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Board approves solar farm rules

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



Moore County's Board of to Commissioners have approved new expenses of the country of the countr

that will allow the development of industrial scale solar farms in the County, despite a unanimous recommendation to the contrary from the Planning Board. The Board took up the matter during their Tuesday, June 18 regular meeting.

The text amendments

approved allow solar farms as a conditional use in the County's business and industrial zoning districts, as well as in the RA-Rural Agricultural zoning district that encompasses most of the county's rural areas.

As a "conditional use," each proposed solar farm will have to win approval from the Planning Board in a process that allows both supporters and opponents of the use to weigh in on the project under oath in a quasi-judicial public hearing.

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Rains bring flood to Butterfly Court

by Ellen Marcus Times Reporter



The flooding that makes Butterfly Court in Seven Lakes West impassable during

heavy rains is a perennial and long-unresolved problem. Over the years, among the most persistent and passionate advocates for Association action to correct the problem have been Priscilla Snee and her late husband Jerry.

The recent spate of storms brought flood waters to Butterfly Court, and Priscilla Snee to the microphone during the Public Comment segment of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Tuesday, June 26 Board meeting.

But, before addressing the floods, Snee had something else on her mind: a perceived lack of respect paid by the

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Sophisticated Ladies



The Sophisticated Ladies performed at the North Carolina Senior America Pageant on Saturday, June 15 at Sandhills Community College. Active since 1992, the group currently includes fourteen members: Angie Huber, Angie VonCanon, Ann Kastl, Betty Yount, Bev Wetherbie, Carol Collins, Jan Carey, Jo Ann Duncan, Jonnie Ryon, Lois Owen, Madeline McGugan, Marilyn Dotto, Marlene Leonhard, and Pauline Bruno.

Speed blamed in fatal wreck

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Excessive speed was the cause of a single vehicle accident on Longleaf Drive in Seven Lakes West Saturday night, June 22, that claimed the life of 48-year-old Earnest Ray Barber, Jr. of Pinebluff.

That's the conclusion reached by NC Highway Patrol Trooper K.R. Burroughs, who told *The Times* on Monday that he estimates Barber's vehicle was traveling at nearly 70 miles per hour when it crossed the center line and slammed into a tree around 11:00 pm. The accident occurred between the

two ponds on the outside of Longleaf, west of Lakeway Drive, near Patman Court.

Burroughs said Barber was traveling east on Longleaf, and his high rate of speed was observed by witnesses in two other vehicles heading west on Longleaf.

Barber was driving a fullsized Dodge pickup, with 25year-old Bryan Scarlett, of Jackson Springs, in the passenger seat. Scarlett was transported to FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. On Monday, the hospital reported Scarlett in good condition. In addition to the Highway Patrol, first responders called to the scene included Moore County EMS, Seven Lakes EMS, Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, and West End Fire and Rescue.

The accident, rescue efforts, and investigation stopped traffic on Longleaf for about two and one-half hours, Ed Cockman, Safety and Security Director of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, told *The Times*. The Association opened the road across Lake Auman Dam to facilitate the flow of traffic to and from the neighborhoods west of the dam.

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Business Guild plans events for Summer

by Cheryl Darwell, Secretary Seven Lakes Business Guild

The Seven Lakes Business Guild met in June at Seven Lakes Country Club to plan more fun community events for the Summer.

The Guild has already hosted two free concerts that were well received and enjoyed by many folks of all ages. The Tammie Davis show, was a huge hit with

terrific attendance.

Here are more dates for the Summer Fun Series sponsored by the Seven Lakes Business Guild:

- Friday, June 28: Movie night under the stars with the classic movie, My Fair Lady.
- Friday, July 26: McKenzie Brothers concert.
- Friday, August 30: McKenzie's Mill concert.

• Friday, September 27: Sand Band concert.

These events will be held at Village Central, on Grant Street between Lake House Bar & Grill and TempControl.

Many thanks go out to Greg Hankins of *The Seven Lakes Times*, for creating and publishing the beautiful ads and posters, Harris Printing for printing them, in addition to a generous donation for the first concert. Gorenflo and Campbell, Seven Lakes Orthodontics, Karen Simmons Designs and Lake House also deserve a hearty thank you for their contributions in sponsoring the free concerts.

The Seven Lakes Business Guild is also happy to announce that membership has increased over last year. Please contact the Guild if you would like to become a member, or if you want to volunteer or help to sponsor one of the events.

Contact Cheryl Darwell at 910-673-7245, SevenLakes-BusinessGuild.@gmail.com or CDarwell@CruisePlanners.com

Moore County Animal Center open Saturdays

Due to numerous requests from the public, the Moore County, The Animal Center, began opening again on Saturdays beginning June 1.

In order to boost adoptions and make the shelter more accessible to the public on a weekend, the hours are from 10 am to 4 pm. People with a place in their hearts and homes for a pet are encouraged to visit The Animal Center and check out the furry residents.

An additional major effort is also taking place for the month of June – involving a team effort between the staff of The Animal Center and the volunteers from P3 – The Pet Placement Project. Cats from The Animal Center are in residence in The Cat Cen-

ter at PetsMart in Aberdeen for this month. These wonderful pets, waiting for a home of their own, were selected by staff at The Animal Center, administered appropriate shots and spayed or neutered, ready for their new families. Some were in foster care awaiting their debut at PetsMart. Visitors are welcomed to stop by The Cat Center in PetsMart and get to know these adorable creatures. As cats are adopt-

ed, additional cats will be moved from the county shelter to PetsMart to hopefully be placed in loving homes of their own.

Volunteers are always needed to help with efforts around boosting the county shelter's adoption rates. Potential volunteers should call 315-0607.

Pets available for adoption at The Animal Center, the

county shelter, can be viewed online at Petfinder.com under The Animal Center of Moore County 910-947-2858.

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DOT completes plan for 7 Lakes crossing

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

The NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT] has released a drawing of its plan for a new gated railroad crossing at the main intersection in Seven Lakes, where Seven Lakes Drive and Lakeway Drive meet NC Highway 211. [A portion of the plan appears at right, a larger, more detailed version is available at sevenlakestimes.net.l

When a train is approaching, traffic entering Seven Lakes West will be stopped by 30 foot gate, with four two-light assemblies affixed to its mounting structure.

Traffic using one of the two exit lanes from Seven Lakes West will encounter a slightly longer gate, as well as signal lights mounted on a cantilever that extends across both exit lanes of Lakeway Drive.



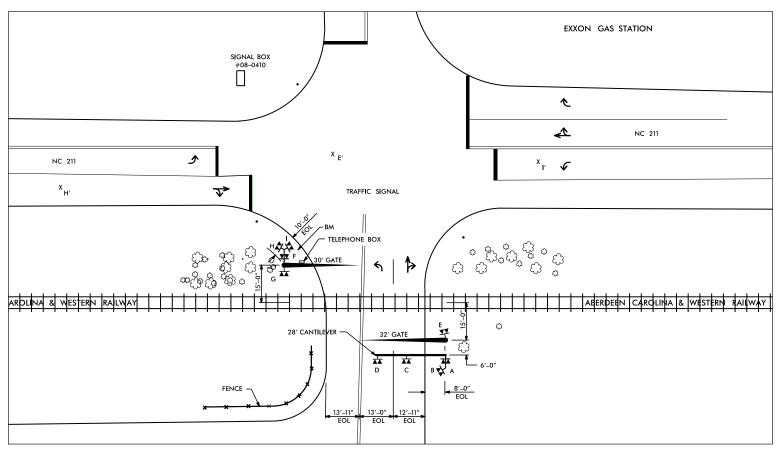
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Traffic lights at the intersection will be interconnected with the crossing signals (the technical term is "pre-emption"), so that traffic headed for Seven Lakes West will be stopped when a train has the crossing closed.

NCDOT Engineer Nancy Horne told The Times that the Department's signal group has completed its plan for the traffic signal pre-emption, and the crossing plan has been submitted to the Aberdeen, Carolina, & Western Railway [ACWR], which will design the signal circuitry and, eventually, handle signal construction.

Once a cost estimate from ACWR is in hand and approved by NCDOT, construction can begin.

Horne said that is still several months off, "but we are a lot further along than we were."



NCDOT's plan for the intersection of NC Highway 211, Seven Lakes Drive, and Lakeway Drive

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Ballenger handcrafts traditional longbows

by Ellen Marcus Times Reporter

The curve of the slender bow is seamless. Hard contrasting woods are melded together with patience, modern epoxies, and even pressure. The finished longbow is dressed in cool, smooth, polished fiberglass. Seven Lakes North resident Mike Ballenger knows the care and time that goes into making a longbow.

The North Carolina native and his brother were kids when their father bought them their first bows and arrows.

"My dad just thought it would be a cool Christmas present." Ballenger said.

He didn't come from a hunting family. Ballenger's father was an electrical engineer and his mother was a homemaker. Although neither of his parents hunted they both supported his hobby.

"My mom would cook whatever I brought home when I was little," Ballenger said. "Just rabbits and squirrels. There weren't any deer or turkey back then.'

Building longbows has been a life long interest. "Ever since I got my first bow, it is something that I have always tried to do," he said

Ballenger retired from Eckerd Youth Alternatives in 2010.

A second career

"I had been making bows for twenty-five years as a part-time hobby," he said, "and I decided to make a career at it."

His bows have a worldwide following.

"I get orders from all over, Ballenger said. "German parents have commissioned bows for their children to compete in archery tournaments with their neighboring villages. I get Alaskan bear hunters. I never know who's going to be on the other end of the phone or email." Most orders are generated from word of mouth or the Seven Lakes Longbow website: www.7lakeslongbow.com

Mike and Lynn Ballenger moved from their large farm-



Mike Ballenger gets ready for another shot at the target, with one of his handmade longbows.

house in West End to Seven Lakes in 2002.

