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## Tests on Sequoia Dam come with big price tag

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Sequoia Dam has a wet spot — a condition that dates back to 1980 — and finding out what's causing it could be very expensive.

"We have a problem. We just don't know how bad it is. Each year the State says to keep an eye on it and make sure it doesn't get worse," Community Manager Dalton Fulcher told the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors during the Monday, October 12 Work Session.

However, a piezometer test well drilled last month overflowed

with water, increasing the level of concern. An engineer's report proving that the condition is not a serious problem may now be required, Fulcher said.

The engineering firm S&ME has proposed a \$22,000 contract to bore for a cylinder sample that would be taken off-site for soil testing. Fulcher recommended increasing the contract to accommodate three cylinder samples — each bore costs \$1,500.

While the dam repair budget is sufficient to cover the cost of the contract, a roundtable discussion of the Board put the brakes on a quick approval.

"This work needs to be done,

but we may not be getting the best price," Director Kent Dropers argued. "How do we know?"

Fulcher said he would provide figures for comparison prior to a vote at the October 28 Open Meeting.

He reminded the board that, if the repairs are state-mandated, funding could be redirected from the road paving reserve.

### System of Governance

An organizational chart and descriptive narrative of appropriate responsibilities, distributed by Treasurer Denny Galford during the Work Session, spurred

(See "SLLA," p. 28)

## Pinehurst flirts with replacing county utilities

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Would the Village of Pinehurst really build a brand-new parallel water and sewer system overtop of the county-owned system that currently serves residents and businesses in the Village -- stealing more than half the county's water customers and more than three-quarters of its utilities revenue?

Or is that idea more of a threat -- revving the engine in an elaborate game of chicken -- aimed at bringing the Moore County

Board of Commissioners to the table in a regional utilities cooperative that will provide customers for a Scotland County water and sewer complex on the Lumber River that Pinehurst intends to buy?

If Pinehurst Councilman Jeff Dawson is playing chicken, he has his hotrod in gear, his foot firmly planted on the accelerator, and an unmistakable glint of determination in his eye.

Dawson was the primary speaker at a Thursday, October 1 public information ses-

sion on the Village's plan to buy the Wagram complex -- a water intake, water treatment plant, wastewater treatment plant, and 198-acres for possible expansion -- for \$5.5 million from well-known investor Carl Icahn.

A crowd of Villagers, along with Commissioner Tim Lea, NC Senator Harris Blake, and NC Representative Jamie Boles, were on hand for the hour-long presentation and question and answer session.

"The Village has always had a

(See "Pinehurst," p. 27)

## I get 50! You get 50!



**Shirley Sikkema of Lakeview Construction** was the prime mover and shaker behind the Seven Lakes Area Business Guild's successful Fall Festival on Saturday, October 10, from selling booths to hustling 50/50 raffle tickets.

## Foxfire pool's a pricey perk

Swimming pools are a costly recreational amenity — perhaps even more than anticipated, the Foxfire Village Council discovered.

"Basically we have a net deficiency of \$28,000," Finance Director Leslie Frusco told the Foxfire Village Council on Tuesday, October 13.

She reported 2009 pool revenue through sales of daily and

(See "Foxfire," p. 23)

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# Pusser's Pumpkins



Larry & Dale Pusser with some of Todd's creations

Todd Pusser's artfully carved pumpkins will be on display Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31 from dark to 10:30 pm. You never know what character will show up in the pumpkin patch like —Pooh, Tigger, or Mickey Mouse — to name a few.

There is no charge to attend; however, a donation of canned goods or money to benefit the Cameron Boys Home will be appreciated.

The Pusser home is located off Highway 211 between Eagle Springs and Jackson Springs. Turn on Flowers Road go past TH Blue's mulch business, and travel approximately two miles.

The pumpkin display will be on the right at 1100 Flowers Road.

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# Chapel in the Pines Rummage Sale is this Saturday!

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, at the Old West End Gym, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

All proceeds from sales will be utilized by the Community Christmas Fund to purchase gifts for needy families in Moore County and food vouchers for Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter meals.

The Chapel needs donations of housewares, jewelry, sporting goods, computers, television, toys, etc. Clothing

items must be cleaned and sized. Trucks will be available to pick up large items or furniture.

Please deliver all donations to the Old West End Gym on Friday, October 16, between the hours of 7:30 am and 12:00 Noon. No donations will be accepted after 12:00 Noon.

Please call Butch Allen (910 673-3312) or Don Truesdell (910 673-1509) with any questions about donations or to volunteer to help on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, October 15-17.

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# Commissioners balk at bank account switch

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Moore County's Finance Department is having a tough time moving its business to a new bank. For the second meeting in a row, Finance Director Lisa Hughes has asked the Board of Commissioners to approve moving the county's accounts from BB&T to RBC Centura, with the goal of saving tens of thousands of dollars a year in banking fees.

But the Commissioners, during their Monday October 5 meeting, once again delayed acting on Hughes' request, asking that she give the banks one more chance to offer the county the flat rate structure it is looking for. The costs savings at stake aren't chicken feed: Hughes estimated annual service fees could drop from more than \$65,000 to less than \$24,000 as a result of the change in banking relationships. The county has apparently done its banking with BB&T for as long as anyone can remember.

During the meeting, Hughes presented rate quotes for general banking services and credit card services from five banks, all with branches in Moore County: BB&T, Bank of America, Fidelity Bank, First Bank, and RBC Centura.

The last three all offered a flat monthly rate for general banking services. First Bank had the low-

est price, at \$1,000 per month; RBC's price was \$1,500; and Fidelity asked for \$1,625. Both BB&T and Bank of America instead provided a menu of fees for various services and reports. Using those menus and the department's records of the county's banking activity, Hughes estimated the monthly cost of general banking services from BB&T would total \$6,119, while doing business with Bank of America would cost \$2,468 per month.

The fees for merchant card services — what the county has to pay to accept credit cards — varied widely across four of the banks; Fidelity Bank failed to provide a merchant services quote. Estimated charges from the others ranged from a low of \$90 per month for Bank of America to a high of \$170 for BB&T. First Bank's fee was estimated to be \$160; RBC's, \$128.

Hughes explained that the Finance Department had ini-

tially issued requests for proposals to eleven banks in July. Five proposals were received by the deadline date. One of those came in unsigned and another arrived after the appointed time deadline. In consultation with the County Attorney and the NC School of Government, the Finance Department rejected all the bids and then began informal negotiations with each of the five banks — a process that is allowed under state law.

Commissioner Morgan expressed surprise that BB&T's bid was so much higher than those of the other banks. "They are way out of the box," Morgan said. "Did they not understand something?"

Hughes explained that the fee-for service arrangement is BB&T's "preferred way of structuring their commercial banking." She noted that other Finance Officers in the state are moving away from that model toward a flat rate contract and that

BB&T appears to be losing some government accounts as a result.

Noting that First Bank appeared to have the lowest pricing, Chairman Nick Picerino asked why the Finance Department wasn't recommending going with that bank.

Hughes said the First Bank pricing was very competitive. However, the government references the bank provided were Duplin County and the City of Salisbury, neither of which has a budget as large as Moore County. "We're not 100% satisfied they could meet our needs,"

Hughes said.

Commissioner Larry Caddell said the decision "would be a very sensitive issue" for him "because I have such a close relationship with one of these banks — and I'm sure all of us do." "One of these banks has been really, really good to me," he added. County Attorney Misty Randall asked Caddell whether he could nonetheless render a fair judgement on the question. Caddell said he could.

Commissioner Tim Lea expressed a concern that the

(See "Commissioners," p. 22)

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# New high school next on MCS building plan

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Planning for a new high school and modernization of the three existing facilities will begin next year, as included in five strategic goals approved by the Moore County Board of Education on Monday, October 12.

Phase II of the Facilities Master Plan — to be completed between 2010 and 2014 — includes a new high school and facility improvements estimated at a total cost of \$473 million.

As reported during the meeting by Deputy Superintendent Dr.

