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Summer at the Stables



Cecilia McCarthy enjoys a ride on 'Rio,' a miniature horse from the SLLA Stables, with a little help from her older brother, John, and parents, Crystal and Mike McCarthy of Illinois. Cecilia & John are the grandchildren of Jack and Kay McCarthy of Seven Lakes North.

County approves \$50M financing for jail, projects

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

"Shame. Dirty shame." That's how Elizabeth Riley, a resident of McNeill Street in Carthage, characterized Moore County's plan to place a new detention center in downtown Carthage.

Riley spoke during the Monday, June 21, public hearing held by the Moore County Board of Commissioners on a \$52.5 million bond offering that will finance the new jail, public safety complex, and miscellaneous unrelated public works projects. A dozen citizens spoke during the hearing, all criticizing various aspects of the detention center project, from location to financing.

Despite their protests, the Board moved the project another step forward, approving in a three-to-two vote the issuance of up to \$50 million in limited obligation bonds. Up to \$40 million of the proceeds from that debt will be used to pay for the 110,500 square foot, 192-bed detention center and the adjacent 33,400 square foot sheriffs' office and 11,000 square foot public safety offices. A little more than \$1 million will be used to retire the existing mortgage on the Grimm property, the 21-acre site between McNeill Street and Dowd Road, adjacent to the site of the current county detention center, on which the new facility will be con-

Up to \$10 million of the remaining bond proceeds will pay for public works projects, some already under construction, including including a new \$1.2 mil-

(See "County," p. 27)

Plenty of questions at incorporation forum

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

With two very different proposals on the table for public discussion this Summer, incorporation of the greater Seven Lakes area continues to be a hot topic around town.

On Monday, June 21, a large crowd gathered at the Westside Park Community Center to hear from IncorporateSeven-Lakes.com, the group who are recommending incorporation while leaving the gates intact. Short on presentation, but long on a question and answer period, the forum was led by Randy Merritt, Darryl Marks, and Van Joyce, the three local businessmen who developed the IncorporateSevenLakes plan, and Jim Haggard, a Westside resident and former president of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association.

"We feel that incorporation and the gates are two very separate issues that don't have anything to do with each other," explained Marks. "We think our neighborhoods are well-run with internal governments that determine what goes on and what is appropriate, but we also think there are many reasons this area needs to be incorporated."

As presented, those reasons include concern over the potential of a forced annexation by the Village of Pinehurst, the opportunity to participate in discussions of big picture issues, which are generally decided at

the County level, and the ability to develop and manage municipal services including local zoning and law enforcement.

In particular, the suggested threat of forced annexation and whether the initial proposed five cent tax rate would adequately fund promised services generated spirited discussion, while the

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Incorporation meeting planned for businesses

Although the genesis of incorporatesevenlakes.com, the committee that is the driving force behind the move to incorporate

Seven Lakes while maintaining the owners who will be affected by the potential incorporation of Seven Lakes, whether or not they are members of the Business Guild

It is hoped that an additional

receipt of state funds for this purpose appears the most desirable solution to the problem, attendees will be pressed for suggestions and offers of increased volunteerism to make

Woof Woof Open

This event will benefit the Pooch Park in the Pines, Moore Humane Society's 3.5 acre fenced dog park, a leash free park for canines and their owners. The tournament will be held on Saturday, June 26 at Longleaf Golf and Country Club and on Sunday, June 27 at The Pit Golf Links.

The format on Saturday is Best Two Balls of Four, and Sunday is Step Aside Woof Woof Scramble, Teams will include Men, Women or Mixed. Shotgun starts both days at 8:30 am.

Tournament Favors include: Two complimentary green fees at Longleaf, two green fees the Pit Per Day of Play (8 green fees for two rounds). Special Events include Closest to Pin, Most Accurate Drive.

Entry fee is \$75 for Saturday and \$75 for Sunday. (\$125 if you want to play both days).

Entry Forms are available in local pro shops and on line www.moorehumane.org

ncorporateSevenLakes.Com

by Darrell Marks

gated communities, was from benefit of this meeting will be a within the Seven Lakes Business Guild, the two groups are not one and the same.

As a way to make that clear, and seek input from the broad based community of local businesses and commercial property owners, a joint meeting will be held at Beacon Ridge Country Club on Monday, July 12 at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be a private affair for all business owners and commercial property

realization by business persons on both sides of the issue that the maintenance of the district roads has to become more of a shared responsibility than has been historically so.

Most people don't realize that the Business District consists of over 200 small lots, owned by nearly as many people, who have no legal responsibility for the care and maintenance of the streets and common areas. The volunteer caretakers of this property, primarily the members of the Business Guild, have reached the point where the generosity of a few is no longer sufficient to repair the wear and tear on the roads by the many.

While incorporation and the

sure that the district roads don't return to dirt if incorporation

Other areas of possible discussion will include additional street lighting in the commercial area, making commitments to the new town of Seven Lakes to voluntarily staff or fund key positions or services during the town's infancy, as well as putting before the attendees any ideas that would improve the appearance and function of the business

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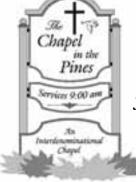
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Snafu at the gates irks Westside residents

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

The difficulty the Seven Lakes West [SLWLA] and Seven Lakes [SLLA] Landowners Associations appear to be having working out reciprocal gate access in the new fiscal year generated consternation amongst Westsiders at the SLWLA Board's Tuesday, June 22 Work session.

Jackie Simpson complained that she and other Westsiders were refused admittance to Seven Lakes North earlier in the day, until they prevailed up on the guard to grant them a hangtag. Joan Lenz echoed that complaint, and noted the problem was creating traffic backups at the North Side entrance.

"This thing is extremely inconvenient for those who are on the North South side on a regular basis," former SLWLA Director Virgil Reid told the Board, adding that he would be happy to pay \$2 for the cost of a windshield sticker that would gain him easy access to the neighboring community.

President Ron Shepard explained that the Board voted to do away with SLWLA windshield stickers in order to save on the cost of administering what was essentially a duplicate system, requiring the tracking of both sticker numbers and barcode numbers for each vehicle. At the time, it was his understanding that the SLLA was contemplating a similar move.

The unintended consequence is that SLLA gate guards have no ready means of distinguishing vehicles belonging to Westsiders from those belonging to random

visitors

Shepard said it was his understanding that guards manning the North and South Side gates were supposed to recognize SLWLA membership cards for entry; the West side continues to recognize current SLLA stickers for entry into Seven Lakes West

Simpson said the North Side

West Side Landowners

6/22 Meeting

guard she encountered made no mention of membership cards, and Lenz complained that, if a membership card were required for entry into Seven Lakes North and South, the Westside Board should publicize that fact. Reid added that showing a membership card is far more cumbersome than the old windshield sticker system.

Community Manager Joan Frost said Westsiders could pay \$25 to purchase an SLLA barcode and solve the problem that way. She noted that she was working with SLLA Community Manager Alina Cochran to explore the potential for programming the barcode numbers of those who paid the fee into SLLA computers, so that vehicles would at least not have to carry two separate barcode stickers.

But, she noted, thought both she and John Hoffmann have been working on the issue with their SLLA counterparts, no agreement has yet been set forth in written form.

The prospect of paying an extra \$25 for access they had come over the years to expect as a matter of course did not appear to sit too well with those residents concerned about the problem. Joel Martin argued that it would be a simple matter for the associations to trade databases,

since both barcode systems use the same database. But Frost said she was wary of having Westside staff taking on the administrative task of tracking updates to both SLWLA and SLLA

vehicle lists.

"This has been an issue that Ron and others have been working on with the SLLA Board for weeks," Treasurer Joe Sike explained, "and, for whatever reason, we can't get it nailed down. No fault is ever singular. We realize that that is a problem. We realize that our membership wants to get back and forth without inconvenience. We are trying to make it happen. Evidently, we have not been successful, yet. So we have to keep working on it."

Director Mick Herdrich volunteered to accompany Frost to discuss the matter with SLLA representatives later in the week.

Incorporation

Following up on legal research he shared during the Board July 8 work session, Silberhorn said he had contacted the NC Department of Transportations [NCDOT]

(See "West Side," p. 18)

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SLLA Summer rec programs up & running

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Summer recreational programs are open and ready for business, reported Community Manager Alina Cochran to the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors during their June 14 Work Session.

The Northside Pool opened on Monday, June 14, following the installation of two safety grates necessary to bring the main pool into compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act. A lengthy list of maintenance concerns were quickly repaired and some additional new equipment was purchased that should help prolong the life of the thirty-year old pool structure.

SLLA Day Camp is also underway and will run for ten weeks, through August 20, Monday through Friday in the Community Activity Center under the direction of Ginger McQueen. Rates are \$20 daily drop-in or \$80 week for SLLA members, and \$30 daily drop-in or \$100 week for non-residents. Children aged five to fourteen will enjoy a variety of fun camp activities, including weekly themed sports and games, daily swimming, and crafts.