"We moved here to raise our kids," he explained. "There was more to do."

Their daughters Katie and Julie — now grown — still have the bows Ballenger made them.

Their daughters participated in archery when they were younger, but neither was fond of hunting.

"The worst thing I ever did was invite my two-year-old Katie over to help clean the fish," Ballenger said. "She thought we would be cleaning them with a wash cloth and

shampoo.'

Deer come right up in the backyard of the Ballengers' Seven Lakes home.

"They watch me cook hotdogs," Ballenger laughed. "If I killed a deer and brought it home the girls would probably kick me out."

There is a high demand for hunting and competition longbows, and producing them has become a full time job for Ballenger, who turns out two or more bows a week. "If I work night and day, I could complete three or four." he explained. "That's just the

(See "Longbows," p. 5)

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(Continued from page 4) working time. The glue alone takes six hours to cure. I don't count sleeping time in there.'

The simplest bow starts at \$250. A custom bow starts at \$450 — and can easily go over \$1000, depending on the wood that is used."

Native Americans made their longbows out of Hickory and Osage. Ballenger does not have a place to cut and cure the wood. He buys most of his wood from a hardwood

West End Methodists will host VBS

West End United Methodist Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School on Sunday, July 28 through Thursday, August 1, from 6 pm to 8:15 pm each night. VBS is for children ages 3 through the 5th grade.

The students will be studying "Athens - Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth." Come enjoy Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Drama, Snacks and Recreation as everyone learns about Paul's Journey.

Registration is at 5:30 pm.

Contact the church at 673-1371 for additional information. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End.

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supplier in Gibsonville.

"I build bows out of native hardwoods and some of the most expensive exotic woods in the world," Ballinger said. "What is nice is many stores and cabinet shops are beginning to bring in more exotic wood."

Ballenger seldom hunts anymore. With so many orders, he no longer has time to enter archery competitions. He still shoots arrows for recreation and keeps a target outside.

He has made time to be a member of the Sandhills Pointing Dog Club in Jackson Springs.

It is mainly a training club," he told The Times. "We do some AKC hunt tests and completed a walking field trial last year."

His wife Lynn is also retired and an avid scrap-booker.

"She has done several nice scrapbooks for club members whose dogs have passed away," Ballenger said.

Outside Ballenger strings his bow and sets the arrow. The arrow holds tight and hits the target dead on.

haven't shot a longbow since I was a kid. The wood is rich and gold in the afternoon

He lets me have a turn. I taunt. A small bead acts as guide. The red cock feather faces out. Holding the arrow between two knuckles I draw sun. It is light and the string it back, squinting at the tar-

get. I feel the whoosh of air as I release the arrow. It pierces the lower right corner of the target.

This longbow is magic.



Laminating and curving the wood that makes up a Seven Lakes Longbow is a time-consum-







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In memory of

Ernie R. Barber Jr., 48. of Pinebluff, died Saturday June 22.

He was the son of Ray and Connie Barber. A Moore County native, he loved hunting, fishing, riding threewheelers and playing soft-

Mr. Barber worked as a pressman at Harris Printing from 1983 to 2007, and he held a similar job at The Pilot newspaper for three years. Most recently, he was a supervisor with UPS.

Survivors include his wife. Deborah Barber; parents Ray and Connie Barber: his children, Ryan Barber, Corey Barber and daughter Kristen Scarlett; his grandchildren, step-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A private service will be held for family members. The family will receive friends Thursday, June 27, at Boles Funeral Home, in Southern Pines, from noon to 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the NRA or the National Wildlife Feder-

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines is assisting the family.

Martha E. Rowland, of Seven Lakes died Monday, June 10.

She is survived by her husband, Blaine of 62 years; daughters, Melinda Milsom,

Shirley Weinrich, Peggy Citro and a son, David Rowland, all from New Jersey; ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; her sisters, Margaret Slocum, Caroline Comey, Susan Hoeft, and many friends.

Mrs. Rowland bred soft coated Wheaten Terriers up until last year; many of her dogs were champions. She loved to paint and was recognized by ACMC and was an active church member where she loved to volun-

There will be a Memorial Service at 2 pm Saturday, July 20 at the West End Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to be donated to The American Cancer Society.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the

Chapel plans VBS

Seven Lakes Chapel in the include "Neighbors are friend-Pines will hold its second annual Vacation Bible School the week of August 5 - 9.

The theme is "Everywhere Fun Fair." All Seven Lakes and West End area children who will be going into kindergarten through grade six this year are invited to attend.

A light supper will be served at 5:30, and Vacation Bible School will end at 7:45 each night.

During the week the children will "visit" the counties of Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico. Songs, games, and crafts from different countries will be part of the celebration. Children will learn that they are all neighbors, no matter where they live in the world. Themes

ly,""Neighbors are giving," "Neighbors are bold," "Neighbors are forgiving," and "Neighbors are welcoming."

A special offering will be taken the last night of Vacation Bible School. This money will be sent to Heifer International to purchase one or more animals for a family in a developing nation. These animals may provide the family with eggs, milk, cheese, or meat to help sustain a family or to provide a source of revenue.

To register for VBS, call the Chapel at 673-2156 during office hours, Monday -Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm before August 2nd. If you have questions, contact Dora Lancaster at 673-0166 or dlancaster72@nc.rr.com.





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CAS will manage Westside security, events

by Ellen Marcus Times Reporter



Responsibility for Safety & Security, as well as Events, will pass from the Seven

Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors to the Association's management company, CAS, Inc. when the terms of current Directors Ed Cockman and Rosemary Weber expire next March.

The Directors had voted earlier in the year to downsize the Board from nine to seven members, a recommendation made by last year's Nominating Committee. They voted during their Tuesday, June 25 meeting to reassign the functions that Cockman and Weber had been handling.

After the meeting, SLWLA President Stevens told *The* Times that it was difficult to find nine board members who are willing to volunteer.

"We went from nine to seven because it is more typical," he added. "All of the associations that CAS represents have boards with seven members. Plus, the Board, over time, is trying to come up with a plan to make volunteering as a Board Member to be more enticing. It's a better plan get people to volunteer.'

During the meeting, Cockman explained that CAS staff already shares many of both Cockman's and Weber's duties, so it will be an easy and natural transition.

"The nominating committee felt that CAS security has pretty well taken over a lot of things that were once the committee's responsibility when [former Safety & Security Director] Jim McCarthy had resigned," said Cockman, whose was appointed to serve out McCarthy's unexpired term. "They have done an excellent job of taking that on. The same is true of the Events Committee. CAS have done a wonderful job. Two had to be picked, and this is a rational choice."

CAS will be taking over a lot of committees," said

Weber. "They would be like the Board to assign someone to be a liaison to CAS. CAS has a very strong relationship with the community."

Over the objection of some residents, the Directors did not allow for public comment on the matter before putting the motion to a vote and passing it unanimously.

The board had provided opportunity for public comment on other individual matters taken up during the meeting, as well as during the formal Public Comment

Stevens told The Times after the meeting that the Board had the discretion to decide whether they would allow public comment or not on individual items.

"It's not been what we have done routinely," Stevens said. "We have allowed for comments on issues based on the amount of emotion in the community. We have to have some kind of control and decorum and follow Robert's Rules of Order."

Budget on track

With a new fiscal year comes a new budget. Treasurer Dale Erickson reviewed expected expenditures for the next several months. Other than an unusual expense of \$11,000 for electrical work at Johnson Point the budget is on track, he

Erickson emphasized the importance the budget plays in allowing the community to save for a rainy day.

"Reserves are so important to us," said Erickson. "Every month we add \$43,000 to our reserves."

Working on collections

Erickson said he and CAS have worked diligently to address delinquent accounts. Currently, there are several hundred residents that are behind on paying their dues. Reminders are not sent out at 30 days past due followed with notices at 60, 75 and 90 days past due. On the 105th day the resident is referred to an Attorney who attempts to collect the past

We need to do something to motivate these people and have established some recovery activities," Erickson said. "We are trying to motivate residents to pay their fines and past dues."

Those "motivators" can the audience for his efforts. include:

- Deactivate the delinquent landowner's bar code privilege, so that they must stop at the gate and receive a one day pass to enter Seven Lakes West.
- Rescinding pool passes.
- Rescinding boat privileges.
- Rescinding storage lot privileges.

Past dues currently total \$82,288. With the new motivators in place the Association has already begin receiving some payments, said Erickson, who won applause from

Planning Committees Created & Staffed

The board voted unanimously to approve two new committees in the place of the defunct Long Range Planning Committee, one called the "Strategic Planning Committee" and another the "Landowners Advocacy Com-

Director Erickson explained that having two committees will help avoid conflict. They will also be smaller, more

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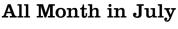


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Coming home to Jackson Springs, Betty

by Ellen Marcus Times Reporter

Betty McConnell came back home to Jackson Springs twice.

Like many adults, she came back home to care for her aging parents. She looked after them for nine years, until they passed away. And then she returned to her former life in Arizona.

But Jackson Springs wasn't done with her.

Her brother died unexpectedly. So, McConnell retuned again to her childhood home, to help prepare her brother's memorial service, to set things in order, and to sell the home place.

Once a resort

Jackson Springs is a small rural community; the nearest grocery store is twenty minutes away.

The community's flash-inthe-pan fame is steeped in the icy deep mineral laden springs that put it on the late nineteenth century tourist map. Railroad tracks were laid and stopped right at the springs. The train would back in to let visitors off. The guests would stay at the hotel, drink the therapeutic water, and fill their jugs before going home.

