

## Westside front gate project underway

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Work on re-configuring the front entrance to Seven Lakes West has begun, with the removal of the old mailhouse on Friday, December 20.

Former Seven Lakes West Landowners Association President Mick Herdrich is heading up the committee planning the front entrance make over. He presented the plans to the community during the Tuesday, December 17 Board

Meeting.

Herdrich said the goal of the \$559,000 project is to “design and construct and front entrance and gatehouse which will clearly identify Seven Lakes West as a premiere community.”

Once the mailhouse is removed, the project will include constructing a new gatehouse, removing the old gatehouse, paving the entrance and exit roadways, landscaping, and constructing a new monument at the entrance to the community.

(See “Entrance,” p. 28)

## SLLA Board okays \$73k for pool repairs

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Repairing the pool in Seven Lakes North is expected to cost \$73,753, and the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors voted during the Wednesday, December 18 Open Meeting to hire Pool Professionals to handle the job.

A bid of \$80,898 was in hand from a second compa-

ny. Other companies contacted either declined to bid or failed to produce a quote by the Association’s deadline.

The work will include applying quartz plaster to the pool basin, as well as the wading pool; tiling the swim lanes, installing a second drain in the wading pool; repairing the concrete deck slabs, and sealing the entire deck. Over the years, water

(See “SLLA,” p. 25)

## Spreading holiday cheer



**The Sophisticated Ladies** have been busy dancing at thirteen local retirement and nursing homes, as well as the Festival of Trees, Pinehurst Tree Lighting, and at the Members Club for the Croquet Club’s Christmas party. Members of the Dance Team are: Angie VonCanon, Marilyn Dotto, Marlene Leonhard, Betty Yount, Jan Carey, Bev Wetherbie, Director Jo Ann Olson, Lois Owens, Ann Kastl, Angie Huber, Madeline McGugan, Jo Ann Duncan.

## New high school endorsed by MCS facilities task force

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Building a new elementary school in the Union Pines District, expanding Robbins Elementary to handle K-8, adding a Wellness Center at North Moore High School, and building a new “concept” high school — those are the needs identified during a Monday, December 16 meeting of Moore County Schools’ 21st Century Facilities Task Force.

Aside from the high school, those decisions were low-hanging fruit, generally supported by the public and members of the panel itself.

The tougher questions are how best to handle overcrowding at West Pine Middle School and how to address the deteriorating elementary schools in Area III. The panel will take up those questions during its meeting on Monday, January 6.

Superintendent Aaron Spence created the 21st Century Facilities Task Force to help answer questions about facilities needs and priorities, as Moore County Schools prepares for a bond referendum during November 2014 elections. Spence himself will not be around to see that referendum through to a successful conclusion, having accepted a position with Vir-

ginia Beach City Schools.

The fourteen-member task force is chaired by Planning Board Chairman Robert Hayter and Partners in Progress CEO Pat Corso. It includes County Commissioner Randy Saunders; the mayors of Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen, and Carthage, and other community leaders.

The group held public input sessions in each MCS Area during October and November. Members then completed a survey sampling their opinions about the various options for MCS facilities.

All of that input, along with architect’s assessments and  
(See “Facilities,” p. 19)

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# Dues increase approved for Seven Lakes West

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Westside homeowners dues will increase by \$51 if a budget approved by the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors during their Tuesday, December 17 meeting is ratified by the membership at the Annual Meeting in March.

Treasurer Don Freiert presented for Board approval a budget that has been available for landowner review

and comment since mid-November.

Dues on improved lots will increase from \$948 to \$999, a 5.4 percent increase.

Owners of unimproved lots will face a \$90 increase in dues, from \$774 to \$864. Freiert said the Board decided two years ago to gradually raise the rate for unimproved lots until it is equal to that for lots with a home. Dues parity will be reached in Fiscal Year 2019.

The increase is needed to help the Association rebuild its reserve funds, depleted by repairs to the Lake Auman Dam and taxed by major projects both planned — like the major remodel of the front entrance now under way — and unplanned — culvert rehabilitation and repairs to the Number 3 Pond Dam.

Freiert explained that the Association's reserves stood at roughly \$1 million when the repairs to the dam began.

"At this time we are looking at ending this year with about \$792,000," he explained, "even after spending quite a bit on the front entry project. With the budget, we will end next year at just under \$700,000 in reserve . . . By FY2017, we should be able to get back to that million dollar level, which the board thinks is a key number to have in reserve."

The sale of developer lots and the annexation of some neighborhoods will add twenty-three lots to the Association's books. Combined with the dues increase, that will generate a 9.7 percent increase in anticipated revenues, raising the total to \$1.84 million. No increase in fees is planned for the coming fiscal year.

Meanwhile, operating expenses are expected to increase only 2.1 percent in the coming year, to \$1.03 million. That will leave

\$656,000 to deposit into reserve accounts. By comparison, the current year's budget includes a \$517,000 deposit into reserve accounts.

Next year's budget calls for spending \$743,000 on capital items, with the bulk of that in a \$666,000 road paving project.

Additional budget detail is available on the SLWLA website.

On Freiert's motion, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget. [Directors Brian Benjamin and Ed Cockman were absent from the meeting.]

Seven Lakes West operates under the provisions of the

NC Planned Community Act. Under the Act, landowners will vote on the proposed budget at the annual meeting in March, and the budget will be considered approved unless it is rejected by a majority of all landowners (not just a majority of those who choose to submit a ballot).

However, the policy of the Westside Board is to reconsider the budget if it fails to win approval from a majority of those voting the the Annual Meeting election. No objections to the budget or dues increase were aired during the December 18 Board Meeting.

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# West Side turns down Stonegate redesign

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



A proposal to expand the twelve-home Stonegate subdivision near the back gate of Seven Lakes West was turned down by the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board during their Tuesday, December 17 meeting.

The original Stonegate design was developed by the late Ron Myers, who presented his plan for a neighborhood of upscale, maintenance-free patio homes to the SLWLA membership, winning Board approval of the design, as well as annexation into the Association, allowing residents of Stonegate to use Westside amenities and requiring them to pay SLWLA dues.

Stonegate was approved by the Association, but was never actually subdivided or marketed.

The 13.5-acre Stonegate tract fronts on Gateway Drive, the street that leads from Longleaf Drive to the back gate of Seven Lakes West. Myers' plan included 7.1 acres of open space that was to be available for use by the Association. The twelve building lots all front on a single street, Bense Court, that connects to Gateway Drive.

The property was acquired by developer James Kirkpatrick, owner of Seven Lakes Plaza shopping center, in June. Kirkpatrick's revised design of the subdivision, prepared by The Hayter Firm of Pinehurst, envisions eighteen lots, with seven of those fronting on Gateway Drive.

## Committee review

SLWLA President Jack Stevens asked three committees to review Kirkpatrick's proposal: Architectural Review [ARC], Infrastructure, and Legal.

By far the most extensive comments during the Tuesday, December 17 Board meeting came from ARC Director Dan Blue.

"After careful review," Blue

said, "the committee's opinion is that the revision not be approved. Nor does ARC feel any manipulation of the revised plat could adhere to the annexation agreement."

Blue said the committee's extensive report would be posted on the SLWLA website, but he provided some highlights. The annexation agreement between SLWLA and Myers provided that no improvement on any lot would be within fifty feet of Gateway Drive and also required a vegetative buffer along Gateway.

"The fifty-foot setback is meant to be a buffer," he said, "with all the lots contained within the subdivision and emptying onto the internal street."

The agreement provides for a single entrance from the property onto Gateway Drive, Blue said. He noted that the original agreement requires that structures be no closer than twenty feet from Bense

Court, adding that "every lot on the court breaches the twenty-foot minimum."

"The long and short of it is that ARC does not recommend approval," Blue concluded.

Reporting for the Infrastructure Committee, Jim Pierman said the Kirkpatrick plan preserves a twenty-three foot road in a fifty-foot right of way, as well as retaining the two fire hydrants called for in the Myers plan — both positives. He said the committee had concerns about drainage, and was not in favor of the six driveway cuts onto Gateway Drive.

Legal Director Chuck Watkins said the Association legally had the authority to approve the Kirkpatrick design, if it chose to do so. Though the Myers annexation agreement was finalized with the Association, the plat was never recorded with Moore County, and the tract was never subdivided.

Once the committee reports were delivered, President Stevens opened the floor for input from the membership.

Kathy Kirst, who served on the Board at the time the Myers' plan was approved, said "We worked extensively with Ron [Myers] to get it where we wanted it . . . You are telling me there are driveways out onto Gateway. I appreciate your turning it down."

"The agreement is a give and take between the community and the developer," former Director John Goodman said, "in order to gain access to the amenities. This new replatting degrades our community. It gives up all the advantages we gained. It is not good for our community at all."

Saying he remembered the meeting at which Ron Myers presented his vision for the community — which included a contractor who had built a quality subdivision elsewhere in the County, Gerhard Hergenbahn said: "We had a picture in mind. At the moment, we have only a plan where the number of lots has been increased. We should in no way give in now. The new plan is totally amiss of all the guarantees we received."

Former SLWLA President Ron Shepard said, "We spent an inordinate amount of time with Myers working on a plat for this . . . All of that would be totally thrown out. I hope the Board will vote against this."

(See "Westside," p. 15)

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# Grand Pines annexations occupy Council

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



The Foxfire Village Council struggled with Grande Pines zoning issues during its

Thursday, December 12 Work Session.

Grand Pines Developer Pete Mace asked that the Village annex two three-acre lots and two larger tracts planned for future development. Portions of the smaller lots already lie within the Village limits.

"A portion of this land is already in the Village," Mace said. "I am requesting to bring the rest into the Village." He also requested RS-40 zoning for the smaller lots.