Larry Upchurch, Phase I goals are progressing with several nearing completion. Finishing work continues at the new Crain's Creek Middle School and roofing and grading work is underway at West Pine Elementary, the new school under construction behind West Pine Middle School.

Other Phase I projects funded by the School Bond Referendum include ongoing classroom additions and renovations at Highfalls Elementary, Robbins Elementary, Sandhills Farm Life Elementary, and Westmoore Elementary. A new water and

sewer line extending from Chatham County to Highfalls Elementary is expected to be complete in December. Athletic improvements at North Moore High School field house are thirty percent complete.

## MCS Preschool Program

West End Elementary offers one of eight developmentally appropriate preschool classrooms available in the Moore County Schools system. The program serves both typically developing and special needs children and also offers a

practicum setting for high school and college students enrolled in early education courses.

The preschool program utilizes a creative curriculum, described as comprehensive and scientifically-based that balances teacher directed and child initiated learning in literacy, math, science, social studies, arts, and technology.

Slots are available for exceptional needs and 'More at Four' participants. However for typically-developing children, there are only twenty-one tuition slots available — and 150 names currently on the waiting list.

"We have a growing list of children with special needs but we do not bump out tuition paying students," explained Dr. Susan

Purser. "These children are essential. Not only do we provide a service to them but they help and support the other children in the class."

## J.O.B.S.

MCS Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser has been appointed to serve on a joint legislative study commissioned by the North Carolina General Assembly. Joining Our Businesses and Schools [JOBS] is a three year study linking schools and the state's economy.

"This is a great learning opportunity for us. This is a great learning opportunity for me also, to learn about other schools and bring that back to us," said Purser.

# MCS H1N1 vaccine plan

H1N1 flu vaccines will be offered to students in all twenty-two Moore County Schools from late October through early December. Parents will receive a packet of information a week or two before the actual date of the vaccine — scheduled dates are tentative based on the availability of vaccines. At this time, the Health Department cannot confirm if the vaccines available will be nasal or shot or some of both.

The vaccine is voluntary and no child will be given the vaccine without the signed parent permission form.

"Our first concern is always the safety of all of the children in our

care," said Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser. "Our goal is to minimize the possibility of the spread of this illness as much as possible."

Common symptoms of the H1N1 flu include fever, cough and sore throat. Other symptoms can include runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and in some persons, loss of appetite, diarrhea and vomiting.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Larry Upchurch said that vaccines will be prioritized beginning with Kindergartners up to Twelfth grade. Children under the age of ten will receive a second dose twenty-one days after the initial vaccination.

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# Board turns down bomb dog training business

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

"Growth, while desirable and necessary, must be the kind we want in the locations we want," said Dave Kinney, while making a motion to deny a request by K2 Solutions Inc. to rezone a ninety-five acre rural parcel near Vass to a conditional use district that would allow a commercial kennel operation.

K2 Solutions Inc. is contracted with the U.S. Marines to train military canines to detect explosives. The firm also trains dogs for traditional military and police uses. As proposed, the facility included kennels, training grounds, and a secured bunker for explosives — all centrally located with large natural buffers.

However, during a three-hour special meeting on Monday, September 21 and a continued public comment on Thursday, October 8, the Moore County Planning Board heard considerable opposition from owners of

neighboring properties who argued that an operation of the scale presented did not belong in a community of homes and agricultural land.

Though surrounded mostly by other large rural tracts, there is a community of one-acre residential lots and a privately-owned commercial campground in close proximity.

Neighbors raised concerns over the noise of barking dogs, increased vehicular traffic, and the use of explosives — an infrequent but necessary component for the training and conditioning of the dogs.

Planning Director Joey Raczkowski said the request was a particularly hard issue because it was presented as an economic development project for Moore County.

"In looking at zoning cases, there is a location and character of use in harmony and conformity with the area contained in the Land Use Plan. Case law

in North Carolina is clear in standards of reasonableness. We have to look at the effects on

neighboring properties," Raczkowski said.

He recommended denial of

the request because it was inconsistent with the Land Use Plan.

(See "Board," p. 8)

## A night for McTeachers



A huge, hungry crowd poured into the Seven Lakes McDonald's restaurant on Monday, October 5, to support McTeacher's Night. With a portion of sales going to West End Elementary, teachers and staff served drinks, bused tables, and kept the children entertained.

"It's a great evening and a wonderful turnout," said McDonald's owner Martha Butler. "We love this partnership with West End and thank the community for coming out to support the school too."

At left, McDonald's of Seven Lakes owner Martha Butler handed over the broom — and a portion of sales from McTeacher's Night — to WEE Principal Johnnye Waller and McTeacher Brad Thompson.



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# Planning and bridge at Women of 7 Lakes

There are at least three strong similarities between county planning and the game of Bridge; communication, finesse, and the need for a plan. Speaking to the Women of Seven Lakes in October, Nancy Roy Fiorillo provided this thoughtful and entertaining comparison of her two passions.

A professional planner with twenty-one years experience, she retired in 2006 and currently serves as chair of the Moore County Planning Board. In addition, Fiorillo is a life master, co-founder of the Sandhills Bridge Studio in Pinehurst, and frequently teaches Bridge on cruise ships.

"Communication is very important for planners in gathering public input and also in Bridge. Be kind to your partner," she admonished.

Having a plan is also critical – in Bridge and planning.

"Planners must be visionar-



**Women of Seven Lakes President Laura Douglass welcomes Nancy Fiorillo, Chairwoman of the Moore County Planning Board.**

## Board

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On Kinney's motion, the Moore County Planning Board unanimously denied the rezoning request.

K2 Solutions is presently pursuing a rezoning request with the Town of Aberdeen to construct the kennel in a heavily industrial zone south of NC Hwy 211.

### Other business

- In other business, the Board:
- Heard from Raczkowski that the NC Hwy 211 road widening project from Rt. 73 East to the Pinehurst traffic circle has been delayed to 2012. The project was originally slated to begin in 2005.
  - Heard that Raczkowski will present two options on Long Range Planning to the Moore County Board of Commissioners: either using a professional consultant or using a combination of a consultant and a member of planning staff to complete an updated plan.
  - Vice Chair Kim VonCanon presided over the meeting, Nancy Roy Fiorillo was unable to attend. Alternate member Harry Huberth served in place of Giles Hopkins.

ies. You have to be able to see the future result of decisions," she said.

"And in Bridge, a lot mistakes are made at trick one. You must think ahead about bidding and then plan to make a contract."

Last, Fiorillo said finesse was a key component of both pursuits: planners must be diplomatic and understand what the public wants and Bridge players must know "when" and "when not" to finesse.

The Women of Seven Lakes meet the first Thursday of the month.

All are cordially invited to their

next meeting, the WSL Fall Fashion Show & Card Party on Thursday, November 5 at West Side Park Community Center, starting at 11:00 am. A Craft Fair featuring high-end locally hand-made items begins the day, followed by catering by the Pik-n-Pig and fashions courtesy of The Clothes Horse. Reservations may be made for individual tickets and for game tables. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Luncheon cost is \$20 and \$8 for pre-order takeout, please call Tinkie Petterson at 673-1742.



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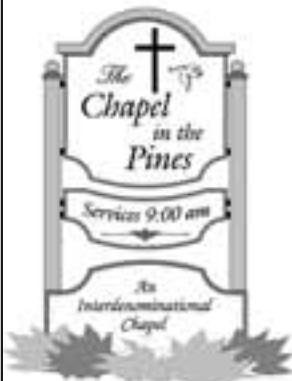
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# New NAPA Auto Care owners have big plans

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

There are some exciting changes at NAPA Auto Care Center of Seven Lakes. Ron and Rosemary Weber of Seven Lakes West recently took the helm of the three-year old full-service repair business and are looking forward to expanding the business with new services.

NAPA offers comprehensive repairs for both domestic and foreign vehicles including engine and transmission repairs, brake service, computer diagnostics, air conditioning service, and stereo installation. Two certified mechanics are on duty as well as a full-time service advisor. The 10,000 square foot facility includes five service bays and, in the near future, the showroom will be expanded to include a complement of batteries, tires, exhaust and brake programs, and other auto-related parts.

