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Seven Lakes Country Club's reigning Women's Champion, Savannah Thompson [far left] and Pinecrest golf teammates Gabby Weiss and Chrissy Boles, show off their ticket stubs and programs autographed by the legendary Jack Nicklaus. [See story on page 9.]

\$350,000 budget approved for new Westside mailhouse

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



The Westside Board unanimously voted, during their Tuesday, September 25 meeting, to award a contract for the construction of a new mailhouse, a project with a proposed budget of \$321,400. That total includes construction of the mailhouse, landscaping, and purchasing mailboxes.

Construction of the new mailhouse could begin in two weeks, Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Treasurer Don Friert told the Board, adding that the project should be

completed 90 to 120 days after it begins.

Five bids were received for the construction of the mailhouse, Friert said, and the contract went to Bill Reaves Construction Co., Inc., who was the low bidder.

Construction of the mailhouse proper is expected to cost \$165,000, with another \$111,750 budgeted for related infrastructure. The Board also approved a six percent — or \$16,650 — contingency fund for unexpected expenses on the project.

As part of the budget, the Board approved the purchase of 980 new mail boxes and 20 parcel lockers from Postal Products Unlimited for

(See "Westside," p. 24)

Have you registered to vote?

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



In case you have somehow missed the flood of negative TV com-

mercials, direct mail pieces, and robocalls, take our word for it: There's an election coming up on Tuesday, November 6.

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but a US Representative, State Senator and Representative, Governor, Lt. Governor, loads of state offices, judges at all levels, county commissioners and school board members.

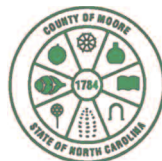
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If you haven't yet registered to vote since moving to North Carolina, or if you have moved within the state since the last election, you have until Friday, October 12 to file or update your voter registration.

You can download registration materials from the Moore County Board of Elections website, or make a visit in person to the elections

(See "Vote," p. 37)

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



When it comes to increasing the county's supply of water, Moore County's Commissioners have plenty of options, but appear to be no closer to making any decisions than they were nine months ago, when they made finding a long term solution for the County's water needs their number one goal for the year.

Public Works Director Randy Gould provided an update on a number of water supply options during the Commissioners' Tuesday,

September 18 meeting, including a revision of the Robbins option, which would tap the Deep River to add nearly three million gallons per day to the Moore County system.

Previous Robbins Phase 1 scenarios envisioned tapping into Bear Creek, but a meeting last month with the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NC-DENR] established that Robbins' former water source would likely be permitted to provide a paltry 50,000 gallons per day.

During Tuesday's meeting, Gould presented a \$16.6 million Phase 1 scenario that

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Seven Lakes West plans Oktoberfest

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What would Oktoberfest be without beer? Railhouse Brewery will be bringing kegs of their very best locally brewed Honey Wheat and

Pale Ale beer. So, be sure and bring you favorite beer mug with you to this celebration.

For an added treat, this year's Oktoberfest will feature a special "beer tasting" session from 6 pm to 7 pm offering a variety of harvest seasonal brewed favorites.

For everyone's listening and sing along pleasure the Bavarian Brass Band will entertain everyone with some very festive oompah music.

Tickets are \$17 per person and available at the Westside

Community Center office. Table reservations will be taken at when purchasing tickets. Seating is limited, get your tickets early.

This event will have something for everyone to enjoy – whether beer is your favorite or not. Please bring your neighbors and friend to share a fun filled evening together.

Oktoberfest is planned and organized by the Seven Lakes West Events Committee with Marilyn Lamon as Oktoberfest chair.

WEE Scarecrow Run

West End Elementary PTA is happy to announce that it will hold their third annual WEE Scarecrow Run on Saturday, October 27 at 8 am in the McLendon Hills Subdivision.

The event is open to all ages. Participants registered by October 6 are guaranteed a WEE Scarecrow T-shirt. The cost is \$15 for all ages participating in the One Mile Fun Run. The cost for

the 5K is \$15 for ages 0-12 years and \$25 for 13 years old and above. This event is a bonus race for the Sandhills Race Series.

Registration is accepted online via www.active.com or you may contact Brian Povish, Race Director, at 910-638-1802 or bpovish@yahoo.com for a registration form or additional information.

Quilt Show this weekend

The Sandhills Quilters Guild, in conjunction with the Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation, will hold its bi-annual quilt show, Quilting in the Pines V, at the Fair Barn located on Beulah Hill Road (Rt. 5) in Pinehurst, on Friday, September 28 from 12 pm to 8 pm and Saturday, September 29, from

10 am to 5 pm. Adult admission is \$5; children under 12 admitted free. A two day admission can be purchased for \$8.

In addition to over 150 quilted items, there will be a pincushion exhibit, silent auction, a boutique of quilted goods, vendors, raffle baskets and door prizes. Quilt appraiser Jane Hall, will be

available to on Saturday by appointment only.

The purpose of the show is to share the talents of the members with those who love quilts and want to preserve the art of quilting.

Additional information including pictures can be found at the websites, www.sandhillsquilters.org or www.quiltinginthepines.org

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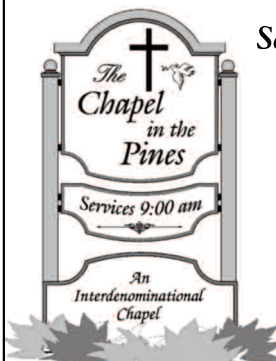
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Memorial meeting takes curious turn

by Stacy Naughton
Times Reporter



The first meeting of the Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee proved more than a little confusing to members of the newly-formed panel.

Instead of agreeing to protect land adjacent to the Memorial from commercial development, the Committee, holding its inaugural meeting on Wednesday, September 20, under the leadership of Commissioner Jimmy Melton, wound up talking about the ownership and landscaping of the Memorial site itself.

The shift in emphasis was clearly confusing to a number of Committee members, particularly those appointed by the original Veterans Memorial Committee. Committee member Carolyn Mealing told *The Times*: "I don't want to lose sight of why we are here. I don't want something like Bojangles' next to the Memorial."

Moore County's Board of Commissioners formed the Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee in the wake of continued protests from veterans and others over a proposal to place a Bojangles' restaurant on County-owned property near the Memorial, which is located near County offices in the former Carriage Oaks Shopping Center at the intersection of NC Highway 24-27 and NC Highway 15-501 in Carthage.

The Memorial fronts onto a 3.5 acre grassy lawn: undeveloped property owned by the county. On the other end of that lawn, roughly 150 yards from the Memorial, is a Hardee's restaurant. The proposed Bojangles' would be located beside Hardee's, approximately 60 yards from the Memorial. Veterans have objected that the classic fast-food drive-thru chant of "May I take your order" would disturb those pausing for reflection at the Memorial, which

both veterans and Commissioners have called "sacred ground."

Veterans' groups — including the original committee that raised money for the monument — have asked the Commissioners to protect the entire 3.5 acre grassy area from commercial development. But instead of focusing on that issue, the Advisory Committee's initial meeting dealt largely with the Memorial site itself, and at least one committee member — Planning Board Chairman Robert Hayter — suggested that it would not be necessary to protect the entire 3.5 acre tract.

Panel Agrees to create Landscaping Plan

Members of the Advisory Committee did unanimously agree, during Wednesday's meeting, to create a professional landscaping and site plan for the current Memorial site, as well as any additional land that may be needed to create a park-like setting.

The idea of creating a landscaping plan was presented by Department of Social Services Director John Benton, whose office is adjacent to the Memorial. Benton, a retired Marine, told the Veterans: "As a Veteran, I would love nothing better" than to create a park around the Memorial.

Benton said additional landscaping around the Memorial, incorporating trees and benches, would create an environment in which veterans and their families could come and spend time together. He also mentioned adding a parking area closer to the Memorial to make the site easier to access.

Benton said he had spoken with landscaping nurseries throughout the County who would be willing to donate some of the plants for the project, adding that Sandhills Community College landscaping students would be willing to develop a design

(See "Memorial," p.21)

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Thirty years carrying meals to the homebound

by Laura Douglass
Times Editor

She has coordinated or personally delivered hundreds — if not thousands — of meals on a weekly basis over nearly thirty years — and Do Shaver still enjoys every single visit.

"I love old people, I just enjoy being around them," she said. "And I love the personal relationships that have developed."

It was 1984, back in Minnesota, when Shaver first answered an advertisement seeking a manager for Meals on Wheels. She volunteered for the position and coordinated the program for two small towns in St. Paul for six years.

After relocating to Seven Lakes North in 1990, one of Shaver's first calls was to the local branch of Meals on Wheels, which in Moore County, is a program under the Department of Aging called, "Home Delivered Meals."

Primarily serving rural residents all across the county, Home Delivered Meals volunteers handle ninety-one meals each day — with routes

in Vass, West End, Carthage, Cameron, Whispering Pines, Taylortown, and Robbins.

Shaver described a typical volunteer day as picking up meals at the old West End School cafeteria. Meals are first prepared by Midsouth Food Services in Aberdeen, then delivered to volunteer sites every Monday through Friday. The West End delivery route takes less than two hours, as meals are delivered to approximately eight homes. On Fridays, the hot meal is supplemented with a Snack Pack, similar to the children's Backpack Pal program, that provides nutritious, no-cook foods for the weekend.

Volunteers may sign up for one day a week to deliver, but also needed are substitute drivers who can fill in on an as-needed basis.

"The place where we need volunteers the most is Robbins," Shaver said.

"There are a lot of Seven Lakers currently volunteering in that area, and more are needed," she added, noting the aging population and lack of employment as factors in the high number of deliveries to that part of Moore

County.

One important practice that the Home Delivered Meals program maintains is keeping the routes small enough to allow regular volunteers to bond with the people they are delivering to.

"The idea of delivering meals is to make sure the recipient receives one 'hot meal' a day and that they have at least one visitor to find out if they are okay," Shaver said. "Some of these people have no family, no friends — many have no money."

But money, or the lack thereof, is not a factor in qualifying for the program. To receive delivered meals, the primary requirement is the person must be over 60 years and homebound. The program is funded through federal and state grants, as well as County funds. The recipient may make a donation toward the cost if they like.

Shaver further explained that "homebound" can be a permanent or temporary condition, such as following injury or an operation. In addition, a spouse of a home-



Home Delivered Meals Volunteer Do Shaver

bound person can also qualify, if they are confined to the house as the primary caregiver.

But food is merely the most obvious service provided.

"The biggest thing they all really want is a hug; a long warm hug!" she exclaimed.

Shaver said she never had

the chance to know her grandparents and that her own parents died in their young 60s.

"I never had the opportunity to enjoy them as older people," she said. "Both of my parents were the babies of large families. By the time I

(See "Meals," p. 25)

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Mr. UR Awesome visits West Pine Middle

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Quick — close your eyes and think of one word that positively describes yourself.

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Now, think again. What is one kind that you did for

yourself today? And how can you use that kindness to create a ripple of kindness outward into your life?

These are three important questions that Kemy Joseph posed to students at West Pine Middle School during a special presentation on Friday, September 21.

Better known by his nick-

name, Mr. UR Awesome, Joseph is a Florida-based graduate student who has embarked on a nationwide journey to teach children that kindness is contagious — and that they should embrace their individual “awesomeness.”

Joseph said his own life journey truly began when he

was in middle school, and his father was killed by a drunk driver.

“It showed me how fragile life is, but seeing how many people were looking out for me made me realize how much potential I had,” Joseph said. “I realized I was capable of doing whatever I put my mind too.”

Four years ago, while in college, Joseph was inspired to wear a sign.

The sign wasn’t fancy and it read simply, “Free Hugs, High Fives, and Peaceful Pounds.”

“Peaceful pound” means “fist bump,” but the rest are self-explanatory — as were many others that he created and continued to wear on a daily basis.

“The signs celebrate life and love with positive phrases to remind me and you about the brighter side of life,” Joseph explained. “Being kind changes lives for the better.”

His signs — and more importantly, people’s reaction to them — encouraged Joseph to found UR Awesome, Inc. and inspire kindness around the world.

Riding across North America on a donated scooter, Joseph is on a “World Kindness Tour,” with the mission of engaging students in the ABCs of awesome.

