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Soggy Smiles at WEE



West End Elementary students enjoyed a challenging, fun, and very, very soggy field day on Friday, May 9. Lots of games, lots of exercise, and lots of squirt guns, sponges, and water buckets kept everyone smiling and cool. [See page 8 for more photos.]

Work to begin on RR crossing

by Ellen Marcus Times Reporter



Seven Lakes West's front entrance will be closed on through Satur- gates.

day, July 24, 25, and 26, as the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway resurfaces the Lakeway Drive railroad crossing in preparation for the installation of new rail-Thursday road signals and crossing

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Exit and entry into the gated community will be limited to the East gate, while the work is completed, reported President Bruce Keyser during the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association's [SLWLA] Tuesday, May 27 meeting.

"The following Monday is when they actually will be installing the new gates," Keyser said, "which will not require the entrance to be closed.'

New Board Member

The SLWLA Board voted unanimously to appoint Bob Fewkes to fill a vacant seat on the Board and assume responsibility for the Lake and Dam Committee.

(See "West Side," p. 24)

No tax increase in county budget

Times Editor



There's no tax increase in the FY2015 budget that Moore County Manager Wayne

Vest proposed to the Board of Commissioners during their Tuesday, May 20 regular meeting.

If ultimately approved, the budget would hold the property tax rate at 46.5 cents per hundred dollars of valuation, where it has been since FY2010. On top of that, County property owners would continue to pay two cents per hundred for the up of a number of funds, county's Advanced Life Sup-

port levy, which funds Moore County EMS.

Fire district tax rates, which range from a low of four cents in Seven Lakes to a high of eleven cents in the Cranes Creek district, will also remain unchanged, with one exception. West End Fire and Rescue is seeking a one cent increase, from 5.9 cents to 6.9 cents, to pay for new equipment.

The total proposed budget, net of internal transfers between the various county funds, is \$120.8 million, up \$943,315 from last year's initial budget.

The county budget is made

(See "Budget," p. 27)

Time running out for Pine Forest PUD

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



Time is growing short for the developer of of a 1652acre Planned Unit Develop-

ment that, if built, would stretch from West End to Pinewild and from NC Highway 211 to NC Highway 73.

The zoning permit for Pine Forest — a proposed development that was to include 700 homes, 300 hotel rooms, two-golf courses, and a shopping village — is set to expire on September 6, thirty-six months after it was approved by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Planning Director Debra Ensminger provided the commissioners with an update on the project during their May 20 meeting.

"Along with the rezoning," Ensminger said, "a board order was executed that listed ordinance standards and additional conditions that must be followed during the development process. And I stand before you tonight to share that nothing of that order has been completed. We are just where we were on September 6, 2011, today, May 20, 2014.

"Some requirements have to be executed by September 6, 2014, or that permit goes away," Chairman Larry Caddell reiterated.

"There are a number of things that are in front of the developer between now and September," County Manager Vest explained.

Among them are:

The resolution of a Rural Center grant that helped (See "Pine Forest," p. 25)

Seven Lakes Times May 30, 2014 **Events**

7 Lakes Chapel offers Vacation Bible School

Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines will hold its annual Vacation Bible School for children on Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20, from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. All children ages 4 through 12 who live in the Seven Lakes and West End areas are invited to attend. (Visiting grandchildren are also wel-

come to attend.)

This year's theme will be Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God. Each night participants will have a different focus. On Monday, the group will "Imagine with God," and Tuesday, kids will "Build with God." The focus on Wednesday is "Grow with God." Thursday

they will "Work with God." and Friday, the last night they will be "Walk with God."

The Chapel invites all children to join in the fun as they make friends, sing songs, build crafts, eat snacks, play games, create contraptions, and listen to stories of the Bible.

Vacation Bible School boys

and girls will be challenged to use their minds to answer, "What can you imagine? What can you invent?"

On the last night of Vacation Bible School, the group will have a pot luck dinner to include the children and their families. There will be a short VBS wrap-up program, so that parents can

see what the children have learned and created during the week.

Call The Chapel in the Pines at 673-2156 on weekend days from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm to register.

For additional information. contact Dora Lancaster at 673-0166.

Sew with Project Linus

Project Linus will have two workshops in June. The first one will be on Wednesday, June 4, 10 am to 2 pm. This is a Project Linus Machine and Hand Sew Workshop. in the Seven Lakes North Activities Room. All the sup-

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the Linus machines. There are a variety materials and projects to do. The newest project is making flannel blankets and burp cloths for Operation Homefront's baby shower for military wives. Volunteers are also needed to cut fabric. Please join Project Linus, drop by to see if you might be interested.

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The second workshop will be Wednesday, June 18 from 10 am - 2 pm. This workshop is a Project Linus Fleece Workshop, at Seven Lakes

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Project Linus supplies blankets to many organizations (EMS, FirstHealth Out Patient Children's Surgery Center, The Moore County Sheriff's Department, Health Department, Social Services, Friend To Friend and more).

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County plans to create fire commission

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Moore County Commissioners Nick Picerno and Otis Ritter have been assigned

the task of further refining a proposal for a new Fire Commission to oversee the county's fire, rescue and EMS organizations.

Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips presented the proposal, developed by the Public Safety Department in consultation with the Fire Chiefs Association, during the Board of Commissioners Tuesday, May 20 regular meeting. If enacted, it would create a commissionerappointed board to replace the Emergency Services Advisory Committee [ESAC], which was disbanded earlier this year.

A recent comprehensive study conducted by the consulting firm VFIS recommended the creation of a fire commission as a step toward standardizing and unifying the county's fire and EMS services.

The role of the panel, as Phillips detailed it, is primarily to review and make recommendations to the commissioners in areas affecting fire, rescue, and EMS, including operating and capital budgets, volunteer retention and recruitment, fire protection system improvements, operational regulations and guidelines, and training standards.

Countywide representation

Phillips proposed a commission with nine voting members, one alternate, and four non-voting members drawn from the Public Safety staff.

Five citizen members would be drawn from each of the county's commissioner districts, while four fire service members would be drawn from each of four fire service regions. The President of the Moore County Firefighter's Association would serve as an ex officio member, but also as an alternate if one of the fire service representatives is unable to attend a meeting.

The Public Safety Director, Fire Marshal, and E-911 manager would serve as nonvoting members.

Phillips said the commission would help achieve some of the recommendations from the VFIS study, including:

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Need to move quickly . . . but not too quickly

County Manager Wayne Vest told the commissioners that the panel needs to be up and running by Fall in order to have an impact on the FY2016 budget process.

"Everything that happens happens in the budget," Commissioner Randy Saunders said. "We need to get it going if we are going to get it into next year's budget."

"We are convinced that this is the best way to go," Chairman Caddell said. "But I don't want to see it be a political thing. I want us to think through this."

"This is too important to rush in to," said Commissioner Otis Ritter, who chaired ESAC for twenty years. Noting that Phillips had suggested that commission members serve two year terms, Ritter added, "That bothers me. Once these people learn enough to know what's going on, then it switches the board out."

Caddell asked Picerno and Ritter to take charge of finetuning the recommendations.

CPR Save Awards

The Commissioners' Tuesday meeting began with recognition of Moore County EMS employees and first

responder agencies — in particular those who have successfully used CPR to save a life.

Public Safety Director Phillips noted that some agencies award "CPR Save" recognitions whenever a patient survives long enough to be admitted at a hospital. But Moore County's standard for the award requires that the patient must survive long enough to be released from the hospital.

Phillips offered some data on the effectiveness of Moore (See "Fire," p. 25)



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Sink and then swim: Spanish Immersion

by Ellen Marcus Times Reporter

"Immersion" is a five dollar word for a true head to toe dunking. There's no room for timidly wading in, testing the waters, and getting comfortable. In an immersion language class, you have to sink before you swim.

The West End Elementary [WEE] Spanish Immersion Kindergarten class dove in, head first, in August. For the first six weeks, they were barely treading water. Eight months later they are swimmingly fluent.

"It was challenging at first," WEE Principal Leigh Ann McClendon says. "The kindergarteners didn't understand the language. They were instructed in Spanish to be quiet, sit down, and listen."

"Of course, they didn't understand. In the beginning, there was a lot of repeating the rules. The teachers also used body language and movement to show what they wanted. It was amazing within weeks they could understand."

Today, teachers Jiovanna Chirinos and Alexandra Quintero are conversing with students in Spanish. Chirinos shows an illustration of a cat playing with a ball and asks a student to describe it. The student doesn't stop at saying "gato," Spanish for cat. She speaks confidently in Spanish using complete



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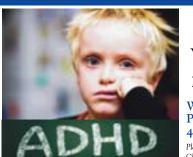
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Kindergarten builds language skills

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sentences and explains that the cat is scratching and trying to get to the ball so that it can play.

The teacher ticks off the number of Spanish words used by the student. Fifteen. What's more remarkable: English is never spoken.

Parents Victoria and Jay Crafter attended WEE's kindergarten registration session before the school year began. Jay was immediately sold on the Spanish Immersion curriculum; Victoria, not so sure.

"When we signed her up, I was hesitant," Victoria said. "My husband was all for the program. Before we went to the meeting, I thought there was no reason to go. My husband and I sat through it and he went to the back and signed her up. He wanted to secure a space, in case the class filled. We had several months to think it over. All last summer we went back and forth. Should we or shouldn't we?"

Another hiccup: how do you help your child with Spanish homework?

"I was worried about the homework situation," Victoria said. "We don't speak or know Spanish. How could we help her with her homework? I also worried that, on the first day, Zia wouldn't know what the teacher was saying to her, and that it would put her off school."

After much deliberation, the Crafters decided in favor of the immersion program. Happily, the first day calmed all of Victoria's concerns.

"They made the first day so much fun that Zia was excited to go back the next day," Victoria said. "It is amazing how fast Zia has picked up the language."

Particularly important words — like "bathroom" — were taught immediately.