In addition NAPA Auto Care now offers auto-detailing and is a North Carolina State Inspec-

tion station.

"Our business philosophy is simple — take care of the customer," said Ron.

A unique feature of the business is that NAPA offers a twelve-month local and twenty-four month nationwide warranty on all service and repair work.

"If you have something done here and you're on a trip and something happens, the work is covered under the nationwide warranty program," said Ron. "There are not many places you can go to get that kind of satisfaction. NAPA Care Centers are all over and in this day and age, being a part of the NAPA network is a definite plus."

The Weber's bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to their new venture, with professional experience owning a variety of businesses including insurance and real estate, a car wash, convenience store, and twenty-five years with a full-service marina business.

Originally from New Jersey,

the couple began visiting Seven Lakes thirty years ago, first purchasing a second home and then residing full-time over the last few years.

Classic car enthusiasts, the Weber's belong to the American Automobile Club of America, plus three or four specialty clubs, and keep busy with an impressive private collection, including an Avanti, '68 Ford Galaxy convertible, '68 Chevy Impala convertible, and a '73 Corvette T-top.

"That is this week," joked Rosemary. "It could change."

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Weber's are pleased to participate in NAPA's 'All Out for the Cure' campaign. A donation to the Susan G. Comen for the Cure foundation will be made on any purchase over \$25 in parts during a service or repair in October. Customers will also receive a commemorative travel coffee mug.

Additional local incentives include pick up and delivery of vehicles and a ten percent discount for showing your Seven Lakes landowners card.

NAPA Auto Care Center is located at 270 N. Trade Street, behind McDonald's. Business

hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 673-4500.



Rosemary and Ron Weber with Allen Sandler and mechanics Chris Ring and Parker Blake.

## EMS Phone Book Update

It is time to update the Seven Lakes EMS Telephone Book. This is voluntary on your part. If you are not listed in the telephone book please go to the Seven Lakes North/South Landowner's Office or the Seven Lakes West Landowner's Office and fill out a ticket found on their display table. All changes need to be received by December 1, 2009.

In order for the telephone book to be successful maximum participation from the residents of Seven Lakes is necessary. Please help!



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# Seven Lakes Business Guild's Fall Festival

The skies were gray and, occasionally, leaked a little precipitation, but the First Annual Fall Festival sponsored by the Seven Lakes Area Business Guild ended the day under sunny Autumn skies.

Dozens of merchants and community groups displayed their wares, and the crowd was treated to great food and great music — from Oompah to Southern Rock.

These are just a few of the photos *The Times* staff took during the day. You can find more on our Facebook page — and, while you're there, become one of our fans!



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All meetings are held at the FirstHealth Conference Center located on the corner of Page Road and Rte 211, Pinehurst.

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# In memory of . . .

**Beverly Anne Renner Chapell**, 77, of Harrisonburg, VA, formerly of Seven Lakes died Monday, October 5.

Ms. Chapell was born in Buffalo, NY, daughter of the late Fred H. and Anne M. Renner.

She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY, and practiced public health nursing until she married.

She and her husband, Don, spent most of their marriage in Springfield, VA.

Soon after her husband's death, she moved to West End and especially enjoyed time with her brother and sister-in-law, reading to students at the local elementary school and delivering meals for Meals on Wheels. The last three years, she was a resident of Sunnyside Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, VA.

A memorial service was held Saturday, October 10, at the Sunnyside Community in Harrisonburg, VA. Interment will be in Arlington Cemetery Friday, October 30, at 2 pm.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, Donald Raymond Chapell.

She is survived by her son, Michael Chapell; daughter, Denise Chapell Perritt; daughter, Catherine Chapell; son, Matthew Chapell; and son, Donald R. Chapell Jr.; and her grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brother, Fred H. Renner.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sunnyside's Fellowship Fund, Sunnyside Retirement Community, 600 University Blvd., Harrisonburg, VA 22801, which helps provide supplemental resources many residents require to meet the full cost of their care.

**Jo Anne Dever**, 78, of Seven Lakes, died Friday, October 2, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines at a future date.

Mrs. Dever was born in Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of the late Lewis and Georgia Hile Dunham.

She graduated from Indiana University. She was in mer-

chandising with Travis Ayers Women's Apparel of New York, NY.

She and her husband, Danny Dever, retired in Ramsey, NJ, and moved to Seven Lakes in 1992.

She was preceded in death by her husband Danny.

Memorials may be made to Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 27106, New York, NY 10087-7106.

Arrangements are by Boles Funeral Home.

**Virginia F. Kelly**, 83, of Seven Lakes, died Friday, September 18, at Sandy Ridge in Candor.

Mrs. Kelly was born in Rochester, NY, daughter of the late Earl and Marion Cole Ford.

A memorial service was held Monday, September 28, at The

Chapel in the Pines. Burial followed at Seven Lakes Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband Herbert C. Kelly of the home, two sons; Daniel Kelly of Pittsburgh, PA, Thomas Kelly of Olathe, KS, and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Foundation of FirstHealth, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

**Jean M. Bright**, 76, of Seven Lakes died Friday, September 18, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

A memorial service will be held on November 6 at 11:00 at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

The family will be at the Seven


Lakes Country Club after the service to speak with friends.

She is survived by her husband George Bright of the home, one son; Stephen Bright of West Palm Beach, FL, one daughter; Janette Hurley of Geneva, NY, one brother; John Turner of Storrington, England, two sisters; Vivian Palmer of Manchester, England, Jill Ridyard of Winkleigh, England, and one grandchild.

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# Kiwanians hear Scantlin

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Val Scantlin of Hearing Solutions spoke to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club on October 6. Mr. Scantlin discussed the various causes of hearing loss and

emphasized the importance of hearing tests when a hearing loss is suspected.

There are occasions when the cause can be detected and corrected, but he indicated that hearing loss can also mask other

problems such as Alzheimer's Disease, and it is obviously important to clear up confusion of that sort.

He said that improvements in hearing aids within the last five years has been dramatic, and the state of the art hearing aid today is not only much more effective in its performance, but they also have become so small that they are virtually invisible when properly fitted and worn.

Asked about the high cost of hearing aids, Scantlin said two factors need to be considered:

1. Today's hearing instruments are all custom made to fit the individual so that mass production is not really possible; and
  2. All services to adjust and refine performance after buying are performed free of charge, so that cost is covered somewhat by the initial price.
- Seven Lakes Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club and visitors are always welcome.



**Val Scantlin, owner  
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## Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

October is Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month and Moore Humane Society encourages everyone to celebrate by visiting the shelter where many breeds, sizes and ages of dogs are just waiting to find themselves a good family and to be loved by a them. After all, they are man's best friend, and what better way to save a dog's life than by adopting one from Moore Humane Society.

For people who already enjoy the daily rewards of dog companionship, making a donation to Moore Humane Society helps provide daily care for the many dogs awaiting adoption at the shelter.

To ensure your pets safe return to you, equip your pets with a reliable form of ID or consider a microchip id for them.

Only about fifteen to twenty percent of dogs who end up in animal shelters are ever reunited with their families. Each year, approximately 8-12 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide and approximately 5-9 million are euthanized.

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## SLCC announces new Tennis Rates

Seven Lakes Country Club is proud to announce the new Tennis Access Program Rates for 2010 with the goal of reinvigorating tennis for all of the Seven Lakes community and the surrounding areas.

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## MASSAGE THERAPY AWARENESS WEEK!

Over the last decade or so Massage Therapy awareness has grown in the public consciousness enough that most people know that it helps relieve tension, reduce stress and is good for maintaining their health. Although these are all excellent reasons to use therapeutic massage treatments, I wanted to take this opportunity to explain other advantages to this therapy as it pertains to chronic pain conditions.

