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Area A Plan wins approval

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

By unanimous vote of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, the Area A Small Area Plan was approved on Monday, October 20 with very little fanfare to belie the enormity of the effort nor its potential impact on the future of Moore County.

Two years in the making, the Area A land use plan will guide future growth throughout the hundred square mile section of the County which includes Seven Lakes, West End, Eagle Springs, and Jackson Springs, while preserving farm and forest land, and the natural and cultural

resources found here.

During the public hearing, Planning Director Joey Raczkowski defined the plan as a dynamic, working document and reported that a majority of the goals, objectives, and strategies in the plan could be applied countywide. He said the Small Area A Steering Committee had reviewed the nine items identified by the Board of Commissioners last Spring as needing further discussion.

A ninth, and final, public forum was held in June after which several passages were simplified with broadened definitions and less restrictive language. The document has been restruc-

tured into a more user-friendly format and was granted unanimous approval by the Moore County Planning Board with a stipulation honoring the request of the Steering Committee to remain engaged during the implementation phase.

Raczkowski said some implementation efforts are already underway in Area A including work with the Seven Lakes Business Village to locate funding that could be used to bring village roads up to State standards.

He concluded that each year an annual Area A work plan and progress report will be conducted

(See "Commissioners," p. 40)

Linus Raffle



Andrea Schmidt donates a watercolor to Project Linus' Pat Weber for an upcoming raffle. Join Project Linus for a Fall Fun day at Bookshop by the Lakes on November 14, 10 - 4. [See story on page 2.]

Club holds meeting on finances, practice range

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A standing-room-only crowd of Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] members convened on Sunday, October 26 to hear presentations on Club finances and the potential sale of the old practice range.

The Times' request to attend the meeting was declined by SLCC President Gordon Zeller. Country Club members Dave Kinney, Donna Stephan, and Bud Shaver provided The Times with their accounts of the proceedings.

The club is experiencing a

cash shortfall due to inflation and a large overrun of costs to construct the new practice range, Kinney told The Times.

According to Stephan, members were told that failure to approve the sale of the old driving range could result in a \$936 special assessment on members. Two parties have expressed interest in purchasing the parcel, though neither has submitted a written offer. BVH Construction has indicated interest in developing a fourteen-home subdivision and The Chapel in the Pines has proposed setting aside some of the land for future

Chapel expansion while retaining much of the five-acre tract as green space for the whole com-

(See "Driving range," p. 39)

Chapel wants driving range

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

In a surprising twist to the controversial and ongoing debate over the fate of the Seven Lakes Country Club old practice range, members of The Chapel in the Pines voted last Sunday, October 26, to make an offer to buy

the five-acre tract.

In a special membership meeting, a majority of ballots, 110 to 27, were cast in favor of allowing the Chapel Board to attempt to negotiate the purchase.

According to Reverend Don Welch, the additional land would allow the church — now in its thir-

ty-second year serving the community — to grow and accommodate the steadily increasing number of young families in Seven Lakes, while maintaining a large chunk of the property as green space for the entire community to enjoy.

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SLLA Judicial Committee rules against boater

by Dave Kinney
Chairman, SLLA
Judicial Committee

Recently, an alleged serious violation of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association boating rules was referred to the Judicial Committee. The incident occurred in September and involved three rules:

8.4.3.3 The maximum speed limit is 35 mph during the day, 5 mph after sunset.

8.4.4.1 Power boats exceeding 5 mph must stay at least 150 feet from the shoreline including the dam and must

observe the no wake buoys on Lake Sequoia. No power boats may be operated closer than 30 feet from the shoreline except when leaving or returning to a dock.

8.4.4.6 Boats may not be operated by a person under the influence of impairing substances including medications both prescription and non-prescription.

Additionally, the boat was flipped over, with some damage. There were no serious injuries; some fishing gear was lost.

After hearing from the operator of the boat and his representative, and from five witnesses, the Committee found the operator guilty of having violated each of the three rules.

The Committee imposed a fine and penalized the operator with the loss of his rights to operate any power or sail boat on Association lakes starting immediately and until May 2009. Having fully complied with these rulings, at that time the operator may again use power and sail boats on the lake.

North Carolina law permits

an automatic fine and/or penalty — without benefit of a judicial hearing — for a second similar violation within two years of the initial judicial decision. In effect, the guilty person is on probation for that period.

Committee decisions are made public at the discretion of the Committee. This case is considered to be extremely serious and, therefore, is being made public because of the potential unthinkable consequences had the incident involved another

boat, its occupants, a swimmer, or someone simply standing on his or her shoreline or dock.

The Committee — in fact, the entire community — truly hopes to never again have to report on such an incident.

[As this issue went to press, *The Times* learned that the boater in question has decided to appeal the decision of the Judicial Committee to the SLLA Board of Directors. No date has been set for the appeal to be heard. —GH]

Project Linus Fun Day

by Dale Schmidt
Seven Lakes West

An original watercolor painting is being raffled to benefit Project Linus. Donated by local artist

Andrea Schmidt, raffle tickets will be available at local crafts fairs and events, or may be purchased by contacting Pat Weber at 673-1457 or weberconsult@nc.rr.com

Project Linus is a 501(C) non-profit organization whose volunteers, warmly referred to as "Blanketeers," provide love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade quilts, blankets or afghans.

During the past three years the Sandhills/Moore County Chapter has donated over 3,600 blankets to local agencies. If you are interested in becoming a "blanketeer" contact Pat Weber for more information and workshop dates.

On Friday, November 14, from

10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Project Linus will host its annual Fall Fun Day with The Coffee Scene and Bookshop by The Lakes in the Seven Lakes Business Village.

There will be baked goods to taste and purchase, crafts for sale, door prizes, raffle items, and Schmidt's original watercolor painting will be on display.

Sale a success

The Seven Lakes Chapel Community Rummage Sale was a great success — over \$11,000 income achieved.

On Saturday, October 18 volunteers from the Seven Lakes community and members of The Chapel in the Pines worked diligently to achieve their goal to provide funding for holiday meals and Christmas presents for needy residents of Moore County.

The sale was chaired by Jean Keating who completed her seventh year in a leadership role.

The Chapel thanks all those who helped make this annual activity a great success.

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Tony Robertson bids Westsiders farewell

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

"I have given you my best, and I am at the point that I can't give any more," Tony Robertson told a small crowd of landowners assembled for the Tuesday, October 28 General Meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA], "and so it's time for me to ride off into the sunset."

Tuesday Night's meeting was the last Robertson will attend as the full time Community Manager of the Association. His last day will be November 14; he'll be on call from then until December 31, after which Joan Frost of Community Association Services, Inc. will fill the manager's chair.

Robertson noted that February would mark his fifth anniversary with the Association — "And I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you over the past five years."

Robertson praised the work of all those who have served on the SLWLA Board of Directors during his tenure, saying that "every board member he has served with has this community at their heart."

"They have done one hell of a job and you ought to be proud of them," he added.

"Thank you for your support; I'll see you down the road; and God bless you," Robertson told

landowners.

Praising Robertson's service, President Mary Anne Fewkes likened him to a "father figure" for the community and called him "an excellent listener."

Terrill Lawsuit

Legal Director Ed Silberhorn reported that a court-ordered mediation in a lawsuit filed against the Association and a local builder by Westside landowners James and Linda Terrill had not produced a settlement.

The Terrills own property on either side of a narrow Lake Auman cove; their suit alleges that runoff from one of the builder's projects deposited silt in the cove and that the Association failed to enforce rules designed to prevent that from happening. The Association has filed a complaint against other landowners and construction companies that operated in the area in hopes of spreading the risk of any liability.

Silberhorn said the Association, other plaintiffs in the case, and their respective insurers had offered a \$150,000 settlement, of which the SLWLA would have paid \$25,000.

"But we are still six figures apart," Silberhorn reported.

A hearing on an SLWLA motion for summary judgement in the case is scheduled for Monday, November 3; if a trial is

necessary to resolve the matter, it is expected to be held in March.

Finance

Treasurer Kathy Kirst said she has been working with CAS, Inc. to transfer the Association's financial and landowners records to their computer systems. One advantage of the CAS system, she said, is that both types of records will be maintained in a single database. Kirst said she hopes to be able to access CAS computers and extract reports locally.

Turning to current financial reports, Kirst called the attention of landowners to stacks of printed reports available for pickup at the back of the room, including an income statement and funds status report. The bulk of the

Association's reserves are held in certificates of deposit. Kirst said these are brokered CDs which can be traded in the open market if the Association needs additional cash to pay for projects.

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In addition, no more than \$100,000 is held in any one bank, so that all the SLWLA reserves are FDIC insured.

Kirst said she had begun reviewing records to identify landowners who are delinquent in their dues payments and would be working to collect those — placing liens on the properties, if necessary. In response to a

landowners questions, Kirst said delinquents amount to a total of approximately \$66,000, though not all of that total is from the current fiscal year.

President's report

Newly-appointed President Fewkes said she had been very busy in the past month with the duties of her office. Among the highlights she reported:

- Attending a meeting with United State Postal Service officials from Greensboro and Raleigh to explore home delivery in Seven Lakes West. She said the efforts of resident Gus Danielson and Senator Elizabeth Dole's office had helped make that meeting possible.

- Attending a work session of the Moore County Board of Commissioners to discuss swap-

(See "Wstside," p. 34)

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Shaver looking for more young candidates

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

"The 2009 Board will be key to the future of Seven Lakes because they will decide who the next community manager will be . . . whether it's an individual or a company," said Nominating Committee Chair Bud Shaver.

With four seats up for election – the majority of the Board – Shaver announced two new candidates, Northsiders Don Fentzlauff and Bruce Keyser, Jr., during the Seven Lakes Landowners Association General Meeting on Wednesday, October 29. They join former Treasurer Steve Hudson and incumbent Treasurer Denny Galford, incumbent President Randy Zielsdorf, and Mike Pennington, on the ballot.

"This is a most critical Board and, personally, I would like to see a mixture of we 'oldies' and younger residents represented. This Association will be theirs [younger members] in ten years, and they haven't really been involved."

Shaver said a large pool of candidates was encouraged and the Nominating Committee would not be vetting applicants, as allowed in the Bylaws.

"Anyone who raises their hand and would like to run should be allowed," said Shaver.

Interested candidates may contact any member of the Nominating Committee; Bud Shaver at 673-4029 or mgshaver@7lakes.net; JoAn Moses at 673-0368 or jmoses370@yahoo.net; Carol Munro at 673-3661 or chieffoullis@hotmail.com; Adam Smitley at 673-0124 or andys@sandhillscenter.org; Tammi Smith

at 638-3848 or alliejoe2@aol.com.

Finance Report

The SLLA Board of Directors approved five financial policies submitted by Treasurer Denny Galford. He explained that the

abstained from the vote.

Other policies approved included a monthly review of the bank reconciliation statement by a member of the Finance Committee; appointing a director to approve expenses and prohibiting the community manager or a member of the Board of Directors from approving their own expenses; requiring that Association funds be held in FDIC insured accounts; and a monthly review of all savings accounts funds by a member of the Finance Committee.

Galford defined the new savings account policy as "a system that is both operational and protective."

He reported the Finance Committee was very close to completing a policy and procedures manual which covers twenty-three areas in detail and said it would be extremely useful during the transition to a new com-

munity manager.

He said fifty-four certified letters were issued to delinquent accounts or those in arrears and that no additional legal action or public postings would be conducted because that would limit collection options.

Galford said the committee spent a lot of time discussing capital budget and long range budget items.

"We're seeing a need, and most of the requests are very justified. We have more needs than money coming in, and the Finance Committee recommends a dues increase may be nec-

essary," said Galford.

During the Community Manager's Report, Dalton Fulcher addressed the potential of a dues increase, agreeing with Galford's position.

Fulcher said that current costs were \$13,000 less than in 2002, when operating expenses are adjusted to reflect the elimination of the Seven Lakes Company Police.

"This Association can't keep operating like this if you want Seven Lakes to improve. To replace some of the older things, we will have to increase operating

(See "SLLA Meeting," p. 31)

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policies included items suggested by the former Finance Committee as well as recommendations from the auditor's report.

Specifically, the Board approved setting the mileage reimbursement rate equal to the IRS mileage deduction so that it will automatically adjust annually as the IRS sets the rate.

Director Bud Shaver said he was not in favor of following a government set guideline and

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One Stop Voting centers draw big crowds

by *Laura Douglass
Times Reporter*

More than 1.2 million North Carolina voters have cast early ballots for this year's Presidential election, including 2,858 voters at the One Stop Voting center at the Old West End Gym location.

"We are doing very well," Glen-

da Clendenin, Director of Moore County Board of Elections told *The Times* on Monday. "We hope to get many more by the end of the week."

According to Clendenin, 14,723 ballots, representing approximately twenty-five percent of registered voters, had cast at one of three Moore County One

Stop Voting locations as of Monday, October 27.

This tally does not include Absentee or mailed-in ballots. During the Presidential race in 2004, the total turnout was approximately 38,400 voters; 2006 mid-term elections generated just under 21,000 ballots.

The three One Stop Voting locations in Moore County include Carthage, Aberdeen, and the Old West End Gym, at 134 Old West End School Lane just off NC Highway 211, which opened on Monday, October 20.

The centers are open Monday through Friday, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The final day to vote at any of the One Stop Voting locations is Saturday, November 1, when they will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Early voting has been available in North Carolina for decades but has increased in popularity as political parties have begun to encourage members to cast their ballots early. By Monday, thirty other states had opened Early Voting centers.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, polls will be open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Mickey Lewis named SLLA Security Supervisor

Mickey Lewis has been a member of the security patrol for Seven Lakes for twenty-two years. The Board of Directors recently named him Security Supervisor for the Association.

Lewis told *The Times* that his years of experience give him extensive experience in each of the security positions he was recently appointed to oversee, including Boat Patrol, Roving Patrol, and gate guard.

As Security Supervisor, Lewis will also serve as a liaison to SFI, the security contractor in charge of the North and South gate-house staff.

"I am looking forward to improving security in the community," said Lewis.

He said he knows most of the kids in the neighborhood and has a good rapport with

them.

"They seem to understand when I tell them what they can and can't do," said Lewis.

However, Lewis said the single most important thing resi-

dents could do to prevent petty theft is to lock their parked vehicles.

A native North Carolinian, Lewis lives in Carthage with his wife Brenda.