"They broke up the instruction in stages," Victoria said. "At first the teacher would say 'baño' in Spanish, repeat the word 'bathroom' in English, and say it again in Spanish. The students would raise

(See "WEE," p. 18)



Teacher Jiovanna Chirinos offers a new word to learn



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Ray Lambert recalls the sacrifices of D-Day

by Rollin Tomberlin Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Former Army Sergeant Ray Lambert, of Seven Lakes West, spoke to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club regarding his heart-wrenching experiences suffered during WWII's D-Day attack in June 1944.

Lambert was a twentythree-year-old medic at the time. Having been a survived the successful invasions of both North Africa and Sicily, he earned the dubious honor of winning a front-row seat in the first-wave of the Normandy assault.

Dubbed "Operation Overlord" by General Dwight Eisenhower, this invasion of Europe was the largest wartime venture ever conceived and executed. Imagine the turmoil and logistical problems caused by efforts to move 156,000 men and their support equipment (tanks, guns, ammo, food, etc) with 5,000 ships and boats across the English Channel — and then to land them safely on five welldefended beaches fifty miles apart during severe weather and rough-water conditions.

Originally planned for June 5, the operation was delayed until June 6 because of rough seas and strong storms.

"The personnel carriers had so many people on board that we stood shoulder-toshoulder," Lamber told the Kiwanis. "Soldiers' humor being what it was, when the delay took place and the dinner chow-call came, it was agreed by all that this was no doubt, their Last Supper."

A near impossible task

The next morning, with the stormy weather only slightly abated, D-Day was a "go." The personnel carriers offloaded their ships into Higgins boats, holding thirtyone men each.

"We climbed over the side on rope nets into the barges," Lamber said. "Since so many of the troops were sea-sick. and all were heavy laden with full back-packs and ammo, this was a most difficult task"

"The rendezvous with the

other attack boats was not began about 5:30 am, and effected well. The tides put the initial ships off-course. At 800 yards [from shore], underwater protection structures called 'French Gates' were encountered. These, wrapped in barbed wire, also included mines to halt the smaller boats."

"Many tanks were offloaded too early," Lambert said. "This resulted in their sinking, generally with the total loss of their men. There were seven LST's [landing shops designed to carry tanks] with us, each holding four tanks. Out of these twenty-eight tanks, only two got to the beach. And of these, only one was still wartime functional."

"The Navy's covering fire

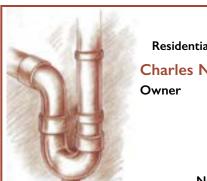
was intense," Lambert reported. "The German response was immediate. At 300 yards out, we lost our port ship. At 100 yards, their machine guns opened up. Our experienced 'old timers' knew it was time to go under the water and crawl to the beach. But this proved ineffective, as only seven out of our group of thirty-one arrived on dry land. Of these, four were wounded, leaving only three of us from our Higgins boat as able-bodied."

"Our armada included two battleships, the Texas and the Arizona, along with sixtyeight destroyers, plus numerous mine-sweepers," he continued. "They laid down

(See "D-Day," p. 15)



Ray Lambert with Kiwanian Sammy Gilmore



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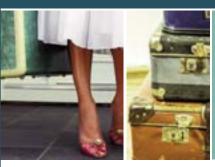
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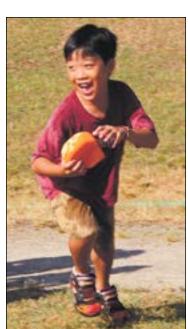


West End PE Teacher Lance Barber



by Lance Barber WEE Physical Education

West End Elementary school students participated in their Field Fun Day on Friday, May 9.



Relay race

participated in a variety of physical activities that revisited many of the learning objectives taught this year.

During this time, students
The focus of field day at WEE was to engage in enjoyable physical activities that promote students to stay active. (Continued on page 9)



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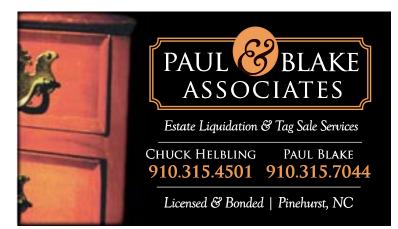
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Brenda Massimo, the volunteer behind the

by Ellen Marcus Times Reporter

The limelight is not where you'll find Brenda Massimo, even though she has all the qualities you look for in a leader: she's diplomatic, intelligent, and thoughtful.

aged to run for the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board — and every year she says no. Instead, she helps in the search for potential candi-

year — that's why I find those

Every year she's encour-

"I have been asked every

get involved. Besides, the Bible says I am supposed to stay busy."

Serving in the air

Massimo chose a career in service.

After graduating high school in Mississippi, she moved to New Orleans. "My sister was working in New Orleans," she explained. "It was a big move. We were four hours from home. I love New Orleans — I lived there off and on for over ten years."

Most of her time away from the city was spent in the air.

"In the small apartment complex where I lived, there were quite a few stewardesses," she said. "The requirement was you had to be two years out of high school or have completed two years in college."

Massimo trained and became a stewardess. She soon found herself based out of Miami — a city she did not care for."

"I was still a little Southern girl and it was too far from home and family," she said.

Massimo decided to come back down to earth and began working for a small airline, TranStar. She did everything — reservations,

administration, working the counter, and loading the planes.

In the early 1990s, Massimo moved back to Mississippi.