A for accepting you are awesome. B for being awesome. And C for creating awesomeness.

“Kindness is a universal language that we all can speak,” he said.

Joseph told the students that kindness can be very effective when dealing with bullying — that one of the best ways to stop a bully is to support the other person.

“You don’t have to take on the bully, but you can help that person being bullied,” he explained. “You can break the cycle of negativity. This

(See “Awesome,” p. 28)



Mr. UR Awesome, Kemy Joseph, with West Pine Middle School students Everett Parsons and William Nuzzo, and 6th grade math teacher, Mrs. Becky Oldham



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Meeting on incorporation draws a crowd

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Pros, cons, and plenty of questions were in the air as seventy or eighty Seven Lakes area residents filled up the bleachers on one side of the Old West End School Gym on Wednesday night, September 19, for an open forum on the future of Seven lakes — and what role incorporation might play in that future.

The meeting was organized and moderated by Westsider Hollis Colquhoun, who explained that, as a “newbie” to the area, she had become concerned about the lack of a local zoning authority when a sweepstakes business opened up beside Goshin Dojo karate studio in the Business Village.

“I want to start out by getting people’s ideas,” Colquhoun said, kicking off the discussion, “to try to get you guys to tell each other and me what you see happening now and what you want to see happening in the future. What should we do to protect our communities, our businesses, and our investment in our properties?”

With the last discussion about incorporating Seven Lakes still fresh in the minds of many, folks on both sides of that debate came to the meeting armed with talking points, facts, and figures.

“Incorporation by itself has huge negative consequences,” Dale Erickson said, pointing to more government, higher taxes, and the prospect that town ordinances could supersede Association rules and regulations. He also argued that the revenues that would flow to a town of Seven Lakes from the state — shares of sales tax and other revenues

— are by no means guaranteed, given pressures on the state budget.

A woman in the audience countered, saying “It would be unlikely that I would ever buy a home in a community that was not an established town. I think the benefits outweigh the disadvantages.”

As the conversation proceeded in fits and starts, Colquhoun attempted to list the Pros and Cons of incorporation on a flip chart. Among the pros were sharing in state revenues, controlling development outside the gates, having a local police force, the potential for tapping state and federal grants, and having a greater voice with county and state governments.

Cons included higher property taxes, larger government, the expense of a police force, and more bureaucracy.

Many of those in attendance recalled that two alternate visions of incorporation that were floated two years ago, one that retained the gates and made do with less revenue, and another that envisioned dropping the gates, making the roads in the gated communities public, and sharing in as much as \$2 million annually in sales taxes and other state shared revenues.

Don Welch pointed out that the real issue, when it comes to tapping state shared revenues is not the gates, but whether the majority of road mileage in the incorporated town is public. He suggested that one or more of the gated communities might want to make their roads public, in order to collect that revenue stream, while other communities might want to remain private.

At the urging of the audience, Colquhoun asked for a show of hands on various options. A dozen indicated they were against incorpo-

ration no matter what. Thirteen favored incorporation without gates, and twenty-five supported incorporation with gates. A third or more

remained undecided, or unwilling to register an opinion.

As the debate see-sawed (See “Incorporation,” p. 23)

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Correction

An article by Hollis Colquhoun in the September 28 edition of *The Times* indicated that twelve homes had been sold in Seven Lakes this year. Checking Multiple Listing Service data for the area as of September 17, local Realtor Dawn Crawley told *The Times* that 56 Seven Lakes homes have sold since January. As of the same date, 109 homes were listed for sale in Seven Lakes.

WEE and WPMS named 'Honor Schools'

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

West End Elementary and West Pine Middle were recently recognized as "Honor Schools of Excellence," the highest level of achievement recognized by standardized state testing.

Of the twenty-three public schools in Moore County, only Pinehurst Elementary, West Pine Elementary, West End Elementary, and West Pine Middle achieved scores at or above ninety percent proficiency.

"This is huge for us!" exclaimed West Pine Principal, Dr. Candace Turk. "Our teachers care so much about children and our students being successful that they'll go the extra mile — and that made all the difference."

Turk said that teachers tutored during lunch and after school, and that many — including all twelve eighth-grade teachers — volunteered for five weeks of "Saturday School" to help struggling students improve their test scores. A \$500 fund intended

for a single Saturday staffing position was instead put into the team fund scholarship to provide field trip money for needy children.

"The kids worked so hard, Turk said. "We had an average of fifty to seventy kids coming in every weekend; and, already this year, the teachers are asking if we can start Saturday School again."

"We know some children struggle, and we want to be there for them. If students know you care about them and are interested in them, they will try so hard to do anything to make you proud."

Principal Leigh Ann McClendon of West End Elementary was also very excited about her students' achievement and praised the dedication of her faculty staff.

"We've made progress every year and we are working on our growth," she said. "With all the pressures our teachers are under, especially the demands of the new common core curriculum, they have really stepped up."

"We work hard, and they

are dedicated to making sure every child gets what they need."

McClendon said being recognized as an Honor School of Excellence is proof positive that they are doing what is right for the kids.

"We have some areas to work on, and that will continue, she added. "There is always room for improvement and growth but we are definitely making that progress."

"There is an idea out there that schools are failing, but we are doing more for kids than we ever have! I am proud of our progress, proud of our kids — and our teachers are phenomenal. Children need to be successful and prepared for life. It is a good feeling to know we are doing that."

Developed in 1996, the ABCs of Public Education is an accountability program that sets growth and performance standards for schools across North Carolina. Every public elementary, middle and high school in the state is measured by end-

of-grade [EOG] and end-of-course [EOC] testing and other selected components. High performing schools were initially eligible for incentive awards, but funding dried up years ago. Instead, today, high-performing schools are simply recognized for those outstanding achievements.

The current 2011-2012 past academic year marks the end of this first school-level accountability system. In 2008, the State Board of Education adopted a new model for assessments and accountability, and also the new nationwide standard course of study.

Starting this Fall, Moore County Schools, like all

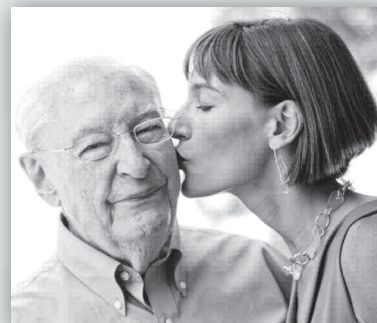
schools across the state, are using the Common Core curriculum, and performance will be measured against Annual Measurable Objectives [AMOs], rather than the Adequate Yearly Progress [AYP] model established by the No Child Left Behind program. Rather than an "all or nothing" measurement of school success, the AMOs identify specific proficiency targets for student subgroups.

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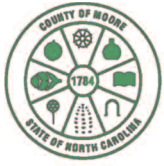
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Land Use Plan Chairman: words do matter

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter



Words are important — particularly when a few pages of text create the basic roadmap

for future planning across an entire region. Such is the challenge and task at hand for the Moore County Land Use Plan Steering Committee, a twenty-three member panel charged with updating the 1999 Land Use Plan.

During the committee's regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 17, Chairman Robert Hayter described that original document as a "hallmark plan" that placed the concept of land use into the public consciousness and provided protection during a period of unprecedented growth; however, he said the 1999 plan was not as fundamental as the updated plan the committee is now generating.

Last month, Hayter announced his desire to participate more fully in the panel's discussions; and, while he has retained his seat at the head of the table, professional facilitator Mark Molitor was introduced to the committee.

"His job is to keep us moving in directions that are con-

structive," explained Hayter.

Land Use Transect Model

Emphasizing his personal belief in the 'hallowed vow' of private property rights, Hayter offered a presentation on Land Use Optimization, which he described as a multidisciplinary approach to planning based on science and economics.

"O.V.E.R." is an acronym for four key words he discussed at length; optimum, value, enhance, and resource. Hayter also added a fifth letter, L, positioning it at the beginning. He explained that he is a lover of land — not in a cute way, but as someone who understands the fundamental importance of land as providing a sense of place and a source of wealth-building.

Offering dictionary-based definitions for each word, Hayter carefully explained that optimum output is very different from maximum, and that the value of land can rise and fall depending on its optimization. He described "enhance" as making something better and "resource" as contributing to the development of wealth.

Using seven randomly selected undeveloped sites chosen for analysis, Hayter compared market and tax

values of tracts falling along the entire spectrum of land use in Moore County — from totally undeveloped land with no man-made support to land exclusively dependent on man-made support.

"My point is: the seven properties will teach us about their value as a resource and optimization with full respect to property rights," he said.

As expected, the market and tax valuation of the undeveloped properties increased with the addition of man-made support services, such as nearby roads and water lines.

Hayter said the classic economic approach to land use is called the Planning Transect Model, but that economic

land use planning is often not what happens. Instead, political and other pressures force decision or direct growth where it may not make the most economic sense.

"The core aspect of sustainability starts with economics: that is, what you can afford to do with what you have. That land is a resource and can be privately owned to the betterment of its owner. And that we can optimize that," he said. "Optimization is about seeking the best results with what you have. In poker, you are dealt a hand over which you have no choice, but you improve your hand or you bluff. Land is a resource that can be improved to increase

its value. Our job is to recommend sound policy."

Hayter said that Moore County has developed a "build it and they will come" mentality, and that the area grew substantially with inbound new residents to its own benefit based on the tax basis alone.

"But the economy and demographics [today] are not in our favor," Hayter argued. "They are not on our side to repeat that 'build it and they will come.' If we keep extending utilities and roads in rural areas at the rate we have done, it is poor planning and poor economics. There is a logic to where we should encourage land use policies,

(See "Land Use Plan," p. 23)

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Crowd hung on Jack Nicklaus' every word

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

It was an enchanted evening with the Golden Bear for the lucky 700 or so Moore County residents who were fortunate enough to score a free ticket to the much-anticipated "A Conversation on Golf" presentation.

Sponsored by The Ruth Pauley Lecture Series and hosted by Sandhills Community College on Wednes-

day, September 19, world-renowned golfer Jack Nicklaus was interviewed onstage by his longtime friend, Jaime Diaz, Editor-in-Chief of *Golf World Magazine*, offering memories and insights into many of his famous tournament wins — and a few losses — and his life outside of competitive sports.

Diaz described Nicklaus as the greatest "explainer" of the game and said he was

the best-ever because he lacked the least.

On the other hand, Nicklaus described himself as an all-around jock who enjoyed and was successful at many sports, before deciding to focus on golf when he was twenty.

His first trip to Pinehurst was in 1959, as a college student playing in the North/South Tournament. From that day to now, he

said he always considered Pinehurst #2 to be his favorite course — and its design by Donald Ross as the finest example of golf design.

"I loved the play and the way the greens were," he said, though also noting that the course was extremely difficult.

In an all-too-brief teaser announcement, Nicklaus also shared that he expects to do more in the Pinehurst area in the near future — and later said he hoped that he would be able to offer a formal announcement of that project

by the end of the year.

Reflecting on his success, Nicklaus said he was raised with good values and that family is his priority.

"My wife and I were both committed to our kids and doing things together as a family," he said. "Golf is a game. It is a wonderful game, but it has not interfered with our family."

After retiring from competitive golf, Nicklaus said he plays once a month or so — joking that he plays only when has to. Instead, he

(See "Nicklaus," p. 22)



Golfing great Jack Nicklaus with girls golf team members from Union Pines and Pinecrest High Schools.

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Business women seek the next Miss Noel

Preparations are underway for the Miss Noel Scholarship Pageant and the nominating committee is seeking girls ages five to fifteen years old to compete in this holiday program sponsored by the Sandhills Business & Professional Women's organization.

The deadline for applications is October 10. To download, visit the Miss Noel Facebook page or applications may be picked up at Stewart Construction in Seven Lakes, Siblings Shop in Southern Pines, or The Performer's

Workshop.

Traditional and age-appropriate, the Miss Noel program offers an opportunity for young girls to showcase their talents and personalities, while raising scholarship funds for deserving Moore County women. Since 1982, the Miss Noel title holders have proudly represented the Sandhills BPW by participating in community events and parades throughout the year.

