your

John Mark Griffies, DDS Seven Lakes Orthodontics

> Orthodontic patients should follow their orthodontist's instructions on how often to brush and floss, and be sure

to see their dentist every six months.

Read labels to be aware of how much sugar or acid is being consumed. Throw away the cap on a soft drink bottle to avoid sipping on it all day.

If you must drink soft drinks, decrease the frequency and opt for water, the healthier calorie- and acidfree thirst-quencher.

Realistically, I know many of my patients will eat candy and consume soda throughout this season.

My advice is to understand the science and repercussions of sugar on dental, oral and whole body health - and then take the necessary precautions to protect your one and only smile!

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The fence we have is the fence we approved

Dear Editor:

A picture is worth a thousand words. In reply to a Letter to the Editor in the October 2 Seven Lakes Times, let me respond with the following. Our new pasture rail fence height is approximately 46 inches. On October 23,

2014, Board Members visited the NCSU Equine Health center, 6045 US Highway 1 North, where we spoke with Tammy Stewart, the manager. Highlights of that visit were as follows:

• The primary fence height should be 42 to 45 inches

or more.

On a new fence, place wire around the top of the fence to protect the fence and keep the horses in the pasture.

- If the perimeter fence is low or weak, electric wire should be used.
- On her personal property she has a post and rail fence (same as ours) with electric along the top. General Timber, our supplier, also supplied her personal

At no time were we ever going to construct a higher fence, at no time was the proposed plan changed.

This is the fence we always discussed and voted upon at the May 28, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting. The meeting packet detailed the

outlined the dimensions of the lumber to be used.

If one compares the height of the new fence with that of the old, it can clearly be seen that the new perimeter fence provides a strong and safe height for our particular

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> Chuck Leach, President Seven Lakes Landowners Association

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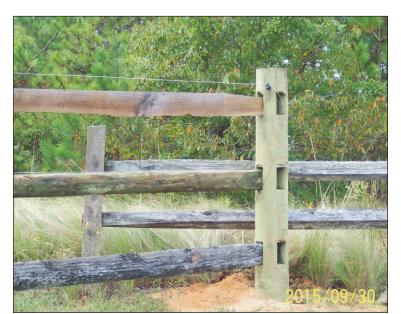
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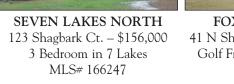
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vals in the past, also made an appearance at the event and donated twenty percent of earnings from the Fall Festival to the PTA.

Seven Lakes Baptist Church supplied tables, two bouncy houses, and a face painting booth for this event.

Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club also had a booth at the event. Ken Jenkins, Jim Kullberg, and Pat Weber were selling pumpkins, mums, and gourds from the First Annual Seven Lakes Kiwanis Pumpkin Patch. This booth raises money for children in Moore County and the Seven Lakes community.

The pumpkin patch is open Wednesday through Sunday until Halloween on the lawn by First Bank in the Seven Lakes Business Village. DJ Water and Kristal Easom were in charge of the Discount Card and Pie Throwing booths.

The Pie Throwing booth sought donations from students who wanted to target a specific teacher for a pie in the face. The teacher whose fans donated the most money will receive a pie in the face at WEE on Friday, October 16.

The money from the Pie Throwing fund will be donated toward Relay For Life which supports the American Cancer Society. If the goal of \$300 is raised overall, the WEE Principal, Leigh Ann McClendon will also receive a pie in the face.

WEE PTA President Casey Givens was in charge of organizing the event. Planning began in August, and the PTA spent countless hours ensuring the event would be a success.

Givens said her favorite part of the Fall Festival is when children come up and say "Thank you." She explained that this simple act of gratitude shows that the children are paying attention to what she does for them and their school.

"It's hard work, but it's worth it to see families spending time together," she said.



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WEE grads Allie Barnes, Madeline Anderson, and Caroline Anderson helped with the relay race





Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club members were on hand with pumpkins for the WEE Fall Festival



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Foxfire

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"My plan was based on the budget that I was told I am going to get," Koos said.

"You can ask for more money than you might get," McCue said. "I do, every year."

"I know what I am going to get, so why even bother?" Koos replied. "I need at least \$100,000 a year to do all the paving and patching that needs to be done. I know I'm not going to get that."

Fire Commission

Councilman McCue reported that he had attended the October 8 meeting of the Moore County Fire Commission.

The Commission is expected to complete work on its funding formula in a meeting on November 8 and meet in a Work Session with the Board of Commissioners on November 17, McCue said.

Initially, the funding formula suggested a tax rate of 14 cents per hundred dollars of valuation, McCue said, compared to the current 8 cent rate. That is now down to 10.4 cents.

"If they got that 10.4 cents," he said, "West End Fire and Rescue gets about \$77,000 more in funding."

