

Teaching responsibility



Vicky Scofield, Daphne Smith, Philippa Davidson (Speuter the Cat), and Elaine Wilderson participated in the Pet Responsibility Committee's assembly at West End Elementary on Monday, April 18. [More photos on pages 4 & 5]

New Board, ready to listen

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Presiding over his first Open Meeting as President, Greg Lishawa set the tone for the newly-constituted Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors.

"This community does belong to all of us," Lishawa said in his President's Report during the Thursday, April 14 Open Meeting. "This Board does want to hear from the membership. We have phone numbers and/or email addresses that are published, and I want you to feel free to contact any member."

Despite that willingness to

receive input from the membership, Lishawa made clear that the Board does not intend to micromanage the CAS, Inc. crew that staffs the Landowners Office.

"We pay CAS a lot of money to a manage this community," Lishawa said. "This Board does not intend to micromanage CAS. We are going to let them manage the community at the direction of the Board."

Lishawa said that he and new Community Manager Spencer Ferguson meet every two weeks to lay out a work plan and then review that plan at the next biweekly meeting.

(See "SLLA," p. 27)

Top volunteers honored

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



For 38 years, the Governor of North Carolina has presented a vol-

unteer service award to super-volunteers — folks from across the state who give their time an energy to serving their fellow citizens.

Each county is allowed to nominate ten volunteers for

consideration; during their Tuesday, April 19 regular meeting, the Board of Commissioners recognized this year's Moore County nominees: Cos Barnes, Mary Cunningham, Kitty Fehr, Janet Gillis, Marilyn Otto, Marilyn Powers, Sarah Ross, Irene Sauter, Joan Wolstenholme, and Richard Wolstenholme.

Tommy Deese, Director of Moore County's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program [RSVP] presented the nominees. The paragraphs below are abridged versions of the information provided by the individual making each nomination. Deese read the full version during the Commissioners meeting.

(See "Volunteers," p. 25)

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Moore County Schools [MCS] is looking for a nearly \$1.3 million increase in fund-

ing from the Moore County Board of Commissioners, to support everything from hiring new personnel to support digital learning, to increasing the number of athletic trainers and school nurses, to maintaining the number of days that teacher assistants work annually.

While not ruling out the increase, County Chairman Nick Picerno is clearly looking for Raleigh to honor its constitutional and statutory responsibility to fund local public school operations.

"If we had the money, I guarantee you this Board would vote to give you everything you ask for," Picerno told Superintendent Dr Bob Grimesey. "I want Moore County to be the best. Out of 100 counties, I want to be number one."

"However, there is finite amount of dollars," Picerno continued. "I've already proven time and time again that Moore County taxpayers have a higher tax burden than surrounding counties. and already commit more to education than any of our surrounding counties."

"The bottom line is, somehow, someday, somebody needs to get the ear of the legislators that represent Moore County that the citi-

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Solar farm plan needs more negotiation

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Planning a solar farm in Moore County?

It might pay to get right with your neighbors before seeking County approval.

Moore County's Board of Commissioners spent two hours hearing testimony in a quasi-judicial public hearing concerning a conditional use rezoning for a commercial scale solar farm on a 32-acre tract on Airport Road.

A conditional use rezoning melds into one what is typically a two-step process: a straight rezoning, followed by the conditional use permit for whatever the applicant plans to put on the land — for instance, a solar farm.

At the end of the marathon session, they split two-two on a motion to approve the rezoning, which meant the motion failed. Commissioner Catherine Graham was absent from the meeting due to illness.

Commissioners Randy Saunders and Nick Picerno voted against the rezoning, which had two members of the same family — owners of adjacent tracts — at odds.

"What I would suggest is that you two guys get together, come to terms, and bring this back," Picerno said to the applicant, "and we can make this go away real quick."

The current owner of the land, Ken Sedberry, told the

Commissioners that the land, which lies just west of Lakeview on Airport Road, had been in his family since the civil war, and was a productive multi-crop farm a few decades ago, when his uncle farmed the land.

Once farming activities ceased, however, the home and outbuildings eventually fell into disrepair.

"What this is for me is an attempt to keep the farm in the family for another generation," Sedberry said. "For me, it is about productivity and preserving what has been in our family."

"In thirty years, this will no longer be a solar farm. In thirty years it is coming down and it will again be farmable land. My hope is that it won't impact neighbors. I believe it will make Moore County cleaner and more beautiful."

The applicant's attorney, Mark Tucker, told the Commissioners that a solar farm

is "akin to an agricultural use," and should not be compared to an industrial use, because a solar farm produces no dust, no noise, and no odors."

It produces fewer problems than most agricultural uses, Tucker said. And it preserves rural agricultural land for future use. It allows landowners to use the property today while preserving it for future use.

"It is not going to be a solar farm in perpetuity," he said.

However, Sedberry's relative, Robert Hodges, who owns the adjoining 29 acre tract, was not at all confident that a six foot tall chain link fence topped with razor wire, running along 1900 feet of his property line, would do much to increase the beauty of his property.

Hodges argued that the setback requirement in the Unified Development should

require that fence — which is required for the solar farm — to be set back fifty feet from the property line.

Commissioner Jerry Daeke explained to Hodges that the fifty foot setback only applied to elements of the solar array itself — and not to fencing. The fence would be set back 35 feet from the line, with two rows of buffer trees in between.

Hodges seemed little comforted by that.

"Who is going to oversee the plan, thirty years down the road?" he asked. "Who do I talk to if something goes wrong? 'I'm not against solar, but I want to be protected against a fence with barbed wire.'"

"He makes a good point about the barbed wire," Saunders said. "From day one, it will be visible."

(See "Solar," p. 26)

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Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines has been added to the Farm to Table program this year.

After many years as serving as a pick-up site for the program West End Presbyterian Church decided it was time to turn over of the job to

someone else.

Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines jumped at the opportunity and is now the new pick up location for the Farm to Table program.

Farm to Table is a great opportunity to have fresh produce for your family. There is a summer and fall produce box program.

Farm to Table has made revisions for purchasing. Participants can pay as you go, pay for the entire year, or purchase bi-weekly. Your purchases can even be delivered if you are unable to get out to pick up your box.

Participants can purchase a bread and veggie box, a harvest box, or if they prefer the alternate box or change their orders by Sunday of the delivery week.

Produce box pick-up day at Seven Lakes Chapel is each Thursday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, or special arrangements can be made if you are unable pickup dur-

ing those hours.

Take a look at the program online by visiting: Sandhills-farm2table.com or for questions or help signing up call 910-722-1623 or email

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Or stop by the church on Thursday between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm and take a look at the produce and bake goods that you can purchase.



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West End Elementary fourth graders take

The Moore County Pet Responsibility Committee conducted its eighth annual assembly for West End Elementary fourth graders on Monday, April 18.

Students pledged to own their pets responsibly — and to encourage other to do the same.

Winners of the Speuter Story Contest were announced. Bob Baillie and his dog DJ were special guests for the assembly.



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Phillippa Davidson — Speuter the Cat — read a poem about taking care of your cats and dogs



Vicki Scofield administers the Pet Responsibility pledge

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Daphne Smith gives the students the Pet Responsibility pledge to sign in their classrooms



Speuter Award winners Allie Taylor, Kelcey Hernandez, and Aubrey Welling wrote stories about pet responsibility

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In memory of . . .

Lois Carolyn Harrison Blue, died at her home in Eagle Springs, Sunday, April 24.

She was the daughter of the late Howard Russell and Lois Eugenia Hendren Harrison.

Mrs. Blue was a former member of Bensalem Presbyterian Church and in more recent years Macedonia Presbyterian Church in Candor, as a deacon and elder, choir member and involved all church activities.

In September, 1995, she received the Honorary Lifetime Membership for Presbyterian Women for her dedicated service to the church at Bensalem.

She was chairperson of the area Cancer Crusade for many years and in years past served on the Board of Trustees of Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Blue spent a lifetime in the petroleum distribution industry with the last thirty-five years as owner and operator of Candor Oil Company.

She had a strong interest in politics and government since childhood that she inherited from her father. In 1956, she was the secretary of the Young Democrat's progressing to Vice Chair and Chairman. She was a democratic national committee woman attending the inauguration of President Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1972, she was the 8th district delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Miami, Florida.

In 1976, she was the first woman in 192 years to serve on the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Blue was preceded in death by her sister Virginia H. Monroe, brothers Edward N. Harrison and Howard R. Harrison II.