A resort-like atmosphere grew up around the springs, with a golf course, hotel, bowling alley, and water "filling" station. A second place ribbon for best medicinal water at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair was all the promotion it needed.

Resorts became dormant during the Great Depression. Tucked deep in the woods, Jackson Springs drew fewer visitors.

The assembly line made family cars affordable and provided a new freedom. Destination travel was born. With a full tank of gas, tent and a picnic basket Americans headed for the Mountains and Coast.

In 1932, a fire destroyed the stately hotel and the last vestiges of the quaint resort went up in smoke.

The locals took it in stride. Most people were farmers

before the tourist boom, and we are very grateful." they were farmers after the tourist boom.

"We were very poor. The local people here didn't have much," McConnell told The Times. "We raised tobacco, cotton and watermelons. We would sell these goods at market, and that is how my father made a living. We had these big long chicken houses. As a kid it would take me four hours to feed the chickens, carrying buckets of feed. We did eventually get automatic waterers."

Heart of the community

At the heart of Jackson Springs is the Community Center, both a gathering spot and a tight-knit group of residents who all look out for one another.

"My friend Annette says it takes a village to raise a child," said McConnell. "The village helped raised us and make us who we are, and

It was that sense of community that McConnell found so many years later when she reurned to Jackson Springs.

"I had bought my retirement home in Sedona, Arizona, and I had a new grandson," she explained. "I had come Jackson Springs to empty out my parents' house and sell it. I couldn't do it, and here I am. I have been back for six years now."

The small Community Center bustles with energy. The monthly town meeting features a home-cooked supper.

The annual October Chicken and Dumplings supper is an all-out, around-the-clock. affair. The overnight stewing crew is followed by the early morning deboning crew.

"It is fast and furious from then on all day," McConnell

The dinner is served up (Continued on page 9)



Betty McConnell stands in front of what was her greatgrandfather's home in Jackson Springs.





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McConnell found a community of caring

(Continued from page 8) with coleslaw, baked beans, and seconds are free. Another crew is in charge of the homemade desserts.

"The desserts are called in and are donated by the people in the community," she said. When the holidays come, McConnell said, "It's party time, and we decorate."

McConnell reminisces about her early Christmases in Jackson Springs. "At Christmas, we would get a pair of flannel pajamas and maybe a toy. The girls would get a doll. But the real treat

would be oranges. Sometimes an apple and maybe some stick candy. We were absolutely thrilled. Christmas was played up big. We didn't have much, but we didn't know that. I can always smile when I remember it."

It is that same spirit of giving that the community administers year round.

A community of caring

"There is so much more that our community does," McConnell said. "This past month we participated in Heifer International and we donated a goat. We support charities and help out people who are having a hard time. The community also gives out three scholarships a year for graduating seniors."

Any good cause that is brought to a monthly meeting is heard.

"If someone in the community has their house burn, and they have no insurance, then we do a fundraiser for their benefit," McConnell said.

"We also have an urgent response team. Besides giving them money, we go out and talk to them and see what we as a community can do for them. This is new. If we can be of service we will go and do something physical to help."

Many years ago, McConnell received an unexpected hand up. Working as an administrative assistant at Honeywell she uttered underneath her breath, "If I knew how to fix the computers, I wouldn't always have to be asking someone else to do it." Her boss heard her and called her into his office.

"He said, 'Betty you have to go to school to do that.' He outlined a program of study. From then on I went to school," said McConnell. "The company reimbursed me for my school. I was just thrilled everything made sense to me. I was off and running."

Like many rural North Carolina towns, Jackson Springs is an aging community. McConnell, like many other residents watch out for their senior neighbors.

"It is a close knit community, and I am so in love with this community," McConnell said. "It's where each person knows what the other is doing. We do have some complaints about that sometimes," she said laughing. "If someone needs help, everyone comes over. When we had some severe storms, the people that could get out of their homes immediately began checking on the elderly. If they needed to heat their homes, they would bring a load of wood to them."

Giving back brings things full circle for McConnell.

"Those people that helped me get started they didn't have to do that," she said. "It was a heartwarming thing."

In Jackson Springs it is second nature to give back. "When somebody is sick, food is brought over. Whenever there is anything going on in the community, everyone is alerted. There is a tremendous connection among the residents, and I just can't say enough about it."



The toddler in the grass in this worn family photo is Betty McConnell of Jackson Springs, with her parents.



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Local BP **Distributor** Secures Grant for SCC

BP has announced that Sandhills Community College is the recipient of a grant through the BP Fueling Communities Program.

The \$3,000 grant was requested by Pat Molamphy,

co-owner of Albermarle Oil Company, a family-owned business which serves as a BP distributorship.

Albermarle Oil Company has 23 ALCO convenience stores in North and South

Carolina.

The BP Fueling Communities Program is now entered into President's 1963 Circle at Sandhills.

This group of donors, celebrating the year of the col-

lege's founding, provides funds for faculty teaching, facilities improvement and the purchase of instructional equipment.

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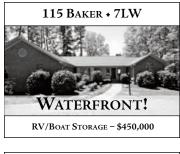














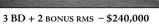




















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League opposes NCGA tax reform plans

The League of Women Voters of North Carolina, meeting in Charlotte for its 34th biennial convention, announced its opposition to tax plans now being considered in the General Assembly which promote unfair and regressive tax policies, including House Bill 998. This opposition is in line with long-standing positions of the non-partisan organization.

The League, which led the successful state-wide campaign to repeal the tax on food in the 1990's, expressed concern that the tax plans being considered in the General Assembly will actually impede, rather than deliver, economic growth, job creation and the quality of life for NC

Delegates from Leagues throughout the state expressed alarm that proposed plans reinstate the state tax on food as well as end the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families. The plans, according to League representatives, are not based on reliable academic research and historical record.

Continuing its advocacy for fair, balanced and adequate tax proposals, League

members contend that proposed income tax cuts for the wealthy shift the tax burden to the middle and lowerincome families, fail to provide adequate income to fund public schools, stifles the economy and jeopardizes the state's long-term competitiveness. The LWVNC believes that this is unfair, unwise, and is bad fiscal policy. This does not serve the interests

of the state and harms rather than improves the wellbeing of the people of North Car-

The League urges policymakers, including the Governor, to step back, rethink these challenging issues and give them the thoughtful consideration they require.

NAMI-MC offers 'Peer-to-Peer' Program

NAMI-MC is offering their popular 10-session "Peer-to-Peer Program "which is free and open to the public.

The Course begins on Monday, 15 July and is held each Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm and ends on Wednesday, 14 August. The course will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in their Parish Hall, 160 E. Vermont Ave., Southern Pines.

Peer-to-peer is a unique learning program for people with a mental illness who are interested in establishing and maintaining their wellness and recovery.

The course is taught by a team of two trained "mentors" who are personally experienced at living well with their handout materials and other mental illnesses

The Course uses a combination of lecture, interactive exercises and structured group processes; that provide individuals with the opportunity for growth and understanding on the road to recov-

The diversity of experience within each group of participants can lead to a lively dynamic that moves the course along.

This course is designed for those diagnosed and in treatment for Major Depression, ADHD, Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Panic Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, and others.

Participants will receive tangible resources that

include Advance Directives, a "Relapse Prevention Plan" to help identify tell-tale feelings, thoughts, behaviors, or events that may warn of impending relapse and the need for intervention; mind-

and calm thinking and survival skills for working with professionals and the general public. All course-discussions are confidential.

Seating is limited, and reg-

fulness exercises to help focus istration must be completed by 10 July.

> For more information, visit www.nami-moorecounty.org or call 910-295-1053.

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Afghani children visiting Moore County for

by Ellen Marcus Times Reporter

Zahra Payandehnik is twenty years old. She has seven brothers and two sisters. She is modest, pretty, intelligent, and determined. Her mother died when she was three years old, and her father worked hard to raise her and her siblings.

In many ways, Payandehnik is living a life beyond many Afghan girls' dreams. She is a volunteer translator with Solace for the Children, Inc., receiving only travel and living expenses in exchange for accompanying Afghan children to and from the United States for health care.

Extended Family

She shares photos of children that she has accompanied. Some come to the US to have medical conditions corrected, and others to have war injuries repaired.

"The children are very brave," she says.

Seven Moore County families are currently hosting six Afghan children aged 7 to 12. The children splash and swim at Dr. David and Frieda Bruton's pool. For a few hours, they forget that their own families are a continent away and tomorrow's schedule is packed with doctor's visits and medical examinations.

Today is blue skies, sparkling water, and all the ice cream they can eat.

The host families do their best to overcome the language barrier. Payandehnik kneels down and quietly converses with the children. Earlier in

the week she was working with one of the kids. She had with several Afghan children in Charlotte, before she was transferred to Southern Pines.

Charity begins with a Child

"I was in hospital Thursday

a very bad tumor," Payandehnik says, showing a photo of the young girl. The tumor covers half the child's face.

"She was crying and screaming. I could only talk

that, but it was already difficult because of the pain." She clicks through children's photos sharing their history and expressing her joy in the before and after photos. One child disfigured by an explosion is seen smiling and on the road to recov-

> "It is difficult for them when they are in such a bad situation," Payandehnik says.

path to healing.

ery in the next photo. What

the images do not reveal is

the long arduous and painful

to her and tell she will be

fine soon. She understood

It's a journey that the parents in Afghanistan cannot afford to make with their children. There is only enough money for airfare for the children and a translator. The parents have entrusted their children to Solace.

"They can't do anything for their children," Payandehnik explains. "Economically, surgery is expensive. There are treatments that are not done in Afghanistan."

Moore Generosity

Several Moore County physicians and surgeons have offered their services for free. The cardiac procedures will be performed at UNC.