Mickey Lewis

Seven Lakes EMS Phone Book

The gathering of data necessary to produce a complete and accurate publication for 2009, has started. You can help in this effort by filling out forms at boxes in the Seven Lakes Landowners Association office or the West Side Park Community Center. Any changes, additions, and deletions are needed.

Completed forms must be received by November 1. For more information, contact Doreen Smith at 673-0945.

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General Assembly candidates square off

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Competing against a televised Presidential Debate, the Tuesday, October 7 Candidate's Forum held at West Side Park Community Center did not generate a large crowd but the participating candidates were greatly warmly nonetheless.

In attendance were Republican incumbent NC District 22 Senator Harris Blake versus Democrat Abraham Oudeh; NC House of Representatives District 52 seat candidates Republican Jamie Boles versus Democrat Betty Mangum; incumbent District Attorney Maureen Krueger [19D] challenged Independent Tony Berk; and District Court Judge 19B candidates Robert Wilkins versus Marcie Quist.

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Moore County, the Moore County Chapter of the NAACP, and the Seven Lakes Civic Group.

Seven Lakes Times Editor Greg Hankins moderated.

Blake is a native of Moore County, a Korean War veteran, and has a background in business. Blake said he understands the responsibility of taking care of employees and was one of the first to offer a hospital medical plan. Seeking his fourth term in

office, Blake said that he looks forward to returning to Raleigh to represent Moore and Harnett Counties.

Oudeh was born and raised in Israel, emigrating thirty-five years ago to what he called, "the greatest country on Earth." He is a doctor of internal medicine and nephrology. Oudeh said he feels compelled to serve the community through political office and is the former Mayor of Dunn, North Carolina.

"I think people are looking for a change and I want to act on their behalf," said Oudeh.

Boles was born in Charlotte and has lived most of his life in Aberdeen. He said it has been a great privilege to have a business in Moore and to raise his family of four children here. Defining himself as a fiscal conservative, Boles said the county needs a leader to stand up and fight in Raleigh.

"I am always available to hear your concerns. I am self-employed and know what it takes to balance a budget," said Boles.

A native North Carolinian, **Mangum** said she grew up on the campus of UNC-Pembroke where her father served as Dean of Students. A retired school administrator and former Wake County Commissioner, she said

she is running because she cares about Moore County people and the quality of life.

"Elected officials needs people skills which I have, and I am able to make hard decisions," said Mangum.

Question 1 – Public campaign financing has proven to be successful in Maine and Arizona. Would you support or oppose public campaign financing in North Carolina – why or why not?

"Yes, I support public campaign financing because we need to make sure we are on a level playing field," said **Boles**. "There should be full and im-

mediate disclosure of all donations." He said all candidates should be required to raise a set amount through contributions before public funds are made available. He believed public financing would reduce PAC and the influence of special interest groups.

"Yes, we need to limit the amount of public and private contributions into a campaign," said **Mangum**. "Selling our votes to the highest bidder has got to stop." She said a small amount should be donated by citizens so they feel they have input into the process. "We need election reform now and I certainly support it."

"I'm leery of anything the gov-

ernment says it is going to do for me," said **Blake**. "Every donation should be made immediately available to the public." He said he was not ready to support the finance bill because he does not yet see that it is the answer to the problem. "We have to have honorable people running for office."

"I absolutely support public campaign financing and will go further..." said **Oudeh**, as he explained that he is the sole financier of his own campaigns and refuses contributions so that he will not feel any pressure to do favors, unless it will benefit the whole community.

(See "House," p. 38)

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Judicial, DA candidates make views known

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The second segment of the October 7 Candidate's Forum at the Seven Lakes West Community Center provided an opportunity for District Attorney Maureen Krueger and challenger Tony Berk, and District Court Judge 19D candidates Robert 'Rob' Wilkins versus Marcie Quist, to address voters. Each candidate was posed questions specific to their office.

Wilkins is a native of Asheboro and the first member of his family to graduate from college. He served twenty-one years in the Coast Guard, many as a JAG officer. He is fluent in Spanish and is the Assistant Attorney General for North Carolina. He said he is running because he always wanted to return home and do something to help his community.

Quist said District Court has been her professional home for twenty years. She was in private practice for nine years and specializes in family law and has experience in criminal defense and prosecution. She has argued 100 mostly criminal, jury trials.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve you for the last two years," said **Krueger**, who said she represents real leadership and change. She said the Moore County office is more efficient and she has expanded victim services during her tenure.

Berk is the Assistant Prosecutor in Robeson County and has a background in criminal and family law. He has tried cases involving narcotics, racketeering, and gang-related activities.

Judicial Question 1 – What is your position on appointment versus election of judges?

Quist said appointments encourage cronyism. She said experience and qualifications are paramount. "My experience serves me well and I understand the families that come before me. You may see parents but you don't always see the real victims...their children. They will be part of our community."

Wilkins said judges are a leader service and should be elected and accountable to those they serve. "We must earn and

keep the public trust." He said judges must protect the innocent and most vulnerable – children and the elderly. Wilkins said he strongly supports a program to identify, flag, and detain illegal immigrants.

DA Question 1 – What steps would you take to reduce the time between the arrest and trial in Moore County?

"We still have overcrowded jails of people awaiting trial," said **Berk**. He said prioritizing the

oldest cases, streamlining the plea policy, and preserving the right to trial were needed. He said he would review all cases and ensure the police have an open line of communication.

Krueger said she believes in

maximizing court time and they should be working non-stop. She said Moore County courts have been more efficient by allowing civil cases to be heard during breaks in criminal sessions.

(See "Judicial," p. 37)

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Conservation Board candidates hold forth

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Candidates for Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor and the Moore County Board of Education squared off on Thursday, October 16 at a Candidate's Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Invited participants included Ed Dennison and Kathy Farren for the District 2 seat, and Laura Kelly Kite and Enola Lineberger for the District 4 seat, and Billy Carter, Harry J. Huberth, and Katherine McLeod for the Conservation Supervisor position. The Forum was moderated by *Seven Lakes Times* Editor Greg Hankins.

The five-member **Soil and Conservation Board** meets the third Tuesday of each month in Carthage. Terms of office for Conservation Supervisors are four years, with three members elected every four years and two members appointed every four years by the North Carolina Commission of Soil and Water Conservation.

Candidate **Billy Carter** was unable to attend the Forum.

Katherine McLeod introduced herself as a thirty-year resident of the area and a lawyer. She said the water is vitally important and a finite resource. She defined the role of Conservation Supervisor as someone who works to protect water quality and prevent soil erosion. She said her expertise as a lawyer would allow her to protect these

resources.

Harry Huberth said he settled in Moore County in the 1960's and owns a farm services based business in Southern Pines that deals exclusively with soil and pasture issues. He said he is very familiar with erosion issues and after serving twelve years on the county Planning Board understands how growth affects agriculture and water quality. Huberth said water quality is a crucial issue. He said the supervisor's role while unobtrusive was important. Traditionally, the position focused on large agricultural interests but, he explained, that has changed as Moore County has become more urbanized which is creating more problems for soil and sedimentation.

Question 1 – With a plan under study to meet Moore County's water needs, how can this office assist?

Huberth said his knowledge of soil types, erosion, and sedimentation would be useful. He explained that by keeping water clean to start with would render all water available for future use.

McLeod said her duty would be to protect water quality. She said she is familiar with the McGill Water Study and questioned whether one study and even a forty-year plan were enough information for such a critical issue. She said she is familiar with state laws and has

the time and interest to work on the issues.

Question 2 – Do you think Moore County needs to have one or more additional reservoirs, and if so, what location/s would you suggest? What would be the pros and cons of having additional reservoirs?

McLeod explained there are two types of reservoir; in-stream which dams and alters natural water flow, which she opposes, and off-stream reservoir. She said she is in favor of Southern Pines constructing an off-stream reservoir but only for use as an emergency water source.

"There must be strict rules on how water is used and protected," said McLeod.

Huberth said as a Conservation Supervisor he would not have a role in selecting the location for any proposed reservoirs but agreed with McLeod that in-stream reservoirs are not a viable option. He said it was important to keep all water clean so a reservoir could be positioned anywhere in the county where it would best serve.

Question 3 – In the past, the Board has mainly been concerned with large tracts. How small a tract of land would concern this Board?

Huberth said he has worked professionally with a horse farm project on a tract of less than ten

acres. He said that most large farms understand what is expected for soil and water quality controls and that that educating farmers of smaller tracts would be a primary function of the office.

McLeod said the issue fell squarely within NC statutes and sparked interest in how much power is in the Board.

Question 4 – The McGill Study recommended the reactivation of a reservoir in Robbins. Do you support this recommendation and how does this Board interface with Public Works?

Huberth said the county must explore every financially feasible water resource. He said he would

look forward to working cooperatively with Public Works.

McLeod said she saw her role vis-a-vis the county would be to serve as an advisory resource.

Question 5 – Should the towns and Moore County form a regional water district and work together? How could this be brought about?

"Of course they should," said **Huberth**. "Moore [County] missed the boat on a countywide system and now we have competing interests."

McLeod said Moore County should try to develop a regional water district.

(See "Soil," p. 35)

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Four compete for Board of Education seats

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The second segment of the October 16 Candidate's Forum at the Moore County Senior Center introduced Board of Education candidates Ed Dennison versus incumbent Kathy Farren for the District 2 seat, and Enola Lineberger versus Laura Kelly Kite for the District 4 seat.

Farren lives in Pinehurst and has been a resident of Moore County since childhood. She said as a parent in the Moore County Schools system and as she finishes her first term on the Board of Education, she has gained keen insight.

"I have learned so much and have worked hard to stay connected," said Farren. "I have tried to listen and do what is best for the schools as a whole – it is a balancing act."

Dennison said he moved to Moore County four years here and that his life experiences have imbued him with a passion to all children graduate from high school. He has nine years experience serving on school boards in Michigan and has participated in two major building projects.

Lineberger said she is a lifelong resident of North Carolina and described her personal experience of being "bussed" as enriching. She is a registered nurse and settled in Moore County twenty-five years ago. Her professional and volunteer experiences including serving on school improvement and advisory committees have provided her with a breadth of knowledge.

Kite said her association with Moore County dates back twenty-five years and that she moved

to the area fourteen years ago. She is a Certified Public Accountant and owns her own business. She has taught as a licensed vocational school teacher and at Sandhills Community College.

"My passion is that all children can get an education in what they are interested in," said Kite.

Question 1– In your opinion, how has the federal No Child Left Behind program worked in Moore County?

Dennison said NCLB has been good because it forces schools to focus on all students and a hindrance because it focuses on groups rather than individuals. He said the limited number of subjects tests provide an inaccurate report to the public and there was no emphasis placed on graduation rates. He said NCLB should be revised to accurately document progress in schools and that funding should be provided to failing schools.

Farren said NCLB was a great concept with many good qualities but the way results are

reported has severe consequences.

"All children don't learn at the same pace," said Farren, "and all children do not have the same background and do not have same support system."

Kite agreed that not all children learn at the same rate or time.

"The parent and teacher perspective of how a child is doing does not come into play and all are just as important," said Kite.

Lineberger said she is grateful that Moore County has chosen to make sure schools work with NCLB guidelines, however she said we have struggling schools and that children have different challenges. She said she hopes to find a better balance in the future.

"So we are not a level playing field," said Lineberger. "Standardized testing is not a fair way to judge schools. Testing sets rigid and unrealistic standards and has taken to prominent a role overshadowing what educators could bring to our children."

Question 2 – What plans would you suggest to

provide a relevant curriculum that challenges every student in Moore County to academic excellence?

Lineberger said relevant curriculum was the greatest challenge any school system faces. She said Moore County offers many options at the high school level which are on par with larger school systems. Lineberger said each program should be recognized and kept viable.

Kite agreed that students are fortunate to have a diverse curriculum. She said she would like to see foreign languages offered to younger grades especially in schools such as Robbins Elementary which has a large Hispanic community.

Dennison said while he was not an expert in education he did offer considerable experience as a manager and school board member. He said the board must

be accountable to the people and understand then implement expectations. He said the high drop out rate in Moore County must be addressed and focus efforts on making sure all students receive a high school diploma and reach their full potential.

Farren said that Moore County Schools are working hard to challenge all students and that more vocational education options should be offered.

Question 3 – What do you consider a sound basic education?

Kite said the priority is speaking and reading English, followed by basic math formulas and that life skills should also be taught.

Lineberger said she agreed with Kite and would add some
(See "School Board" p. 36)

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Guild hopes to extend life of Village streets

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Roads in Seven Lakes Business Village were being coated with liquid asphalt and fine gravel this week — a Seven Lakes Business Guild project aimed at improving the road surface and cutting maintenance costs.

Business Guild Board member Phil Cook of Carolina Car Care told *The Times* that the coating, which was applied to the most heavily traveled sections of Grant,

MacDougall, and North Trade will extend the life of the road surface for five to ten years.

Potholes were patched before the surface was applied, Cook told *The Times*, and the coating should hold those patches firmly in place.

Additional roadways will likely be coated next spring, after warmer weather returns.

A recent meeting with Moore County and NC Department of Transportation officials may have

opened the way for portions of MacDougall and Grant Streets to be turned over to the state, Cook said. However, both streets would first have to be upgraded with an additional three inches of asphalt — an expensive proposition.

The current coating work cost \$12,000 and the Guild will gladly accept contricbutions from any community member who would like to help defray the cost.

Checks may be made out to the Guild's Community Development Fund and dropped off with Treasurer Vann Joyce at Quality Care Pharmacy.

Dept of Aging hosts Craft Fair Saturday

The annual Moore County Department of Aging Senior Arts and Crafts Fair will be held on Saturday, November 1 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Grand Hall of the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy. 15-501, located two miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle.

All crafts are made my local artisans aged fifty and better. Items being sold will include jewelry, quilts, woodwork, paint-

ings, knitted and crocheted items, baked and canned goods, and much more! Refreshments will be available for purchase.

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Seven Lakes Baptist celebrates 20 years

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Seven Lakes Baptist Church recently celebrated their twentieth anniversary by honoring their past, present, and future.

Holding their first service on September 11, 1988, the church began with four families; Pastor Ken and Mary Hankins, Mike and Gay Martin, Dan and Vicky Hopler, and Libby Collard and family. On Saturday, September 20, those four families gathered for dinner and an evening of reminiscing.

The next morning the anniversary celebration continued with a focus on their present.

"We wanted people to come see who we are now," said Pastor Hankins. "Our people performed the music and we conducted two services with over 600 in attendance."