For more information, please call Pat Ann McMurray at (910) 944-7408.



Representing the Sandhills Business & Professional Women's organization this past year, the 2012 court are [from left] Little Miss Noel Hannah Davis, Miss Noel Callie McIntyre, and Junior Miss Noel Lindsay Douglass, the daughter of Jim and Laura Douglass of Seven Lakes North.

Chamber Music Series Kicks Off

Violinist Brian Reagin of the NC Symphony accompanied by pianist Frank Pittman will kick off the 2012-2013 Chamber Music Concert Series at Weymouth Center in Southern Pines on Sunday, September 30 with a 3 pm performance.

Reagin is concertmaster of the Symphony, and is returning by popular demand to Weymouth. A Chicago native and graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, he is in his 22nd season with the Symphony.

He has had extensive recital and chamber music experience and served on the faculty of Carnegie Mellon University. Reagin has also played with the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony and toured internationally as a soloist.

Weymouth Center, 555 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. Members of Weymouth and 18-year-olds and younger admitted free. Non-members must purchase a \$15 ticket to be admitted.

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The fourth annual Shaw House Fair of vintage collectibles and antiques will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 10 am to 4 pm rain or shine. The Fair is held on the grounds of the historic Shaw House, corner of Broad Street and Morganton Road, Southern Pines.

Admission to the fair is free. There will be vendors on the grounds, and tours of the houses on the will be

available, for the 1820 era Shaw House itself, also the Garner house and Sanders cabin, both built in the 1700s in northern Moore.

The dwellings of early settlers of Moore County are furnished in household items common to the era and demonstrations may also be seen to get a taste of how people lived in the old days.

There will be live music, hot dogs, pinto beans, corn

bread, homemade desserts, soft drinks and bottled water will be on hand for lunch.

In addition to the vendors offering vintage collectibles, antiques and crafts there will be the Moore Treasures table of collectibles for sale and the silent auction, with proceeds to the Moore County Historical Association.

Rental spaces on the grounds for vendors are being offered at \$45, with a second space discounted at \$35. Spaces are 10-feet x 10-feet, and vendors will be listed in the program offered to visitors on Fair day.

The event is sponsored by the Moore County Historical Association. For more information or to sign up, call 693-1019 or e-mail graciousme@embarqmail.com. For general information about the Fair, call 692-2051 or www.moorehistory.com, or e-mail moorehistory@connectnc.net

In memory of . . .

Richard "Mark" Webster, 55 of Lusby, MD formerly of Corry, PA died September 20, at Georgetown University Hospital.

He was born in Union City, PA son to the late Dale Webster and Dona Webster.

Mr. Webster graduated from Corry High School in 1974 and went on to join the U.S. Air Force in 1976. While in the Air Force, he was stationed at Langley A.F.B., VA, Aviano, Italy, Pease A.F.B., NH, Seoul, S. Korea, and Pope Field, NC. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award, Organizational Excellence Award, Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, Longevity Service Award Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and Air Force Training Ribbon. He was honorably dis-

charged in 1989 after 13 years of service. Mr. Webster graduated from Webster University in 1991 and was an Information Assurance Analyst. He moved to Calvert Company in 1998 from Charles Company.

He was a member of the Freemasons Prince Frederick Lodge 142 and Middleham and St. Peters Episcopal Church of Solomons Island, MD.

Survivors include his mother, Dona Webster Rouse of Seven Lakes South; wife, Rhea Webster of Lusby, MD; daughters, Marisa Edmondson and her husband Kris of Leonardtown, MD, and Lauren Webster of Lusby, MD; siblings, Jeff Webster and his wife Nancy of Raleigh, NC and Lyn Piccirillo and her husband Carmen of New Wilmington, PA.

Lions' White Cane Drive

The Seven Lakes Lions will be having their White Cane Drive on Friday and Saturday October 12 & 13th, at several of the Local Merchants' front doors. Your generous contributions have helped the Lions assist the Blind and Visually Impaired, and other humanitarian needs, that include canes, vision vans, eye research, Camp Dogwood and more.

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Author Pete Earley to speak on mental illness

by Claudia Watson

In observance of Mental Illness Awareness Week, the Linden Lodge Foundation will host Pete Earley, an investigative journalist and the award-winning author of, "Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness," on Saturday, October 6, at 7 pm at Pine Needles Conference Center, Southern Pines.

Earley's presentation, "Hopeless No More," will focus the successful recovery programs he has visited throughout the U.S.

Several years ago, Earley faced a crisis as his son Michael, a college student, went off his medications and suffered a breakdown. In "Crazy," he weaves two stories; one is the deeply personal chronicle of his family's journey through the labyrinth of the country's mental health system as they seek treatment for Michael.

The other story is an examination of our nation's mental health system, one that culminates in a ten-month investigation of prisoners in the psychiatric ward of the Miami-Dade County jail.

While writing the book, Earley said he made three discoveries. Mental illnesses can happen to anyone, it rarely is the affected person's fault and our nation's jails and prisons have become our new state asylums.

Fifty years ago, more than half a million Americans were in state hospitals for mental problems. Although the nation's population increased by 66 percent by the year 2000, there are now fewer than 55,600 patients in state mental hospitals. More than 300,000 mentally ill individuals are in jails and prisons with another 500,000 on some form of court-ordered probation, according to Earley's investigation.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) says that one-in-four Americans over the age of 18 suffer from some sort of diagnosable mental disorder in any given year. Current thinking is that severe mental illnesses,

such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and major depression, are exactly that – biological based malfunctions in the brain – or illnesses. They are not the fault of the person who becomes ill.

"We are actually able to help most people who have severe mental illnesses. We're just not doing it," Earley says.

Most people with serious

mental illness live successfully in their communities as long as they have access to safe housing, and the appropriate support and treatment. Sometimes, people stop taking their medications or their medications stop working.

In other cases, people have anosognosia — they are unaware of their mental illness, do not believe they have

an illness and thus do not think they need treatment.

Earley says, "Forty percent of persons with mental illnesses don't think anything is wrong with them. They think you are the one who is delusional. Many, but not all with mental illness, can do extremely well when they get help. Sometimes the people who you think will never recover, do, and those who you think will have an easy time getting better, don't. That's why we should never give up on anyone."

He is encouraged by the success of the Linden Lodge Foundation in Pinehurst. "Just three years ago, the residents were either in nurs-

ing homes or assisted living, with little hope. Now, through the efforts of Linden Lodge Foundation, all six are in recovery. They are achieving their full potential - holding jobs and doing volunteer work in the community. None of them has been hospitalized since living at Linden Lodge. It is a model for what we should be doing for those with serious mental illness and certainly is worthy of the community's continued support."

Earley believes in advocating for reform. He urges joining the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Moore County (www.nami-moorecounty.org)

(See "Earley," p. 13)



Enjoying Life - Linden Lodge resident, Emily, enjoys art therapy in the multipurpose building at Linden Lodge.

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contribution to their community through volunteer service.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of this program that showcases North Carolina's most dedicated volunteers. Each county will select five individuals, businesses, or groups to be rec-

ognized for their outstanding contributions to their communities. Nominations come from one of 12 categories; Individual, Family, Group/Team, Youth Volunteer, Senior Volunteer, Perseverance in Volunteerism, National Service Volunteer, Outstanding Mentor, Faith-

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Any individual, group, business, or organization whose volunteer activities in North Carolina benefit the community or the State of North Carolina in a substantial, important, or unique way is eligible for the award. Students who are receiving course credits are eligible only if the volunteer service extends beyond course requirements. Individuals receiving compensation for their services, and persons nominating themselves, spouses, or family members will not be accepted. Nomi-

nation forms must be typed, written forms will not be accepted.

A complete list of rules and eligibility requirements are located with the nomination form.

Nominations are being accepted until Friday October 26, 2012, and are available for download from www.volunteernc.org or you can request a nomination form by calling 215-0900 or email, tdese@moorecountync.gov.

Completed nomination forms should be mailed to RSVP at PO Box 487, Carthage, NC 28327, faxed to (910) 215-0278, or emailed: tdese@moorecountync.gov

Bugs at 7 Lakes Garden Club

The Seven Lakes Garden Club will meet on Thursday, October 11, at 2 pm, in the Fellowship Hall at the Chapel in The Pines.

The special guest speaker will be Moore County Agriculture Agent, Taylor Williams, with his presentation: "What Really Bugs Me" – yard pests, including disease spreading mosquitoes.

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garden, flower garden, lawn, problem area); 2. Place each sample in a separate container; 3. Label each indicating area taken from; 4. The Garden Club will do the rest!

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Chapel Rummage Sale

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 8 am to 2 pm in the Old West End Gym. Donations will be accepted on Friday, October 19, from 8:30 am to 12 pm. For home pickup of donated items, call either Butch Allen, 673-3312 or Don Truesdell 673-1970.

Earley

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or Linden Lodge Foundation (www.lindenlodgenc.org) to learn more about the traits of the different diseases and how to work toward reform. "Educate yourself and fight the stigma by speaking out about these serious illnesses. It's the best tool we have," he insists.

"Finding your way out of the maze is difficult. It is easy to get discouraged. But people do get out. My son got out. I thought at one point that he'd be dead, homeless or in jail, but you have to have some strong advocates, and hope there are programs that can help you."

Tickets are \$15 and include dessert and coffee and may be purchased online by visiting www.lindenlodgenc.org, or by mailing a check payable to: Linden Lodge Foundation, P.O. Box 4153, Pinehurst, NC 28374.



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West End Presbyterian program WOWs schoolkids

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The children also learn

what it means to be a part of a community, how to give and help those in need. Last year, the children made memory books for the residents of Memory Care in Seven Lakes. They presented the books, gave a concert of all the songs and music they learned throughout the year and spent time talking to the residents.

Beginning Wednesday, November 7, the W.O.W. kids will begin preparing their Christmas program – a Christmas musical of their choosing. Every Wednesday the kids will rehearse music and dialogue, prepare costumes, and build sets and

scenery while discovering the value of team work and the true meaning of Christmas. Led by WEPC Music Director Jennifer Thomas Danis, the kids will present the musical on Sunday, December 9 at 6 pm.

If you are interested in having your child participate in W.O.W. after school or be a part of the Christmas program, contact program director, Jennifer Thomas Danis, at 673-4131 x104 or jennifer@westendpres.org. West End Presbyterian Church is located at 275 Knox Lane, West End, off Highway 211.

MANNA on the links

Local golfers will have the opportunity to play a premier course and help feed needy Moore County residents on Monday, October 15 at National Golf Club, 1 Royal Troon Drive, Pinehurst. Registration for the annual MANNA! on the Links tournament will begin at 12 pm. Lunch served before 1 pm shot gun start. In the Cap-

tain's Choice format.

Entry fee is \$125 per person, includes green and cart fees, refreshments on the course, a box lunch, snacks, post-play refreshments from the Texas Roadhouse, awards and cash bar. A raffle, 50/50 and Mulligans.

MANNA! serves free lunches to needy Moore County residents at seven serving sites each week. In September, the non-profit organization celebrated its 7th anniversary by serving the 150,000th meal.

Sponsorship are available for Birdie (\$1000), Par (\$500), and Donor (\$100). The names of Eagle, Birdie and Par Golfers and sponsors may sign up by calling John Roberts at 910 315-1150, or by mail at MANNA!, 1081, Southern Pines, NC 28388, or manna.lunch@gmail.com

Anyone who wishes to support MANNA! in its mission to feed the needy may send contributions to PO Box 1081, Southern Pines, NC 28388-1081. Contributions are tax deductible.

Methodist Women host Harvest Dinner

The United Methodist Women will host their annual Harvest Dinner on Friday, October 5 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$8 each, includes buffet, dessert, and tea.

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FirstHealth Pottery Event taps famed auctioneer

As Pinehurst resident Kay Grismer read an October 2011 story in The New York Times about CK Swett, one of New York's most sought-after charity auctioneers, two especially interesting pieces of information caught her eye.

Swett, she learned, is a senior proposal writer for Phillips de Pury & Company (an international art auction house in New York) with a passion for nonprofit fundraising. As a Duke University graduate, he has a North Carolina connection.