However, he noted, That funding will include dollar amounts for both operational funding and capital funding — and the two are not interchangeable. In other words, a department will not have the option of swapping capital dollars appropriated for the replacement or repair of equipment for operational dollars in order to pay for additional staff.

"They have done one heck of a job," McCue said. "They have worked really hard and they really know their stuff. From the perspective of the mission they have been given, they have done a great job."

"If there is one county fire district, they are going to run it real well, and that's what we have, in my opinion." "I am worried about what Foxfire Village is going to have to pay," McCue said. "We have had two tax increases and now we are looking at a third one, in about three years, for no increase in the level of service."

"Because surely, our money is going elsewhere. Seven Lakes' money is going elsewhere. They used to pay four cents, now they are paying eight cents, now they might have to pay ten cents, and they are not getting all of that money coming back to their fire district — that's for sure."

"Then our job becomes looking at how we, as Foxfire Village, provide funding," Councilwoman Frusco said, "and what kind of formula we use in a contract negotiation. That will be huge in the coming months."

Other Business

In other business during the Tuesday, October 13 regular meeting of the Foxfire Village Council:

• Frusco reported that the Village has just under \$2 million on hand, with \$1.4 million in the general fund and \$656,000 in the water fund. The general fund cash balance includes \$437,000 in restricted funds: capital reserves, the debt service fund, and other assigned funds.

• McCue reported that the Foxfire Property Owners Association is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat event at Village Green Park on Halloween, October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

•McCue said he had

recently attended meetings of both the Moore County Transportation Committee and the regional transportation planning committee. A subcommittee of the Moore County group has been formed to study a proposed bypass of Pinehurst, but is not expected to meet until after municipal elections in November. McCue will serve on that subcommittee.

• McCue reported that Officer Scott Patterson will not be returning to the Foxfire Village Police Department after being away on medical

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Facilities

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Then come renovations aimed to increase capacity, increase classroom size, and enhance safety, at Pinecrest and Union Pines High School. Together, the first phase of those projects are estimated to cost \$50.7 million.

North Moore High School is not projected to be over capacity in the foreseeable future, but it is also in need of larger classrooms, campus modifications to increase safety, and a new auxiliary gym to meet the needs of its sports teams. Phase 1 of those renovations and additions are projected to cost \$12.2 million.

Ninth and tenth on the list of projects are a new 800 student, \$38.4 million Middle School in Area III, and a \$1.2 million expansion of West Pine Elementary increase capacity from 600 to 700 students.

The overall estimated cost of the ten project plan has risen to \$248 million. That compares to an estimate of \$237 million a month ago,

and \$110 million in the Spring of 2014.

About a third of that cost increase can be explained by the rising cost of construction over the past two years. The 2014 estimates were actually based on 2012 construction costs

But the bulk of the increase is the result of Moore County Schools' [MCS] administrative staff taking a detailed look at what is actually needed on each to the campuses. For example, original estimates of the cost of renovations at the three high schools were based simply on determining the square footage needed to house the number of students expected on those campuses in the future.

A more detailed examination of what is needed to make those already fifty year old schools usable for the next fifty years produced far larger estimated costs.

The School Board is scheduled to meet with the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, October 20, at 2:00 pm to discuss funding for at least

the first four projects on the Master Facilities Plan.

New meeting packet improves transparency

Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey told Board Members that MCS Administration had officially adopted a new mechanism for communicating the details of Board meeting agenda items to the pub-

An agenda for each School Board regular meeting or work session is posted on the Board of Education portion of the MCS website on the Friday before the meetings, which are typically held on Mondays.

That PDF document contains embedded hyperlinks for each agenda item. Clicking on the hyperlink brings up an executive summary of the action to be taken or the information to presented. Those executive summaries also contain hyperlinks,

which can lead citizens to supporting materials, including PowerPoint presentations, budget detail, contracts, etc.

Other Business

In other business during their regular Monday, October 12 meeting, the Moore County Board of Education:

- · Approved an "original budget" for FY2016, the budget year that began in July. MCS had been operating under interim budgets, awaiting final approval of the state budget by the General Assembly.
- Heard a presentation from Dr. Lisa Martin, Interim Director of Pre K-12 Curriculum and Instruction, on the Summer Teacher Academy, a four day training opportunity that offered MCS teachers 78 different professional

development courses. Martin said about half of MCS faculty attended.

- Received a presentation from Superintendent Grimesey on MCS' partnership with Pinehurst Surgical that provides athletic trainers to each of the three Moore County High Schools.
- Endorsed the current curriculum plans for the Advanced Career Center, authorizing MCS Administration to continue developing those plans. [See page 7 for more information.]
- Endorsed the Administration's plan to solicit public input and move toward a decision on ending dual-track campuses — those schools, like West Pine Elementary. that offer both the year-round and traditional calendar. [See page 8 for more information.]