Later that afternoon, an old-fashioned family picnic with activities for children and adults was held at the Family Life Center building behind the church.

Finally on Sunday evening, Seven Lakes Baptist Church celebrated their future with special guests, Charles Billingsley, a nationally-known leading Christian soloist, and the Reverend Jonathan Falwell.

"Jonathan is amazing!" exclaimed Hankins. "We had our choir and praise team band provide opening music, then we turned it over to Charles who sang for thirty minutes before Jonathan spoke."

Falwell is the Senior Pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, a 20,000 member mega-church located in Lynchburg, Virginia. He was called to his position after the death of his father, the founding pastor Dr. Jerry Falwell. Jonathan's brother, Jerry Falwell leads Liberty University. Located also in Lynchburg, Liberty is the world's largest evangelical Christian university with over 37,000 students.

Pastor Hankins serves as president of the Liberty Baptist Fellowship, a church planting board.

Following the Sunday evening service, Falwell and Billingsley attended a reception at the Family Life Center, meeting with members and answering questions.

The Family Life Center is one of three church buildings but

Hankins said they have almost outgrown their facilities yet again. In the early days of the church, services were held at West End Elementary School and then the West End Community Center. Settling in the building now owned by St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Hankins explained that with a lease for only a portion of the property, (See "Baptist," p. 33)



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In memory of . . .

Eddie Lee Roach, 63, of Eagle Springs, died Friday, October 17, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Roach was a native of Dalhart, TX, and was a maintenance-supervisor with Perdue. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Roach; stepson, Paul Ramsey of Polkton; mother, Euna Mae Roach of Greenville, TX; sisters, Lucy Perilloux, Linda Ritchey, Ann Fite, Barbara Almon, Joanie Hudson, all of Greenville, TX, Carolyn Smith of Sheridan, AR, Betty Wright, and Kathy Harvell, both of AR; brothers, Richard Roach and Stephen Roach, both of Greenville, TX.

Services with military honors were held Monday, October 20 at Browns Chapel Christian Church Cemetery.

Phillips Funeral Home of Star assisted the family.

Darryl Maurice Toomer, 48, of Jackson Springs, died Friday, October 17, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Services were held on Friday, October 24 at Spaulding Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Taylortown. Services were provided by Elite Funeral Services Inc., of Ellerbe.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Lois Smith McLean; two sisters, Mary F. McLaughlin, of Aberdeen and Barbara R. Toomer, of Jackson Springs; three brothers, Samuel Toomer Jr., of Jackson Springs, Charles R. Toomer, of Aberdeen, and James P. Toomer, of West End.

Carolyn Mary LaRouche, 68, of Seven Lakes, died Friday, October 17, at her home.

Mrs. LaRouche was born in Utica, NY. After retiring from her work as a credit analyst for Edward Donn, she and her husband of forty-seven years, Gary LaRouche, retired to Seven Lakes.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Joseph Smith; her mother, Grace McMurray; and her stepfather, James McMurray.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Timothy LaRouche, Thomas LaRouche, Sherri LaRouche and Jon-Michael Gendron; her grandchildren; a brother, Ernest McMurray, and her sister, Catherine Bohn.

A memorial Mass was held Monday, October 27, at Our Lady of the Americas Church. Father Ricardo Sanchez officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Care Fund Foundation FirstHealth, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Mark Louis D'Ambruso, 52, died Friday, October 17, at his residence in Seven Lakes.

Mr. D'Ambruso was the son of Vito and Margaret D'Ambruso in Pittsford, NY. He earned a Bachelor degree in business administration from Ithaca College and a Master's degree in business administration from Babson College.

At a later date the family will hold a private service.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-five years, Caron D'Ambruso of Seven Lakes; two sisters Carol Jeneanne Hyde, of Jupiter, FL; and Martha Gray Meehan, of Webster, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

Farrell Glenn Maness II, 35, of Eagle Springs, died Friday, October 17.

Mr. Maness was the son of

Farrell Glenn and Mary Ann Singletary Maness. He worked as a former knitter in hosiery manufacturing.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Brady Maness; sons, Cody

Maness, Brett Maness, and Dylan Maness, all of the home; his mother, Mary Ann Maness, of Robbins; a sister, Connie Aldre, of Star; and a brother,

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Jonathan Maness, of Robbins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 21 at Big Oak Christian Church Cemetery.

Richard M. Fritz, 82, formerly of Seven Lakes, died Monday, October 20, at Bethany Village in Mechanicsburg, PA.

Born in Buffalo NY, he was the son of the late Howard L. and Grace Frey Fritz. After graduating from Aquinas Institute, Rochester, NY, he joined the U.S. Army. He and his wife. lived most of lives in Rochester and Buffalo, NY, where he retired as sales manager for Frey, the Wheelman in 1991.

Mr. Fritz was a member of the Lions Club, Seven Lakes Country Club, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. They moved to Mechanicsburg, PA in 2005.

Mr. Fritz was preceded in death by his wife, Sunny; his brother Howard "Bud" Fritz; and sister, Grace Fritz Kuitens.

Survivors include four children Kathy Bogdan, of Mechanicsburg, PA, Maryanne Busch, of Ludington, MI, Rick Fritz and, of Petersburg, AR, and David Fritz, of Warwick, RI; eleven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by his brothers, Thomas Fritz, Rochester, NY, and James Fritz of FL.

A Memorial Mass was held Saturday, October 25, at St Joseph Catholic Church, Mechanicsburg, PA. Burial for both Mr. and Mrs. Fritz will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethany Village Care Assurance Fund, 325 Wesley Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Talmadge "Lee" Williams, 86, of West End, died Tuesday, October 21, at his residence.

A Moore County native, he was the son of the late Eugene Stephen and Vannie Lee Jackson Williams.

A World War II veteran, he served in the South Pacific and was the recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was employed by Phillips Ford and Farm Bureau, and served twelve years as a county commissioner.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie Hartsell Williams; daughters, Judy Williams, of Raleigh, and Brenda Frye, of Pinehurst; sons, Ronnie Williams, of Carthage, Curtis Williams, of Matthews, and Gary Williams, of Carthage; a sister, Louise Alford of Columbia, SC; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday, October 23 at Culdee Presbyterian Church, and directed by Fry and Prickett Funeral Home of Carthage.

Memorials may be made to Culdee Presbyterian Church, 916 NC 73, West End, NC 27376;

American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312; or FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Fry and Prickett Funeral Home of Carthage assisted the family.

Genevieve Alcini, 93, of Foxfire Village, died at home, Sunday, October 26.

Mrs. Alcini was born in Farmington, MI. She was the wife of the late William Alcini.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Klimek and Eloyza Wojtanowski; brothers Adam, Stanley, and Frank; and sister Wanda Kownacki.

She is survived by her children Rosemarie Konczal, of Shelby Township, MI, and Virginia Coté, of Foxfire Village, William Jr. of Centerline, MI, and Kenneth of Lansing, MI; eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was held at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday, October 29 followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Therese of Lesieux Shelby Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to FirstHealth Hospice 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or Pope John Paul II Catholic School, PO Box 1099, Southern Pines, NC 28388.

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst served the family.

Roy A. Carter, 87, of West End, died Monday, October 27, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Memorial services were held Thursday, October 30 at West End Presbyterian Church.

Burial followed at West End Cemetery.

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Neighborhood camaraderie has grown as McLendon Hills has attracted more residents.

Several committees have been formed to perform tasks that create opportunities to be

involved in community planning. One committee was established to take on the task of implementing the activities for the anniversary celebration. Several neighbors offered their help from volunteering to paint pumpkins, to organize the details for the scarecrow contest, to demonstrate dog training, guide boat tours, and provide free custom T-shirts for the days' event.

An out-of-town property owner made the trip to offer line-dance instructions. The private tour of nine resident barns was especially interesting and educational. A group of ladies volunteered their time for the evening dinner.

Not one detail was overlooked. The planning and extensive

teamwork made this day successful and memorable. Teamwork is also what has made the development a success story in its first decade.

Long time friends and developers Craig McNeill and Tom Carr purchased 600 acres of rolling, wooded hills.

While exploring the property and dreaming of the possibilities, visions of the community began to formulate. The natural, pristine beauty and uniquely shaped landscape indeed seemed worthy and wonderfully suited for bringing their ideas to life. Their dreams became reality when in 1998 they started selling the first phase of lots.

Today, in 2008 more than sev-

enty percent of the property has been sold. With less than 230 total planned home sites, the concept of providing a community with more elbowroom has not changed.

Now a new decade begins. The community building, swimming pool, tennis court, recreational beach area, and two and a half mile walking path are under construction. The formation of the Property Owners Association is in process. Both projects go forward with same careful planning and consideration that the developers began with ten years ago.

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Equestrian Demonstrations were part of the fun at McLendon Hills Fall Celebration.



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In just nine months (from October 2007 to June 2008) almost 740 screenings for cardiovascular disease have been performed on the FirstHealth Mobile Health Van with ultrasound equipment purchased from a Foundation grant. These screenings have identified 90 people who need follow-up care – many of whom would have not had an indication that there were any health issues.

The generosity of this Pinehurst couple, who have endowed a Heart Survivors Fund for screening scholarships, has put into motion a preventive mechanism – ensuring that everyone has access to screenings that are proven to save lives.

Leaving A Legacy

Saving lives is sometimes as simple as taking charge of your own health. Through the generosity of a Pinehurst couple, ultrasound screenings for abdominal aortic aneurysms, carotid artery disease and peripheral vascular disease are saving lives in our community.

This is a story of passion – a young woman’s passion for life, our health care community’s passion to care for people, and an anonymous couple’s passion to make a difference.

I have learned of the beauty of community – of uniting one’s neighbors to share life, love and concern of others. I’ve learned that one’s life is most effective when selflessly given to help and encourage others.

Christmas 2005 had passed and New Year’s Day 2006 was just days away when a Pinehurst couple read about a 20-year-old Appalachian State coed who died while helping her mother prepare Christmas Eve dinner.

“She was still at the age when she was looking at life through rose-colored glasses,” her mother said. “She wanted people in the world to love each other and care about each other.”

An undiagnosed aortic aneurysm caused her sudden death. “It doesn’t make sense,” her mother continued. “Her heart was the strongest part of who she was.”

An undiagnosed aortic aneurysm, the man and his wife thought. Eight years earlier, it could have been him.

Like most abdominal aortic aneurysms, his was found by accident – during an examination for a non-related back problem in 1997. The aneurysm was small, 2 centimeters. But every six months thereafter, he had an ultrasound to check its size, the key factor in determining when medical intervention is required.

For three years, the aneurysm barely changed; but suddenly it started growing. When it reached 5 centimeters, he knew he was playing Russian roulette with his life unless he had surgery. The aneurysm was successfully repaired in 2003.

“I was very, very fortunate to make it through,” he says. “I lost several friends who had abdominal aortic aneurysms. When you know you’ve got it and have it fixed, you feel like you’re one of the luckiest people in the world.”

The needless death of a vital, passionate young woman inspired the couple to say to each other, “Let’s do something.” As long-time supporters of the Foundation of FirstHealth, they turned to Foundation president Kathy Westover for help.

The Heart Survivors Fund
To enable others to look beyond themselves and their immediate concerns, and to give without expectation of fanfare represents the most vital contribution of the quiet hero.

“The first working day of 2006, the couple called to say they had something they wanted to share,” Kathy recalls. “They showed me the article about the coed, along with a flier for vascular screenings. Since his own diagnosis, the donor had become very knowledgeable about abdominal aortic aneurysms. He knew that a simple, painless ultrasound screening could save lives. ‘If there is any chance at all you might have an aneurysm,’ he told me, ‘why not get a screening?’”

The couple decided to establish an anonymous endowment with the Foundation to support the prevention, diagnostics and education in the treatment of heart disease. The fund would also provide scholarships for those at high risk for vascular diseases who need financial assistance to pay for the lifesaving screenings.

“As we talked, I was so taken by the donor’s passion to encourage awareness and promote early diagnosis and treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms,” Kathy says. “‘If we can save one life by offering scholarships to the underserved,’ he said, ‘we’ll know we’ve made a difference.’”

Over the next year, the donors’ energy inspired everyone at FirstHealth who was involved in developing the new screening program for vascular disease.

In November 2006, the Moore Regional Hospital Foundation’s Grant Review Committee approved funding for ultrasound equipment and revisions to the FirstHealth Community Service Mobile Health Van where the screenings would be made available.

“Once we had approval, it all happened within a 90-day period,” says Roxanne Leopper, policy director for FirstHealth Community Health Services. “It moved so quickly – quicker than I have ever seen any other program – because the donors felt passionately about saving lives. They are phenomenal, good-hearted people. There are no words to describe their generosity.”

In March 2007, FirstHealth Mobile Health Services began offering screenings for the three most commonly identified vascular diseases – abdominal aortic aneurysm, carotid artery

disease (the number one cause of stroke in the U.S.), and peripheral vascular disease (known as hardening of the arteries that may lead to the loss of limbs).

“These conditions can be asymptomatic, but can put people in life-or-death situations and they don’t realize it,” says Leopper.

“Ultrasound screenings are quick, accurate, and have no known side effects,” says Samuel Wahl, M.D., an interventional radiologist with Pinehurst Radiology Associates.

The FirstHealth service area, with its high incidence of diabetes, hypertension and obesity, has historically had a high risk for vascular and cardiovascular disease. “There’s got to be more focus on prevention and easier access that allows people to take a more preventive look at their own health care,” says Amy Hamilton, outreach manager for FirstHealth Community Health Services. “These new screenings show FirstHealth’s commitment to look forward to prevention.”

In the first three months screenings were offered, more than 20 percent of the people who were screened had abnormal findings and needed follow-up with a primary care physician.

In 2006, FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital was rated in the top 5 percent in the state for heart and vascular care. In April 2006, Jonathan Hasson, M.D., a vascular surgeon in Rockingham, performed the first “non-surgical” endovascular aortic aneurysm repair at FirstHealth Richmond Memorial Hospital. “Offering endovascular surgery here in Richmond means that patients with life-threatening aneurysms no longer have to travel far from home to receive the highly specialized treatment they need,” says John Jackson, president of Richmond Memorial Hospital.

“By screening members of the community and finding aneurysms before they become a larger problem, we have a better chance of providing treatment options for the patient,” says John E. Streitman, M.D, a cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon with FirstHealth of the Carolinas. “Like the generous benefactors of the screening program, each of us has the power to make a difference. When we all work together, we increase our potential beyond measure.”

