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Fun at the Firehouse



Lucas Williams learns the finer points of firefighting from Ben Britt at the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire & Rescue Open House. [See page 12 for story & photos.]

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Westsider Gregory will run for County Commissioner

Times Editor



Seven Lakes West resident Louis Gregory is expected to announce his candidacy for

the District 2 seat on the Moore County Board of Commissioners at a meeting of the Moore County Republican Mens' Club on Thursday, November 12.

Gregory shared his planned announcement with The Times in advance of press time on Wednesday.

This will mark Gregory's second run for a seat on the County Board; in 2014 he unsuccessfully ran for the

District 3 seat currently occupied by Commissioner Otis Ritter of Robbins.

Commissioners' Chairman



Louis Gregory

Nick Picerno currently holds the District 2 seat. Picerno has stated publicly a number of times that he will not run for re-election, and confirmed that intent to *The Times* in an interview on Tuesday, November 10.

In a press release provided to The Times, Gregory highlighted the issues about which he is most passionate, focusing on his commitment to a high quality education for all students, regardless of where they live in the County. He also said that it is important for the Commissioners and the School Board to continue to work together to address facility (See "Gregory," p. 26)

Board begins process to design new schools

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



The Moore County Board of Education has begun the process of

selecting architects to design the Advanced Career Center and four new elementary schools.

In an Emergency Meeting held as part of the Board's Monday, November 2 Work Session, Operations Director John Birath was authorized to issue two separate Requests for Qualifications [RFQ], one for the Career Center, which will require a completely new design, and one for the four new elementary schools that are part of the ten-project Master Facilities Plan. The elementary school designs will be based

schools built in Moore or other counties — a cost-saving approach that is expected to shave roughly two percent off architects' fees.

The Moore County Board of Commissioners, in a joint meeting of the two boards on Tuesday, October 20, had asked School Board members to delay moving forward on

on existing prototypes of their facilities projects until after a March referendum that will ask voters to approve a quarter percent increase in the sales tax — money that will be almost exclusively for school construction.

> Responding to that request during the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey explained that it is important

(See "Schools," p. 27)

Mercedes Herdrich resigns from 7 Lakes West Board

Treasurer Mercedes Herdrich has resigned from the Board of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association. The Board announced the resignation on Monday, November 8,

Finance Committee member Stan Makson will replace Herdrich, who was appointed in March 2014 to replace Don Freiert, who was appointed to replace Dale Erikson.

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Interfaith Thanksgiving service planned

Moore County are joining hands, hearts and voices in an Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 22, at 4 pm.

This year's host site is Temple Beth Shalom at 131 Jackson Springs Rd, Jackson Springs (Foxfire Village area, just past corner of Hoffman Road and Foxfire Rd/Jackson Springs Rd).

Everyone is welcome and participants are invited to linger for music and refreshments following the service to enjoy fellowship.

This is the tenth year of the annual Thanksgiving community gathering, jointly sponsored by Sandhills Jewish Congregation Temple Beth Shalom, Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church, and McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, Community of Mindful Living in the Pines, Congregational Church of Pinehurst-UCC, Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Sandhills, and St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. Representatives from each

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Communities of faith across faith community design the service and invite neighbors to a worship setting in which various faith traditions express their shared gratitude for the blessings of the community, nation and world.

Using familiar hymns, sharing words and prayers from the faiths represented and Native Americans will offer worshippers an opportunity to share their faith traditions and give thanks together for the many blessings.

There will be an interfaith choir with members from each of the congregations.

Musicians from the community will also provide string and vocal music for the serv-

The Reverend Dudley Crawford will deliver the message.

Worshippers are asked to bring non-perishable foods as a Thank Offering, to be donated this year to the Interfaith Food Pantry on Knight St. in Aberdeen.

White Christmas Fund

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines has started their White Christmas Fund campaign for 2015 Season.

The fund is used for the needy in the community. All funds collected will be used to purchase clothing. toys, and other essentials for Christmas. Funds will also be used to provide food vouchers for Christmas and Easter.

Seven Lakes is a caring community and through

the White Christmas program the Chapel hopes to make the holidays more joyous for for everyone. "The greatest gift is to be able

If you would like to help with the White Christmas Fund, please send a check to: Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, Attn: Community White Christmas Fund. 2125 Seven Lakes South, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

The staff of the Seven Lakes Times will be celebrating Thanksgiving by taking an issue off.

We're cancelling our November 27 edition to tend to some health issues and to celebreate the holiday with family.

Our December 11, and December 25 editions will be published as planned. You'll find an updated schedule at left.

We apprecaite your indulgence and hope you and your family have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.



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Water from Ramapo undermines roadway

by Greg HankinsTimes Editor



Water flowing through a wetlands beneath Ramapo Dam before emptying

into Lake Echo has caused a washout under a low portion of Edgewater Drive between Greentree Court and Atwater Court, prompting the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] to close that portion of the roadway and to hire an engineering firm to design repairs.

During the regular Thursday November 5 SLLA Open Meeting, Community Manager Jeff Allen said a member of the maintenance staff had discovered the problem the day before. Investigation revealed that soil had been washed out under 2-3 feet of the pavement, and that water running underneath the road was not running through the culvert, as it should be.

The road was promptly closed. Allen said President Chuck Leach — who was out of town at the time — was contacted, and strongly suggested having an engineer

design a replacement culvert system for the area.

During the Open Meeting, the Board approved an expenditure not to exceed \$5,900 to have Jewell Engineering design a solution. Jewell holds the engineering contract for the Association's dams.

Atkinson Infrastructure has been contracted to replace a major culvert on Hastings Drive ahead of repaving planned for this month. It is expected that the same firm will handle the repair of the Edgewater culvert.

Lakes & Dams Director Mark Widman said he plans to ask the Board to have Jewell Engineering explore extending the Echo Dam spillway, running a pipe from the spillway outlet all the way under Edgewater Drive to Lake Echo, in order to avoid a repeat of the problem.

Boating rules changed

The Board approved two changes to the boating rules, one affecting the length of boats allowed on Lake Echo and the other affecting the length of ski ropes.

The existing rule limited boat length on Echo to 16 feet, Lakes & Dams Director Mark Widman explained. However, boats on Echo that exceed that length have been provided with SLLA stickers for many years. In addition, Widman said, it is practically impossible any longer to find a ski or pontoon boat under eighteen feet in length.

The new rule increases the maximum length for pontoon boats on Echo to 20 feet and the maximum length of other boats to eighteen feet.

The second rule change allows the use of a a ski rope shorter than 30 feet — or no ski rope — when training skiers using a boom extended from the side of the boat. The prior rule had prohibited ski ropes shorter than 30 or longer than 75 feet. The maximum length was not changed in the rule revision.

Committee Reports

In the absence of President Chuck Leach, Vice President Greg Lishawa reported that contracts for this Autumn's road repaving has been signed, and work is expected to begin this month. Lishawa noted that the resignation of Dev Gandhi has left an opening on the Board for a Recreation Director. Interested members may contact the Landowners Office or a Board member.

