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Panel ponders Robbins water for Seven Lakes

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Is the mothballed water treatment plant in Robbins the best option for bringing more water to Seven Lakes?

Moore County and the Town of Robbins began formally working through the answer to that question on Tuesday, July 7 with the inaugural meeting of a joint committee that included Robbins Mayor Theron Bell, Town Commissioner Mark Garner, County Commissioners Larry Caddell and Jimmy Melton, and managers and staff members from both local governments. Dave Kinney and Dewitt Petterson of the Seven Lakes Civic Group were also in attendance.

They quickly discovered there is no easy answer to the question of whether the Robbins plant offers the best option for bringing more water to Seven Lakes.

Robbins is not sure how much control it wants to give up in exchange for county assistance in paying for the \$3 million upgrade the plant needs. Plus, Robbins is being courted by at least three other suitors at the

same time it's talking with the county: the Village of Pinehurst, Montgomery County, and Aqua NC, a for-profit operator of water systems. And the town has applied for federal economic stimulus funds that, if granted, might enable it to upgrade the plant on its own, without a partner.

The county, on the other hand, suspects it might be better off building a new, more modern plant in Robbins, and is confident that it can buy water from several sources at less than the cost of upgrading the Robbins plant and piping water from there to Seven Lakes. Plus, the county doesn't im-

(See "Robbins water," p. 28)

Water, Water Everywhere

The weather is hot and dry and, perhaps predictably, water is back on the agenda in Seven Lakes.

This issue of *The Times* has several stories that look at the various aspects of "The Water Question," including a briefing from the county on water plans, a new usage record set on July 4, and the first meeting of a new committee looking at whether it's practical to bring water from Robbins to Seven Lakes.

Pint-Sized Pros-to-Be



Collin Dutton (at left) of Foxfire won the US Kids Golf World Championship Qualifier in the Boys 6 and under classification at Beacon Ridge Country Club on July 2. The son of Mark and Maggie Dutton, Collin will be a first-grader at West End Elementary School this year. He joined by other qualifiers: Esmond Chen (Burlington), Darren Choi (Canada), Michael Keller (Holly Springs), and Philip Bailey (Holly Springs).

Club faces fine for range

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Seven Lakes Country Club's new practice range will cost an additional \$8,550 if a fine levied by the Army Corps of Engineers survives a thirty-day public comment period.

A Wednesday, June 24 Pub-

lic Notice released by the Corps' Wilmington District proposes to assess a "Class 1 Administrative Penalty" against the Club for violating the terms of a Nationwide Permit [NWP] issued to allow construction of the new practice range, which lies in the curve of Devonshire Avenue

near its intersection with Sandham Court in Seven Lakes South.

The Club did not respond to *The Times'* request for a comment on the matter.

The permit allowed the Club to place fill on 0.14 acres of wet-

(See "Fine," p. 29)

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Hey! Who took the gate grass?



SLLA Maintenance Supervisor Bob Darr gathers the sod.

In preparation for laying new Bermuda grass sod at the Seven Lakes North gate, Maintenance Supervisor Bob Darr and his crew spent two days clearing and leveling the entranceway, preserving the old sod which will be used to cover eroded areas at Timber and Sequoia Dams. Next week similar work will be completed at the Southside gate.

"It was all crabgrass here but we can reuse it to accomplish needed work on the dams," Darr said. "We think using sod will be more effective on cutting down erosion than seed and straw and the new Bermuda grass here at the gates will be beautiful."

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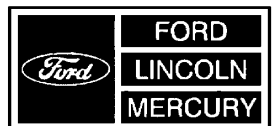
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Seven Lakes sets new record for water use

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Water usage in Seven Lakes has jumped more than fifty percent in the past two weeks, and more than doubled since March.

July 4 saw the highest ever usage of water in the system: Lakers consumed 885,523 gallons on that Saturday. (Production was actually even higher, at just under 907,000 gallons on July 2, but that total included some water lost through a break in a two-inch line on Oxford Court).

Dry weather and the use of treated water for irrigation are the undisputed cause of the record levels of water usage.

Moore County Public Works records rainfall at the Seven Lakes North water tank each morning. In the two week period leading up to July 4, the total was two one-hundredths of an inch.

The chart at right shows weekly water usage in the Seven Lakes system from March

through July 5, as well as rainfall as recorded by Public Works.

A tenth of an inch of rainfall recorded on July 6 dropped consumption back to just over 550,000 gallons.

Almost all of Seven Lakes water flows up from Pinehurst and the East Moore Water District, carried in a water main that follows NC Highway 211, pulled and pushed along by twin pumps in a booster station in front of West Pine Middle School.

On July 4, those pumps ran for nearly 21 hours. Running flat out, the system can pump approximately 1.1 million gallons in a 24 hour period. The two elevated tanks in Seven Lakes North and Seven Lakes West hold a total of 300,000 gallons of water.

Moore County Public Work Operations Manager Ben Vaughn told *The Times* that all county water customers remain under Stage 1 Voluntary Water Conservation, which encourages households and businesses to reduce water usage by twenty

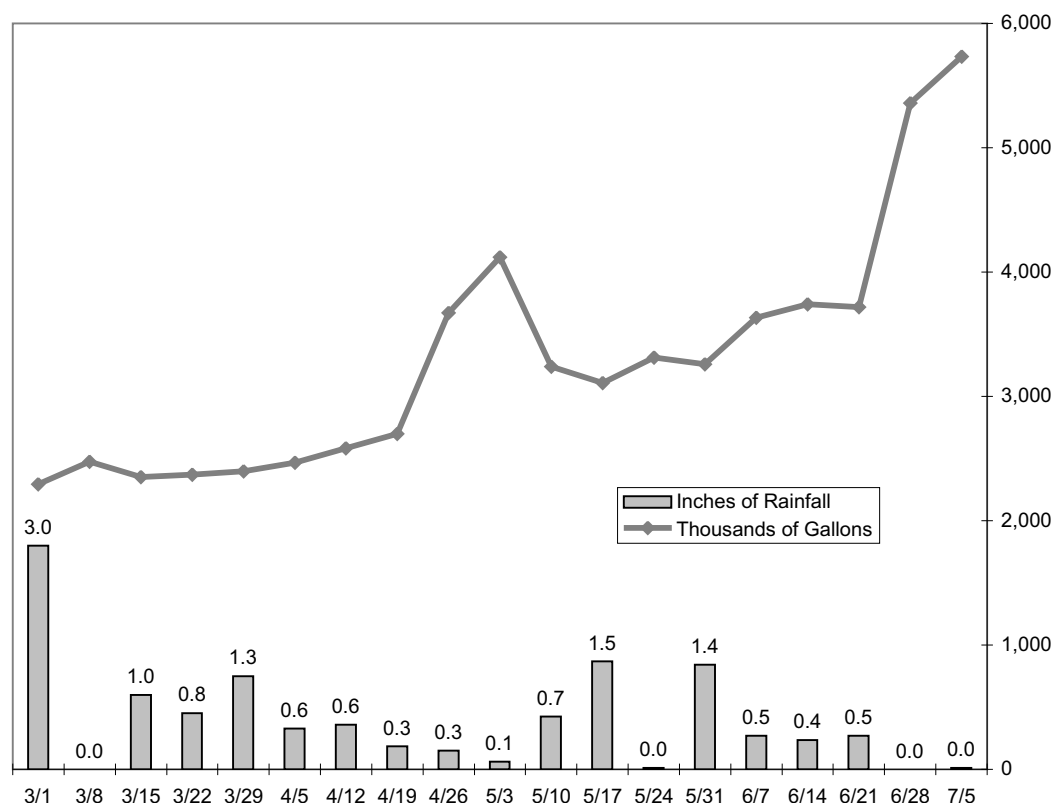
percent. The target for the Seven Lakes system is consumption of no more than 800,000 gallons per day.

Vaughn told *The Times* the

county considers a number of factors in deciding whether to move to mandatory conservation measures, including measuring groundwater levels at Seven

Lakes and Pinehurst well sites, tracking rainfall, and consulting the North Carolina Drought Monitor, which provides every Thursday. (See "Water record," p. 27)

Weekly Water Usage and Rainfall in Seven Lakes



Water Usage in Seven Lakes has jumped more than fifty percent in the past two weeks. Check our Seven Lakes Water Gauge on sevenlakestimes.net.



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County briefs Seven Lakes on water plans

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

It's clear that bringing more water, from a new source, to Seven Lakes and the surrounding area is high on Moore County's priority list.

It's less clear how long it may take to turn that priority into

water flowing from Seven Lakes taps.