Survivors include her husband of sixty-nine years Harold Blue, son Tommy Blue (Libby) of Eagle Springs; daughters Sharon Blue Reid (Bobby Wheeler) of Pinehurst; Christy Blue Jackson (John) of Greensboro; sister Patricia H. Parker of Plymouth; nine grandchildren and fourteen

great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 26, at Macedonia Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Matt Baker officiated. Burial followed in Bensalem Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Macedonia Presbyterian Church, 3269 Candor-Troy Road, Biscoe, NC 27209 or FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

John Thorne "Swede" Olson, 90 of Seven Lakes, died Thursday, April 21, after a long battle with Alzheimer's at FirstHealth Hospice House.

Mr. Olson was born in Yonkers, New York the son of the late Henry Jacob and Augusta Victoria Olson, both of whom had immigrated to the United States from Sweden in the early 1900s.

He was very proud of his Swedish heritage and throughout his life maintained close ties to his extended family in Sweden.

After graduating from high school, he joined the V-12 Navy College Training Program at Dartmouth College and was in training to be a Navy pilot when WWII ended. Thereafter, he attended Purdue University graduating with a degree in Economics. At Purdue, he met his beloved wife, Mary "Mel" Dalton whom he married.

They remained together for over sixty-six years raising three sons. Mr. Olson had a distinguished career in banking in Manhattan and on Long Island for more than thirty years and earned several post-graduate certificates in finance from Rutgers University in New Jersey and C.W. Post College on Long Island.

In his spare time, he enjoyed getting together with friends, golfing, shooting clay pigeons, boating in Seven Lakes, walking his dog, "Babe" and anything that involved the outdoors. He

was an active member of Kiwanis on Long Island and later in Seven Lakes.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Henry, Jr. The joy of his life, Mary, passed away on January 24, 2016.

Survivors include his sons, Eric T. Olson and his wife Victoria of Lakewood, WA; Kurt J. Olson of Raleigh; and Neil D. Olson and his wife Elizabeth C. Brooks of Wyncmoor, PA; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister-in-law, Sue Dalton; and nephews and a niece.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 2 pm at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Southern Pines.

A second memorial service for family members who are out of the country or unfortunately unable to participate on Sunday will be held at a later date this year.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's

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Boles Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family.

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Jane Scales Facey, 84, of Foxfire Village, died Tuesday, April 19, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born in Rockingham, the daughter of Mary Leake and Clyde Seate. The family moved to Wilson when she was young.

As a student attending Meredith College in Raleigh she met and married William Facey in 1953. She was full time homemaker.

Mrs. Facey is survived by her husband, William; children, Mary Jane Williams of Cary; Wade Facey of Flat Rock; Carol Maynard of Apex;

and Rick Facey of Foley, AL; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Research in Mrs. Facey's name.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

Nancy P. Neilson of Williamsburg, VA; formerly of Seven Lakes, died Monday, April 18.

She graduated from George School, a private Quaker high school near Newtown, PA;

attended Endicott Junior College, and graduated from East Stroudsburg State University, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Neilson was an elementary school teacher, specializing in teaching third and fourth grade.

She was an avid gardener, a gifted painter, an accomplished pianist, and a very, enthusiastic photographer.

In addition, she was a devoted supporter of her husband Roger's successful football coaching career.

Mrs. Neilson and Roger, retired from teaching in 1985 and lived for over twenty-five years in Seven Lakes, before moving to Williamsburg VA in 2010. They enjoyed traveling after retirement, visiting

over forty countries.

She was a lifelong supporter of the Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center in upstate New York, vacationing there often from her childhood through her later years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roger, and by her parents Roland and Caroline. Survivors include her sister and brother-in-law Virginia and Ed Reynolds; sons, Thomas and James Neilson; grandchildren Ryan, Abbie Layne, and Mitch; great-grandson Teddy; and her loyal dog, Bandit.

A small family memorial service will be held.

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McDonalds Chapel's Acoustic Music Circle will provide a variety of traditional folk music.

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First Bank teaches WEE students how to

by Janna Ptak
Times Reporter

On Monday, April 25, First Bank - Seven Lakes presented West End Elementary (WEE) with a \$500 check, awarded through a drawing which takes place every April for National Teach Children to Save Day.

Before presenting the check, First Bank's Vice President, David Zmiewsky ("Mr. Z"), and Assistant Vice President, Laura Scott, spoke to fourth graders about saving and budgeting, thanks to the American Bankers Association Foundation's Teach Children to Save program.

Mr. Z explained that one of the best ways to save money is by finishing high school and college. Those who finish high school make an average of \$1.4 million more in their lifetime than those who do not finish high

school. College graduates make an average of \$2.8 million more.

The children then learned how to distinguish between wants and needs, using examples such as medicine, hover boards, food, clothes, and housing. Some items fall into both categories, depending on the situation. For example, food is a need, but fast food may be a want. Clothing is a need, but the expensive brand-name clothing is a want.

Mr. Z explained that when shopping, some parents say "no" to certain items because they are budgeting and prioritizing. If a parent buys an Xbox but does not have enough money for food, they are not prioritizing correctly or budgeting for their needs.

To help with budgeting, children were taught to

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First Bank Vice President, David Zmiewsky ("Mr. Z"), and Assistant Vice President, Laura Scott present a check to WEE Principal Leigh Ann Lampley

Chapel Lunch Bunch

All Single Seniors are invited to attend the Seven Lakes Lunch Bunch at the Chapel Joralemon Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 11 at noon.

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save and budget

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SMART goals. SMART stands for Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time Bound.

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The student would have to decide if this goal is Attainable through budgeting and if this is a Realistic goal. Then the student would have to calculate how much of their Time is Bound to reaching this goal, or how long it would take for them to save enough money.

Scott and Mr. Z also made clear the difference between

debit and credit cards, explaining how debit cards spend money from one's checking account, while credit cards pull money from a bank as a loan which is to be paid back with interest.

"It costs money to borrow money," Mr. Z said.

The students learned that when they trust a bank with their money, they are rewarded by receiving interest every year and have the option to take out their money at any time.

Mr. Z continued to explain the security of the bank, including vaults, locks and keys, and cameras to prevent robberies. There have not been any robberies during

his time at First Bank.

Similar presentations regarding budgeting were made in schools throughout North and South Carolina. These schools were nominated for a \$500 reward, which was offered to ten schools who won in the drawing.

This year, Scott and Mr. Z presented the award to Principal Leigh Ann Lampley of West End Elementary.

First Bank plans another presentation to the fifth graders of WEE on Friday, April 29.

First Bank is located at 4295 NC Highway 211 in Seven Lakes.



First Bank Vice President, David Zmiewsky ("Mr. Z")



First Bank Assistant Vice President, Laura Scott

Free Tennis Clinic

Seven Lakes Tennis Center will hold a free tennis clinic fun day for kids ages 5-12 on Saturday, May 14 at 1 pm at the Seven Lakes Tennis Center on the Northside.

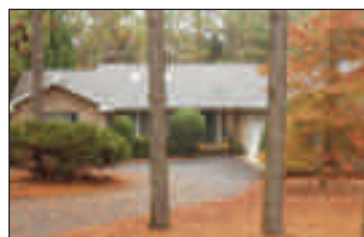
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Foster Lake & Pond Management begins

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Foster Lake & Pond Management began their study of the health of the eight lakes in Seven Lakes the week of April 18, conducting electrofishing in order to survey the fish populations in each lake.

The \$7,000 study was recommended by the Lakes & Dams Committee of the Seven

Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] and approved by the Board of Directors in a Special Meeting on Friday, April 1.

Lakes & Dams Director Mark Widman told *The Times* that the results of the study will be available in mid-May and will be shared with the community in a public meeting.

He said preliminary results show a dearth of baitfish in

all of the lakes, which means that the primary food source for bass and other species higher up the food chain is missing.

As a result, almost all of the bass caught in the survey were underweight for their length.

In other words, the Seven Lakes fish are starving.

In previous Board Meetings, Widman has attributed that

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Lakes & Dams Committee member Bob Miller prepares to do some electrofishing with Chad Coley and Brandon Roberts of Foster Lakes & Pond Management



Bob Miller displays a 23-inch largemouth bass pulled from Lake Echo



Phil & Kathy Cook, Owners
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study of fisheries in the SLLA lakes

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problem to the loss of weedy habitat for young fish and minnows, brought on, to some degree, by the Association's efforts to control weeds in coves to facilitate swimming and boating.

Though Foster's recommendations are not yet available, Widman said he anticipates they will advocate for habitat restoration, including

the use of artificial fish habitats.

The Lakes & Dams Committee plans to use fence posts and rails discarded when the new pasture fence was built to construct habitats.

Others will be built with PVC pipe contributed by a Lakes & Dams Committee member.