With these bits of information at her disposal, Grismer recognized a unique opportunity for the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation's 17th Annual Pottery Auction. "Wouldn't it be incredible if he were willing to come down to Pinehurst," she mused.

As it happened, he was. Swett has volunteered to be the celebrity auctioneer for the live auction portion of the Saturday, October 6, Pottery Auction at the Country Club of North Carolina. He will, Grismer says, put the "fun in fundraising" – all in support of the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, which provides support for FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care, the only not-for-profit hospice service in Moore County.

Proceeds from the Pottery Auction cover operational deficits for FirstHealth Hospice, which serves Moore and Montgomery counties, ensuring that anyone who needs hospice services can receive that care with dignity and respect – regardless of their ability to pay.

Paying it forward

Swett's charity ventures have taken him from the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York to the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. He has helped raised millions of dollars for more than 70 charitable institutions, championing causes that range from public schools in Manhattan to orphans in Malawi.

His favorite may be one of the smallest and certainly one of the least known.

"I've now conducted two charity events for Heroes in Transition, a small organization that helps veterans with the difficulties of returning to civilian life," he says. "It was founded by the parents of a Marine helicopter pilot killed in action, and their appreciation, as well as the appreciation of his friends and extended family, drove home the fact that I was having measurable impacts on people's lives."

There is no questioning Swett's success. He was

recently named one of the art world's most influential art professionals under 30. As a licensed auctioneer, he has raised something in the neighborhood of \$8 million for various causes.

At a benefit dinner for Outward Bound at the Hall of Ocean Life of the American Museum of Natural History, he helped raise \$60,000 of an overall total of \$133,000 in one evening.

During the February 2012 Keep Memory Alive Foundation's "Power of Love Gala" celebrating Muhammad Ali's 70th birthday, an event hosted by Larry King, his skills helped draw a \$1.1 million bid for the boxing gloves Ali was wearing during his 1965 defeat of Floyd Patterson. The bid set a record as the highest ever for a piece of boxing memorabilia sold at auction.

A flamboyant style

Although known for his auctioneering style, Swett can be just as flamboyant in his appearance. Descriptions of his event-wear suggest early Elton John – a "floppy-haired" Swett (according to The Times writer) in a gold cape and plaid pants or a vintage Yves Saint Laurent tuxedo jacket.

Despite the unapologetic showmanship – the headline

over the MSNBC interview christened him "The Mad Hatter of Charity Auctions," there is no artifice about Swett's feel for charity. It's authentic, and the invitation from the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation touched him on a very personal level.

"I watched my parents help usher both their parents toward the end of their lives – my last grandparent, my beloved Grammie, passed in February," he says, "and it reinforced just how difficult and complicated this process can be, again on so many



Auctioneer CK Swett will do the honors at this year's FirstHealth Hospice Pottery Auction

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Horticultural Society Plant Sale

On Saturday, October 6, the Sandhills Horticultural Society and the Landscape Gardening Students at Sandhills Community College will conduct their very popular Fall Plant Sale. Take advantage of the opportunity to support the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens and the Landscape Gardening Students at the Sandhills Community College and at the same time obtain excellent locally grown plants.

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It is advisable to pre-order plants by calling 246-4959 by October 1. Pre-ordered plants will be available for pick up on October 6 from 8 am until 12 pm, at Steed Hall on the campus of Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst.

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October 27~ Ghoulish treats

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SCC's Surgical Tech Team wins Scrub Bowl

The Sandhills Community College Surgical Technology program won the first Scrub Bowl event to be held in North Carolina.

Several individuals have been trying for a few years to create a study class in North Carolina for certification preparation (South Carolina has had one since 1999). This is where all participating community colleges compete against each other with direct answer format questions, no multiple-choice questions.

With assistance from South Carolina Surgical Technology educators, eleven community colleges in North Carolina participated in the first Scrub Bowl event held in July at Guilford Technical Community College.

The SCC students won the entire event. Four students received medals and the program will receive a plaque.

"Many of our students remarked that they were glad they picked SCC as their college, even though it's been a lot of hard work," said Jeannine Kenzel, coordinator of the Surgical Technology program. "Not only did this Bowl help our students effectively prepare for their certification exam, they had a lot of fun and were very proud of their efforts."

Preparation for the Scrub

Bowl for the SCC Surgical Technology students apparently paid off—all but one student passed their national certification exam on the first attempt. Students of Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited programs, such as the program at Sandhills, are required to take the exam administered by the National Board on Certification in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA) within a four-week period prior to or after graduation.

To learn more about the Surgical Technology program at the college and career possibilities upon graduation, refer to the college's website, www.sandhills.edu, and follow the Programs & Majors link to Health Sciences.



The SCC Surgical Tech Team — One the front row are: Surgical Technology Program Coordinator Jeannine Kenzel, Charlotte Bromwell, Kayla Cruz, Michelle Thystrup, Shanna Davis, and Clinical Coordinator Misty Godwin. On the back row are: Blake Hamilton, Carolyn Watts, Ashley Terry, Sharon Carroll, Will Martindale and Monica Little.

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All month long the 1897 Poe House will be decorated with traditional Victorian and early 20th century Halloween décor. Participants in the 1897 Poe House tours will learn about the history of

Hallowe'en and how it was celebrated during the Poe's time in Fayetteville.

Hallowe'en, short for Hallow's Eve, is the correct spelling of the holiday during the Victorian period. Is the Poe House haunted? Find out the answer by taking a Victorian Hallowe'en Themed tour during the month of October. 1897 Poe House tours are given at 11 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm on weekdays and on the hour on week-

ends. The cost is Free!

Hallowe'en Revels

Mark your calendars for Hallowe'en Revels Night Tours of the Poe House on October 19-20 & 26-27 from 6 pm until 10 pm. The Museum of the Cape Fear has partnered with the actors of the Gilbert Theater to bring this gothic Eastlake Victorian home to life after dark. Actors will portray members of the Poe household and their friends as they prepare for a night of Hallowe'en revels. You may even see some Arsenal "ghosts" wandering the grounds of the Museum Complex.

The cost is Free, but you must sign up for a tour time. Tours will depart every 20 minutes beginning at 6 pm with the last tour at 9:40 pm. Tour space will be limited to 20 participants per tour.

The Museum will also be holding a Jack-o-Lantern Contest. Carve your own Jack-o-Lantern at home and

bring it to the museum to be displayed at the Poe House during our Hallowe'en Revels Night Tours. Entries will be accepted beginning on October 18, and the final deadline for entries will be October 27 at 12 pm. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative design, the scariest design, and the most historical design. The contest winners will be announced during the Poe House Trick or Treat Program on October 27.

The Poe House Trick or Treat on October 27 from 1 pm-5 pm will feature a costume contest, scavenger

hunt, and traditional Hallowe'en carnival games for the kids. Learn how to make tasty Halloween treats in the Poe House kitchen, have your fortune told, and gather around to hear a ghost story. Family fun for everyone! The cost is Free.

Make the 1897 Poe House an annual Halloween tradition for your family! Admission to these events and all activities are FREE! Sponsored by the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex Foundation, Inc. Join the fun.

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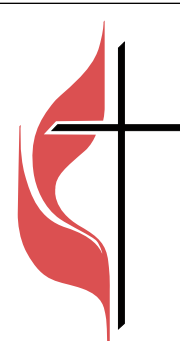
The Malcolm BOO Farm in Aberdeen invites everyone to a great family Halloween event, on Saturday, October 20 from 2 to 9 pm.

The Farm is the place to be for spooky ghost walks, haunted hayrides, ghostly house tours, storytelling, and a costume contest. To top it all off, a delicious dinner of chicken and dumplings will be prepared and served all day by the American Legion.

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ing will be at 5 pm. For kids 13 and older, Scary Harry invites them to experience the ultimate haunted attraction as they begin their Haunted Hayride adventure by tractor drawn wagon through the forest and graveyard. The Haunted Hayride starts at dusk. All day long there will be storytelling and a haunted tour of the Malcolm Blue house and grounds. Cost is \$5 per person. Mouthwatering chicken and dumpling plates are \$8.

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English-Speaking Union toasts Queen's Jubilee

by Lois Holt

ESU of the Sandhills

With 2012 being the year to celebrate the sixty years Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been on the throne in Great Britain, members of the English-Speaking Union, Sandhills Branch, are preparing to lift their own glasses in recognition of the lasting bond between the two countries.

Lord Alan Watson, in an extended visit to the United States, will be the guest speaker at English Speaking Union's first meeting on Wednesday, October 3, for a Sandhills observance of "The Queen's Jubilee."

Watson, long associated with the organization founded in 1918 at the end of World War I, has served as Chairman of the English Speaking Union for six years and is now International Chairman Emeritus. He is currently Chairman of the Council of Commonwealth Societies and a member of the Executive Committee of the Pilgrims.

Ninety percent of the world's nations (177) have enacted an official language. And, while more than 320 languages are spoken in the United States, 82% of the population claims English, inherited from British colonization and the most common official language on earth, as the mother tongue.

With the London book launch of "The Queen and the U.S.A.," Watson, a member of the book team, will open the pages of a stunning pictorial tribute to Elizabeth II that honors her contributions in fostering the values that have bound the USA and the UK.

Throughout the sixty years of her reign, "The Queen" has maintained close American ties with her many trips "across the pond" whether it be in regard to affairs of state or horse racing, her

favorite personal passion.

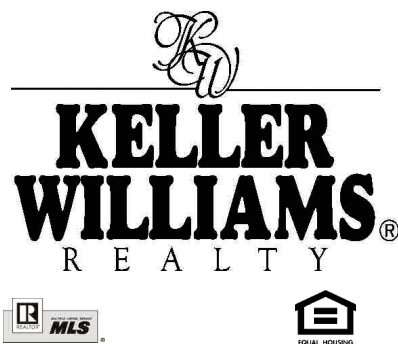
Lord Watson is a recipient of the Churchill Medal, awarded annually to those who have promoted the objectives of E-SU through their dedicated and distinctive commitment to the organi-

zation.

Watson is now serving as a member of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union and holds a range of visiting and honorary posts at universities in Britain and abroad.

The Sandhills Branch of the English-Speaking Union supports a mission that promotes a scholarship program for local educators, a high school Shakespeare Competition and the Middle School Debate program.

The monthly dinner meetings are held at the Country Club of North Carolina and membership is open to the public. For membership and program information, contact Hope Price at (910) 692-7727, or at hopewp@AOL.com.



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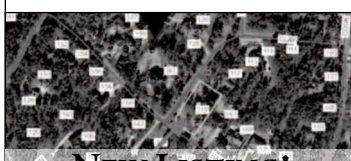
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Women And Finance

Finance seminar at the Senior Enrichment Center on Wednesday, October 3, 10, 17, and 24 with Brianna Dillon of Raymond James and Associates. Class time is 10 - 11:30 am. Call 215-0900 to reserve a seat.

Don't Let Arthritis Take Control of Your Life

Jason Guevara of Pinehurst Hip and Knee will be at the Senior Enrichment Center on Wednesday, October 10 from 3 - 4 pm to discuss things you can do to improve your quality of life. Refreshments provided. Call 215-0900 to reserve a seat.

Sweet Loaf Karaoke!

On Thursday, October 11 from 7 - 9 p.m., come to the Senior Enrichment Center to join other crooners and

wanna-be-idols as they sing with professional karaoke equipment. The evening is guaranteed to make you laugh. Feel free to just come and listen! No charge for this event. Call 215-0900 to reserve a seat.

Flu Shots

Shots will be given at the Senior Enrichment Center on Friday, October 12 and Friday, October 19 from 9 am to 2 pm. They will be administered by the Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe. Medicare is accepted. Please call 215-0900 to reserve a time and to see if any other insurance is accepted.

The Autumn of Our Lives!

Come and experience some heartwarming music played by seasoned, senior pianists at the Senior Enrichment Center on Saturday, October 13 from 10 - 11:30 am. Free concert. Call 215-0900 to reserve a seat.