Living with chronic pain is challenging. You may be suffering from chronic headaches, tendonitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, neck or low back pain, sciatica, arthritis or fibromyalgia. The pain is long term, it wears you out, you may feel alone or angry because others may not understand how it affects all aspects of your life, and it may or may not be completely curable. It also requires a willingness to try complimentary therapies, along with medical treatments prescribed by your doctor, to help manage or relieve your pain.

When your body experiences pain or injury then muscles contract around the site to protect the area, if the pain persists then the muscles can become habitually tight. Tight muscles can press on nerves causing tingling, numbness, or more pain. Tight muscles have less circulation so they accumulate waste products which can irritate nerves and cause pain to spread. The poor circulation can develop painful trigger points which refer pain to other areas. If enough time passes, the body "glues" the muscles into a shortened state.

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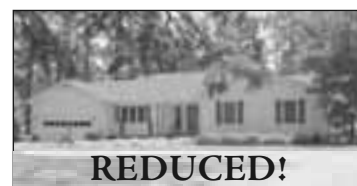


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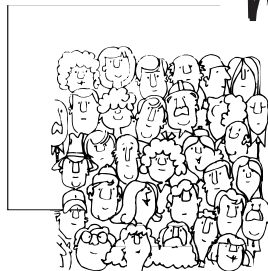
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**

- **Chapel in the Pines Annual Rummage Sale** – Doors open at 8:00 am and close at 2:00 pm. Mark this date and make plans to attend.
- **Harvest Festival** – Culdee Presbyterian Church At 916 Hwy. 73, in West End on Saturday, October 17. Silent Auction 11 am to 1 pm. Live Auction 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Yard Sale 10:00 am – until. FirstHealth Mobile unit on site 8 am to 11 am checking for Diabetes, Blood Pressure and cholesterol. \$5 charge health services. Bone Density scan available for \$5 extra. Raffle: Queen Size Quilt and matching Shams, made by the Culdee Quilters. Tickets are \$1 each. Chicken and Dumpling Dinner 5 to 7 pm. Drive through available for take out.
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- **Drop-In Wine Tasting** – 1 - 5 pm at Sandhills Winery. At least five types or varieties to educate your palate. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza, next to Peking Wok.
- **Belford Baptist Church** – 6:00



celebrating all the Choirs anniversary. Everyone is welcome. Church is located at 925 Windblow Road, Jackson Springs.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

- **2009 Sandhills Horse Farm Tour** – 11 am-4:00 pm, Prancing Horse therapeutic riding program is hosting the 2009 Sandhills Horse Farm Tour featuring six nearby farms. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 (in advance) and \$20 on the day of the event (children under 12 are admitted free of

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tickets available at: Southern Pines Feed and Supply, Cabin Branch Tack Shop, the Country

Bookshop, and The Clothes Horse, Southern Pines; Given Book Shop in Olmsted Village; and Poppy's in Pinehurst Village. Information 910-246-3202.

- **First Baptist Church Pinehurst** – 4:00 pm, "Jesse Davis in Concert" An hour program of Classical Piano. The church is located at 7373 Highway 211 West End.
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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19**

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1:30pm-6pm, First Baptist Church, 200 E New York Ave., Southern Pines. Appt. call 692-8571
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 1:30pm-6pm, Woodlake Country Club, 150 Woodlake Blvd., Vass. Appt. call 245-2911 X243.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

- **Project Linus Workshop** - 10 am - 3 pm, at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Volunteers will be working with fleece

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#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza next to Peking Wok. Music standards, voice and guitar, by Bruce Macdonald. The Tip Jar benefits Friend to Friend, the Moore County Battered Women's shelter.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – meeting, 7 pm. Legacy and Importance of Old Growth Longleaf Pines. Fort Bragg Biologist Ginny Carswell will discuss recent efforts to locate, mark and protect old-growth longleaf pines throughout Bragg's 160,000

acres. At Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. Visitors Welcome. Call 910-692-2167.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive** – 10 am - 3 pm, FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, Conference Center, Page Rd., Pinehurst. Appt. call 715-1478
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Open Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.
- **"Our Cultural Landscape"** – 7:00-9:00 pm, with Charles Birnbaum, at the Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. Presented by The Classical Design Foundation. Admission is free and open to the public.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

- **Wine Tasting** – at Sandhills Winery 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza next to Peking Wok. Music standards, voice and guitar, by Bruce Macdonald. The Tip Jar benefits Friend to Friend, the Moore County Battered Women's shelter.
- **"Spooktacular" Family Movie Night** – 7 pm, at SL West Community Center. See Walt Disney's *Race to Witch Mountain*.

*tain*. Wear your Halloween costume, enjoy, the movie, popcorn, candy, and lots of fun. Sponsored by the SL West Activities Committee.

- **Save Our Sandhills** – 7 pm, meeting, guest speaker Craven Hudson, Moore County Extension Director will speak on the topic "More people, same land ... What are we going to do?" Refreshments. Southern Pines Civic Center, corner of Ashe Street & Pennsylvania Avenue.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

- **Craved Pumpkins display at Pusser Home** – Todd Pusser's pumpkins will be on display – dark to 10:30 pm continues Saturday, October 31. No charge, donation of canned goods or money to benefit the Cameron Boys Home will be appreciated. Pusser home located off Highway 211 between Eagle Springs and Jackson Springs. Turn on Flowers Road go past Blues Mulch Business, and travel approximately two miles. The pumpkin display will be on the right at 1100 Flowers Road.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

- **Cooking with Carmela and Leslie** – 1:00 pm, Festive Holiday Food and Wine Pairing. Carmela Chase and Leslie

Rose of Sandhills Winery, Inc. come together to present an afternoon of fun, food, and wine. Several festive dishes will be presented that complement wine choices. West Side Park Community Center. Sponsored by West Side Communities Activities Committee. Cost \$15/person. Register at 673-5314.

- **Drop-In Wine Tasting** – 1 - 5 pm at Sandhills Winery. At least five types or varietals to educate your palate. Located in Seven Lakes Plaza, next to Peking Wok.
- **Jackson Springs Community Club** – 5 - 8 pm, Annual Chicken and Dumpling Supper at the Club House on Mill Road, Jackson Springs. Numerous items for sale and

an Auction will be held. Proceeds will provide scholarships to deserving students in the Jackson Springs Area and other community needs. Cost: Adults \$6, children 12 and under \$3. Take Out plates available.

- **CAC Companion Animal Foundation Halloween Gala** – 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Cost for \$35/person - includes Dinner, Dance, Auction, Two Free Drinks. Dress up for the Costume Contest, 50 - 50 Raffle and more. Pinehurst Fair Barn, Highway 5, Pinehurst. Benefits the Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic, 5071 US Highway #1, Vass. Reservations & Tickets, Cynthia Williams (910) 245 -1230 or Deborah Wilson (692) 692 -8156.



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# Craven Hudson to address Save our Sandhills

On October 29, Save Our Sandhills will host guest speaker Craven Hudson to give a talk on the topic "More people, same land . . . What are we going to do?"

For years, North Carolina has been a magnet for newcomers. North Carolina has so much to offer as a state. Location, favorable climate and friendly folks make North Carolina the final home destination for so many. Golf courses beckon to tourists and retirees, and a growing

economy both in the military and private sectors brings workers looking for opportunity.

Couple that with a decline in traditional agriculture, and you get the equation for drastic land changes.

This situation did not sneak up on North Carolina. Demographers, university researchers, and business people have been predicting these changes for years. In fact, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that North Carolina will grow to a population

of 12 million by the year 2030, which is an increase of more than 50% from the tally made in the year 2000. Many would argue, however, that major public policy changes or even small local land use planning decisions have not nearly kept pace with the swift population growth. Tackling growth at the macro level is extremely difficult. As the saying goes: "All politics is local."

Craven Hudson, Moore County Extension Director, will discuss state level trends in growth and natural resource protection. Then, he will focus primarily on what has happened, what is happening, and what may take place in the future within Moore County.

Hudson's background gives him a unique perspective in which to consider the effects of burgeoning population growth.