No experience in the saddle is necessary for children over the age of eight to attend SLLA Horse Camp. A week-long program held Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, Stables Manager Karen Reeder teaches campers how to feed, groom, saddle, and ride a horse. The first camp was held in June

and two more weeks of Horse Camp are scheduled to begin July 19 and July 26. Fee is \$50 per week for SLLA members and reservations are required. Please call 673-4738.

Lake water testing

Warm weather and heavy use of the lakes and beaches has a few residents concerned about the frequency that community lakes are tested for E. coli bacteria – a problem acerbated by resident Canada geese populations and the potential for septic system failures.

"[Our beaches'] very presence represents an open invitation to our families to swim, and we believe it is incumbent upon us to ensure that the waters in which they frolic don't represent a health hazard," Northsider Ron Erskine read from a prepared statement to the Board.

A waterfront property owner on Lake Sequoia, Erskine performed lake water testing for the Association last year, using a simple 24-hour test which was performed by volunteers at a cost of \$10 per test. He estimated a full-season of weekly testing would run approximately \$400 and argued that it was a costeffective and timely way to ensure swimmer safety, particularly after heavy rains, when bacteria counts typically rise.

Rather than close the beaches, Erskine recommended that, if high levels were detected, an advisory should be announced and posted: a second test would be immediately conducted with

results returned in a day.

Cochran responded that management is concerned for the health and safety of residents, but worried about reporting non-professional lake water testing results and their impact if that information were incorrect.

"We recognize the need for regular testing; however, we want to ensure the results presented to the community are accurate. For that reason, testing should be done in a lab," said Cochran, noting that she had received a \$3,300 proposal for one-time testing from a licensed contractor.

Eighteen new boat slips proposed

"If you build it, they will come," said Northsider George Temple, applauding the Lakes Committee's proposal to add eighteen new boat slips on Lake Sequoia. With ten residents already on a confirmed waiting list for the existing Sequoia Point marina, Lakes Committee members George Stahl and Mike Pennington proposed that the SLLA add a new \$47,000 dock that could be paid for over four years, using only the revenues generated by the new slips.

The textured aluminum, fishbone-style dock would extend

200 feet into Lake Sequoia from the northwestern edge of the park. Building with wood is cheaper, but more labor intensive to maintain, Pennington explained, noting that aluminum would require minimal upkeep over the next thirty years. Once payment is complete, the committee proposed demolishing the existing wooden dock and replacing it with a second aluminum fishbone-style dock, also on the northwestern side, for a total of thirty-six slips; with one dedicated to the Security Boat Patrol and three open as fifteenminute loading and unloading (See "SLLA Work Session," p. 25)





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Funding for schools still up in the air

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Moore County Schools operate on revenues drawn from local, state, and federal budgets; however, following the recent approval of the 2011 FY Budget by the Moore County Board of Commissioners, the school system presently has only this one firm number in place for planning purposes.

At \$25,540,140, the approved local budget is nearly \$750,000 less than was requested and the \$26,252,072 in approved local capital outlay represents a \$1.17 million decrease from the original request, and further cuts are anticipated at the state level.

"This means we have a tremendous amount of work to do," Chief Financial Officer Mike Griffin reported to the Board of Education on Monday, June 14.

Moore scholarships total \$11.5 million

778 students graduated from Moore County Schools this year, with 258 receiving scholarships that total \$11.5 million combined. Over 198 of those scholarships were provided by local businesses, groups, and churches.

Six Moore County students received military academy

appointments, seven received NC Teaching Fellows scholarships, and one received a National Merit Scholarship, and one was drafted in the fourth round draft by Major League Baseball.

Passport to Adventure

An international festival, 'Passport to Adventure' is a PTA-sponsored event that offers West Pine Middle School students the opportunity to learn first-hand about diverse cultures – from here in North Carolina to the opposite side of the globe.

Held on Friday, May 7, activities included an International Cooking School featuring Italian and French specialties, art, dance, music and sports from various countries, theater performances, and cultural experiences that can be found close to home including colonial crafts and quilting.

An annual fundraising program, Passport to Adventure is sponsored by the West Pine PTA and receives support from community businesses, parents, staff, and volunteers.

Awards

West End Elementary teacher Donna Love was recognized in

June with the Growing to Greatness Award honoring certified staff. A Kindergarten teacher with twenty-four years experience, Love has served in Moore



WEE Teacher Donna Love

County for seventeen years.

In addition, thirteen teachers were recognized as recipients of the Moore County Public Education Foundation Award, including Elizabeth Gingerich and Jill Hartsell, both of West End Elementary, and Marci Houseman, of West Pine Middle.

The mission of the Moore County Public Education Foundation is to encourage excellence in educational practices by providing support to innovative programs in the classroom.

Houseman, a music and chorus teacher created a integrated program of music and media and will use the award to purchase eight cameras which will allow students to review their own performances.

Jill Hartsell, an award-winning art teacher, will implement a pottery component to her classes for all grades, featuring a history of pottery in North Carolina, and used the award to purchase a kiln.

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Elizabeth Gingerich, a physical education teacher, created an activity log challenge for students and used the award to purchase new recess and playground equipment.

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Accessory dwelling worries neighbors

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

A Public Hearing to consider a conditional use permit for an accessory dwelling unit in addition to an existing residence on a 2.6 acre parcel on Dowd Road in Carthage drew several concerned neighbors to the Moore County Planning Board meeting on Thursday, June 10.

Accessory dwelling units are subject to all applicable building standards and can be attached or detached structures – though, if detached, must be positioned behind the principal residence on a lot at least 1.5 times the minimum size for the zoning district.

As proposed, it was the applicant's intention to place a single-wide mobile home on his property and whether or not that unit could be used a rental property that garnered attention from the neighbors.

But because North Carolina

statutes prohibit restrictions on land based on family relations, hardship, or its use as a rental, the Planning Board had very little legal leeway to address those concerns and the permit was approved unanimously.

"It is a standard that is long-

standing in Moore County to allow accessory dwelling units, and I don't see that changing at this point," said Planning Director Joey Raczkowski, in speaking to *The Times* following the meeting.

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- 2. Family.
- 3. Group.
- 4. Youth Volunteer.
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- 6. Perseverance in Volunteerism:

- A volunteer who has overcome significant personal obstacles in order to engage in service to others.
- National Service: An individual member of a National Service program.
- 8. Outstanding Mentor: An individual volunteer who has demonstrated a commitment to mentoring children.
- 9. Faith-Based Volunteerism: An individual or group that volunteers through a faith-based community organization.
- Corporate Volunteerism: A business that has made a substantial impact.
- 11. Director of Volunteers: A paid staff member who exemplifies good management skills in volunteer training, risk management, screening, recognition, evaluation and retention of volunteers
- Lifetime Achievement: An individual who has exhibited a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and service.

Nomination forms are available at the Senior Enrichment Center, 2 miles north of the traffic circle on 15/501, at RSVP volunteer sites or call RSVP for an email or download a nomination form at www.volunteernc.org/programs/index.aspx.Completed nominations may be returned in person or mailed to RSVP at P.O. 487 Carthage, NC 28327 no later than 5:00 PM July 31. A selection committee will forward nominations to Raleigh by the end of August. The NC Commission of Volunteerism will announce our award recipients in late September or early October. For additional information or assistance contact County Coordinator for the Governor's Award: Shiela Klein, Moore County RSVP Director, at 215-0900.



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by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

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A brand-new business located at 314 Grant Street in the

Seven Lakes Business Village, Imagine Woodworks is the brainchild of Northsiders Benton and Susan Cramer. The licensed builder and former period furniture gallery owner said that rather than build a house, they'd rather focus on building the pieces with an emphasis on detail.

"I work on one piece at a time, which is the same way I remodeled houses. You get better results when you focus on one project before moving on to the next," Cramer said.

An accomplished equestrian and former steeplechase trainer and rider, he also custom builds horse jumps; however, his real passion is boats. Currently, he is constructing a lightweight canoe made entirely from cedar, and he has also built boats up to 21' long, including restoration work on sailboats.

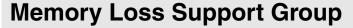
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The Seven Lakes Alzheimer's /Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Chapel in the Pines on Seven Lakes Drive.

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Tips for watering in hot, dry weather

Summer is here and gardening is well underway. The June temperatures have once again reached the nineties. The soil is becoming dryer although, at his point, moisture in most areas has not become a limiting factor. However, some spots need rain and irrigation is already being used.

How often and how much should one water their landscape plantings? Vegetable gardens, bedding plants, and lawns require one to one and one half inches of water per week for optimum growth and development, if soils are light and sandy; and most of the soils in the Sandhills fall within this category. If rainfall is one half inch for the week then an additional one inch or water must be added to make up the difference.