Bart Clark, President of the Solace's Branch in Southern Pines has spent many hours raising the money needed to cover the children's airfare and living expenses. "We did not have the \$22,500 funding to make it happen. It is \$4.500 for each kid." Clark said.

He has received individual contributions and hosted (Continued on page 13)



Translators Zahra Payandehnik and Bashir Sroosh









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medical care unavailable in Afghanistan

(Continued from page 12) several fundraisers. He even put his own used Toyoto 4Runner on the line. Anyone who donates \$60 or more has their name put in the drawing to be held on July 20th. The winner gets the vehicle.

Peace and Good Health

Solace for the Children, Inc. is an International Non-Governmental Organization in Afghanistan and has been providing medical, dental, optical, and educational services to children in need since 1997.

"Our program is peacebuilding based on medical treatment," Payandehnik explained. "So when they come to us they don't care about race, tribe, or ethnicity. Family is everything. We had some families — they were strict Muslim and Islam was really important for them. I saw many examples, when we helped their children, they are happy and the parents forget about the religious differences . . . When we help their kids they love the United

States and they love Solace."

"We have some of the kids that the military introduced to us," she continued. "Parents come to Solace Office in Kabul and fill out an application for them. They then send those applications to us, and the children are selected. We call them and say, 'Your child is selected. Bring the passport, application, and visa.' After this Summer, we will start a new application process. Applications can be submitted until January. We then make our selection. We help forty to fifty kids a year."

Sharing the Wealth

Payandehnik completed high school at sixteen and dreams of becoming an architect. It is an expensive dream, and one she keeps in perspective. She balances her desires with the harsh reality that many of her immediate family go to bed hungry.

"I think the economy is better here than in Afghanistan," she said. "There are a lot of poor people in Afghanistan. We have some rich people. They have most of the land. They have lots of money and they just save it for themselves."

To illustrate her point she refers to an Afghan saying: "They have so much they wash their face with money."

But, she adds, "We have people that are hungry at night."

Hunger is Not Relative

It is her sisters she worries the most about.

"I have brothers. They can take care of themselves," she said. "I worry most about my two sisters. One sister has five daughters. Her husband can't work that much. He wants to work but there isn't that much work for him. It is really hard for them to earn money. Sometimes, they don't have enough to eat and are hungry at night. Here, fortunately, I don't see people like that. In Afghanistan, if they have food in fridge they would be so happy. All fridges here are full of food and meat," Payandehnik observes. "Some times at home there are kids begging their parents for juice."

Little Steps toward Peace and Equality

Payandehnik has witnessed some improvement in Afghanistan.

"It's better than the Taliban period, much better," she said. "But it is not independent, because everyone is playing with the country. Government wants something, and people want something else. There is no unity," she says.

Olympic Girl Power

It is not until the end of the day that Payandehnik mentions that she is a member of the Afghanistan National Team in Tae Kwan Do. She hopes to participate in the 2016 Olympics in Brazil. She shows off a photo of her most recent Tae Kwan Do injury, a badly bruised toe. Her boyfriend Omar, who is employed by Solace, worries about her getting hurt.

"I participated in many matches for mathematics," Payandehnik says. "Because I was a girl they ignored me. I was ten years old. I had to comment to myself one day: 'I will make it — if not here then in another country.' So these children, I know they can make it. We have so many amazing kids. I love them."

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BackPack Celebration honors volunteers

by Linda Hubbard BackPack Pals

Over one hundred volunteers were honored at the 7th Annual "Closing the Last BackPack Celebration" at the Aberdeen Recreation Station on Thursday, June 6.

Recognized at the celebration on were: Vass Lions Emmanuel Episcopal Thrift Shop, Project Succeed, FirstHealth, Sandhills Teen Challenge, Seven Lakers, BB&T, Roman Eagle Lodge 550, Moore County Schools, Valenti's Restaurant, Dugan's Pub, Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills, New Home Baptist, Kiwanis Club of Seven Lakes, Brownson Presbyterian Church, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, Trinity AME ZION Church, Mckenzie Brothers, Roseland United Methodist Church, Cameron Baptist Church, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Highfalls United Methodist Church, Open

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Members of the Project Suc-

Arms Community Church, ceed Choir from Sandhills Community College entertained the honored guests. As a tradition, the King and Queen of BackPack Pals for the year were presented: Mary Lois and Chuck Teyssier, and two Knights were named to their court, David Kling and Russell Zumwalt.

BackPack Pals began as a program of Moore County Schools with one school and twenty five children in 2005. The program was created to meet the needs of children known to have little or nothing to eat on the weekends. With strong community support from individuals, businesses, civic clubs, organizations, churches and synagogues, BackPack Pals has over 1100 children in the program in 24 schools.

The program is a part of the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina and Directed by Linda Hubbard, founder and recently retired from Moore County Schools. Volunteers packed 41,128bags this school year.

For more information on BackPack Pals contact: Linda Hubbard, Director BackPack Pals, Sandhills (910) 692-5959 Ext 407.



2013 BackPack Pals King Chuck Teyssier, Queen Mary Lois Teyssier with Knights Russell Zumwalt and David Kling



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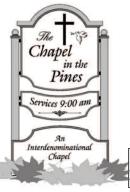
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Beacon Ridge & Lake House support BackPack

by Linda Hubbard BackPack Pals

For the past seven years, Seven Lakers for BackPack Pals have conducted a benefit golf tournament at Beacon Ridge Country Club.

The tournament was chaired by Ginger Finney

and assisted by Jo Nicholas and committee members, and Chuck Teyssier, Dot Law-Over \$9,000 was raised for

Major Sponsors of the event were Lee Electrical & Construction and North Carolina Electric Cooperatives. Supporting the major sponsors were nine Corporate sponsors and twenty-six Tee and Green Sponsors.

Every year, the committee has added new sponsors for the benefit.

Free Concerts at Lake **House Bar & Grill**

Last year, for the first time, the Lake House Restaurant launched an outdoor concert series called "Seven Lakes After Five" from April through September.

The concerts featured local groups, including the McKenzie Brothers and Sweet Tea, that played each month at Lake House. Admission was a cash donation or a product donation for the BackPack program such as Jello, Pudding, Juice, raisins, crackers and Ramen noodle soup.

Sharon Clatchey, Debbie Bobbitt, Sue Sikes, Jim Ferguson, Jo Copper, Peggy McCallum, Rosemary Weber, Mary Lois

less, and Gary LaRouche.

the BackPack Pals program,.

6:30 - 10:00 pm in the Lake House parking area.

tinuing their dedication to the BackPack Pals program throughout the Summer.

Wildlife Photographer at Sandhills Photo Club

The next Photography Club meeting will be held on Monday, July 8, at 7 pm at the Hannah Center Theater, The O'Neal School campus, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines.

Brady Beck will be the speaker. Beck is a Red-Cockaded Woodpecker biologist working in the Sandhills.

His interest in wildlife photography includes capturing nature and natural history details, wildlife portraits, and wildlife behaviors. He has captured images from the Sandhills region and other selected areas of North America.

Beck has published his book, "Moore Than Just Pinetrees and Sand."

Guests are welcome to join the meeting. For more information, visit www.sandhillsphotoclub.org

tinue this year. Concerts will be held during

The concert series will con-

the months of July August and September.

McKenzie Brothers will launch this summer's series Wednesday, July 3 from Join Lake House in con-



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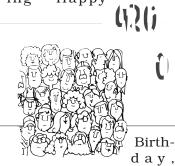
Sunflix at the Sunrise -Frances Ha, starring: Greta Gerwig, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church - 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-3838
- Sunflix at the Sunrise -Frances Ha, starring: Greta Gerwig, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street. Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
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American program. Program will include guest musicians and sing-along tunes. A time of fellowship and food will follow the concert. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.

• The Rooster's Wife – doors open at 6 pm, show at 6:45 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Guest tonight is The Rigney Family and Laurelyn Dossett. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)-944-7502.

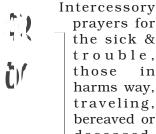
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Reverend Carol Burgess.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

- Gallery at Seven Lakes -1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Rosary at Chapel in the **Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Lake House Free Outdoor Concert** – 6:30 to 10 pm, Kick off your July 4 celebration early! The McKenzie Brother will be in concert with the best music just for Seven Lakers. 200 Grant Street, 673-3737. Enjoy the music and fun!
- Sunflix at the Sunrise -Classic Film night - Easy Rider, starring: Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper, 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$5. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad

Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

- Independence Day
- **Seven Lakes Landowners** Association 4th of July Boat Parade - 11 am, starts at Sequoia Light House Island. A Salute to the "Red, White, and Blue" Community Celebration.
- **Moore County Concert** Band - 2 pm, will present its Fourth of July Concert in the Grand Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. The concert is open to the public and free.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners** Association 4th of July Fireworks - at 9 pm, "Sparks in the Park" at Sequoia Point. Family fun and fantastic fireworks.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

• First Friday at the Sunrise Theater - Musical Guest: Megan McCormick 5-8:30 pm. Sunrise Theater Green Space (adjacent to the theater). Free Admission. Sponsored by BB&T.

<u>SATURDAY, JULY 6</u>

Sunflix at the Sunrise -The East, starring: Brit Marling and Ellen Page, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. An operative for an elite private intelligence firm finds her priorities changing dramatically after she is tasked with infiltrating an anarchist group known for

executing covert attacks upon major corporations. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

Seven Lakes West **Landowners Association** Fireworks display - at dusk. The fireworks will be shot off from Pine Island.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

- St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church - 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-
- Sunflix at the Sunrise -The East, starring: Brit Marling and Ellen Page, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- Weymouth Woods 3 pm, Amazing Adaptations. How does the flora and fauna survive in the Sandhills with such sandy soils and frequent fires? Join the ranger for a presentation on the amazing adaptations that plants and animals have developed in order to survive in the region. Meet at the Visitor Center Auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.