Brandon Roberts measures a largemouth bass



Electrofishing

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Operation Medicine Drop this Saturday

On, Saturday, April 30, from 11 am to 1 pm, Moore County Law Enforcement Agencies are partnering with Moore County Drug Prevention Task Force, Drug Free Moore County and other community volunteers to give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Please bring your medications for disposal to one of the listed sites. The service is free and anonymous, no questions will be asked.

The event is a coordinated effort by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Safe Kids North Carolina,

the DEA, the State Bureau of Investigation, Riverkeepers of North Carolina and local groups to prevent accidental poisonings, substance abuse and protect the waters.

With unintentional poisoning deaths on the rise in this state, Operation Medicine Drop reminds parents and caregivers to:

- Keep medicines locked up and out of reach of children.

- Always read labels, follow directions and give medicines to children based on their weights and ages. Only use the dispensers packaged with children's medications.

- Avoid taking medicine or vitamins in front of kids, and don't call them candy.

- If you suspect poisoning and a child is choking, collapses, can't breathe or is having a seizure, call 911. Otherwise, take the product to the phone and call the national Poison Help hotline at 1-800-222-1222.

For more information about Operation Medicine Drop, and to find a permanent drop box near you, visit www.ncsafekids.org

Locations

Locations to drop unused or out of date medications: **Seven Lakes Fire and Rescue**, Seven Lakes; Contact: Wes Hart, Moore County Sheriff's Office, (947-2931);

Lowes Food Store, Olmstead

Village, Taylortown/Pinehurst. Point of Contact: Ricky Gooch Pinehurst Police Department, (295-3141);

Dollar General, 120 NC-705, Robbins; Contact: Jeff Sheffield, Robbins Police (948-3549);

Food Lion, Whispering Pines; Dominic Campbell, Whispering Pines Police, (949-9961);

Aberdeen Police Department, Aberdeen; Contact: Craig Armstrong, Aberdeen Police Department, (944-9721).

Gardening at Monticello

Sandhills residents are in for a treat on Friday, May 6, at 7 pm when Peter Hatch, professional gardener and historian with thirty-eight years experience in the restoration, care, and interpretation of historic landscapes, returns to the Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens.

Hatch is a celebrated author of four books on the gardens of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello where he served as Director of Gardens and Grounds for thirty-five years.

He has lectured in thirty-


six states on Jefferson and the history of garden plants, consults on the installation and maintenance of both public gardens and private estate landscapes.

Presently, he gardens and botanizes from his home on Lickinghole Creek in Crozet, VA.

His presentation will be on "Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden." His latest book, 'A Rich Spot of Earth': Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello will be available after his presentation for purchase and signing.

Cost is \$10 for Sandhills Horticultural Society members, \$15 for non-members with proceeds benefitting Sandhills Horticultural Gardens.

Call (910) 695-3882 for a reservation or additional information.



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Clowning around at Women of Seven Lakes

by Joyce Freiert
Women of Seven Lakes

Reverend Mike Dobbs, Pastor of the Community Congregational Church, Southern

Pines, was the guest speaker at the April meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes.

Reverend Dobbs, known as "Dubbsy the Clown" pre-

sented a slide show of his trip to Peru with the Gesundheit! Global Outreach Clowns (GO!CLOWNS).

GO!CLOWNS seeks to restore people, communities, systems and the planet to wholeness and health through laughter and loving care. They are also a leader in developing the therapeutic role of the clown in healthcare settings and distressed communities worldwide.

Reverend Dobbs serves as a volunteer at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital as one of the hospital clowns. The clowns visit patients,

families and staff at the hospital, bringing much needed cheer and laughter. Four clowns visit the hospital every Wednesday afternoon.

The next meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes will be on Thursday, May 5, 2 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall.

Judy Lewis, Executive Director of the Prancing Horse Organization, will speak. Prancing Horse is a non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the lives of individuals with special needs by providing a safe environment for therapeutic

riding. Participants include children from local schools, adults, and veterans. The programs run by Prancing Horse rely on teachers and over 75 volunteers.

At the May meeting, the new Women of Seven Lakes Board for 2016-2017 will be installed. Refreshments will be served after the speaker and installation of the new Board.

For more information on the Women of Seven Lakes, contact Lee Connelly, 673-2521.



Photo: Reverend Mike Dobbs aka "Dubbsy the Clown" and Donna Myrick aka "Buttons"

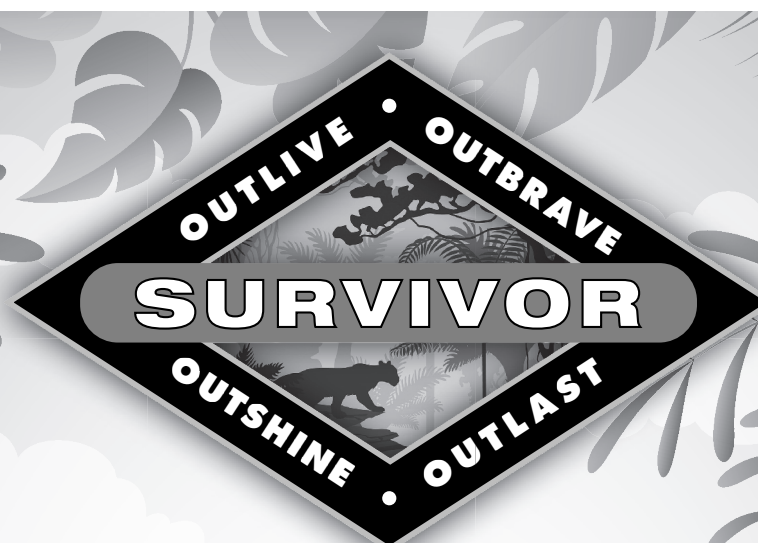
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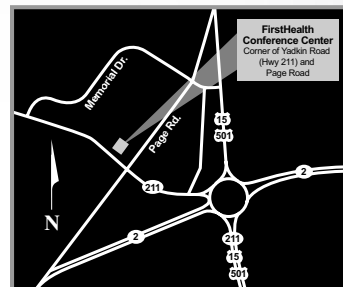
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This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited and registration is required.

To register, please visit www.NCCancerCare.org or call (800) 213-3284.

National Cancer Survivors Day 2016

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Temple presents Smoke on the Mountain

There will be an Opening Night celebration on Friday, April 29 featuring hors d'oeuvres from Cafe 121. The show runs until May 15.

Homecoming marks the end of a tremendous season, and also closes the door on the Sanders Family trilogy. In 2013, the Temple's Artistic Director, Peggy Taphorn, decided that Smoke on the Mountain would be a good fit for her audiences. What

she did not know was that the show would be a runaway smash hit. The next year, much of the same cast returned for the holiday sequel, The Sanders Family Christmas. This show, too, proved to be an audience favorite. Taphorn, who directs Homecoming, says, "These shows are such a natural fit with the audiences, and the final show, Homecoming, is actually my favorite of the

three scripts. Central Carolina is going to love this show."

All three shows feature foot-stomping favorites and uproarious laugh lines.

The Temple cast has changed throughout each of the shows, but Greta Zandstra has played June in all of them, and her sign language bits in the shows have made her something of a regional celebrity. She says, "It's been a joy to work with

Sanders family alums from all over the country, especially here in the Sandhills of North Carolina where the story is set." The final day of this show run will be a bittersweet end to an amazing three year run." This cast has been cobbled together from, literally, all across that country. Sean Powell returns from New York to play Dennis and musically direct the show. Kaine Riggan (Stanley) and Richard Daniel (Burl), have portrayed these characters at dozens of venues, including their time together at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville. Pam Pendleton from Dallas, Texas will make her Temple debut as Vera.

Jessica Brust, a Philadelphia native, stars as Denise, and Raleigh-based Miles Snow rounds out the cast as Reverend Oglethorpe.

During its three week run, the show times for Smoke on the Mountain: Homecoming are Thursdays at 2 pm, Fridays 2 pm and 8 pm, Saturdays at 8 pm, and Sundays at 2 pm. Single show tickets are \$25. Group rates are available, and the Temple Theatre offers discounts for military personnel and Lee County school employees. For tickets or information, call the Box Office at 919-774-4155 or visit templeshows.com

Dr. Lynch at Kiwanis



Kiwanian Bud Sales & Dr. Kirk Lynch

Bud Sales of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club introduced Dr. Kirk Lynch, special assistant to the Sandhills Community College president. About 4,300 students attend Sandhills Community College. Dr. Lynch spoke about the bond referendum and the importance of these funds needed for future growth of SCC.