During hot, dry weeks, established ornamental trees and shrubs should be thoroughly watered once. If newly planted or transplanted, thoroughly drench twice. The best time to water is during the day, so that the foliage will become dry by sundown to prevent the infestation of diseases and insects.

Some complain that their lawn grasses don't look up to par this year and want some suggestions to improve the problem. Here are a few comments that might be helpful:

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If disease problems are prevalent, have the problem identified and make the proper chemical disease treatment.

Mowing regularly before weed seeds become mature will help control weeds but herbicidal chemicals may become necessary if broadleaf weeds are abundant.

The cool weather early this

Spring and the dry weather in

May was not conducive to early

growth of warm season grasses.

weeds and grasses. Here are

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Broadleaf weeds and woody plants can be controlled by for-

mulations of 2,4-D

Dicamba MCPP and other phenoxy herbicides.

Do not use phenoxys or Round Up underneath shrubs, trees,

or other plants in the root zone

Vantage is another product that has been cleared for use on many broadleaf plants. It's a grass only killer [crabgrass, Bermuda grass, etc] and it may be applied over top most broadleaf plants without damage.

Use all chemicals according to labeled use and keep them out of our lakes. All chemicals and plant food needs can be obtained from Cardinal Chemical Company in Aberdeen and often from your favorite garden supply deal-

Suggested vegetable plantings for June:

All types of beans, egg plants, Southern field or cow peas, sweet potatoes, and tomatoes.

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west of Seven Lakes, in the for-

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Seven Lakes West Events will be hosting its Kids Summer Arts and Crafts classes at the West Side Park Community Center Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 1-3 pm, beginning Tuesday, July 6. The classes, taught by Linda Rosskamp, are open to children four and older. Preregistration is required and brochures are available at the West Side Park Community Center Office.

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Gardener's gift nets a warm thank-you

Most gardeners are all-too-familiar with the concept of "overabundance" — that being the technical term for a condition in which the gardener, the gardener's family, the gardener's next door neighbors, all the gardener's family members within driving distance, and everyone at church and at Lion's Club have had all the zucchini they can stomach this Summer, "Thank you very much." And, yet, those darned plants keep churning them out, day after day, after day.

One enterprising Seven Lakes gardener, who prefers to remain anonymous, faced a few weeks ago (before the drought set in) with an oversupply of crisp green lettuce, and solved the problem by neatly bagging it up and depositing it on the mail house table, with a note encourging folks to help themselves.

It didn't last long.

And in its place, an anonymous but grateful salad lover left this charming note, which said gardener asked that we share with you:

Dear Gardener,

You must be a special person with a generous heart to think of sharing the harvest of your garden with whomever might find it in a public place like the mail house.

And here I came along casually perusing the bulletin board and checking out the

items on the table, only to find a crumpled plastic bag lying there. Looking more closely, I discoverd the

bag contained beautiful homegrown lettuce fresh from the garden — your garden.

Without a second thought, I quickly accepted your offer and possessed the bag of lettuce, thinking about the great salad I would have for supper!

And a great salad it was — made from your gift of lettuce

Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins

love. It is often said that it is more blessed to give than to receive, but I must say that

today I was truly blessed to receive.

Thank you very much.

So, gardeners, there you have it: the solution to your over-abundance problem.

Let us know how it works out for you, and remember this tip: a zucchini is ho-hum, but a tomato is divine.

Tourney benefits CIS

Meet Sean 'The Beast' Fister World Long Drive Champion as Communities In Schools supports and helps kids stay in school and prepare for life.

The tournament will be played on Pinehurst # 8, The Centennial Course, Monday, July 12.

The game starts at 9 am with a Shot Gun – Texas Shamble.

All proceeds from the event support Moore County children including the Community In Schools COMPASS Mentoring Program serving over 150 students.

The cost is \$200 per player that includes golf, lunch, bev-

erages and a player reception after the tournament.

Sponsorships are available. Special events include: 'Meet the Beast' reception on Sunday, July 11 at Little River Golf Resort and also The 'Beast Challenge' on July 11 at Little River Golf Resort.

Five local pro's will compete with the 'Beast' for the Longest Drive 'Beast Ball' long drive contest drawing for fabulous prizes including Golf on the World-Renowned Pinehurst #8.

Communities In Schools of Moore County is a local nonprofit organization helping kids

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NEWS June 25, 2010 **Seven Lakes Times**

Stewart, Stroker win US Kids Golf Awards

McLendon HIIIs resident Golf World Championship vol-Rachel Stewart and her fellow Pinecrest High School graduating Senior Aaron Stroker have been awarded the first US Kids Golf Foundation Volunteer Scholarships.

Each received a scholarship valued at \$750.

Richard Lawson, Chairman of the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship Volunteers, presented the scholarships in honor and recognition of the U.S. Kids

unteers.

These scholarships were presented to the female and male student from the Pinehurst area who have demonstrated exceptional citizenship, community service, willingness to serve as a volunteer, and extracurricular activities.

Rachel, who will be attending Belmont University in Nashville, TN, has participated in athletics, Young Life, Church activities, Outward Bound, and is an active volunteer for Carolina Donor Service, an organ donor program through Duke University. Her music experiences have taken her to many school, church, civic, and charitable events where she has performed.

Aaron is an officer of the National Honor Society and the Student Environmental Association and has been a member of the Key Club, Spanish Club and the soccer team. Through his church, he has been actively involved for more than four years with Interfaith Hospitality, We Care and the Sandhills/Moore Coalition. He will attend N.C. State University in the fall.

This will mark the fifth year that U.S. Kids Golf has held the World Golf Championships on many of the Pinehurst area courses. More than 500 volunteers help with the tournaments

each August.

The mission of the U.S. Kids Golf Foundation is to introduce, develop and enhance the oppor-

tunities for kids to play the game of golf through instruction, positive family interaction and competitive play.



Rachel Stewart and Aaron Stroker received US Kids Golf Foundation Scholarships.

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NEWS Seven Lakes Times June 25, 2010

Volunteers make Westside mail house shine

by James Johnson Seven Lakes West

Residents take the situation into their own hands and save the Seven Lake West community nearly \$5,000.

Many Seven Lake West residents are aware that the mail house has deteriorated over the past few years to where it was considered less than an asset to the community.

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John Hoffmann

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ing over 115 hours and a less

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and materials this group trans-

formed the mail house into an

amenity for which everyone can

Kudos to John Hoffman, Bill

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Behrens for the many hours of

carpentry, pruning, scraping,

power washing and painting, a

The "bottom line" is that there

are many Seven Lakes West

residents, each with special tal-

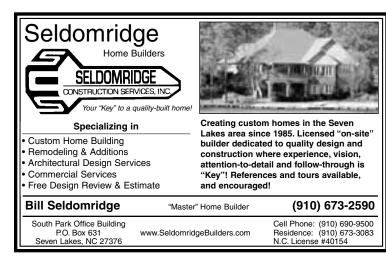
ents, all of which our communi-

ty can and does utilize on a

continuing basis to everyone's

job well done.

benefit.





NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)-Moore County moves to new meeting place. NAMI-MC will now hold its monthly meetings at the Community Room located in the FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Specialty Clinic Building, located at the corners of Memorial Drive and Page Street. Pinehurst.

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MOCARS Hams to hold field day this weekend

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The Moore County Amateur Radio Society (MOCARS) invites everyone to visit their annual Field Day, beginning at 12 noon Saturday through Sunday noon, 26-27 June, at Hillcrest Park in Carthage.

Each year MOCARS members take equipment to a remote location, using only emergency power, to test and make sure that amateur operators are ready to provide critical communications when needed. When trouble strikes, ham radio people are often the first and only people able to provide critical communications and information. During emergencies, hams work through local organizations including Moore County Emergency Services, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

For many years local MOCARS amateur radio club has provided emergency communications at local emergency shelters following storms and natural disasters. MOCARS also provide communications support for local activities including the Uwharrie Mountain Run, the Pinehurst Triathlon and Dressage in the Sandhills horse show. Many are trained SkyWarn weather observers for the National Weather Service

Come and see how local ham

Seamus Murphy sez:



up communications networks when other systems fail or are overloaded. Everyone will have

radio operators can quickly set the opportunity to experience the enjoyment of making an amateur radio communications contact. The group holds nets

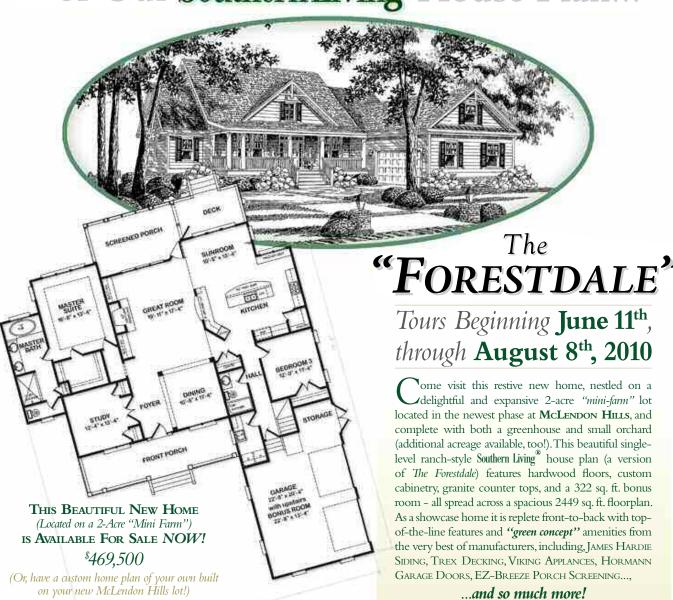
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Seven Lakes Times June 25, 2010 **NEWS**

In memory of

man, Jr. died on Thursday, June

He was born in Binghamton, New York. He graduated from Afton High School, Afton, NY, and Broome Technical College in Binghamton, NY.