Pointing out an old property line, Mace explained, "I think everybody thought it was already in the Village. We have paid for the water line." Mace anticipates the construction of \$375,000 - \$400,000 custom homes on the property.

Councilwoman Leslie Frusco expressed her frustration over piecemeal zoning within Grande Pines and asked why the whole development could not be presented at one time for zoning.

Mace, on the other hand, sought clarity concerning annexation, water, and equestrian zoning. After much discussion, Mace and the Council reached a better understanding of each other's needs.

Mace stressed that he needs flexibility. He told the Council that they had no idea the problems he had dealt with in developing Grande Pines — from providing buffers for floodplains to conflicts with neighboring landowners.

"There is a man back here behind Grand Pines that has access out to Richmond Road that has been suing us for six years to have access through the Grande Pines gate," Mace said.

Mace then pointed out that he had originally set aside five 1.7 acre lots on Hoffman Road near the gate. That

resulted in a civil suit from Grande Pines lot owners who objected to the smaller lots. The settlement requires lots 2.1 acres or larger.

"Rather than there being five lots there, now there are just three," Mace said.

A public hearing concerning the rezoning of the four properties will be held in January.

## Roadblocks to Annexation

The Village's longstanding policy is to pursue only voluntary annexations, and to require annexation before extending water to new areas.

Mace wants to have some areas of Grande Pines annexed by the Village, so that water can be provided to those lots, but they are landlocked behind other Grand Pines landowners who have no interest in annexation.

North Carolina law allows towns to annex non-contiguous areas, under certain conditions, but requires that subdivisions be annexed as a whole. As a result, Foxfire

Village cannot annex those non-contiguous portions of Grande Pines under current state law.

A Local Bill [H569] currently before the NC General Assembly would exempt Foxfire Village — and only Foxfire Village — from the requirement that the annexation of non-contiguous lots in a subdivision include the annexation of the entire subdivision.

Mace reported: "It has already passed the House. Jamie [Representative Jamie Boles] introduced it over in the Senate for the short session. Senator Tillman wrote him a letter recently. I am going to meet with him and hopefully get it approved."

"What is going to happen when we start building?" Mace asked.

"Until we get that legislation, they technically can't go back in there because of the water. I want it annexed, so I can get water. I've got the water lines in place, I just want to be hooked up."

## Enforcing Ordinances

The meeting then turned from zoning to code enforcement. Councilman Mick McCue asked how the Village can best enforce its existing zoning and other ordinances. McCue asked Village Police Chief Mike Campbell to attend the Council's Work Session to provide input on that question.

"I asked Mike here so he will know what our ordinances are that need to be enforced," McCue said. "To get the police department involved and let them have the opportunity for input."

"After our sign ordinance was amended, I would like to see the police looking out for that. Another one I was looking at is inoperative vehicles."

Frusco added, "We also have an ordinance on prohibiting trailers, boats, and construction vehicles."

McCue asked, "Do we want the police department involved in helping to enforce these type of things?"

Campbell recommended balancing enforcement with fair warning, suggesting that a letter noting the infraction be sent out by the Village Clerk before the police become involved.

"The process has changed throughout the years," Campbell said. "I think we should keep that neighborly thing going, rather than just having a policeman showing up."

Campbell asked for more direction from the Council: "I would like a little more

(See "Foxfire," p. 14)

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# MCS set to roll out laptops in some schools

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Phase Two of Moore County Schools' [MCS] digital learning initiative is

about to become a reality for more than 3,300 students, primarily in the Northern half of the County.

Eventually, the initiative will put a laptop computer or iPad in the hands of every student in the district.

Phase Two began with testing: the first half of this school year was spent testing various computers — HP Laptops, MacBook Airs, and HP-manufactured-Google Chromebooks — to determine which platform best suited the need. Last month, the MCS leadership team selected Chromebooks, which are both less expensive and easier to upgrade.

As students return from their Christmas Holiday vacation, they will begin to receive those Chromebooks in a phased rollout. Schools included in the Phase Two implementation include Union Pines and North Moore

High Schools, New Century, Crains Creek, and Elise Middle Schools, and sixth-eighth graders at Highfalls and Westmoore Elementary Schools. In all, 3,325 laptops will be distributed to students.

Phase Three, scheduled for the 2014-2015 school year, will distribute another 3,611 laptops at Pinecrest High School, West Pine Middle School, and Southern Middle School.

Phase 4, in 2015-2016, will equip all elementary school students with either iPads or Chromebooks.

## Google?

Parents familiar with Google and its business model — learning as much as possible about you in order to send you targeted advertising messages — might well be concerned about MCS's decision to rely on Google technology.

It is one thing for an adult to decide to use Google search while recognizing that your search terms will ultimately be used to target you for advertising. But it is something quite different when a

child must use Google technology in school.

Steven Johnson, the district's Lead Digital Integration Facilitator, told *The Times* that the technology students will be using, though created by Google, will be inside a "walled garden" and completely separated for the commercial products the company offers to the public at large.

Using "Google Apps for Education," MCS has set up its own private domain that gives it control over students' access to the web, and the wider web's access to students.

No personal information about students will be tied to their email addresses or their user login information. Parents will be able to log into their child's account to keep track of their online activities.

As part of the "walled garden" approach, students will be able to use their Google email address only to contact others within the MCS system. The address cannot be used to send email outside the MCS domain.

MCS has turned off the feature that would allow advertising to be directed at students, Johnson said.

Students will pay a \$25 annual usage fee for the laptop; this year, the fee will be reduced to \$10. Families who can't afford that fee will be able to confidentially apply for a waiver.


The laptops will be distributed during "deployment nights" at each school, where parents and students will go through initial training.

Though the Chromebook is designed to function opti-

mally as a web-connected device, its word processing and some other functions work when offline, so students need not have internet connectivity at home to use those functions.


As they left school to begin Christmas break, students were to be given informational brochures on the digital learning rollout that answers many of the most common questions.

Much more information is available online, at a new website at [www.mcmcs.org/DigitalLearning](http://www.mcmcs.org/DigitalLearning).



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# 'Hard Times in the Mill' at Cape Fear Museum

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The event is free and being held in conjunction with the museum's current special exhibit, *The Photography of Lewis Hine: Exposing Child Labor in North Carolina, 1908-1918*. The exhibit, held over through February 2, shows the working conditions of children in textile mills; Dr. Newton's presentation will expand on that to include mill workers of all ages.

"The state has a rich history when it comes to textile factories, including mills located

in many communities throughout southern North Carolina," said Leisa Greathouse, Curator of Education at the museum. "Dr. Newton's presentation brings to light the hard work performed by North Carolina families, which usually meant the entire family: the father, the mother, and their children, usually beginning work by age 10," continues Greathouse.

The program uses stories, songs, and images of people who worked in the mills. While some mill owners practiced "welfare capitalism" and took care of their employees, others were more motivated by profits, resulting in low pay, despite the difficulties and dangers of working around powerful machinery.

Mill villages existed either as family-oriented communities or as high-rent company houses. Child labor was common in the early years, and racial discrimination and sexism were rampant. Managers often implemented "stretch outs," efficiency systems that forced employees to work more for less money. In some desperate situations, workers organized unions and went on strike, often dividing family members and co-workers in bitter, violent disputes.

The daughter and granddaughter of mill workers, Dr. Roxanne Newton grew up in a small North Carolina textile town. Currently she is director of the Humanities and Fine Arts Division at Mitchell Community College, where she teaches English, women's studies and humanities courses. She earned a Ph.D. in Educational Foundations and Cultural Studies and a graduate certificate in Women's and Gender Studies from UNC Greensboro. The recipient of a number of aca-

demic and teaching awards, Dr. Newton has developed interdisciplinary courses including "American Women's Studies," "Working Lives: Multicultural Perspectives," and "The Immigrant Experience in America."

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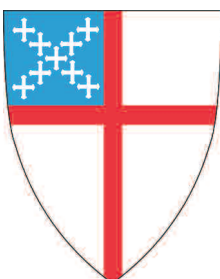
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Tickets for the breakfast are only \$8 and are available from any Kiwanis member or at the WEE school office, Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe, Quality Care Pharmacy, Sandhills Winery, Lakeside Barber Shop or at the door.

Money raised by the Kiwanis Club will be donated to West End Elementary School and West End Boy Scout Troop 98, as well as other children's charities in Moore County.

### Literacy Tutors Needed

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# Need a hobby? Amateur radio may be the thing

by Jim Johnson  
MOCARS

Most people take for granted the communications convenience they have through cell phones, smart phones,

iPad, tablets, the internet, Twitter, Flickr, etc. Everyone is accustomed to picking up their cellular phone and calling virtually anyone, anytime. However, when natural or

manmade disaster strike as the wildfires in the west, flooding in the south, tornados in the mid-west or the devastation caused by the typhoon in the Philippines,

traditional communications are not frequently not available.

One aspect of community service is the involvement of Moore County Amateur Radio Society (MOCARS) members as they stand ready to provide emergency communications whenever asked, using members equipment and without remuneration.

To be ready, MOCARS through its ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) organization routinely conduct simulated emergency tests (SET). The most recent was Sunday, December 15.

ARES members were dispatched to various locations across Moore County including the new Moore County EOC headquarters, local command locations, the American Red Cross headquarters, Moore Regional Hospital, designated emergency shelters,

etc. The purpose was to test communications between all locations using the MOCARS repeater, the Moore County Health Department portable repeater and directly by Simplex to verify reliable communications. All testing was done using non-commercial power such as batteries or generators, consistent with disaster conditions.