Run for the Roses

The 17th Annual Run for the Roses Taste of the Town benefit for the Sandhills Children's Center will be held Wednesday, May 4, from 6 pm to 9 pm at The Fair Barn, Pinehurst.

Sample wines, craft beers, and hors d'oeuvres from local chefs will be on hand,

along with live entertainment.

Wear your best Kentucky Derby hat for a chance to win a prize. Cost is \$60 per person. Call 910-692-3323 for tickets. Proceeds help children with special developmental needs receive vital therapies.

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Naval stores demo at Malcolm Blue Farm

"The Greatest Naval Stores Show on Earth" will be presented at the historic Malcolm Blue Farm in Aberdeen from 10-2 on Saturday, April 30. Admission is free.

The "show" features the Tar Heel Boys and Linda. Bring your own chairs.

The Blue Farm is an 1820s era property built and farmed by Malcolm Blue. Blue owned a lot of longleaf pine stretch-

ing all the way up to what is now the Pinehurst Harness Track.

The railroad center built in Aberdeen was handy for shipping out the product. Blue's farm was visited by General Sherman's troops during the Civil War. It has been restored and preserved by a group of volunteers over the last few decades.

At one time central and

eastern North Carolina produced Tar, Pitch & Turpentine for the whole world, from about the early 1700s to mid-20th century.

The products come from collected longleaf pine resin tapped from April through warm early Fall. The product was shipped via railroad in Aberdeen to the Cape Fear River and Wilmington for distribution around the world.

Bryan Avery of Harnett County's Averagesborough, is an expert on the long lost science of making these products. He will lecture and demonstrate the production of tar and turpentine from the nearby longleaf pine resin.

A BBQ lunch will be available for purchase starting at 11:30 am to 1 pm.

The Malcom Blue Farm is located at Farm at 1177 Bethesda Road, Aberdeen.

Sponsored by the Moore County Historical Association. For details, visit moorehistory.com, or Kelly Hinson at Rebel.belle@hotmail.com, or call Aberdeen Town Hall (910) 944-1115.



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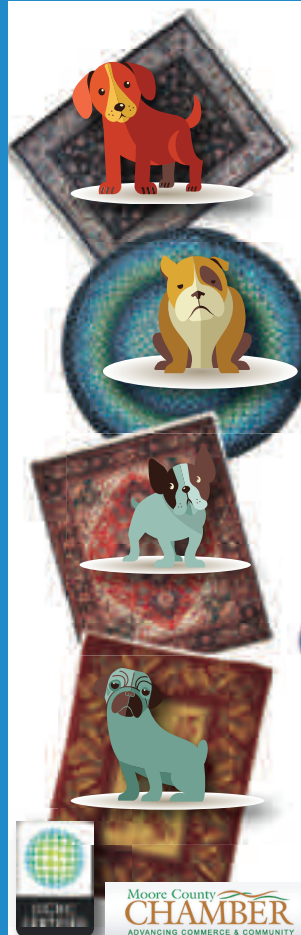
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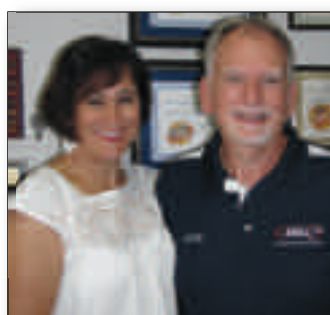


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- **Arbor Day**
- **Victory Baptist Church-Dinner** – Ken Davis, Comedian (video) will be viewed. RSVP for reservations to attend: 919-499-7894, 915 Brinkley Road, Carthage.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

- **Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – 9 am Youth Golf Tournament, Foxfire Country Club.
- **Shrine Paper Drive** – 9 am - 5 pm, giving away Hospital newspapers full of Success stories. at all Food Lions, Harris Teeter, Fresh Market. Newspapers given away will help support families regardless of their ability to pay hospital bills for children. Please give generously when you see a Shriner wearing his FEZ at these locations
- **Eagle Springs Baptist Church** – 10 am - noon, Food Pantry open.
- **Naval Stores Presentation at Malcolm Blue** – 10 am - 2 pm, in Aberdeen. Free. The "show" features the Tar Heel Boys and Linda. Bring your own chairs to watch pine tar demonstration. BBQ lunch available for purchase 11:30 am to 1 pm. Malcom Blue Farm located at Farm at 1177 Bethesda Road, Aberdeen. www.moorehistory.com
- **Moore Philharmonic Orchestra Spring Concert** – 7 pm, free performance, Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst. Featured soloist will be world-renowned trumpet performer and educator Judith Saxton. mporchestra.com

SUNDAY, MAY 1

- **May Day**
- **Orthodox Easter**
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 8 am, Men's Breakfast at the Crawford Center Kitchen; 10 am, Sunday School ages 3 - adult; 11 am, Worship, Nursery available all services.
- **Our Lady of the Americas Church** – Rosary 8:15 am, 9 am Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd., Biscoe, 910-974-3051.

- **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.

pole dance, create a floral crown or basket, and learn May Day songs and customs. Crown a Queen of the May. Refreshments served. Free. museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov or (910) 486-1330.

- **Camouflage for Kids** – 3 pm, Come out and explore how nature uses camouflage in so many ways. Short

media presentation, an activity, and a walk. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.

- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 6 pm, Youth Supper and Meeting, Crawford Center Kitchen.

MONDAY, MAY 2

- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 9:30 am, Morning Women's Circle, Crawford Center.
- **Moore County Board of Education** 4 pm, work session, Central Office, Carthage.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- **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.

- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club** – lunch at 11:30 am, meeting at 12:05 pm. This week's speaker: retired US Navy Admiral Layton "Snuffy" Smith. Fellowship Hall of the Chapel in the Pines. Visitors are welcome.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 2:30 - 4:30 pm Tuesday Tutoring, Crawford Center.
- **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
- **Foxfire Village Council** – 6:30 pm, Citizen Participation meeting on the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Foxfire Village Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

- **Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:50 am, Rosary; 9:30 am Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd, Biscoe 910-974-3051.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 2:30 -5 pm, WOW Program for children K – Grade 5.

- **Run for the Roses Taste of the Town** – 6 to 9 pm, 17th Annual Run for the Roses Taste of the Town benefit for the Sandhills Children's Center at The Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Sample wines, craft beers, and hors d'oeuvres from local chefs, along with live entertainment. Wear your best Kentucky Derby hat for a chance to win a prize. Cost is \$60 per person. Call 910-692-3323 for tickets.
- **AWANA for Kids** – 6:30 to 8 pm. Children age 3 to 5th grade. Seven Lakes Baptist Church, 1015 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, MAY 5

- **Cinco de Mayo**
- **Senior Games "Fun Walk"** – 9:30 am - 10:30 am, (for those who can't compete at the Track & Field Senior Games Fun Walk event). Walk around the indoor track five times with some exercise with Esther Zolman. Refreshments. 215-0900, Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist

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West End United Methodist Church – Sunday School, 9:45 am, Worship Services, 8:30 am or 11:00 am. Everyone welcome, child care available.

- **Eagle Springs Baptist Church** – 10 am, Sunday School; 11 am, Worship Service; Eagle Springs Baptist Church, 460 Eagle Springs Road.

- **Grace Church Seven Lakes** – 10:15 am, Contemporary Worship and Service, Nursery and Children's Ministry provided, Seven Lakes Plaza.

- **Victory Baptist Church** – 11 am, Christians Women's Day, includes "cardboard testimonies, "various speakers and special music, 915 Brinkley Road, Carthage.

- **Museum of the Cape Fear** – 1 pm - 5 pm. observe and participate in the may-

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Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship, devotion and a meal, \$5.

- **Women of Seven Lakes** – 2 pm, Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall. Judy Lewis, Executive Director of the Prancing Horse Organization, will speak. New Board for 2016-2017 will be installed. Refreshments served. Contact Lee Connelly, 673-2521.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Moore County Planning Board** – 6 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- **Pursuing Your Best Life** – 11 am - 12 pm, Join Lynne Drinkwater and Esther Zolman as they present a topic of interest. 215-0900, Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- **An Evening with a Monticello Garden Director** – 7 pm, Peter Hatch, professional gardener and historian and former director of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello Gardens and Grounds will speak at the Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens. Cost \$10 for Sandhills Horticultural Society members, \$15 for non-members. Call (910) 695-3882 for a reservation. Receipt of payment confirms your reservation.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- **West End United Methodist Church Men's Breakfast** – 8 am, in the church Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a home-cooked breakfast and time of fellowship. A brief devotional, men discuss projects to assist both the church and the community. Any man of the church or our community is welcome.
- **Cameron Annual Spring Antiques Street Fair** – 9 am to 5 pm, held rain or shine. Spring tradition for over 25 years, Food, refreshments, and parking by local churches and civic groups, antiquesofcameron.com 910-245-1231 and 910-245-3020.
- **5th Annual Outdoor Singing & Church Yard Sale** – 10 am - 5 pm, lots of yards sales items and vendors set up. At Bible Pentecostal Holiness Church, 311 Browns Chapel Road, Robbins.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

- **Mother's Day**
- **Our Lady of the Americas Church** – Rosary 8:15 am, 9 am Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd., Biscoe.
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- **Mother's Day Hike** – 3

pm, Get back to nature on Mother's Day Sunday and discover helpful forest plants that mothers have used through the centuries to improve family life. Brief presentation in the auditorium and a short hike. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.

- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 6 pm, Youth Supper and Meeting, Crawford Center Kitchen.

Drive, Seven Lakes.

- **Moore County Board of Education** – 6 pm, regular meeting, Central Office, Carthage.
- **Sandhills Photography Club** – 7 pm to 9 pm, O'Neal School, Hannah Center Theater, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines. Guests invited to join. May program will be a presentation by David Spector on Night Art. sandhillphoto-club.org

TUESDAY, MAY 10

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Locklair named Chief Officer for Academics

Tim Locklair was named Chief Officer for Academics and Student Support Services by the Board of Education during their April 11 meeting. He will begin his new position on July 1.

Moore County Schools recently reorganized its senior staff structure by collapsing four positions—a deputy superintendent and three

associate superintendents—into two positions—a Chief Officer and an Executive Officer for Academics and Student Support Services. The Chief Officer for Academics and Student Support Services reports directly to the Superintendent.

“Given that we reduced the size of our senior staff, each leadership position will be

more accountable and each position will carry more responsibility. However, no position will carry a heavier burden than the new Chief Officer for Academics and Student Support Services,” Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey said. “Tim will assume the primary responsibility in ensuring our students’ academic success as

well their safety, health and welfare. As such, there was no room for error as I interviewed and evaluated the individuals who expressed interest in the position.”

Locklair has served as Area Superintendent of Western Wake County for Wake County Schools since 2014. In this role, he has had direct supervision of 26 schools (18

elementary, five middle and three high schools), including more than 2,000 employees and nearly 27,000 students in the Cary and Morrisville areas of Wake County.

“This opportunity with Moore County Schools is very similar to my oversight of academics, student support services and principal supervision in Wake County,”

Sandhills Woman's Exchange hosts speakers

by Judie F. Wiggins
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Linda Sullivan of Linderella's Quilt Works was the guest at the Luncheon Lecture at the Sandhills Woman's Exchange on Thursday, April 14. Sullivan's passion for quilting was obvious as she shared an extensive selection of quilt patterns and answered questions from the guests.

On Thursday, April 21, the Sandhills Woman's Exchange hosted a wine and cheese

evening with Jason Howk, a retired Army Major in the U.S. Army. Forty-one guests enjoyed light hors d'oeuvres and wine prior to Howk's informal discussion and slide show of his experiences across the Middle East. Working in Afghanistan for over a decade, he began as an enlisted Infantry paratrooper, combat engineer and Foreign Area Officer. Howk was awarded the Legion of Merit and 2 Bronze Star Medals from the U.S. Department of

Defense along with the Afghanistan Governmental 2nd Degree Success Medal from President Karzai.


The next event will feature Scott Mason of WRAL's "Tarheel Traveler" television show, Tuesday, May 10.

Mason's talk and lunch will be held at the Pinecrest Inn, 50 Dogwood Road, beginning at 11:30 am.

Reservations may be made for the \$25 per person inclusive by calling the Sandhills Woman's Exchange at 295-4677 or at sandhillswe.org



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MCS Budget

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zens of Moore County respectfully ask that they look at the real numbers. If they would look at that, then they would see that we should send the state a bill tonight for \$10.6 million. Because that's what they have not paid us, that we have kicked in, over and above what their requirements say they should be paying for."

"If it's a statutory requirement, is there not a lawsuit that we could file?" Picerno asked. "Maybe we could get some attention that way."

"All we get told is that we are only responsible for bricks and mortar. If that's the case, I want a check for the remaining amount, and we can use it to build our schools and not have to raise property taxes or sales taxes when our people already pay more than those in surrounding counties."

"That is the horse I am on," Picerno concluded. "Our budget team has heard you loud and clear and we will do our best to fund the educational needs of Moore County."

Picerno also praised the quality of open communication that has developed between the Commissioners and Board of Education, and between the County and MCS staff.

Commissioner Randy Saunders praised the Board of Education for "making some hard cuts."

"We look constantly for ways to run the County more efficiently," he said.

Saunders said that the student population in the County had increased by five to seven percent since 2008, while County funding for schools had increased ten percent.

"We are trying to do our part, and we are actually funding more because of the shortfalls in the state," he said.

"Just in the last three budget cycles, we are up almost six percent, not counting debt service, not counting the money that we are saving for new schools, just in current funding.

"Since '08-'09, the County

is funding 22 percent more local positions," he added.

Moore County is, in fact, paying the salaries and benefits of 143 teachers, 17 principals and other administrators, 28 librarians and other professional, and 123 in other positions, for a grand total of 311 locally funded positions — this is spite of the General Assembly's responsibility to cover the cost of school staffing and operations.

Saunders noted that the County and MCS had discussed creating a level funding formula that would allocate a set percentage of County tax revenue to the schools. He said that would allow school funding to grow as the County grows and would give the schools a greater degree of predictability in terms of local funding.

Saunders added that 40-45 percent of County spending goes toward K-12 education, including operational funding, debt service, and the County's capital fund for school construction.

The budget request

Grimesey said MCS had prepared for this year's budget by asking principals what was needed at each school. The result was 65 requests, totaling \$2.5 million — most of which are not funded in the School Board FY2017 budget. Another \$14.6 million in repairs and upgrades needed is also unfunded in the budget.

Grimesey said the first

budget priority is to avoid doing any real harm.

The second is to reduce dependence on fund balance, but, accomplishing that would mean "doing real harm to services directly to students," he said.

He shared a series of budget cuts aimed at reducing expenses by \$1.8 million. They include eliminating a virtual learning facilitator at Union Pines, a scholarship coordinator at Pinecrest, and an in-school suspension coordinator at North Moore, as well as eliminating three high school teacher positions and reducing teacher assistant work days by five.

Finding that some of those cuts would do real harm, Grimesey added back \$560,000, including all of those mentioned above. In addition, he asked the Commissioners to support the addition of two student nurses, an athletic trainer, two digital integration facilitators, and one IT support technician.

Also, Grimesey told the Board that MCS will need \$1.2 million per year in three years to support the digital learning initiative. He asked that they begin moving toward that goal by adding \$150,000 in additional funding to this year's budget.

And, finally, he asked for an additional \$180,000 to cover an anticipated increase in the amount that MCS must provide to charter schools operating in the coun-

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MCS Budget

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In all, those add-backs amount to \$1.254 million, the budget increase that MCS is seeking from the County.

Another unknown in the budget is whether and how much the General Assembly will raise teacher salaries. A two percent raise would cost MCS \$355,000 in local funds needed to match the raise for locally funded positions. A five percent raise would mean an additional \$887,000 in additional local expense.

Sandhills Center

The Commissioners received an annual report from Sandhills Center CEO Victoria Whitt, who highlighted work the Center had do with the Sheriff's Office, training officers in CIT (Crisis Intervention Team), a program designed to divert individuals living with mental illness from arrest by improving interactions with law enforcement and other emergency responders.

Chairman Picerno praised those efforts saying, "This is the first time in eight years I have been really encouraged by your report, because you are getting down to the ground level.

Whitt said the Center plans to extend the CIT training to include County EMS, and is also working to provide mental health screenings at the County Detention Center.

Other business

In other business during their Tuesday, April 19 meeting, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

- Approved update to Moore County's Language Access Plan, something needed to be in compliance with federal law.
- Approved contracts for the purchase of twelve new vehicles at a total cost of just under \$300,000. Favorable pricing was obtained through the NC Sheriff's Association Procurement Program, saving \$7,000. The funds are available in this year's budget because of savings on fuel costs, as well as another \$100,000 in savings against

budget when vehicles were purchased earlier this year.

- Approved contract amend-

ment for Wellness Works with FirstHealth of the Carolinas, reducing the hours, adding

Learn to Sail!

The Seven Lakes Sailing Club is pleased to announce the opening of enrollment for the Learn-to-Sail Program.