Photography 101

On Wednesday, October 17 from 1 - 2 pm, Tommy Deese will give a short photography presentation at the Senior Center, followed by a

question and answer session. Beginners and intermediate photographers will benefit from this workshop. Feel free to bring your camera or photos. Call 215-0900 to reserve a seat.

How To Safely Transfer Yourself and Others

Karen Backall, PT, Appalachian Physical Therapy, will speak on Thursday, October 18 at 4 pm to offer tips on transferring those for whom they give care, as well as themselves, in order to prevent injury to both. These pointers will be valuable for non-caregivers as well, as everyone needs to learn to move properly. Call 215-0900 to reserve a seat.

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Cancer CARE Tourney

Village Design Group will host a special fundraiser golf tournament on Tuesday, October 2, at Foxfire Resort and Golf Club benefitting the Cancer CARE Fund and the Clara McLean House at FirstHealth. The event is open to all golfers.

The format will be Captain's Choice. Registration fee \$75: provides green fee, cart, on-course beverages, lunch and door prizes.

Local legend and LPGA golf pro Donna Andrews will be providing a free golf clinic prior to the event. Andrews is the lead instructor at the Pine Needles Golf and Lodge, Southern Pines.

The luncheon will feature speakers, presenters and table-top displays to provide

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Register online through a Paypal account at www.facebook.com/villagedesigngroup or contact Village Design Group at 910-692-1000. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 each.

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Memorial

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A site plan subcommittee will include Advisory Committee members Benton, Ruby Hendrick, Raymond Doby, and Planning Board Director Robert Hayter, as well as a land planner recommended by members of the original Memorial Committee.

Hayter, a professional land architect, will determine how much of the three acres of land adjacent to the current Memorial will be needed for the site plan.

"If the Committee desires to have the whole property, I, for one, don't think that is optimizing the asset," said Hayter.

Hendrick disagreed, saying, "I don't think three acres is too much to ask for our Veterans."

The site plan will reflect both the current needs of the Memorial and its users, as well as taking into consideration its potential growth over the next fifty years.

Commissioner Nick Picerno told the Veterans Committee that, in developing a site plan, "You really have a chance to dream. To dream what it will look like in a hundred years. And the only responsibility we have as Commissioners, is we have to represent the taxpayers and the Veterans."

Once the Committee agrees on a site plan, it will have to be approved by the Moore County Board of Commissioners, and, possibly, the

Town of Carthage's Planning Board and Commissioners.

No due date was set for the site plan to be presented to the Advisory Committee.

"I don't think three acres is too much to ask for our Veterans."

— **Veteran's Memorial Committee Member Ruby Hendrick**

Joint Ownership Approved

During Wednesday's meeting, the Committee also agreed that the property on which the Veterans Memorial currently sits should be jointly owned by the County and the Veterans Memorial Committee. Prior to the formation of the Committee, the Board of Commissioners had discussed placing the adjacent 3.5 acre grassy lawn under such a joint ownership. Ownership of the actual Memorial site had not come up in previous debate.

Commissioner Nick Picerno questioned the wisdom of dealing only with the Memorial site and not the adjacent property.

Chairman Jimmy Melton explained that the first step is to focus on the Veteran's Memorial itself — and then the adjacent land could be discussed.

"Once we come up with some type of design," said Melton, "then we can address the property beside it."

Picerno told *The Times*, "I had no idea the County

owned that land the Memorial sits on."

The legal framework for joint ownership will be drawn up by County Attorney Misty Leland and will designate the

County as responsible for insurance on and maintenance of the property. Leland told *The Times* that she will prepare a deed that contains every element but the description of the property to be protected; that will be added once the Committee has concluded its work.

"As long as it stays a Veteran's Memorial, it will remain in joint ownership," said Leland.

Whether that ownership will extend over the entire 3.5 acre grassy lawn — including the proposed site of a Bojangles' restaurant — was not decided during Thursday's meeting. However, the Commissioners recently passed a resolution that took the property surrounding the Veterans Memorial off the market until the Veterans Memorial Advisory Committee

(See "Memorial," p. 22)

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Nicklaus

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prefers to spend his time cheering on his grandchildren at sporting events and with Barbara, his wife of fifty years, and overseeing the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation in North Palm Beach, Florida, where the couple reside. Their charity provides services and programs, free of charge, to more than 4,000 hospitalized children and their families.

One thing Nicklaus railed hard against was how children today are coached heavily into specializing in a particular sport so young.

"I don't understand how kids play today! They have a nutritionist and a swing coach, and a psyche coach," he said, joking that they even have a "caddy for their caddy."

That is a very different

upbringing from his own, he said, when his father was his best friend and introduced him to different sports, including golf at the age of ten.

"I played many sports and that helped me to develop my whole body," he said.

Nicklaus said he decided to become a golf professional as a young adult because he wanted to be the best in his sport, and the only way to reach that level was to play against the best.

At Jaime Diaz's urging, Nicklaus shared personal memories and stories of time spent with many golf legends including Byron Nelson, Arnold Palmer, Ben Hogan, and, more recently, Tiger Woods.

In particular, he described Palmer as a good friend — then and now.

"But when we were on the golf course, we wanted to kill each other," he laughed, noting they shared a competitive spirit. "I have said many times that I had to fight Arnold's arm, but never the man."

Reflecting on Wood's ambition to best his tournament total, he said he never had to endure even a 100th or a 1,000th of the scrutiny placed on Tiger. Unlike Woods, who was pushed into the game at two years old and later kept a list on his closet wall of Nicklaus' accomplishments, Nicklaus said he himself never even started counting tournament wins until he was thirty years old.

"His ability to come back and win the game will be played between those five inches between his ears," Nicklaus said. "He has a great work ethic and goals. Only time will tell."

Looking ahead at the game of golf as a recreational activity for the masses, Nicklaus said he sees the potential for growth, but the sport must adapt. Golf will be played in the 2016 and 2020 Olympics, which will open up the game in growing areas like South America and China.

"These are places where government will fund development of the sport," he noted. But, on the other hand, golf is quickly losing

members.

Nicklaus said there are five million fewer players in just the last five years and cited three reasons for the loss of interest: Golf is hard. Golf is expensive. And golf games take too long to play.

"We have to address this," Nicklaus said. "The USGA is working on test models to improve the game for average players."

Nicklaus said he sees the potential for golf growth in the public parks systems as a team sport for youth.

"You have to get kids playing together," he said. "We have to think out of the box and the nature of the way it is played."

Memorial

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comes to an agreement about that property.

"We can't just do this and do that," said Melton, when discussing the land adjacent to the Memorial. "We have got the taxpayers to keep in mind."

"You keep saying this is about the taxpayers," Mealing responded. "Veterans are taxpayers too."

Melton agreed that both taxpayers and veterans must be taken into consideration on any decision that is made.

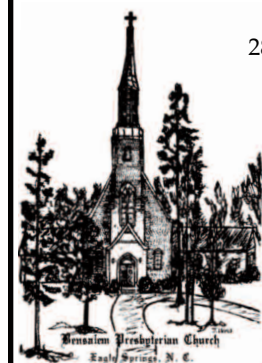
When it comes to protecting the land the Memorial sits on — and that around it —

Picerno told the Committee: "There doesn't have to be a loser. Everybody can win."

Taking it a step further, Picerno asked that the County Attorney research the possibility of coming up with a referendum to allow voters to decide what to do with the land surrounding the Memorial.

Although the Committee did not set a date for its next meeting, or a due date for the Memorial site plan, Picerno told *The Times* that he believed the entire process could be finished before the end of the year.

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Incorporation

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back and forth in the crowd, Leslie Rose said, "I think we should refocus the discussion on who we want to be in ten years. We should try to make a mission statement for Seven Lakes, to create a way for us to talk together about who we want to be."

"I'm proud to be a Seven Laker," she continued, noting she had raised a family, and opened a business in the community. "We should take our pride in this town and

work to make it the best it can be. If we start the discussion with what we love about his town, and make that the focus, I think we will get somewhere."

Rose's comments triggered a call to organize a committee that could work on a mission statement for the community, and another that could revisit the financial projections asso-

ciated with incorporation, in view of significant changes in the state budget since the last analysis was done.

Colquhoun provided sign-up sheets for the committees, and told *The Times* that some of the folks at the meeting had signed up for each committee.

Former Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] President Ron Shepard noted that the West Side had formed its own study committees during the previous incorporation debate. The reports prepared by those committees are available on the SLWLA website.

Interviewed on Friday, September 21, Colquhoun said she was pleased with the outcome of the meeting. "People were not throwing stuff,

and we heard a wide variety of opinions," she said. "People signed their name when they came in and were not screaming at me when they left."

"I was hoping just to get people talking again in a somewhat calm way about the options available to Seven Lakes," she said. "I think there are some new issues with the internet sweepstakes cafés, water supply issues, and the questions about fire district lines. There could be a broadening of opinion."

Noting that she had no desire to "lead the charge in one direction or another," Colquhoun said she would facilitate getting the two committees organized. Those interested in participating can contact her via email at sancolquhoun@aol.com.

"If we start the discussion with what we love about his town, and make that the focus, I think we will get somewhere."

— Northsider Leslie Rose

Land Use Plan

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to encourage where things happen — and not to the detriment of our farmers and not to the detriment of our towns.

Drafting a new plan

Facilitator Mark Molitar said it is clear the committee has spent much time in learning and reviewing land use planning, but that it was now time to shift their energy into a production phase.

Accepting his suggestion, the committee will quickly write a draft Land Use Plan in October, and then spend the ensuing months polishing it to completion.

Opening the floor for discussion, he quizzed the group on why land use planning was important and how to best assure the finished product wound up being a "go to" document — rather than dusty binder sitting on a shelf unread.

Ideas of what should be included in the revised plan were broad-based, with recommendations for development of schools and utilities, but also planning tied into soils and natural resources. The plan should be written simply, user-friendly, concise and not filled with jargon. In addition it will not be a stand-alone document, but a comprehensive plan.

"My agenda is to involve the county as a whole. Farms, towns, landfills, water . . . It doesn't matter who has management over that, jurisdictional control has

nothing to do with sound planning," Hayter said.

Most importantly, the revised plan must address future issues — where is growth coming from, road planning, and what kind of industry is likely to remain in Moore County in ten years, and which industry will be muted?

Member Harry Huberth noted that NC Department of Transportation is considering five major road projects that will have an impact, but that it could be another ten to twenty years before they are constructed.

Hayter agreed that Moore County is at a disadvantage when dealing with NC DOT but said, "We can and should go head to head with them

over what our county needs for transportation instead of other way around."

Member Terry Bryant also agreed it was important to get involved but said a request ten years ago from NCDOT to develop a plan had overwhelmed that committee, on which he himself served.

Speaking from the floor, an interested resident noted that other counties surrounding Moore were also making decisions along with DOT.

"These people are making decisions that affect us so we need to see what these people are doing. We need to realize that our context is more than we see in this boundary [Moore County limits]."

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\$25,000.

Another \$3,000 was set aside for landscaping and irrigation around the mail-house.

Architecture and engineering fees already expensed totaled \$31,600, bringing the grand total for the project to \$353,000.

Upcoming Events

The Events Committee will host the first session of a Concealed Weapon Carry Permit Course on Saturday, September 29 in the Community Center from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The application fee is \$80, which is payable before the event, said Events Director Rosemary Weber. The second half of the two-session course will be held on Saturday, October 6.

The final Johnson Point concert of the season will be on Friday, October 5 with the band "The Musicians" performing.

On Saturday, October 13 the Yellow Dot Program will be registering residents at the Community Center from 10:00 am to Noon. The Yellow Dot program allows a person to register medications and other vital health information on a form that is kept in the glove compartment of their vehicle. A Yellow Dot decal alerts first responders to the presence of the information. More volunteers are needed for the event, particularly to assist with the registration process. Those interested in helping out may contact Weber at rosemaryW@7lakeswest.com

or call the CAS office.

Oktoberfest will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, October 20, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event will include food, drink and music. An oompah band will set the mood, and Railhouse Brewery will be on hand for a beer tasting. Tickets are available in the CAS office and are \$17 per person.