That was the take-away from a June 29 community meeting on water supply options sponsored by the Seven Lakes Civic Group. The meeting included a presentation on Moore County Public Works capital projects and a

Q&A session with County Manager Cary McSwain, Public Works Director Dennis Brobst, and Public Works Operations Manager Ben Vaughn.

"It sounds like the chance of getting more water out here in our lifetime is slim to none," Civic Group member Dennis Roberts

said toward the end of the meeting, a conclusion that prompted protests from both Brobst and McSwain.

And, in fact, Public Works capital plans include at least three major projects aimed at improving Seven Lakes' water supply.

The first, penciled into Public Works capital plans for 2010, would bring water purchased from Montgomery County eight miles down NC Highway 211 from the west.

The second, on the drawing board for 2014, would bring water from the Town of Robbins ten miles down NC Highway 705 to Seven Lakes.

A third proposal, on the plan for 2015, would involve constructing a brand new water treatment plant in Robbins, complete with an intake in the Deep

River, which could further enhance the supply of water to Seven Lakes and other areas in the southern end of the county.

The Robbins projects are most likely an "either-or." It's unlikely that the County would help refurbish the Robbins plant and then immediately build a new plant in Robbins.

All three projects are on the Public Works capital improvement plan; none has been approved by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

And, despite the best efforts of Civic Group members during the June 29 meeting, neither Public Works Director Brobst nor County Manager McSwain could be nailed down on exactly when the Commissioners would be asked to approve any

(See "Civic Group," p. 22)

Progress slow on water

by Dave Kinney
Seven Lakes Civic Group

My take on the June 29 Seven Lakes community water supply meeting? I can't help but borrow from Tivia in *Fiddler On The Roof*, That is good, but on the other hand...."

It is good that our landowner association presidents participated. They, and the president of the Business Guild, are to make up the new community council.

On the other hand, the Business Guild was not represented and only one member of a landowners board attended (and he is also a member of the Civic Group Board).

It was good (possibly the best of the meeting) for the community council members to meet the County's water experts, to hear them first hand describe Public Utilities' list of projects, both short- and long-term, being developed to increase the water supply to the Seven Lakes system as well as to others in the County system.

On the other hand, it was abundantly clear that nothing had changed in the three months since the projects were presented to the Board of Commissioners and later to the County-wide Water Summit. These presentations had described each project in terms of estimated costs and proposed starting year, assuming the Commissioners' approval. Some projects were further described in terms of months to complete. We had hoped to hear more in the form of milestones...timing of the many critical steps on the road to more water.

It is good that our water supply at present is adequate, but with little rainfall in June, adequate only with everyone seriously curtailing their usage from what

they used earlier in the year.

On the other hand, we are still at risk. A booster pump failure or a main break, or both, could limit the supply for the better part of a day to the 300,000 gallons in the elevated storage tanks. Yes, we are totally dependent on the twelve-inch line from Pinehurst for our water.

Talking with County Manager Cary McSwain following the meeting, I couldn't help but

observe that the gestation period of an elephant is dwarfed by that of getting additional water to the Seven Lakes community.

My take overall? Largely informational for those getting involved in matters "beyond the gates." And that is good.

On the other hand, the fact remains, we still don't know when we will get that additional water.



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S.O.S. will sponsor talk by water expert

by Ruth Stolting, Secretary
Save Our Sandhills (SOS)

Save Our Sandhills will host guest speaker Bill Holman to give a talk on the topic "Water, A Valuable Resource in the 21st Century – Does North Carolina Need a Plan?" The meeting will be held Thursday, July 30 at 7 pm in the Southern Pines Civic Club at the corner of Ashe Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Concern about water needs in North Carolina has long been a problem for a state that has been growing in leaps and bounds, and has faced severe droughts and water shortages in recent years. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, North Carolina will grow to a population of 12 million by the year 2030, which is an increase of more than 50 percent from the tally made in the year 2000.

water downstream for South Carolina towns and industries.

Realizing that North Carolina needs to determine how much water will be needed to accommodate future growth, the legislature commissioned the North

Carolina Water Allocation Study to be written by Richard Whisnant of the University of North Carolina's School of Government and Bill Holman of Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solu-

tions. Each has impeccable credentials for the job they were given, and each one complements the other's area of expertise.

Holman is the former Secretary of the NC Department of Envi-

ronment & Natural Resources and former Executive Director of the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund. Richard Whisnant is Associate Professor of Public Law and Government, (See "S.O.S.," p. 32)

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North Carolina is one of only three states — North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama — that doesn't currently require big water users to obtain permits to make withdrawals. This is equivalent to North Carolina having its head in the sand. As Senator Dan Clodfelter, co-chairman of the Environmental Review commission has said, "We don't really have a comprehensive set of water policies. . . . We have to get ahead of the curve . . . or we'll wind up in the kind of water wars they've had for generations out West."

Already, we've had cross-border water demand conflicts. South Carolina has sued North Carolina in the US Supreme Court, contending that taking water from the Catawba and Yadkin rivers is leaving less

Foxfire approves no-tax-increase budget

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Foxfire's property tax rate will remain thirty-two cents per hundred dollars of valuation for the coming fiscal year, the Village Council decided in a Thursday, June 25 meeting dedicated principally to budget issues.

Working through the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget "was a very constructive process," Councilman Ed Lauer said after the various budget measures had all been approved by a unanimous vote of the council. "Especially in this time of economic challenges, the council worked very hard to stay within the current tax rate — which has been our pledge for a number of years."

The \$908,305 General Fund budget (which includes everything but the water department) represents an 18 percent increase over last year, Finance Officer Leslie Frusco told her fellow council members.

Almost all of that increase — on both the revenue and the expense side of the ledger — is tied to the Stonehill Pines development. The developers of the 1500 acre mixed use resort and subdivision have agreed to reimburse the Village the entire cost of a Quality Assurance Team created to monitor Stonehill's compliance with Village zoning and subdivision ordinances. That agreement is reflected in \$150,000 in additional revenues and \$150,000 in additional costs for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Economy cuts some Village revenues

Frusco explained that the economic downturn is likely to decrease a number of Village revenue streams, including an eighteen percent decrease in Powell Bill funds; a five percent decrease in revenue from the sales, communications, and local video taxes, and a half-percent reduction in the utility franchise tax.

Offsetting these decreases is an increase in the assessed value of real and personal property in the Village, driven in part by the annexation of new areas. Using figures provided by the Moore County Tax Department, Frusco said she anticipated a total valuation of nearly \$152 million, up more than \$22 million

— or 17 percent — from FY 2008-2009.

Projected expenditures are down in most village departments, with the most notable exception being a projected twenty-one percent increase in the cost of the contract with West End Fire and Rescue for fire protection in the village. Because the cost of that contract is tied to property valuations, it will increase as a result of the increased total value of property in the village.

Spending decreases in other departments include:

- Thirteen percent in road maintenance,
- Thirty-seven percent in Powell Bill-funded street repair and repaving,
- Thirteen percent in parks and pool, resulting from lower salary costs at the pool,

An eight percent reduction in expenditures is expected in the police department. Frusco noted that Stonehill Pines has agreed to pay the village \$50,000 toward the cost of adding an addition-

al officer to the force once construction gets underway on the resort's hotel, expected in Spring 2010.

The \$244,000 budget for the Village's water department is relatively unchanged from last year, Frusco told her fellow council members.

Budget includes \$182,000 in loan payments

The general fund and water department budgets include debt service on a number of loans undertaken to fund the Village Green municipal park, the Woodland Circle street extension project, and the drilling of additional wells in the village. Payments on these loans in FY 2009-2010 will total just under \$182,000. Answering a question from former Village Finance Officer Wally Peckitt, Frusco said approximately \$137,000 of that total represents interest payments.

The extension of Woodland Circle represents \$2.6 million of the Village's \$3.3 million in

indebtedness, and the full cost of that project is ultimately to be borne by the landowners along the currently unpaved portions of the street.

Until the work is complete, and the actual final cost of the project known, the Village cannot completely nail down each landowner's share of that cost. Frusco explained that chances are good that those numbers will be known before the 2009-2010 budget year ends in June 2010. However, for budgeting purposes, following advice from the NC League of Municipalities, Frusco projects a total charge of only \$103,000 in FY 2009-2010 — the actual cost of debt service for this year. If the project is completed on time,

the budget will be amended to reflect the full assessment.

Mayor George Erickson noted that the Woodland Circle loan has a term of fifteen years with no prepayment penalty and said it is possible the village could pay off the entire amount in five years. Once the full assessment for the project is levied on property owners, they can pay it off over five years if they so choose.