MOCARS is an active club with monthly meetings on the third Thursday each month at 7 pm at the Moore County Health Department, 705 Pinehurst Ave, Carthage. They also host 2 meter nets each Sunday and Wednesday at 8:00pm on 147.240 MHz + offset 91.5 MHz tone. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact James Johnson-Public Information Officer at 910-400-3019.

## Soph. Ladies round up gifts



Angie Huber

The Sophisticated Ladies annual Christmas party was held at one of the member's home and gifts were brought to contribute to Project Santa.

Angie Huber, the Sophisticated Ladies Manager, loaded her car to deliver the gifts that included a bicycle, bocce game, soccer and footballs.

The Sophisticated Ladies will resume practice on February 3 at the Pinehurst Town Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am. Ladies 50 years or older, are welcome to attend to become a member of this active group.

Contact Angie Huber at 910-673-7383 for information.

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# Churches feed the hungry for Thanksgiving

by Linda Hubbard  
BackPack Pals

Fairview Baptist, a tiny church in West End, for the second year, provided Thanksgiving dinners for Moore's Needy. 605 take home dinners were distributed with Tammy Horne, Fairview member and a nurse at UNC Cardion Thoracic Surgery department leading the volunteer effort.

A member at Fairview and co-chair of last years effort,

contacted Linda Hubbard, Director, BackPack Pals, Moore County, toward the end of October to begin working on identifying children participating in the BackPack Pals program. Notices were sent home with children for the program asking the family if they would like to participate in the Thanksgiving dinner. Spanish speaking students had their letters translated for their parents.

Responses to take advantage of this offer were strong. The menu consisted of turkey, green beans, cranberry, potatoes, gravy, dressing, rolls and desert. Turkeys were cooked in smokers at Fairview Baptist with the men of Fairview tending to the 32 birds throughout the night before Thanksgiving.

Grace Church, West End, not only sent a variety of deserts and rolls, but also

sent volunteers to help with packaging. Families in the church neighborhood contributed deserts to the effort.

Four pick-up locations included Crane's Creek School, Northern Moore Family resource center, Westmoore School and Mid State Furniture in Carthage. The committee offered to bring dinners to the home if transportation was not available.

311 children are participating in the BackPack Pals program in Northern Moore those include: 53 at Westmoore, 56 at Robbins, 80 at

Elise, 60 at Carthage, 30 at HighFalls, and 32 at Cranes Creek. Their families also received a grocery bag filled with foods including dozens of Campbell Soup products. Campbell Soup donated 2,928 cans of their products to the effort.

Children of Fairview's members and their friends made an assembly line to put Campbell soup products and other give-a-ways into large grocery bags. They are learning the spirit of giving at an early age as many participated last year.

## Lunch Bunch at Chapel in the Pines

All single seniors are invited to attend the Seven Lakes Lunch Bunch at Chapel in the Pines, Joralemon Hall on Wednesday, January 22 at noon. There is no cost. Reservations appreciated. Transportation provided if needed.

Following lunch, a program will be presented by Cos Barnes.

Barnes is a native of Martinsville, Virginia, where she graduated from high school and attended Westhampton College of the University of Richmond, Virginia. She holds an associate degree in journalism from Sandhills Community College and enjoys freelance writing and writes for the local Pinestraw magazine. She has been a

resident of Southern Pines for 43 years. Her late husband, Harry Barnes, ran Stanley Furniture Company in West End for 21 years. She is the mother of three and grandmother of eight.

To make a reservation for lunch or transportation please call the Chapel office at 673-2156.

## Behind the Veil: Life in Saudi Arabia

Seven Lakes Baptist Church welcomes Dora Lancaster as their speaker on Tuesday, January 14 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come and learn some little-known facts about Saudi Arabia from someone who lived and taught there for seventeen years.

She will share some arabian music, clothing, jewelry, pictures, and a few unusual articles will be part of her presentation. Lancaster will share her experiences of living in the desert kingdom. Everyone is welcome.

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# Creative Living Classes — Enrich your life

Creative Living Courses begin at Sandhills Community College in January.

Registration has begun for these classes. The College will be closed until January 6. The Continuing Education department will hold a Spring Kickoff event on Tuesday, January 7 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm and invites all to visit and register for classes that day.

Walk-in registration is also available at other times in the Continuing Education office located on the first floor of Van Dusen Hall during scheduled hours of operation. Phone-in registration at (910) 695-3980, requires payment with Visa, MasterCard, or Discover.

Here's a sampling of the offerings. Many more classes are available on the SCC website:

## Art

A new Creative Living class, **You Can Draw**, begins on January 14 and will be held each Tuesday evening from 6 until 8 pm through March 11. The class, for beginners and intermediates, explores line, shape, value, and visual textures using pencil, charcoal, and ink. Subjects range from still life to figure, portrait to landscape. Instructor Janice James is a painter, potter, bookmaker, and illustrator. The cost is \$55.

## Craft and Hobbies

According to the Harvard Gazette, "Knitting has exploded" among all ages and genders. **The Joy of Knitting**, taught by yarn artist Letitia Rivera, is for all knitters, from beginners to more advanced. Supplies are required. Classes will be Tuesday evenings from 6 until 8 pm, January 21 through March 18. The cost is \$50.

## Piano

In **Piano Beginning Level 1A**, students learn to play music involving C, G and middle C positions, primary triads, sharps and flats, basic rhythm patterns, and how

to read intervals. Classes, which include 30 minutes of lab practice, are on Monday

afternoons from 3 until 4:30 pm, January 27 through March 31. The cost is \$45.

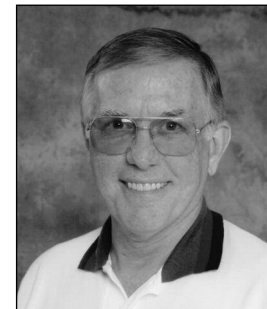
## Dance

Do you want a workout that feels more like a party?

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# with Sandhills Community College classes

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day evenings from 7 until 8:00 pm, January 30 through April 3. Licensed Zumba instructor Shauntel Gaines teaches the basic of Zumba Fitness as participants learn Latin rhythms that tone the body and release endorphins. All fitness levels are welcome. The cost is \$35.

## Financial Classes

**Aging at a Retirement Community or at Home** helps participants evaluate the costs and emotional impact of a continuing care retirement community versus

staying at home. Learn about healthcare options and resources for at home or in a community, from John Morningstar, MBA. Classes are Thursday afternoons from 3 until 5:00 pm, January 16 through February 13. The cost is \$20.

## Languages

Winter is an ideal time to learn **Spanish Beginning Conversation**. The lively and animated instructor Mercedes Saulsbury helps you learn basic Spanish fundamentals of conversation while also being exposed to Spanish

culture. Textbook required. Classes meet each Monday and Wednesday evening, from 6 until 8:00 pm, January 27 through February 19. The cost is \$50.

## Book Club

The **Spring Book Club** meets once a month and meetings are free to the public. Books discussed will be January 17 Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War by N. Philbrick; February 21 The Shipping News by A. Proulx; March 21 The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav

Klimt's Masterpiece by A. M. O'Connor and April 25 O Pioneers! by W. Cather. Meetings are 2:30 until 4:30 pm in the Boyd Library. Registration is not required and there is no cost.

## Green Institute Lectures

Kathy Byron, Executive Director of Good Food Sandhills and a local master gardener, will have you "thinking green" during the winter with **Design your Spring Vegetable Garden**. Participants will learn which cool season vegetables can thrive during the shorter days and cooler

temperatures of spring. Some vegetables, including Asian varieties develop better flavor when nipped by frost. Presented on Thursday, January 23 from 1 until 3:00 pm. The cost is \$12.

Gardening in the Sandhills is a challenge even to those with the greenest of thumbs. **How Does Your Garden Grow?** shares the secret — compost! — to having an attractive landscape and perhaps even getting some tasty tomatoes from your backyard. Presented on Thursday, January 30 from 1:00 until 3:00 pm. Cost is \$12.



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# In memory of . . .

**Vivian Eugene Petrie**, 82 of Foxfire Village died on Friday, December 13, at Fox Hollow Assisted Living facility, Pinehurst.

No services are planned at this time.

Mr. Petrie was born in Tennessee to the late Vivian and Lena (Mishoe) Petrie.

Mr. Petrie was a former leader in the Foxfire community donating his time in planning and developing projects in the community. His architectural engineering skills were instrumental in the planning and zoning of Moore County.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Susan Mary (Fisher) Petrie; son, David Petrie of Baltimore, MD; sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Petrie Moenning of Tampa, FL; and niece, Laura Moenning Smith of Tampa, FL.

Memorial donations can be made in memory of Mr. Petrie to Liberty Hospice at 300 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst assisted the family.

**Ursula Edeltrude Elpel Smith**, 90, died December 10, at St. Joseph of the Pines Nursing Center, Southern Pines.

A Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass was held Monday, December 16, at Boles Funeral Home, Seven Lakes. The Rev. Gregory Anatuanya officiated. A Rite of committal was held at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake.

Born in Berlin, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Johann Franz Elpel and Margarete Monica Krause Elpel.

She was a drafts person by trade and worked for a number of years in Berlin. She was married for 45 years to the late Amos Delbert Smith with whom she enjoyed traveling. She enjoyed bowling having achieved many awards including the bowling champion of Berlin. Following her move to Seven Lakes, she played golf which she enjoyed for many years. Mrs. Smith lived life to its fullest with family, friends, and traveling to new places such as the Netherlands, Italy, Austria, France, England, Thailand, and many places throughout the United States. She was a devote Catholic attending Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinehurst.

Survivors include three children: Karin (Ted) Joyce of Stedman; Daniela (Richard) McMillan of Bamberg, SC; and Thomas (Peggy) Smith

of Tampa, FL; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and step-grandchildren. She was preceded death by her husband Amos Delbert Smith, her sister, Regina Maria Elpel, and son, Bernd.