Treasurer. Director Mark Gyure reported that fifteen "doubtful" accounts have been sent to the collections attorney, who has begun work on seeking payment. A draft audit has yet to be received from the accounting firm handling the audit. Community Manager Allen said expenses through the end of October are running about \$15,000 under budget, while revenues are about \$5,000 over budget.

During the new business portion of the meeting, Gyure said the Association is forfeiting as much as \$31,000 per year in revenue because it treats lots that have been recombined as a single lot,

rather than having the landowners pay dues on both of the lots. The membership would have to vote to change that policy, since only the members can approve a change in the dues structure, and the Finance Committee is likely to recommend a change to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in March.

Manager. Allen said work on a new front porch for the Landowners Office should be complete by Monday, November 9. Carpeting has been installed on the second bocce court. The contractor will wait to see how the adhesive performs before redoing the first bocce court.

ARB. In the absence of Architectural Review Director Sandy Sackmann, Allen reported that 33 active permits are being worked by the committee, eight of which are new homes.

(See "SLLA," p. 25)





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William Henry Gorman, III, 79, of Seven Lakes, died Monday, November 2, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehurst.

He was the son of the late William and Norma Gorman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Timothy Gorman.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Carole Ann Gorman; children, William Michael Gorman and his wife Lisa of Raleigh; Deborah G. Franchi and her husband James of Herkimer, NY; daughter-in-law, Julie Robbins; and six grandchildren, Michelle and Matthew Franchi, Ryan, Timothy, Parker and Zachary Gorman.

A memorial mass was held Saturday, November 7 at Our Lady of Americas Catholic Church.

Memorial donations may be made to American Heart Association, 2711 Breezewood Ave. Ste. A, Fayetteville, NC 28303 or American Diabetes Association 4801 E. Independence Liberty, NC 27298.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

End of Life Planning Program

West End United Methodist Church will host a session entitled "End of Life Planning" on Sunday, November 15, from 2 to 5 pm.

The church welcomes everyone to come and be part of this educational and informational class.

There will be speakers from FirstHealth Hospice; Fry Prickett Funeral Home, Carthage; Boles Funeral Home and an Attorney.

The speakers will be available to meet with individuals and answer questions after the presentation.

If you are interested in attending this session, please contact the church office at weumc@earthlink.net or 673-1371.

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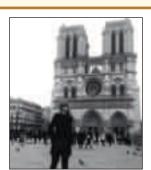
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Council retreat planned



Foxfire Councilman Mick McCue surprised those attending the Tuesday, November 10 meeting of the Village Council with a cake and punch celebrating the 240th Anniversary of the Marine Corps. The retired Brigadier General used a Mameluke sword to cut the cake.

by Greg HankinsTimes Editor

The Foxfire Village Council — including just-elected but not yet sworn in Councilman Don Boito — will meeting in a day-long retreat on Friday, November 13, to "develop a list of priorities for the Council to use in its decision making process as it relates to the immediate and long-term needs of the Village."

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the offices of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, on NC Highway 15/501 in Southern Pines. The meeting convenes at 10:00 am.

Each of the Council Members have suggested items to be discussed. They include but are not limited to: developing a street maintenance plan, looking for alternate sources of water, moving the Village offices, deciding what do to about the Village swimming pool, resolving the fate (See "Foxfire," p. 29)

Boito, Sedlak, elected to Foxfire Village Council

Incumbent Jon Sedlak and newcomer Don Boito were elected without opposition to the Foxfire Village Council on November 3.

Seventy voters participated in the election, with Boito collecting 70 votes and Sedlak 69.

One voter wrote in a name on the ballot.

Those results were made offical in a canvass held on November 10.

Council members will take the oath of office on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 pm in the Village Hall.

The election of a mayor and mayor pro-tem will also take place during that meeting



The popular Merry Market sponsored by St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church will take place on Saturday, November 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m. and running through 3:00 p.m.

The Merry Market this year is featuring the works of more than 20 area crafters of wonderful jewelry, festive candles, baskets and a host of other items. Also take advantage of the huge bake sale of cake, cookies and all manner of baked goods.

St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church is located at 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.



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Middle Cross Baptist Church volunteers

by Janna Ptak Times Reporter

Barn raisings, corn shuckings, quilting bees — there was a time when communities came together to tackle the big jobs — the jobs where

On Saturday, October 17, members of Middle Cross Baptist Church rekindled a bit of that old-fashioned community spirit by taking on repair and maintenance tasks

many hands make light work. for local businesses, schools, On Saturday, October 17, and individuals.

The church put out feelers to local businesses a couple of months beforehand and identified work that needed to be done. On October 17, nearly seventy volunteers from the church gathered to collect their assignments and then dispersed throughout the community to complete various projects.

One group was sent to Deb's Cut and Curl to cut down trees. The timber was cut up and donated to people as firewood.

Another group was sent to West End Elementary School, where they mowed and tidied up the school garden for students and teachers.

Some volunteers worked at the church; others were sent to do yard work at a church member's home.

Some traveled to Carthage to donate cleaning goods and supplies to Friend 2 Friend for distribution to those who need them.

Another group painted walls and planted flowers at Kool Kids After School Care.

Danny Harward was in (Continued on page 7)



Ben Reynolds

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donate labor for 'Operation Inasmuch'

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charge of the overall project, known as "Operation Inasmuch."

Operation Inasmuch started in 2007 at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayet-

teville. Middle Cross Baptist Church picked up the idea early on; this is their eighth year serving the communi-

Harward explained that Operation Inasmuch is based

on Matthew 25:40: And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to

Pastor David Reynolds and

are passionate about serving others with joy in their hearts. "It is a fulfillment of what the Lord said," Pastor

Reynolds said. "It helps us to take our

eyes off of ourselves and to

the Middle Cross congregation $\;\;$ focus on others. . . It seems to be contagious," Harward said, "just making a difference in the community."

> Hazel Blake and Ben Reynolds raked leaves at a church member's house.

"[My favorite part is] helping people," Blake said. "It makes me feel good to lend a helping hand.'

"It's pretty cool helping people out," Reynolds agreed. "It's a really fun experience."

Raymond Barber guided the project at Kool Kids. He has been with Middle Cross for eighteen years and learned painting and construction from his father.

William Barber, Raymond's brother, is also a professional painter. He volunteers his services every year during Operation Inasmuch.

Richard Dix, who has been with Middle Cross for three years, said his favorite part of the project was, "fellowship and gratification that we can

(See "Church," p. 25)



Addie Reynolds and Brelynn Jackson planting flowers



Kool Kids' Shirley Ptak



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MCS faces budget challenges next year

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



Since the Great Recession in 2008-2009, school funding deci-

sions by the NC General Assembly have effectively cost Moore County Schools [MCS] \$11 million, putting pressure on the district to cut staff, increase class sizes, ask for additional county funding, and spend its fund balance at an unsustainable level.