MONDAY, JULY 8

• Weight Watchers Meeting - 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes

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- Sandhills Photography **Club** – meeting 7 pm, at the Hannah Center Theater. The O'Neal School campus, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines. Brady Beck will be the speaker. Beck is a Red-Cockaded Woodpecker biologist working in the Sandhills. His interest in wildlife photography includes capturing nature and natural history details, wildlife portraits, and wildlife behaviors. He has captured images from the Sandhills region and other selected areas of North America. Guests are welcome www.sandhillsphotoclub.org
- Jackson Springs Commu**nity Club** – meeting 7 pm at the Club House, 447 Mill Road. Dr. Lindsey Boroughs, daughter of Judy Boroughs and granddaughter of Nancy Ray Blue will be the guest speaker. Dr. Boroughs earned her doctorate in biochemistry from Cornell University. She will begin a post doctoral program at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas to continue studies in cancer research. Public is invited. Call Susan Miller 910-420-0238 for dinner

reservations.

• Sunflix at the Sunrise – The East, starring: Brit Marling & Ellen Page, 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

TUESDAY, JULY 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. Reverend Carol Burgess.
- Covenant Preparatory School – 7 pm, an affordable Christian alternative to education, will host an Open House. New Covenant Fellowship Church, 1305 Hulsey Road, Carthage. www.covenantprep.com or contact Kristin (910) 673-1025 or (201) 417-0481, email covenantprep@hotmail.com. Enrolling grades K-12. School to open this Fall.
- Foxfire Village Council 7 pm, meeting. at Foxfire Village Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

• Floral Arrangement Workshop – 10 am to 1 pm, presented by Maggie Smith of Maggie's Farm designs. Participants will create a summer floral arrangement to take home. All materials, will be furnished. Ball Visitors Center of the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens at SCC. Participants prepay to reserve a place. Horticultural Society Members \$30; non-members \$35. Contact Tricia Mabe 910-695-3882 for a reservation.

- Gallery at Seven Lakes 1 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- Rosary at Chapel in the Pines 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- Sunflix at the Sunrise Classic Film Psycho, starring Vera Miles & Anthony Perkins. 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$5. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

- Bread of Life Ministry West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship and devotion and a meal \$5.
- Gallery at Seven Lakes –

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- 1 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting - 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- Sunflix at the Sunrise The Great Gatsby, starring: Leonardo DiCaprio & Tobey Maguire, 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. A Midwestern war veteran finds himself drawn to the past and lifestyle of his millionaire neighbor. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

- Casual Friday at SLCC 5:30-9:00 pm. Buffet dinner served from 5:30 7 pm. Call 673-1100 by 3:30 pm on July 10 for details and reservations.
- The Great Gatsby, starring: Leonardo DiCaprio & Tobey Maguire, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines 692-3611.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

• St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-3838.

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- Sunflix at the Sunrise The Great Gatsby, starring: Leonardo DiCaprio & Tobey Maguire, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (692-3611.
- Weymouth Woods 3 pm, Scutes and Scales. What do these words have in common? You'll find out when you join the Ranger to learn about the reptile residents of the Sandhills. Meet at the Visitor Center Auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- The Rooster's Wife doors open at 6 pm, show at 6:45 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. *Rebecca Pronsky*. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org (910)-944-7502.



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Seven Lakes Dance students rack up wins

Seven Lakes Dance attended three regional competitions this season, Legacy Talent in Albemarle, Showstopper National Talent Competition in Concord and StarLand Productions in Lexington. The studio's eight competition teams consist of 54 total members ranging in ages from 5 years to 18 years. Seven Lakes Dance competition teams brought twenty-eight dances to compete this season in genres including tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical with many dances incorporating tumbling.

Solo dancers Madison Hadaway, Kennedy Cross, Alexa Giovanni, Mary Kathryn Hurst, Kate Morris, Samantha Laurita and Briana Goodwin won Platnium, Double Platnium and Diamond awards. The soloist also won many overall placements including Kate Morris receiving 3rd Place Overall at Showstoppers and Briana Goodwin receiving 1st Place Overall at StarLand.

Duet partners Lacy McNeill and Gracie Vest, Caroline Hilliard and Zoe Richardson, Kate Morris and Samantha Laurita, and Briana Goodwin and Kate Morris won Gold, Platnium, Double Platnium and Diamond awards. Lacy and Gracie were awarded 2nd Place Overall at Legacy. Caroline and Zoe received the prestigious 1st Place Overall award at Legacy. Kate and Samantha received 2nd Place Overall at Legacy and

7th Place Overall at Showstopper. Briana and Kate were awarded the prestigious 1st Place Overall ranking at Showstoppers, as well as StarLand.

Trio members Briana Goodwin, Carly Veit and Ashley LaFell won platinum awards as well as 2nd Place Overall at Legacy and the prestigious 1st Overall award at Showstoppers.

Small group performers Elle Arnot, Grace Baker, Kathryn Monk, Hayley Means, Melanie Means and Macy Armstrong won gold and platinum awards this season. Lexie Keyser, Melody Moreton, Kennedy Cauthen and Allie Biondi won gold and platinum awards along with 4th Place Overall at Legacy and 2nd Place Overall at StarLand. Alexa Giovanni, Kennedy Cross, Madison Hadaway, Caroline Hilliard and Zoe Richardson won platinum awards, as well as the 1st Place Overall ranking at StarLand. Gracie Vest, Lacy McNeill, Melayna King, Ainslee Wolters, Jennifer Ryder, Emma Elliott, Abigail Veit, Raegan Deaton, and Meaghan Ayala received Gold and Platnium awards, along with 2nd Place Overall ranking at Legacy and Showstopper. Kelcey Bennett, Lauren Shepherd, Isabella Arnot, Claudia Edwards, Lindsay Douglass, Sydney Hawkins, Reilly Stromberg and Maggie Anderson were awarded gold and platinum awards, as well

as 6th Place Overall at Showstopper and 1st Place Overall at Legacy. Lonna Strider, Madi McDuffie, Morgan Franklin, Sarah Sayce, Brooke LaFell, Miranda Miller, Rylee Styers and Camryn Harris won gold and platinum awards, along with 4th Place Overall at StarLand. Mary Kathryn Hurst, Kirsten Alvarez, Meghan Quinlan, Maria Goudy, Amanda Gosline, Chrissy Boals and Caroline O'Connor received Platinum awards at all competitions, as well as a prestigious 1st Place Overall ranking at StarLand. Finally, Briana Goodwin, Kate Morris, Samantha Laurita, Amy Hinds, Carly Veit and Ashley LaFell were awarded Platni-

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Seven Lakes Dance Students



Soup and Packaged Dinner Calendar for July

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Rest assured that we will let everyone know our official We're Still Cookin! closing date. Happy July 4th to everyone! Thanks for your continued support. — Alan & Goldie Shrimp & Corn Broccoli Spinach Curried Chicken Beef Barley Soup Soup ♥ Soup ♥ Chowder Chicken Pot Pie Corned Beef & Two Bean Enchiladas Pecan Crusted New Lentil Soup♥ Gazpacho ♥ Manhattan Clam Soup ♥ Chowder ♥ Hours! Shepherd's Pie Chicken Tarragon Crab Cakes Southwest Pork Dinner Dinner ♥ Dinner ♥ Tuesday -New England Clam Friday Chicken Brunswick Vichyssoise Curried Carrot Stew Soup ♥ 11:00 -Baked Spaghetti Chicken Enchiladas Bourbon Salmon Beef Stroganoff 6:30 pm Dinner ♥ Dinner 🔻 Dinner 29 August 1 August 2 Tuscan White Bean Soup ♥ Tomato Basil Soup ♥ Gazpacho ♥ Crab & Shrimp Bisqu Chicken Marsala Pork with Apples Salisbury Steak Tilapia FlorentineDinner **V** Dinner

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Dance

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um, Double Platnium and Diamond awards this season, as well as receiving 3rd Overall at Showstoppers and 1st Overall at StarLand. This small groups hip hop dance "Slight Work", choreographed by co-owner/instructor Lauren Kicklighter, also received the small group highest score of the competition at StarLand.

Large group performers Lonna Strider, Morgan Franklin, Sarah Savce, Brooke LaFell, Miranda Miller, Rylee Styers, Camryn Harris, Mary Kathryn Hurst, Kirsten Alvarez, Meghan Quinlan, Maria Goudy, Amanda Gosline, Chrissy Boals, Caroline O'Connor, Briana Goodwin, Kate Morris, Samantha Laurita, Amy Hinds, Carly Veit and Ashley LaFell received Platnium, Double Platnium and Diamond rankings this season. They were also awarded the prestigious 1st Place Overall awards at each competition.

Seven Lakes Competition dancers will compete at Showstopper Nationals in Myrtle Beach, SC the week July 1-5. All dancers and performances qualified to compete at Nationals.

All students are members of Seven Lakes Dance and under the instruction and direction of Co-owners and Instructors Marcie Milbredt and Lauren Kicklighter, and Co-Instructors LeAnn Garrison and Kelly Fritz. Tumbling instructor Debbie Castro-Giovanni also aided in tumbling incorporation within dances.

Seven Lakes Dance is located at 360 MacDougall Dr. in the Seven Lakes Business Park.

For information on summer classes, as well as birthday parties, private instruction, pageant preparation classes and competition information please call (910) 673-3623, or visit sevenlakesdance.com.

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Congratulations, Class of 2013!



Erin Mar ie Fl ynn Novato High School Novato, CA

Erin is the daughter of Kevin and Beth Flynn of Novato, CA and the granddaughter of Bill and Mary Price of Seven Lakes West.