Memorials be made to the American Institute for Cancer Research, UNC, 1759 R. Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

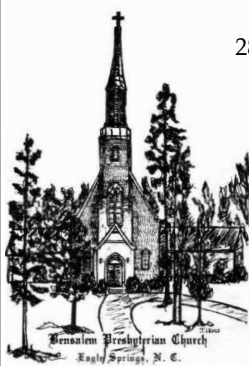
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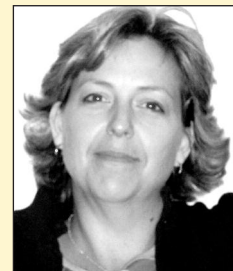


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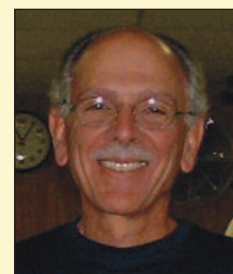
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# Superintendent to leave Moore County Schools

Moore County Schools Superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence announced on December 17 that he had accepted an offer to become the Superintendent of Virginia Beach City Public Schools in Virginia Beach, VA.

Spence's new job comes with a hefty increase in compensation. His starting salary in Moore County was \$165,000. The *Virginian-Pilot* newspaper reports that he will start in Virginia Beach at \$222,500, with a potential bonus of \$11,125.

He also takes on a larger responsibility, managing a system that has more than 68,000 students, compared to Moore County's 13,000.

Spence is a native of Virginia Beach and said that played a major role in his decision.

"I discussed this at length with my wife before accepting the position in Virginia Beach because Moore County is so important to us. Our children love their schools, and we have a strong bond with this community," he said. "This decision was not easy, but in the end the opportunity to be closer to family was a strong pull, and we believe the right decision for us at this time."

Spence's father, mother, and other family members live in Virginia Beach.

Spence was named superintendent of Moore County Schools in December 2011. During his tenure, Moore County Schools has implemented several major new initiatives including a district wide digital learning initiative and the creation of an entrepreneurship program.

"This is an incredibly committed and talented team of educators who care about making learning meaningful and special for every child, every day," Spence said. "I

feel blessed to work with the Moore County Schools family, which makes this decision especially difficult."

Moore County Schools Board of Education Chair Kathy Farren said Spence's

departure is a loss for Moore County, but she and the Board wish Dr. Spence and his family all the best.

"Dr. Spence has brought a contagious energy and exciting student learning

focus to Moore County," Farren said. "We will continue building on the exciting things happening in Moore County because he has done a great job of collaborating with students, parents, teachers,

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She noted that Spence will continue to serve as superintendent of Moore County Schools until the end of the 2013-14 school year.

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## Foxfire

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input on the direction you would like us to take.”

Frusco asked, “What is your preference? Would your preference be that a letter go out if you see a violation of a trailer or construction vehicle? Or would your preference be to knock on door?”

Campbell was in favor of creating a paper trail.

“When it is time to really enforce a violation it is nice to have that paper trail,” he said.

Cambell explained that he could then tell the violator, “You received this letter that explained the ordinance in violation. You have had ample time to resolve the situation, and now we are here for actual enforcement. It would help to solve an appeal in the long run to have it documented.”

### New ordinances proposed

The Council then began discussing specific problems and new ordinances to target them. McCue offered a draft change in the Zoning Ordinance

that would prohibit plastic sheeting on the exterior of homes.

“It would include plastic sheeting on the side of a house, covered porches, or the like,” he explained. “It talks about not only exterior building materials that we have talked about, but, in addition, using building materials, plastic, and untreated wood except in the event of an emergency to prevent damage of the exterior. Clear plastic for energy is permitted.”

Frusco noted that outbuildings must meet proper setbacks and that they cannot be constructed in side yards.

McCue offered a second proposed amendment concerning inoperable vehicles.

“I am sending another proposed amendment to the Village Council concerning inoperable vehicles,” he said. “We already prohibit inoperable golf carts.”

“Somewhere in the neighborhood there has been a car that has been up on

blocks for four months. Currently, it is not in any violation.”

“I don’t have any problem with a shade tree mechanic,” McCue said. The amendment would require cars to be stored in the garage.

### Solar Farm Zoning in the ETJ

Long time landowner David Wilson, is looking for a new way to put his family’s land to work — and is exploring the installation of a solar farm. Wilson’s land lies in Foxfire Village’s extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction.

“The land has been in our family for over 100 years,” Wilson told the Council. “We are not selling. We want to hang on to our property.”

Wilson attended the Work Session to ask the Board to consider rezoning his property — currently zoned RA — to allow for solar farms. The request must routed through the Planning and Zoning Committee before it comes to the Council.

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6 Minestrone Soup ♥ Baked Ziti Dinner	7 Butternut Bisque ♥ Herbed Turkey Dinner	8 Beef Vegetable Soup Shepherd's Pie Dinner	9 Roasted Root Vegetables Soup ♥ Jack Daniels Salmon Dinner	10 Tuscan White Bean Soup Turkey Meatloaf Dinner
13 Tomato Basil Soup ♥ Spinach Ravioli with Marinara Sauce Dinner	14 Chicken Brunswick Stew Chicken Marsala Dinner	15 Corn Chowder Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	16 Shrimp & Crab Bisque Tilapia Florentine Dinner	17 Mushroom Bisque ♥ Roasted Root Vegetables with Spaghetti Squash ♥
20 Tortellini Soup Tortellini with Pesto Dinner	21 Greens, Beans, & Sausage Soup Sausage, Peppers & Onions Dinner	22 Goldie's Chili Mexican Cassarole Dinner	23 New England Clam Chowder Basil Shrimp with Orzo Dinner	24 Broccoli Cheddar Soup Two-Bean Enchiladas Dinner
27 Italian Wedding Soup Spaghetti, Meatballs & Sausage Dinner	28 Chicken & Dumpling Soup Chicken Paprikash Dinner	29 Beef Barley Soup Pot Roast Dinner	30 Manhattan Clam Chowder Crab Cakes Dinner	31 Chicken Noodle Soup ♥ Chicken Enchiladas Dinner

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## Westside meeting

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After hearing from the committees and the membership, the Board voted unanimously to turn down Kirkpatrick's design. [Directors Brian Benjamin and Ed Cockman were absent from the meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

Reviewing the November financial reports, Director Friert said the \$80,600 in expenses incurred during the month was "fairly normal," while revenues are run-

ning \$163,000 ahead of expenses and \$40,000 ahead of budget.

Year-to-date capital expenditures are just over \$91,000, but are expected to accelerate as the front entrance project gets underway in January.

As of November 30, Friert reported, 185 delinquent accounts owe the Association \$73,722. \$53,700 is more than 90 days overdue, and roughly \$50,000 of that is tied to 32 accounts that are being handled by the Association's collection attorney.

Blue, who noted that not all members are computer savvy, and that some may simply prefer to use paper checks.

During a prolonged debate, Friert explained that the lockbox company could only process paper checks when they are accompanied by coupons, and the coupon books cost the Association \$2,000 each year. That cost was not included in the FY 2015 budget.

Ultimately, the question was called for a vote, and the new policies were approved with Blue voting in opposition.

### Billing changes approved

Friert proposed changes to the dues payment system as a means of reducing delinquencies. The grace period for payments would be shortened to twenty days and a late fee of \$20 imposed. Barcode access and use of the amenities would be restricted after sixty days instead of the current ninety days.

Members would receive an annual billing statement, but no coupon books for mailing in monthly payments. Instead, those who want to pay monthly would need to set up an electronic payment, through direct debit, automated bill pay, or using an online system offered by the lockbox company that processes dues payments for the Association.

The proposal would not offer the opportunity to use a paper check to make monthly payments. That change prompted objections from Directors Keyser and

### Number of Directors Reduced

The Board unanimously approved, during their December 17 meeting, a bylaws change that reduces the number of directors from nine to seven. Directors will continue to be limited to serving two consecutive three-year terms, but may run again for office after sitting out a year.

Given the change, although the terms of three directors will expire at the annual meeting in March, only one seat on the Board will be open. Those leaving the Board include Nancy Workman, Ed

(See "Westside," p. 18)

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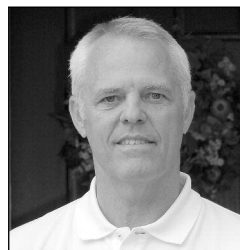
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## Jane Bright at WSL

The next meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes will be on Thursday, January 2, at 2 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall.

Jane Bright of Jackson Springs, will be the featured speaker. Bright competed on several episodes of the CBS program "Survivor:

Nicaragua." Bright owns Shadow Hill Shelties where she breeds and trains shelties. She and her shelties have taken Breed, Opposite Sex, several Awards of Merit, and numerous class placements at the American Shetland Sheepdog Association Nationals.