That was the message of a final presentation by former MCS Budget Director Mike Griffin, delivered during the November 2 Board of Education Work Session.

Griffin resigned earlier this year, but has stayed on to assist new Director of Budget Mike Bundy through the process of finalizing the FY 2016 budget.

Griffin's presentations on budget matters have been consistently sober affairs, particularly after the General Assembly responded to a recession-related revenue shortfall by slashing school spending. His final presentation on budget matters was aimed at preparing the School Board — and particularly its four new members — for the

preparation of the FY2017 budget, which is about to get underway.

Griffin began with a look back to FY2009, when the MCS received \$67.1 million from the state. In the years since, Moore County's student population has grown by 7.1 percent, adding 866 students, to reach a current total of just under 13,000.

Had per-student state funding kept pace with that growth, Griffin explained, MCS would have an additional \$4.8 million in this year's budget.

Over the same period, the state nearly doubled the contribution that MCS must make to the state employee retirement and health insurance systems, from eight percent to fifteen percent.

That represented a \$4.5 million increase in costs for MCS

In each of the past two years, after several years of holding teacher salaries flat, the General Assembly approved raises for some teachers, increasing MCS' payroll costs by another \$4 million

All told, those factors increased the district's costs by \$13.3 million from FY2009 to FY2016

But the amount of funding

the state provides to MCS this year will amount to only \$2.3 million more than in FY2009. That's an effective negative impact of \$11 million, Griffin told the Board.

The result has been cuts in the number of teaching positions and cuts in other programs.

The state has cut teacher allotments — the number of teachers the state will pay for in the district — by seven percent. Because MCS teachers are paid, on average, less than the state average, the district at one time could take those salary savings and use the money to hire more teachers. That option was eliminated by the General Assembly.

The state at one time paid for teachers in the online

Virtual Public School Program. Now MCS must, in effect, pay for those teachers by having its teacher allotment reduced for every student taking the online courses.

The overall result has been the loss of more than sixty teaching positions.

As a result, Griffin said, MCS classrooms have fewer teachers now than in FY2009, despite an increase of 855 students.

The state has gradually eliminated teacher assistants in grades 2 & 3, and half of the assistants in first grade classrooms. The result is fewer adults in each classroom in the important primary grades and a total loss of 156 teacher assistant positions.

Funding for textbooks has been cut. Though MCS received \$200,000 in FY2015 and \$400,000 in FY2016, in FY 2009, the district was receiving \$800,000 pre year in textbook funding.

State funding for instructional supplies was more than \$700,000 in FY2009; this year it is \$375,000.

The result has been fewer people serving more students, with minimal raises for MCS employees, Griffin said.

The district received a significant increase in federal funding through the Obama Administration's economic stimulus spending in the years immediately following the recession. MCS saved those funds against the prospect of future budget (See "Budget," p. 24)

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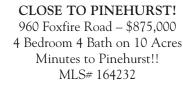
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School Board sues state to recover fines

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



The Moore County Board will sue the state of North

Carolina to recover more than \$500,000 in motor vehicle fines that they believe were improperly directed elsewhere.

Board members voted to pursue legal action during a closed session preceding their Monday, November 2 Work Session and announced the vote during their Monday, November 9 regular meet-

The fines in question are those levied for "improper equipment." Based on a 2011 law passed by the NC General Assembly, those fines have been directed to the Statewide Misdemeanor Confinement Fund

The Misdemeanant Confinement Program allows those convicted of misdemeanors and sentenced to more than ninety days in jail to be transferred from a county whose jail might be overcrowded to one that has more room. The Misdemeanor Confinement Fund is used to compensate the receiving counties for housing, food,

Moore County Concert Band

The Moore County Concert Band will perform their first concert of the season on Sunday, November 29, at 2 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst.

In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, the program will feature melodies from the Civil War era. Contemporary patriotic compositions as well as Sousa pieces are included.

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inmates. Moore County participates in the program.

But the NC Constitution of Education requires that fines and forfeitures should be used to fund the public schools. In a case decided in September, a panel of the NC Court of Appeals found that the "improper equipment" fines should be reserved for funding the public schools.

That ruling applies only to Richmond County, which brought the suit. But, based on that decision, thirty other county Boards of Education have banded together to sue

improper equipment fines.

School Board Attorney Neal Ramey told the Board that they have an excellent chance of prevailing in the case. The legal fees are expected to be less than \$3,000, and the effort could win Moore County Schools [MCS] \$557,000 in additional revenue.

Ramey told The Times that the legislature has since redirected the improper equipment fines to another use. So, it is possible that yet another suit would be required to make sure those funds are directed to support

and medical care for those the state to recover the public schools going forward.

Traffic issues at Farm Life

Also during their Monday, November 9 meeting, members of the School Board voted unanimously to purchase a lighted police vehicle that will allow school resource officers to direct traffic at Sandhills Farm Life Elementary School during drop-off and pick-up times.

With more than 660 students, Farm Life is overcrowded, and the two-lane country road on which it is located becomes congested in the mornings and afternoons.

MCS Police Chief Sammy McNeill recommended addressing the problem by eliminating left turns into or out of the school grounds during that time of day and using a school resource officer to enforce that traffic pattern.

When law enforcement officers are standing in a roadway directing traffic, he explained, state law requires that they have a police car on hand, with blue lights activated, to alert the public to their presence. the vehicle is expected to cost not more than \$22,000.



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Women of Seven Lakes host fashion show



From the top: Deanna Petrie; Lisa Reynolds Padilla, owner of Lisa's Boutique; Paula Taggert; Linda Horn; Lee Connelly; Lisa Sheridan; Shirley Shank; Andrea Schmidt; and JoAn Moses

The Women of Seven Lakes Fashion Show-Luncheon-Card Party Fundraiser was held Thursday, November 5 at the Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall.

It was well attended by members and guests. Everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch catered by 7 Central Bistro. Members modeled beautiful fashions from Lisa's Boutique in Carthage, while Joan Leavitt critiqued the outfits worn by the models.

Thanks to Brenda Massimo and Pat Weber for putting the event together, along with several other volunteers, for helping make it such a success.

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The Women of Seven Lakes will host a "Breakfast With Santa" on Saturday, December 5, from 8:30 am until 11 am at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Everyone from Seven Lakes and the surrounding area are welcome to attend.

Pancakes, sausage and

drinks will be served.

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'Blue Christmas' service planned at Chapel

time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died, or it may be a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation - all these can make people feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating

space and time to acknowledge their sadness and concerns; they need to know that they are not alone.

Their spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. They feel

Christmas can be a painful and spending. Some need the darkness growing deeper around them. They need encouragement to live the days ahead.

> For these reasons and more, Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines will host a special

"Blue Christmas: A Service of Tidings of Comfort and Hope" service on Thursday, December 17 at 4 pm.

Come out, and join the Chapel for prayers, Scripture, communion and music that

acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn and for those who struggle. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines 673-2156.