Asked what would happen if Woodland Circle property owners refuse to pay, Erickson said the Village would be forced to foreclose on those properties.

Capital reserve fund established

The Council approved establishing the fund. (See "Foxfire," p. 27)



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James Earl Marsh, 68, of West End, died Sunday, July 5, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Marsh attended Academy Heights School and operated a home improvement business.

Memorial services will be held at 3:00 pm Friday, July 10, at Simon Funeral Home chapel.

He is survived by his mother, Bessie Marsh Baldwin; wife, Shirley; sons, Bryan and Vann; daughters, Chante', Giselle, and Stacey; stepdaughter, Sheila; brothers, Louis, Eugene, Nathaniel, and Theodore; and thirteen grandchildren.

The family is being served by Simon Funeral Home of Southern Pines.

Dorothy Garrison Hussey, 90, formerly of West End, died Sunday, July 5, at Manor Care Health Services in Pinehurst.

Mrs. Hussey was born in Guilford County the daughter of the late Albert Hamilton and Mittie Hayworth Garrison.

She was a longtime member of Deep Creek Baptist Church. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 7 at Beulah Hill Baptist Church in West End, The Rev. Oscar Logwood officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. "Woody" Hussey.

Survivors include her son, Jimmy Hussey of Aberdeen; daughters, Arlene Felty of Bristol, TN.; Anne Aycock of Holden Beach; Nancy Dominey of Greensboro; brothers, Fred Garrison of West End, and Richard Garrison of Sanford; a sister, Gladys Shamblyn of West End; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation NC, P.O. Box 639, Wilson, NC 27894.

The family was assisted by Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst.

Tracy Wilbert Moore, 68, of the Windblow Community died on Saturday, July 4.

Mr. Moore was the former owner of Tracy's Carpets in

Seven Lakes and a member of Community Baptist Church in Candor.

He was the son of Elijah and Frannie Burns Moore and grew up in Robbins.

A memorial service was held at the Chapel in The Pines on Wednesday July 8. The Dr. Curtis Barbary, Rev Jimmy Hussey and Rev. Fred Richardson officiated.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Vineyard, William and Alvin and his son, Travis.

Survivors include wife of 20 years, Frances Hancock Moore, of Ellerbe; a son, Victor Moore of Highfalls; a daughter, Tammy Matthews of Highfalls; a step-son, Johnny Burr of Statesville; sisters, Wanda Green of Star and Lois Coble of Candor; brothers, Benford Moore and Eugene Morgan of Robbins; his grandchildren,

a great-granddaughter, niece and care giver, Tonya Palma.

Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Wayne Eugene Newcomer, 77, of Seven Lakes, died Monday, June 22, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Newcomer was born in Elkhart, Indiana, the son of the late Clyde E. and Dorothy Newcomer. He was the owner of Bob's Pizza in Seven Lakes for many years.

Memorial services were held at Seven Lakes Baptist on Saturday, June 27. Memorials donations may be made to Seven Lakes Baptist Church, 1015 Seven Lakes Dr., West End, NC 27376.


Mr. Newcomer was preceded in death by his wife, Wolsun Kang Newcomer.

He is survived by two sons,

Robert Smith Kendall, 86, died Tuesday, June 2, at Olde Knox Commons in Huntersville.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Monday, July 13, at West End Presbyterian Church with Dr. Larry Lyons officiating.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines assisted the family.



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Carl Chandler has a taste for trail dust

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

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A lifelong cowboy at heart, Chandler embarked on a real Wild West adventure recently spending a week at Scottsdale, Arizona-based Cowboy College before heading out to a Utah family ranch for a six day, sixty-five mile cattle drive.

"It was a slow process but a traditional Western experience — and that was the whole point. Unlike some dude ranches, we were doing a job and you didn't get to take a day off to rest," Chandler said. "We moved the herd from their 4,000 foot elevation Winter pasture to a 10,000 foot level Summer pasture."

A resident of McLendon Hills, Chandler knows quite a bit about both horses and hard work. A retired FBI agent and former Director of Security for the Washington Redskins, he also is the current and very first President of the McLendon Hills Property

Owners Association.

"When I retired, I wanted to have a horse and my wife wanted to be on the water. Living here we got both!"

Married for twenty-five years, his wife Cassie is also a retired FBI agent — who served as the highest ranking African-American female agent in the agency's 100-year history. She continues to commute to Charlotte as a banking executive. The couple settled into their home in 2007 combining architectural elements gleaned from favorite homes around the country.

"We've worked in a variety of offices from New Orleans to Los Angeles, to San Diego and San Francisco, to Washington, D.C."

During his career, Chandler specialized in white collar crime, and his last official assignment was at the White House working in the Drug Policy Office.

"But over the years whenever I've had an opportunity to do cattle work, I've done it!" laughed Chandler. "My wife loves to joke about our fifteenth anniversary trip

to Kauai in Hawaii. I found what I thought was a stable down the street from our hotel. I went by and ended up meeting the ranch

foreman and spent three of our seven day vacation working! Of course, I made sure she had plenty of spa treatments while I

was gone."

Chandler credits a childhood fascination with Western television. (See "Chandler," p. 13)



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Dr. Renée takes reins at 7 Lakes Chiropractic



Dr. Renée Cowan

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Bringing with her a passion for healing and professional expertise, Dr. Renée Cowan is busy settling into her new office at Seven Lakes Chiropractic with help from former owners Dr. Steve Jasinski and his wife, Cheryl, who said they are thrilled and delighted to welcome her to Seven Lakes following Dr. Richard Pasko's recent retirement.

Before becoming a doctor of chiropractic medicine, Cowan practiced massage therapy for ten years. She specializes in diversified chiropractic, applied kinesiology, sacral occipital technique, and nutritional consulting.

"Stress, poor diet, and injury can create imbalance. I work with a patient to identify any

causes of imbalance and then we work together to address these to optimize their quality of life," said Cowan. "I believe the body has infinite capacity to heal itself if given the right environment to live in: that is, the right nutrients, the right exercise, the right diet, and a good lifestyle and stress level."

"I help patients determine what their health goals are and assist them in identifying where they can make small changes that will help them reach those goals. It might be a nutritional supplement, a change of exercise, or even a massage," Cowan said.

She explained that chiropractic medicine is appropriate for all ages, from infants to elder care. Nutritional consulting is also offered and is especially helpful for patients with diabetes, high

blood pressure, and for weight loss needs.

Seven Lakes Chiropractic is located on Seven Lakes Drive in the business village. Dr. Renée Cowan is available for appointments Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 673-2225 [673-BACK].

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SL Baptists launch 'Angel Food' ministry

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Angel Food Ministries has arrived in town thanks to Seven Lakes Baptist Church and a small army of dedicated volunteers. In just its first month of operation, this new ministry is already assisting one hundred local families, but Host Site co-directors Les and Nancy Englehart of Seven Lakes North said they expect that number to grow exponentially.

"Angel Food is not a hand out – it is a hand up," said Englehart.

"We are here for anybody in these economic times that can just use a little bit of help with their food budget."

Since 1995, Angel Food Ministries has served over twelve million families in thirty-five states and continues to expand across the nation. Seven Lakes Baptist Church will serve as a host site for Moore County, assisting with distribution to churches from Aberdeen, Carthage, and Troy.

There is no purchase limit or qualifications to participate. Each \$30 box of Angel Food will assist in feeding a family of four for a week. Boxes must be pre-ordered and prepaid either in person at the church immediately after Sunday morning services or at the church's offices during business hours, Monday to Friday, or you may order on-line at www.angelfoodministries.com

Delivery and distribution is held the third week of each month at the Seven Lakes Baptist Church Family Life Center, located directly behind the church on Seven Lakes Drive.

Participants may select from three standard Angel Food boxes – each cost \$30 but contain approximately \$65 to \$75 in groceries. The Signature Box features traditional fare for meals to be cooked at home, the Senior-Convenience Box provides ten heat-and-serve meals, and the Allergen-Free Box has items that have been processed to eliminate the eight most common allergens; peanuts, soybeans, milk, eggs, fish, crustacea, tree nuts, and gluten.

With the purchase of a standard box, participants are then eligible to pre-order specials such as steaks or a fresh fruit and vegetable box. Each month the program offers a new menu of fresh, frozen, and packaged food.

"This is more of a cooperative – it is not a subsidized program. The food is purchased in bulk at a reduced rate and when they do that everyone benefits," Englehart explained.

"It has been Pastor [Ken] Hankins vision to get this ministry into

the community for some time," said Englehart. "And we also are so grateful to our many volunteers helping us. We couldn't

do this without them!"