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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *Philomena*, starring: Judi Dench & Steve Coogan. Tickets: \$7, available at the box office 30 minutes before showing. A world-weary political journalist picks up the story of a woman's search for her son, who was taken away from her decades ago after she became pregnant and was forced to live in a convent. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- **Turkey Shoot** - Come to Alec Creek Farm in Jackson Springs for a Turkey Shoot at 7 pm, (weather permitting) through March 1. 12 Gauge Shot Guns only. Win a turkey, ham, slab of bacon or cash. Proceeds benefit Sandhills Animal Rescue League. Come join the fun and support the animals. Alec Creek Farm, 396 Thomas Road, Jackson Springs. 910-974-4468 or 910-638-1921.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:00 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-3838.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *Philomena*, starring: Judi Dench & Steve Coogan. Tickets: \$7, available at the box office 30 minutes before showing. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.
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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

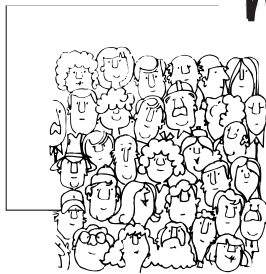
- **New Year's Eve**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**

- **New Year's Day**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). A time of fellowship and devotion



## What's When Calendar

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** –

7:30 pm, *Philomena*, starring: Judi Dench & Steve Coogan. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *Philomena*, starring: Judi Dench & Steve Coogan. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:00 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
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- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *Philomena*, starring: Judi Dench & Steve Coogan. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game Room.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal

Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *Philomena*, starring: Judi Dench & Steve Coogan. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

- **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. All are welcome.
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:50 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- **English-Speaking Union** – 7 pm, An Evening with Jimmy Doolittle, dinner meeting at the County Club of North Carolina. Jonna Doolittle Hoppes is the founder and executive

director of The Doolittle Foundation, an organization dedicated to making U.S. military history available to students. She is currently involved in developing lesson plans for teachers in public, private and home school settings, and in setting up programs that link veterans with local schools. After the program has concluded at 9 pm, she will be available for discussion and a book signing. For more information about E-SU programs and membership, contact Hope Price at (910)-692-7727 or Hopewp@aol.com

- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Mayberry Bible Study** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong will lead the focusing on Biblical Truth and everyday life applications based upon Andy Griffith's Mayberry. Bible Study meets in the WEUMC Fellowship Hall.

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- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 2 pm, Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Drive. Did you know that Cinnamon can be used as a fungicide and pesticide? Find out about different natural home remedies as guest speaker, Janet Peel of Aberdeen Florist and Garden Center discusses "Natural Home Remedies for Indoor and Outdoor Plants." Door Prize and Free Raffle. Bring your enthusiasm, questions and neighbors. Novice to experts always welcome.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)
- **Yellow Rockers Square Dance Club Open House** – 7 pm to 8 pm, in the Old West End Gym. The group is looking for new members. Anyone with an interest in learning to square dance

is invited to attend. Call Karen at 949-2001 or Jan at 215-9313.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *All is Lost*, starring: Robert Redford. Tickets: \$7, available at the box office 30 minutes before showing. After a collision with a shipping container at sea, a resourceful sailor finds himself, despite all efforts to the contrary, staring his mortality in the face. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *All is Lost*, starring: Robert Redford. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

- **Night of Bluegrass at the Sunrise** – doors open at 6:30 pm, show at 7 pm. First to take the stage will be North Carolina born bluegrass crowd-pleasers, Ted Jones and the Tarheel Boys, hailing from Smithfield. Next on the billing is The Malpass Brothers. They are solid, old-school, retro country. They emulate the styles of the greats like

Hank Williams and Merle Haggard. Haggard heard them and liked them well enough that The Malpass Brothers began to open for him in 2008. Seating reserved. Tickets \$15. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines.

- **Turkey Shoot** - Come to Alec Creek Farm in Jackson Springs for a Turkey Shoot at 7 pm, (weather permitting) through March 1. *12 Gauge Shot Guns only*. Win a turkey, ham, slab of bacon or cash. Proceeds benefit Sandhills Animal Rescue League. Come join the fun and support the animals. Alec Creek Farm, 396 Thomas Road, Jackson Springs. 910-974-4468 or 910-638-1921.

#### SUNDAY JANUARY 12

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- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-3838.
- **Road Scholar to Speak at Cape Fear Museum** – 2 pm, Dr. Roxanne Newton, Director of the Humanities and Fine Arts Division at

Mitchell Community College, will present "Hard Times in the Mill: Working Lives Past and Present." Event is free and being held in conjunction with the museum's current special exhibit, The Photography of Lewis Hine: Exposing Child Labor in North Carolina, 1908-1918. Exhibit, held over through February 2. [www.museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov](http://www.museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov) and <http://nchumanities.org/programs/road-scholars/hard-times-mill-working-lives-past-and-present> or 910-486-1330.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *All is Lost*, starring: Robert Redford. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm-6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes. Group leader Rachel Carr.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *All is Lost*, starring: Robert Redford. Tickets: \$7. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- **Behind the Veil: Life in Saudi Arabia** – 10 am, Seven Lakes Baptist Church hosts Seven Laker Dora Lancaster as their speaker in the Fellowship Hall. Come and learn some little-known facts about Saudi Arabia from someone who lived and taught there.



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## Westside meeting

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Cockman, and Jack Stevens.

Nominating Committee Chair Jane Sessler presented Mandy Goodman as a candidate to fill the one vacancy and the Board unanimously approved that nomination.

### Architectural Review

ARC Director Blue said the past month had seen two residences completed. Forty-six small projects are underway. Blue said he had heard rumors of applications for

three-to-five new residences within the next thirty days.

The Board voted to add Parks Cobb and Jack Lattin to the ARC. Also approved were two rules changes that require a replacement contractor to pay the full \$3,000 deposit and clarify the standards for plans submitted to the ARC.

### Concerns raised about septic lots

Blue presented a request for a variance — while admit-

ting that he was not sure whether that was the proper mechanism — asking the Board to approve the use of an off-site septic system for a lakefront lot that won't perc for septic. The line would need to be run under a street, requiring an easement that was previously granted by one of the community's former developers.

Infrastructure Director Pierman said he was concerned about cuts across roadways, but added that the Board had recently approved standards addressing roadway repair after a cut has been made. He suggested that the actual as-built location of the septic line needs to be well-documented and, perhaps, metal tracer wires added during installation.

President Stevens asked

the legal and infrastructure committees to review the request. "We have many lots that are unperkable," he said. "This may set a precedent that we may not want."

### Infrastructure

Director Pierman reported that crack sealing on Westside roadways would begin in January. Requests for proposal will be sent for road engineering for replacement of the first 1.3 miles of Longleaf Drive, from Lakeway Drive to Tucker Court.

A two-inch water main was replaced with a six-inch main, allowing installation of the last fire hydrant in an ongoing project to ensure all Westside homes are covered by a nearby hydrant.

Duke Power recently trimmed trees in the com-

munity, leaving the resulting debris on the roadside. Pierman said the Association will hire Cedar Pines Landscaping to remove the debris, "rather than fight with Duke."

### Lake & Dam

With only Director Nancy Workman opposed, the Board approved a rules change that increases the maximum length of boats on Lake Auman to 24 feet, up from 22 feet 8 inches.

Director Keyser announced that titles have been obtained for the five unclaimed trailers that were removed from the boat and trailer storage lot and are now sitting in the Community Center Parking lot. Bids for the trailers will be accepted by the Landowners Office until 5:00 pm on

(See "Westside," p. 19)

## Pruning Workshop

The Sandhills Horticultural Society will present one of its most popular programs when Moore County Extension Agent Taylor Williams conducts a workshop and demonstration on how to correctly prune a variety of trees and shrubs.

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## Facilities task force

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cost estimates, were available to Task Force members at the Monday, December 17 meeting.

### Area I - New Elementary School

Of the four elementary schools that feed Union Pines High School, Vass-Lakeview and Sandhills Farm Life currently have more students than they are designed to accommodate, a situation that is expected to worsen due to population growth.

The options presented to Task Force members included expanding existing schools,

at a cost of \$10.5 - \$14 million, or building a new one to relieve the pressure, at a cost of \$15.5 - \$18 million. The survey found seventy-five percent in favor of the latter option, as were sixty-six percent of community members surveyed.

Retired Assistant Superintendent Larry Upchurch told the group that Sandhills Farm-Life is landlocked and has traffic congestion issues in the morning and afternoon, making expansion difficult.

Ultimately, the Task Force supported the option of building a new school in the area.

### Area II - Expanding Robbins Elementary

The problem in the Robbins area is not overcrowding, but the age and condition of Elise Middle School, which needs an estimated \$3 - \$5 million in upgrades.

The other elementary schools in Area II, which feed North Moore High School, are K-8 schools. The alternative to upgrading Elise is to close it and expand Robbins Elementary School to a K-8 facility, a somewhat less expensive option.

In a survey of Task Force members, seventy five percent selected the second option.

But discussion in the December 17 meeting surfaced a number of concerns about taking that course.

During the public input sessions, Task Force members and members of the public split up into small groups.

"At my table — which included a number of Elise employees," Dorothy Brower said, "one of the comments made was 'If you close Elise, downtown Robbins is dead.' It is one of the shining stars of downtown Robbins."

Brower also heard, "I am not going to pay for something in southern Moore County, when we are not getting anything in northern Moore County."

"At my table," Commissioner Saunders said, "I had one who didn't like having kindergartners in the same school as 8th graders, while another

pointed out that it is more convenient for parents who have to drop off their kids."

"Folks at my table didn't feel like that building was fixable," Mayor McGraw said of Elise.

"We do have some land issues with Elise," Upchurch said. "It was a high school campus. It sits on a hill. It is going to be a challenge to decide how we make renovations. We do have land available at Robbins Elementary to make the expansion."

Superintendent Spence noted that there are cost savings to be had from closing a school and combining it with another — savings in administrative costs, utilities, and so on.

Ultimately, the Task Force settled on closing Elise and expanding Robbins Elementary.

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January 13.

### Other Business

In other business during The Tuesday, December 17 meeting of the SLWLA Board of Directors:

- Community Manager Jeanette Mendence reported that the Yard Waste Disposal Site will be closed
- on December 25, 28, and January 1.
- Mendence said the Landowners Office will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26, as well as January 1.
- Mendence thanked members of the Amenities Committee for decorating the Community Center.

- Events Director Workman noted that 120 members attended the Christmas Social on December 7.