"I went back to help care for my mother," she said. "I was there managing a travel agency that contracted with the Corp of Engineers to do their travel."

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Delta Stewardess Brenda Massimo

other candidates," Massimo laughed.

Ed and Brenda Massimo retired to Seven Lakes in 1995; they live on the South Side.

"We started looking a couple years before we retired." she said. "One weekend, we visited Ed's boss, who had retired to Pinewild. We visited Pinehurst, and I said, 'Oh, this is where we want to be.' Seven Lakes is a wonderful community. We are blessed to be here.

And she's been volunteering and helping out int the community ever since.

Why? "I guess because I really don't have a full time job," Massimo said. "I don't golf. And I like helping people. I have to stay busy. When people call and ask me to do something, it seems I always









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scenes of many Seven Lakes organizations

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Massimo met he future husband Ed at work.

"He came down to conduct a routine audit of my office," she said. "We kind-of got matched up. Three months later, we were married."

Ed and Brenda enjoyed a show and shop." traveling. For Brenda, flying and navigating airports was second nature.

"We have traveled a lot," she said. "I used to get on a plane for a day or weekend trip and fly to New York see

But the Massimo's have curtailed their traveling to care for their dog. "Ursa."

"We don't travel any more," Brenda explained. "We have a dog, Ursa, who is fourteen years old and sick. We say, after Ursa we will travel."

Sort of retired

Neither Ed nor Brenda have ever completely retired. Ed works at the Pinehurst #7

Golf Shop several days a week. Brenda has worked part-time in the SLLA office. Currently, she is filling in temporarily, until a new secretary is hired.

Citizen of the Year

In March, at the SLLA Annual Meeting, President Steve Ritter announced to Brenda's surprise that she was the Association's Person of the Year.

"Brenda is involved in just about every entity within our community," Ritter said. "First of all, she sits on the security committee, and has for the last two years. She freely gives of herself in so many areas for the association. She has served on many of the Directors Search Committees, actively seeking volunteers to run for the board. For the last five years, Brenda

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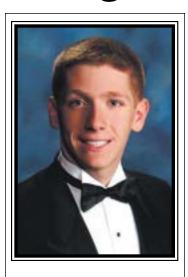
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12 Seven Lakes Times May 30, 2014 High School Grads

Congratulations to the Class of 2014!



George Alexander Allen

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

Alex is the son of Paula Allen-Tyler and Charles B. Allen. He was recognized for thirteen years of Perfect Attendance. He received a car from his parents for this honor.

Alex will attend Sandhills Community College, then transfer to UNC-Charlotte to study Criminal Justice.



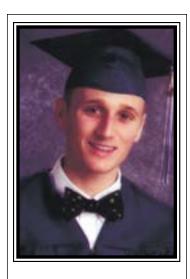
Renee Elizabeth Beaulieu

Remika School of Lifelong Seven Lakes, NC

Renee is the daughter of Steven and Sharon Beaulieu of Seven Lakes North.

She is currently enrolled in classes at Sandhills Community College.

Renee will pursue Associates degrees in both Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts.



Zackery Ryan Eiserman

The O'Neal School Southern Pines, NC

Zackery is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Eiserman of Seven Lakes North and Ms. Marci Eiserman of Pinehurst. He will attend The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

He received an Army ROTC Scholarship with appointment upon graduation.



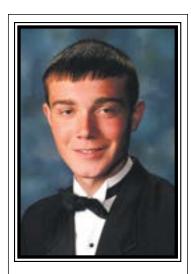
Grayson Floyd

Wake Christian Academy Raleigh, NC

Grayson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Floyd of Fuquay Varina.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Jeanette Floyd of Hobbsville NC and Mr. and Mrs. T. Ray Jackson of Seven Lakes North.

Grayson will attend Wake Technical College.



Jon William Morris

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

Will is the son of Thom and Lisa Morris of Seven Lakes West and the grandson of Dora Lancaster and the late Jon Jay Lancaster of Seven Lakes North.

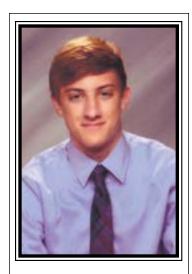
He will attend North Carolina State University School of Engineering in the fall.



Megan Ann Murphy

Bayport-Blue Point High School Bayport, NY

Megan is the daughter of Kathleen & Jim Murphy. She is the granddaughter of Grace and Steve Murphy of Holtsville, NY and Priscilla Snee and the late Jerry Snee of Seven Lakes West. Megan will be attending the State University of New York at Geneseo.



Kyle J. Oreffice

Blessed Trinity Catholic High School Roswell, GA

Kyle is the son of Andrew and Jamie Oreffice of Roswell, GA.

He is the grandson of Joseph A. and Ann Sciarrino of Seven Lakes West.

Kyle will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall.



Emily B. Parada

McKinney North High School McKinney, TX

Emily is the daughter of Aaron and Christy of Parada of McK-inney, TX.

She is the granddaughter of George and Terry Kelly of Seven Lakes South.

Emily will be attending Texas Tech University this fall.