He served his country in the United States Air Force, stationed both stateside and in Europe. His business career spanned three states, in management for Taco Antenna Corporation in Sherburne, NY and Walworth Valve Corporation in Greensburg, PA.

Mr. Christman and his wife, Bertha also were owners of a dry cleaning business in Latrobe, PA. The family relocated to North Carolina 18 years ago, and were the proprietors of the Foxfire Village General Store.

Mr. Christman also served as the Foxfire Village Water System Superintendent for seventeen years and was a water consultant to Taylortown, Hyland Hills and Lake Diamond water systems

He was a member of the Hamilton Country Club in New York, the Ligonier, PA Golf and Country Club and the Foxfire Golf and Country Club and attended the Congregational Church of Pinehurst, UCC.

A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, June 20 at the Congregational Church of Pinehurst.

Survivors include Deborah Lattanzio (Ralph) and grandchildren John and Kaitlyn, Susan Phillips (Ed) and grandchildren Matthew and Michael, Cynthia Johnson (Robert) and grandchildren Robert, Christopher and Daniel, the late Steve Christman (Cynthia) and grandchildren Noah and Anna, and Scott Christman (Gina) and grandchildren Carter, Macolin, Bella and Ava; his sisters Marjorie Gregory, Ruth Engle, Joan Hacker, and his brother Raymond.

Memorial donations may be made to FirstHealth Hospice, 120 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374, The American Cancer Society, 8300 Health Park, Ste. 10, Raleigh, NC 27615, or Congregational Church of Pine-

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Richard W. "Dick" Christ- hurst, UCC, 895 Linden Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

> Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst served the family.

Jeannette Hoganson of Seven Lakes, died on Saturday,

Funeral services were held at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Seven Lakes on Wednesday,

June 16. Burial followed in West End Cemetery.

Mrs. Hoganson was a student a Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan prior to her enrollment as a student nurse at Providence Nursing School in Detroit, Michigan. She graduated in 1944.

She worked as a registered

nurse in veteran's hospitals, doctor's offices, and as an industrial nurse for Ford Motor Company, a member of Seven Lakes Baptist Church and was active member and leader of many Bible study and worship groups.

Mrs. Hoganson is survived by her husband Eugene Hoganson; one son, Mike Hoganson; one daughter, Terry Pray; four grandchildren, two great grandchildren.

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The family was assisted by Boles Funeral Homes of Seven Lakes.



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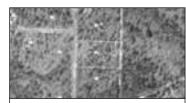
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Polio survivor shares story with Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Kiwanian Ginny Richmond, spoke to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis on Tuesday, June, 8. Richmond is a two time survivor of polio, and very active in support group activities.

She brought a movie to the meeting called "The Final Inch."

Even though the Salk and Sabin vaccines have been available since the 1950's, and polio has virtually disappeared in the United States, the disease is still a major problem in many countries around the world, India being one of the biggest problem



Ginny Richmond

Baptist VBS visits Egypt

A summer family event called Egypt will be hosted at Seven Lakes Baptist Church from Monday, July 12, to Friday, July 16, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm each day.

Families step back in time at Egypt, exploring the life of Joseph. Kids and adults participate in a memorable Bibletimes marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Egyptian eats, visit Joseph in prison and then in his palace home, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God's Word.

Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration – a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

Kids and adults at Egypt will join nearly a million participants blanketing Africa with God's love through a hands-on mission project in association with an organization called Operation Kidto-Kid.

With Operation Kid-to-Kid, families will create soft blankets that will be sent to orphans and vulnerable children.

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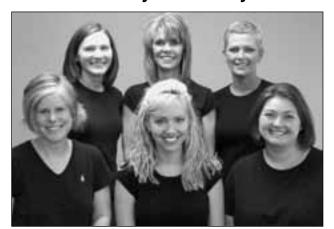
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SATURDAY, JUNE 26

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<u>SUNDAY, JUNE 27</u>

400-3019.

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church - 9:30 am, Holy Eucharist. Rev. Robert Brown. Pentecost 5, Proper 8. Gospel Luke 9: 51-62. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. Seven Lakes. All are Welcome.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 29

 Healing Service – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. Intercessory prayers for the sick & troubled, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Carol Burgess, Deacon. Program Leader: Brenda Yarish. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. All are Welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

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

THURSDAY, JULY 1

• Sandhills Winery - 5:30 to 8:30 pm. "Wine Down Tasting." \$10. Food from Goldies. Located at 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

Art Exhibit and Reception -(Reception Sunday, July 11 3 to 5 pm.) "On the Road Again" a solo exhibit of paintings by Frank Giordano depicting people and places the artist has encountered in his travels and imaginings. Exhibit continues through July 29 and will feature several of Giordano's golf landscapes. Artists League of the Sandhills Exchange Street Gallery, 129 Exchange Street, Aberdeen. Regular gallery hours M-Sat, 12 to 3 pm. 910-944-3979.

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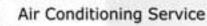
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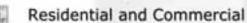
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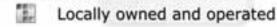
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SATURDAY, JULY 3

 West Side Landowners Association Celebrate - 10 am. Red. White and Blue Parade at the Westside Community Center. Children will decorate their bikes, trikes, wagons or golf carts. Refreshments will be supplied. Held in the Upper Parking lot.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

- · Fourth of July, Independence Day
- Holy Eucharist 9:30 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. The Rev. Fred Thompson, Priest Associate. Pentecost 6, Proper 9. Gospel Luke 10: 25-37. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. Seven Lakes. All are Welcome.
- Westside Landowners Association Celebrate Independence Day - 1 pm, Boat Parade on Lake Auman (All boats meet at Pine Island by 12:30 pm). Happy Fourth of July.

TUESDAY, JULY 7

American Red Cross Blood Drive - 1 pm to 6 pm at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Severe blood shortages persist nationwide.

Donors are urgently needed. If you are in good health, over 16 (with parental approval) and over 110 pounds you are needed, especially if you are O+. For a desired donation time call 673-4931 and remember to bring your donor card or a photo ID on the day. Please give those in need your gift

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- Meet with Sean "The Beast" Fister - World Long Drive Champion, who will compete against golf pros from area clubs in the Challenge, "the Beast Long Drive Contest" at Little River Resort. Meet the Beast and enjoy cocktail and hors d'oevres while you watch the contest. All proceeds benefit Communities In Schools (CIS) of Moore County. For tickets and information call 910-295-1072.

MONDAY, JULY 12

- Seven Lakes Landowners Association - 8 am, work session, at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.
- Communities In Schools host the 4th Annual "Fore Kids Sake" Golf Tournament at Pinehurst No. 8. at 9 am. Shot Gun Texas Shamble. Celebrity golfer Sean "The Beast" Fister, World Long Drive Champion, will join the golfers for the day. For more information, call 910-295-1072. Communities

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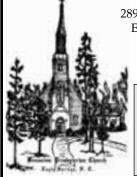
- Seven Lakes Baptist Church **Invites Families to Egypt:** Joseph's Journey From **Prison to Palace** – Hosted at Seven Lakes Baptist Church through Friday, July 16, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm each day. Families step back in time at Egypt, exploring the life of Joseph. For more information call Seven Lakes Baptist Church at 910-673-4656.
- SCC Jazz Band Outdoor Concert - 6:30 pm, Free. Bring a lawn chair and picnic if you wish. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved

in doors to the Owens Auditorium on the SCC campus. BBQ Dinners by Jordan's tonight starting at 5 pm, \$7 per plate. Sandhills Community College, Airport Road, Southern Pines. 910-692-7966.

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Powell Bill administrator. Powell Bill funds are fuel tax revenues that the state shares with local governments for the maintenance of streets and sidewalks.