All residents of Seven Lakes North, South and West, minimum age of sixteen 16, are eligible for enrollment. The program is conducted annually for anyone who would like to (1) learn the basics of sailing, (2) improve their current skills or (3) apply their skills by racing competitively on Lake Auman. Previous sailing experience or boat ownership is not necessary for enrollment, as instructors will consider the needs and objectives of each individual student. Sailors who have

completed the program previously are also invited to 're-enroll'.

The sailing program will be held Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm each day. The program is conducted in a classroom setting at a private residence on Lake Auman, and on the lake with sailboats provided by Club members. The instructors are members of the Club.

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a CNA, and raising the compensation rate for the Nurse practitioner and CNA. The overall impact is a reduction in annual cost from \$335,000 to \$255,000.

- Approved amendment to the administrative services and stop loss insurance agreement with First Carolina Care, increasing the cost by about \$1 per employee covered per month.

• Approved the agreement addenda for the Health Department for FY2017 funding: Family Planning, General Aid to Counties, School Nurse, WIC, and also approved the FY 17 Consolidated Agreement. The agreements, between the County Health Department and the NC Department of Social

Services, are required in order for the County to receive state grants.

- Approved a contract extension with Aqualitec for the purchase of a bar rake for water pollution control plant.

• Approved a water purchase contract between the East Moore Water District and the Town of Carthage, which will allow Carthage, when needed, to draw water from the County system.

- Reappointed Dr. Kamron Monroe to the Board of Health.

• Appointed Pat Parrish, Brad McNeill, Vee Southerland, and Jane Casnellie to the Animal Operations Advisory Board.

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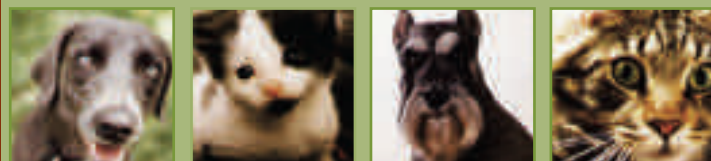
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A Historical Look at Death and Mourning

On May 6, the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex will open a new exhibit, Parlor to Parlor: Funeral Traditions of the Cape Fear, 1850 – 1950.

“Much can be learned about a society by looking at its beliefs and practices associated with death,” says David Reid, museum administrator. “The exhibit will examine changing funerary

practices in late-nineteenth and early twentieth century of North Carolina,” says Reid.

A variety of artifacts, such as a Wake County undertaker’s body removal basket, 1900s mourning clothing, and a plaster death mask will illustrate the diverse and changing practices of this era. “I think people are especially fascinated with funeral customs of the past in part

because the ways we commemorate the dead have changed significantly in the past 150 years and the traditions of yesterday often seem strange and macabre to our current sensibilities. At the same time, it’s a theme we can all identify with as death is something we all experience” says exhibit curator Diana Bell-Kite.

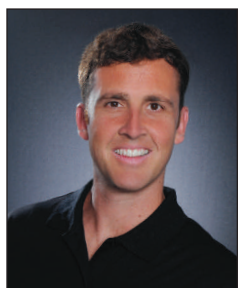
The 1897 Poe House will

be dressed in mourning from May 6 through June 12 and again from October 4 through November 13.

Dixie Poe Sutton, one of the Poe’s six daughters, died after giving birth in 1913. It is likely the family held her wake in the house. Eventually care of the dead began moving from the home parlor to the funeral parlor during the early twentieth century. Vis-

itors on regularly scheduled tours of the Poe House will see a wake scene in the parlor, crepe-covered mirrors, floral offerings, and other mourning traditions typical of an upper-middle class home during the 1910s.

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Where was God?

Where Was God?

Three major tragedies topped the evening news a few days ago. A severe earthquake in Ecuador had killed hundreds, with that many more still missing. The Taliban struck—again—in Afghanistan, killing over a hundred and injuring many, many others. In Houston, Texas, flood waters trapped and killed over a dozen people and ravaged more than a thousand homes. As I watched the video of these events, I grieved over the massive loss of life, and realized that the lives of the sur-

vivors will never be the same again.

At the same time the obvious question arises: Where was God when these calamities happened? If God is in control, why does he permit these disasters?

Probably God does not control the tectonic plates that generate earthquakes, or the rivers that overflow their banks, or the

warriors that brutally massacre their enemies.

Do you remember the Bible story of Elijah hiding in a

fire, and finally a violent wind. But God was not present in these powerful forces. Instead, he spoke in the voice of silence.

I see God in the compassionate acts of the responders, the rescuers, the swarms of strangers who dig through the rubble, console the mourners, and provide food and shelter for those whose homes have been destroyed. God is not perched dispassionately up there in heaven, but is present in the actions of his people here on earth. Another Bible verse

says that the hope of Christ is in you and me.

One person, reflecting on such tragedies as we have just noted, said to a friend, "I just want to ask God why he doesn't do something."

The friend responded, "'Well, why don't you?'"

"Because," came the reply, "I'm afraid he will ask me the same question!"

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

Outside the Box

Harry Bronkar

cave while God passed by? First, there was an earthquake, then a consuming

Petulant landowners

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the letter from a resident of Seven Lakes South which seemed to carry a threat of moving if gate guards were replaced by electronic devices. This kind of petulant action solves nothing and is certainly a detriment to the community.

Just a few weeks ago a similar act of petulance resulted in an overwhelming defeat of a request of a fee increase of less than 10 cents a day. Apparently, the cost of goods and services goes up for all of us but not the

Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

Society all around us is changing on a daily basis. This includes, like it or not, replacement of persons by electronic devices. These have been proven to be as effective as humans, do not require pay raises, do well without lunch breaks, are not connected to a phone and the resulting time consuming texting, and generally last for years with very low maintenance.

I doubt any board member would choose an option which would result in a

diminishing of safety and security for any resident, including family members, in exchange for a cost reduction.

I have no idea if this rumor is based on fact or fancy, but be advised, if it is true, there will be much examination by all residents for this to pass. But, if savings can be made, and there is no loss of security, what can possibly be the reason for not taking advantage of an opportunity to save money?

*Bob Miller
Seven Lakes North*

Car tax? Live within your budget

Dear Editor:

It seems as though every time the Foxfire Village Council meets, they're pondering, scheming, devising some new way to raise taxes.

The new "Car Tax" is being pondered to raise money for road maintenance. Unfortunately, those of us in Grande Pines will never benefit from the road maintenance. Some of us in Grande Pines were annexed into the Village and our taxes immediately almost doubled.

What do we get for that – nothing.

We get no road maintenance, garbage collection, very limited police patrolling

and oh yeah, the "right" to buy water.

Problem is, we had to pay for our own water lines plus an exorbitant hook up fee and then monthly water bills. When we had the big snow a couple of years ago, the Village wouldn't even plow our streets, because they're private.

I suggest the Village take a really novel approach and learn to live within their budget, instead of raising taxes to support their every whim.

*Bob Carpenter
Grande Pines
Foxfire Village*

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Lots and lots of thanks to spread around

Thanks for coming out to the Health Fair

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, Fox Hollow and AOS, we want to extend a warm thank you to the Seven Lakes community for their support of first Live Well. Age Well. Health Fair.

Our exhibitors enjoyed their visits and many remarked about the wonderful opportunity the health fair provided them to listen and learn about the services residents want and need to live well

and age well.

We would also like to extend our thanks to you and the *Seven Lakes Times* for helping us spread the word about our educational seminar series that began in 2014.

Seven Lake Times is truly a community newspaper that keeps the residents informed on upcoming events.

Our planning committee is busy at work on a September program. *Seven Lakes Times* will be our first contact when the plans are in place.

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Thank you,
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Seven Lakes EMS, Chief

Thanks from
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Dear Community:

Thanks for supporting the WEPC Yard Sale.

The middle school and high school youth at the church held a yard sale on Saturday, April 16. The weather was very nice and the items for sale were abundant and varied. The event raised more than \$7000 which will be

used to defray expenses for upcoming conferences and mission trip.

Many hands were a part of this success requiring hours and hours of preparation prior to the sale, moving donations into the Crawford Center, setting up the displays and pricing of the sale items.

The day of the sale began bright and early with a breakfast for the workers provided

by the Deacons, followed by the sale from 8 am until 1 pm.