She received a President's Award for scholarship. Erin will attend Hight Point University in High Point, NC to study science with an interest in genetics.



Brendan Sean Sm yth
Antwerp International
School
Antwerp, Belgium

Brendan is the son Sean and Penny Smyth of Antwerp, Belgium and the grandson of Bill and Mary Price of Seven Lakes West. He received the Student Athlete of the Year and the Physics award. He will attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terra Haute, IN.



Amanda Mar y Snead Tulane University New Orleans, LA

Amanda is the daughter of George and Barbara Snead of Baltimore, MD & the grand-daughter of Helen Jernigan Seven Lakes South. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with honors Neuroscience. She will pursue graduate studies at International Graduate Program, Medical Neurosciences, Berlin, Germany.



Ale Xander Br adle y
Spong
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The University of Florida Orlando, FL

Alexander is the son of Buddy and Ann Spong of Seven Lakes North. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science and BA in Marketing.

Alexander is employed by the Walt Disney Company in Orlando. He is a former graduate of Pinecrest and resident of Seven Lakes.

Literacy Council Tutors Needed

The Moore County Literacy Council is in need of tutors for their site at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Seven Lakes.

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If you are interested or would like more information, please call Pam or Marian at 692-5954.

Free July 4 Band Concert

Moore County Concert Band will present its Fourth of July Concert in the Grand Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst on Thursday, July 4 at 2 pm.

The concert is open to the public at no charge.





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Lake Auman Sports Club hosts bass tourney

by Don Smith

Lake Auman Sports Club

A large turnout and good weather for the annual Lake Auman Sports Club Spring Team Bass Tournament, held on Lake Auman on Saturday, May 25th, made for a very successful event. Twenty-eight anglers made up the

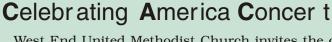
twelve teams that competed in a four hour catch and release event with prizes awarded to teams for heaviest total weights for the day and to individuals for largest bass overall.

First place team honors went to Art Parker and Jerry Graham with a total weight of 13 pounds 3 ounces. In second place on the leader board was the father son team of Ken and Evan Chappell who finished with a five fish limit totaling 12 pounds 3 ounces. Finishing in third place with a total weight of 8 pounds 4 ounces was Denny Penrod and John Davis. The big bass prize went to Denny Penrod for catching a 4 pound 6 ounce bass. Jerry Graham received the prize for the second largest bass and eight year old Jason Lovett for the third

Participating anglers always enjoy the picnic luncheon at Johnson Point following these bass tournament events and this time was no exception. Charlie Flinchum organized the luncheon and was assisted this year by his wife Joan, who did the shopping for the event, his brothers Reid and Russell who did most of the grilling and LASC members Dave Lamon and Frank Land who pitched in to help with

the entire event. Thanks everyone, excellent job!

For questions and additional information regarding the annual Lake Auman Sports Club bass tournaments, contact the organizers Don Smith, Ed Cockman or Dick DeVoss.



West End United Methodist Church invites the community to join the church for a rousing Happy Birthday, American program on Sunday, June 30 at 5 pm.

The program will include guest musicians and singalong tunes. A time of fellowship and food will follow the concert.



Tournament organizer Don Smith's eight-year-old grandson caught a prize winning bass.

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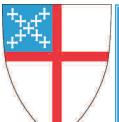
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OPINION

More or less like cats

As I was saying, I met this guy at the dump. (It was, of course, several weeks ago that I was saying this, and you have probably forgotten all about it by now, though I seem to recall it was something you said that got me so distracted that I went off on that particular tangent.)

The guy I met was one of the uniformed security guards that man our "convenience center." He was new on the job — at least, I'd never seen him before.

So, being the neighborly sort, I said "Howdy," asked him how he was doing, and exchanged the customary pleasantries.

And then he said, "People sure are nice around here."

he might be from Up North (though I detected no Jersey, Long Island, or Baltimore in his accent.)



So I said, "I reckon you're not from around here."

"Nope," he replied. "I'm from Ophir."

Now, my preferred dump is located in Pekin, a Montgomery County community centered on the crossroads

This led me to believe that of State Road 1005 and NC Highway 731, twelve miles due south of Troy.

> Ophir is a community about twelve miles due north of Trov.

> > In his six or seven decades. mv new friend had never made the journey to see what might be on

the other side of Trov.

That's a pretty familiar tale, no? Just like the cats have worn a path in my yard from the front porch to the back porch, we travel our usual routes and don't stop to think there might be something worth seeing — or even some nice people - along some other route.

I know people from Baltimore who plan a trip to Washington DC the way you might plan a safari to Uganda. Heck, I know people from Catonsville who plan a trip to Baltimore like an urban expedition.

We lived in Las Cruces, NM for several years, but I never made it to the Grand Canyon, a day's drive away.

We lived in Omaha and never made the day's drive to the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Like my new friend at the dump, we tread our wellworn paths and seldom consider what wonders might

lie down some different road.

We're busy, after all, and taking that other fork in the road is likely to add at least a half-hour to our commute. And, besides, wandering around aimlessly is pretty much something you do when you retire, isn't it?

If I haven't learned anything else in seveteen years of publishing a newspaper for a community with a very large contingent of retirees, I have learned this: Putting off all the fun stuff until vou retire is generally a really bad idea.

So, I'm going to wander off to some new place this week-

Maybe I'll start with Ophir. You see, I've never been

Are 'Moral Mondays' moral?

Question: Do you approve of "Moral Mondays," the demonstrations in Raleigh that have resulted in the arrests of more than eighty people? I read that some of those arrested were Christian ministers. Should ministers be involved this way in pol-

Response: I am a veteran of the non-violent protests against segregation and discrimination in the 1960s and 1970s. I was a campus minister and college administrator in those days, and I marched with students and faculty in support of Dr. Martin Luther King and the leaders of the civil rights movement.

I believed then and I believe even more strongly today that Christians should do everything possible to change unjust laws and to remove from office those who support immoral laws that hurt the poor and dispossessed people

In my view, the present legislature and administration in Raleigh are not only hurting poor people, but they are destroying our public schools and discon-

tinuing programs that our most vulnerable citizens depend upon for life itself. I do not consider this to be a

political issue, but it is a moral and ethical one.

If you read the Gospels carefully, you will find that Jesus spoke out against the dominating political and religious systems of his day and advocated non-violent resistance to the powerful leaders of these systems. Non-violent resistance has proven to be the most effective method of changing unjust laws and totalitarian regimes. Through non-violence, the Baltic countries of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia won their free-

dom from the Soviet Union. Through the non-violent leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, India won its independence from Great Britain.

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Ask the Rev. Don Welch

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equal rights for women, African Americans, Native Americans, and other minority groups have been accomplished through non-violent demonstrations and non-violent resistance to present laws. Even the right to vote in our "democratic republic" was won by non-violence. Yet, today, many of these rights and freedoms along with the availability of affordable public education are threatened.

I think it is time for entire congregations to stand for justice and compassion.

There are those who would turn these demonstrations into a partisan struggle between Democrats and Republicans. It is much more than that.

In the words of a once-popular Peter, Paul and Mary song, "It's about freedom; it's about justice; it's about love between our brothers and sisters all over this land."

Do I believe that Christian minsters should be among those arrested on Moral Mondays in Raleigh?

I not only admire and support my fellow clergy and Christian laymen and women; I wish my health were such that would allow me to join them. I think that this is a movement that Jesus, himself, would not only support, but he would

Don Welch, the minister of the Chapel in the Pines welcomes your comments and questions at: dwelch1@nc.rr.com **OPINION** June 28, 2013 **Seven Lakes Times** 23

'Air Ball' unleashes young imaginations

As you read this, we at Seven Lakes Baptist Church will have just finished up two of my favorite weeks of the year — Vacation Bible School and Camp Jubilee.

We set aside these two special weeks to focus completely on our children. One of the reasons that I came back to Seven Lakes was because of the impact that the church has had on my own children and the impact the children have had on me.

If you have been in Seven Lakes for very long at all, you know that our Vacation Bible School is awesome and always exciting. Camp Jubilee is basically VBS 24 hours a day for a week, with third through fifth grade chil-

One year at Camp Jubilee, a leader heard some kids talking about having a food fight. The leader told them that the only thing that we could throw at camp was "air balls."

When the child questioned what that was, the leader, without hesitation blew in his hand and threw it at the kid. The kid, on cue, fell to the ground as if he were hit with a ball — and "Air Ball" was born.

The teenagers who came to help with the camp quickly took it to a new level. They decided to have "Air Ball" as an organized activity for game

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time. They made videos to explain the rules of "Air Ball." They demonstrated how "Air Cannons" could be used if you had three kids line up and simultaneously make the sound of an "Air Cannon." There were "Air Snipers" and "Air Bombs."

Each night, after seeing the children come up with

new tactics while playing,

the teens would make up a

new video explaining each

new element for distributing

"Air Balls." They made sign-

up sheets and soon had more

than one hundred of the chil-

dren signed up for our first

ever "Air Ball" tournament.

game became the game of

choice for most of the children

at camp. We organized the

kids into divisions, provided

A completely imaginary

referees, and let the games begin. We even made an "Air Ball" trophy.

It was wonderful to watch the imaginations of the children go wild. They would have complete "Air Ball" wars - and, if they thought that they were hit, they would walk off the field for that round. Each round had a winner: the last man stand-

ing, who was

usually the smallest child in that round. The winner was always decided and regulated by the chil-

dren. The referee was simply there to make sure that the kids used the proper form when using an "Air Cannon" or other devices and to make sure that things didn't get out of control.

Are there life lessons that we can learn from "Air Ball?" Probably not, but sometimes we just need to be reminded to not take life so seriously.