Architectural Review

The Board During Tuesday's meeting approved a variance request for the Massey residence to extend grass to their bulkhead, within the six-foot required margin, as requested by Director Dan Blue.

President Mick Herdrich reminded the community that variance requests are first heard by the Architectural Review Committee before moving on to the Board for final approval.

Notification of repair and satellite dish installation forms can be picked up at the CAS office or downloaded online, Blue said. If the request meets simple requirements, then the permit can be picked up the same day.

An additional new home is under construction in the community, bringing the total to three. "Not a great number," said Blue, "but certainly a more positive trend." He reported that thirty-six construction and home improvement projects are currently underway in Seven Lakes West.

Other Business

Other business conducted

during the SLWLA Board's Tuesday, September 25 meeting included:

- The number of members who have registered on the SLWLA website has topped 800, reported Secretary Jane Sessler.
- Landowners interested in serving on the Board next year are asked to contact the Nominating Committee, said Sessler. So far, one person has expressed interest in running for next year's Board.
- Jim Pierman provided an update to the repairs being done at Pond Dam #3.
- On behalf of the Safety and Security Committee, Sessler reported that 911 calls in the community have had quicker response times. A committee has been formed to monitor any changes to rescue districts in Moore County.
- During member comments,

Charlie Flinchum announced that the Sports Club will co-sponsor a haunted house at the Community Center on Saturday, October 27 starting at 6:00 pm. Westsider Kelly Combs is helping with the construction of the house. No costumes are required, said Flinchum.

- Also during member comments, Westsider Bob Kieling, noting a recent meeting on incorporation, asked the Board if the community has to "relive it again"? Herdrich said reports on incorporation developed by SLWLA Committees during the last incorporation debate are posted on the community website or should be archived with *The Times*. "I think it is still pertinent to the incorporation issue," said Herdrich, referring to the reports. "But, I don't think

we need to relive that again at this particular point in time."

- Community Manager Jeanette Mendence reported that the stage from the Community Center Great Room will be donated to the Sandhills Children's Center.
- The weekend of September 28 will also be the last weekend that the pool is open for the season.
- On behalf of the Amenities Committee Mendence reported that a larger dance floor will be installed in the Great Room. The Committee is investigating ordering benches to honor the service of past Board members.

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Talk: The African American experience of the Civil War

Hari Jones, assistant director and curator of the African American Civil War Museum in Washington, DC will speak at the Cape Fear Regional Theater on Monday, October 1 at 7 pm. Jones, one of the

nation's leading authorities on the African-American Civil War experience, will present a refreshingly new perspective on the Civil War. The event is sponsored by the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical

Complex Foundation, Inc. Admission is free.

Jones, an energetic and engaging speaker, reveals, in his matter-of-fact manner, how extensive Americans of African descent organized

their efforts to end slavery in league with the Constitution. He will speak in Fayetteville about the role of the African-American soldier in North Carolina.

Jones served as the content developer for the National Park Service (NPS) museum at the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site in Tuskegee, Alabama, a content adviser for the American Civil War Center exhibit "Take Our Stand" and a content adviser for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) exhibit "Discovering the Civil War." Television outlets, including the History Channel, Public Broadcasting System (PBS) History Detectives, and NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" have also sought his

expertise.

The lecture will also provide area residents with a preview of the different perspectives of the Civil War and Reconstruction eras being explored for a newly proposed state-supported museum. Arsenal Park, part of the Museum of the Cape Fear, will be the location for the proposed museum.

For information, contact the Museum of the Cape Fear at 910/486-1330, or David Winslow at 336/416-4530.

Meals

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was a kid, I only saw my grandparents when I was very young," she said. "I was always craving that connection with the older generation — which is something I had missed in my own childhood."

"This visit and hot meal may be the only company these people have for the whole day," she added.

Married in her early thirties

to Bud Shaver, Do said she never felt a calling to be a mother herself, but was thrilled to jump right in as a grandmother to her husband's family.

"We have thirteen of our own grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren, including one on the way! They are scattered all over the world and in almost every state of the nation almost, but I am a grandma," she

said proudly.

"I always had the grandma instinct and have always enjoyed older people no matter my own age. And I just enjoy helping people. I'm a giver in everything I do."

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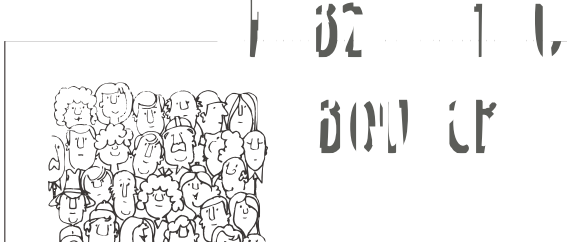
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- **Silent Film Festival** – 7 pm, silent movies sponsored by the Civitan Club. Inspired by the Samuel LaRosa silent film collection, shown in the Leah Levin Auditorium, located on School Street at West First Street in Mt. Gilead. Admission \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under age 12. Refreshments available. Proceeds will support the restoration of the Auditorium. (910) 439-5111.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- **Farmers Market at Sandhills Winery** – 9 am - 12 pm, local produce and handcrafts. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Concealed Weapons Carry Permit Class** – 9 am to 2 pm, at West Side Community Center – Reserve your spot by contacting the community center or email Rosemary Weber at RosemaryW@7lakeswest.com
- **At The Park** – 10 am, Celebrate the end of "Take-A-Child-Outside Week" by joining a ranger for some trail games. Roam the woods, play some games, and learn some fun facts along the way. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- **Malcolm Blue Historical Festival** – 10 am to 8 pm. 43rd Malcolm Blue Historical Crafts and Farmskills Festival. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child under 12 years of age. Military personnel with active duty ID, admitted free. Enjoy the house and

grounds of the Farm. Festivities, crafts, Pioneer cooking, animals in the barnyard and stable. Malcolm Blue Farm, 1177 Bethesda Road, Aberdeen.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Malcolm Blue Historical Festival** – from 11 am to 5 pm. 43rd Malcolm Blue Historical Crafts and Farmskills Festival. \$5 per adult and \$3 per child under 12 years of age. Enjoy the house and grounds of the Farm. Malcolm Blue Farm, 1177 Bethesda Road, Aberdeen.
- **Weymouth Chamber Music** – a violin program by Brian Reagin, at 3 pm. Weymouth Center, 555 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. No admission charge for Friends of Weymouth, Inc. members, or for people 18 and younger, non-members \$15 each. (910) 692-6261 www.weymouthcenter.org
- **The Illustrious Longleaf** – 3 pm, Come spend some time learning about North

Carolina's state tree, the longleaf pine. Take a short hike around the trails. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.

- **Artists League of the Sandhills** – 4 - 6 pm, Opening Reception of The October show "Waterworks" - a solo show featuring the works of Pam Swarbrick. 944-3979, 1129 Exchange St., Aberdeen.
- **Trace The Roots Of Religious Freedom** – Village Chapel of Pinehurst's Fifth Sunday Cinema on, at 5 pm in the Chapel Hall. Featured film is Luther, a 2003 biopic about the life of theologian and reformer Martin Luther (1483-1546) starring Joseph Fiennes. Village Chapel, 10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest tonight is Joe Newberry and Jon Shain. Buy your tickets on line or at the door. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910) 944-7502.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

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- **Welcome Home Bible Study** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Bible Study. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead this session. Meet in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

- **The Village Chapel of Pinehurst** – 10 - 10:30 am, new weekly prayer service with Communion, in the Sanctuary, followed by a Bible study 10:45-noon in the Youth Room. Village Chapel, 10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst.
- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). A time of fellowship and devotion and a wonderful meal for \$5.
- **Women of Seven Lakes** – 1 pm, meeting at the Pumpkin Creek Café, Seven Lakes. Lunch meeting. Lunch will be ordered individually and off the menu. Upcoming WSL events will be discussed. Newcomers welcome. Call Laurie at 673-1121.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm, 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

- **Johnson Point Concert Series** – 7 pm, The "Musicians" end the concert

series. Free, bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks and drinks.

- **United Methodist Women Harvest Dinner** – 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall at West End United Methodist Church. Tickets \$8 each, includes buffet, dessert, and tea. Proceeds will benefit the missions of the West End United Methodist Women. Call Anneliese Feggeler at 673-3734 to purchase tickets.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

- **Sandhills Horticultural Society's Fall Plant Sale** – 8 am until 12 pm, Take advantage of the opportunity to support the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens and the Landscape Gardening Students at the Sandhills Community College. Pre-order plants by calling 246-4959 by October 1. Steed Hall on the campus of Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst.
- **Concealed Weapons Carry Permit Class** – 9 am to 2 pm, at West Side Community Center – Reserve you spot by contacting the community center or email Rosemary Weber at RosemaryW@7lakeswest.com
- **17th Annual FirstHealth Pottery Auction** – 5:30-8:30 pm, at the Country Club of North Carolina, Pinehurst. To support the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, call (910) 695-7510.
- **Mental Illness Awareness with Pete Earley** – 7 pm, In observance of Mental Illness Awareness Week,

Linden Lodge Foundation is hosting Pete Earley, at Pine Needles Conference Center, Southern Pines. His presentation, "Minds, Myths, and Miracles." \$15 per ticket, includes presentation, dessert & coffee. www.lindenlodgenc.org on Paypal or Marianne Kernan at 528-6820.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

- **Senses Hike** – 3 pm, Discover what nature has to offer through all five senses – touch, smell, sight, sound, and taste – during hike 1 to 1.5 miles. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.
- **Interfaith Worship Service** – 4 pm. National Alliance on Mental Illness-Moore County (NAMI-MC) is hosting the Interfaith Worship Service at the Sandhills Alliance Chapel, 425 Magnolia Dr., Pinehurst. Guest speaker for this service is Pete Earley, author of the highly-acclaimed "Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness." Visit www.nami-moorecounty.org, or www.lindenlodgenc.org, or call: 910-295-1053.

- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open at 6 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest Chatham County Line. Buy your tickets on line or at the door. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910) 944-7502.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

- **Columbus Day**
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & trouble, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Welcome Home Bible Study** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Bible Study. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead this

session in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – meeting, 2 pm, Fellowship Hall at the SL Chapel in The Pines. Guest speaker will be Moore County Agriculture Agent, Taylor Williams. Door Prize! Free Raffle! Bring your enthusiasm, questions, and neighbors. Novice to experts are welcome. Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm, 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Candidates' Forum** – 7:30 pm, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Moore County, Pinehurst Village Assembly Hall, 395 Magnolia Road Pinehurst. Candidates for US House of Representatives District 2, District Court Judge District 19B, Board of Commissioners and Board of Education are invited to participate. Meet the candidates, ask them questions and hear their views on important issues. For more information, call 673-2935.

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For one special morning, artist grand masters will visit the Sandhills.

This tantalizing preview program, "An Anthology of Flowers," offers a unique opportunity to study images of some of the floral still life masterpieces which will appear in the upcoming North Carolina Museum of Art exhibit.

Sandra Rusak, Director of Education, will elaborate and celebrate specific floral still life's featured in the show, Still-Life Masterpieces: A Visual Feast from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Rusak is an enthusiastic speaker who has always loved art.

The images Rusak will focus on include works ranging in style and period from 17th century Italian masterworks to the lush palettes of Impressionists and the edgy approach of Modernists. She is equally passionate when speaking of the "joyous riot of color" Renoir presents as well as the "dark and brooding quality" Gustave Courbet offers the viewer.

Rusak said her talk "will focus on those works that feature flowers. It will be a snapshot of the offerings, but my hope is that the talk will spark an interest and excitement that will bring people to Raleigh to see this out-

standing exhibition."

Anthology of Flowers is presented by the joint efforts of the Arts Council of Moore County, NC Museum of Art, the Sandhills Council of Garden Clubs, and the Weymouth Center for Arts and Humanities.

To enjoy the Anthology of Flowers special lecture, please attend Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst, Tuesday, October 18, at 10 am, \$10 admission at the door, no reserve reservations required.



Renoir's 'Mixed Flowers'

Awesome

(Continued from page 5)

whole thing is about choices you make for yourself."