A forestry graduate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, his early career included working

on natural resource issues as a NC Cooperative Extension agent in the Raleigh Triangle area. Other than a two-year stint as an agricultural missionary in Venezuela, he has worked in North Carolina first as a member of the NC Cooperative Extension's Neuse River Team, then as a Cooperative Extension agent

in Gaston County, and as Moore County's Extension Director since 2005.

Join Save Our Sandhills at their regular meeting, with refreshments, on Thursday October 29 at 7 pm at the Southern Pines Civic Center at the corner of Ashe Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

## Chicks take on tigers



A group of Seven Lakers who call themselves the Coffee Chicks recently took a field trip to the Carnivore Preservation Trust, a large cat and wildlife shelter in Pittsboro.

The ladies enjoyed a private tour of the 55-acre facility courtesy of Northsider Joan DeBruin's daughter, Kate, who is a volunteer at the preservation.

From left, Dottie Booth, Pat Light, Mary Ellen Krohn, Dodie Mulready, Esther Robinson, Carolyn Follansbee, Barbara Murphy, Joan DeBruin, and Alice While.



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# Judge Webb details court's needs for League

by Ann Torok  
League of Women Voters  
of Moore County

Judge James Webb, Senior Resident Judge in Moore County, and Cary McSwain, County Manager, addressed the League of Women Voters of Moore County on Tuesday, September 15.

It was noted by Leaguer Sandra Wright that the State provides for most of the judicial system, but that the counties must provide the facilities. Judicial facilities in Moore County have major problems. The "new" Courthouse is 30 years old, and has severely inadequate numbers of courtrooms, conference rooms, space in the Clerk's office, and parking facilities. Moore County does not have a Grand Jury Room or a trial jury assembly room. There is only one elevator in the building, so everyone rides together, including judges, defendants, witnesses, and occasionally jurors. This is unsafe and non-compliant with the Victim's Rights Act.

It is not unusual, stated Judge Webb, to see attorneys sitting on public benches talking with clients about extremely sensitive matters. In addition to the lack of privacy, there are issues about maintaining the attorney-client

privilege.

Judge Webb also pointed out that our detention facility was built for 108 inmates; there are currently 141 inmates, 24 prisoners on electronic house arrest, and 42 prisoners on day-reporting status. Recent changes in state policies will only increase this imbalance. Judge Webb stated that it was his opinion that a new court facility was the most important part of the proposed complex in Carthage.

Cary McSwain reported that a 21-acre tract of land was purchased in downtown Carthage for this purpose, but the County Commissioners have decided by a vote of 2 to 3 that a new Government Center should also be included on this property, expanding the scope of the project. After discussing the matter for the past two years, nothing has been done to resolve these critical issues.

Mr. McSwain noted that there has been significant public dissent about building the detention facility in the middle of downtown

Carthage. He also said that the County Commissioners created a capital fund for building, and a pay-as-you-go financial structure.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, has fought since 1920 to improve our systems of government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters is strictly non-

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**Lauren Kinney**

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# Lecture will explore history of Sandhills landscape

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When a design is successful, how long is it worth keeping? When the design is a landscape of historical significance, why should we care? Understanding the value of where we live will be the subject of "Our Cultural

Landscape," a presentation by Charles Birnbaum, Founder and President of The Cultural Landscape Foundation, Washington, DC, at the Sunrise Theater in Southern Pines on Wednesday October 28 at 7:00 pm.

Lawrence Earley, author of "Looking for Longleaf, The Fall and Rise of an American Forest," will introduce Birnbaum.

Sponsored by The Classical Design Foundation, this event unites two acclaimed speakers in an illustrated talk on the natural and man-made beauty that defines the singular character of the Southern Pines landscape.

Charles Birnbaum is the Founder and President of The Cultural Landscape Foundation in Washington, DC. Recognized for his ground-breaking achievements in preserving endangered landscapes throughout the United States, Mr. Birnbaum will turn his attention to the Sandhills--from our lumber and turpentine industry past, to the develop-

ment of James Boyd's Weymouth estate.

As the Vanderbilts were to Asheville or the Tufts to Pinehurst, so were the Boyds to Southern Pines. Under their influence, town founders overcame the devastations of clear-cutting that by the turn of the twentieth century had left a wasteland. With emphasis on plantings of native flora along with naturalized drought-tolerant ornamentals, Southern Pines emerged as a "garden place." A leader in this movement was Alfred Yeomans, a Boyd family relative who guided town landscape design in a patchwork of efforts spanning more than half a century.

Lawrence Earley, author of "Looking for Longleaf, The Fall and Rise of an American Forest," will describe the cultural and natural history of our region's longleaf pine habitat, setting the stage for an understanding of Southern Pines as a resort named for a forest, and why res-

idents should care to sustain our landscape heritage.

This event is presented by The Classical Design Foundation in association with The North Carolina Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, Preservation North Carolina, The Sandhills Council of Garden Clubs, Sandhills Natural History Society, The Southern Pines Garden Club and Sus-

tainable Sandhills.

For more information visit The Classical Design Foundation website at [www.classicaldesignfoundation.org](http://www.classicaldesignfoundation.org), or contact Ray Owen at (910) 638-3982, E-mail: [information@classicaldesignfoundation.com](mailto:information@classicaldesignfoundation.com). Mailing address: 115 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

## Culdee Presbyterian Harvest Festival

A Harvest Festival will be held at Culdee Presbyterian Church at 916 HWY.73, in West End on Saturday, October 17.

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# Kiwanians celebrate officers, bellringers

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

On September 29, the Seven Lakes Kiwanis held its Annual Meeting and dinner at the Seven Lakes Country Club.

Although the celebration of a very successful year was dampened somewhat by the recent death of one of its past presidents, Ron Richmond, the evening was, indeed, a celebration of an abnormally good year under the leadership of outgoing President, Ken Jenkins.

The outgoing Lt. Governor, Wendy Russell was present, as was the incoming Lt. Governor, Rosa McAllister-McRae. Ms. Russell handled the official swearing in of the Club's new President, Ed Schemp and Vice President, Marty Matula.

President Jenkins thanked the many people who worked hard during the year to make each endeavor so successful.

He singled out six people who, in particular, he felt contributed extensively to the success of the Club. These six men received one of the small bells given to the weekly speakers, and were promptly dubbed the Club's "Bellringers."

The Kiwanian of the Year Award was presented to outgoing President Jenkins in an unprecedented occasion. The award had never been presented to a sitting officer before.

As the attendees were finishing dinner, they were entertained by the "Harmony Grits" a quartet from the local chapter of the Sweet Adelines. Their light-hearted arrangements were a nice

introduction to the business part of the meeting.

The meeting was closed by incoming President Ed Schemp

with a few words regarding his past experience with Kiwanis and his plans and expectations for the coming year.



**Kiwanis Bellringers** — Jack Lynn, Jack Fetzer, Jack Kleinfeller, Fred Seufert, Ken Sparke, Frank Krohn



**Kiwanis Officers** — Ed Schemp (incoming President), Wendy Russell (outgoing Lt. Gov.), Marty Matula (incoming VP), Rosa McAllister-Mcrae (incoming Lt. Gov.), Ken Jenkins (outgoing President)

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# Commissioners

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bidding and negotiating process wasn't the same for all of the banks. "It concerns me that we are not comparing apples to apples," Lea said.

"We were very clear with the banks," Hughes said. "But if the Board wants, we can go back to BB&T and Bank of America and ask for a flat rate."

Ultimately, that was what the Board asked Hughes to do, unanimously approving Lea's motion that the matter be tabled until the October 19 Board of Commissioners meeting.

## Economic Incentive for Golf Grip Manufacturer

The Board approved a \$10,000 economic incentive to assist the Golf Pride Division of the Eaton Corporation in relocating its golf grip manufacturing business to Moore County. Ray Ogden of Partners in Progress said the company would employ thirty-nine workers and locate \$700,000 worth of equipment in the county, utilizing two currently vacant buildings in Southern Pines.