Every year, after spending two weeks with the kids,

exhausted, I always feel like my life is better. I am reminded of what is important in

Hopefully this story is a reminder, in the dog days of Summer, to lighten up and not take everything so seriously. If you don't, we will

apart from just being behosting an "Air Ball" Tournament for adults who take things too seriously.

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Chris Hrabosky is pastor at Seven Lakes Baptist Church. You may send him your question or comments at chrabosky@mac.com.

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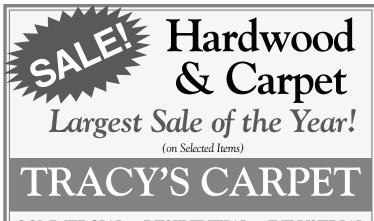
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Thanks for Seven Lakes Fire Department

Dear Editor:

After experiencing the first wave of Thursday night's storm in Winston-Salem, we at 6:00 pm here in Seven Lakes. Minutes after getting into the house the wind brought over a large pine tree onto the front of our house. It sheared off the edge

a hole into another area of the roof.

If the same thing hadn't arrived just as the storm hit happened to our neighbor, I would've thought that we were cursed. This is the second "disaster" in a week of owning the house. Our first day upon arriving to walk through the house and we

of the roof line and punctured discovered a golf ball had destroyed a full length window in our Carolina room. Some people might call it bad luck, but it all depends on how you look at it.

> After traveling the world for our job with the government, we feel we are the luckiest people in the world. We've seen how people live and suf

fer in places like Bangladesh and Ethiopia. We watched women wading through four feet of flood water heading to the garment factories with a smile on their face.

In Ethiopia, I could walk down a crowded street and never feel like I was a stranger. Living in countries like these taught me how to appreciate every moment of life. I now can handle one small "disaster" knowing I have so much in life.

So, we really need to give a big Thank You to our "heroes" of the night, the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept. They discovered our disaster while passing by our house, and insisted that they had to remove the tree due to safety issues.

Assistant Chief Eddie Thomas and his crew did a fabulous (if not rather dangerous) job of getting the tree off the house. Years ago, I was a fireman/police officer for the Winston-Salem Police Department and I know how under-appreciated those jobs can be by the public; at least until their needed, that is. Each time I pass their station, I can't help but think how grateful I am that they are so close.

My husband and I are just thankful we are safe and that we have already met so many wonderful neighbors who are the real reason we made the choice to live here in the Seven Lakes Community.

> Kathleen and Joe Causey Seven Lakes

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focused, understand the task at hand, and accomplish what they want to get done.

"The Long Range Planning Committee was deactivated earlier this spring for a number of reasons," Erickson said. "It gave me opportunity to start from scratch and start with something new."

After much input from the community, the newly named Strategic Planning Committee will focus on "strategic thinking, sensitive to residents' values," Erickson said. "It needs to coordinate with other committees. It also needs to recognize the availability of money and restraints. We only have so much money, and we have to balance what we want to do with a budget," Erickson said. "Both Committees will have the same objective of improving the quality of life in Seven Lakes West.'

Both Committees will be a diverse, according to Erickson: "The volunteers are all residents. Some live on the lake and some off the lake, on golf courses, retired and working people, mature people and there are young people with families. Some of the people on the list have been here several months and some have been here

many many years."

Members of the Strategic Planning Committee include: Dale Erickson, Ron Shepard, Dan Lamber, Diane Krauss, Jeremy Rust, Denis Sherian, and Brian Clodfelter.

Members of the Landowners Advocacy Committee include: Dale Erickson, Jim Beaty, Lori Lattin, Tom Holleman, Parks Cobb, Bernadette York, Andy Smith, Jack Lattin, and Patti Cleary.

Weber asked whether having members of these new committees serving on other SLWLA communities would create a conflict of interest.

"I know that some members already serve on two committees, and it hasn't been a problem," Erickson said. "I would consider it an asset and appreciate that they are bringing that knowledge with them."

Four Way Stop

Residents residing on Morris Drive signed a petition asking for the removal of the stop signs at the intersection with James Road. In 2006, the intersection was heavily trafficked. Since then, a bypass was created and the amount of traffic was reduced.

been here several months Resident Ray MacKay and some have been here reported on a recent study

of traffic at the intersection. After several days of observation, it was determined that the stop signs should be removed due to low traffic.

"They counted everything," MacKay said. "Morning rush hour and coming home from work traffic. Ninety percent of traffic is on Morris Drive and ten percent is on James Drive."

Cockman said, "I would be remiss if I did not speak for safety and security. When this first came up before the Board, I sat at James and watched the traffic go through that intersection. I think it just slowed people down. Many didn't stop; they just rolled on through. It did slow down traffic enough to be a

deterrent to speeding on that road."

The Board opened the floor for resident input. All but one agreed with Cockman that it was a good deterrent to speeding. Others said the four-way stop protected children riding their bikes down the hill.

Betty Milligan, who lives on Morris Drive, was in favor of the removal of the stop signs.

"The people who spoke here do not live on Morris Drive," Milligan said. "There was a petition and a number of people signed it. Where are all the children that live on Morris Drive? There are not that many. Morris is a very quite street, with very little

traffic, and it is not the thoroughfare that it use to be."

The board put the recommendation to a vote, and the motion died due to lack of a second. The intersection will stay as it is.

Jim Ballew Remembered

Daniel Blue spoke respectfully of the late Jim Ballew, an Architectural Review Committee [ARC] member.

"One of the ARC members passed away," Blue said. "I would like to take a minute to recognize his effort and energy he brought to his position. What many may not have known is that he was actually helping one of his neighbors when this accident

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Butterfly Court

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Association to families mourning the loss of a loved one.

Paying Proper Respect

For many years, the names of recently deceased residents have been posted on the entrance bulletin board of Seven Lakes West. But the Board of Directors recently decided to move those notices to the scrolling electronic message board in the new Westside mailhouse.

Snee, whose husband died in January, said revising information on the electronic board was time consuming, inefficient, and unacceptable.

"I have spoken to many people that do not see the obits posted on the scrolling message board," she told the Directors, asking what happened to the original and, in her opinion, more respectful method of announcing a loss in the community.

SLWLA President Jack Stevens said the change had been decided and voted on at a meeting in the previous year.

"We have removed the death board," Stevens chuck-led.

Snee, who had handed over the microphone after completing her comments, quickly retrieved it.

"I object to that comment," she said. "I lost my husband in January, and no one acknowledged me from this Board," Snee said. "Many neighbors did acknowledge his death. It made me very unhappy when residents would say to me that they did not know that Jerry had died."

Responding to Stevens' use of the term "death board," Snee added: "We are born. We die. It is ridiculous to say it is unappealing to see that on the board. It is life."

Eighteen Years of Flooding is too Long

Flooding on Butterfly Court has been a problem for nearly eighteen years, Snee told the Board. She explained that up to two feet of water can collect on the road, making it impassable.

"After seven years of expressing our concerns, we were told they would try to resolve the problem," Snee said. "A small pump and a drainage pipe were installed. It did not resolve the problem."

The recent heavy rain of six inches in less than twenty-four hours left residents stranded.

"The flooding on Butterfly Court was totally impassable," Snee told the Directors. "There was no possible way to drive down that road. I had emergency prescriptions to fill. I called Jack [Stevens] and he said to me we shouldn't have bought a property in the flood zone."

President Stevens recollected differently: "I didn't say that to you. I said Butterfly Court is in a flood prone area."

Stevens also noted that he would be limited in responding to Butterfly Court concerns during the meeting, because "this matter has been handled at an attorney level."

Should Dues Cover Expense

Stevens explained that the flooding problem on Butterfly Court had been professionally researched and a plan presented. The Association would require the residents in the immediate flood prone area to cover part of the expense.

Stevens then said to Snee, "You can go on forever discussing that."

Jim Christner, a neighbor of Snee's, took the floor.

"I understand the plan or offer was made to split the cost. If you look at a rational approach, I see no reason why residents should have to pay for proper drainage. When I moved here, my understanding was my dues would go to upkeep of roads, lakes, and the community. I reviewed the bylaws and I don't see where I am responsible for paying out of pocket for drainage."

"Every time it rains it is not the end of the world, but there are several times of year when it does flood completely. Eventually something will happen and we will be left sitting here saying some action should have been taken," Christner concluded.

Time for Action

Resident Steve Harris shared Christner and Snee's concerns. Referencing the engineering report that Stevens had mentioned, Harris said, "I have spent a lot of hours trying to deal with these issues on Butterfly Court. I do think it is a seri-

ous issue, and people should be working toward some goal to make it better. The idea of people on that street paying for the repairs is not going to happen. You are not going to get the fourteen residents to agree on that."

Harris then suggested a plan with a timeline that would address and correct the flooding. "I do urge this board to seriously consider taking some action on that problem and to make some progress in the direction of solving that problem. There does need to be some effort made. It could be a very dangerous situation at some time."

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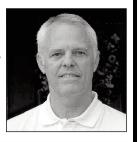
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Hearing from the other side

Before they voted to allow solar farms, the Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed text amendments to the zoning ordinance that was a reverse image of the public hearing held by the Planning Board on the same matter.

The Planning Board heard almost exclusively from opponents of solar farms, who objected to taking agricultural land out of production and were concerned about environmental impacts.

Those who spoke at the Board of Commissioners

meeting were uniformly in favor of solar farms.

Planning Board members, and their Chairman, Robert Hayter, made clear that their resistance to solar farms was based largely on the high level of subsidies provided for solar energy by both the state and federal governments.

Ellie Collins told the Commissioners that the Planning Board had made a political statement in their decision. She noted that "oil and dirty coal" receive their own government subsidies. "We are talking today about clean energy," she said, urging the Commissioners to approve the text amendments.