Clendenin to sing for Lunch Bunch

Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines will host their December Lunch Bunch program on Wednesday, December 9 at noon.

Following lunch Glenda Clendenin, longtime soloist at the Chapel will provide musical entertainment.

All single seniors are invited to attend the luncheon at the Chapel in the fellowship hall. No cost to attend. Call the Chapel if transportation is needed.

The community is invited to attend the entertainment program at 12:30 pm.

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Seven Lakes Fire Department Open House

by Janna Ptak Times Reporter

On Saturday, October 31, Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire & Rescue held their annual Open House in honor of Fire Safety Month.

Children and adults of all

ages attended the event in costume for Halloween and enjoyed having fun at the firehouse and learning more about fire safety.

The Fire Department offered food, a bouncy house, fire (Continued on page 23)



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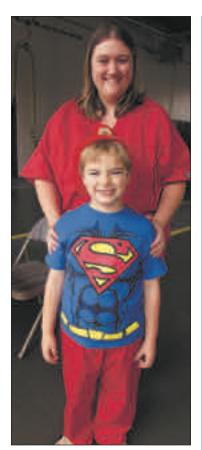
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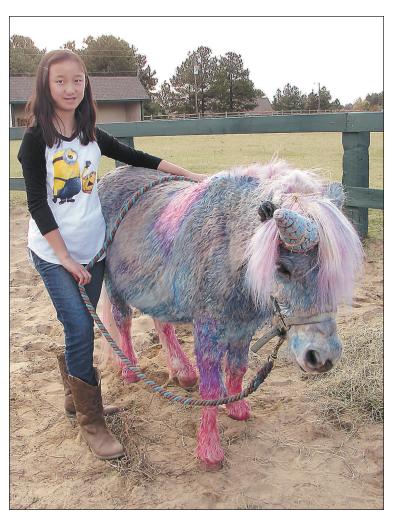
SLLA Stables host annual Halloween Party

Photos by Jana Ptak Times Reporter

hosted a Halloween Part on staff and volunteers served Saturday, October 31, for up hotdogs and refreshments.

the third year in a row.

Even the horse got into the The Seven Lakes Stables Hallowwen spirit, as stable



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- · Animal Charades (For Wee-Ones) - 10 am, Animals have all different ways of moving, seeing, hearing, smelling and more. Activities geared towards 3 to 5 year-olds and parents. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- Victory Community Baptist Church - 11 am, the church is hosting a Senior Gathering in the Fellowship Hall, 915 Brinkley Rd. Carthage. Entertainment by the Sandhill Line Dancers. All are welcome.
- Civil War Talk 1 pm-3 pm, "The Monitor" Join Matt Farina for an interesting presentation. Call 215-0900 to reserve your seat. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- SunFlix at the Sunrise 7:30 pm, Burnt. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

<u>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14</u>

- Piano Concert "Music for the Ages" – 10 am, Enjoy classical, jazz, country and religious pieces, played by seniors. Call 215-0900 to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- Project Linus Workshop - 10 am to 1 pm, at FirstHealth Hospital Conference Room B. Pat Weber (910) 673-1457, email

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What's

the Americas Church Rosary 8:15 am, 9 When am Mass. Mexican food and drinks available after

Mass. 298

· Our Lady of

Farmers Market Rd., Biscoe, 910-974-3051.

- 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 grade 5, middle school, high school, and adults. www.westendpres.com for schedule for adult classes. Worship Service, 11 am. Nursery care provided, 275 Knox Lane, West End.
- "End of Life Planning Pro**gram"** – 2 to 5 pm, at West End United Methodist Church. The church wel-

comes everyone to come and be part of this educational and informational class. Speakers from FirstHealth Hospice; Fry Prickett Funeral Home, Carthage; Boles Funeral Home and an Attorney. Speakers will be available to meet with individuals and answer questions after presentation. Interested in attending? Contact the church office at weumc@ea

- West End Presbyterian **Church Turkey Bowl VIII** - 4 - 6:30 pm, the track at West End Elementary School for a Youth/Adult Flag Football Game followed by dinner at the church. Call Kris Adler-Brammer at 673-4341 to sign up to play.
- West End United **Methodist Church Explorers** – dinner with youth 6 - 6:30 pm, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm for children K-5. Crafts and activities before eating. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.
- SunFlix at the Sunrise -7:30 pm, Burnt. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- "Wellness Fair" 9 am-12 pm, Free Hearing Screenings, Eye Screenings, **Blood Pressure Screenings** and Flu Shots (for those with Medicare). 215-0900 to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** - 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- West End Presbyterian **Church** – 7:30 pm, Evening Women's Circle meeting, at the Crawford Center.
- SunFlix at the Sunrise -7:30 pm, Burnt. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 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, Pine-





hurst, \$13 per person. Guest speaker: Glenda Clendenin, Director of the Moore County Board of Elections. She will give an update on elections. Reservations required, (910) 944-9611 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 673-2949. Drive. www.sandhillswinery.com
- · Seven Lakes West **Landowners Association** - 7 pm, meeting. West Side Park Community Center.
- SunFlix at the Sunrise -7:30 pm, Burnt. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- Our Lady of the Americas **Church** – 8:50 am, Rosary: 9:30 am Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd, Biscoe 910-974-3051
- · Diabetes Class Education**al Series** – 9 am-11:30 am, Are you ready to -Take Control of Your Diabetes? This 6-week series, provided by Alliant Quality, will teach you how. 215-0900 to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040

NC Highway 15-501, West End.

- Project Linus Workshop - 10 am - 2 pm, at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Contact Pat Weber (910) 673-1457, or email weberconsult@nc.rr.com
- 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.
- Rufus Barringer Civil War **Roundtable** – 7 pm, at the Southern Pines Civic Club, located at Ashe and Pennsylvania Ave., behind the tennis counts, Southern Pines. Roundtable will welcome Bob O'Neill, a retired Northern Virginia police officer and detective. New members and visitors welcome. Refreshments served. Information 910-235-0946 or 910-695-9058.
- SunFlix at the Sunrise -7:30 pm, Burnt. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- **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. Fellowship and devotion and a meal provided at \$5.