Silberhorn had already discovered strong evidence in the text of the Planned Community Act that Westside streets could be dedicated to the proposed Town of Seven Lakes only by the affirmative vote of eighty percent of all SLWLA members. But that left open the question of whether Powell Bill funds -- or other state revenues -- could be used for the upkeep of those streets if the gates were removed and the town granted and easement, rather than ownership, of the roadways.

Powell Bill Administrator Betsy Williams told Silberhorn that roads must be dedicated to the town in order for Powell Bill funds to be applied to their upkeep. Silberhorn said he believed this same principle - no use of public funds on private roads would also apply to other state shared revenues, for example, sales tax revenues.

Incorporation Study Plan

President Ron Shepard presented the Board's plan for involving its members -- and the membership at large -- in a thorough study of the issues surrounding the proposed incorporation of Seven Lakes. Board members will assemble study groups to look at the issues in specific areas of concern, as follows:

- Incorporation/Legal/Liability -Ed Silberhorn
- Security/Gated Community -John Hoffmann
- Community Growth, Development, and Zoning - Ron Shepard
- Costs, Revenues, and Taxes Mick Herdrich
- Infrastructure John Goodman
- Impact on Property Values Ed Silberhorn
- Impact on SLW Amenities, including Lake Auman - Mick Herdrich

Director Jane Sessler will coordinate the development of a Frequently-Asked Questions document to be posted on the SLWLA

Each Study Group will develop a report to submit to the (See "West Side," p. 19)

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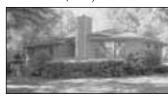
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Board and present to the membership, Shepard said, and the Board is likely to make a recommendation to the membership on the issue of incorporation at the conclusion of the process. Interim reports are expected to be available in September, with final reports completed in December.

Shepard said members with an interest in these areas are encouraged to participate. Outside experts will be brought in as needed by the individual study groups.

Any public forums convened during the process will be open to the entire community, rather than held exclusively for Westsiders, Shepard said.

Legal

The Board during Tuesday's meeting ratified an annexation agreement that will apply to the Parkwood subdivision, which lies near the mailhouse on the Lakeway Drive exit lane. Legal Director Ed Silberhorn explained that the same agreement will be offered to Parkwood developer John Garner, as well as the individual owners of two homes and one unimproved lot in the subdivision.

The owners of a property that currently includes a non-conforming fence will be offered annexation contingent upon the removal of the fence.

Silberhorn reported that the Association had filed an answer and affirmative defenses in a suit brought against SLWLA by the developer of Clubhouse Commons, an subdivision near Beacon Ridge Country Club. He said the Association's attorneys would be taking depositions over the next forty-five days to determine whether other parties should be made parties to the suit

Silberhorn reported that the Association would be meeting the next day with Peyton Gentry and Bob Van Houten of Lakeside Development to close on a transfer of the gatehouse and associated parcels to the SLWLA. He expressed appreciation for the cooperation of of the developer and "the smooth transition they allowed us to effectuate."

The Archive Subcommittee of the Legal Affairs Committee is looking for volunteers to devote a few hours a month to scanning Association legal documents into a database that will allow computerized storage and retrieval. Silberhorn said the initial goal was to get the last ten years of minutes, judicial panel proceedings, and other legal documents into the system. Prospective volunteers are encouraged to contact him for more information about the project.

Events

Director Jane Sessler reported that ten families have signed up for youth sailing classes to be taught by members of the Seven Lakes Sailing Club at the end of July.

July Fourth festivities will include a Friday Night Concert at Johnson Point, a kids parade at the Community Center on Saturday morning, a boat parade Sunday afternoon, and the fireworks display Sunday evening. Community Manager Frost reported that a group of residents raised enough to fund — with an Association match — a \$11,650 fireworks display for Independence Day. The display will begin shortly after dark on the Fourth of July.

Lake & Dam

Director Herdrich reported that the Lake and Dam Committee had received a letter from West End Fire and Rescue expressing concern that the continued closure of Lakeway Drive over the Lake Auman Dam could hamper the provision of emergency services. He said the committee is working on a plan to make the dam roadway accessible to emergency vehicles.

President Shepard reminded residents that it is a rules violation to allow grass clippings to spray into the lake.

Noting that he had received complaints about Canada Geese making a mess at Johnson Point, Herdrich said the area would be raked each week on Friday in preparation for heavier weekend use. If geese repellants he is investigating do not fix the

problem, he said, he may suggest resodding the area with zoysia or another variety of grass that the geese find unattractive.

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Union Pines wins home building competition

Union Pines High School's house project has won first place in the Moore County Schools Home of the Year competition, and three of the school's students have received job offers as a result of their work on the house.

Each year, Pinecrest High, Union Pines High and North Moore High Architectural Drafting and Construction Technology students construct a home to provide the students with practical, hands-on experience in the world of construction. The students work on the projects throughout the year, and, upon

completion in the spring, the homes are auctioned to the highest bidder. These funds are then used to continue future projects.

The Moore County Home Builders Association (MCHBA) sponsors the Moore County Schools' Home of the Year Competition – Battle of the Schools each year. Serving as judges this year were J.D. Huff of McDonald Brothers, Sue Reaves of Bill Reaves Construction, Andy Robertson of Sandhills Ceramic Tile, John Pandich of Pandich Construction Co., and Dallas Morgan, Pinehurst Build-

ing Inspector.

Some of the criteria for judging include presentation of package, appearance, craftsmanship, custom features, creativity, and overall quality. This year, Union Pines High won first place with North Moore High taking second and Pinecrest High receiving the third place award. Prize sponsors for the competition are McDonald Brothers, Inc., Builders FirstSource, and Lowe's who provide store purchase credits.

Scholarships are also awarded by the MCHBA. James Cheek, Arthur Atkins and George Blackwell, all of Union Pines High, received \$1,500 scholarships. Union Pines High students Nicholas Brown, Jonathan Parrish and Jordan McBryde received \$500 Award of Honor Scholarships. Cheek was also the recipient of the Clendenin Award, named for "the father of vocational education in Moore County," Albert Clendenin, Jr.

Odell Brady is the instructor for

Union Pines High's Construc- Ragsdale is the school's Archi-

tion Technology class, and Matt tectural Drafting instructor.

Members of Odell Brady's Construction Technology class at Union Pines High School.

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SLWLA Board's Tuesday, June
22 Work Session:

- Treasurer Sikes said roughly eighty percent of the membership has elected to pay their dues on a monthly basis.
- The Board voted to have two public comment periods during its work sessions, one lasting up to fifteen minutes near the beginning of the meeting and the customary comment period near the end of the meeting. The idea is to accommodate folks who may want to make a statement or comment, but would rather not stay for the entire work session.
- Community Manager Frost said CAS staff has developed

a ten-zone system for identifying and tracking compliance issues that will be put into use in the coming weeks in order to cut down on rules infractions. Among the biggest problems areas are unkempt lawns and barking dogs.



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'Life Savers' at Seven Lakes Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Life Savers" visited the Seven Lakes Kiwanis on Tuesday, May

The Seven Lakes EMS and the Volunteer Fire Department, in the respective persons of EMT Chuck Ridenour and Tim Bouchelle, Deputy Fire Chief, spoke to the group about the

Chamber presents State of BRAC

Moore County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Division and Board of Directors announced they will be hosting the State of BRAC event at Pinehurst Members Club, June 30, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. The keynote speaker will be Lieutenant General Joseph Peterson, Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Forces Command. General Peterson will be focusing his presentation on the Army Forces Command relocation to Fort Bragg. The luncheon fee is \$25 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members. Pre-registration and payment is required.

Lieutenant General Peterson will discuss the BRAC relocation and the changes coming over the next several years, as the Army moves U.S. Army Reserve Command and U.S. Army Forces Command military and civilian personnel and their families from Fort McPherson, GA to Fort Bragg.

Construction of the new FORSCOM headquarters building is underway. In September, 2010, the U.S. Army Reserve Command and U.S. Army Forces Command personnel will begin moving to Fort Bragg.

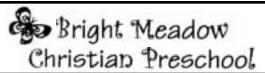
To register visit www.moorecountychamber.com, call (910) 692-3926, or email info@moorecountychamber.com. This program will be held at the Pinehurst Members Club, at 80 Carolina Vista Drive, Village of Pinehurst, NC 28374.

emergency services that both groups provide to the community.

The Seven Lakes EMS has been in existence for 27 years, during which time it has faithfully responded to emergency calls by Seven Lakes citizens without a break in its service. In 2009, they responded to 455 calls for help. The Seven Lakes EMT technicians, currently nine members, are highly motivated and



Ron McGaughey, Program Coordinator with Tim Bouchelle Deputy Chief, and Chuck Ridenour-EMS



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One concern that both the EMS and Fire Department have is finding homes at night.