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· The Council will meet at the Moore County Chamber of Commerce for a planning retreat on Friday, November 13, Mayor Durham said. The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 10:00

am and stretch into the afternoon.

• In view of the planning retreat and the Thanksgiving holiday, the Council agreed to cancel a work session scheduled for November 26.

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Career Center

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Like the Health Service Pathway, the STEM Pathway could lead to immediate employment after high school or to the pursuit of advanced certificates and degrees at college or university.

The Global Leadership pathway pulls together a number threads that all aim toward building skills aimed at making students more competitive in a global business environment. They include advanced foreign language study, course in ecommerce, information technology, business financial planning, macro and micro economic, and JROTC.

All four of the pathways will be tied together by a set of basic businesses courses, one or more of which will serve as pre-requisites for the more advanced course.

This requirement responds to a concern expressed by local business leaders that students need training in "soft skills" — addressed in particular by a course called "Career Management," focused on personal marketing, that includes such topics as time management, organ-

ization, motivation, and the ability to handle criticism.

College or career

"We are tapping into students whose families may not feel they have the ability to go to college financially," North Moore Principal Purvis said. "If we are able to provide some free college or some free certifications, it gives that student and that family an opportunity to say 'Wait a minute. Maybe we can do this. This is something that you need to go for and that we need to help you do."

"We are also looking at tapping into that fifteen percent of students who are leaving us and they are not going to college. They are going straight to the workforce . .

. . We are looking at producing students who are marketable and can come out with better jobs and find them."

"Lots of my students take the CNA and get certified, Purvis said, "so they can get a job on the weekend at a nursing home or retirement center and go to nursing school during the week."

"Taking care of the over-

crowding is just an outside perk," Pinecrest Principal Bob Christina said. "To me the whole purpose of the ACC is to provide Moore County students that competitive opportunity when they step out there."

"I am looking at the Health Science program, where now we are making do with a makeshift lab and a small classroom that barely meets the state minimum expectation. We would have the opportunity in the ACC to place them in a simulated workplace environment."

"You talk about a competitive edge in the marketplace," Christina said. "Moore County would be head and shoulders above the other districts in

Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey said it is important to understand that the principals of the three high schools had evaluated the proposed course offerings based on interest already expressed by their students.

"We are getting down to whether students would actually select these courses," he

A \$33 million price tag

Board member Pam Thompson, who had joined the ACC planning group in a trip to a similar advanced career center in Winston-Salem, cautioned that financial planning for the new school must include all the

resources needed for the course offerings — including appropriate labs for the advanced courses.

Operations Director John Birath laid out those requirements in a draft document presented to the Board during its Monday, October 12 regular meeting, envisioning a 115,000 square foot facility capable of serving 800 students, expandable to 1,000 students.

Birath's plan call for 24,600 square feet devoted to Skilled Contracting Services and 12,000 square feet devoted to Health Sciences. More traditional classrooms for other pathways, as well as a media center, cafeteria, and meeting

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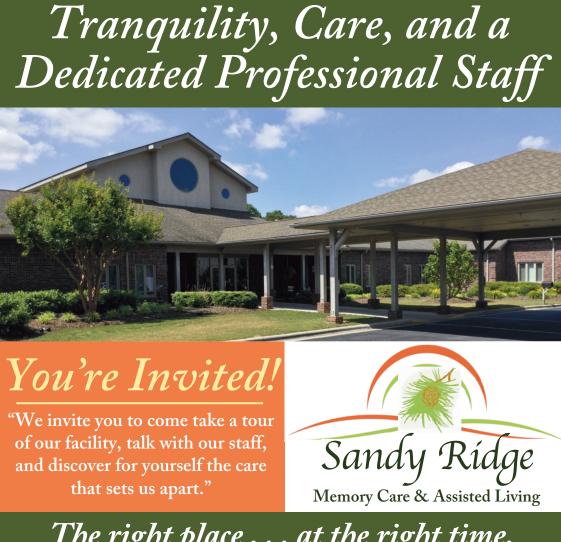
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presentation from Elections Director Glenda Clendenin, who pointed out that the new lines not only split Seven Lakes and Pinewild across two districts, but also meant that the residents of North Moore could find themselves without a representative on the Board of Commissioners

In fact, the 2012 district lines made it possible for two Commissioners to be elected from the Seven Lakes area.

Responding to those concerns, the Commissioners asked State Representative Jamie Boles to introduce a bill that would give them the right to redraw the lines. The bill, which passed as Session Law 2015-244, gave the Commissioners that right if they found that "the residency districts negatively impact compactness, contiguity, of respect for political subdivisions or communities of interest among the districts."