Who gives me a little gift, he wishes that I live.

“This program is very dear to our hearts,” the donors say. “We’re thankful that the Foundation of FirstHealth’s Heart Survivors Fund is available now and will always be here in the future to help people learn about vascular disease and what they can do to take charge of their health.”

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For more information on Leaving a Legacy, contact the Foundation of FirstHealth at (910) 695-7500

Bensalem Presbyterian welcomes pastor

by Holly Camplin

Bensalem Presbyterian

Bensalem Presbyterian Church of Eagle Springs welcomed Reverend Wes Brandon as its new pastor on Sunday, October 5. Brandon was officially installed by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina on Sunday, October 12 with the Rev. John Stuart of Scotland preaching. The congregation is excited to start this new chapter in its already rich history.

"We prayed often as we searched for Bensalem's next pastor and we feel that God has truly called Wes to us. We are blessed to have him," said Gina Domingos, a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Brandon will serve Bensalem Presbyterian as a solo pastor, leading worship, providing pastoral care, and facilitating the work of Elders, Deacons, and various committees. He comes to Bensalem with an enthusiasm for serving God and others and for teaching the Word and relating scripture to relevant contemporary issues. He enjoys working with people of all ages and he is looking forward to getting to know the congregation at Bensalem as well as the larger Moore County community.

Brandon graduated summa cum Laude from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and Judaic Studies, then completed his Master's of Divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

He has previously been the youth director at Washington Presbyterian Church, in Corryton, Tennessee; an associate pastor at South Aiken Presbyterian Church in Aiken, South Carolina; and the pastor of Parkway Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Brandon has also been actively involved in domestic and global mission work and holds a strong view that we live in a connectional relationship in Christ.

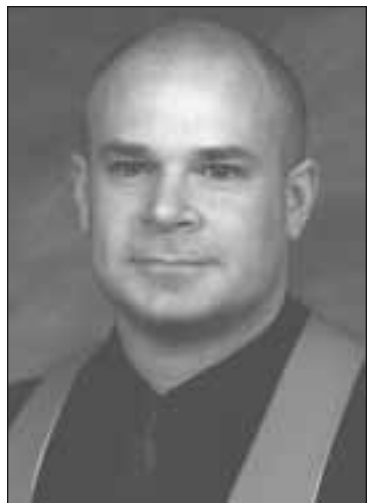
"I am excited to bring new ideas to Bensalem while honoring

the traditions already well established," said Brandon.

He shares Bensalem's views of the church being a home and an extended family through faith. "I look forward to ensuring that we are a church of opportunity – an opportunity for every individual and every family to serve Christ and community and to be nurtured in the faith with love, grace, and acceptance."

Bensalem, which was founded in 1790, is located less than ten minutes from Seven Lakes on Bensalem Church Road in Eagle Springs, just off Highway 705. Breakfast is served each Sunday morning at 9:30 am with Sunday School classes for all ages beginning at 10:00 am. The morning worship service begins at 11:00 am with a nursery and children's church available.

Visitors are always welcome!



Reverend Wes Brandon

WEUMC Spaghetti Dinner

The Men of the West End United Methodist Church will serve their World Famous Spaghetti [okay, West End famous] on Friday, November 21 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are available for \$7.00 from the Methodist Men and will also be available at the door. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to help support Men's Ministries, the Boy Scouts, Backpack Pals, and the Food Pantry. For additional information contact the Church office at 673-1371.

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Granato is Festival designer

Connie Granato of Optical Solutions in Seven Lakes is joining Festival of Trees for the second year as a designer. She decorated a gorgeous tree last year that included eyewear and accessories from Optical Solutions.

Decorating a four and a half foot tree with the theme "See the Miracles of Christmas," Granato is sharing her talents to once again raise money for Sandhills Children's Center.

Located in Southern Pines, the Center recently opened a Rockingham campus and now

serves over four hundred children in a five county area. Funding from private donations and special events provides much needed therapies, meals, and educational toys.

Festival of Trees began twelve years ago when a group of women wanted to help children with disabilities in the community. There were thirty-one large trees at the first festival in 1997 at The Carolina Hotel.

This year an army of designers will present over 200 design items including large trees, table-top trees, wreaths, gift baskets,

centerpieces, tree skirts, and a gingerbread village.

Silent bidding for all design items begins with a Premiere Party Wednesday, November 12 and ends at the Gala Fundraiser on Saturday, December 15.

Admission by donation days are Thursday and Friday, November 13 & 14 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday, November 15 & 16 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Meet Connie Granato and other designers at the "Dessert with the Designers" party Thursday, November 13 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. For more information or to purchase party tickets, please call 692-3323 or visit www.FestivalofTrees.org.



Connie Granato of Optical Solutions is one of this year's Festival of Trees decorators.



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BBQ Chicken will also be available. Plate donation is \$6.00 for one meat and a combo plate with two meats is \$8.00; child's plate is \$4.00.

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Teresa Shepard joins 7 Lakes Health & Fitness

Certified Personal Fitness Trainer Teresa Shepard, is now working with Seven Lakes Health and Fitness to offer Water Art classes and personal training in and out of the water.

Shepard is certified with World International Training Schools [WITS] and is a certified group session trainer with American Fitness Professionals & Associates. She is a certified Water Art Instructor with Water Art Fitness International and also a certified emergency medical technician and Certified Nurses Assistant [CNA], which equips her to handle medical emergencies.

She has participated in many races including the New York City and Washington, DC Marine Corps marathons — as well as adventure triathlons, biathlons, dualathlons, half marathons, 10K and 5K races on a continuous basis for the last thirty years. She is skilled at motivating clients to achieve fitness goals because of her real enthusiasm and passion for fitness.

In water aerobic classes you can burn calories and build muscle without breaking a sweat or even getting your head under water. The classes are appropriate for swimmers and non-swimmers, young or old, fit or unfit, Shepard told *The Times*. Participants can work at their own pace when they exercise in water and it is not embarrassing for those who cannot perform at high intensity.

According to Shepard, exercising in water is growing in popularity because of many benefits:

- Low impact water workouts combine cardiovascular exercises with strength training with lesser risk of injury.
- Because of water buoyancy and the body support water pro-

vides, joint, muscle and bone injuries are mostly eliminated.

- People also benefit from the 90 percent apparent weight loss that occurs when they are submerged in shoulder depth water. This feeling of weight loss gives us a sense that we can accomplish more.
- Even though exercisers may

feel lighter, the added resistance of the water makes the aerobics challenging. Water provides twelve times the resistance of air because of its increased density. As the water pushes against the body, the movements become more difficult, requiring muscles to work harder, resulting in calories burned and muscles toned.

Shepard's Water Art Classes

meet Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Seven Lakes Health and Fitness Center. The monthly fee is \$39 for members and \$49 for non-members.

Shepard also provides individualized personal training in and out of the water. For additional information or to join a class, contact Seven Lakes Health and Fitness at 673-1180.



Teresa Shepard offers Water Art Classes and personal training through Seven Lakes Health & Fitness

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White Elephant Sale

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary White Elephant Sale & Raffle promises to be the best ever. On Saturday, November 8 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in Founders Hall of Sacred Heart Church in Pinehurst, items for sale include furniture, household goods, sports equipment, fitness equipment, jewelry, linens, electronics, garden equipment, small appliances, hardware, games, books, and toys.

The raffle includes ninety-

two prizes — weekend hotel stays, golf packages, dining & gift certificates, and more. Raffle tickets are available for \$2.00 for one ticket or three tickets for \$5.00.

After some exciting shopping, don't forget to visit the Bake Sale for home-baked goods to complement the dinner meal and delight the palate.

All proceeds will benefit local agencies. For more information, call 295-0830, or 215-5967, 235-0739, or 295-1806.



Real Estate

By **SANDY STEWART**

REALTOR

Hiring A House Inspector

Naturally you will carefully inspect any home you intend to purchase as best you can. However, if you are not a building expert and you have some serious questions about the house's

structure or systems, it makes sense to hire an independent house inspector to do a professional job. If this is your case, here are a few pointers.

Home inspectors are supposed to work FOR the buyer. The real estate agent is not the inspection expert and he or she will be the first to tell you. Hire a house inspector who is totally impartial. That means someone who simply inspects the house

and submits the findings but does nothing whatsoever to correct any fault he may find. In that way, the inspector will not be motivated to "discover" a lot of extra faults as a means toward finding repair work.

The inspector should be knowledgeable enough to give approximate costs of repairs as a guide so the client can make an informed decision on the house.

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Hughes briefs League on County finance

Lisa Hughes, Moore County Finance Director, recently spoke to the League of Women Voters of Moore County.

She discussed the various legal mandates; items that the county is required to fund yearly including state and federal mandates, running the gamut from social services, school facilities, and offices for the judicial workers [even though the judicial staff are state employees].

In discussing financing options, Hughes reported that general obligations bonds are less expensive than loans. However, to be approved to seek bonds, each county must apply through the NC Local Government Commission.

The State can occasionally give help, as they did recently in Taylortown. Moore County had to demonstrate its financial health and how they will pay back the funds.

If the Local Government Commission approved, first the County can put it on the ballot and if the referendum passes, the State

then administers the sale of the bonds.

Hughes also described meeting with Moore County officials

and a marketing group with the three major credit bureaus. The result of those meetings was an increase in the Moore County bond rating from A + to AA -.

The County has issued one bond, in May, of \$40 million at a good rate of 4.1 percent; eleven companies bid on the bond. County staff are delaying issuing the remaining bond, for the rest of the \$29 million that voters agreed on, until the economy improves.

Hughes told the League that the State of North Carolina has requested a reduction of expenses by two percent and she felt that it will move to three percent. She reported that the county revenues are on target, and expenses are still a little less than budgeted.

Capital projects are also being postponed due to the current economy. Some grants from the State, such as Department of Social Services have been reduced already. However Moore County is in a good financial situation now, as the budgets

are always conservative.

An audience member asked about the reserves in the budget. Hughes said that the recommendation is eight percent, but Moore County now has about twenty-four percent in reserves now. They are establishing a capital reserve fund.

Another audience member asked about income from the state's lottery. Hughes said the county had used a half million dollars of lottery proceeds to purchase land for new schools and pay related architects' fees.

Hughes said three public forums will be offered before the budget is presented in early April. The information and projections for the budget will be available in April, to be presented to the board in May.

She also shared that for the twenty-second consecutive year, Moore County has won an award from the Government Finance Officers of the U.S. and Canada for its budget report, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Cooking with Carmella: The Hands-On Edition

On Saturday, November 15 Cooking with Carmella will feature a hands-on cooking workshop at the West Side Park Community Center with chef Carmella Chase.

After a short demonstration, participants will create the simple yet festive appetizers that can be used throughout the holiday season.

Groups of four will prep all ingredients, and make one recipe of the four recipes featured, including a ham, gorgonzola, & walnut pavee, Tunisian goat cheese "Cigars," potato & cucumber rounds with smoked salmon & lime aioli, and more.

At the conclusion of the pro-

gram everyone will partake in the tasting of all the dishes.

Registration will begin on Thursday, November 6 and continue until the program is filled.

Due to the nature of the program registration will be limited to sixteen participants.

Call 673-5314 to sign up for this program.

The cost is \$12.50 per person and payment must be received by November 12.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

- **Halloween**
- **SLLA Halloween Carnival** – 6 pm - 8 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Back by popular demand, Halloween Flashlight Egg Hunt, plus carnival games & refreshments.
- **SLWLA Trunk or Treat** – 6 pm - 8 pm, West Side Park Community Center parking lot. Costumes, candy & fun.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- **Giant Yard Sale to Benefit Moore County Humane Society** – 8 am-noon. Held in parking lot of First Casualty Insurance Group, 190-A Turner St., Southern Pines. All proceeds go to Moore County Humane Society.
- **Arts & Crafts Fair** – 8 am - 3 pm, Grand Hall of the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy. 15-501, Pinehurst. All crafts are made by local artisans aged fifty and better. Items being sold include jewelry, quilts, woodwork, paintings, knitted and crocheted items, baked and canned goods, and more! Refreshments available for purchase. Info: 215-0900.
- **Greater Vision** – 9 am – 3 pm, Tabernacle United Methodist Church, Rte. 705, Robbins. Mission benefit featuring local handcrafts, pottery, jewelry and many more imported gift items from underprivileged countries. Garden and Christmas rooms, Bake Sale. Lunch plates, 11 am – 2

pm for \$7/per plate donation. Take out available.

- **Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness** – 10 am, Nancy Kiser Park, Carthage. Sponsored by the Carthage Lions Club, registration for the 3K [two mile] walk at 9 am. All funds raised support diabetes research

Club, and featured guest Vocal Spectrum. Tickets, Preston Smith 215-0682.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- **Heavenly Rides** – 11 am, Tabernacle United Methodist Church, Rte 705, Robbins.

Vintage car show with classic, muscle, racecars, and street rods from area. Trophies for favorites

and dash plaques for each entry. Lunch following provided by youth group. Admission free for attendees after morning Worship Service.

- **Moore Philharmonic Orchestra Fall Concert** – 3 pm, Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College. Featuring major works in the symphony orchestra repertoire as well as exciting music based on the scary themes of mythical witches, ghosts, and demons. Free! Enjoy the music.

What's When Calendar



and assist local visual and hearing impaired individuals. All welcome. Info: call 947-9965, 692-2020, or 315-1976.

- **Golf Capital Chorus Annual Show** – 7 pm, Pinecrest High School auditorium, Pinehurst. Director Bruce Blanton will lead the chorus in traditional and up tempo arrangements, including an Armed Forces medley. Popular quartets, the Pinecrest High School Glee

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- **Election Day**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- **Project Linus Craft & Blanket Workshop** – 10 am – 3 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Choose what you want to work on! We will be making Christmas cards to sell and have fleece for blanket making. Bring lunch and plan to stay all day. Join us as we build our blanket inventory for Winter. Info: Pat Weber at 673-1457.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 1 pm, Seven Lakes



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- **Moore County Planning Board Meeting** – 6 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **5th Annual Junior League of Moore County Wine Tasting** – 6 pm - 8 pm, Elliott's on Linden, Pinehurst. Over forty wines available ranging in price from \$10 - \$90 a bottle. Sample the old favorites as well as new wines. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. Purchase at Prudential GOS Real Estate locations in Pinehurst & Southern Pines. Info: Brandee Bryant 585-1615 or 295-5504.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- **White Elephant Sale & Raffle** – 8 am - 1 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Pinehurst. The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary White Elephant Sale & Raffle. Furniture, household goods, sports equipment, fitness equipment, jewelry, linens, electronics, garden equipment, and lost more. Raffle tickets and baked goods. Proceeds benefit local agencies. Info:call 295-0830 or 215-5967.
- **Community Clean Up Day Seven Lakes North and**

South – all day. Free yard debris pickup by volunteers may be scheduled. Acceptable debris, such as pine cones, pine needles, leaves, tree and shrubbery clippings, and branches under four inches diameter, must be curb-side by 10 am. Volunteers or info: call Sue Zeller, 673-3130.