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Residents are strongly encouraged to have their names and street numbers prominently displayed in reflective materials which can easily be seen at night. Another, newer development is a flashing light that can screwed into standard light sockets. These lights are available through either the EMS or the Fire Department.

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OPINION

Surviving the cat days of June .

While enjoying a cup of afternoon tea and contemplating the three fur rugs splayed across my sunny, front porch, I can't help but recall a line from the movie, "Biloxi Blues."

"It's like Africa hot. Tarzan couldn't take this kind of hot."

Neither can felines, apparently.

With their preternaturally flexible spines curved into Yogimaster positions and twelve paws outstretched to catch any feeble breeze, dog days these are surely not.

In fact, said resident dog, blessed with a few more chromosomes and at least a passing nod to intentional breeding, is smart enough to stay indoors. Honing her God-given talent as chief shedder-in-residence, Bis-

> Laura's -**Learning Curve** Laura Douglass

carefully circles around, drops, and sculpts her body pancake flat for maximum cool tile exposure. utterly inert.

So here we are on day four or maybe its day five of our sweltering heat wave, I'm staring at

my lifeless pets

and can't help but wonder how my newest neighbor is fairing.

A lovely sixteen-year old English

rose visiting for the next few weeks, I can only assume she has wilted and is busily plotting

Hours are spent in this fashion: her escape back to foggy London.

> You see, I have the good fortune of having Brits next door.

Good beer and hot curries are the norm on this end of the block but the best part is the slew of slang from across the pond.

Those aren't cats, they're mogs. Instead of backsides, my kids have bums: in place of friends. they have mates. And the pirate and the princess don't play in the yard anymore, now they ask to go out "in the garden."

Darling Hubby has found he's partial to English cursing - which

is an elevated art form unto itself but I'm rather fond of those lovely tidbits, right and fancy. As in 'Right, so you fancy a pint at Dugans?'

And since it's ninety and the Fourth of July is only days away, it seems only proper that I put down my tea, step over the moggies, add petrol to the Mommyvan, and head out with my English neighbors to raise a toast to independence in an Irish pub in an American town modeled after a Scottish village.

Cheers!

Why is gate access so hard to get right?

After reading in the last edition of *The Times* that reciprocal access between those of who live on the West Side and the rest of Seven Lakes is in jeopardy, I was extremely dismayed.

I wrote to my board members to express my feelings and explain that many of us have family members who bought homes in Seven Lakes for the convenience of being able to visit one another easily and quickly. I was amazed that the board member who responded suggested that I write to The Seven Lakes Times.

It is inconceivable to me that our board wants their inability to negotiate reciprocal access, or any other failure on their part, trumpeted in the newspaper. In subsequent correspondence with my board representative, it was explained to me that it should be up to our community manager to try to resolve this issue with her counterpart in the management company for Seven Lakes.

Our community managers work for different companies competitors. They have no vested interest in reaching a reso-

Since I moved here in 1993, I have heard responses from our boards on many different issues to the effect of "If it wasn't (or was) that way when you moved here,

then you shouldn't expect it to change now."

Well, it was that way when I moved here. I can see no reason

that our boards can not resolve this issue themselves with a discussion between representatives from each board without

delegating this to a third party.

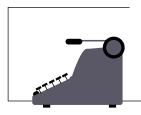
It was explained to me by my representative that Seven Lakes decided to stop recognizing our stickers. We didn't issue stickers

I inquired as to why the West

Side board decided to do away with the stickers this year. This question went unanswered.

Your Turn

Harold Jones Seven Lakes West



right now, but a roll of stickers can't cost that much. We (West Side) don't recognize our expired stickers. Why should Seven

I now have to stop and obtain a visitor's pass when I visit my son, who lives on the South side, because they can't identify my vehicle. This not only

realize we are in a budget crunch

inconvenient, to me it is unacceptable.

All Seven Lakers should be able to move about within our community as they please.

It is my opinion that a unified harmonious community is important to all Seven Lakers, and has a positive effect on our property values.

I know several members of the Seven Lakes board and the West side board. They are all decent, well intended people. I am asking our board members (Seven Lakes and West Side) to sit down and work this out.

I don't care whether it is with stickers or barcodes (which are ugly), just work it out.

We are not such a large community that all this bureaucracy and red tape is necessary.

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Dear Editor:

We would like to thank all the terrific volunteers who put their time and effort into making the Westside mail house a thing of beauty.

It proves "You can take a sow's

ear and turn it into a thing of beauty!"

We know many are very grateful and it proves with good intentions, great things happen.

Bob and Gloria Williams Seven Lakes West **OPINION** June 25, 2010 **Seven Lakes Times**

Pre-Talis, SLLA earned interest on monthly dues

For the past two years, if a landowner wanted to pay their dues in monthly, quarterly, or semiannual payments, all they had to do was walk into the office and sign the promissory note and pay accordingly.

Not this year. If you went to the office, you were told "that no, you can't make a payment without a letter from Raleigh." So, you

went home, called Raleigh, left a message for Mechelle Hammonds to call you, waited a day or so for her to return your call, then told her what payment method you wanted and she would then send you a letter telling you what to pay. You then took the letter back to the office with your payment.

The only problem with this is that Alina Cochran, Mechelle

Hammonds, and Talis management have taken it upon themselves to disregard a board policy that was duly voted into action in April of 2007. This could have never happened if they knew what they were doing.

In a meeting with Cochran, she told me she had no knowledge of the promissory note. Strange that Debbie Caulk didn't tell her since she was aware of it from the start in 2007. I suppose she simply forgot or just wanted Talis to look bad or maybe just give landowners a hard time. Who knows? She did tell one landowner when they complained about the runaround that "they should have started earlier." Isn't that a nice response from a Talis employee to a landowner?

Wonder why the Treasurer, Denny Galford, didn't inform Talis of the promissory note? He certainly should have known. Strange that it isn't promoted more as a choice for the landowners. I suppose he hasn't gotten a grasp on the idea of money gaining twelve percent in interest over the year as opposed

to one or two percent in the bank.

If you look at the Profit & Loss for April, you'll see Interest on Investments is at \$9,674, while Interest on Dues is at \$14,447. Ask yourself, which would you rather have if it were your money?

In conclusion, I see Talis as a big failure! They have disregarded our policies and made up their own. They deserve a big fat F and need to pack up and go back to Raleigh! Of course the people that will vote them out and grade them, are the same ones that voted them in.

Oh well, such is life in Seven Lakes.

> Steve Hudson Seven Lakes North

Incorporate, with the gates

Editor:

This is in response to the letter by Nelda Cockman which quotes me as saying that we should Incorporate now and do the education process later.

So there is no confusion for those who saw Ms. Cockman's letter, but not the entirety of my comments, let me clear it up.

I was referring to the education process related to the neighborhood association members who are being asked to consider removing their gates, so that the new Town or Village of Seven Lakes would be eligible for all state-shared funds.

This is the approach being proposed by the Seven Lakes Community Study Group, which is not the group I am a part of.

My committee, incorporatesevenlakes.com is in favor of incorporation with the gates intact. We have repeatedly stated that we believe that the timely incorporation of Seven Lakes and any future decision by association members concerning their gates, are two separate issues.

I hopes this clears up any

confusion. If not, or for anyone who wishes to learn more about the incorporation issue, please visit www.incorporatesevenlakes.com and watch The Seven Lakes Times for dates and times

of future public meetings.

Randy Merritt Seven Lakes North







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> Bill Seldomridge Seven Lakes Lions Tournament Chairman

True friendship's sparkle

The tried and true friend displays lots of these attributes; kindness, respect, compassion, acceptance and appreciation, spiritual depth, enthusiasm, generosity, and humor. Some of these traits are always in full view, others linger just below the surface ready to be called into action should the situation warrant.

This type of friendship involves a level of

commitment beyond the "just friends" category.

The impact of true friends on each other is permeating. Whatever actions are taken toward each other is etched forever in the recesses of their minds, never to be taken for granted.

A deep friendship

requires steadfast cultivation. The dividends are among the most gratifying of all of life's experiences. Any friendship is a blessing, but the deepest of all of our friendships has a uniqueness of its own. We've all heard someone say, "She's my best friend." There is something that sets such a relationship apart which is difficult to adequately describe, but definitely there.

Could it be a deeper commitment, an extra sharing and caring, a willingness to bend with the wind and return the friendship with an equal, or even stronger, bond? There's as much room for creativity in this type of relationship as there is in any other aspect of living.

Instinctive traits, supplemented by the beneficial effects of a value-oriented upbringing, well-assimilated schooling, and a multiplicity of experiences both interpersonal and privately spiritual would seem to constitute a sound base from which to fashion a strong fabric of close

> friendship. Though, it's certainly true that some strong friend-

> > ships have also been spawned in the absence of one or more of the aforementioned factors.