Foxfire, Seven Lakes West moved to District 2

A new set of districts, drawn by the County's GIS department, pull back the border of District 3 to north of Seven Lakes and McClendon Hills, moving all of Seven Lakes and Pinewild back into District 2.

Foxfire Village is also moved out of District 5 into District 2

Overall, the goal in redrawing the lines appears to have been to ensure that the borders of each municipality lie within a single Commissioner district.

They significantly change the shape of District 1, which previously included both Carthage and Vass and District 4, which included Whispering Pines and portions of north Southern Pines.

The Town of Vass is removed from District 1 and added to District 4, while the borders of District 1 are pushed northeast to include Glendon and south to include Eastwood.

District 4 is pushed southward to encompass all of Southern Pines, the southern portion of which had been included in District 5.

The result is districts that respect municipal lines, but differ significantly in total population. District 3 is the smallest, with just under 12,000 residents, while Dis-

trict 2 returns to being nearly twice that larger, with 23,475 residents.

District 4 has 18,612; District 1, 17,675; and District 5, 16,507 residents.

Concerns raised

County Attorney Misty Leland presented the new maps, and a resolution implementing the new districts, with apologies for short notice

Because the legislature moved the 2016 Primary Election from May to March, candidates for Commissioner will need to register in December. Leland said any change in the districts had to be made by October 16 to take effect for the 2016 Election.

Commissioner Randy Saunders said he agreed with the goal of pulling back the District 3 lines to include only North Moore. However, he expressed concern about the shift of Vass from District 1 to District 4.

Sanders recommended calling a special meeting prior to October 16, to give the Commissioners more time to study the recommended changes.

"It is a big decision,"

Sanders said. "Although everyone votes for all of them, it does certainly create your candidates — where your candidates come from. Trying to balance that out as much as we can among our citizens is very important."

"I agree with Randy," Commissioner Catherine Graham said. "I feel like I am being rushed to make a decision without time to think about it."

But both Commissioner Jerry Daeke and Commissioner Otis Ritter pushed for a decision, arguing that the Board had seen the proposed maps earlier in the year. It was unclear whether that was in fact the case. Though the Commissioners discussed the possibility of changing the district lines during their January retreat, neither of the two maps presented to the Board during their October 6 meeting were available at that time.

County manager Wayne Vest said one map had been created sometime after the January retreat; the other map — the one ultimately approved — was created a few days prior to the October 6 meeting.

Ultimately, Graham and (See "Commissioners," p. 29)





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Saunders shelved their concerns and the Board voted unanimously to approve the new maps. Chairman Nick Picerno was absent from the meeting and thus not available to participate in the discussion or the vote.

School Board not included

Since 1995, the five Commissioner districts and the five School Board districts have had the same district lines When the Commissioners redraw those lines in 2012, they affected elections for both Commissioner and School Board.

That will no longer be the

Planning

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Under state regulations, the Watershed Review Board may grant exceptions to the rules, so long as the total number of exceptions granted do not exceed a predetermined number of acres in the watershed.

The Dollar General plans, submitted by commercial developer Par 5 Development Group, LLC, will increase the built-upon area on the site to 47.3 percent.

Planner Thompson explained that ten SNIAs had been granted in the watershed, consuming 36 acres, leaving a balance of 326.77 acres for future allocation.

On a motion from Scott McLeod, the Board unanimously approved the request.

ACC

tag on land acquisition and estimated the construction cost at \$25.6 million. Adding \$4.1 million in furniture, equipment, instructional materials, and a new school bus brings the total turnkey cost to an estimated \$33 million.

case, however, because the same Session Law 2015-244 that allowed the Commissioner to redraw district lines reset the School Board lines to those that existed in 1997, as well as reducing the size of the School Board from eight to seven members.

Other business

In other business during their Tuesday, October 6 meeting, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

- · Recognized Register of Deeds Judy Martin, who received the Outstanding Register of Deeds Award and the Eunice Avers Distinguished Service Award. Martin served as President of the NC Association of Registers of Deeds over the past year.
- Called for a public hearing on Tuesday, October 20 on the County's FY2017 Community Transportation Pro-

gram grant application.

- Called for a public hearing on Tuesday, October 20 on Monarch's FY2017 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant application.
- Approved an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Social Services and Moore County Transportation Services increasing the total contract amount by
- Approved an agreement with First Bank raising the annual yield on the County's Money Market Account from 0.3 percent to 0.4 percent.
- Reappointed Ellen Brown to the RSVP Advisory Coun-
- · Reappointed Dr. James Watson as the Animal Cruelty Investigator.

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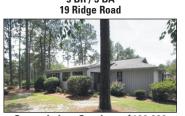
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