- **Mixed Paper Recycling Drive** – 9 am – 3 pm, Kangaroo Station in Fresh Market Shopping Center, Southern Pines. Sponsored by Keep Moore County Beautiful. Contact Joan Neal at 947-3478.
- **Honoring Moore County Veterans** – 10 am, Veterans Memorial, Carriage Oak Park, Carthage. Information, 947-3257.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- **Moore County Concert Band** – 2 pm, Carolina Hotel Grand Ballroom, Pinehurst. A free event, all are welcome.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- **Veteran's Day**
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 8 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes** – 3 pm, Game Room adjacent to SLLA offices. Chad Harthorn will speak about Smart Computing Magazine and its access on internet.

Goodie bags and door prizes. All are welcome.

- **Foxfire Village Council Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- **Seven Lakes American Red Cross Blood Mobile** – 1 pm – 6 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Please give the Gift of Life. For an appointment, please call 673-4931.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Open Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- **Pig-Pickin' Barbeque, Fashion Show & Card Party** – 11:30 am, West Side Park Community Center. Fundraiser for the Women of Seven Lakes with Phoenix Fashions, catered by Pik-n-Pig of Carthage. Card party continues in afternoon. New this year – a special Crafts feature, plus raffles and fun. Cost \$18/person. Reservations, Laura Douglass at 673-1817; or Tinkie Petterson at 673-1742 for more information. All are welcome!
- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Dr. Beth Lyerly, DVM, a Moore County veterinarian and a Master Gardener, will be speaking on "Winter Garden Interest."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- **Project Linus Fall Fun Day** – 10 am – 4 pm, at Bookshop By the Lakes & The Coffee Scene, Seven Lakes Business Village. Baked goods to taste & purchase, crafts for sale, door prizes, raffle items, and blanket making demos and kits for check out. Information, Pat Weber at 673-1457.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- **Cooking with Carmela: Simple Elegant Appetizers** – West Side Park Community Center. Demo followed by hands-on cooking workshop. Simple but elegant and festive appetizers for the holidays. Registration Thursday, November 6. Space limited. Cost \$12.50. Information, 673-5314.

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Date: November 10th • Day class: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Evening class: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: WSPCC Craft Room -lower Level
Cost: \$25 (All instruction and supplies included.)
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"Twins" Wreath Class

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Location: WSPCC craft room- lower level
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Children's Holiday Craft Classes

Childrens Greeting Card Class — ages 5 and up welcome
Under the instruction of Linda Rosskamp children will create Four Holiday cards for someone special using a variety of professional mediums-may want to bring a craft smock.
Date and Time: Dec 7th from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
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Embellished Star Ornament- all ages (ages 2,3,4 must be accompanied by adult)
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*Your choice of red, green or golden star
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Registration for all classes @ WSPCC office.
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Calendar for November

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3 Tomato Basil Soup ♥ Turkey Meatloaf Dinner	4 White Bean Chicken Chili ♥ Chicken Parmesan Dinner	5 Butternut Bisque Beef Enchiladas Dinner ♥	6 Vegetable Soup ♥ Bourbon Salmon Dinner ♥	7 New England Clam Chowder Vegetable Manicotti Dinner ♥
10 Split Pea with Barley Soup ♥ Italian Meatloaf Dinner	11 Goldie's Chili Chicken Pot Pie Dinner	12 Chicken Dumpling Soup Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	13 Mushroom & Wild Rice Soup ♥ Pecan-Crusted Tilapia Dinner	14 Manhattan Clam Chowder ♥ Smothered Pork Chops Dinner
17 Curried Carrot Soup ♥ Shepherd's Pie Dinner	18 Vegetarian Chili ♥ Rosemary Orange Chicken Dinner ♥	19 Mexican Meatball Soup Pot Roast Dinner	20 Potato Leek Soup Spice-Crusted Tilapia Dinner ♥	21 Shrimp & Corn Soup Chicken Enchiladas Dinner ♥
24 Navy Bean Soup ♥ Bombay Shrimp Curry Dinner ♥	25 Broccoli Spinach Soup ♥ Baked Spaghetti Dinner	26 Butternut Bisque Turkey Dinner	27	28

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On Wednesday, November 12 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, the American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. For an appointment, please call 673-4931.

The "Give a Little, Buy a Lot!" campaign is aimed at increasing blood and platelet donations during a time of year when distractions due to school schedules and the holidays often lead to a dangerous dip in the available blood supply. Anyone who gives blood or platelets through the Red Cross during the promotion period will be automatically entered to win one of three gift cards.

"This is a critical time of year for blood and platelet donations," said Robert F. Fechner, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross Carolinas Blood Services Region. "In addition to the gifts they'll give to family and friends this holiday season, we're asking people to also take the time to give the gift of life. This shopping card is one way we can show generous donors how much we appreciate that gift."

The American Red Cross Carolinas Blood Services Region provides life-saving blood to 103 hospitals and needs approximately 1,600 people to give blood and platelets each week-day to meet hospital demand. Accident victims as well as patients with cancer, sickle cell disease, blood disorders, and other illnesses receive life-saving transfusions every day. There is no substitute for blood and volunteer donors are the only source.

Blood can be safely donated every fifty-six days. Platelets can be given safely every two weeks, up to twenty-four times a year. Most healthy people age seventeen and older, who weigh at least 110 pounds, are eligible to donate blood and platelets.

Other November Blood Drive dates include:

Monday, November 17 from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Moore County Red Cross Chapter House at 244 S.W. Broad Street in Southern Pines. Appointments, call 692-8571.

Tuesday, November 18 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Road. No appointment needed.

Tuesday, November 18 from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Penick Village, E. Rhode Island Avenue in Southern Pines. Appointments, call 692-8571.

Thursday, November 20 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm at First

Health Fitness Center, 170 Memorial Drive in Pinehurst. Appointments, call 715-1834. **Friday, November 21** from 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Bascom

Chapel United Methodist Church, Bascom Chapel Road in Robbins. Appointments, call 464-2207.

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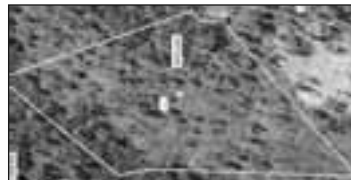


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Debris must be placed at the curb by 10:00 am on YDPUD. Only debris suitable for the disposal yard will be accepted.

Questions? Please call Sue Zeller at 673-3130.

Lions Strides Walk is Saturday

Join the Carthage Lions Club on Saturday, November 1 at Nancy Kiser Park in Carthage, for the Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness. Registration begins at 9:00 am, the 3K [two mile] walk at 10:00am. All funds raised will support diabetes research, as well as assist local visual and hearing impaired individuals. For more information, call 947-9965, 692-2020, or 315-1976.

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The Sophisticated Ladies are well-known in the area for their Rockette-style dancing with high kicks and jazzy moves.

With the holiday season approaching, the Sophisticated Ladies will be presenting holiday programs for nursing homes, assisted living care facilities, and charity events in the area. Anyone wishing a holiday program should contact Jo Ann Duncan at 295-2590.

Picture at right the Sophisticated Ladies are Mary Crusius, Carol Collins, Jonnie Ryon, Marlene Leonhard, Lois Owen, Madeline McGugan, Angie Huber, JoAnn Duncan, and Marin Myers. Owen and Huber are residents of Seven Lakes West.



The Sophisticated Ladies

Mental Illness Support Meeting

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Moore County [NAMI-MC] sponsors a local educational/support meeting on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, and a support-only meeting is held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. All meetings are held at the FirstHealth Conference Center located on the corner of Page Road and Rte 211, Pinehurst. For information call 295-1053 or visit www.nami-moorecounty.org



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Case in point: the other night I knew he was viewing some form of sporting event because I'd hear an occasional sigh, slamming down of the remote control, or abrupt pro-

fanities. Trying to be a good wife and at least feign interest, I eventually sucked it up and asked what he was watching.

"Baseball, football, some hock-

rolling my eyes but you'd have to check with Jim to know for sure.

While I've been known to play the occasional sport, being forced to sit still and watch televised play requires serious bribery or at the very least, heavy sedation. Tailgating, I'm there; Super Bowl parties, count me in; actually watching a game, ain't gonna do it.

No big surprise that I stick to chick fare and spend my evenings bonding with the Duggar, Gosselin, and Roloff families. Yeah, you ladies know who I'm talking about . . . but let me help out the men: that means I watch *17 Kids and Counting*, *Jon & Kate plus Eight*, and *Lit-*

tle People Bigger World.

If I get depressed watching Michele herd all those gorgeous little kids like so many Stepford ducklings, Kate and Amy's down-to-Earth attitude towards mothering always reassures any residual parental guilt leftover from my day. And if I'm really feeling down, a quick visit with Nanny 911 always cheers me.

Where in the world do they find these people?

Being a far more patient person, Darling Hubby will occasionally sit through one of my shows.

And this Fall, we had a few tender moments together under that flickering cathode ray glow

courtesy of the Presidential debates.

At least who Darling Hubby and I vote for is another carved-in-stone commonality in our marriage, unlike my parents. Though to save time, they have agreed to expedite the entire judicial process by not voting at all since, to their logic, their two opposing votes cancel each other out.

Outside of this self-imposed political dissonance, ironically what my parents do share is a love of sci-fi programming — and they choose to spend most evenings watching television — together.

What a concept!



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

ey, and uh, the World Series of Poker is on, too," he happily enthused.

I think I may have managed a "That's nice, honey," without

Inside the SLCC Driving Range meeting

On Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm, October 26, a full-house meeting was held at the Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] to discuss the proposed sale of the old practice range and to discuss giving the SLCC Board of Directors the authority to assume additional debt up to \$150,000.

A Powerpoint automated slide presentation was repeatedly played prior to the formal meeting showing what buyers the Club might be forced to accept if the members did not approve the sale to BVH Construction or to The Chapel in the Pines.

The Chapel entered the picture as a potential bidder after its

membership voted overwhelmingly to make a bid for the old practice range.

As of the meeting date, no monetary offers have been made by either party.

The members were also informed that a special assessment of \$936 per membership would be needed to meet the SLCC obligations if the practice range sale could not be accomplished.

In a letter to Chapel members, their Board of Directors stated that their purchase of the range could be instrumental in bringing peace to the community on a very controversial issue.

Questions raised reflected the

concerns of those in attendance. "Will the Country Club homes on the practice range be used for rentals with golf packages?" The answer was no.

"Will the Board of Directors consider another ballot allowing the members to vote for one bidder versus another bidder?" The answer was, "No. It would take too much time. Members should trust the elected board that they voted into office."

Another question was, "To date how much is owed to members who have turned in their equity certificates?" The answer

is \$367,700.

The second proposition for discussion was the proposal to incur a \$150,000 long-term debt. The Board stated the SLCC expenses have risen sharply

sibility of any fines levied by the Corps of Engineers in the future.

Cost cuts employed include a hiring freeze, no bonuses, no overtime, no new capital expenditures.

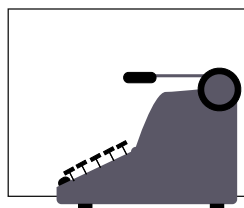
Remedial action employed include a \$20 per month increase in member dues, no Friday night dinner, increased meal prices, etc.

Future options for raising funds include assessments, increase loans, increase mortgage, sale of assets, etc.

The general consensus was that it was a constructive meeting directed by President Gordon Zeller, Secretary Wayne Woodard, and Treasurer Ken Colins.

Your Turn

Bob & Donna
Stephan
Seven Lakes South



during 2008. The cost of the new practice range, to date, is \$222,000 and will probably cost close to \$240,000 when the cart path and curbing are completed. This estimate excludes the pos-

Kudos for Dave Kinney

Dear Editor:

Kudos to Dave Kinney for the vision and leadership, as Chair, he brought to the Small Area A Steering Committee.

With the County Board of Commissioner's unanimous approval on October 21, this plan which will be the foundation as planning and development

moves forward around us, serves as a model for the other small areas in Moore County to use as a guide in crafting what is appropriate for their areas!

For the ten and a half years my wife and I have lived in Seven Lakes, Dave has been in the forefront of all the important issues facing our Seven Lakes

community and making them known to the County leaders. We all owe Dave a debt of gratitude for his unselfish dedication to our community!

Ray MacKay
Member, Area A
Steering Committee
Seven Lakes West

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Exercise in fantasy

Have you ever considered that, of the hordes of ideas that are stewing in your mind but rarely seem to boil up to a useable point, at least one might conceivably be implemented for the good of humanity?

Think of the tremendous potential there is for the release of an idea that could be seized upon by every citizen of the world and energized for the



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

equal good of self, neighbor, state, and nation.

What might that idea be? What huge, seemingly impractical thought might finally be harvested from some remote corner of the brain, leapt upon and refined

by the combined efforts of the world's most fertile minds, and finally, for the first time, pour over the Earth's surface like the relentless effluent of a huge volcano, feeding the hungering psyches of the human race at one and the same time – releasing in one majestic surge all of the potential for good that is in every human product of God's creation?

Impossible? Very likely, to be a bit realistic.

But if we just think hopefully and with thirst, that is in itself a step in the right direction. It brings us all a little closer.

Let us emphasize our commonalities, with lesser heed to our differences. That could help open the door for that one, elusive, all encompassing idea to emerge.

Moore Philharmonic concert is Sunday

The Moore Philharmonic Community Orchestra will perform an admission free Fall Concert on Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 pm, featuring major works in the symphony orchestra repertoire as well as exciting music based on the scary themes of mythical witches, ghosts, and demons. The concert will be held in the Owens Auditorium at Sandhills Community College.

"The Fall Concert is a new event for the Orchestra," said Eric Kopecky, Music Director and Conductor. "The number of concerts for the season has been expanded to three in an effort to provide an opportunity for the community to enjoy more of the world's greatest music completely free of charge.