The company had been located in Laurinburg for forty years, but closed their facility there last year. The incentive will be paid only after the equipment has been moved and the employees hired, Ogden said. Should those jobs not last for a full year, the county would have recourse to recover some of the incentive payment.

The incentive was approved unanimously.

## Other Business

In other business during their Monday, October 5, meeting, the Commissioners:

- Proclaimed the week of October 23 "Red Ribbon Week," supporting the efforts of Drug Free Moore County. The group's executive Director, Darlind Davis, told the Board that she would soon be bringing them proposals aimed at securing grants to fight drug abuse in the county.

- Approved a contract amendment with HDR, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$260,000, for construction phase engineering, construction inspection, and materials testing on a project to replace five sewer lift stations around Lake Pinehurst. The change transferred the work from one contractor to another,

without adding to the overall cost of the project.

- Adopted a resolution that will allow the county to apply for a NC Rural Economic Development Center grant that could cover \$268,000 of the \$536,000 cost of a wellhead project in Pinehurst that will combine water from wells 5A and 9 in order to reduce radon concentrations. Bringing those wells back online will add more than 500,000 gallons per day to the production capacity of the county water system.

- Called a public hearing for October 16 on the rezoning of the location of the Robbins Friendly Mart. The property we deannexed from the Town of Robbins, Planning Director Joey Raczkowski explained, and now must be zoned by the county. The Planning Board recommended an RB - Rural Business zoning designation.

- Called a public hearing on text amendments to the zoning

ordinance that affect Equestrian zoning. Raczkowski explained that the amendments eliminate the ten acre minimum size for parcels zoned Rural Equestrian, define "barn apartments," and eliminate a redundancy regarding horse farms as a permitted use in the Gated Community Seven Lakes zoning district.

- Approved a resolution honoring Michael Watson, longtime head of Sandhills Center for Mental Health, who has accepted an appointment in Raleigh as the Assistant Secretary of Mental Health Services Development.

- Authorized County Manager Cary McSwain to negotiate a contract, subject to Board approval, to hire a consultant for a space needs study for the courts facility. Chairman Picerino noted that the objective of the study should be to "study the courts short and long-term facility needs," not, necessarily, the need for a new courthouse."

- Reviewed a draft proposal to implement a payment plan that would allow homeowners to stretch out the expense of tapping onto the county water system. Commissioner Lea noted that Culdee Presbyterian Church had also asked for a payment plan to connect the church and its manse to county water when a new water line is extended down NC Highway 73 to bring water to the Dormie Club. Lea asked that churches and manses be included among those

who could ask for a payment plan.

- Waived the Board's right to approve a new director of Sandhills Center for Mental Health, in order to expedite the hiring process, so long as Commissioner Morgan continues to serve on the selection committee. The other seven counties served by the Center were also asked to waive approval.

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# Foxfire

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season passes at \$10,000. Operating expenses for pool supplies, furniture and chemicals, ran \$12,000, and \$25,000 for life-guard and attendant salaries. Plus, Frusco added, there are related pool expenses not included in the financial report such as insurance, permits, telephone, and additional maintenance.

"I feel the pool is an asset to the Village and residents but the Council needs to be cognizant of what it actually costs," Frusco said. "It would be virtually impossible to break even but we may want to revise our policy of allowing children under the age of five free, and increase the entrance fees next year for non-residents."

## Woodland Circle Extension

Inspections by two agencies have come in clean, reported Tom Collins.

"We have no problems environmentally," he said.

The two culverts necessary for wetland crossings are in, inspected, and will be backfilled by the end of the week – however, due to issues with inspection of the culvert materials and related delays, the extension road is four weeks behind schedule.

"For the overall project, I am anticipating forty days behind schedule," Collins reported.

Collins said installation of the new 12" water line will begin next week and that he has asked the contractor to install barricades at either end of the project to prevent unauthorized entry.

## Finance

The General Fund cash balance was reported at \$485,000 including \$47,000 in Powell Funds and \$21,000 in a reserve fund for Stonehill Pines. The Water Fund balance is \$188,000 including \$18,550 in contractors deposits. In addition, \$135,000 is held in a restricted escrow account for a new well.

The annual bank loan payment of \$103,000 for the Woodland Circle Extension project is due April 2010 and will be split between the General and Water Funds.

The Council approved three budget amendments, two for the Water Fund, and one for the General Fund.

Frusco reported the annual audit provided a clean opinion and that the Village was commended for increasing the General Fund from 2008 to 2009.

## Security

Councilwoman Page Coker reported the Foxfire Police Department is now a partner in the 'A Child is Missing' program. Financed through grants, the program is similar to Code Red and can send out 1,000 telephone calls in sixty seconds.

Since 1997, over twenty million alerts have been issued. Coker said the program can be used for both children and adults – but can only be activated by law enforcement.

Coker also reported that she recently completed the 'All Hazards Preparedness' workshop.

## Open Burning

A proposed three-page waiver form for an open burn permit was met with skepticism.

"Why do we even have this? Why not just have a no burning policy," Tom Collins questioned Coker.

Coker said she has met with the Mayor, local police and fire departments to discuss the issue.

"It's a little fine line because we don't offer [yard debris] pickup. We have a dump site but not pick up service, so we can't prohibit burning," she explained.

As presented, the waiver form requires notification and consent of all property owners within 1,000 feet of the burn site; notification to emergency services; and a provision that no burning is allowed when the Village is under water restrictions.

## Public Hearings

Three public hearings will be

held on Tuesday, November 10.

The first two hearings involved amendments to the Foxfire Village Ordinance for policy changes to the Village Water Department rules and regulations, and restrictions on construction work hours.

The third hearing is to adopt and enact the Ordinance, including a new chapter titled Utilities.

Erickson commended Village Clerk Lisa Kivett for the extraordinary amount of research necessary to prepare the revised ordinance.

## Other business

In other business, the Council:

- Approved a new three-year lease at \$675 a month for the Village's administrative office.
- Approved a new two-year contract with Collins Con-

sulting. The contract includes an hourly rate for Tom Collins, but no minimum or maximum number of hours.

- Approved a resolution to not pursue property tax bills with a liability of less than five dollars.
- Declared October 17-25 as Red Ribbon Week, part of a national campaign to support a drug-free lifestyle and promote drug prevention efforts. All citizens are encouraged to wear and display red ribbons and participate in drug-free activities.
- Heard from Water Superintendent Dick Christman that the new well is producing fifty gallons a minute. "Our best one," Christman said.
- Heard from Councilman Vic Koos that road patching work is complete.

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## Editorial

## Information, please.

It was a great first step when the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors released some basic information on the three community management firms it has under consideration.

But it was only a first step.

The landowners deserve additional information — and additional opportunity for input, once they have that information in hand. *The Times* understands the SLLA Board's desire not to "negotiate in public," though we sit twice monthly in county Board of Commissioners meetings and watch them do just that, making their decisions in full view of the public. The SLLA Directors owe it to their constituents to hew as closely as possible to that standard of openness and transparency in making this critical decision.

We see three important opportunities for the Board to provide additional information to the landowners — without revealing sensitive information or compromising negotiations.

**Staffing proposals.** First, each of these three companies, based on their experience managing scores of associations, will have recommended a staffing configuration for the landowners office: a manager plus receptionist, manager plus administrative assistant and receptionist, etc. Knowing what each company has recommended will be valuable for the landowners as they evaluate the staffing configuration that the Board ultimately recommends. So this information should be made public prior to the final decision.

**Company vs. individual management.** Second, the Board will be comparing the management companies' final bids with the cost of hiring in-house management and staff. The community should be made aware of the staffing configurations and cost comparisons upon which the Board is basing its decision. It is quite possible to construct a sentence that says the bids from the finalist companies ranged from \$X to \$Y while the comparable in-house setup cost from \$A to \$B without revealing individual bids or salaries.

Again, this is information that should be made public prior to any final decision.

Once the community has access to this information on staffing levels and comparative cost, the Board should offer landowners an additional formal opportunity to provide input before making a final decision.