- · "How to Begin an Exercise Program" - 4 pm-5 pm, Karen Backall, Appalachian Physical Therapy will explain where to begin a proper exercise program. 215-0900 to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- Sandhills Winery Wine **Tasting** - 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- Middle Cross Baptist Church - 6 pm to 10 pm, with Turkey Dinner; message and Bluegrass music Jam session. Fun, food, fellowship. 440 Lucas Road, West End, 910-215-7170.
- Square Dance with the Yellow Rockers - 7 pm -9 pm, Dancing keeps you young! A fun evening at the Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle). Learn a few moves and dance all evening. Call Karen 949-2001 or Joan at 673-4549.
- SunFlix at the Sunrise -7:30 pm, Burnt Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

· SunFlix at the Sunrise -7:30 pm, Truth. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SunFlix at the Sunrise -7:30 pm, Truth. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- Our Lady of the Americas **Church** – Rosary 8:15 am, 9 am Mass. Mexican food and drinks available after Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd., Biscoe, 910-974-3051.
- 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** – 10 am, Sunday School ages 3 years old to adult, nursery available; 11 am, Worship, nursery available; Youth Meeting, from 6 pm - 8 pm. 275 Knox Lane, West End.
- West End Presbyterian **Church Advent Workshop** - 4 - 6 pm, for all ages. Gather in the sanctuary, then chose crafts or to help decorate sanctuary for Advent. Soup supper at 5:30 pm for all. Register with the church office at 673-4341 to ensure ample food and craft supplies.
- West End United **Methodist Church Explor**ers - dinner with youth 6 - 6:30 pm, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, children K-

- 5. Crafts and activities. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.
- SunFlix at the Sunrise -2:30 & 7:30 pm, Truth. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- Interfaith Service of **Thanksgiving** – 4 pm, 131 Jackson Springs Rd, Jackson Springs. Everyone is welcome to enjoy fellowship. Representatives from each faith community design the service with a worship setting in various faith traditions to express gratitude for the blessings. Hymns, sharing words and prayers from the faiths represented and Native Americans will offer worshippers an opportunity to share their faith traditions and give thanks together for the many blessings. Interfaith choir with members from each of the congregations. Reverend Dudley Crawford will deliver the message. Worshippers are asked to bring nonperishable foods to be donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- · Weight Watchers Meeting -5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Sandhills Natural History** Society - 7 pm at Weymouth Woods, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines.

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Trunk or Treaters haunt Seven Lakes West



Neighbor 2 Neighbor — Marge Sheroff, Sally Walsh, Lisa Sheridan, Rosemary Weber, Marilyn Lamon, Ruth Caldara



Jody and Reilly Smith



Cameron Clark



Addie and Ian Scott



Photos by Janna Ptak Times Reporter

There were plenty of ghosts, goblins. superheroes, and unidentifiable scary folks at Seven Lakes West's Trunk or Treat on Halloween.

The event was organized by Westside resident Carrie Clark. More than a dozen residents responded with decorated trunks and sweets for the trick-or-treaters.

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County Animal Center offers rabies clinics

Due to the serious nature of the rabies virus and related public health implications, Moore County Animal Operations makes every effort to provide a wide array of rabies vaccination services for dogs and cats. One popular service is the community-focused rabies clinic.

The next clinics will be: Friday, November 13 – Crain's Creek Fire Dept, 4525 Lobelia Road, Vass 2 pm -4 pm

Saturday, November 14 – Carthage Farm Supply, 3710 US 15, Carthage 10 am – Noon

Friday, December 11 – Cameron Fire Department, 170 Red Hill Rd, Cameron 2 pm - 4 pm

State and local law requires all dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies by four months of age. Any currently vaccinated pet which comes in contact with a wild animal known to carry rabies must be revaccinated within five days of the exposure.

Rabies vaccinations are \$5 each; microchips are \$15 each. Spay and neuter assistance is available.

Coalition at Kiwanis

present to answer any ques- rabies prevention and the nance.

Animal Services will be tions you may have about local Animal Control Ordi-



Barrett Walker & Kiwanian Frank Hayes

by Frank Hayes Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Barrett Walker, Director of the Sandhills Moore Coalition for Human Care, was the guest speaker at the Seven Lakes Kiwanis.

Walker told the group what the Coalition provides to some people of Moore County. In one year, they served some 5000 emergency cases with the help of 300 volunteers.

The Coalition provided help with medication, food, clothing, utilities, and even shelter to those who are struggling.

If anyone would like more information about the Coalition, contact them at 910-693-1600 or www.sand-hillscoaltion.org

Sandhills Natural History Society

The Sandhills Natural History Society will meet Monday, November 23, at 7 pm at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines.

Member John Reckless, MD, will present 'Lives of the Foxes,' multi-media program on the origins of foxes on the American continent and the habits of red and grey foxes in North Carolina. Visitors welcome. Families welcome. Call 910-692-2167 for more information or visit online at www.sandhillsnature.org



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| Baked Ziti Dinner | Chicken Paprikash Dinner | Peachy Pork Dinner | Basil Shrimp with Orzo Dinner | Italian Meatloaf Dinner |
| 7 Minestrone Soup | 8 Curried Chicken Soup | 9 Butternut Bisque | 10 New England Clam Chowder | 11 Corn Chowder |
| Pasta & Sausage Dinner | Indonesian Ginger Chicken Dinner | Ham Dinner | Tilapia Scampi Style Dinner | Shepherd's Pie Dinner |
| 14 Broccoli Cheddar Soup | 15 Chicken & Dumpling Soup | 16 Beef Vegetable Soup | 17 Manhattan Clam Chowder | 18 Lentil Soup |
| Broccoli Manicotti Dinner | Chicken Pot Pie Dinner | Pot Roast Dinner | Shrimp Creole Dinner | Turkey Meatloaf Dinner |
| 21 Tomato Basil Soup Pasta & Ricotta Dinner | 22 Chicken Brunswick Stew Chicken Enchiladas Dinner | 23 Roasted Root Vegetable Soup Turkey Dinner | CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving! | |
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WSL Holiday "Sing-Along"

The next Women of Seven Lakes general meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall. Join the group for a Holiday "Sing-Along" with Glenda Clendenin, who will be leading members and guests in singing Christmas carols.

The Women of Seven Lakes will also be accepting donations for the Toys for Tots Program, which collects and distributes gifts for children from infants to teens.

Refreshments will be served after the program and a short business meeting.











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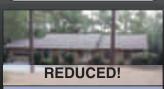
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OPINION

An opportunity to say 'Thanks' to Lawrence

Dear Editor:

Several weeks ago, I was with our son at breakfast and telling him again how much my wife and I love Seven Lakes.

He has heard me express this many times before how Fred Lawrence had the vision to develop the North, South and Westside Community of Seven Lakes.

I told my son that Fred Lawrence was convalescing locally and that his health was declining. He suggested that I go and visit Fred and tell him how thankful I was for his creation of Seven

I went and visited with Fred and personally thanked him.

Many of the current owners in the Seven Lakes communities likely do not know about Fred's impact on this lovely gem of lake-living. He came to this area when there was little here except for the pine trees and lots of land for quail hunting. Fred had the vision and the dedication to develop the areas and to attract geologists, builders,

vacationers, and ultimately homeowners.

He built the first home in Seven Lakes North as a hunting lodge and used it as the model home to show the beauty of the area to others . . .and to encourage new prospects to purchase a building lot. The first homes were built in the 1970's and there are a few lots left, but not many.

I thought it would be kind for those of us who enjoy living here to send along a thank you note to Fred for the place we now call "Home."
Please send your note and kind wishes to:

The Seven Lakes Times Attn: For Fred Lawrence PO Box 468 West End. NC 27376 The notes will be collected and delivered to Fred to show him our appreciation for his development of our community.