For more information, please call Seven Lakes Baptist Church at 673-4656 or Les and Nancy

Mental Health Support Group

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.

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Chandler

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sion shows with inspiring his love of horses and cowboys.

"I grew up watching the *The Lone Ranger* and *Roy Rogers*. I guess I just never grew out of it," he said.

Over the years Chandler said he worked on several cattle drives in Montana accompanied by his son, Wyatt – a senior at Louisiana State University. However, he noted that while enthusiastic to ride, his son is not so quick to volunteer to sleep outside on the ground for a week anymore.

"In Utah, we had tents but as the week went on you get more tired and get less sleep," said Chandler. "When we finished, I was looking forward to both a hot shower and a comfortable mattress."

Working their way from St. George, Utah, through the Dixie and Bryce Canyon National Forests, Chandler was one of six hired hands who assisted the Heaton's – a Mormon family working land they have ranched for 130 years.

Chandler said the family moves the herd three times a year including a twelve-day trip

in October.

"I survived six days, but I'm not sure if I want to tackle twelve days, especially in Utah in the Winter."

He also said it was good to come home to his own custom saddle and horse, Harley, a ten-year old Tennessee Walker.

"I joke with the bike riders around here that I ride a Harley too!"

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Despite being down in the first two periods of the final game, a dramatic goal in the third period tied up the score 1-1.

Amazingly, with two players in the penalty box, the Antz held Charlotte scoreless in the final minute of the game forcing a nail-biting, heart stopping shootout and the Antz came out with the win and the Gold Medal!

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SATURDAY, JULY 11

- **Standard First Aid + Adult CPR/AED** – 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, American Red Cross Certification Course, Certification fee \$60, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.
- **Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc.** – 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Mixed Paper Recycling Drive, at the Kangaroo Station in the Fresh Market Shopping Center, Southern Pines. Acceptable items include anything that is paper: Paper grocery bags, flattened boxes, telephone books, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, flattened corrugated cardboard, shredded paper, office paper, and newspapers. Any type of Household Batteries, Inkjet Cartridges, and Cell Phones. Contact Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. at 910-947-3478.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- **Big Band from Chicago** – 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Eddie Barrett and the Goodman Legacy Orchestra will perform at Mr. P's (formerly Mint Julep's) 155 Hall Ave, Southern Pines. 603-7660.
- **Belford Baptist Church Vacation Bible School** – 6:30 pm, 925 Windblow Rd Jackson Springs. Starting July 12 through July 15. Young and old are welcome join and learn more about God.

MONDAY, JULY 13

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:30 am, Conference Room.
- **National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Sandhills Chapter 1895** – monthly meeting, 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines. Buck Kirk, Hospital Coordinator, will speak on the topic: Shriner's Hospital assisting disabled children. Chapter 1895 welcomes all Federal (including US Postal

Service) active employees, retirees, spouses and surviving spouses to monthly meetings. Information about NARFE available by contacting: Vilma Geisert (910) 215-5898 or George Sandoval (910) 246-9881.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 9 am, West Side Park Community Center.



What's When Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

- **Professional Rescuer CPR/AED Review** – 6:30 - 8:30 pm, American Red Cross Review/Recertification Course, (For Healthcare Providers & Lifeguards). Certification fee \$25, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

- **Standard First Aid Review** – 6:30 - 8:30 pm, American Red

Cross Review/Recertification Course. Certification fee \$25, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.

- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza (next to Peking Wok, Seven Lakes Plaza).

THURSDAY, JULY 16

- **Bingo Night** – at Our Lady of the Americas (every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month), 7 pm, 298 Farmers Market Road, off Hwy 211 (Exxon Station), just east of Hwy 220 near Candor. Doors open at

6:30 pm. Hot dogs, nachos w/cheese, movie popcorn, refreshments and other snacks, all for \$1.00 or less. Open to the public, over the age of 16. Information, call 910 673-4077. Mark your calendar for Elvis Bingo Night – Thursday, August 20, games start at 7:00 pm.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

- **Professional Rescuer CPR/AED** – 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, American Red Cross Certification Course, (Healthcare Providers), Certification Fee

\$60, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.

- **Solutions for Animals, Inc.** – 11 am to 5 pm, Join in for some Good Clean Fun! Dog Wash and Fun Festival Fundraiser for the whole Family at Carolina Horse Park at Five Points in West Hoke County (2814 Montrose Road, Raeford) – a 20 minute drive from Southern Pines between Aberdeen and Raeford in Hoke County. From Moore, turn off NC 211 at the Horse Park sign. Only you can make a difference in the lives of homeless animals. All Supplies Provided - Even the Bathers! Dog Wash \$5. Best Shaker Prizes

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- **Moore County Genealogical Society Open House** – 1 pm to 4 pm, 25th Anniversary. At the Moore County Agricul-

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MONDAY, JULY 20

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 2:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Community Presbyterian Church 125 Everett Rd., Pinehurst. Appt. call 692-8571.
- **101 Dalmatians-Kids** – Temple Theatre Summer Youth Conservatory 2 (July 20 thru August 9) The conservatory is for students ages 8 to 18. Fee is \$275. Rehearsals Monday - Friday from 12:30 to 5:30pm. Four Performances Aug. 7 at 7pm, Aug. 8 at 2 pm and 7 pm, and Aug. 9 at 2 pm. To register either call 919.774.4512 x221 or email templetheatre@windstream.net

THURSDAY, JULY 23

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 11:00 am - 3:30 pm, St. Joseph of the Pines (On the bus) 103 Gossman Dr., Southern Pines. Appt. call 246-1139.
- **Seven Lakes Business Guild** – 5:30 pm, monthly meeting. Hosted by FirstBank
- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review** – 6:00 - 8:30 pm, American Red Cross Review/Recertification Course. Certification fee \$25. 115 E.

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SATURDAY, JULY 25

- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED** – American Red Cross Certification Course, 8:00 am - 1:30 pm, Certification fee \$55, 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.
- **Open Auditions for 2009-2010 season.** – Temple Theatre. Auditions are by appointment only between 10am and 6pm. Appointments can be made by calling the Temple Theatre Business Office at (919) 774-4512, ext. 221. All those auditioning should bring two copies of headshot and resume, two contrasting monologues lasting no more than 2 minutes total, and a short selection from a pop song or musical theatre song with sheet music for piano accompanist or provide a CD for accompaniment.
- **Women of Promise** – 5:00 pm, hosting a Women's Program. Pastor Mary Lindsey of St. John from Derby, will be the guest speaker. Belford Baptist Church, 925 Windblow Rd Jackson Springs. Men, women and children welcome!

SUNDAY, JULY 26,

- **Southside Baptist Church**—designated Sunday, July 26 as "God & Country Day." Retired Marine Colonel Tyler Ryberg speak in Sunday School at 10:00 am, Morning Worship at 11:00 am, & at the Evening Service at 7:00 pm. Colonel Ryberg is Director of Worldwide Military Baptist Mis-

sions. Services are to recognize & honor all US military personnel, veterans as well as those currently serving our country. A small token of appreciation will be given to each of our special guests. A potluck dinner will be held after the morning service & all are welcome to attend. Public is cordially invited to attend these special services. 125 Cedar Creek Road, Biscoe. For information or directions contact Pastor Michael Lynn at 910 428-9243.

MONDAY, JULY 27

- **6th Annual First Bank/Coalition Golf Classic** – at National Golf Course. Be a part of Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care's largest annual fundraiser and help your Moore County neighbors. Entry fee \$150/player includes cart, greens fees, refreshments on course, breakfast, lunch, awards, and door prizes. Sponsorship and player opportunities available. Lottery tickets for foursome to play Forest Creek or Pinehurst No. 8 available. Information Eren Tatargasi at the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care, Mon.Friday, 1-5 pm, 693-1600.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- **American Red Cross Blood**

Drive – 1:30 - 6:00 pm, Penick Village, Penick Village North Bldg., Emmanuel Episcopal Ch., 100 E Rhode Island Ave. Ext., Southern Pines. 692-8571.

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association General Meeting** – 7:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Open Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 10 am - 2:30 pm, FirstHealth Fitness Center 170 Memorial Dr., Pinehurst. Call

715-1800 for appt.

- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza (next to Peking Wok, Seven Lakes Plaza).
- **Save Our Sandhills Hosts Expert On Water Allocation And Conservation** – 7 pm in the Southern Pines Civic Club, corner of Ashe St. & Pennsylvania Ave. Guest speaker Bill Holman to speak on the topic "Water, A Valuable Resource in the 21st Century – Does North Carolina Need a Plan?" Refreshments served following the discussion.