Kopecky continued, "The themes are all in good fun and the music is sensational."

Program highlights include *Funeral March of a Marionette* by Charles Gounod [1813-1893]. Gounod originally wrote this composition as one of the movements of a Suite Burlesque, which was never finished. Yet, the Funeral March has never lost its charm and popularity.

Night on Bald Mountain by Rimsky-Korsakov. This symphonic tone poem was originally written by Modest Musorgsky and inspired by Russian literary works and legend. The theme is a witches, ghosts, and demons night on Bald Mountain. The Mountain top is taken over as these characters frolic through the night. At the close of the music, day break is beginning, the sun is rising and the witches and demons disappear.

Dance Macabre by Camille Saint-Saens. Originally written for voice and piano it was later

revised for full orchestra replacing the solo voice with the violin. The magnificent violin solo is played by Kaitlyn Johnson, a high school senior at Pine Grove School.

Nightmare before Christmas is an arrangement from the 1993 Tim Burton Halloween movie thriller of the same name. The film was nominated for five Oscar's.

Unfinished Symphony, by Franz Schubert. The Unfinished by Schubert was actually his eighth symphony. It was written in 1822 but not performed until several decades after his death. It features two fully orchestrated

movements. Some of Schubert's sketches and notes indicate that he intended to complete a traditional four movement symphony. Yet, in its two movement form, the Unfinished has become one Schubert's most popular compositions.

Toccata and Fugue by John Sebastian Bach. This powerful work was originally composed for organ sometime during 1703-1707. Over the years it has been transcribed many times for various solo and ensemble instruments. Leo Stokowski transcribed the work for full orchestra in 1927 and it became an imme-

diate international recording hit. His arrangement was used in the 1940 Disney film *Fantasia*. The MPO will be performing the Stokowski arrangement.

The Moore Philharmonic Orchestra [MPO] is organized to serve the community and to support music education. The members include adults and tal-

ented college, high school, and middle school students.

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Local Red Cross volunteers helped Gulf Coast

by Jim Johnson
Red Cross Volunteer
Seven Lakes West

The Red Cross has a long tradition worldwide of providing assistance to the less fortunate whether victims of major disasters such as recent hurricanes Gustaf and Ike along the Gulf Coast, wildfires in California, flooding along the Mississippi valley, earthquakes in China and Peru, cyclones in Myanmar, or tornados in the Midwest. Assistance is also provided to the victims of the more than 170 home fires that occur every day in the USA. The Red Cross also provides financial assistance and counseling to military families worldwide.

Recent hurricanes Gustaf and Ike resulted in extensive flooding, damage to housing, and devastation along the Gulf Coast. Several thousand Red Cross volunteers from many states together with local disaster relief agencies staffed more than 100 shelters for displaced families and prepared and served well more than 2.5 million meals, an effort that is continuing to-date.

Necessary activities cover a broad spectrum of activities from Individual Client Services for client casework, welfare information, health services, disaster mental health and recovery planning, and assistance. Mass Care includes bulk distribution, feeding, sheltering, and com-

munity programs. Material Support includes facilities management, warehousing and supply, transportation, procurement, communications, computer operations, and customer services. Staff Services is responsible for the well-being of Red Cross staff personnel. Organizational Support provides public relations services, leads fund raising activities, and provides compliance and ethics leadership. Skills of all types are necessary for efficient operations.

The local Moore County Chapter of the Red Cross sent twelve volunteers of the more than 3,500 that responded to assist in a variety of ways.

Breon Allen served three

weeks as a mental health professional working on disaster mental health and community outreach. Initially assigned to the Houston mega-shelter, then subsequently to shelters in Baytown and Oak Island. She assisted people distressed by storm, victims of assaults, reunited lost family members, and fostered bonding of victims.

Jon Bachelder spent three weeks deployed to Bay St Louis MS, a town which partnered with Southern Pines after Katrina. He was responsible for shelter operations in an area damaged primarily with flooding.

Jimmy Brock spent two weeks with operations at the Houston

mega-shelter which housed and fed as many as 1,100 people a day including forty with special needs. He said the work was long and hard with twelve hour days.

Pat Butcher was deployed for two weeks, first to Ft. Worth and then Kountz, Texas at a bulk distribution warehouse. His team spent ten days loading and unloading trucks delivering food to various locations.

Carol and Bob Dillman spent their eighth deployment with the Red Cross on a three week assignment to Ft. Worth Red Cross Headquarters. Their primary function was working direct-

(See "Volunteers," p. 33)



Moore County volunteers, left to right, back row – Jon Bachelder, Breon Allen, Jimmy Brock, Terry McDaniel, Bob Dillman, front row – Adam Small, Ron and Marilyn Flock, Carol Dillman. Not pictured, Melinda Katz, Pat Butcher, Steadman Mears



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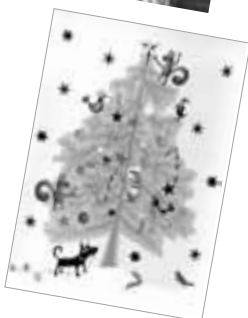
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Described by drama teacher Jennifer Zmiewsky as "Romeo and Juliet" without the kissing and everyone dying," the play includes thirty-three performers from fourth through ninth grade.

The club launched at the start

of the school year, and already, it has the highest participation of any club in the school. This play teaches club members about parody by allowing them to experience it firsthand.

The public is welcome to this

evening of side-splitting fun on Saturday, November 15 at 7:00 pm at Sandhills PCA.

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Kiwanis learn about insurance fraud

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Mary Ann Myers, a fraud investigator with State Farm Insurance, delivered a most interesting and energetic talk on the world of insurance fraud to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club on October 21. According to Myers, approximately \$200 of everyone's insurance premiums go to fight insurance fraud, a \$33 billion dollar business.

The number one form of fraud in the United States is tax evasion, followed closely by various forms of insurance fraud. If, after investigation of any particular case, the person is thought to be guilty, he or she must be arrested by the local police



Mary Ann Myers with Jim Ellis, Program Coordinator

department and the case turned over to the courts. Because of the heavy case load in most courts, these fraud cases are often dismissed which makes enforcement quite difficult. If this happens, the only other option is to contact either the State Insurance Commissioner or the NICB [National Insurance Crime Bureau].

Myers enumerated several types of fraud that have happened involving automobile insurance and homeowners insurance. It was interesting to hear all of the ingenious and imaginative ways that people have utilized to defraud the insurance

companies. One can't help but wonder what could happen if all that talent and effort could be utilized for honest and positive endeavor.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Visitors are always welcome.

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Jail Diversion is NAMI topic

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI-Moore County is having its monthly Educational/Support Meeting on Monday November 3 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at First Health Moore Regional Hospitals Conference Center - Room A, located on the corner of Route 211 and Page Road in Pinehurst.

The subject of the meeting will be the Post Booking Jail Diversion Program for the Mentally Ill. The guest speakers will be Mike Watson, CEO of the Sandhills Center for MH/DD/SAS

located in the Seven Lake Business District and Sherman Thompson Jail Diversion Coordinator for the Mental Health Association in NC.

Jails and Prisons are becoming the nations Mental Illness Institutions of the future.

The Post Booking Jail Diversion Program is designed to help alleviate this critical problem by helping people with a brain illness that are already incarcerated get the appropriate treatment.

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the courts move them from the criminal justice system to continue their treatment in the mental health system in their community

The Sandhills Center has contracted with MHA-NC to implement a Post Booking Jail Diversion Program in the eight counties of the Sandhills Center Local Management Entity.

Watson and Thompson will discuss why Jail Diversion programs are important and what they hope to accomplish with their program.

Mixed Paper Recycling 11/8

Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. is sponsoring a Mixed Paper Recycling Drive on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at the Kangaroo Station in the Fresh Market Shopping Center in Southern Pines.

Acceptable items include anything that is paper: paper grocery bags, flattened boxes, telephone books, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, corrugated cardboard, office paper, and newspapers.

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SLLA Meeting

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expenses," said Fulcher.

In the last five years, dues have increased once and the Association has dealt with large, unanticipated expenses for dam remediation projects.

"This Board is working hard and if you [members] want the kind of things mentioned, you're going to have to pay for it," Fulcher said.

Lakes & Dams

Emergency Action Plans [EAP] for each of the community's High Hazard Dams have been completed and will be submitted to the State, reported Director Don Truesdell.

Required by the North Carolina Departmental of Environment and Natural Resources, the plans provide Moore County with a list of all downstream properties at risk due to a dam failure. Truesdell said the \$70,000 cost of the EAPs was included in this year's budget and that Seven Lakes will complete the plans well in advance of the December 31, 2010 deadline.

Another key concern, Truesdell reported, is the lack of emergency drain valves at each dam — a requirement to obtain earthen dam permits today but not when Seven Lakes was developed. He said dam contractor S&ME was drafting a written strategy, which he would present to the Board, with suggestions on how to work with the State.

"If we are forced to install emergency drain valves it would be very expensive . . . and since it represents a safety item, it is possible we may not be grandfathered," explained Truesdell.

Concluding the Lakes & Dams Committee report, Truesdell encouraged all landowners to review their home records and identify when their septic system was last pumped.

Community Standards

Director Don Welch said the Community Standards Committee was trying to find ways to foster pride in the community, and added that they were looking forward to Clean Up Day on Saturday, November 8. Residents who do not have the means to transport yard debris for disposal are encouraged to call Sue Zeller at 673-3130 to arrange for pick up. All items must be

placed curbside by 10:00 am and only yard debris will be accepted.

Welch said that any unregistered boats and boat trailers parked at the Lake Sequoia storage lot will be disposed of by the Association at the end of November. If you own an unmarked boat or trailer located at the storage lot, contact the SLLA office at 673-4931.

Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane reported that many violation letters had been sent out, but the committee was very appreciative that residents were stepping up and correcting problems.

Recreation

Director Gary Caulk reported that many playground components from Northside Park have been removed over the last several years because of decay and safety issues.

"We have very little equipment left for children aged five to twelve," said Caulk.

He explained that for next year's budget, he intended to request funding for new equipment, but said he had recently become aware of an obesity grant program that could provide substantial savings to the

Association.

"It is a fifty percent off cost grant, but the offer expires November 14," said Caulk.

He asked for Board approval for \$14,000 plus shipping costs, noting that maintenance staff would install the equipment.

"This is good looking, nice equipment that will last twenty to thirty years," explained Caulk.

Shaver said he was in favor of the project.

"We have roughly 800 children and Seven Lakes will continue to grow. If we're going to want young people to become a part of this community we need to support them."

After discussion, the Board agreed to postpone the decision until Wednesday, November 12, pending a more comprehensive review of estimated total costs.

Beane reported that twenty-three residents participated in a trip to the State Fair in Raleigh and anyone interested in the Thursday, November 6 shopping trip to outlet stores in Smithfield should contact SLLA office at 673-4931.

The children's Halloween Carnival will be held Friday, October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and will feature games, refresh-

ments, and a Flashlight Egg Hunt at dusk.

Thanksgiving is a busy time for the Seven Lakes Stables. Reservations may be made beginning November 4 at 9:00 am.

Beautification

Director Sally Kindsvatter reported the Beautification Committee work day at Sequoia Point was very successful. She said short term goals included rebuilding the horseshoe pits — a project that will be completed by volunteers who frequently use that amenity — planting shade

trees behind the Sequoia beach area, and adding picnic tables, permanently installed grills, and additional garbage bins.

Kindsvatter is interested in resident feedback on how to prevent sand erosion at the beach and whether curbing or installing wooden landscape ties would be desirable.

Maintenance

In just three short weeks, newly hired Maintenance Supervisor Bob Darr has had a profound effect, improving staff

(See "SLLA Meeting" p. 32)

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Bob Bierbaum

SLLA Meeting

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morale and the condition of the Maintenance Yard, reported Director Bud Shaver.

During public comment, Frank Hayes, a sixteen-year resident, also spoke highly of Darr's contributions.

"For eleven years I've had a view of what I called 'The Dump,' but now I can call it 'The Maintenance Yard.' I'd like to thank Dalton and Bud for hiring a most capable supervisor in Bob Darr. This has been one of best improvements I've seen in a long time and I'm sure it is just the beginning."

A Northside resident, Darr was hired in early October as a temporary employee. He is overseeing all maintenance operations and completing a six-month comprehensive review of the department.

Shaver also reported that committee members are actively engaged in a survey of equipment valued under \$2,000; inspecting and prioritizing road repairs; identifying assigned slots at the boat storage lot; assisting Beautification Committee with grounds projects; and working with the Lakes & Dams Committee.

Surplus items from the Maintenance Yard will be auctioned [see page 42].

Security

"We've been steadily working and accomplishing many of our goals," reported Security Director Gary Caulk.

He said several priorities have been achieved, including providing first aid, CPR, and AED training for Roving Patrol, and developing a policy and procedures manual for security. Copies will be maintained in roving vehicles, gatehouses, and SLLA offices.

Roving Patrol Officer Mickey Lewis, a twenty-two year veteran officer with Seven Lakes, has been placed in the position of Security Supervisor announced Caulk. [See related story, page 5.]

Caulk requested approval to eliminate one line from the security camera system, deemed unnecessary by the Security Committee. He explained the change would provide an immediate savings of \$2,900 per year. He also reported the commit-

tee has identified a very qualified and reasonably-priced contractor to take over maintenance of the security gate system.

Both Shaver and Darr said better cameras and security were needed to control ongoing vandalism, particularly at Sequoia Point.

Architectural Review

A builder whose initial plans were recently denied by the Architectural Review Board [ARB] provided a completely modified plan, reported Kindsvatter, which was approved. Presently, the committee has not issued a permit pending receipt of the required builders fee.

Permits were approved for one new roof, three fences, a deck renovation, and some catch basins and drainage areas, reported Kindsvatter.

Public Comment

Ray Ulansey asked whether the Board could approach Ran-

dolph Electric and Progress Energy to see if redundancy could be installed providing service to residents should one system fail. He also praised the decision by The Chapel in the Pines to pursue the purchase of the old Seven Lakes Country Club practice range and offered a donation towards the purchase to Director and Chapel Pastor Don Welch.

Helen Pardue requested that yellow pavement markings on Seven Lakes roads be repainted.

President Randy Zielsdorf said that emailed agendas for Open Meetings would now include a two-page financial statement, so that members could review the data prior to the meeting.