Laughing at the irony, he said he had to make his own choice to not be angry when his first scooter was stolen recently in Oregon. Luckily his corporate sponsor, Genuine Scooter, quickly came to his aid and presented him with a new and faster ride, so that he could complete his tour. In addition, he told the students that he held a 3.9 average and would complete a Master's degree in Education this October.

"You can follow your dreams and still get good grades," he encouraged.

While traveling, Joseph frequently relies on the kindness

of strangers and said that it has been a life-changing experience.

"The Art of being Awesome is all about being kind in your own way," Joseph told the students. "There is no point in limiting the ways you can be kind; but what is important is to figure out what kindness means to you, so you can then go out and create kindness in your own community."

"It is about accepting and embracing who you are, and taking control of that," he said, explaining that, in the grand scheme of life, we are all very similar; but, as individuals, we are each unique. "We are all part of making this universe what it is. It is

our responsibility to be who we are. You are the only person who is just like you: you are unique!"

Joseph said that once you have accepted that you are awesome, then you can share that feeling by creating awesomeness in the world around you.

"But awesome may not be your preferred word. So think of the word that makes you feel bold, courageous, beautiful," he said. "That is the word that will take you up the mountain."

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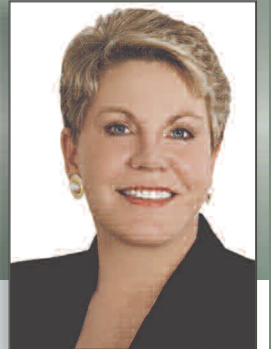


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Editorial

The odor of mendacity

"What's that smell in this room? Didn't you notice it, Brick? Didn't you notice a powerful and obnoxious odor of mendacity in this room?"

— Harvey "Big Daddy" Pollitt,
in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof,"
by Tennessee Williams

Members of the Moore County Board of Commissioners have spent a lot of time saying nice things about veterans, since the news broke that the Board had been meeting behind closed doors to consider an offer from Bojangles' to put a fast-food restaurant on County-owned land near the Veterans Memorial in Carthage.

But actions, as the old saying goes, speak louder than words. A simple joint-ownership deed and a quick up-or-down vote is all that's needed to protect the atmosphere around the Memorial from a continued assault by cries of "Welcome to Bojangles! May I take your order?"

Instead, the Commissioners have created a committee to study the matter. And the proposals put forward by some of the folks the Commissioners appointed to serve on that Committee suggest that there's a different long-term game plan at work behind the scenes.

That game plan would attempt to pacify the veterans by enhancing the landscaping around the Memorial and creating a nice parking lot nearby. But, of course, you don't really need all three-and-one-half acres between the Memorial and Hardee's for some landscaping and a parking lot — and Planning Board Chairman Robert Hayter allowed as much during the Committee's first meeting.

So, maybe it would be okay if the County carved off an acre or so for a second fast-food restaurant. After all, the taxpayers

deserve to get a little cash for that ground — and wouldn't it be a nice bump in tax revenue for the Town of Carthage?

In other words, the fix appears to be in. And some members of the Moore County Board of Commissioners appear to believe that sugar-coating the whole thing with an official committee process is going to somehow make it easier for local veterans to swallow.

We've had the honor of getting to know a lot of vets, young and old, in our time in Seven Lakes. And, if they gained nothing else from their time in the service, you can bet there's one thing they came away with: a finely-tuned detector for highly-perfumed B.S.

The current Hardee's drive through window is a football field and a half from the Memorial. The drive through window of a new Bojangles' would be about one-third that distance — about half a football field away. That's quite a bit closer, and that's what has veterans concerned.

If any member of the Board of Commissioners believes that concern is unwarranted, if any Commissioner believes that it is more important for the taxpayers of Moore County to sell 1.3 acres to Bojangles' for \$300,00 or \$400,000, then he should have the courage to simply say so in a public meeting, instead of trying to manipulate the veterans from behind some smoke screen of a committee.

With a little more honesty, this issue could be resolved once and for all at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. Whatever the decision, that honest up-or-down vote would not only accord the veterans the respect they deserve, it might also clear out a little of the odor of mendacity that has been hanging around the old Courthouse lately.

Big city bound

Big city lights will be shining on my windshield tomorrow. Well, sort of shining, since it'll be daytime and sort of big city, since I'm talking about driving to Fayetteville.

piloted by a chick with one hand on the wheel, one hand on a crumpled map, and both eyes firmly fixed to a printout from MapQuest.

Seriously!



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

I'm pretty sure it's the turn-by-turn part that gets me in trouble. And when those first few directions lead me

But hey, I hear they have a Target store and a Chuck E. Cheese restaurant.

If that doesn't spell "city" to you, then I have only one thing to say: "Welcome to Seven Lakes, you must be new?"

What is more notable than the opportunity to visit block-sized stores and oddly-named tattoo establishments is that this is my second visit to the far side of Ft. Bragg in a two week period following a previously unblemished ten-year-long boycott.

It's not that I don't like the Army, it's just that I have a little navigation problem. You see, I'm a bit of a Neo-Luddite when it comes to travel. I don't have On Star, or a smart phone, and I don't own a GPS.

In short, I am not the person you want in front of you in thick traffic.

Picture a grey Mommy-van,

out of my own neighborhood on streets that don't even exist, I figure my chances of arriving at and — more importantly — returning from Fayetteville are in peril.

Not that MapQuest has the market on shortcuts to nowhere. My dad could give them a solid run for their money, and Google Maps has sent me looking for a few wild geese. But at least those folks at search engine central have a sense of humor. Look up the directions from Los Angeles to Honolulu sometime. I'll give you a hint, it involves a paddle.

Hopefully, that is not a piece of transportation equipment I'll need tomorrow, since it doesn't come standard on a Toyota. Though to be safe, I'm going to read through the fine print on those directions again.

I'm betting there's a creek in there somewhere.

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What's this ecumenical thing?

Question: I just read an article in the paper about something the writer called "ecumenicalism." He seemed to imply that this was something bad and that good Christians should avoid it at all costs. What is ecumenicalism? I am a fairly new Christian. Should I stay away from churches that practice it?

Response: I presume the writer of the article is referring to ecumenism, a movement that began in North America and Europe in an effort to bring Christian churches together to present a united church to the world.

It began when western missionaries, carrying the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world,

found that the presence of various denominations of Christians was confusing to the people they were trying to reach.

In the United States, this ecumenical movement began as the Federal Council of Churches in 1908 and expanded through merging

National Council of Churches [NCC] in 1950 and now represents thirty-seven Christian Faith groups. The NCC was responsible for publishing the Revised Standard Version and the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. In addition, it sponsors the research on which the Uni-

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with other ecumenical organizations to become The

among North American Christian theologians and church

historians, including Evangelical, Pentecostal, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and mainline Protestant scholars.

The World Council of Churches is a world-wide fellowship of 349 churches which accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and are seeking unity, a common witness, and Christian service. The WCC's members include most Protestant and Eastern Orthodox bodies, but not the Roman Catholic Church. The Roman Catholic Church does send observers to most meetings of the WCC, just as Protestant churches were invited to send observers to the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. Although a number of Baptist churches are members of both the National and World Councils, the Southern Baptists in The United States are not among them.

A local example of ecumenism at work can be found

in inter-denominational congregations such as The Chapel in the Pines. Members and worshipers at the Chapel include men and women from over a dozen different denominations — Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and Baptist.

Do these Christians always agree on theology, worship and interpretation of the scriptures? No, but they worship, study, and serve together in a fellowship built around the single commitment to follow Jesus.

You ask if I believe in ecumenism. I not only believe, I think it is the last, best hope for the future of the Church. Will the Church ever be one and the body of Christ whole again? Only God knows.

Don Welch, the minister of The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines welcomes your comments and questions at: dwelch1@nc.rr.com

Incorporation? Not again!

Dear Editor:

Can the timing be good? When the whole world is in a state of unrest, do we need to upset our homefront by bringing up the subject of Incorporation once again?

Don't we have enough political issues before us? I guess not, because Incorporation involves politics and we have been invited to again participate in this sensitive debate and we already have false information presented by a person who owns no property in Seven Lakes — business or residential. This seems a little strange to say the least.

The recent *Times* article stated that only 12 homes had been sold in Seven Lakes this year and this is ludicrous — not even close.

To say our community lacks "charm" is an insult to many volunteers and businesses who make every effort to show that the folks here take pride in the looks of our business area.

There is such much real need all around us that would benefit greatly if we would channel our energy to help others instead of focusing on ourselves and what "might" benefit us!

*Mary E. Lawrence, PBF
Seven Lakes North*

Yellow Dot Sign Up

Seven Lakes West is hosting a Yellow Dot sign up on Saturday, October 13, 10 am to 12 pm, at Westside Park Community Center.

Participants will have their picture taken and complete an information form with medical and emergency contact information that will go in the glove compartment in a Yellow Dot folder. They also will receive a Yellow Dot decal for the rear window of their vehicle to indicate the presence of the vital information in the glove compartment.

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Politics — or morals?

It seems that everywhere that I look, people are divided into whichever political party they believe will get our country back on the right track.

I am not immune to the controversy. I too have very strong political views; however, I don't believe that politics will ever change the outcome of a nation. Politics and political leadership is simply a reflection of the people whom they govern, especially in a democratic republic like America.

We seem to think that a democratic form of government is the best system because it has worked so well for us for 236 years. Please don't misunderstand me, I believe that it is the best system of government possible; however it can only work when we the people are self-governed by morals.

If, for instance, three men and two women were stranded on an island and the three men voted that women would serve the men and had no

rights, democracy would be a terrible form of government. The reason why is because the men are not being ruled by good moral principles.

When our government was formed, the founding fathers understood the importance



Bound by Grace

Rev. Chris Hrabosky

of morals in society, and tried to make sure that they instituted them.

John Adams, signer of the constitution and second president of the United States writes, "It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue." [Letter to Zabdiel

Adams, June 21, 1776.]

Many of the framers of the constitution made similar statements. Statements were made regarding the importance of morality and self-government by Samuel Adams, Fisher Ames, Ben Franklin, and even Thomas

Jefferson, who many claim was an agnostic.

The Ten Commandments were foundational in the establishment of our system of law and until recently, were proudly displayed in our courts and public buildings. Prayer opened up every government meeting of the founding fathers.

Even our education system was founded on these principles. The New England Primer was the textbook for the first hundred years of our nation. The children learned valuable moral lessons. The alphabet was taught like this: "A" — "in Adam's fall, we sinned all." "B" — "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Each letter of the alphabet representing part of the moral code.

The Bible teaches that all men are sinners; and, without moral restrains, men will naturally tend towards sin. The framers of this nation understood that and did their best to make sure those principles were passed down to us.

This election year, my prayer is that we will not put our hope in a presidential candidate to fix our nation's problems, but that we would examine our own lives and make sure that we are self-governing.

Rather than blindly following one political party or the other, we should measure

each issue with caution and care.

If America is going to become a great nation once again, it will happen because the people are restrained by the morals by which this country was built.

God bless you, and may God Bless America!

Thanks from the Terruttys

Friends, Neighbors and Acquaintances:

Allan and I were truly overwhelmed from your cards, phone calls, and visits after Allan's emergency encounter with a heart issue. He is doing fine.

Thanks to our EMS (7 minutes from our call), Reid

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*Thank you again,
Allan and Sally Terrutti
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Can we talk about the future of 7 Lakes?

What was most surprising about the crowd that showed up for Hollis Colquhoun's community forum on incorporation was the number of undecideds.

As we expected, folks with a hardened position for or against incorporation showed up, armed with their charts and graphs and spreadsheets and talking points from the last incorporation debate, girded for battle.

But most folks who spoke up asked questions. Good ones. And, asked in a show of hands where they stood on the issue of incorporation, at least a third took no position. Those people either want more information before they make up their mind, or they realize that the answer to the question is not a simple yes or no.

What people want, I think, is an honest discussion about the future of Seven Lakes, including an honest discussion of whether incorporation should be a part of that future.

Despite the best efforts in this newspaper, we really didn't get that honest discussion when we had this debate eighteen months ago — and that may be why the question is coming back up again so soon.