Ellis Marie Pearson

Grimsley High School Greensboro, NC

Ellis is the daughter of Keith and Vickie Pearson and the granddaughter of Tom and Joanne Guy of Seven Lakes. She was an IB diploma candidate and National Honor Society student.

Ellis will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill to major in Biomedical Engineering.



Sarah Johanna Rabstejnek

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

Sarah is the daughter of Joe and Heidi Rabstejnek of Seven Lakes North.

She will be attending Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC in the fall.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2014!



Lindsay Michelle Rubino

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC Lindsay is the daughter of Ralph and Jane Rubino of Seven Lakes West and the granddaughter of Michael & Angelina Galante of Waterbury, CT and Ralph Rubino, Sr. and Elsie Martone of Hamden, CT. She will attend Queens University, Charlotte.



Stephen N. Sawyer

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC Stephen is the son of Noreen and Steve Sawyer of Seven Lakes North. He is the grandson of Billie Phillips of Seven Lakes and John Broyhill of Blowing Rock. A member of the National Honor Society, Stephen will attend NC State to study Nuclear Engineering.



Megan Kelly Shutt

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC

Megan is the daughter of Mike and Janet Shutt of Seven Lakes West.

She will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall.



Savannah Thompson

Pinecrest High School Southern Pines, NC Savannah is the daughter of Sam and Jill Thompson of Seven Lakes South.

She was a member of the National Honor Society.

Savannah will be attending the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in the fall.

Got Grads? We Still Want 'em!

If we missed your grad in this edition, we'd be happy to have their photo for the next one.

To make sure your grad is included, get us the following by Thursday, June 5: a photo of the grad, full name, name and location of school, degree, names of parents, grandparents, or other Seven Lakes-West End-McLendon Hills-Foxfire connection, and something about the grad's next big step in life (college, job, etc.).

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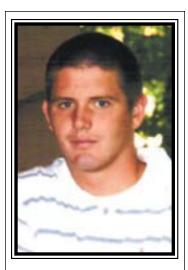
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Congrats to the Class of 2014!



Thomas J. Guy
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC

Tommy is the son of Steve and Lisa Guy of Asheboro. He is the grandson of Tom and Mary Snead and Tom and Joanne Guy all of Seven Lakes. He graduated with a degree in Exercise Science and Sports Management.

Tommy will be working as a coach in Jacksonville, FL.



Leah Monet King

East Carolina University Greenville, NC

Leah is the daughter of Art and Polly King of Foxfire.

She received her degree in Fashion Merchandising and Business Administration.

Leah is currently a fashion merchandising intern for AmericasMart in Atlanta, GA.



Charlotte Page McDonald

University of Kentucky Lexington, KY

Charlotte is the daughter of Carol McDonald of Seven Lakes West and Angus McDonald of West End.

She graduated with a BS in Merchandising, Textiles, and Apparel with a minor in Communication. She will travel to Italy for an internship and return to work in Kentucky.



Anne Merritts Smith

University of NC at Pembroke Pembroke, NC

Anne is the daughter of Kelly Smith and Joe Leggett of Seven Lakes North.

She received a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Criminal Justice and a Cum Laude graduate.

Anne will begin her Basic Law Enforcement training in January 2015.

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D-Day

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withering invasion-fire. On the other hand, the Germans had wide-open coverage of Omaha Beach with their artillery, mortars, and machine guns. Their wellplaced snipers were spread everywhere. The water approaches were 'seeded' with 1,000 mines, plus strategically placed tank traps. The initial landings and return fire brought forth total chaos!"

Sgt. Lambert, a Medic, sprang into action. "There were many troops hung-up in the barbed wire," he said. "My first priority was to cut them out. There were also many 'floaters' and 'drowners' among the injured. This made it difficult to know who could be saved. The intense German fire left bodies strewn across the entire beach. By the arrival of the fourth wave, a small beachhead had been established. Unfortunately, our Company G which was involved had its entire thirty-one-man unit killed by German machine guns."

One LST made it to shore with bulldozers. Some of these were used to make a giant ditch for the temporary burial of the enormous number of dead. At an appropriate time later, these men were given hero's funerals and were reburied at the famous Normandy War Memorial Cemetery. This facility has almost 9,000 graves holding allied soldiers from D-Day.

Lambert continued. "Our Company F blew up a large mine-trap, making a large hole in the enemy's defenses. Ultimately, the ensuing waves of men were able go on to a successful operation. The Germans fought valiantly. A number of their hillside snipers were located with armored moveable turrets and had re-supply tunnels and stacks of ammo. The Allies had to use flame-throwers to ferret out many of these enemy troops."

Wounded, but Alive

"My first wound was a rifle shot through my arm," Lambert said. Although painful, I could continue with my work. Later on, however, I received a more serious injury, with a shot into my thigh which traveled all the way to the bone. Mustering a self-installed tourniquet, I was able to continue my work for awhile. But, eventually, I was sent back with the other wounded."

As if Lambert didn't have enough to worry about during this operation, his brother was assigned to the same assault. He was several waves behind the Sergeants's first wave. The good news is that his brother, though also

wounded during the landing, survived and thereafter lived a normal lifespan.