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## Facilities task force

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### Area II - North Moore Wellness Center

North Moore High School does not suffer from overcrowding, but it does need additional facilities to promote physical fitness and student wellness.

The Task Force unanimously supported that option, which, along with other needed renovations, has an estimated cost of \$2 - \$3 million.

"There was overwhelming support [among Task Force members] to build a wellness center at North Moore," Upchurch said. "And we had similar feedback from the community. That is the option that got the most consensus."

"They feel that, in doing that, you are giving something to the northern end of the county," Howard Warren added.

Brower said people in North Moore "want the opportunity to celebrate something."

"Robbins is not bringing the County down," she continued. "There are pockets of poverty everywhere. There have to be things to celebrate, to look forward to."

### Build a High School, or not?

Both Pinecrest and Union Pines High Schools are well beyond their capacity. Pinecrest can accommodate 1,606 students, but serves 2,152. Union Pines is designed to serve 990, but has 1,277.

What that means, Spence said, is lots of mobile classrooms.

One option not offered to the Task Force was building a new high school the size of Union Pines or Pinecrest. "The numbers did not support that," Spence explained.

Instead, the options included either expanding both schools to meet their capacity needs, or constructing a smaller, 800-student, "concept" high school that would draw students from all three of the existing high schools. Students would likely begin and end their day at their "home" school, being transported to the concept high school during the school day.

Carthage Mayor Lee McGraw said he, as a student at Union Pines, had spent one-half of each day at Pinckney Academy taking computer classes.

Spence explained that the

"concept" for the new school might be "early college," allowing students to graduate with both a high school diploma and associates degree. That can allow students to enter college as Juniors, saving

families two full years of tuition.

Or the new high school might be a "high tech academy" offering certifications in networking and other computer-related disciplines. It

might offer training for health care occupations, given that health care is the largest employer in the County. Or it might combine all of those functions.

(See "Facilities," p. 21)

## A Night of Country & Bluegrass

If you love bluegrass music you're in for a treat when The Sunrise Theater presents the third annual "A Night of Bluegrass" on Saturday, January 11.

First to take the stage will be North Carolina born bluegrass crowd-pleasers, Ted Jones and the Tarheel Boys. Hailing from Smithfield. The group has been cranking out traditional bluegrass for nine years solid. Ted Jones has taken the stage at such venues as the prestigious Lincoln Theater in Marion, Virginia and has shared the stage with names like Jesse McReynolds and The Virginia Boys.

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## Facilities task force

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"Is that the right model for Moore County," Spence asked, "or is it just better to make bigger high schools? You have to give us the community perspective."

Task Force members ultimately voted for the idea, but not without some debate.

Brower worried that "some folks use vocational to get out of taking the difficult courses. I see too many of our high school students in part-time jobs in retail."

"We won't have a problem getting kids to go there?" Commissioner Saunders asked.

"Programming will drive that," Spence replied. "The facility, teachers. What you offer will be the big driver. If you build it, they will come."

### The Hard Stuff — K-6 or K-5?

Turning to the meetings thorniest question, the panel discussed how best to address the older elementary schools and overcrowded middle school in the southern end of Moore County — Area III in MCS parlance.

Several elementary schools — Aberdeen Primary, Aberdeen Elementary, Southern Pines Primary, and, possibly, Southern Pines Elementary — are in need of replacement. Pinehurst Elementary is over capacity and

West Pine Elementary is expected to exceed capacity within the decade. West Pine Middle is over capacity and Southern Middle is expected to run out of room within the next ten years.

So, some schools need to be replaced, new schools need to be built, and others need to be expanded.

Task Force members were presented with four options for elementary schools and two for middle schools, but the latter choice really drives the decision.

Option 1 would involve building an additional middle school in Area III; Option 2, switching the middle schools from grades 6-8 to grades 7-8, moving sixth graders into the elementary schools.

The Task Force ran firmly aground trying to decide which of those options is preferable. They looked to Spence to provide some input on whether K-6 or K-5 is preferable from a pedagogical perspective, but he assured them that there is no good research showing one or the other to be better educationally.

The financial implications of one decision or the other were difficult to discern from the materials provided, so Spence promised to provide additional information on that front to the Task Force at its January 6 meeting.

### The broader questions

Though Spence and Corso worked hard to keep the Task Force focused on simply defining the needs of the school system, its members were constantly tempted to stray into larger questions: what gets built first, how much it is all going to cost, and how to sell a school bond to the voters.

### Schools and growth

Corso himself put the question of school facilities into the larger context of what will drive future population growth and economic development in Moore County.

"Moore County is at a tipping point," he said. "We have had it so good for so long. But we are not going to see the influx of retirees that drove us in the 1980s and the 1990s. The guy in the northeast can't sell his home for three times what he paid for it anymore."

"Our niche seems to be that we are a great place to raise a family. If that is true, then you can't get caught in a position where your asset has been neglected for so long."

"The one thing that is driving us is the quality of education. That lasts just as long as folks believe that our schools are better than the schools elsewhere."

"If folks stop coming, then we see our property values collapse."

### The Bond Referendum

Commissioner Saunders said he began looking at the various options for building and refurbishing schools without paying much attention to costs. The result was a very large number.

"I was at \$175 million," he said. "When I started paring it back, I still only got it down to \$150 million."

When he had earlier asked the County finance department to run some bond payback scenarios, he said, the largest number he gave them was \$125 million.

"\$125 million is a 25 percent increase in our taxes," Saunders said. "I don't know

that that is salable."

### The focus

"My perspective and the Board's perspective," Spence said, "is that we have to focus on educating the kids. We have kids going to schools where it is difficult to teach them. We have classrooms that are too small. We have power grids that can't handle the technology."

"The staff's job is to identify the challenges. Now it is the community's turn to figure out which of those challenges you want to address . . . . How often and how long does this community want to delay addressing its infrastructure challenges related to schools?"

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## I love my job at Christmas

One of the best parts of my job happens at Christmas.

Throughout the year, people in the church give money towards helping those in need at Christmas. Our members keep an eye out for people who may need help but would probably never ask for it. They turn in the names and we divide up the total money that came in by the names of those in need. As Pastor, I get to deliver Christmas love from our church to these families or individuals who are struggling in some way.

I love to watch the expression on their face as they open the card. I have been blessed to give these gifts out for years, but I am always surprised by how differently people react. Some laugh,

some cry, some just stand speechless.

Sometimes, they share with me the situation that they were in and how the gift will help them. Some tell of how



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they were not going to be able to buy Christmas presents for the children. Others can pay bills, get gas, or just buy groceries.

This year one of the recipients opened the card and began to laugh and cry at the same time. The check

that we gave her was exactly the amount of an expense that was due at the end of the month. She was going to struggle to pay for it.

The amount on the check was not a round number — It ended with an odd number. I always wonder if this is a small example of a Christmas miracle.

Sometimes I forget just how needy many families are; but, at Christmas, when I get to play St. Nick, it is a stark reminder to me of how blessed that I am. My family is together, and we love each other. We live in a nice home with heat and air condition-

ing. We give each other nice gifts and hear about how well each other are doing. Many families do not have any of those luxuries and they struggle to just get by.

I pray that this Christmas you will try to open your eyes to the needs of others. You will be amazed at how blessed that you are.

If you have a little extra this Christmas, make a donation to organizations like The Red Cross, or the Christian Coalition. Or better yet, why not find someone that you may know who is having a tough time this Christmas and buy them groceries or Christmas gifts for their children. Invite someone who is alone to your home for Christmas dinner.

If you give gifts, here is an idea: You can wrap all of

the gifts and put them on their porch with a note from Santa.

"Dear friend, I pray that this will make your Christmas extra special. I give these gifts because of the gift that my Savior Jesus Christ gave to me. Merry Christmas." Santa.

You can figure out a way to have it delivered anonymously, and then you can sit back and watch the blessing take place. After all, we are never more like Christ than when we give.

Merry Christmas!

*Chris Hrabosky is pastor at Seven Lakes Baptist Church. You may send him your question or comments at [chrabosky@mac.com](mailto:chrabosky@mac.com)*

## A thank you for those who help caregivers

Dear Editor,

In September of 2012, I tried to remain calm, as I phoned 911. But emotion took over in those surreal moments as I stood looking at my ninety-year old mother on the floor with her left knee torn open.

Why hadn't she just called

me to assist her as we always had done in the forty-five years we had lived together? How did this happen?

But I already knew the answer to that: Independence is a difficult thing to relinquish. Beyond that, it is also difficult to admit to oneself, as the Good Book shares in

Matthew 26:41, "the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Well, I was feeling weaker and weaker as I clung to Chief Timothy Bouchelle of the Seven Lakes Volunteer Emergency Medical Services, as I cried onto his chest, as he comforted me, while performing his duties.

In retrospect, I don't remember letting him go, or stopping crying throughout the entire time the team was in our home, and he never once shook me off, which translated to me as him being a man of compassion, for which I will be eternally grateful.

Without going in detail, let it suffice to say that one fall started an avalanche of medical issues, the like of which we have never dealt with before; but were able to get through with the continuing assistance of Timothy Bouchelle, as well as a host

of medical experts.

In total, due to the fall, my mother was out of our home for sixty days, lost forty pounds, and was never so grateful to get back home in her life.

Back home, she received visits by a wonderful array of professionals from Liberty Home Care Services in the way of physical therapy, wound care, etc.

While we continue to overcome medically-related challenges as they arise, since her discharge from Pinehurst Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in November of November 2012, we have been most fortunate and thankful to have had ongoing compassionate, professional, dependable assistance provided by Griswold Home Care, owned and operated by Robert Bonville.

There are no words to describe how secure I feel in the knowledge that when I

am not able, as in our case, to be with my mother for four hours or more, one of his team of wonderful caregivers is there to look after my beloved mother.