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Kiwanis learn about reverse mortgages



Stu Lopes of Dover Mortgage; Sherri Adams, Office Manager at CommunityOne Bank; and Dave Davies, Program Coordinator

by Frank Krohn,
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

At the June 23 meeting of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club, Stu Lopes of Dover Mortgage, an Affiliate of Community bank, gave an animated talk on reverse mortgages.

Reverse mortgages can be an attractive proposition to Seniors older than 62 who are in need of operating capital. Since 1989, reverse mortgages have been available to Seniors, and backed by the Federal Govt.

The main requirements are equity in one's home that can be turned into cash, and the counseling of a third party to the transaction. The third party coun-

seling is required so that the possibility of impropriety and scandal is eliminated, or at least greatly reduced. The FHA assumes the responsibility for any indebtedness at the death of the principle mortgage holder, which takes the burden of inherited debts off the backs of any heirs.

Introduced by Sherri Adams, Office Manager at CommunityOne Bank in Seven Lakes, Mr. Lopes created a good deal of interest among the largely Senior audience.

Seven Lakes Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Guests are always welcome.

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Genealogy Open House

The Moore County Genealogical Society will host a 25th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, July 18 from 1 pm to 4 pm. The event will be held at the Moore County Agricultural Center, 707 Pinehurst Avenue, Carthage (next to Pinelake Health & Rehabilitation Center).

Presentations include how to start your research, information available at the Register of Deeds office and LDS Family Center, and more.

There is something for the beginner, as well as, the experienced genealogist. Even if your roots are not in Moore County there will be something to help you. There will be show and tell items including vintage documents, textiles, occupational items, and more.

Refreshments served, and door prizes awarded, including a \$50 savings bond donated by First Bank.

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The Temple Theatre Company will hold open auditions on July 25. Temple Theatre is a regional, professional theatre company and will be casting for the upcoming 2009-2010 season.

Auditions are by appointment only between 10 am and 6 pm. Appointments can be made by calling the Temple Theatre Business Office at (919) 774-4512, ext. 221.

All those auditioning should bring two copies of headshot and resume, two contrasting monologues lasting no more than two (2) minutes total, and a short selection from a pop song or musical theatre song with sheet music for piano accompanist or provide a CD for accompaniment.

Auditions will be held in the theatre located at 120 Carthage Street in downtown Sanford. For more information on the 2009-2010 season visit the theatre's website at www.templeshows.com.

Temple Theatre 2009-2010 Main Stage Season:

Bingo! The Musical - September 3-20, 2009

Stones in His Pockets - October 15-November 1, 2009

A Christmas Carol - November 27-December 20, 2009

Blood Done Sign My Name - January 29-February 7, 2010

Marty's 'El Paso' - March 11-28, 2010

Rodgers & Hammerstein Classic Musical - April 29-May 16, 2010

Time to get fit at Kiwanis

By Frank Krohn
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

On June 9, Bob Joseph, a Certified Personal Trainer, helped the Seven Lakes Kiwanis understand the importance of staying in good physical shape, and more importantly, the aspects of physical fitness that are really important. The percentage of body fat is extremely important to monitor and recognize that as we age we lose muscle tissue, and have it replaced by body fat.

A well regimented program to get us to exercise properly can help considerably to keep body fat under control. An effective program to follow could be the FITT approach. FITT stands for: Frequency, Intensity, Time, and Type. Thirty minutes a day on this program could be a life saver.



Bob Joseph and Chad Beane, Program Coordinator

Sandhills Coalition Tourney

The staff and volunteers of the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care are gearing up for their largest annual fundraiser - the First Bank/Coalition Golf Classic tournament, Monday, July 27 at the National Golf Course.

In 2008, the tournament brought in \$35,000 for the Coalition, a 501c3 non profit that helps out thousands of Moore County residents each year by providing them with food, clothing and financial assistance during emergencies.

Entry fee is \$150 per player and includes cart greens fees, refreshments on the course, breakfast, lunch, awards and door prizes.

Volunteers are also selling lottery tickets for two prizes - a round of golf for four at either Forest Creek or Pinehurst No. 8. Two names will be drawn for the prize, the first name drawn will get his/her pick of which course they want to play. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win.

For more information on the tournament or anything the Coalition is doing, call 693-1600 or visit

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Certification fee \$60

Saturday, July 18

Professional Rescuer CPR/AED
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
(Healthcare Providers)
Certification Fee \$60

Wednesday, July 22

Standard First Aid
6:00 - 9:00 pm
Certification Fee \$35

Saturday, July 25

Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED
8:00 am - 1:30 pm
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Thursday, July 9

Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review
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Wednesday, July 15

Professional Rescuer CPR/AED Review
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Thursday, July 16

Standard First Aid Review
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Certification fee \$25

Thursday, July 23

Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED Review
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Certification fee \$25

*Classes take place at NEW location – 115 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, 910-692-8571.

Pinecrest PTSA wrap up

The Pinecrest High School PTSA recognized the Pinecrest Teacher of the Year Moore County Teacher of the Year Jayne Cummings with a gift from the association in a recent ceremony.

This is an annual acknowledgment from the organization to show appreciation to the Teacher of the Year. Cummings

teaches Exceptional Children.

The PTSA also gave a gift to Pinecrest Principal Joel County who was named Moore County Principal of the Year.

During the recent Senior Awards ceremonies, the PTSA announced their scholarship winners: First Place – Sarah Kruyer, \$1000; Second Place – Morgan Zoellner, \$750; and Third

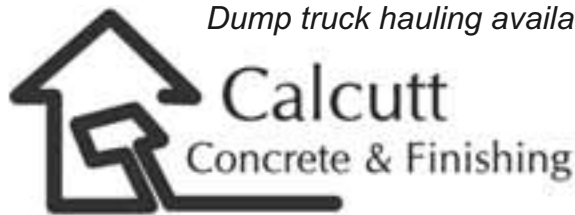
Place – Mary Catherine Wilkison, \$500.

Consideration for recognition is given to student members of the PTSA who submit an essay and application which is judged by non-PTSA community members. This is a merit based scholarship program which is given annually.



Angel Ocheltree, PTSA Secretary; Enola Lineberger, Past President; Principal Joel County; EC Teacher Jayne Cummings; Jennifer Pember, PTSA Military Liaison Committee; and Barbie Childress, PTSA Volunteer Committee.

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Moore County employees build Habitat home

Moore County employees are moving from their offices to outside! This dynamic group of employees, led by Wayne Vest and Chris Koltyk, has taken on a new project by "adopting" a Habitat house.

Every Saturday, for the next twelve weeks, a group of employees will donate their time and talent to the construction of LaShonda Dockery's home. On May 30, construction was started on the Moore County Employee Habitat House.

Moore County has an Employee Awareness Team made up of several Department Directors. Throughout the year, this group plans several activities geared toward raising employee awareness about the functions of all County Departments, increasing their involvement and interaction with the citizens of Moore County.

The Employee Awareness Team had discussed a Habitat project last year, but had several items already planned. This

year they decided to follow through with the project primarily because they wanted a project that would take place in Moore County and be community oriented.

Wayne Vest, one of the coordinators of the project, said "We also wanted to encourage all of our employees to participate in a project that would allow interaction with other employees and help break down barriers and build lines of communication. We felt that this project would give us an exciting opportunity to get folks together, outside their comfort zone, to work on a tangible and worthy project. The goal is "One Team – One Mission."

Habitat is excited about this project and hopes it sparks the interest in other businesses and groups. "Habitat exists because of our wonderful volunteers and it is truly a blessing that the County has come together to work on the Dockery house," said Judie Wiggins, Volunteer Coordinator at Habitat.



Moore County Employees are helping the LaShonda Ockery family build their Habitat Home.

Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club

The Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club meets at 10:00 am, the first Saturday of the month, at the Club's meeting house located at 3280 Jackson Springs Road in Jackson Springs.

The SPBC is open to anyone interested in the pointing dog breeds. Dog ownership is not required. For more information about the club, contact Donna Boyce at dboyce@nc.rr.com or 246-0190.



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Civic group

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of the projects.

"The positive message is, we're planning, and there is a path to get to a decision point," McSwain said.

No redundancy in Seven Lakes system

The county owns and operates the system that supplies water to the business and residential areas of Seven Lakes, as well as customers in McLendon Hills, West End, and along Love Grove Church Road. Though the system originally used local wells as its sole source of water, almost all of those have been closed because of both natural and environmental contamination, and Seven Lakes depends for its water supply on a pipeline that parallels NC Highway 211, bringing water from the county-owned water system in Pinehurst. That water is drawn from wells in Pinehurst and from the Cape Fear River in Harnett County, from which Moore County purchases treated water.