Sgt. Lambert served five years and five months on active duty in the US Army. He has been awarded numerous medals for his heroic service, including: The Silver Star, with two oak leaf clusters; The Purple Heart; and the French Coer de Guerre.

He continues to serve the United States with seminars delivered at Ft. Bragg; Ft. Riley, KS; the Pentagon; and other military locations. He remains a consultant to several General Officers.

One of the Kiwanians asked why Lambert was willing to relate his experience in such vivid details. He replied, "Many veterans keep their experiences tucked deeply away, and that's okay for them. I feel strongly the other way. I want to remind people of the huge sacrifices that were made by so many very young men. They were made by people from dozens of countries. They were made willingly. I feel strongly that the population of today needs to be reminded of the great price paid for their freedoms and lifestyles."

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- McKenzies Mill Free Concert - 6 pm to 10 pm, at Village Central (between Lake House and TempControl on Grant St, Seven Lakes) Sarah Price will open at 6 pm. Refreshments for sale. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy this great event sponsored by the SL Business Guild.
- · Sunflix at the Sunrise -7:30 pm, The Railway Man, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

- · Civil War Living History
 - 11 am 4 pm, learn about aspects of the Civil War from re-enactors. Family friendly event. Concessions on site. Held in Arsenal Park located adjacent to the Museum of the Cape Fear, Fayetteville. museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov
- Sunflix at the Sunrise 2:30 & 7:30 pm, The Railway Man. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street. Southern Pines, 692-3611.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

- · 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.
- · Sunflix at the Sunrise -2:30 & 7:30 pm, The Railway Man. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines 692-3611.

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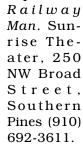
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- **Weight Watchers Meeting** -5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary
- Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Sunflix at the Sunrise -

7:30 pm, The



TUESDAY, JUNE 3

- Community Advisory **Committee** – 10 am - 11 am, meeting, Joint Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Guest Speakers: Dr. Karen D. Sullivan, Clinical Neuropsychologist and Chris Engelfried, Clinical Social Worker. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End.
- Healing Service 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & troubled, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased.
- Moore County Board of Commissioners – 5 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Zumba Class** 7 pm to 8 pm, free class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive,

Sunflix at the Sunrise -7:30 pm, The Railway Man. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

- Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church -8:50 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- **Project Linus Workshop** - 10 am to 2 pm. Machine and Hand Sew Workshop, Seven Lakes North Activities Room. Supplies will be furnished for the group. Bring your machine or use one of the Linus machines. Newest project is making flannel blankets and burp cloths for Operation Homefront's baby shower for military wives. Volunteers are needed to cut fabric. Drop by and check us out. Pat Weber 673-1457.
- Gallery at Seven Lakes -1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- SL Baptist Church **AWANA** - 6:30 to 8 pm, in the Hankins Family Life

Center. Children age 3 to 5th grade. Seven Lakes Baptist Church, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.

- Rosary at Chapel in the **Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- The Truth Project -Wednesday Evenings at 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Bible study will offer an in-depth Christian World View Experience each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. The lecture will be led by Dr & Rev. Won Namkoong and Larry McCune.
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- Gallery at Seven Lakes 1 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- Sunflix at the Sunrise 7:30 pm, *The Railway Man*. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

- Sandhills Sandsharks Swim Team – hosting 18th Annual North Carolina Open Water Swimming Championships on Lake Echo, Seven Lakes. Event will feature age Group and Open (18 Yrs.-plus) - level races, drawing an expected 600+ participants. Come out and enjoy the fun.
- First Friday at the Sunrise Theater 5- 8:30 pm. Musical Guest: Dangermuffin. Sunrise Theater Green Space. Free. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines 692-3611.

<u>Saturday, June 7</u>

 West End United Methodist Men's Breakfast – 8 am, meet and enjoy

- a home-cooked breakfast, fellowship, and discuss projects to assist both the church and the community. Any man of the church or the community is welcome.
- Seven Lakes Garden Club 22nd Annual Garden Tour – 9 am to 1 pm. Enjoy the Tour of five lovely yards and gardens. Raffle of theme filled baskets. Purchase tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Maps of the tour available at the Seven Lakes South and West gate entrances. Free, open to the public.
- Sandhills Sandsharks Swim Team – hosting 18th Annual North Carolina Open Water Swimming Championships on Lake Echo, Seven Lakes. Event will feature age Group and Open (18 Yrs.-plus) - level races, drawing an expected 600+ participants.
- Wounded Warrior Swim Race Benefit at 2014 Open Water Championships NC Open Water Swim held on Lake Echo, Seven Lakes. A Wounded Warrior's 1 mile race. Proceeds will benefit local Wounded Warriors.
- Sunrise Theater 7 pm, National Theatre's production of *The Curious Incident* of the Dog in the Night-Time. Tickets: \$15 (\$10 Student), 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