Action Items

In other business:

- A recombination of lots 2257 and 2259R was approved unanimously. Fulcher said the original site included three

lots which had been converted to one, now two, separate building lots.

- The Board approved a two-

year contract for fireworks. Each display will cost \$6,300 plus an additional \$80 fuel surcharge.

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Baptist

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their growth was stunted because the room could hold only forty-four chairs.

Eventually, the church obtained the use of the entire building, however, more and more growth meant that services and other church activities were spread among twelve West End locations.

Hankins said he was very blessed and is particularly grateful to the late Carol Patterson, the former owner of the World of Children daycare facility, for allowing the church to use her facility for their nursery and Sunday School programming.

In 1998, Seven Lakes Baptist purchased the eight and half acre site where their new church was constructed in 2001. The sanctuary seats 350, and after yet more growth, Hankins introduced a second regular service each Sunday morning.

"It's amazing what God has done in twenty years here at Seven Lakes Baptist Church. We have truly been blessed," said Hankins.

Currently, there are four pastors on staff including Senior

Pastor Hankins, Worship Leader Jack Brewer, Assistant to the Pastor Tim Epling, and Pastor of Student Ministries Stuart Richardson. Janice Walters and Jenny Rose complete their professional staff.

"Our twentieth anniversary celebration went very smoothly and we're very excited about the future of our church," said Hankins.

"As we head into our next twenty years, we are moving towards more community involvement and outreach ministry. We want to help our community and will be involved in the community to make it a better place."

Hankins and his wife Mary, a teacher assistant at West End Elementary, lived in Seven Lakes North for twenty years before relocating to the Westside three years ago.

They have three daughters; Nikki Wilkins lives in Lynchburg with her husband, an evangelist; Christie Embler and her husband Jason, a Southern Pines Police K-9 officer live in Seven Lakes North; and their youngest, Katie Hankins is sophomore at Liberty University.

Volunteers

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ly with clients, finding and reuniting missing individuals. A new tool called the "Safe and Well" database is used to register missing individuals. Extensive work is required with the shelters, hospitals, and police agencies. Area Red Cross field and National Guard teams provided direct liaison with shelters in Tyler, Arlington, Galveston, Houston, and San Antonio. The Dillman's were able to resolve 200 cases plus provided staff training for a substantial number of volunteers.

Marilyn and Ron Flock served three weeks at Kelly Field Air Force Base shelter, a City of San Antonio facility. They worked the graveyard shift assisting with shelter and food service. The shelter where they worked could accommodate over 5,000 people and included a special needs area.

Melinda Katz spent her fourth deployment with the Red Cross serving five weeks in Missis-

sippi and Louisiana managing local Disaster Services and client casework.

Terry McDaniel served three weeks under various assignments to Ft. Worth Red Cross Headquarters, Kountze /Beaumont shelter, and a major food preparation facility.

Steadman Meares spent his second deployment with the Red Cross serving three weeks at the Houston Headquarters in staff relations and volunteer coordination. He is the Moore County Disaster Coordinator and Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] Trainer.

Adam Small spent two weeks deployed to locations in Jacksonville and Hattiesburg, MS, College Station and Galveston, TX, as an Emergency Response Vehicle [ERV] driver. An ERV is essentially a roving food pantry.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds, and counsels victims of disasters, provides nearly half of the nation's blood

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Westside meeting

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ping a parcel of Association-owned Westside land for one owned by the county.

- Working closely with Community-Manager-elect Joan Frost and other CAS personnel on the transition to CAS management of the community. She noted that landowners may begin to see some subtle changes in Association operations — including mailings on CAS letterhead generated from the Pinehurst and Charlotte offices.

"I am open to any questions," Fewkes said, noting that both her home phone number and email address were published. "I promise to answer any email," Fewkes added, "if my computer is working, hopefully in twenty-four hours."

West End Fire and Rescue

Tuesday night's meeting included a presentation by Westsider Eric Stromberg, an Assistant Chief with West End Fire and Rescue [WEFR].

The West End fire department, which was founded in 1954, has responsibility for about half of Seven Lakes West, Stromberg said. Under the leadership of current Chief Wayne Kennedy, the department was able to implement service upgrades that reduced its fire insurance rating from a nine to a six, potentially saving residents in their service area more than thirty percent on their homeowners insurance premiums.

WEFR has six full-time firefighters whose shifts allow the squad to have two fulltimers on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, Stromberg said. Volunteers back up these professional firefighters. The team handles 500 to 600 calls per year.

WEFR provides not only fire protection, but rescue squad and Emergency Medical Services as well. Squad members spend substantial amounts of time in

training, with 130-150 hours of training required to become a certified firefighter. Rescue, EMS, and Paramedic certifications require substantial addition training commitments.

Firefighters also often drive the area, familiarizing themselves with the road network, the location of fire hydrants, and water points, which are sources of water in the areas of the district not covered by hydrants.

Maintenance of both vehicles and equipment is another activity that consumes squad time — and is essential for maintaining the fire insurance rating.

Stromberg stressed several key things that homeowners can do to protect themselves against fire hazard. One of the most important, he said, was to make sure that house numbers are readily visible by emergency personnel looking for an address. WEFR sells highly reflective signs that are recommended for the purpose.

The Assistant Chief also encouraged residents to change the battery in their smoke detectors each spring and fall when they set their clocks back and forward — and to check any home fire extinguisher at the same time.

Recreation

Recreation Director Karen Milligan provided a printed list of the many SLWLA-Sponsored events coming up in November and December, including:

- New craft classes that include programs for both adults and children,
- A hands-on session of Cooking with Carmella coming up on November 15,
- The community tree lighting on December 7, and
- A children's Christmas party on December 14.

Information on these and other recreation programs is available on the Westside website at sevenlakeswest.org.

Library

Treasurer Kathy Kirst during Tuesday's meeting praised the work of the Seven Lakes West library committee, who maintain a collection of recent hardcover and paperback books on the lower level of the Community Center.

Kirst said the group had added 73 hardcovers and 211 paperbacks in the last week, weeding out some older titles. "They do a tremendous job and provide a tremendous service to the community," Kirst said.

Headed by Judy Pendleton, the committee includes Betsy Mikula, Duncan Tutton, Pat Mark, Mary Lois Tessier, Carolyn James, and Barbara Campbell.

Public comment

Bob Straley, who said he lives on Lewis Point recounted incidents of speeding by boats on the Fourth of July weekend, ask-

ing whether any enforcement of regulations was possible.

President Fewkes explained that the SLWLA does have a lake patrol and can access fines through the Judicial Committee — though legal work is underway to streamline that process.

Straley said he had cleaned up a large number of beer cans and bottles from around Pine Knoll Island after the Fourth. Fewkes said the board would be working next season with

the Sheriff's office and ABC officers to address the growing problem of underage drinking on and around the lake.

Eric Stromberg encouraged the board to invest in Automated Defibrillators for the Community Center and perhaps the pool area. Fewkes said the Board would be hearing from Buddy Spong of the Moore County Red Cross on just that subject during its November Work Session.

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Antique dealers from New York to Florida will be selling thousands of items in the climate-controlled Fair Barn. Among the items for sale include golf and equestrian memorabilia, furniture, porcelain, linens, pottery, oriental silks, art, cut and elegant glass, Sterling silver, clocks, fine china, jewelry, dolls, and other collectibles ranging from price from \$3 to \$10,000.

In addition to the Show and Sale, doll and crystal repair will be available and the Moore County Historical Association will be showcasing and selling photographs from their archives as well as offer gift items and books of North Carolina interest.

The Antiques Show and Sale, runs Friday, October 31 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday, November 1 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday, November 2 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Soil

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Question 6 – How should we balance the inevitability of growth with the need for conservation?

McLeod said there would come a time when the county would need to modify growth. A priority is to be sure there is enough water when people move in. "And there has to come a time when we say no," she said.

Huberth said as a member of the Planning Board he had struggled with this issue for "quite a few years." He said you must tie growth to infrastructure and not outpace what can be supported.

"We are right on the cusp of doing that now, which is why the Area A Plan recommending growth modifications is so important to the county," said Huberth.

Admission is \$6 [a \$1 off admission coupon is available on their website]. The event is sponsored by the Moore County Historical Association in cooperation with the Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department. Pro-

ceeds from ticket sales benefit the Historical Association.

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School Board

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knowledge of a foreign language.

Farren said that Moore County Schools strive for more than just reading, writing, and arithmetic, but she looked to reading as the basic fundamental skill that students must learn well.

Dennison also said reading was extremely important as well as the ability to work in teams, set goals, and know how to think. He said he would look to the community to help develop programs to meet expectations.

Question 4 – How would you make sure that school administrative positions are filled by African Americans and/or other minorities from within the district?

Farren said the county does work hard to promote minorities but there is not an abundance of candidates. She said there is a training academy in place to promote from within and the human resources is working hard to attract minority educators to Moore County.

Dennison said the board should set a goal if the community deems an issue important and then draft and implement an action plan.

"If you don't know what you want to do and how to get there, you'll never get there," said Dennison.

Lineberger said she was blessed to have a minority teacher in both her and her children's lives. She said she is interested in promoting minorities because every student "needs a role model that seems like them."

Kite said her son was fortunate to have a minority principal in Moore County but that the most important decision when hiring was to select the best qualified applicant.

Question 5 – What will you do to inspire students, parents, teachers, and the administration to recognize education as a golden opportunity?

Dennison said what you want to accomplish must be a worthy goal, everyone must know that goal and feel strong they can accomplish it.

Farren said the best thing she could do would be to listen to children and parents and to pro-

vide support to the schools so they could motivate their students. As a member of the community, she said she works hard to encourage individuals,

Kite said a community wide effort is what is important.

"We have to get parents to understand that with an education children can do so much more."

Lineberger said she has enjoyed working with and encouraging other parents.

"I was passionate about getting in and being involved with my school and am now ready to move on to help all the schools in Moore," said Lineberger. "I am inspired and hope to inspire others around me."

Question 6 – Can you explain the controversy over the IB program at Pinecrest High School, and what is your position on the issue?

Kite said she has read everything involved and is still confused. She said IB seems to be a great program and good opportunity for students to broaden knowledge.

Lineberger said she has a

child currently enrolled in the Middle Years IB program and another child who is enrolled in AP, IB, Honors, and technology courses as well as classes at Sandhills Community College.

"I am grateful for all the options because they allow our students to compete with students from around the state," said Lineberger.

Farren said there has been differing opinions causing conflict but she believes the IB program was implemented wrong from the beginning.

"We need to get our hands on it and run it properly," said Farren.

Dennison asked what were the goals when the IB program started and what objectives were going to be used to measure success. He said the Board should outline goals before initiating a program and then continue to monitor the program.

Question 7 – Is there any place for the teaching of Creationism in public schools?

Farren said educational curriculum in North Carolina is

handed down by the state and that in Moore County the schools do their best to teach that curriculum.

Dennison was not familiar with the subject of Creationism but said he did not feel it was a matter for the Board to decide, but rather a community's choice and the schools should implement what the public feels is important.

Lineberger said while she did not know the State's position

she personally did not have a problem with any accepted line of thinking being brought into our schools.

"We underestimate what students can take in and process," said Lineberger.

Kite said while the State operates using the Evolutionary rules of creation she said it was good for children to understand that there is a debate and many cre-

(See "School Board," p. 37)

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Judicial, DA Candidates

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sions. Through innovative methods, **Krueger** said she tried fifty-three jury cases last year and 258 felony cases. "We have reduced the time dramatically between when a case is charged and when it's resolved."

DA Question 2 – What programs could be imple-

mented to curtail gang activity in Moore County?

Krueger said she has talked to parents, teachers, and students, and found a strong disconnect between kids. "This is an emerging issue that needs our attention now." She said she supports gang prevention programming and prosecuting to the fullest. "Gang violence will not

be tolerated in Moore County."

Berk said he has handled a number of gang trials and is thoroughly familiar with ATF and gang prevention programs. He said it is important to be trained and recognize gang signs, colors, and behavior. He said the Street Gang Suppression Act allows counties to seize gang property and that habitual felon

laws allow for vigorous prosecution.

Judicial Question 2 – What do you think is the biggest problem in the judicial system in Moore County, and what suggestions would you have to solve this problem?

Wilkins said excessive delays

of criminal cases was the biggest problem. "We are, getting more and more coming in on the front end and falling farther behind. Justice delayed is justice denied."

"The problem is criminals," said **Quist**. She said there are 532 cases on calendar for tomorrow, and 250 on any average day. "A judge cannot hear that many cases. It's not physically possible." She said the answer is more taxes to provide for more courtrooms and judges. "There must be consequences," said **Quist**, for first offenses more than a stern talking too. She suggested restrictions and taking away rights that criminals enjoy – sometimes freedom, or the right to drive or own vehicles, educational programs, and required treatment programs.

Question – Are you for or against capital punishment?

Quist said she signed a document and was bound by judicial ethics to not answer that question.

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School Board

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ation viewpoints.

"We should not be teaching as right or wrong but an option that some in our country believe," said **Kite**.

Question 8 – Should Arts [ex. art, music, chorus] be included in basic education?

Dennison said the Board should ask the community what they want and if the majority agrees, the schools should offer it.

"Yes, yes, yes," said **Farren**, "but it is always a money issue. We do have to look at what can we afford."

Kite said the Arts should be a part of basic education and that Moore County students are fortunate that some options are still available as other school systems within the state have eliminated Arts programming.

Lineberger said Arts should be part of a sound basic education and that perhaps a better integration of curriculum could provide options. She said Arts

also provides a niche for some who do well in the Arts.

Question 9 – How involved should the Board be in addressing violence and behavioral issues?

Lineberger said the board has put many policies in place and that safety of schools and children is paramount.

Kite said safety of kids was most important priority aside from education and in many ways was just as important.

"Children can't learn when

they are afraid," said **Kite**.

Dennison agreed and said bullying was violence. He said the Board must ensure strong policies are in place with regular reporting of incidents as part of the Superintendent's annual evaluation by the Board.

Farren said the Board walks a fine line of not getting involved in day-to-day operations of the schools. She said the Board needs to support staff so they know if an incident is handled according to policy, they will be protected and supported.



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Question 2 – Do you support the concept of involuntary annexation? Why or why not?

"Absolutely not," said **Oudeh**. "If I have property and the State wants it, they will have to pay for it. We have rights under the Constitution."