All of the water flowing into the Seven Lakes system comes through that single pipeline and the pumps that push the water uphill from Pinehurst; there is no redundancy in the system. That is why county leaders are looking to Montgomery County and Robbins -- as both a source of additional water supply and an opportunity to bring water to Seven Lakes from another direction.

The county wants redundancy in the system, but Brobst was quick to tamp down, during the Civic Group meeting, any suggestion that Seven Lakes was imperiled by having only one source of water.

"Our only source of water we have is the twelve-inch main that comes down 211 from Pinehurst," former Seven Lakes Landowners Association President Don Truesdell said. "There are a whole raft of scenarios that would cause a major crisis in Seven Lakes."

"We have a spare pump on the shelf, ready to go," Brobst said. "And if we were to have a main break, we know how to fix that."

Montgomery County Option

Bringing purchased water from Montgomery County, which has an intake in Lake Tillery on the

Pee Dee River, is first on Public Works' list of options for Seven Lakes, and it was the first option listed in a 2007 McGill Associates study of water supply options for the county.

Brobst said Public Works asked the Board of Commissioners to give the go-ahead on the project, but it "was voted down when presented as part of the capital budget ordinance" during last year's budgeting process.

"We would love to have proceeded with the Seven Lakes - Montgomery County connector," Brobst said. "We were this close. Then everyone advocated for the Robbins Connector instead." He noted that the Seven Lakes Civic Group was among those who encouraged the Commissioners to make the Robbins connector their top priority.

The Montgomery County connection would include the installation of an eight-mile long, twelve-inch water main along NC Highway 211 from Candor to Seven Lakes at an estimated cost of \$2.7 million. Because of the terrain, no booster pumps will be required as part of the project, though a new elevated tank near Candor and some other improvements to infrastructure within Montgomery County would be necessary. The \$2.7 million cost of the project includes more than \$400,000 for the tank and infrastructure improvements.

The Montgomery County connection could carry an additional 500,000 gallons per day to Seven Lakes, a fifty percent increase in the available water supply. The amount of water that Moore County can purchase from Montgomery County is limited by state "Interbasin Transfer" rules which restrict the movement of water from one river basin to another. Montgomery County's water is drawn from the Yadkin-Pee Dee river basin; Seven Lakes North and South are in the Cape Fear River Basin, while Seven Lakes West is in the Lumber River Basin.

Brobst told Civic Group members that he had some difficulty arranging a meeting with Montgomery County officials to discuss water purchases but felt that was simply a temporary delay.

"The Seven Lakes - Montgomery connector buys us four years to get the Robbins projects

going," Brobst said. "The numbers are good. Montgomery County water is reasonably priced."

Robbins Option

Robbins owns an older water treatment plant that has been mothballed for the four years since the water system's largest customer -- a Perdue chicken processing plant -- left town.

The town and county have formed a joint committee to examine how they could coop-

erate to bring the 1.5 million gallon per day plant back on line to provide water to the larger communities in the southern end of the county.

That committee held its first meeting on Tuesday, July 7. See our story on page 1 for more details.

The ten-mile twelve inch line, which would require booster pumps to move water from Robbins to Seven Lakes, is estimated to cost \$3.7 million -- and that does not include the cost of

rehabilitating the Robbins water plant.

Part of what makes the Robbins alternative so interesting is the town's proximity to the Deep River -- the county's only sizable source of surface water. Water could be pumped from an intake on the Deep River to a reservoir in Robbins, treated, and then pumped to supply southern Moore County. Public Work's 2015 plans include a new 1.5 million gallon per day

(See "Civic Group," p. 23)



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Both Whisnant and Holman have taken a pragmatic view of the situation. Whisnant has said, "We use water the same way a government or home that has no budget spends money. We have no water budget. We just hope everyone will be reasonable in how they use it. . . . It will be a big problem for us in the future."

Holman offers an additional perspective to the state's problem of burgeoning growth, "In the last century, we had a lot of water and not too many people. We're moving from an era of cheap and abundant water to an era of scarce and more valuable water. Water needs to be priced more appropriately." Everyone who pays a water bill, from homeowners to large industries, could be affected.

Realizing that much water information has been fragmented, Holman and Whisnant noted in their study that "Water systems and their managers are often excluded from local land decisions and regional economic development planning, includ-

ing construction of public schools, that increase demand for water, wastewater and stormwater services, increase operating and capital costs, and affect the ability of water systems to assure adequate water supplies and wastewater treatment for the future." Therefore, they solicited comments from planners and made revisions to their draft report to be as comprehensive as possible. Ultimately, they recommended:

1. developing water budgets for each of the state's 17 major river basins,
2. setting up a state permit system for all large withdrawals of water (large withdrawals being

considered 100,000 gallons of water per day or more),

3. establishing state goals for water conservation, and
4. charging rates sufficient to operate and maintain water systems properly. This latter point is essential considering that water systems not functioning properly can waste large amounts of water.

In his talk, Holman will discuss the Duke-UNC-CH Water Allocation Study Team's report and recommendations to the 2009 General Assembly, which has decided to carry over consideration of the Water Resources Policy Act (WRPA) to the 2010 legislative session.



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Civic Group

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plant, expandable to 3.5 million gallons per day, and a Deep River intake at a cost of \$10 million.

Even bringing moving water from Robbins to Southern Moore County will likely have to take into account interbasin transfer rules, because Robbins lies in the Cape Fear Basin and much of southern Moore County's population lies in the Lumber River Basin.

More information needed

"What I am hearing is that the Board of Commissioners is not going to approve pieces of a master plan," Civic Group President Dave Kinney asked at the end of the meeting, "they want to see the whole thing?"

"So to speak," County Manager McSwain replied.

"And to give them that we have to have more information from both Montgomery and Robbins," Brobst added.

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Editorial

Make time for public input

The Board of Directors of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] is in the midst of figuring out how to replace long time Community Manager Dalton Fulcher and how to restructure the Board's working relationship with Association management.

Kent Droppers is spearheading the first task; Denny Galford, the second. Both appear to be off to a solid start and the process appears to be moving right along. We applaud the efforts of the Board to approach these important questions in an informed and thoughtful manner.

We want to encourage the SLLA Board to include in their plan of attack ample — and formal — opportunity to tell the membership what the Board has learned about the options and to gather input on those options.

As at least one Board member has stated a number of times, the decision about how to manage the community going forward is one of the most important any SLLA Board has faced in at least a decade and is likely the most important any will face for some time to come.

Letters to the editor in recent editions of *The Times* suggest the public has a variety of thoughts to share on the proper course for the Association to take. The Board needs to avail itself of those thoughts, concerns, and questions from the membership, and it needs to do so before it has already made up its collective mind about what course to take.

It can be difficult, as a Board member immersed in the week-to-week progress toward a decision, to remember that the public is not similarly engaged. That's why making a special effort to step back, lay out the options, and take public comment is a key element in good decision making. School boards, planning boards, county boards, and even the state and federal governments make this a routine part of decision making on key issues. The SLLA Board of Directors should learn from these examples.

We'd suggest, first, that Droppers and Galford,

when they are ready, make extensive presentations on their findings and recommendations in a well-publicized meeting of the Association. The special presentation should be publicized two or three weeks in advance. Ideally, a print version of the presentation should be posted to the SLLA website so that folks who can't make the meeting can read it at home.

Once those presentations have been made, the Association should hold at least one special called meeting for the purpose of taking public input on the issue. Ideally, there would be two such meetings, one in the evening and one during the afternoon, to allow as much participation as possible. Written comments should be accepted as well, including via email.

Public hearings of this sort can vary in format. The county Board of Commissioners tends to use an "open mic" format in which members of the public are given three minutes to state their case in the presence of the decision makers. The NC Department of Transportation tends to gather public input through informal drop-in sessions, during which staff members can answer questions from the public about a project and then encourage them to submit comments in writing. The SLLA has used a similar process the past few years to field questions and gather input on its annual budget.

Both options have their pros and cons and either would likely do. The most important thing is to get the results of Droppers' and Galford's work in front of the membership and then to offer ample opportunity for the membership to weigh in before the Board makes its decision.

Is it a lot of extra trouble to do it this way?

Yes. But it will pay off in the long run with an Association membership that feels it was involved in the process in a serious and constructive way, and with a Board of Directors that can be confident it has heard the will of the people before making the most important decision any of its members will face during their term of office.