Instead of an honest discussion, we had public meetings filled with acrimony and half-truths, we had scare tactics, we had Association

directors declaring their position against incorporation — and then leading committees supposedly studying the issue.

at whomever he disagrees with this evening.

We are living in an inconvenient time for rational discussion, for cooperative planning, for unbiased research.

It is an inconvenient time.

On the other hand, Leslie Rose stood up in the middle

of the crowd at that incorporation meeting and said this:

"I think we should refocus the discussion on who we want to be in ten years. We should try to make a mission statement for Seven Lakes, to create a way for us to talk together about who we want to be."

"I'm proud to be a Seven Laker," she said. "We've raised a family here, started a business here. We should take our pride in this town and work to make it the best it can be. If we start the discussion with what we love about his town, and make that the focus, I think we will get somewhere."

And people applauded. That should give us hope. People do want to talk

about the future of Seven Lakes. Beyond all the acrimony and bitterness of our public discourse, the people who live here do love this community. They do respect their neighbors. And most of them do want to have an honest, open conversation about this community's future — a conversation that takes as its starting point not incorporation per se, but rather, that begins with a

question like this: "What do we want Seven Lakes to look like ten, twenty, thirty years from now? And how do we get there from here?"

We stand with those folks. We stand with those who can put behind them the wounded passions and the hardened positions of the last debate and listen instead, as President Abraham Lincoln put it, to "the better angels of our nature."

Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins
Times Editor



It was a dishonest debate fueled by too much passion and too little curiosity, too much rumor and too few facts. And, after a while, everyone just got tired of all the bitterness, packed up their tents, and went home.

So, eighteen months later, can we now have that honest conversation about the future of this community?

Probably not. As Austin songwriter Nancy Griffith wrote, "We are living in an inconvenient time."

It's a time of the one percent and the ninety-nine percent and the forty-seven percent, a time of makers and takers, a time of birthers and truthers, a time when we all get too much of our news through a medium tailor-made to inflame passions rather than enlighten minds, a time when our model for proper behavior in a public debate is Bill O'Reilly yelling

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includes an intake on the Deep River, a 1.5 million gallon per day [GPD] water treatment plant, and a booster station and water line to carry water down Mt. Carmel Road and Dowd Road to Seven Lakes North.

Phase 2 of the project would expand the water treatment plant to 3 million GPD and bring water to Seven Lakes via Mt. Carmel Road, Beulah Hill Church Road, and NC Highway 73, at an additional cost of \$10.5 million.

The \$27 million question is how to pay for all that new water, and the answer may be one reason the Board of Commissioners seem reticent about moving forward with any option for increasing the water supply.

Gould explained that Moore County Public Utilities has no capital reserve funds that aren't already allocated to on-going projects. So, bringing water down from Robbins will require borrowing the money, and raising water rates in order to pay back that loan.

The US Department of Agriculture's Rural Development arm has money to lend at 2.75 percent interest, but qualifying for the loan involves a preliminary engineering report, an environmental assessment and hydraulic analysis, plus an analysis of alternatives. The impact of any project on water rates is taken into consideration, as is the household income of the target service area.

Perhaps based on those

income qualifiers, Commissioner Tim Lea said the Town of Robbins may be in a better position to borrow the money for the Deep River project — and then sell water to the county, much as Harnett County, Southern Pines, and Aberdeen do now.

Other water supply options Gould presented Tuesday night included buying into a water treatment plant expansion in Harnett County. Commissioner Craig Kennedy asked for more information on that possibility.

Another option specifically targeting the Seven Lakes area is to lay \$1.5 million in new water lines on NC Highway 73 that could tap into Harnett County water that is already available under the current contract.

Gould also addressed drilling three additional wells along Linden Road, at a cost of \$1.2 million. So, far, test wells in two of the locations have produced favorable results.

Some County wells have been contaminated with radium in the past; Gould said a groundwater study currently underway will map radium deposits. "So we will know where to go and where to stay away from," he said. "That will be the first step."

Comparing the County's maximum water production capacity to demand, Commissioner Lea said the supply should be sufficient for the next ten years.

"We don't need but another million gallons a day for the next ten years," said Lea,

"and we don't need but another million on that for the next twenty, and another million on that for the next thirty. So three million gallons more a day for the next thirty years will take care of us for quite some time."

"We don't have a water shortage in Moore County," said Lea, adding, "The County has numerous options."

Gould noted that getting more water, and getting it to where it is needed, are two different things.

Gould's memorandum to the Board included in Tuesday's meeting packet indicated that pursuing any of the available options will require issuing requests for proposal to engineering companies for the various designs and studies required. But the Commissioners thanked Gould for his presentation without indicating any preference among the alternatives, or any timeframe for making a decision which to pursue.

Board Approves Edgewood Terrace Grant Application

The Board authorized Public Utilities to move forward with a grant application to the NC Rural Economic

Development Center that could help bring County water to the Edgewood Terrace neighborhood in West End. Gould has been working to find an affordable solution for residents in the Edgewood Terrace and Stanley Road communities, some of whom of whom currently rely on unproductive or contaminated wells.

However, unless additional documentation required for the need-based grant can be assembled by the mid-October deadline, it may be possible to secure only enough grant funds to provide water to the half of the community for which documentation is already in hand.

Grant funds totaling as much as \$63,000 of the cost of extending County water lines to the community, but residents would be required to pay the \$1900 tap fee that is required for all new County water customers. However, that fee could be broken up into payments as opposed to required in a single lump sum.

The Edgewood Terrace community will host a third meeting with Public Utilities to discuss the grant and their water options.

The Commissioners indicated that they would like to serve the entire area with water, if possible.

"Doing it halfway doesn't seem like the right way to do it," said Commissioner Jimmy Melton. "Sooner or later they're probably going to need it [water]."

Gould agreed, saying, "I would love to serve the whole area."

The NC Rural Board meets on October 16 to discuss allocating funds. Gould said his goal is to be on the agenda for that meeting. If funding is approved, the project could begin as early as the Spring.

In other Public Utilities business, the Board approved a request by Gould to exempt Moore County from a requirement for engineering services for an interceptor sewer repair project, and then approved a \$127,000 engineering agreement with Hydrostructures, PA for the sewer repairs necessary to fix a collapsed eighteen inch pipe.

Public Safety

The Commissioners approved a request by Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips for \$140,000 in 911 Center

(See "County," p. 35)

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Console Furniture to be paid to Russ Bassett Corporation. A portion of the E911 fund balance will be used to pay for the project.

The Board also approved a request by Phillips to spend \$935,000 with Radio Communications Company on an Emergency 911 Radio and Telephone System. Funding for the project will utilize \$511,000 in E911 funds and \$424,000 in VIPER project ordinance funds.

At the request of Commissioner Kennedy, the Board tabled approval of a proposed contract with VFIS to develop a fire service agency evaluation and emergency service master plan. Kennedy requested that the item be tabled until he could further review it.

The purpose of the \$45,000 study is to evaluate the current emergency services staffing, operations, resource deployment, and district lines — and to make recommendations for the current and future operations in anticipation of continued growth in the County. The study would also develop county-wide standards to ensure citizens receive the same level of services.

The plan is expected to provide guidance for the realignment of fire and emergency response districts.

The Commissioners approved a contract to purchase radio equipment from Motorola Solutions/Amerizon Wireless at a cost of \$3.1 million. The equipment upgrade is part of the County's move to the narrowband VIPER system for emergency communications, mandated by the Federal Communications Commission. The County continues to seek grants to help offset the costs of the unfunded mandate, Phillips said.

Public Hearings

The Board approved the McLean Road Water Tank Lease Agreements, as requested by County Attorney Misty Leland. The tanks and communications towers

(See "Commissioners," p. 36)



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mounted on them were expected to be dismantled; however, those towers are currently in use by Alltel Communications, Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile, New Cingular, Sprint, and USCOC, who are willing to pay to keep the towers up.

The companies will pay up to \$750,000 for the rehabilitation of the tanks and towers over and above what each will pay in annual lease fees. The County will give each cell carrier \$15,000 in rent abatement, for a total cost of \$75,000, Leland explained.

Chairman Larry Caddell said, as a result of the agreement, the water tanks will be brought up to standard. "It's kind of a win-win situation," he added.

After a public hearing, at the request of the GIS department, the Board added three new roads and changed the names of four roads.

The Commissioners held the first public hearing for the Scattered Site Housing Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] Application which allows for improvement to be made to qualifying low-income homeowners in the County. The Board called a second public hearing on the CDBG application for Tuesday, October 2.

The Board also called a public hearing for Tuesday,

October 2 for the 2012 Catalyst Program CDBG Funding Application.

Social Services

The Commissioners approved Director of Social Services John Benton's request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] between the Department of Social Services and Moore County Transportation Services for Medicaid transportation services for eligible clientele.

The cost is \$280,000, which is eligible for full reimbursement by the state and federal governments.

The Board approved the FY 2012-2013 Community Transportation Program Grant Agreement, as requested by Moore County Transportation Services Manager Tawanna Williams. The grant includes \$387,000 for capital and \$240,000 for administrative costs. The local match is \$75,000, which will be met by user fees, Williams explained.

Westmoore Fire Insurance Rating Improved

The Westmoore Fire Insurance District served by the Westmoore Volunteer Fire Department recently completed an inspection and improved its insurance rating to a level seven, Fire Marshal Ken Skipper reported.

The improved rating will

become effective on October 1 and could result in homeowners insurance savings of up to thirty percent, Skipper said. The Board approved a resolution recognizing the fire department for their work in lowering their insurance rating.

Sandhills Center

The Board approved a quarterly financial report for the Sandhills Center that was presented by Finance Director Carrie Neal.

Currently, the revenue for the Center is \$35 million, with a \$3.1 million deficit, largely due to a change in the timing of Medicaid payments. The Center also absorbed a number of state unfunded mandates, Neal said, and used fund balance to pay for them. Neal said she will monitor the Medicaid reimbursements between now and June 2013.

Airport Agreement Approved

In a four-to-one vote, with Commissioner Lea opposed, the Board approved a change in the wording of a previously approved motion authorizing upgrades at the Moore Coun-

ty Airport.

The additional language includes a Legal Airport Indemnity Agreement which was presented by County Attorney Misty Leland.

The changes were made to the resolution and project ordinance on the runway's displaced threshold, taxiway extension, and runway projects.

The local match for the grant funding the upgrades is \$329,000, which will come from the County's general fund balance and be repaid through a portion of the Convention and Visitors' Bureau's lodging tax.

Other Business

In other business conducted by the Commissioners during their Tuesday, September 18 meeting approved:

- A plan for providing medical care to inmates at the Detention Center, at no additional cost over last year.
- A request by Property Manager Rich Smith for two change orders for the D.H. Griffin contract for the Public Safety Center. The first change order will result in (See "Commissioners," p. 37)

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- a net decrease of \$400,000, for a new total of \$26.8 million; the second will result in a \$38,000 increase, which will be taken from the project's contingency fund, set aside at the onset of the project.
- A request by the Convention and Visitors Bureau to add "Home of the US Open Golf Championships" to each of the ten "Welcome to Moore County signs," as requested by Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Caleb Miles. The cost is estimated at \$350 per sign. The men and women's US Open Golf Championships will be held at the Pinehurst Resort in 2014.
- An update to Moore County's Equal Employment and Procurement Plan, Code of Conduct, Section 504, Section 519, and Language Access Plan.
- A \$105,000 contract with Lime Chem to purchase lime slurry for the County's Water Pollution Control Plant.
- The McLean Road Water Service Contract with Utility Service Company, Inc. for engineering, construction, inspection, lead abatement, renovation, repairs, and other aspects of the project to renovate the 100,000 gallon and 200,000 gallon water tanks located at 25 McLean Road

and 30 McLean Road in Pinehurst.

- The Board promised to explore reinstituting the Moore County Veterans Council as requested by Veteran Rora Keuis, who used to serve on the Council.
- Commissioner Picerno

announced that the Board has paid off \$6.2 million in General Obligation bonds, using funds from the Capital Reserve Fund for Government Projects. Picerno said this reduces debt and the burden to taxpayers.

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