West End Farmer David Wilson agreed with Collins that the Planning Board's decision was "political, not planning." If subsidies are the issue, he noted that most farmers receive some subsidies from government programs.

"I even get farm subsidies," Wilson said, adding that he would likely pursue a solar farm as one option for gaining

income from his land, if his farm were not positioned too far from a utility substation to make that possible.

John Bowman of Whispering Pines read Governor Pat McCrory's proclamation of June as "Solar Energy Month" in North Carolina, trumpeting the fact that the state last year ranked fifth among the states in solar energy development, and is on track to rank fourth this year.

The final speaker in the public hearing was Bill Harris, owner of Sandhill Turf and the applicant for two solar farms, one on NC Highway 211 near the Montgomery County line and another on Samarkand Road.

Harris said he had done his own analysis of the pros and cons of solar, taking into account the fertility of the soil in a particular acreage, the availability of water, and its potential for generating income from crops.

With appropriate regulation, I think solar will be good for Moore County," he said.

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struck. He was a passionate advocate and supporter of ARC, and he will be missed."

Patriotic Celebrations

Seven Lakes West's Events Committee has planned a • July 6 - Boat Parade (Line

variety of events for the upcoming Independence Day holiday, including:

- July 4 Kids parade at July 6 Firework Show West Side Park.
- July 5 Red Line Band Concert at Johnson Point
- up around Pine Island parade will begin roughly around 1:00)
- Other July events include:
- July 19 Family Game Night.
- July 20 Women Empowerment at 10:00 am.

Don't run for the Border

"I have one comment" said Legal Director Chuck Watkins, "our fireworks show is the legal way to display fireworks in North Carolina and in our community. Others are limited to pistol caps, pop streamers, and noise makers."

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Commissioners' Chairman Nick Picerno asked Harris whether the text amendments proposed by the planning department were fair and not overburdensome.

"If you read my lease, you might think I am overburdensome," Harris said, expressing support for the amendments.

Anti-subsidies; Prolandowner

The Planning Board objection to solar farms centers on subsidies. As they moved toward approving text amendments allowing solar, the Commissioners made sure no one thought they supported those subsidies.

"I wish there were no subsidies," Picerno said, "but since I am not in Washington or Raleigh, there is nothing I can do about that."

"If you are a landowner," Picerno said, "I want you to be able to do what you want with your land, as long as you aren't harming the person next to you."

"I don't believe in subsidies," Commissioner Otis Ritter said, "that's the reason the country is in debt. But I can't, in good conscience, tell people they can't do this with their land."

Industrial scale solar farms must have access to the electrical grid, and the typical residential power line isn't sufficient to carry the load. So solar companies look for areas with three phase power, close to a substation. The Planning Department had prepared a map of the County with colored circles indicating the most likely areas for solar

farm development.

"All of those circles are in the northern part of the County," Commissioner Saunders said, noting that economic development in that area is a perennial concern for the Commissioners. "This could have a real positive impact on landowners in the northern part of the county, if they can increase their return per acre," Saunders said.

Noting that he often passed by a solar farm along Interstate 74 on the way to the beach, Commissioner Larry Caddell expressed a concern that the screening requirements in the ordinance be adequate to screen farms positioned along roadways.

"My only issue is to make sure there is some type of buffer," Caddell said. "I will yield to the staff on that. I don't want to burden the landowner."

All four of the Commissioners present voted to approve the text amendments allowing solar farms as a conditional use. [Commissioner Jimmy Melton was attending gathering honoring a former Southern Pines police officer who died over the weekend.]

Applications for three solar farms in Moore County have been filed with the NC Utilities Commission, which must issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity before a solar installation can be built. The certificate for Harris' proposed installation on Samarkand Road was issued on May 21. The other applications are still pending.

Public Works

At the request of Public Works Director Randy Gould, the Commissioners approved a lease with the Village of Pinehurst that will allows the County to continue to use a maintenance lot on Rattlesnake Trail, in exchange for installing up to fifteen irrigation taps at a cost of \$950 each. Gould explained that this represented a \$350 increase from the original proposal and would cover the cost of installation.

The Commissioners approved a project ordinance for the replacement of a sewer lift station at a cost not to exceed \$955,000. Gilbert Engineering had originally bid \$1,284,125 for the job, but that amount was lowered through negotiations led by McGill and Associates, the consulting engineering on the project. The County has secured a \$1 million low interest loan from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to pay for the work.

Commissioner Saunders noted that the contingency amount provided for in the

contract was lower than the County would normally include. Gould explained that it was important to bring the project in under \$1 million to avoid the time-consuming process of seeking a new approval from the Local Government Commission, which must sign off on County borrowing. Taking the project back through that process could delay it to a degree that construction bids would expire and the County would have to start the bidding process over as well, Gould said.

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 County Manager Wayne Vest reported that progress continues on moving operations into the Rick Rhyne Public Safety Center, with the 9-1-1 Communications Center and Sheriff's Office Dispatch scheduled to make the move on July 9. So far, the \$32 million project continues to come in under budget.

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- The Board accepted a \$764,634 Home and Community Care Block Grant that Aging Director Terri Prots said was \$16,000 less than the County received last year.
- At the request of Human Resources Director Denise Brook, the Commissioners approved modifications to the County classification system and pay plan to reflect changes made in the FY2014 budget approved during the June 4 Commissioners meeting. The Board also approved an annual report that is filed with the Office of State Personnel.
- Based on a review by the County Attorney's Office, the Commissioners approved a contract with First Carolina Care, which will take over as the County's health benefits administrator on July 1.

- Convening as the Board of Directors of the East Moore Water District [EMWD], the Commissioners approved a revision of the project ordinance for EMWD Phase 3, closing out the \$5.3 million extension of the district, which involved laying 45 miles of water line.
- The Commissioners approved a revised project ordinance to close out the Lake Pinehurst Lift Station project.
- At the request of County Attorney Misty Leland, the Board approved an amendment to a lease agreement that allows New Cingular Wireless to place communications equipment on the County's Short Road water tank, as well as an indemnification agreement that holds the County harmless in connection with a building permit Cingular will file with the Village of Pinehurst for the

- installation of the equipment and an equipment building.
- The Commissioners approved revisions to the bylaws of the Emergency Services Advisory Committee that change the membership of that committee to reflect changes in County personnel.
- The Board approved a \$49,308, three-year deal with CenturyLink that will use that provider's broadband service to connect public Works, Animal Control, and Hillcrest Park to the rest of the County's network. The County had previously used Broadlink to provide this service.
- At the suggestion of Commissioner Ritter, the Board directed the County Manager to develop a policy that would allow the flying of flags at the County's Solid Waste Convenience Centers.
- Chairman Picerno created a new two-Commissioner task force to deal with Information Technology issues, including problems with the Enterprise Resource Planning system, which is supposed to integrate information across all departments, but, thus far, has failed to live up to that promise. Picerno and Saunders, who have recently wrapped up work on the FY2014 budget, will con-

stitute that task force.

- The Board made several appointments, including:
- Francis Debari to the Board of Health,
- Sandra Miller and Joan Oswald to the Nursing and Adult Care Community Advisory Committee.
- Emily Coltrane, Carrie Neal, Beckie Kimbrall, Tiffany Bartholomew, Matt Garner, and Sara Bigley to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.



Moore County Schools win technology award

Moore County Schools has be prepared to meet the growbeen named one of four national recipients of the Exemplary School Award from Enterasys Networks, a Siemens Enterprise Communications Company.

The winners are chosen based on their educational commitment to implementing a personalized 21st Century learning environment and embody the best in American education by striving to engage today's digital students through creating an individualized 24x7 mobile learning environment.

To be eligible for the award, Enterasys has various criteria. A school district must stimulate 24x7 learning and institute a 1:1 mobile learning environment.

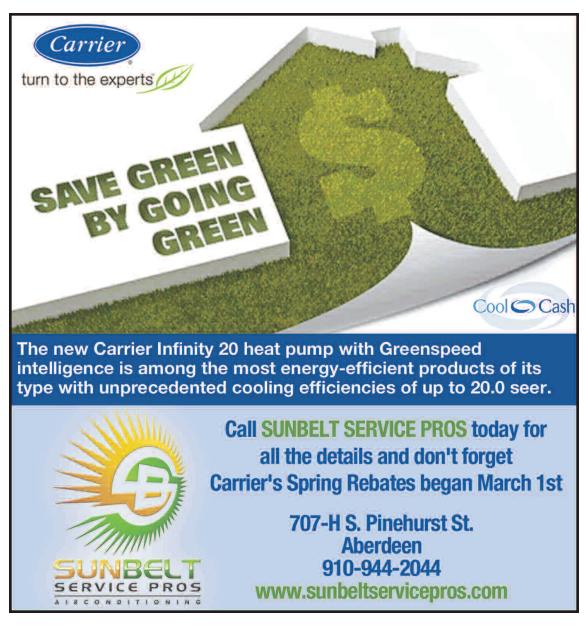
Networks and resources must be individualized to permit secure per-user, perdevice policies to allow every student to individually learn and excel.

Because everyone learns differently, the network must ing requirements of eBooks, streaming video and blended or flipped learning.

The award was presented at the May 13 Board meeting by Bryan Hudgens, Enterasys K12 Specialist, and Henry Hartman, Enterasys Sales for North Carolina and South Carolina.

Hudgens told the Board, "Moore County Schools has implemented a network infrastructure that has created 21st Century connected classrooms that provide your teachers an environment that engages students and, more importantly, inspires those students to want to learn through the use of technol-

He continued, "After reviewing the nominees and seeing the outstanding job Kendt Eklund and his team have done to create and support such a learning environment, it was an easy decision to select Moore County Schools as a recipient."



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