Then there are those infrequent friendships that trace their origin to something akin to being struck by lightning: they simply happened, and grew, with-

out the parties having much in common.

Mason's -

Musings

Mason Gould

When the relaxed rapport of a strong friendship becomes an innate part of the relationship. it's often the result of instinctive outreaching initiatives, propelled by both the practical and spiritual foundations of our lives. When that optimum level is reached, it's a signal that vigilance must remain a prominent word in each party's day-today relationships. A true friend is like a jewel perched on the kitchen counter among the pots and pans. Its sparkle lifts the soul, no matter where it may be found.



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SLLA Work Session

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By moving the marina to the opposite side of Sequoia Point, the Committee argued, more slips could be realized, swimmer safety would be enhanced. and — once the old dock was removed — the size of the existing beach could be greatly increased by extending it towards the picnic shelter.

In related conversation, the Board also addressed the need for additional vehicle parking at Sequoia Point, potentially clearing woods on Association-owned land behind the existing boat trailer lot for more space. They also considered the possibility of adding a dedicated storage facility and safe lake-entry access for kayakers.

After going around the table, the Board followed Director Kent Droppers' recommendation to table the dock proposal until a scale-drawing of the plan could be presented.

Gates and barcode access for Westside residents

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association's [SLWLA] decision to eliminate windshield stickers for its members has created an identification problem for access at the North and South gates.

"We are interested in current information only," Cochran said. She explained that expired stickers are not acceptable for access - for North, South, or Westside residents.

Currently, Westside residents have two options to access North and South gates: displaying a current membership card or purchasing a renewable annual SLLA barcode sticker for \$25. Cochran and SLWLA Community Manager Joan Frost are also exploring whether existing Westside barcode numbers can be programmed into the SLLA system and vice versa.

"Access needs to be granted in a way to make it easy on everyone, and using the barcodes is most convenient," said Cochran.

Reporting a recent major backup to enter the Northside gates, resident Andy Lowe recommended that barcodes should be mandatory and argued that they would increase use of the dedicated resident lane.

Generating a wide-ranging discussion of the gates, dedicated turn lanes, and how the major paving project will impact timing and budgeting of other possible capital improvements, President Randy Zielsdorf requested that Director Bud Shaver begin drafting plans for a new entranceway that includes the additional green space gained

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last year, when Moore County deeded back to the Association the land around an abandoned well site, located adjacent to the North gate.

"We've been lucky with the gates . . . I've come to the conclusion that the system is a losing battle," said Zielsdorf. "It needs a lot of time and money to keep it perfect; but, if that's what people want, then that's how we'll be spending dues dol-

Other Business

In other business on Monday, June 14, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board:

- Heard from Zielsdorf that a mechanism for reviewing Talis Management Group is being developed and that the review will be performed by the Executive Officers: President Zielsdorf, Vice President Droppers, Secretary Bruce Keyser, Jr., and Treasurer Denny Galford.
- Heard from Cochran that the aging fitness playground equipment at Northside Park will be removed because it is non-compliant with current

safety codes. Last year a new modular playground was installed at the park. The current budget does not include any capital funding for additional replacement equipment.

Heard from Cochran an Information Technology proposal to replace existing office computers for \$589, which did not include monitors or software. Business programming would cost an additional \$299. Zielsdorf recommended that Windows Professional was adequate and suggested the new computers should include 64bit operating systems.

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Dog Wash

The 10th annual Dog Wash and fund raiser for Solutions for Animals, a nonprofit no-kill shelter, will be held Saturday, July 24, 11 am to 5 pm, off Montrose Road in West Hoke County behind Five Points Pet Resort. Volunteers are still needed to help work in shifts, including some to bathe and dry the canines. The wash is \$5 per dog, and nail trims by Five Points are also \$5 per dog.

All proceeds will support the animals at the Solutions for Animals shelter, entirely, which has all volunteers. Prizes, raffles, and good, clean fun. Also, rabies vaccinations by Pinetree Animal Hospital and discounted flea and tick treatments, food by Dog Nation of Southern Pines.

A celebrity guest this year will be NFL player Tank Tyler, Carolina Panthers Defensive Tackle, no. 93, with his dog Deuce. Photographs will be taken of your dog if "jailed" for such offenses as pooping, sniffing crotches, or being too cute. Hourly prizes given for best shaker after bathing. Pony rides, face painting, so bring the kids. To volunteer or for other information, call (910) 875-7244.

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Incorporation

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rather esoteric notion of an equal 'seat at the table' with neighboring municipalities did not seem to resonate with much of the crowd.

Marks said the recent forced annexation of the Pinewild community repositioned the Pinehurst city limit to within a quarter mile of a three-mile radius of the back gate of Seven Lakes West: a barrier line that, once crossed, will require Seven Lakes to request permission to incorporate from Pinehurst.

Northsider Doug Sajewich argued that Pinehurst representatives have stated they have no interest in annexing the Seven Lakes area and that legislation is currently under consideration that would curtail forced annexation.

Marks responded that Pinewild is a \$200 million community and Seven Lakes is even more attractive because it is a billion dollar community.

"The problem with Pinehurst is they are a threat anytime they want to be," said Marks.

Northsider Bill Moses, a retired prosecutor, agreed and said that, more importantly, incorporation would allow Seven Lakes to join the League of Municipalities - an organization he characterized as extremely powerful in Raleigh politics.

"There has been talk about changing the annexation law, but don't count on it. The League has too much strength and too much clout. Incorporation gives us a seat at the table in Carthage and also in Raleigh," said Moses. "North Carolina has one hundred counties but many more municipalities: that is where the strength lies."

Moses continued, "Annexation is what towns do. That's the way it's going to work and if they [Pinehurst] can get close enough to Seven Lakes they will without hesitation, because that is what municipalities do."

However, at least one member of the audience said he would welcome such an annexation.

"I don't know why Pinehurst is being painted as the bad guy. They have the lowest tax rate in the county. We should ask Pinehurst to annex us," he argued.

Marks responded that the IncorporateSevenLakes proposed tax rate of five cents per hundred is considerably lower than Pinehurst's, and that this incredibly low tax is possible because of the gates and that the landowners associations provide many of the services normally relegated to municipal oversight.

"I will not apologize for having a \$500,000 budget. We are looking at a small government because the gated communities take care of 97% of what towns normally take care of," said Marks.

As proposed, that budget includes a reserve account that will build to allow for a small, future police department, but some in the audience, notably retired Whispering Pines police chief Louis Gregory, were skeptical that the budget was large enough to provide reasonable protection for a town as large as what has been proposed for Seven Lakes. The \$500,000 budget also directs funding towards fire protection and equalizing the fire tax that currently differs between the communities, zoning, a Town Manager's salary, money for tax collection, and road maintenance. Elected town officials including a mayor and council would not be compensated

At five cents, the proposed tax rate also qualifies the Town of Seven Lakes tax revenues including Powell Bill funds which could be used to maintain and construct public roads. The budget recommends \$50,000 of the anticipated \$100,000 annual outlay of Powell Bill funds directed toward public roads; however, with the gates intact the only eligible streets in the town would be those deeded over to the town from the business district: a plan that some in the crowd viewed as more beneficial to the businesses than to the pub-

Likening the roads to the common area parking lot of a shopping mall, SLWLA Legal Director Ed Silberhorn argued that their maintenance is "the cost of doing business" in Seven Lakes.

Marks responded that while the business district includes approximately 220 commercial lots, only ten or so local businesses actively participate in financing road projects such as mowing and repairing pot holes.

"Those streets, if not properly maintained will make this area look like Dodge City and there is no money to fix them," said Merritt, noting that the members of the Business Guild sponsor fundraising events such as the Chili Cook-Off, but cannot raise the substantial funds needed for major repair and repaving

Haggard also expressed support for the proposed budget citing that improved infrastructure in the business district, such as sidewalks, lighted streets, and places to stroll, shop, and eat will benefit both the businesses and the local populace.

"When outside people come in and see our fantastic amenities plus these improvements to our town center, they will want to live here. The bottom line is that all of our property values will increase because of the increased demand to live here." said Haggard.

"I think the support is here for incorporation...it's the implementation and what is in it for us where there are concerns. We can generate \$500,000 and begin building a town that is not focused on one association or the other...but we can't begin the building process, unless we get the petition and that is only the first step."

North Carolina law requires a petition of fifteen percent of registered voters from the proposed area of incorporation. If approved by recommendation of the General Assembly, a referendum vote would then be held on the question of incor-

Haggard continued, "We have the opportunity to do something special here and I would hate to see that lost because we can't get another 100 signatures on the petition."