And sheerly by coincidence, from the Griswold team, her primary caregiver has been Janet Bouchelle, Timothy Bouchelle's mother, making yet another person to be eternally grateful to.

In closing, we peacefully celebrated her 91st birthday this December and have set a goal for her to reach her 115th birthday.

Her father set his goal at 113 and passed on at 104.

As for me, at the age of 61, my goal is to see to it that see is able to live each moment in peace, love, joy, hope and faith now and forevermore. May you do so as well.

*Margaret L.E. MacDonald  
Seven Lakes North*

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# Kiwanis bell-ringers say thank you very much!

Dear Editor:

I believe the credo of the US Postal Service fits here as a small paraphrase: "Neither snow nor rain nor gloom of gray kept the people of McClendon Hills, West End, and, of course, Seven Lakes from their completion of their appointed rounds."

Yes, on Saturday, December 14 at our local Seven Lakes Food Lion, the people came out and delivered the goods (donations) in not the best of weather for the Salvation Army and the needy people of Moore County.

All monies collected will stay in Moore County. As of

this time, I do not know the exact amount we collected, but I do know that both kettles were full and very heavy when I took them on Monday to the Southern Pines office of The Salvation Army.

We, the Kiwanians of Seven Lakes, want to send out a "Big Thank You" to all — our

Seven Lakes Food Lion store; all the men, women and children who came out and gave; and to *The Seven Lakes Times* for their help and spreading the word that made this day possible.

As President of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis, I would like to also say *Thank You* to the nineteen other Kiwanians who donated not only their money, but time as well.

In conclusion, one skeptical gentleman asked me while I

was collecting: "Just what does the Kiwanis Club get for doing this?"

I looked at him and said: "Cold Hands and Warm Hearts! Just like everyone should have this holiday season for helping the needy of Moore County."

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a very Happy 2014!

*Thanks again!*

*Ken Jenkins, President  
Seven Lakes Kiwanis*

## Greetings from the Sheriff

To Moore County Residents:

The men and women of the Moore County Sheriff's Office would like to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to those who have made 2013 a pos-

itive year for our community.

Daily, our office receives reports of people helping others in times of need. Your commitment to the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors, along with your continued support of this office, is greatly appre-

ciated.

We look forward to 2014 as we continue to work together with you to make Moore County a safer community for all of our residents to live and prosper.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

*Neil Godfrey*

*Moore County Sheriff*

### 2014 EMS Phone Book Available

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# Who's going to fill his shoes?

The news that Dr. Aaron Spence will resign as Superintendent of Moore County Schools after only two years on the job did not go down well amongst folks we know who have a stake in the local school system. (And who among us doesn't?)

As a personal and family decision, of course, it makes perfect sense. Spence will return to his hometown, be closer to family, and get a hefty boost in pay. He started here at \$165,000 and will start there at \$222,500 plus bonus. Would you take that deal? Of course you would.

But, beyond the personal, the reaction we heard was: "He got all this great stuff started (that would be a focus on literacy, a digital learning initiative, a drive to fix our decaying educational infrastructure, etc.), and got us all excited, and now he's bailing on us?"

There were, of course, all the obligatory noises from the usual representatives of the powers that be that all those initiatives will continue. And, quite likely, they will.

But the reaction to Spence's

departure gives us an opportunity to look at something peculiar about the way we run our school system in Moore County.

We run it like a business.

## Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins



Just like a big corporation hires a hotshot CEO to provide the dynamic leadership that will propel the company toward greater earnings and a higher stock price, we rely on our MCS CEO to provide the leadership, crank up the initiatives, and get folks all fired up.

And, just like most corporate boards function primarily to follow the CEO's lead and endorse his initiatives, so our School Board exists mainly to follow the Superintendent's lead and endorse his or her initiatives.

In other words, in our school system, the real leadership comes not from the elected School Board, but from the Superintendent.

That's a problem, and we just found out why it's a problem. Hotshot CEOs are wonderfully motivating. And they are almost always available to the highest bidder.

I'm not sure why Moore County Schools runs itself this way. Maybe all school systems do. Maybe it's because we once had a Superintendent whose tenure was measured in decades instead of years.

Those days are gone.

The School Board does not have to function this way. For example, look at the County Board of Commissioners. Wayne Vest is a very able County Manager, who manages the County's employees and resources well. But there's no question that the Commissioners, not the Manager, are leading the County, calling the shots, providing the vision.

And that's a good thing, because there's very little chance that any of those five commissioners is going to be hired away by some bigger town in Virginia.

The current members of our Board of Education might want to study on that before they hire our next hotshot CEO. Maybe, they might want to hire a solid manager, and figure out how to do the leading themselves.

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### WHY WEIGHT? DIETS DON'T WORK

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You can't turn on the TV, drive down the road or go to a party without being confronted with America's hottest obsession: weight. Diets are a billion-dollar industry; companies spend millions and millions luring you to try the latest diet (low carb, high protein, low fat, no fat, you name it) with promises that this will (finally!) be the solution — your shortcut to a thinner body. Advertising efforts also deeply affect our children, who develop distorted body images and are often on diets as early as nine or 10 years of age.

Our culture touts diet pills, celebrity workouts, convenience foods and trendy diets to help us achieve our desired weight, but these quick-fix solutions have backfired. America's populace has reached its highest weight in history. About half of Americans are overweight; one-third are obese. Diets steer us away from our common sense and dip deeply into our pocketbooks while eliciting few, if any, lasting results.

Diets don't work because each person is unique, with different needs based on gender, age, ancestry and lifestyle; how could one diet be right for everyone? Diets don't work because they are extreme solutions. As in physics, if a pendulum swings to one extreme, it has to swing equally to the other. A diet might work for a short amount of time, but research shows that almost all diets result in a 10-pound gain once off the diet. Diets don't work because they are too restrictive. People who fail on diet plans are not flawed and weak.

Diets by nature require discipline and restriction at levels that are unsustainable by a healthy human body.

Most people are disconnected from why they gain weight and see diet as the only culprit. For example, ignoring or discounting emotions is often the first thing to cause weight imbalances. In our fast-paced world, we have lost sight of many aspects of life that truly nourish and balance our bodies, such as slowing down, eating a home-cooked meal and spending quality time with loving people. Eating consciously and making simple lifestyle changes will create positive results and release you from the endless cycle of dieting.

Balance and a sustainable weight are your birthright. Given half a chance, your body will balance out by itself, but this is only possible by getting out of the diet mentality and listening to what you truly need. Imagine taking all of the outward energy you expend on diets, fads and gimmicks and turning it inward, so that you can listen to your heart and inner wisdom. There is no such thing as a quick fix; you already have everything you need within you. With careful thought and loving reflection, you can feed yourself wisely and purposefully and be completely nourished. Working with your body rather than against it will bring about increased energy, stabilized weight and sustainable health.

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## SLLA Open Meeting

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seepage through the deck expansion joints has undermined both the deck and pool basin, and reinforcement will be required to fill those voids.

President Steve Ritter said he had asked the contractor to estimate the cost of replacing the pool. The answer was \$800,000.

"That's one reason to do the project we are doing," Ritter said.

Community Manager Ray Sohl said the contractor

would begin prep work immediately. The various coatings that have been applied to the inside of the pool basin over the years will have to be ground off before the new plaster can be applied, and the voids under the basin will also need to be filled before replastering.

Sohl said the entire job will be complete before swim season begins next Spring.

Four directors reviewed the various options and recommended the Pool Professionals proposal.

"The bidding was extensive," Director Bill Hirsch said. "I have a lot of confidence that the homework has been done."

The Board voted unanimously to approve the contract.

### Lake Management Contract Renewed

Last year, the Board hired Foster Lake and Pond Management to provide guidance on management of the community's lakes. Foster very quickly discovered that Echo Lake was infested with the fast-growing aquatic weed hydrilla and stocked sterile grass carp, which feast on the weed.

The Lakes and Dams Committee recommended renewing the contract with Foster for one year, at a cost of \$18,360. That includes eight site visits; monitoring of water quality; monitoring of nuisance flora and fauna; monitoring of the lakeshore and dams; and the application

of aquatic herbicides, bacteria, and carp to control nuisance vegetation.

Asked whether the Board should expect an annual \$18,000 expense for lake management, Lakes Director Rich Faraci said his committee felt Foster provided a valuable service, but was not sure the committee would recommend such an extensive management program every year.

Manager Sohl noted that Foster had discovered the hydrilla in Lake Echo, a problem that could have spread to other lakes and ultimately cost the Association tens of thousands of dollars to remedy.

"I think it is worth having knowledgeable eyes looking at our lakes regularly," Director Hirsch said. "I think it is worth the money."

### New Rules for Waste Disposal Site

The Board voted in November to install a barcode acti-

vated gate at the yard waste disposal site, in order to control access and prevent unauthorized dumping.

During the December 18 Open Meeting, they approved an access policy for the site, reiterating that only residents and lot owners in good standing will be permitted to use the site, while landscapers, contractors, and yard workers will be excluded.

A barcode is required to gain access to the site, and vehicles exceeding three-quarter ton in weight are not permitted.

The Directors unanimously approved the new policy.

### Internet for the Stables

During their December Work Session, the Board debated how best to handle a request from Stables Manager Kate Pennington that the Association provide an internet connection at the stables.

Directors balked at the high (See "SLLA," p. 26)

## Yellow Rockers Square Dance Club

The Yellow Rockers is looking for new members and will be hosting two Open Houses for the community.

The first Open House will be held on Thursday, January 9 from 7 pm to 8 pm in the Old West End Gym.

The second one will be held on Thursday, January 16 from 7 pm to 8 pm at the Moore County Senior Center.