<u>SUNDAY, JUNE 8</u>

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.
- Celebrating Sports in the Sandhills 2 pm, Museum of the Cape Fear, Assistant Professor Alex Macaulay, Ph.D., will present, It's Not Just a Game: Sports and Society in North Carolina. www.ncdcr.gov/ncmcf
- "Journal Your Journey"— 3 pm, Come see all the wonderful things you can include in a nature journal. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- Methodist Church Family Movie Night – 5 to 7 pm, Youth and Children's Ministries at West End United Methodist Church hosting "Family Movie Night." Family friendly movie will be shown with hamburgers, hotdogs and popcorn served. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End,
- The Rooster's Wife 6:45 pm. Poplar Knight Spot. Musical guest: Peter Lamb and the Wolves. The Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org

MONDAY, JUNE 9

- Seven Lakes Landowners Association – 9 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game Room.
- Weight Watchers Meeting
 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary
 Magdalene Episcopal
 Church, 1145 Seven Lakes
 Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Sandhills Photography 7 pm, meeting. Photo Competition on Fog, Haze and Rain. Guests welcome. Hannah Center Theatre Center at the O'Neal School, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines. www.sandhillsphotoclub.org
- Jackson Springs Community Club 7 pm, meeting Club House, 447 Mill Road, Jackson Springs with dinner. Nancy Ray Blue has planned a special evening. Questions, reservations, Judy Boroughs 673-5963.

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- **Zumba Class** 7 pm to 8 pm, *free*, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.
- Foxfire Village Council 7 pm, meeting. at Foxfire Village Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

- Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church – 8:50 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- Gallery at Seven Lakes 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive,
- SL Baptist Church AWANA – 6:30 to 8 pm, in the Hankins Family Life Center. Ages 3 to 5th grade.1015 Seven Lakes Drive, 910-673-4656.
- Rosary at Chapel in the Pines 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- The Truth Project Wednesday Evenings at 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church. The bible study will offer an indepth Christian World View Experience.

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WEE

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their hand and say 'baño.' "

"After a few weeks, it was, 'baño por favor.' Now, Zia can say in Spanish, 'Please can I go to the bathroom, Ms. Chirinos.' "

The Spanish immersion classroom is divided into learning centers, where students work in smaller groups. They rotate as needed. All instruction is in Spanish. They are attentive. They have to be.

"It's a different language," Principal McClendon said. "It requires the students to pay attention and be engaged. When you don't speak the language, you really don't have a choice."

The students' vocabulary includes an impressive number of adjectives and nouns.

They are also learning the geography of South America, and can name different countries and cities.

During lunch and recess the students are allowed to speak English. Often, by choice, they will speak a mixture of English and Spanish. They are covering the same course work as students in WEE's other kindergarten classes, but in Spanish.

The students take turns reading to the teacher. "The parents are required to read to them in English at home," McClendon said. "They have homework that is supportive of what they have done in school. I have been told by parents that the students are going home and teaching Spanish to their parents and siblings."

You are never too young to learn. Zia is teaching Spanish to her two-year-old sister.

"I am teaching her the colors in English, and Zia is teaching her the colors in Spanish," Victoria said. However, Zia is less patient with her mother.

"If I try to read her something in Spanish, she tells me I am not pronouncing it right," Victoria laughed. "I don't even try it any more. She is already writing notes in Spanish. Flash forward that to them as a teenagers, and they will be writing their dairies in Spanish."

The students will continue with the Spanish Immersion program through the fifth grade. In second grade, they will have one hour of English added. The goal is by the

fifth grade the students will be completely literate in Spanish and English. Studies have shown that students that are immersed in a second language do better scholastically.

Of the original group of twenty-six students, there are twenty-one left. "We started a little heavy with twenty-six students, and it was too big. But it did allow for students moving away or transitioning back to traditional. Three students moved away from the area and two other students moved back into traditional and have been very successful," McClendon said. "We wanted it to be a nice class size. It is a cohort, as these kids will stay together throughout fifth grade."

McClendon is still taking

applications for kindergarten for the next school year. "Right now it is a first come basis. We have only about five spaces left. May 30th is technically the cut off. If I don't have enough applications, then I will extend the date."

The Crafters are pleased and will continue Zia in the Spanish Immersion Program. "It has been really fascinating. I am constantly impressed. I go into the classroom and I am blown away by what she knows. She is writing sentences," Victoria said. "We've been the guinea pigs and we didn't know what to expect. Luckily, it has been wonderful and Zia has had a wonderful year. We are looking forward to first grade."

Massimo

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has always volunteered to assist the recreation committee in various events. She has also volunteered to count all ballots at the past yearly meetings before the Judicial Committee took this task over."

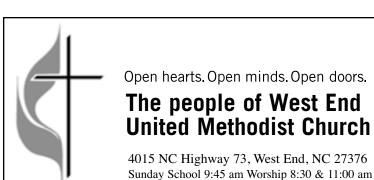
Ritter recounted Massimo's service to the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, the Women of Seven Lakes, Seven Lakes Country Club, and the Winsford Circle Sunshine Club, which that provides cards and support of

families in need who live on Winsford Circle.

"So, you can see that Brenda has been involved in many of our community organizations," Ritter concluded, "and, if I were directed to write up the requirements for our Person of the Year award, I would just use Brenda's resume."

Brenda Massimo may not be in the limelight; but, behind the scenes, she is vital to the community's operations. Her commitment and work rivals that of being a board member — but she has no intention of running.