> Phil McElroy Seven Lakes North

Don't be an ostrich

Dear Editor:

Mr. Tom Zupan's letter appearing in the October 30, issue of the *Seven Lakes Times* misses the point.

Contrary to his belief, no one I know is advocating a West End beautification project or the razing of the Stanley Furniture building. Instead, folks are asking that the owners of the Stanley Furniture property do the right thing by removing the unsightly weeds and other vegetation that surround the building.

According to the Moore County land records, the property is comprised of two parcels, owned by MFGI 230 LLC and JR Square LLC, respectively.

I recognize that these two parcels may have issues, and their redevelopment is problematic at best. Nevertheless, the owners are responsible

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for properly maintaining their properties. Clearly, the principals of these entities are ignoring this obligation.

It's not hard to support two causes at once. The people of Seven Lakes can promote local safety and commercial efforts, as Mr. Zupan suggests, and still have plenty of energy left to seek to improve the appearance of what is now an eyesore.

Mr. Zupan has a unique solution to the problem. He suggests that his neighbors close their eyes as they drive past the Stanley Furniture property.

Aside from the obvious difficulty with this idea, I believe that the ostrich approach will simply not work. If nothing is done, the problem will only get worse.

William E. Scholtes Seven Lakes West

Mowing contract needs work

Dear Editor

I've been slow on getting this written, so here are some considerations for Davenport Landscaping's next contract with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA]. My emails and telephone calls seem to get little response from the Association.

More than a year and a half ago, I complained to a Board Member about Davenport mowing up and down every street and always gouging our yard, because there is a dip their mowers can't fit into.

"Why we are paying to mow lawns that don't need to be mowed?" I asked.

"Because it was in Davenport's contract," he said, but allows that it was an excellent idea to save money and a change could be made in the next contract. That didn't happen.

In the meantime we should put our name on the "do not mow" list. It worked for a while. Then later this Summer, Davenport mowed our

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lawn and left gouge marks 20-30 feet in length. The lawn did not need to be mowed. I emailed the Seven Lakes Landowners Association about the issue. No response.

Three weeks later, here they come again with the same amount of destruction. This time my wife called and got a response that they would give Davenport a note.

A note? What good is the 'do not mow' list? The real point is: Why we are paying Davenport to mow where no mowing is needed. Every lawn on our street is maintained by the owner or a yard

service. I think that is true for the vast majority of lawns in our community.

There needs to be some common sense. Mow the areas that need it and cut back on what we pay Davenport.

While I'm venting, use the money saved on Davenport to put some shiners or other minnows in Sequoia so the bass have something to eat.

If Seven Lakes Landowners Association will do that I'll put in \$200 and suspect some other fishermen will also chip in.

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God Bless you all.

Ed & Sharon Sanchez

Seven Lakes South

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Open House

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truck rides, informational booths, and a safety house for children to explore.

During the fire truck ride, children were able to sit in the seat normally occupied by a fireman and enjoy the view from the truck as they took a ride around the block.

Caroline Ferrel was in charge of the Seven Lakes EMS booth, where she handed out glow sticks and educated the public. EMS is currently recruiting new members. No experience is required, and new members will be trained at Sandhills Community College.

Deputy Forrest Kirk manned a booth with fellow Deputies Sam Rankin and Stephanie Boyd, providing coloring books and sheriff's badges for children, as well as child identification information for parents in case of a missing child. The

deputies had booklets for children's fingerprints, to help parents find them if they became lost.

A third booth provided information specifically about fire safety, including the use and maintenance of smoke alarms.

Fire Chief Steve Melone was happy to have about 200 people show up for the event. Although this event is always in October, this was the first year it was held on a Saturday. They are considering continuing this in upcoming years.

Chief Melone was glad the children were able to spend time around firemen, so they wouldn't be afraid if approached by one in gear during an emergency.

"Kids here see the fire trucks, and so they're not afraid if they need help or anything," he said.

Fireman David Coughenour

helped with the safety house. The safety house is a small trailer made to look like a home on the interior. Children come inside to experience simulated examples of fires in a kitchen and bedroom.

This realistic experience prepares children for an emergency in the home, such as the oven catching on fire or smoke coming through the bedroom vent.

Children were also taught to make a designated meeting place with their families, such as a neighbor's house, where they could meet after escaping a house fire. Overall, the Fire Department was pleased with the turnout during this event and is excited for next year's event.









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Budget

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cuts, building a fund balance that stood at \$12.4 million in FY2012.

That money has been used to shore up the budget and cushion the effect of state cuts over the past few years. But the fund balance dropped to \$6.4 million last year, and this year's budget includes the use of \$2.8 million of that savings account. That will bring it down to the minimal level needed to simply make sure MCS has enough cash on hand to cover day-to-day payroll and expense needs.

Griffin said the Board can no longer rely on the fund balance to balance the budget. Instead, cost cutting measures under consideration for next year include eliminating more teacher assistants, cutting the number of days in the school year that assistants work, eliminating dualtrack schools that offer both the traditional and year-round calendar, and reducing

reading programs.

"And the last item on the list is always the last item on the list: pressure on class sizes in grades four through twelve," Griffin said.

"Moore County Schools has not changed its funding from '08-09," he said. K-3 is one teacher to 24 students. Grades 4-8 is 1-to-26. And the high schools are 1-to-29."

"We haven't changed it. But the state has changed it. Grades 4-8, for us, would be 1-to-28....high schools would be 1-to-31. We have not changed that yet."

The Board needs to cut expenses, Griffin said, and that could be done in a two-year process. The goal for the upcoming FY2017 budget will be to cut costs by \$1.5-\$1.8 million. That amounts to about 1.5 percent on the district's \$112 million budget

Referring to the fund balance, Griffin said: "The stabilization fund has kept us stable for a number of years. But we are at a point where we don't have that to rely on anymore."

Pleas for more staff will wait on budget

Also during their November 2 Work Session, the School Board debated drawing an additional \$90,000 from the fund balance to increase support staff coverage at some elementary schools.

After considerable discussion, they reached consensus to consider the issue as part of the preparation of next year's budget, which will begin in December.

During the Board's October 12 regular meeting, Sandhills Farm Life parent Amanda Senff had asked the Board to fund a full time receptionist and full time assistant principal for the school during this budget year. Currently, Farm Life's assistant principal is shared one day per week with Cameron Elementary. The school receptionist works

five hours per day, rather than eight hours per day.

During the November 2 Work Session, Budget Director Mike Bundy explained that every school has a bookkeeper and data manager working in the office. The number of hours the school receptionist works is based on the number of students attending the school.

Elementary schools with more than 600 students receive five hours per day of receptionist support. Smaller schools have no receptionists; the other clerical staff fill in to greet visitors and take phone calls.

Middle schools with over 600 students enrolled receive eight hours of receptionist support per day.