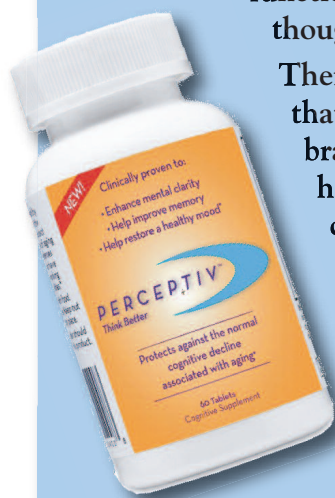
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# SLLA Open Meeting

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cost of providing a connection through Time Warner, the Association's internet provider.

Working with Recreation Director Bob Darr, Pennington suggested that, instead, the SLLA could acquire a wireless router, so that she could access the internet with her own laptop computer while working at the Landowners Office.

When Darr presented that suggestion to the Board during the December 18 Open Meeting, Director Faraci offered to donate a router for the purpose.

After seeking assurances that it would be possible to password-protect the device to prevent unauthorized access, the Board welcomed the inexpensive solution.

## Draft bylaws approved for distribution

The Directors voted unanimously to approve the most recent draft of the revised SLLA bylaws for distribution to the membership, with plans to receive input and possibly move to final approval at the January Open Meeting.

Subsequent to the meeting, a draft was distributed via email. Printed copies are available at the landowners office.

## Finance

Treasurer Conrad Meyer highlighted three aspects of the most recent finance committee meeting.

Meyer himself completed an extensive assessment of the Association's electricity usage — something he does professionally for companies and local governments — and identified eighteen opportunities that could save more than \$3,800 each year. One of those recommendation has already been implemented: replacing incandescent bulbs in the gatehouse carriage lamps with fluorescents, which should save approximately \$1,000 each year. Meyer will be presenting his recommendations to the Grounds and Maintenance Committee at its next meeting.

Both Manager Sohl and Finance Committee member George Temple developed projections for the FY 2015 budget, which the Committee reviewed. Sohl is drafting a budget that will be distributed to the Board for discussion at the January Work Session.

Meyer said he has found it difficult to keep up with the draft capital expenditure forecast that he established in October because of the large number of projects that

arise during the normal course of operations. Sohl will keep track of the short term forecast, he said, but the committee will need to develop a better process for forecasting long-term capital needs.

## Nominations

The terms of Directors Chuck Leach, Conrad Meyer, and Steve Ritter will expire at the Annual Meeting in March. Director Racine, representing the Nominating Committee, announced that Leach, Nancy Bailey, and Paul Chavez would be standing for election to the Board. He added that he had other prospects who were not yet willing to commit but might file petitions at the January Open Meeting in order to have their names placed on the ballot.

Racine announced via email on Thursday, December 19 that Bailey had withdrawn.

## Committee Reports

**Manager.** Manager Sohl reported that revenues and expenses are tracking reasonably close to budget. Fifty-seven delinquent accounts have been turned over to the

attorney — a new attorney for the Association who only charges if collection is made or the account is turned over for foreclosure.

The Sandhills Sandsharks Swim Team have proposed a new event for Seven Lakes — the US Open Water Swimming Nationals, which would feature eighty swimmers who are past Olympians or Olympic hopefuls and receive coverage from SNBC Sports. Sohl said he would present the request to the Board during their January Work Session.

**Architectural Review.** Director Hirsch said the Architectural Review Board is planning to revise the Architectural Standards to make them easier to understand, hopefully increasing compliance. Anyone with suggestions should contact Hirsch.

**Community Standards.** Director Bob Racine reported that, as of December 2, there were sixty-nine outstanding rules violations. He and Assistant Community Manager Janet Alcorn visited twenty-nine of those homeowners on Tuesday, December 17 and plan to visit more in

order to obtain compliance.

**Judicial Committee.** Racine said the Judicial Committee met on November 21. No action was taken in two cases, because landowners had brought their property into compliance. In five cases, the violation was resolved, so no fine was levied — however, subsequent violations by the same parties will result in an automatic \$25 fine. Cases included a chain link fence, a pet running at large, and an exposed propane tank.

**Grounds & Maintenance.** Director Chuck Leach reported that his committee suggested to the Judicial Committee that anyone caught dumping outside the new barcode entrance at the debris site be fined \$100.

The Committee will bring to the Board's next Work Session a recommendation that the dock at Big Juniper be repaired at a cost of \$4,750. They will also recommend that bids be sought for repair of the Lake Sequoia swim dock and boat slips.

Recommended for the FY2015 budget is kitchen modernization in the North

(See "SLLA," p. 27)



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## SLLA Open Meeting

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Clubhouse, as well as tennis and pickle ball court resurfacing.

**Lakes & Dams.** Director Faraci reported that the work on Lake Ramapo Dam is complete and the lake is filling up.

"Once it's full, we'll see how well the siphon pump works," Faraci said.

He thanked landscaping contractor Davenport for reseeding a 300 square foot area on the dam for \$55.

**Recreation.** Director Darr reported that the stables had returned the largest pony in the SLLA herd to the family

that donated it. Stables Manager Pennington noticed the pony acting strangely in its stall, and it then attempted to kick her.

"When that happens, it continues," Darr said. Pennington hopes that she will be able to replace the horse later in the year at no cost to the Association.

**Security.** President Ritter said the Security Committee met on Thursday, December 12 with new Security Supervisor Rick Loudon, "who seems to have a good grasp on what we see as important — customer service being the main thing."

The new security company — Universal — trains personnel using a large number of computer-based modules. Ritter, who retired as commander from a major metropolitan police force, will be reviewing some of the modules.

### Other Business

In other business during the Wednesday, December 18 Open Meeting, the SLLA Board of Directors:

- Approved the \$1,250 purchase of a Worker's Compensation policy that will cover uninsured contractors and third parties hired

by the Association. Sohl explained that many contractors will not bid on SLLA projects because of the requirement that they provide Worker's Compensation Insurance. Others purchase a single-project policy, the cost of which is passed on to the Association. The new blanket policy purchased by the Association should provide more competitive bids on SLLA projects.

- Voted to withhold \$1,500 of a \$3,000 compliance deposit for new home construction on a project that was constructed prior to

obtaining approval from the Architectural Review Board.

- Voted to maintain the staffing level in Maintenance at three full-time and one part-time. The Board added a full-time position in August. Manager Sohl said he felt the current staffing level was "ideal staff numbers. When I make assignments in the morning, I don't have to decide what projects not to do."
- Wrote off bad debts in the amount of \$1,871 as a result of foreclosure.

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## Entrance

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Work is expected to begin on Monday, January 6 and the goal is to have it finished by mid-May.

### Project elements

The gatehouse will be moved further down Lakeway Drive. A long traffic island will divide entrance lanes for members with barcodes from

those who need to consult with the guard before entering the community.

Herdrich said moving the gatehouse further down Lakeway will help separate the residential community from the more commercial area near the railroad tracks.

The new gatehouse was designed by Robert Miller of Imperial Designs, who, Her-

drich said, "has designed about thirty gorgeous homes in the the community." Three parking spaces will be provided by the gatehouse.

The new entrance sign and monument will be placed approximately where to existing gatehouse stands.

A turnaround lane will be placed at the location of the old mailhouse — a decision that means no expensive earthwork will be required for that aspect of the project, Herdrich said.

The project includes extensive paving, including installing curb and gutter and repaving the upper portion of the Lakeway Drive exit lane. Though paving on the entrance lane will only require closing the front entrance lane for one or two days, the extensive roadwork

that must be done on the exit lane will have residents using the back entrance to exit the community for two-and-one-half to three weeks.

Paving and curbing is the most expensive aspect of the project, with an estimated cost of \$281,000.

### Contractors & Phasing

Herdrich said the design committee decided to include three companies in the project on a negotiated contract basis, rather than through competitive bidding. They include Cagle Landscaping

(See "Entrance," p. 29)



**The New Westside Gatehouse** – Architect's rendering of the guard station.

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## Entrance

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for demolition of the old mailhouse and the gatehouse, Bill Reaves Construction to build the new gatehouse, and Riley paving to handle the roadwork.

All three are companies that have recently done outstanding work for the Association, Herdrich said. And they provided cost saving recommendations during the planning process.

The overall project will be divided into three phases, with by far the largest phase stretching from just below the current gatehouse to the end of the old pavement on the exit lane of Lakeway Drive.

Timing of the two subsequent phases — closer to the railroad tracks — are dependent on outside parties. Developer James Kirkpatrick, owner of Seven Lakes Plaza,

has proposed an office building adjoining the shopping center and along the Lakeway Drive entrance lane. The Association is obligated to provide an easement for a driveway and turnaround near that location.

Similarly, the NC Department of Transportation and the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway are planning an upgrade of the Lakeway Drive Railway Crossing.

Improvements to the upper portions of Lakeway will await further progress on those projects, Herdrich said.

### Committee members

The eight member front entrance committee is made up almost exclusively of current or former SLWLA Directors, including former Board members Herdrich, John

Goodman, John Hoffmann, and Ed Silberhorn, along with current Directors Don Freiert, Jim Pierman, and Ed Cockman. Jeremy Rust, a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, is the lone exception.

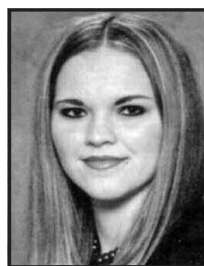
It's is a committee with "lots of experience, lots of talent," Herdrich said.



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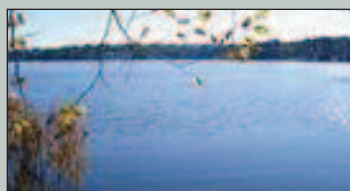


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