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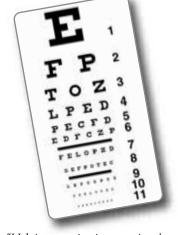
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County Commissioners

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lion Pinehurst water tank, the \$5.5 million rehabilitation of the Old Town Pinehurst sewer system, the \$1.2 million installation of a series of sewer lift stations around Lake Pinehurst, and the installation of \$1.2 million in radio read meters. That portion of the debt financing will be repaid from water and sewer revenues.

The larger, \$40 million debt will be repaid from tax dollars, and that fact generated plenty of comment from citizens during Monday's public hearing. A number of speakers asked how the county planned to repay the debt it would incur in building the new detention center.

"Who is going to pay for this?" Realtor® Steve Innis asked.

"We have \$104 million in debt and you want to stick \$50 million on top of that?" Maris Riley asked.

"This is not right. This is more than we as taxpayers can bear," Bert Patrick agreed. "If it is so badly needed, bring it to a vote of the people."

Southern Pines Attorney Jamie Clarke, who said he was speaking on behalf of a group that opposes the jail, pointed out that the county could obtain a lower interest rate by issuing General Obligation bonds, which would need to be approved by the voters in a referendum.

"There is no emergency here," he said. Noting that the county budget already has expense cuts and hiring freezes, he asked, "What other programs are we going to have to cut?"

Other speakers objected to the proximity of the new detention center to Carthage Elementary School, the Moore County Public Library, and historic homes in the downtown

Let the people vote?

But it was the calls to let the voters approve the new debt that appeared to sway Commissioner Cindy Morgan.

After the public hearing closed, Commissioner Nick Picerno offered a motion to approve the issuance of \$50 million in taxexempt limited obligation bonds. Morgan then offered an alternative motion to place a bond referendum on the November ballot, winning a second from Chairman Tim Lea.

Morgan and Lea have often voted against a downtown location for the jail and other government buildings, and voted, during the absence of Commissioners Picerno and Jimmy Melton during the Board's May 17 meeting, to reverse a previous decision to place a new County Administration building on the Grimm site.

Picerno and Lea both questioned Ted Cole of Davenport and Associates, the county's financial advisor on capital project planning, about the prospect that the new indebtedness would harm the county's financial position or result in a tax increase.

Picerno asked Cole whether the projections Davenport had prepared on the financing included a tax increase. Cole replied that the county's payments on current debt will decline over the next few years, giving it the capacity to devote those dollars to repayment of the new bonds. He added that the new borrowing for the jail, public safety complex, and administration building had been included in all the projections that Davenport has done of the county's financial position, and had been included in the firm's presentation to bond rating agencies. "It maintains your financial integrity," he said.

Lea poined out that the State of North Carolina finds itself in a difficult financial position because the current financial downturn is cutting into state revenues. Moore County Schools expects to see its state funding cut \$5 million to \$6 million next year, Lea said, and will be looking to the county to make up the difference.

"Where are we going to find that money, unless we raise the money or we raid our reserve accounts?" Lea asked Cole.

"Those are a couple of your options," Cole replied.

Morgan's motion to place the matter before the voters failed, with only she and Lea voting in favor. Picerno's motion to move forward with the issuance of \$50 million in tax-exempt limited obligation bonds then passed with the support of Commissioners Melton and Larry Caddell.

Had Morgan's motion passed, and the voters approved, the county would have issued what are known as "general obligation bonds." These are guaranteed by the taxing power of the county, and bondholders, should the county fail to repay the bonds, and can force the county to raise taxes to pay off the debt.

The "limited obligation bonds" that the county approved with Picerno's motion are more like a home mortgage or auto loan, with the property and buildings themselves standing as collateral for repayment of the loan.

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Picerno pointed out that Monday night's vote was not actually a vote to build the new detention center and public safety complex but rather "simply getting the paperwork out of the way."

The vote puts in motion the process that will lead to the sale of bonds in September or October. The Commissioners (See "County," p. 28)

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approved the final construction drawings and bid package for the facility during their June 7 meeting; those bids are expected to be available in September. Additional votes approving construction and financing would be expected some time in September or October.

'Just the facts' on the detention center

Prior to the public hearing on the bond issue, Chief Deputy Neal Godfrey presented a "Fact Sheet" on the new Detention Center and Public safety building that was clearly aimed at correcting some mis-statements that arose during Public Comment in the June 7 Commissioners meeting. He also confirmed at least one potential problem raised by critics.

Plans for the new jail and public safety building include upgrades to the Carthage sewer system which have been approved by the Town of Carthage, but also need approval from the NC Depatrment of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR]. According to Godfrey, LandDesign, the contractor who developed the site plan for the facility, was responsible for that NCDENR submission, but failed to follow through. Godfrey said the county would submit the paperwork this week.

Bert Patrick, a persistent critic of the downtown detention center project, said the omission shows "a total lack of plan-

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Among other criticisms Godfrey's presentation attempted to fend off:

- Springs on the property -The architect's plans include
 an underground water collection system designed to
 gather water from springs on
 the site and potentially us it in
 the buildings chillers and for irrigation purposes. Godfrey said
 this system was included in the
 \$39 million projected cost of
 the project.
- \$2 million in design fees --Architect's fees for the jail and public safety building total \$1.5 million, of which the county has already paid \$1.3 million. The architect's fees for a separate project -- the new administration building -- are \$498,000.
- Importing dangerous prisoners -- The fact that the the new jail is being called a "detention center" is simply a name change, rather than a

different classification, Godfrey said. Sheriff Lane Carter renamed the existing Moore County Jail a "detention center" in 2007. The current and future detention center are both "local confinement facilities." However, Godfrey noted, the decision about whether the facility should be used to house federal prisoners, producing revenue for the county, is up to the Board of Commissioners.

Godfrey said the standards that county detention centers must meet are set not by the county, but by the General Assembly and the state Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS]. They include minimums for square footage per prisoner, ambient room, temperature, medical care, and even the number of calories that must be provided each day. Facilities that fail to meet these standards may be closed or taken over by

DHHS.

Though plans call for continued use of the existing jail, one option in the bid package calls for a passageway connecting the old and new facilities, while another option eliminates that connector. Godfrey said the Sheriff's office plans to confine all prisoners in the new facility until it is full and then to begin once again using the existing jail. He noted that it is necessary to have more beds than inmates in order to separate different classes of prisoner, creating, for example different areas for female inmates or for problem inmates.

"What happens if we don't build the jail?" Picerno asked Godfrey.

"We could be forced to make improvements," the Chief Deputy replied. He said most likely the county would be forced to move its inmates to jails in other counties that have excess capacity, incurring charges for room and board, as well as taking up the time of deputies transporting inmates to and from those facilities for court dates.

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Critics of the new detention center have charged that Commissioners Nick Picerno and Larry Caddell will personally profit from the construction of the new facility, because it will utilize software provided by Southern Software a Carthage-based company. Caddell serves as the employee-owned company's CEO; Picerno founded it and continues to serve on its Board of Directors. The allegation is that increasing the number of inmates in the county detention center will result in additional revenue for the company.

Godfrey explained that the Sheriff's office in 2003 put out for bids its Records Management System, which includes the systems used by the jail. The request for bids included new modules to handle gun permits, concealed carry permits, and sex offender registration. Southern Software outbid the existing vendor, OSSI, according to Godfrey. The Board of Commissioners approved the conversion to Southern Software at a cost of \$13,813. The Board in 2005 approved \$29,875 in additional user licenses.

Godfrey said the county currently pays Southern Software \$24,002 for software maintenance contracts, significantly less than it would pay another vendor for comparable service.

The Jail Records Management system accounts for \$4,400 of that total, Godfrey said, and additional licenses cost \$850. The Sheriff's Office does not plan to purchase any additional licenses to service the new detention center, he added.

He noted that Southern Software has, since 2007, donated more than \$350,000 in software to the Sheriff's Office and county Public Safety operations.

Other Business

In other business during its Monday, June 21 meeting, the Board of Commissioners:

Approved exceptions to a countywide hiring freeze to allow the replacement of two library employees, two EMS employees, and one part-time animal shelter attendant. A request to make an exception for a GIS programmer was tabled. After discussing the matter in closed session, the

Board approved an exception allowing the hiring of the Chief Financial Officer.

- Sitting as the East Moore Water District [EMWD] Board, approved a \$431,000 contract with Hobbs-Upchurch and Associates for engineering services for Phase 3 of the EMWD project. The contract is contingent upon the timely receipt of paperwork from the US Department of Agriculture.
- Approved the transfer of the county's contracts with the Cameron Rural Fire Department, Vass Rescue Squad, and Circle V Fire and Rescue to the new Cypress Pointe Fire and Rescue, formed in a merger of the three volunteer organizations.
- Made several appointments, including:
- Martha Ippoliti as a trustee of the Sandhills Regional Library System.
- John Laird and John Comensoli to the RSVP Advisory Council.
- Robert Grooms and Maria Morrison to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.
- Paul Dent to the Workforce Development Board.

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