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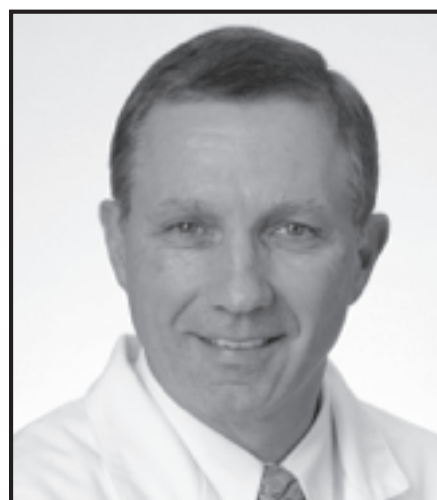
Chapel Spring Sale

Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines will have a Spring Sale at the church on Friday, May 20, from 2 pm to 6 pm and Saturday May 21, 8 am until 1 pm.

Sale items will include: art, pictures, frames, jewelry, home decorations, holiday items, and baked goods.

If anyone would like to donate gently used or new items for the sale, they can be dropped off at Chapel on Thursday, May 19, between 4 pm and 7 pm.

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Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills has built or repaired more than 300 homes in Moore and Richmond counties over the past three decades, but until now had never partnered with a business to construct a new residence for an employee of that company.

St. Joseph of the Pines, is in the middle of an internal fundraising campaign to raise \$70,000, so that Stacy Martin and her family can move from an apartment complex into a four-bedroom home being built in Aberdeen.

"We are thrilled to partner with St. Joseph of the Pines on this special build," said Amie Fraley, executive director for Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills. "It's inspiring to see an employer so committed to its colleagues."

Martin, 31, a housekeeper at The Coventry on the St. Joseph of the Pines campus in Southern Pines, said she "never imagined owning my own home."

"A former neighbor from the complex who now owns a Habitat home encouraged me to fill out an application," she said. "I was approved by Habitat last year and they started working on the site earlier this month. I go there every day."

"It's the most exciting thing to see, knowing that my family is getting closer and closer to moving in."

Once Martin was approved by Habitat and the partnership had been established, St. Joseph of the Pines solicited colleagues, residents, board members and vendors for donations to make Martin's dream come true. So far, about \$35,000 has been raised.

"It makes me feel really good to know that people who don't even know me are donating to my house," Martin said. "I can't thank them enough for everything. I'm so overjoyed and thankful

that St. Joseph of the Pines has partnered with Habitat for Humanity. My family is so fortunate."

Fraley said Habitat believes that everyone deserves a safe, decent and affordable home. The nonprofit offers "a hand up, not a handout" to hardworking families so they can purchase a home with a no-interest mortgage.

This means Martin will purchase the home from Habitat after she completes 300 sweat equity hours and attends homeownership classes.

"Too many people think we give away homes to those without jobs," Fraley said. "In fact, we sell homes to hardworking families in our community."

Steven Kastner, president and CEO for St. Joseph of the Pines, serves on the local Habitat Board of Directors and believes that the nonprofit entities share a unique vision.

"We feel a real connection to Habitat by living our mission of serving together as a transforming, healing presence in our community," Kastner said. "What Habitat does is much more than providing shelter for people. It's the intangible quality of hope that it provides."

Kastner noted that five other St. Joseph of the Pines colleagues own Habitat homes.

"We have seen the real tangible benefits that Habitat homeowners receive," he said. "By their own initiative, through their own pride and hope, they change."

Fraley agreed, saying, "Homeownership leads to motivated employees able to focus on their work. We look forward to continuing this relationship to serve our community together."

St. Joseph of the Pines hosted a "Build Day" for Martin's home on April 21 in

which participants could swing a hammer or "sign a stud." Students from neighboring St. John Paul II Catholic School eagerly did both.

"It was amazing to see the kids come and support me," Martin said. "There were a lot of signatures on those studs – a lot. I know my house will be blessed by all those signatures."

Fraley said the partnership with St. Joseph of the Pines has been such a success that Habitat would like to grow the concept.

"We hope to partner with other lead employers so they can identify hardworking employees who meet our cri-

teria," she said. "We value local employers who recognize that teaming up with Habitat is a worthwhile investment."

Memorial Day Observance

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #966 will host a Memorial Day Observance Saturday, May 28 at 11 am, at the Moore County Veterans Memorial (1036 Carriage Oaks Drive) in Carthage.

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Volunteers

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Cos Barnes

Cos Barnes, a frequent contributor of articles to area publications, has volunteered with a number of organizations, including the Southern Pines Public Library, The Arts Council of Moore County, Family Promise, The ARC of Moore County, the Moore County Historical Association, and the Sunrise Theatre.

Mary Cunningham

During the past year, Mary Cunningham has become a leader on Habitat for Humanity's construction sites. In April 2015, Mary eagerly led one of five house builds. Cunningham has mastered all construction aspects and works in all types of weather. She has put in 549 construction hours in the past year which included seven new homes in community, one rehab, and two repairs. Not only has she taken on lead-

ership opportunities in Moore County but she has accepted the challenge of building in Richmond County.

Kitty Fehr

"Miss Kitty" as she is known, brings joy and balance into the lives of more than 60 men and women in twice weekly Tai Chi classes at the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center. A 70 year-old senior herself, she instructs students who range in age from 50 to a robust 90 year-old. Tai Chi is now the largest activity at the Senior Center and has a waiting list for future classes.

Janet Gillis

The Coalition for Human Care serves approximately 5,500 residents a year with seasonally appropriate clothing. Janet Gillis is instrumental in the success of this program. As an integral part of the Coalition for more than four years, she maintains

inventory in the clothing department. She assists clients with the selection of correct items for their needs. She conducts bi-annual seasonal change-overs in conjunction with the staff and volunteers.

Marilyn Otto

Marilyn Otto has served Habitat for Humanity for more than ten years. She cleans the Restore on Mondays, when it is closed for business, so the store is ready for the always busy Tuesdays. Once or twice a week she measure fabrics, blinds, cur-

tains, sheet sets, etc. She spends a great deal of time separating, cleaning, and pricing stock for sale. Otto has frequently gone out of her way to purchase supplies out of her own pocket in order to make her department's work easier.

Marilyn Powers

As a literacy tutor for 12 years, Marilyn Powers shares the Moore County Literacy Council's goal of increasing the literacy abilities of adult members of our community. She is responsible for providing weekly two-hour tutor-

ing sessions for three adults. This includes preparation for the lessons and materials used. Marilyn has an acute understanding of how important literacy skills are to people in our society. In this vein she has exceeded typical tutoring hours by providing weekly individualized sessions for the adult students.

Sarah Ross

Sarah Ross has worked as a Moore Regional Hospital volunteer since 1997. She has contributed a to-date total of 1,809 volunteer hours. In the past year, she has



Moore County's top volunteers, recognized by the Board of Commissioners on April 19
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Buffer issues

Saunders expressed other concerns about the treed buffer that would surround the property, based, to some degree on the difficulty the County has had in obtaining an adequate buffer round the County's first solar farm, on land across from Sandhill Turf on NC Highway 211 near Candor. Trees and shrubs planted to screen the fence around that project

have repeatedly died and been replaced and still provide little in the way of screening.

Strata Solar, a North Carolina firm, built the farm near Candor and will build the Sedberry farm

"I'm not sure how this project is consistent with the Land Use Plan," Saunders said. "In my mind, the consistency revolves 100 percent

around the quality of the buffer."

He expressed concern that, a few years down the road, trees that die in the buffer would be replaced with much smaller trees, ruining the screening effect.

The trees used in buffers are often fast-growing, so that they cover quickly, but are also often short-lived and prone to disease.

Representatives of Strata expressed a willingness to go along with whatever conditions the County might impose in regards to tree replacement, but Saunders clearly felt the hearing was not the place to try to craft that condition, suggesting instead that the Planning staff develop appropriate language.

"It is the applicant's responsibility to keep the landscaping as it should be," Planning Director Debra Ensminger said. "It is the solar company's responsibility. The Ordinance doesn't state replacement size, but common sense dictates it."

"I want to make sure we have that common sense in writing," Saunders said.

Drainage

In addition to Hodges' concerns about the barbed wire fence running all along the entrance to his property, a second concern was raised

when the Commissioners realized that a sediment basin called for in the solar farm design was located on the Hodges property, not on the Sedberry land.

Though Strata representatives indicated they had approached Hodges about the basin, he made it clear that he had not agreed to provide a site for it.

Despite assurances from Strata that the basin could be located somewhere on the Sedberry parcel, if need be, the lack of clarity on that detail did not sit well with Picerno and Saunders.

However, it was also clear that both Commissioners were ready to greenlight the project once the details were worked out.

Ensminger asked whether the application needed to go back through the Planning Board; Picerno replied that it could come directly back to the Commissioners.