At the high schools, North Moore has a five-hour receptionist, Union Pines a fulltime receptionist, and Pinecrest has two fulltimers filling that position.

Bundy presented an analysis that addressed not only

Farm Life's request, but, in the interest of equitable treatment, proposed similar increases at other campuses, adding receptionists at Pinehurst and West Pine Elementary, and moving the position at New Century Middle, North Moore, and Vass Lakeview and Farm Life to full time.

The overall cost was projected to be \$90,000.

In debate, the Board struggled with whether to adopt the proposed equitable solution or to simply address the issue at Farm Life — at a cost of \$16,500.

Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey suggested that principals are in a better position to make requests for additional staff when they must weigh that cost against other costs at budget time.

Ultimately, Board members agreed, putting off the decision for the FY2017 budget year.



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Dr. Liffrig joins Amanda Martin, ANP, and Dan Matthew, PA-C, in the practice.

All providers are currently accepting new patients.

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SLLA Open Meeting

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Judicial. Director Racine reported that the Judicial Committee has heard five new cases, but results have yet to be released.

Community Standards. Given the season and the interminable rain, Racine said, the Community Standards committee has turned its attention away from pinecones and leaves in yards to focus on other violations.

Lakes & Dams. In addition to discussing the project of piping water from Lake Ramapo directly into Echo, in order to avoid the sort of erosion currently impacting Edgewater Drive, the Lakes

and Dams Committee conducted piezometer readings on all the dams and found nothing exceptional. Director Widman said the committee wants to have Maintenance briefly open the drain valves for each of the dams, in order to make sure they are functioning properly.

Recreation. Director Racine said the Halloween celebration hosted by the SLLA Stables was a success, and he thanked stable manager Samantha Baker for organizing the event and Paul McInnis for driving the tractor for the hayride, as well as other staffers and volunteers who pitched in.

Next up on the Recreation calendar is decorating the North Clubhouse during the afternoons of Wednesday and Thursday, November 18 and 19.

Security. Greg Lishawa said that guards will no longer have visitors call the landowners whom they are supposedly visiting from the gatehouse. Given the number of scams involving fake security companies, no security companies will be allowed in the gate without an explicit invitation from a landowner. The committee has wrapped up its rewrite of the security rules; the draft will now go to the Board.

Other Business

In other business during the Thursday, November 5 SLLA Open Meeting:

- During Public comment, Donna Fentzlaff asked why tenants had been dropped from the list to receive emails from the Landowners Office and excluded from website access. Neither Community Manager Allen nor Assistant Community Manager Hosterman were familiar with the problem, but said they would investigate.
- Les Sommers asked when the Board was going to discuss eliminating lifeguards, in order to save money on

swimming pool operations. Lishawa said the Board will take up that discussion in the near future.

- Manager Allen reported that the SLLA Stables has a new horse Joker to replace Cooper, who retired last month. The eight-year old horse a "beautiful animal" was bitten in the forehead by one of his stablemates, but will recover with only a scar as a reminder of the incident.
- Racine reported that the November 4 Blood Drive at the North Clubhouse collected 33 pints.

Church

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do something for others." This was his second time working with the project, which he spent painting at Kool Kids.

Jennifer Reynolds, who was also painting at Kool Kids, explained that she enjoyed giving back to the community. It was her third project.

Shirley Ptak, owner of Kool Kids, was overjoyed at the thought of receiving help remodeling her business. After dreaming of painting the interior for twelve years, her dream finally became a reality.

"The weight of a huge project has been lifted off my shoulders," she said.

Her son, Tim Ptak, also helped with the painting.

"Kool Kids is going to look brighter and more fun," he said.

Deb Boyer, her daughter, Beth Jackson, and her grandchildren, Brelynn and Brody along with their friend, Addie Reynolds, came to plant flowers at Kool Kids.

Not only did the church provide services, but it also invited the business owners and volunteers to lunch at their fellowship hall.

Bluegrass Church

Middle Cross Baptist Church invites the community to its Bluegrass Church. Every third Thursday of the month, the church has a free dinner and a bluegrass band for people to enjoy.

"It's not about one particular church," Pastor Raymond said. "It's about the community coming together."

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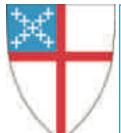
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Gregory

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concerns and the proposed Advanced Career Center. In addition, he said that it is essential to find ways to support public school teachers.

"We must promote an economic climate that will attract high quality jobs to Moore County," Gregory said. "Tax rates must be kept as low as possible. One should never forget that every tax dollar comes from tax payers and as such must be spent wisely."

Gregory's career in law enforcement began as a special agent with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, which eventually became CSX. After serving mostly in command positions, he finished his career with CSX as Police Superintendent of the northend region.

Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Gregory was attached to the Joint Command Staff of the FBI's Anti-Terrorism Task Force, in Washington, DC

After retiring, Gregory moved to Moore County in 2003 and was appointed

Chief of the Village of Whispering Pines Police Department. He held that position until February 2009. During his tenure the State recognized the Department for its highway safety efforts.

Given Gregory's long-term background in law enforcement, he said he will be a strong advocate on safety concerns, supporting police, fire, and emergency organizations, because "they make our neighborhoods safe for every family."

"As a Police Chief I served everyone. As a Commissioner I will do the same."

Gregory is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, and an Eagle Scout.

He teaches law enforcement ethics at Sandhills Community College, and serves as a member of the Moore County ABC Board. He is also Past President of the Moore County Republican Men's Club.

District lines changed

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Gregory is able to run from one Commissioners District in 2014 and another in 2016 not because he moved his residence, but because the district lines were redrawn.

Based on the results of the 2010 US Census and on the advice of the League of Women Voters of Moore County, the Board of Commissioners redrew their district lines in 2012 in an effort to make them more equal, in terms of population.

The new maps split Seven Lakes, which had previously been entirely within District 2, placing Seven Lakes West in District 3, along with Robbins and the rest of North Moore.

So, Gregory, as a resident of Seven Lakes West, was able to run from District 3 in 2014.

The Commissioners recently redrew the districts again, hoping to make them better reflect natural groupings of communities and municipalities within the County. As a result, Seven Lakes West was returned to District 2, allowing Gregory to run from that district in next year's elections.

Filing for those elections runs from December 1 to December 21. The primary election will be held on March 15; the general election, on November 8.

In addition to the District 2 seat on the County Board of Commissioners, the ballot will include the District 4 seat currently held by Randy Saunders, as well as five

seats on the Moore County Board of Education, including Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5, and the unexpired term for one at-large seat.

Project Linus needs yarn

Project Linus currently needs donations of cotton and acrylic yarns for the blanketeer volunteers to use in making afghans for children of Moore County.

The group also needs more volunteers to help make or donate blankets for the children. Project Linus meets at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

To donate materials or to find out how to become a blanketeer volunteer, contact Pat Weber (910) 673-1457, or email weberconsult@nc.rr.com





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to move forward with the design phase of the projects, both to ensure that the schools will open on time, and to determine the actual costs of the new facilities.