An All-American Celebration

Weren't the fireworks spectacular this year? Those soaring stars were the perfect backdrop for the Douglass family's red, white, and blue holiday.

We began our Americana weekend with a visit to a local farm for gentle pony rides for the little ones and extreme ATV trips for the brave and daring.

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Laura's Learning Curve
Laura Douglass

Personally, I managed to not fit in any of those categories and happily held down my end of the picnic table all afternoon.

Once the dust settled, we enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, corn on the cob and blueberry cobbler. All right, you got me — so, it wasn't apple pie!

Luckily, I made up for that minor *faux pas* the next afternoon as we took in a Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball game.

Now I've heard the big leagues called "The Show," but I assure you this game had plenty to show. From human sausage box races to sumo wrestling and musical chairs on portable toilets — sponsored by John's Plumbing, of course — the between-inning entertainment was not to be missed. But the best part was the dogs.

Ready at a second's notice, Miss Babe Ruth is a well-trained canine who trots out to collect discarded bats or offer fresh baseballs to the umpire. Not so well-trained or perhaps just less walked, her pal Yogi's job is to retrieve catapulted tennis balls. He started off well, tearing towards the outfield to the cheers of the crowd. But then . . . well, let's just say nature called: once

tisement lighting up the scoreboard every time a player fouled a ball over the stadium roof. This was not an infrequent event so they had plenty of chances to tout their wares.

Boston may have the Green Monster, but Greensboro seems to have its own Rooftop Ogre!

My princess and pirate had gamely brought along their mitts hoping for an errant ball, but between the stadium safety netting and that hungry roof, nothing came our way. Well, that is if you don't count an interesting assortment of hot dogs and other nutritious fare.

Yes indeed, there is nothing like a rock solid all-American weekend to bring out the best in our family and the worst in our diet. Now about that apple pie...

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LRA offers independent testing of lake water

Dear Editor:

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Over time, we will gain a more complete understanding of our

lake waters and how bacterial contamination may be influenced by seasonal changes in climate, water temperature, geese and other water fowl, unleashed dogs, watershed run-off, ageing septic systems and other incidental factors. The best way to obtain and make use of this knowledge is through a dedicated volunteer, non-profit organization.

The Lakeside Residents Association (LRA), will welcome any who are interested in this subject and who may be able to assist from time to time in the gathering of samples. These samples will then be incubated and after 24 hours, the results specific to Total Coliform and E.Coli will be enumerated. In the very

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number of youngsters who are most likely to accidentally ingest water while frolicking in it, and who have far less immunity than their elders.

Let us hear from you, if you are interested in participating in this program and/or if you would like us to test the water off your own property or dock.

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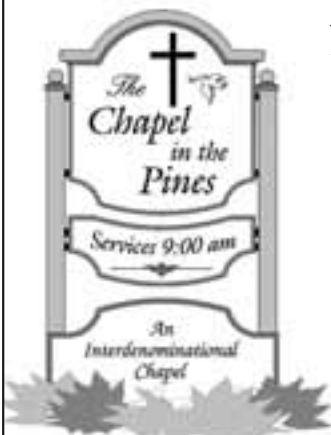
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Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

however small, and at seemingly unexpected times and with surprisingly good results.

Have you ever stood outside a store and said to the person parked next to you, "Isn't that a beautiful cloud formation up there?" She replied, "Yes, that's a cumulus cloud," followed by a brief but meaty discussion of weather, especially concerning the leading edges of that particular variety of formation.

We have the chance to learn something every day by getting out and around and coming up with a variety of utterances, one of which could spark an in-depth give-and-take resulting in a better grasp on life.

Yes, just saying "hi" and moving on misses the opportunity to build a little more on that precious quality called wondering.

SLLA Board must earn trust

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Seven Lakes Landowners Association Treasurer Denny Galford's statement at June's open meeting as reported in *The Times*.

The last part of his quote is "...the responsibility of owners to work with the board and not against it."

That implies an amount of respect on both parts, yet five of the present board members are carry-overs from last year and are the ones that voted to give Community Manager Dalton Fulcher \$75,000 to stay at home.

They did this behind closed doors, under the table, and then tried to hide it from the community. Did they show respect

for the community by doing this?

Yet, through Galford, we hear that they want the community to work with them and trust their judgement. Do these five think they're the "anointed ones?" That they know best?

Don't you feel these people should set the example and "earn" the community's respect first?

Also reported is that Galford wants to borrow approximately

\$400,000 to go towards paving the roads!

Wouldn't it be better to cut expenses to save money than to go into debt?

Of course, just look at his "accomplishments" at the Country Club. Fines from the Army Corps of Engineers, more debt on top of the over \$1 million they already owe.

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The outpouring of generosity

and love renews our faith in God. Robin's battle against mesothelioma is made a little easier knowing that she has so much support from so many caring people in our community. Thanks for your continued support — the cards, the visits, food, and the prayers are all so incredibly appreciated.

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To start your day right, set a large glass of water by your bed each night and drink it when you wake up. When the first thing that flows through your body each morning is water, it pulls out toxins left over from the previous day and freshens your system for the day ahead. Keep a bottle of water accessible throughout the day, whether you are on the go or at a desk. Having one close by will remind you to take a sip when thirsty. The first sip will usually let you know how much more water you need. Most people need to drink half their body weight in ounces daily to be sufficiently hy-

drated. If you drink most of your daily water before early evening, you most likely will not be thirsty before bed. This is good, because drinking before bed and then waking to use the bathroom disturbs your peaceful night's sleep.

What about quality? Some people like bottled water, while others prefer filtered water. The key is to like the taste of the water you are drinking, and the water should agree with your body. If the taste of plain water is unappealing, experiment to see how you can make it tasty and drinkable. Try adding a few mint leaves, a wedge of cucumber, a twist of parsley, slices of cucumber, a twist of lime or a squeeze of orange to make water more tempting, or to jazz up your routine. Also, drinking juice and eating raw fruits and vegetables contribute to the hydration process. So, splash in the waves, swim in the sun, drink plenty of water and enjoy the summer fun!

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Coker asks for ordinance prohibiting burning

Citing a recent incident in which a property owner cleared a lot and then burned the resulting debris without obtaining proper permits from Village Police, Councilwoman Page Coker asked the Planning and Zoning Committee to draft a new ordinance that would prohibit open burning in the Village.

Coker noted that the current ordinance requires a village permit, but landowners may be unaware of the ordinance and believe that a permit obtained from the county or the US Forestry Service allows them to burn debris. That is not the

case, Coker said.

She said she has not been issuing burning permits in the village because of concerns about air quality. Noting the restrictions on burning imposed by the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Division of Air Quality, Coker said she hoped the Planning and Zoning committee would develop similar restrictions.

Councilman Lauer used stronger language than Coker in expressing his concern about the recent burning incident and similar occurrences.

"Some folks have decided that they don't want to obey the village ordinances," Lauer said. "The county or whoever may not be aware of what our ordinances are, and they cannot excuse you from obeying the village ordinances."

"I'm going to see that we have some ordinances that have some teeth," Lauer said.

He cited the example of folks

who obtained well drilling permits from the county in order to attempt to bypass the Village's prohibition of private wells.

"We had their well closed," Lauer said. "County approval is meaningless if the Village has already told you 'No.' What goes on in these corporate limits is the Village's say so."

Other business

In other business conducted during their June 25 Special Meeting, the Foxfire Village Council:

- Approved a technical amendment to the ordinance annexing 440 acres owned by Robert Edwards that was

passed during the June 9 council meeting.

- Approved interlocal agreements with Moore County covering building inspections and flood damage prevention.
- Approved minor adjustments

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- Approved a water shortage response plan.
- Approved some minor adjustments to the FY 2008-2009 budget.



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Water Record

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day an update on the drought status of each county. As of June 30 — the most recent data as *The Times* went to press — none of the State's counties was classified as experiencing drought, though the entire Eastern coastal plain was shows as "abnormally dry."

The county's groundwater level has dropped a foot or more since November, but that can be explained by seasonal variation, Vaughn said. "The groundwater level is within its normal range," he added.

Less normal is rainfall in Seven

Lakes. Though March produced an above-normal amount of rain — and rain on several days during the month — county records show Seven Lakes suffering a rainfall deficit of nearly eight inches so far this year. Looking back over the past twelve months, that deficit is just under five inches.

The Times has added its daily Water Gauge back to the website at www.sevenlaketimes.net and will update that graph with daily usage figures as they are reported by Moore County Public Works.

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Robbins water

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diately need the roughly one million gallons of water the Robbins plant could pump into the county system.