Blake said under certain circumstances he would support involuntary annexation in a few instances, but the time must be appropriate with a major majority in favor.

"Yes, I do support the concept of involuntary annexation," said **Boles**. He said the annexation should provide meaningful and significant benefits to property owners.

Mangum also supported annexation saying the law has served North Carolina well. "It is a way to offer services that property owners need but you must have citizen input and consensus."

Question 3 – What specific proposals would you suggest for keeping and attracting new jobs for North Carolina workers?

"The best way to keep and attract jobs is to help businesses to remain solid and solvent," said **Mangum**. She said she would help small businesses grow through working with the Chamber to make sure there are clear concise regulations and policies, as well as tax credits, and local tax incentive dollars and State dollars to invite businesses into community.

Boles said North Carolina must reduce the corporate tax rate. "Small businesses need help now." He said jobs in the state begin in public school where we must recognize that not all students are college bound. **Boles** said we must invest in the educational system and provide quality trade programs as well as college prep curriculums.

Oudeh said North Carolina education and healthcare were priorities. He said good repre-

sentation was required to receive tax dollars back. **Oudeh** said we must balance economic and environmental needs.

Blake said one of the best ways to attract jobs was to do all we can in Raleigh to provide infrastructure to our communities. He also said that a dedicated trades high school should be established to provide first quality training for the many high technology companies attracted to North Carolina.

Question 4 – What will you do to alleviate sales & use tax and inventory tax for

small businesses?

"If I had my druthers I'd do away with all tax," said **Blake**. "However, sales tax I do support because everyone participates." He said reducing tax was difficult because there are many demands for money and not enough to go around.

"Tax, tax, tax, everybody wants money," said **Oudeh**. "I believe we should cut taxes and not add taxes. It is our obligation to ask the State to give some money back and invest it. I'm for lower taxes."

Boles said it is always easier to put taxes on and hard to get

them off. He said he supports tax reduction and would support eliminating the inventory tax.

Mangum said the state government is limited with few tools for taxing. "We need to look at reforming the tax code. My gut feeling is that people with the least should pay the least."

Question 5 – If elected, how would you feel about working "across the aisle" or with members of the other party?

Mangum said people are people and that she treats everyone (See "House," p. 39)

Judicial, DA

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Wilkins said he didn't recall signing anything and that, personally, he believed in capital punishment. "If justice was swift and sure as it should be, there would be more deterrence. The ultimate crime deserves the ultimate penalty." He said it was important to be very careful to ensure guilt.

Berk said as a District Attorney he would have no moral dilemma because that position does not comment or analyze laws, but simply enforces and prosecutes them.

"Absolutely no question, I support capital punishment," said **Krueger**. "It is not an easy or fun task and you have to do it with utmost moral certainty and know it is deserved beyond any shadow of doubt."

Question – Have you accepted contributions?

Wilkins said he was surprised to find that it is legal and ethical to accept up to \$1,000 from people that may appear in court. "I struggled with that and put a self-imposed limit of \$250 on

contributions. I don't want even the appearance of impropriety."

Quist said she had received some donations from attorneys and personal friends but not from lawyers who routinely appear in her court. "The funds are from me or personal friends – people who know me on a personal, not professional, level."

Krueger said that she has close friends and family in law enforcement, and she has accepted contributions from them and some attorneys. "You cannot be in this profession and be adversarial. I have worked in this day and night and gained professional friendships. It would be an insult to them to turn down donations because it might look wrong."

"I think it's wrong, the District Attorney practices in court every day," said **Berk**. "Taking money has two effects – soliciting is improper and a number of contributions gives rise to lack of public confidence. The DA should be completely neutral. I haven't accepted, wouldn't accept contributions, and won't."

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An anticipated presentation by BVH Construction was not provided during the meeting, however, in a telephone interview with *The Times* on Tuesday, owner Bob Van Houten said he remains interested in the project and was waiting to hear the outcome of the vote.

Several written questions were

submitted during the meeting, including a request to redraft the ballot in a manner that would allow members to vote approval for any one specific bid offer over another. That request was denied.

At the conclusion of the presentations, the Club announced that members could pull previously cast ballots and revote if desired prior to the Thursday,

October 30 deadline — an offer that Kinney said he took.

“I was dead set against the sale because it implied it would be sold to a developer, but I have now voted “yes” because I would like to see it [old practice range] sold to the Chapel,” he told *The Times*. “The Chapel winning would go a long way to making peace.”

Seven Lakes Landowners

Association [SLLA] Director and Club member Bud Shaver said his take-away from the meeting was the Club has no choice but to sell the property.

“A lot of things have happened with the impact of the economy. My view is the Country Club has done everything possible they can to control things,” said Shaver. “I don’t know how the vote will go, but I don’t see a choice.”

Shaver said that members of the SLCC Board of Directors are also members of the Association and, he believes, they will do what they think is right for both Country Club and the Association.

He said the idea of the land being purchased by the Chapel, of which he is also a member, has merit, but that there is a

financial downside which must be carefully weighed.

“Selling it [to the Chapel] will add no money to the coffers of the Chapel, add no members to the Country Club, and bring no money to the Association,” said Shaver. “There is a flip side to every coin, good and bad.”

Both Shaver and Kinney agreed that a Powerpoint presentation offered at the beginning of the Country Club meeting was intended as a joke. The slides presented included photographs of mobile homes and a motorcycle track as options for use of the old practice range.

Club members have until Thursday, October 30 at 5:00 pm to cast their vote either to approve or oppose the sale of the old practice range.

Chapel

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Speaking during the membership meeting, Chapel Board President Bob Jaeger thanked the congregation for their time and thoughts and expressed his hope that the decision to move forward would in no way divide the Chapel membership. Later that day, he and other members of the Chapel’s Board met with members of the Seven Lakes Country Club; however, a formal offer to purchase was apparently not made at that time.

Currently, the Chapel has no specific construction plans on the table. Welch said if the Club agreed to their offer, any future

building would be in keeping with the style and architecture of The Chapel. Simple and beautiful, the current sanctuary building makes a strong visual statement at the entrance gates of Seven Lakes North and South.

Built in 1976 on one-an-one half acres donated by Seven Lakes South developer Peter V. Tufts and Associates, the interdenominational Chapel was expanded in 1984 and 1998 and now seats 280. However, there is no space for classrooms or a Sunday School program. A sec-

ondary structure across the South Side entrance drive would allow for additional parking, explained Welch, and an educational building — or perhaps the opportunity to build a larger church and convert the existing building to classrooms and other work spaces.

Community members would be encouraged to assist with funding the land purchase if the Club accepts the Chapel’s offer. Any gifts for the purpose will be tax-deductible.

House

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with dignity and respect. “I feel certain I will be able to do the job and I will be there for you.”

Boles said he was not going to Raleigh to represent one interest, but all citizens of Moore County. “It’s important to work with everyone and there is a lot compromise... the bottom line is will it help and serve people’s best interest?

Oudeh said what is missing in society is the one thing we all have in common – that we are Americans. “I don’t care if you are Republican, Independent, or Democrat, I am looking for what is right for North Carolina.”

Blake said during his time in Raleigh he has enjoyed working with the Democrats. “I want to encourage good ideas. Working with people is a natural way to live.” He said he has been able to get several pieces of legislation passed because of having good relationships across the aisle.

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during County budget preparation and a comprehensive update will be reported every five years.

Following the vote, Steering Committee Chair Dave Kinney expressed his appreciation to the Board on behalf of the committee and the 81,000 citizens residing in Area A.

"I always thought of this endeavor as a journey – a journey to a better future for the citizens of Area A," said Kinney. "What we have completed is the first leg of a long journey. We've said where we want to go and, broadly speaking, how we want to get there. But the journey only ends when the stated objectives have been met and the stated goals have been achieved. The next leg of the journey is detailed planning of implementation."

State Transportation Improvement Plan

What was to be a basic update on the State Transportation Improvement Plan [STIP] became a battle of words and will between County and State officials during the Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, October 20.

Representatives from the Triangle Rural Planning Organization [TARPO] and North Carolina Department of Transportation came under fire by several County Commissioners after the Board learned that several proposed northern options for a NC 24/27 bypass of Carthage were still on NC-DOT

maps. Previously, the Board has expressed concern that a northern route would adversely affect the Needmoore community and, therefore, a southern route was recommended as the only reasonable and possible alternative.

Commissioner Larry Caddell said during his tenure as Mayor of Carthage, the northern route option was specifically declined by the town and he questioned why it remained on the maps as a potential bypass.

Taking a more direct approach to upbraiding the transportation officials, Commissioner Tim Lea said, "This Board has taken action – it's in the minutes. It seems if the County is not going in the direction DOT wants then more options are put on table rather than focusing on the routes and directions this Board and its stakeholders in the community have indicated they prefer. If this is the approach of DOT in addressing recommendations, then we don't need to spend thousands of hours of due process when you've already made up your mind. You can talk an issue to death and not say anything."

The Board also expressed significant concerns with the Rt. 211 road widening recommendations that included curbs, gutters, and sidewalks within the incorporated limits, and possibly Extra-Territorial District [ETJ], of Pinehurst.

Dave Kinney said he had reviewed five proposed plans to widen Rt. 211 from West End

to the Pinehurst traffic circle and at least one showed curbing and gutters from the circle out to Archie Road. Kinney said the effect of curbs and gutters cre-

ates storm water issues and would reduce the maximum speed to 45 mph which would diminish the benefits of a widened road.

The TARPO representative countered that curbs and gutters were used to control the release of storm water and were viewed (See "Commissioners," p. 41)

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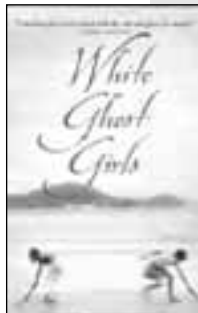
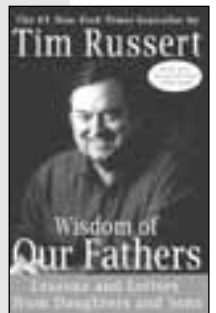
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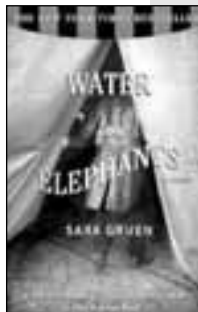
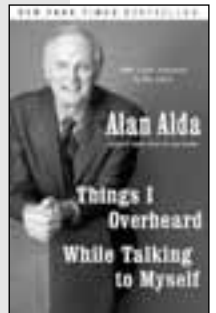
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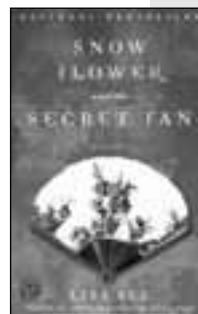
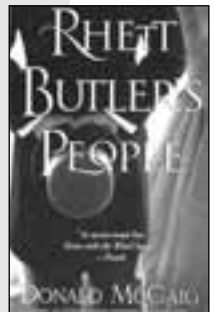
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as a desired feature in areas subject to high yield tropical storms. Responding to questions on responsibility to maintain sidewalks, he said that in rural areas there was some question as to whether the state or county would assume responsibility for ongoing maintenance. Addressing the controversial NC 24/27 bypass northern route, he said maps were drawn in a collaborative process between many agencies with emphasis placed on a route's community impact versus environmental impact on streams and freshwater sheds. However, he agreed to recommend a southern route for the proposed bypass.

During the STIP public hearing, Earl Ingram expressed opposition to conducting a feasibility study of a Western Connector for Pinehurst or any other proposal that would result in construction of a new road between West End and Hoffman Road areas. "This is simply a repackaging of the old Pinehurst bypass. It is feasible, of course, but a Western Connector cannot be constructed without destroying forest and farmland." Ingram recommended installing directional signage and improving existing connector roads. "Feasibility studies are not free. Our money should be spent wisely on projects that need it. A feasibility study is not harmless and can quickly evolve to an ill-advised project," said Ingram. Raczkowski recommended the Board submit a revised STIP plan including changes to remove any routes or connections through the Needmoore community and to include the six BRAC recommendations which were contained in the growth plan.

Lea amended the motion, seconded by Morgan, to delete the section containing the right-of-way acquisition for the Pinehurst bypass. His motion failed and the original resolution was approved in a 3-2 split vote.

Sandhills Center LME

A representative from the Sandhills Center Local Management Entity [LME] reported on mental health development and substance abuse services in Moore County. He explained that emphasis has been placed on crisis services and intervention with patients before a situation escalates to a costly hospital admission or Emergency

Room visit. Efforts underway include a jail diversion program and treating patients closer to home which aids in reintegration to the community after treatment.

The Sandhills LME is part of an eight-county network system which, he said, provides cost benefits and spreads valuable mental health resources throughout the area.

Other items

- Upon the recommendation of the Department of Social Services, the Board proclaimed November as Adoption Awareness Month.
- Approved contract amend-

ments to allow a financial review in lieu of an audit for the ten unincorporated fire stations located in Moore County, including Seven Lakes, West End, and Eagle Springs volunteer fire departments.

- Adopted the Identify Theft Prevention Program, a federally required mandate but the Board did not agree to fund the necessary software program. The County will need to purchase three programs, which identify Red Flag markers indicative of identity theft. Each program has an anticipated impact expense of \$15,000 plus a one-time cost of \$13 per individual account.

Appointments

Joan Sharkey was appointed to a three year term on the Nursing Home and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Dr. James Watson, DVM, was reappointed to serve as Animal Cruelty Officer.

Roy Hannah and Cynthia Ransom were appointed to fill two of three open slots on the RSVP Advisory Council.

Ann Robeson, Charlie Carlton, Mary Ellie Hunter, and Carter Whalen were appointed to fill four of five positions open on the Aging Advisory Council.



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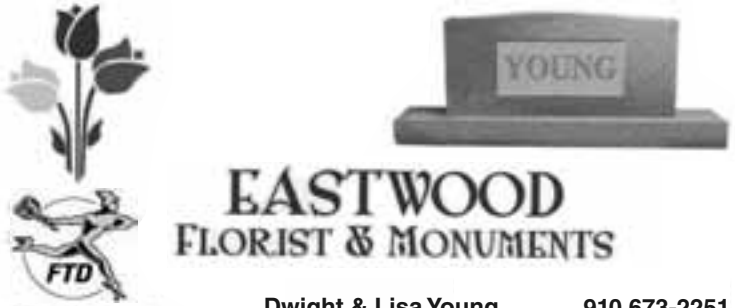
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