During the November 2 School Board meeting, Grimesev explained that he and Birath left that meeting with a strong conviction that the design process should not be delayed, prompting him to request the Emergency Meeting.

"John really does need to issue that RFQ," Grimesey said," noting that the holiday season is rapidly approaching and the timeframe the School Board has approved for the Advanced Career Center [ACC] requires that the selected architect begin work in January.

The goal is to have the ACC ready for students in the second semester of the 2018-2019 school year. Delaying the selection of an architect until March would mean pushing that opening into the 2019-2020 school year, Birath told the Board.

Similarly, delaying the process of designing a new elementary school to relieve overcrowding at Vass-Lakeview and Sandhills Farm Life could push the opening of the school from August 2018 to January 2109, or later.

Recalling a request from Commissioner Randy Saunders that MCS "sharpen its pencils," Birath said: "Once we have a design, that's when we can get to the point of sharpening our pencils. Right now, we are working off of budget numbers, which are just that. There's only one time that we will know the actual cost of the project, and that is on bid day.'

The amount of money that the Board has, in effect, committed to spend on school design prior to the March sales tax referendum is a relatively small percentage of the total cost of the projects: just over \$2 million, against a total expected cost of more than \$119 million. Birath noted that the design process could be stopped at any point, with no additional cost to

Moore County Schools [MCS].

Birath was authorized to issue RFQs for the ACC on November 3, with a selection of an architect for the high school expected at the December 7 School Board meeting. RFQs for the four elementary school prototype designs are to be issued in January, with Board action expected in March.

Recent conversations between the School Board and Board of Commissioners have put the priority on only three elementary schools: one for Area 1 (Carthage, Cameron, Vass) and two for Area III (Southern Pines and Aberdeen). But building renovations and replacement at Pinehurst Elementary School are number five on the Master Facilities Plan, and a single architectural firm is expected to handle all four elementary school projects.

Birath told the Board that MCS would seek to pay for the design fees by utilizing

Moore County's allocation from the NC Education Lottery. That will require the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Bond Funds to be used for land and design

A second issue raised by the Board of Commissioners was the possibility of using \$4.2 million in unspent proceeds from the 2007 sale of voter-approved school construction bonds for the new schools that are part of the School Board's Master Facilities plan.

Once the major projects to be funded by the \$54 million bond sale had been completed, approximately \$11 million remained. The two Boards authorized the use of that money to build auxiliary gyms at Pinecrest and Union Pines, as well as for other large capital modernization projects.

The auxiliary gyms have been built, and MCS has (See "Schools," p. 28)

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planned to use the remaining \$4.2 million for a variety of projects at the County's three high schools, including the replacement of fifty-year-old HVAC systems and replacement of roofs that have reached the end of their expected useful life.

Birath explained that all of the projects, which total nearly \$4.7 million, need to be completed in the next two years.

That information was shared with Chairman Picerno and the County Manager Wayne Vest in a recent meeting, Birath told members of the Board of Education during their regular November 9 meeting.

"After sharing the spreadsheet of our needs at the schools, it was quickly understood by everybody in the schools that those do need to be funded and are critical to the operations of our schools," Birath said.

By way of compromise, Birath proposed allocating \$592,000 of the \$4.2 million to the acquisition of land and design services related to the building of new schools. He explained that the nearly

\$600,000 represented money left over from the construction of the auxiliary gyms at Pinecrest and Union Pines.

That would leave \$3.6 million in bond funds to address additional needs at the three high schools.

"I think it is appropriate for use to make a contribution of that money to the capital fund for the facilities," Chairman Bruce Cunningham said. "I think it would show that we are willing not only to plan and design it, but help in any way we can with the funding of it."

"One of the things that has struck me about the conversations with the Commissioners is that it has been a two-way street," he added.

The Board voted unanimously to allocate the \$592,000 to site acquisition and design services for the new schools.

Work to begin on ACC site

Also during the Board's November 9 regular meeting, Superintendent Grimesey

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said the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees had authorized MCS to study a fifteen acre portion of a forty-five acre college-owned parcel on Airport Road as a possible site for the Advanced Career Center.

The 45-acres lies diagonally O'Neal School.

"The trustees would like to withhold formal discussion of the land transfer until they are able to study the facility design and see how the School Board might use the property," Grimesey said.

trustees have given MCS the go-ahead to perform the various surveys and analyses necessary to develop a site plan and building design.

The parcel does include some colonies of the federally-protected red cockaded woodpecker, he noted, but those are believed to be well outside the area planned for the new high school.

Grimesey announced that,

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the ACC.

across Airport Road from the college and northeast of The

He explained that the

on December 9, MCS Administrators will meet with the Moore County Chamber of Commerce and area business leaders to get feedback on the proposed curriculum for

Aberdeen Elementary site expanded

The School Board approved adding an additional two acres to the site it plans to purchase for the construction of a new Aberdeen Elementary school, raising the cost from \$180,000 to \$198,000.

Birath explained that the Board's recent decision to build a school capable of

serving 800 students, rather than the 650 initially planned, requires a larger school. Fitting that school on 20 acres would require a two-story building, which is much more expensive than staying with a one story structure,.

He said a single elevator can cost \$60,000 to \$90,000, compared to the \$18,000 of acquiring additional land in order to have a one-story structure.

The Board unanimously approved the change to the purchase contract. The transaction is expected to close on November 30.





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of a large undeveloped, Village-owned parcel on Woodland Circle, and hiring a town manager.

Committee reports

Zoning. Village Clerk Lisa Kivett report that nine new homes are starting or under construction in the Village, as well as another in the extraterritorial jurisdiction [ETJ]. Permit applications

for two new homes — one customer and one spec were received in October.

Public Safety. Councilman Mick McCue reported that he and Police Chief Shue are very close to hiring a part time police officer for the Village.

Council members congratulated McCue on a successful Trunk or Treat held at Village Green Park on Halloween.

Streets, Councilman Vic

Koos reported that repaying on Ridge Road and Foxkroft Circle is expected to begin on November 12 or 13. However, if weather continues to delay the start of the project, it may have to be delayed until Spring.

Koos distributed to council members a list of priority areas with drainage problems - made more evident by the recent unusually heavy rains.

Finance. The Village has

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a cash balance of \$1.47 million in the general fund and \$675,00 in the water fund, reported Councilwoman Leslie Frusco.

Water. Councilman Jon Sedlak reported that three of ten older homes in the Village that are regularly tested for water quality showed increased levels of lead or copper in the samples — the result of the use of copper pipes and lead-based solder in the homes' plumbing.

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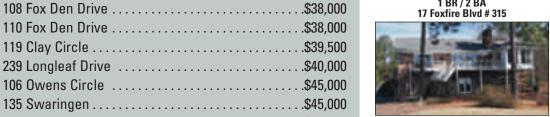
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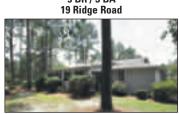
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