That leads to the third type of information we believe the Board should provide to the community:

**Disclosure of directors' votes.**

At some point, the field will have been narrowed to a two or three acceptable options among the companies and individuals. Someone on the Board will ultimately make a motion to go one way or the other, and the Directors will vote. We expect that the Board will do this in closed session, even though it is perfectly possible to conduct the vote — if not the conversation — in open session. County Boards of Commissioners do this all the time, discussing, for example, the county manager's performance and compensation in closed session and then, once discussion is done, voting on his raise in open session.

What will be lost to the landowners in that closed session vote is the knowledge of who voted for what. We believe the Board should make a strong effort to promptly acquaint the public with the details of these votes, explaining the motions made and reporting the vote of each director on each motion. The landowners deserve this information because, frankly, the way individual Directors vote on this matter may have a significant impact on the decision of individual landowners when they mark their ballots in the next and subsequent Board elections.

The Board's responsibility is not simply to make the best possible decision for the community on this important matter. It is just as important that the community be informed about and understand that decision — and the information on which that decision is based.

We hope, and expect, that the SLLA Board of Directors will live up to both these responsibilities.

## Funny on demand

Funny on demand.

That's a new working title I've been kicking around for this column. You see, each week I stare at my blank computer page, desperately trying to dredge up funny.

I am not fundamentally a funny person. I know this because I live with actual funny people.

Case in point, last Saturday my little princess couldn't figure out where those Fall Fest organizers had hidden the Octoberfest-themed lemon piñata.

Lemon piñata?

"Well, you told me they would have sour stuff," she demanded.

"No dear, I said sauerkraut not sour stuff," and had to turn away so as not to offend with my mirth.

See, funny.

Or I could tell you about the joyous dancing and humming that is spilling out of my son's room this afternoon: it seems he's discovered the reset button for 'O Susanna' on his electronic keyboard. I'm not sure whether it's a good or a bad thing that Jack doesn't know the words to this little ditty — but at least it's not Dueling Banjos that stirs his soul and feet.

If it were, blame me.

Bluegrass, reggae, pop, hair metal, R&B, heck even the Wiggles and Barney will get my toes tapping. And a dork of the first order, you can always count on me to drop everything for a German Chicken Dance.

Need proof? I offer my wedding album — photograph of the happy couple — check, the cake — check, the church — check. The bride doing the Chicken Dance? Check.

Luckily for my last shred of public dignity, if the Fall Fest oompah band played my fave last weekend, I missed it.



## Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

Occasionally though, I've found my lack of personal restraint and poor musical taste inspires accolades.

Lindsay loves it when I belt out forgettable 70's disco lyrics: I'll just continue to live in my happy place and pretend this actually counts since we're talking about someone still in their single digit years.

Better yet was when I stopped a fellow Greensboro Grasshopper fan dead in his tracks by crooning "Take me out to the Ball Game," word for word.

Yeah baby, I am smooth.

Of course as a born and bred Baltimore hon, what I really want to hear in that seventh inning stretch is "Thank God I'm a Country Boy."

Picture a couple thousand sunburned Oriole fans with peanuts and beer, dancing in the aisles — badly.

Now that is funny.

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# Former Director calls for management vote

*An Open Letter to the SLLA Board of Directors:*

There are two factions emerging within our Seven Lake's community with regard to the selection of a new Community Manager.

One faction supports the choice of longtime Asst. Community Mgr. Chad Beane. The other faction supports, a for profit, Community Management Group.

Both factions, in a democratic society, should be allowed to show support for their candidate by casting their vote at the ballot box.

I hereby formally request the SLLA Board of Directors adopt the following recommendation with regard to procedure in the selection of our next Community Manager.

1. The Board of Directors shall select their preferred, for profit, Community Management Group.
2. The Board then schedules one, preferably two, town hall style meetings to allow all residents

the opportunity for an open debate and discussion with regard to the merits of both candidates, a for profit, Community Management Group and longtime Asst. Community Mgr. Chad Beane.

3. Ballots are then printed, along with a one page description of each candidate and mailed to each of our approximately 1200 landowners, asking them to cast their vote for one of the two listed choices and return the completed ballot to the landowner's office.

4. The votes shall be tallied by four residents, two from each

persuasion, and the results submitted to the SLLA Board of Directors. Upon receipt of the vote tally the Board of Directors shall appoint the candidate with the most votes to the position of our new Community Manager, effective January 1, 2010. This appointment shall include a one or two year contract.

The residents of Seven Lakes await your timely, positive response.

*Loren Swearingen  
Seven Lakes North  
[Swearingen is a former  
Director of the SLLA – Ed.]*

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The fact that the year's worst rainstorm was raging explained why the animal's shaking out-pet inundated the foyer, setting a new record for

catastrophes of the type.

Little fleeting incidents like this have a habit of working their way into the accumulated narratives of life. Like stooping to pat a dog on a rainy day. What's a dripping hand compared with the warm feeling of such a social event?

After permitting my uninvited guest to snoop around, I remember telling him, "all right, out you go" as I opened the front door. His majesty strutted unceremoniously between the frames and faced again what the world had to offer.

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Actually, that four-legger knew what he as doing: getting a cool break on a stifling day.

Well, there you are. Another tale to tell my kids. All three of them, whose combined ages total 156 years.



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# Pinehurst water

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desire to have a seat at the table when it comes to our natural resources," Dawson said, explaining Pinehurst's desire to get into the water and sewer business. He called the Wagram plant, which once served a massive Springs Industries textile manufacturing facility, as "the last best hope" to accomplish that.

The Wagram water plant can produce up to seven million gallons of treated water per day, and Dawson said the Village believes it could be expanded to produce 15 million gallons per day.

By way of comparison, the Moore County Public Utilities system that serves Pinehurst and the Seven Lakes area currently has a maximum capacity of 5.6 million gallons per day — and, so far, the largest amount county customers have used in a single day is 4.2 million gallons.

If Pinehurst is successful in acquiring the plant, it "will be the largest source of water owned by a government agency in the [Lumber River] basin," Dawson said.

## Hurdles to jump

Dawson said the Village has not purchased the plant, but rather has a letter of agreement to do so at the \$5.5 million price. There are several hurdles to jump before the transaction can be finalized:

- Under state law, Scotland County must approve the purchase, since the real estate in question lies within its borders.

Dawson said he was confident that that approval would be forthcoming.

- Once that approval is in hand, the Village will need to do extensive due diligence on the facility, bringing in engineers to determine the feasibility and cost of bringing water from Wagram to Moore County and appraisers to assess whether the \$5.5 million price tag is a fair one. Noting that some critics of the purchase have argued all that work should have been done before the Village entered into a purchase agreement in the first place, Dawson said it made no sense to go through the due diligence process, only to have Scotland County's Board of Commissioners decide they didn't like the deal. "If Scotland County has the final say, it doesn't make sense to spend the money and then come to a no," he explained.

- An additional approval will be needed from the Local Government Commission, a state agency that makes sure local governments are spending their money wisely.

- The seller's Board of Directors must approve the deal.

- One hurdle that will not need to be crossed is a vote by the public to approve the purchase. Dawson said the Village has at least two options for financing the deal: borrowing the money from a bank or selling municipal bonds,

utilizing the authority it won from voters in 2003 when it was negotiating to purchase its utilities from the County.

## Consortium Planned

Dawson said the village has been talking with officials from a number of local governments — including Scotland County, the City of Laurinburg, Robeson County, the town of Southern Pines, and the town of Aberdeen — about forming a regional consortium that would cooperate to share use of the Wagram facilities.

"We would all have a financial stake, all share in cost, and all share in use of the facilities," Dawson said. "We are optimistic that the cost will be shared with partners both on water and wastewater. Most of the public conversation has been about water, but the interest of the partners is more in wastewater."

So why not form the consortium first and let it buy the Wagram plants?

"We don't own anything," Dawson said of Pinehurst. "It's odd to try to start some negotiations with no assets. After this closing, we have a lot to bring to the table. We have a large source of water, two facilities, and enormous amount of capital . . . The problem in the past is that we haven't had an asset to bring."