On the other hand, both Robbins and Moore County officials expressed a strong interest in working together to study the options for the Robbins plant, and the meeting concluded with both sides pledging to bring concrete proposals to a second meeting, to be held some time in August.

Pricey Water?

The county's interest in bringing more water to the area around Seven Lakes stems from several factors: it's the fastest-growing part of the county, it's currently completely dependent on a single water line from Pinehurst, and, in the peak of the summer dry season, Seven Lakes is already using nearly 90 percent of the water the existing system can provide.

But is a pipeline from Robbins the right option? Moore County Public Works Director Dennis Brobst had done "a little ciphering" before the meeting and brought his calculator to the table. The Robbins plant will cost \$3 million to upgrade, he explained, taking that number from a McGill Associates study commissioned by the Town of Robbins. The pipe and pumps needed to move that water to Seven Lakes will cost \$3.7 million. Financing those projects over twenty years and adding in the cost of operating the plant, Brobst estimated that bringing water from Robbins to Seven Lakes would cost \$3.96 per thousand gallons.

"We are purchasing water from Harnett County, Southern Pines,

and Aberdeen," Brobst said. "We're paying \$2.00 to \$2.35."

"And that \$4.00 is going to be on the low side, from what I've seen," Commissioner Melton added.

Pulling water out of the Mid-dendorf Aquifer by drilling new wells in and near Pinehurst can be even cheaper. Brobst said that water costs the county about \$1.25 per thousand gallons. The county has several new wells on the drawing board.

Commissioner Caddell pointed out that the downturn in the economy has bids on major construction projects coming in at twenty percent or more below estimates, so a Robbins-Seven Lakes project might be less expensive than projected.

"Those numbers are based on information we thought was reasonable," Brobst said. "Whether it is even close, I don't know."

But it was clear that paying \$4.00 for water that could be had elsewhere at half the price could be a hard pill for Public Works to swallow.

Old Plant or New?

The Robbins Town Commission has made no secret of its preference for upgrading the existing water plant. It's an asset

that dates back the the 1930s but had been upgraded and was providing the town with water until its largest customer — a Perdue chicken processing plant — closed up shop a few years ago.

But Moore County Public Works Operations Manager Ben Vaughn offered strong arguments during Tuesday's meeting for building a completely new plant in Robbins.

Vaughn pointed out that the treatment technology used in the Robbins plant is fairly old-school and other, newer systems in use by Southern Pines and Carthage offer significant advantages from the standpoint of cost, operational simplicity, and potential for capacity upgrades.

Southern Pines uses a "super pulsator plant," while Carthage's treatment plant uses a "membrane system," Vaughn explained. He expressed some concern that the McGill Associates study of the Robbins plant upgrade — which has been released in draft form but is not yet complete — had not involved an analysis of whether the conventional treatment technology the plant uses, combined with Bear Creek as a raw water source, could produce water

that will meet ever stricter state water quality standards.

Vaughn was asked to visit the Robbins treatment facility by Commissioner Caddell and said he did so "with an operator's eye," asking "what's the best solution to give the operator the options needed to meet water quality standards."

It was apparent he concluded an operator would be happier with a new plant.

"We feel like the reservoir and the raw water pumping station are a keeper," Vaughn said. "You could just redirect the mains. That's why we felt a new facility would be advantageous."

Commissioner Caddell said that Carthage, during his term as its mayor, had spent \$2.2 million to construct a new one million gallon per day treatment plant. "We can up size that twice, to a total of three million gallons per day, without adding a single brick," Caddell said.

By contrast, the existing Robbins treatment plant, has a maximum capacity of 1.5 million gallons per day and is hemmed in by a bluff on one side and a railroad track on the other, making it's expansion doubtful. Both Caddell and Vaughn expressed

skepticism that it could ever be expanded.

On the other hand, Brobst and Vaughn said, a new \$1.5 million gallon per day plant would likely cost \$6 million at today's prices — twice the cost of upgrading the Robbins plant.

Wastewater Treatment

In addition to its water treatment plant, Robbins has a much newer wastewater treatment plant that was upgraded to service the chicken processing plant. The town has recently refinanced a \$1.3 million loan on that upgrade and is looking at \$70,000 per year in debt service for the next 20 years.

"That is something we would like to discuss with you," Mayor Theron Bell told county representatives, "because we have lots of overcapacity. We have 1.3 million in capacity and use less than 200,000. That plant is in pretty good shape."

But county officials seemed cool to the idea of shipping wastewater to Robbins for treatment. The county's wastewater treatment plant in Addor is about as far geographically as one could get from the Robbins plant

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Fine

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lands that drain into an unnamed creek that is part of the Little River Watershed. According to the Public Notice: "Seven Lakes Country Club, Inc. failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the subject NWP. Specifically, the permittee failed to properly maintain authorized fill, failed to maintain appropriate soil erosion and sediment control measures, failed to provide and maintain water quality management measures, and conducted excavation and discharged fill material fill within waters and wetlands beyond the permitted areas."

The Corps notified the Club that it was in violation of its permit in April of last year and required that SLCC develop a plan for corrective action. At the time, then Club President Gordon Zeller told *The Times* that much of the problem could be blamed on slow grass and heavy rain. The Club decided to seed the new range, instead of sodding it to achieve a quick coverage of grass once the dirt work was complete. Germination of the seed failed to outrun spring rains and the result was more erosion than the NWP allowed.

Once notified of the problem, the Club moved quickly to sod the

steeply-sloped range and then retained Southern Pines Consulting Engineer Jay Carter to develop a remediation plan that was ultimately approved by the Corps. The same erosion problems also caught the attention of state environmental agencies and the Moore County Planning Department, all of which notified the club that they would be monitoring the remediation.

Corps Attorney Justin McCorcle told *The Times* in April 2008 that an administrative fine was likely but would not be assessed until after SLCC had completed the agreed-upon remediation. The Corps on its own authority can issue fines of up to \$11,000 per violation and up to a total of \$27,500 per offender. Because the Corps cited the Club for multiple permit violations, SLCC could have faced that maximum \$27,500 fine.

The Public Notice issued Wednesday serves notice that the Corps intends to levy a \$8,550 fine, but that amount could change based on input received during a thirty day comment period triggered by the notice. Any member of the public can submit comments during that timeframe, and the Club has the right to request a public hearing in order to present evidence and dispute the assessed fine.

McCorcle told *The Times* that, "in the history of the Wilmington District, no one has ever requested a hearing." He explained that the legal costs involved in preparing for a hearing would likely exceed the cost of the fine.

Comments should be directed to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: Justin McCorcle (CESAW-OC), 69 Darlington Avenue, Wilmington, North Car-

olina 28403.

If the Club does not request a hearing, then the District Commander may issue a final order levying the fine.

A copy of the Public Notice is available for download on *The Times'* website at www.seven-lakestimes.net.

Robbins water

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and remain in the same county, and Public Work's capital plans include a major expansion of the Addor plant.

The most likely customer for the Robbins plant is Seven Lakes, which has no installed sewer infrastructure.

At the end of the meeting, as both sides gathered their marching orders, Public Works Director Brobst asked, "Does the wastewater treatment plant have to be part of this?"

"That would be good," Mayor Bell replied.

"Long term it's a good idea," Seven Lakes Civic Group President Dave Kinney said, "but do we really need to get rid of septic systems now. We'll choke a little bit to pay for this new water, I'm not sure folks will want to choke on wastewater."

"We need to look at both options," Commissioner Melton said, "with wastewater and without."

"It could be a sticking point," he warned. "We're trying everything we can to put something together. We need to look at both options."

Too much water?

Though all the conversation about water in Moore County is focused on increasing supplies, the demand for water varies dramatically season to season. Seven Lakes averages 500,000 gallons per day, but can use as little as 350,000 gallons per day in winter months and nearly 900,000 gallons per day in the

summer.

Any agreement with Robbins would have to give the county some flexibility in deciding how much water it needs, and when, Brobst said

"Right now I don't have a market to sell a million gallons per day," he told the committee.

"If we were to take a million gallons per day, I have to shut down wells where I produce water for \$1.25 per gallon so that I can buy water for \$3.96."



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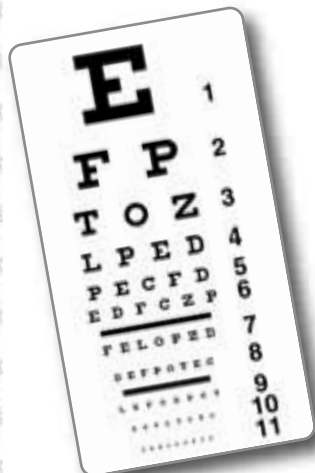
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