Volunteers

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personally impacted an estimated 1,890 cancer patients. As an infusion patient assistant, she helps patients receiving chemotherapy infusions from the time of their arrival to their departure. Sarah's own experiences with being both a caregiver and a cancer patient, motivate her to provide friendship and understanding to patients and family that would not be possible otherwise. As a Care Crafter, Sarah collects handmade chemo caps, scarves and prayer shawls from her church's knitting group and distributes them to cancer patients.

Irene Sauter

A native of Bavaria, Germany, "Ms. Irene" has been serving the Convention & Visitors Bureau, (CVB) for the past 23 years, volunteering approximately 4,000 hours. Although she assists visitors to the center, sharing information about events and attractions, her main responsibility is tracking the advertising value equivalency for the CVB. She does this by measuring the size of an ad or article and calculating its value. In addition, Ms. Irene's welcoming smile and helpful attitude ensures that every visitor to the Bureau leaves with a smile on their face.

Joan Wolstenholme

Joan Wolstenholme has volunteered at Habitat for Humanity each week since 2004. She served many years as a member of the Family Support Committee, which

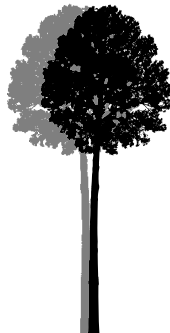
advocates for Habitat homeowners. She currently serves on the Finance Team. Joan is totally dependable and can be relied on to work as scheduled. Joan and her husband also support Habitat financially.

Richard Wolstenholme

Dick Wolstenholme has served fourteen years at Habitat for Humanity. He serves on several committees including the ReStore Committee,

Family Selection Committee, and chairman of the board. He truly takes great pride with the Habitat mission. The positive attitude that he generates while cashiering creates high sales, which in turn help fund the homes that Habitat builds in the community.

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SLLA Open Meeting

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"We are trying to help move this community forward and allow CAS to run this place," Lishawa said. "They are the professionals."

He added that complaints and concerns should go first to the office staff.

"In the event you do not get satisfaction on a complaint," Lishawa said, "contact the director responsible for that area."

If that doesn't provide satisfaction, Lishawa invited members to contact him directly.

Noting that prospects had been interviewed to fill the two open seats on the Board, Lishawa said appointments would be made in a little more than a week's time. And, in fact, the Board announced on April 25 its appointment of Don Fentzlauff as Facilities Director and Ron Ansley as Recreation Director.

Failure of the dues increase

"The membership spoke when the dues increase was not passed," Lishawa said.

The Board's proposed \$35 increase in the annual assessment was defeated by a nearly three-to-one margin at the annual meeting, with 167 voting in favor and 458 against.

"The Board will be tasked with prioritizing the things

that need to be fixed, Lishawa said. "When the money runs out, that's it."

Members attending the meeting returned to the topic of the failed dues increase in the Public Comment segment at the end of the meeting.

"The dues increase wasn't just beaten," Northsider Bob Cook said. "It was soundly defeated. What are we going to do to turn it around?"

Lishawa said that he and Treasurer Mark Gyure had already discussed "a different tactical approach needed to help make the membership aware of the needs of the community."

Gyure said he felt the national economy "is pretty much in the tank" and that the general anger in the electorate is evident in the national Presidential campaign.

But former SLLA President Steve Ritter disputed the significance of the national mood, laying the responsibility squarely on the Board of Directors.

"In a couple of issues the previous Board had addressed, and to a lot of residents, it seemed that the Board had made up its mind about how it was going to go," Ritter said.

"Two issues: the horse fence and the lifeguards. And everything that was said, everything that was in the paper,

said your residents wanted to have lifeguards. And you chose not to, for whatever reasons. And you have that right."

"I support your right to vote as you see fit," Ritter said, "but you still work for the residents. I think the residents gave you a backlash and said, 'We don't like what you did on both those issues, and the only thing we can do is to vote that dues increase down.'"

"I don't care what happened in the past," President Lishawa said. "This is a new Board. We are going to try to move this community forward. And we are going to listen to the residents."

Pool rules approved

The Board unanimously approved a rewrite of the rules for the use of the Northside swimming pool, which will this year operate with extended hours across a longer season — but with pool attendants taking the place of lifeguards for part of the day.

Violations of pool rules can result in "immediate, temporary loss of pool privileges by child, adult, or adult supervisor, subject to review

by the Judicial Committee or Board of Directors within 48 hours."

Bob Miller asked how the rules would be enforced.

Lishawa noted that pool attendants would have the authority to ask those who violate the rules to leave the pool — and to call in the Community Manager, if necessary.

On a weekend, the attendant will have the option of calling SLLA Security or the Sheriff's department "if it's a really, really bad deal," Lishawa said. "Hopefully, that doesn't happen."

The rules note that "Abusive conduct on the part of pool users will not be tolerated." Attendants will have the authority to ask those who violate the rules to leave the pool.

A landowner asked whether it might be possible to set aside a time for adult-only swim, but Lishawa noted that the Fair Housing Act prevents a landowners associations from limiting pool activities to a subset of landowners.

"If it becomes an issue we will try to address it," he said. "The entire thing with the pool is going to be new for everyone. We may need to make adjustment here and there. We hope to get these extra 1400 hours a year used."

Committee reports

Treasurer Gyure reported that the audit is nearly complete; once a final digital copy is available, it will be posted on the SLLA website. He said

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the Finance Committee plans to review all of the Association's current service contracts, with an eye to saving money and coming up with innovative approaches that will cut costs.

Manager. Ferguson reported that road striping on the newly paved sections of Seven Lakes roads had been completed. He said a good bit of repair work is underway at the stables, including some electrical work and some efforts aimed at making the facility more secure for the horses. Ferguson said he had been successful in persuading Moore County Schools to move a school bus stop off of Seven Lakes Drive and inside Seven Lakes South.

ARB. responding to a question from a member, Architectural Review Director Sandy Sackmann said that the Association can fast track approval of some items, for example, a house being repainted the same color, a roof replacement with the same color shingles, or replacing boards on a deck. The staff in the Landowners Office is authorized to approve such minor changes.

But, she added, before making any external improve-

ments to a home, landowners do need to file an ARB application at the office.

The Committee continues to monitor three homes under construction, and has recently approved another.

Community Standards. Director Bob Racine reported that the office had sent nineteen property owners letters concerning violations, as well as another seventy to residents "who might want to think about how tidy their property is."

Judicial. Racine said the Judicial Committee had heard two cases. One was an ancillary structure that had been on a property for many years, but only recently noticed. It has been removed. Another involved a loose dog and a constantly barking dog, resulting a \$25 per day fine.

Racine noted that wandering dogs will be reported to Moore County Animal Services. "The office is spending a lot of time with dogs running around loose," he added.

Security. Lishawa said the

Security Committee had discussed a couple of options on pool entry, settling on a plan to have the first gate opened electronically at 6:00 am, to provide restroom access for residents using the Northside Park amenities. An electronic proximity card will be needed enter the pool at the next gate.

Facilities. Lishawa said the Facilities Committee initially had seven or eight items on its to-do list for the coming year; but, with the failure of the dues increase, that may need to be pared back to four or five projects.

Lakes & Dams. Lakes & Dams Director Widman reported that Foster Lake & Pond Management would begin its assessment of the fishery in each of the community's lakes in the coming week. The Lakes & Dams committee met with SLLA Security to discuss boat safety guidelines that they want to enforce, Widman said, addig that he is planning a boating safety article for the Interlake.

The Committee plans to begin its twice-a-year cycle of piezometer readings on April 30. A new member, Jordan Bergin, joined the committee.

Other Business

In other business during the Thursday, April 14 Open Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association the Board of Directors

- Approved the formation of a Seven Lakes Firearms Club, which will promote

the safe use of firearms. All use of guns will take place off of SLLA property, at local shooting ranges, but the group will meet occasionally, without firearms, in the game room or North Clubhouse.

- Authorized the Treasurer to write off \$3,917.53 — the amount owed on a fore-closed account.
- Approved en masse the rosters of each of the SLLA Committees.

Memorial Day Concert

The Moore County Concert Band will perform its Memorial Day Concert on Sunday, May 29, at 2 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst.

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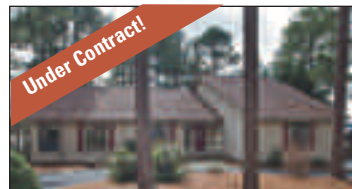
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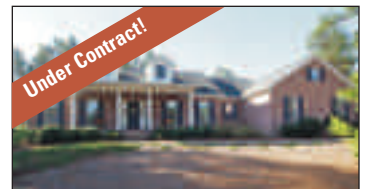
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