The cost of making the Wagram facilities usable by Pine-

hurst and other potential consortium partners will vary depending on who the partners eventually are, what they want out of the plants, and whether the Lumber River water is treated on-site or piped as raw water to a treatment plant elsewhere — for example, in Southern Pines.

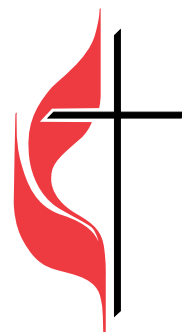
Dawson said it may cost approximately \$50 million to buy the plants (\$5.5 million), upgrade them (\$25 million), and bring water to Southern Pines (\$19.5 million).

Can the Village afford to pay for that? Dawson said Village residents have paid \$52 million over the past ten years to "rent" water from Moore County. "That's why we are getting comfortable with the numbers."

## Going it alone

What if all the talk of consortia falls through and Pinehurst has to buy the plants, upgrade them, and then carry the water to and wastewater away from customers

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## SLLA Work Session

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the Board's first substantive conversation on the SLLA's System of Governance. Neither the press nor landowners in attendance

were provided with a copy of Galford's draft.

"It comes down to the board in power operating with common sense, and that board accepting

that they are responsible for policy and that the community manager is responsible for management," Galford said.

The narrative Galford proposed defines the manager as responsible for managing the Association and providing a written action plan, annual performance evaluations of personnel, yearly objectives, a quarterly report of accomplishments, and standardized monthly reports.

He or she would have weekly verbal communication with the Board president, update the Board via email, and meet with residents by appointment or during scheduled hours convenient to the manager.

In addition, selected committees would report to the manager rather than the Board.

Turning to board responsibilities, Galford recommended a formal evaluation of the community manager every six months and encouraged all resident requests first be routed through the office.

"It comes down to policy and management. We [the Board] need to hear that residents have put the request to the manager and get his recommendation before we jump into an issue," Galford said.

President Randy Zielsdorf concurred, "Too often in the past we have gotten in to a culture

where directors start trying to take over operations. It is not good for the Association and creates no continuity through management."

Kindsvatter argued the responsibilities in the organizational chart must also be included in the Bylaws.

"This is a piece of paper. We'll sit and agree on it but unless it is put in to the Bylaws — in a year or two, this will be where?" she asked.

Galford agreed to see if a sentence or two could be added to the existing Bylaws to clarify responsibilities of the board and management.

### Community Plan

The first four focus areas of the Community Plan — amenities, infrastructure, finance, and security — were reviewed and prioritized into items that require attention and/or funding in the next three years, and those beyond. The Community Plan is a ten-year long range plan initiated by Zielsdorf and developed with the assistance of Ray Pardue. Copies have not yet been made available to the landowners. During Monday's Work Session, Board members suggested several additions and modifications to the plan, particularly in the area of infrastructure.

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## Pinehurst Water

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in the Village?

"That is the disaster scenario, right?" Dawson said. "We have to bring the water here and build a new grid. That is the worse case scenario . . . If we had to do this completely ourselves, we expect it would cost \$100 million to \$105 million. If we didn't have a capital partner at all, it's about what you are spending over 20 years [for water and sewer from the county]. At the end of that time, you are no longer a renter, you are an owner."

"We have an infrastructure that is in need of replacement anyway," Dawson added, "that is over 100 years old in some parts." In other words, if push came to shove, the Village would simply lay new water and sewer lines to serve Pinehurst customers, building a system parallel to that the county owns, picking off county customers in the process.

Asked whether Moore County Public Utilities might not seek an injunction to prevent the Village from duplicating its system and stealing its customers, Village Manager Andy Wilkison said the town of Pine Knoll Shores on the North Carolina coast has recently prevailed in court when sued for trying to replace a private system with a public one. He cited a California case that is even closer on point, in which a smaller community successfully replaced a water system managed by a larger community with its own.

"You, as citizens of Pinehurst, are spending a lot of money on something you don't own," Dawson said, charging that "None of the money you have spent over the past ten years have come back in the form of capital improvements to the system."

And Moore County, Dawson asserted, has so far resisted the Village's attempts to bring them into the conversation. "We have invited Moore County to come to the table and discuss this deal," he said. "The Mayor

hand-delivered a letter to the Commissioners. The response we have gotten is, 'We can't talk with you.'"

Asked why Pinehurst needed to purchase its own water plant when the county system can deliver 1.4 million more gallons per day than Pinehurst and Seven Lakes have ever used, Dawson replied, "If we are okay, why are we on restrictions?" -- a reference to the fact that Moore County Public Utilities has not lifted Phase 1 Voluntary Water Conservation since a severe drought in 2002.

While solidly asserting the Council's willingness for Pinehurst to go it alone — regardless of cooperation from the County, Dawson also said he didn't expect it would come to that.

"We are all going to figure this out," he said. "There are some issues between us. They are going to be resolved. Good people with good intentions will sit around a table and figure this out."

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# SLLA Work Session

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structure.

Ideas gleaned from last year's community survey were prioritized during the Work Session in a broad-ranging discussion including possibility of adding boat slips at Sequoia Point, adding sidewalks at key areas as part of the repaving project, modifying existing parks, and a long range plan for stables and horses.

Discussion of infrastructure clarified that the manager develops and implements the capital budget with board approval. Recommended under finance was the need for an annual cost study by the manager. Under safety and security, Kindsvatter recommended an annual review of the emergency action plan also.

## Deed Restrictions

A Bylaw placing deed restrictions on the four main common areas in Seven Lakes North will be voted on at the October 28 meeting. Nearly a year in planning, the process stalled for several months at the county level because several of the sites included abandoned public water wells. These lands have now been automatically transferred back to the Association, and the warranty deed has been drawn up.

The common areas include the stables, soccer field, Sequoia Point, and park area around the SLLA offices. The deed restriction severely limits the ability of a future board to sell these parcels, requiring approval of a seventy five percent majority — that is the support of six of seven directors.

Zielsdorf said the restrictions — which were originally proposed by Director Gary Caulk — have his strong support. However, Kindsvatter said she remains opposed to the new Bylaw.

"The covenants already restrict this land — already protect it. I hate to make further restrictions that may prevent future boards from doing something with it. How do I know what will happen in ten or twenty years?" she said.

Director Bud Shaver responded that the Bylaw does not prohibit a future sale, it simply requires a greater majority support.

## Greater Seven Lakes Community Council

Zielsdorf reported that a proposal to share the cost of hiring off-duty deputies for additional patrols was not well-received by the Greater Seven Lakes Community Council [GSLCC].

"Do we want more certified law enforcement in our area is the question," Zielsdorf said, explaining that a stumbling block will be how to split costs. "Who pays for what? Is it by number of homes or property tax assessment value?"

Caulk said that vandalism and crime are at their lowest reported levels right now.

"It's lower than it's ever been. Crime is all but non-existent," Caulk said.

In other discussion, Zielsdorf reported papers of incorporation have been filed for the council and that meetings are tentatively scheduled once per month.

## Road Paving

Moore County Agricultural Extension Director Craven Hudson met with Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane and Northsiders George and Deb Temple to discuss the tree root issue on Dogwood Lane.

"Hudson's recommendation was to not cut down the Longleaf pines but look into cutting the roots back every five years," Beane said.

The other landscape option

would be to remove the pine trees and plant flower beds at each end of Dogwood and the crossover points with dogwoods, crepe myrtles, and azaleas — at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

## Additional Items

Eight or nine residential lots along Cedar Lane, an undeveloped cul-de-sac road in Seven Lakes North, have been transferred to two individuals with the intent to create one large, single property. Fulcher recommended approval of the request pending the final draft of an easement that would provide access for work on Timber Dam.

Minor changes to Architec-

tural Review Board [ARB] regulations are under consideration, reported Kindsvatter, including removing restrictions on tree cutting on improved lots and bringing the rules in compliance with modern materials and products available.

Two SLLA employees, Debbie Caulk and Brenda Massimo, are

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The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss legal and personnel issues.



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