"I don't want that kind of responsibility or stress in my life," Massimo said. "Seven Lakes is a wonderful place to live. It is home."



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This meet will host swim-

mers of all levels from throughout the state and region.

Races include the 400 M on Friday afternoon and a 1 mile, 5K, 3K, 2K and 800 M race on Saturday.

The Sandsharks encourages spectators and welcomes all swimmers, both competitive and recreational. Registration information is available at Sandshark.org and at FSseries.com

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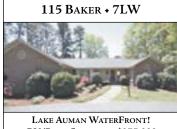


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In memory of . . .

Robert McClelland Skau, 87, of Seven Lakes, formerly of Grosse Pointe, MI died May 19, at FirstHealth Hospice House.

Mr. Skau earned his degree in Oral Surgery from the University of Michigan and teaching fellowship from Northwestern University before serving as an Oral Surgeon in the US Navy where he was stationed in San Diego and the Marshall Islands. Upon returning to the States, Dr. Skau established the largest oral surgery practice in Metro Detroit area where he worked in local Grosse Pointe and Detroit community for 35 years.

He was dedicated to his profession and family, his passion was his love of playing sports.

Upon his retirement, he and his wife Carole moved to Seven Lakes where he initiated an investment club, traveled and loved being active and engaged with friends.

He is survived by his wife, Carole; children, grandchildren, sister and brother. He will be missed by family and friends.

No services will be held at this time.

Memorial donations may be made to: FirstHealth Hospice House, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home assisted the family.

Retired Chief Master Sergeant Thomas R. Allen, 74 of Seven Lakes West, died Saturday, May 17, at FirstHealth Hospice House.

He was born in San Diego, CA son to William Allen and Harriet E. Allen.

Chief Allen served 28 years in the U.S Air Force, with two years served in Vietnam. He served with total dedication and devotion as a Combat Controller at numerous locations around the world.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Allen, his mother, Harriet Allen, and brother, William (Billy)

Chief Allen is survived by his wife of 50 years, Glenda Mitchem Allen; daughters, Shoshanna Allen Richardson (Jeff Richardson); Sherrie Allen Cato (Robert Cato); brother, Dr. John A Allen (Carolyn); four grandchildren; nephews, and various cousins.

A Funeral Mass was held Thursday, May 22 at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, 300 Dundee Rd., Pinehurst. The Rev. Edward J. Burch officiated. A Rite of Committal will be held at later date in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Thomas Allen to: Special Operations Warrior Foundation, PO Box 89367, Tampa, FL 33689. Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Ginger Shannon (Hodges) Finney, 74, of Seven Lakes, died Friday May 16, at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 24, at West End Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Dudley Crawford officiated.

Mrs. Finney was born in

Washington, NC daughter to the late Marion Uriah Hodges and Carrie (Leggett) Hodges.

During her life, she was involved in numerous child related and civic organizations, including being leader of the Enfield 4H club who helped to initiate the 4H golf tournaments that raised money for 4H facilities.

She was a volunteer of the BackPack program in Moore County and worked with chil-

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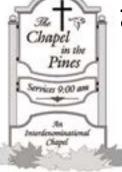


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dren at the Sandhills Children's Center. Mrs. Finney was the Treasurer of the Women of Seven Lakes, as well as Treasurer of the League of Women Voters.

She was also the chairperson of the Halifax EMC, Volunteers in Action committee. and a member and Chairperson for several years of the Women's advisory committee of the NC Electric Cooperatives. She was also a participant in the group developing an organ donation program for the cooperative's association.

Mrs. Finney was preceded in death by her daughter, Vicki Belthoff and her brother, Marion Uriah Hodges, Jr.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Michael Edward Finney; daughter, Dawn Watkins of Concord: step-daughters, Elizabeth Smith of Winston Salem; and Christine Thompson of Hendersonville; and four grandchildren; Jason Belthoff, Ashley Belthoff, Brianna Smith and Steven Thompson.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Ginger Finney to: Sandhills Children Center, 1280 Central Drive, Southern Pines, NC 28387 or to the Spay/Neuter Clinic of the Sandhills, 5071 US Hwy 1, Vass, NC 28394.

Carolyn Blackstock **Roberts**, 57, formerly of Danville, VA, and Bells Island, NC, died at her home in

Seven Lakes, Wednesday, May 14, following a year long battle with cancer.

She was born in Halifax County, VA, daughter to the late Calvin Lee Blackstock Sr. and the late Elizabeth Farmer Blackstock

Mrs. Roberts was married to David Roberts for 36 years. She was of the Christian faith, a devoted wife and mother, loved all animals. genealogy research and traveling especially to the beach.

In addition to her husband, David, she is survived by her son, Michael William Roberts of Raleigh; sister, Judy Blackstock Renna of Raleigh; and her brother, C.L. Blackstock of Danville, VA.

A memorial service was Saturday, May 24, at Norris Funeral Services, Inc., West End Chapel, 511 Church Ave., Danville, VA 24541. The Rev. Freddy Vicks offi-

Memorial donations may be made in her memory to the Seven Lakes EMS, 969 7 Lakes North, West End, NC 27376.

Norris Funeral Services, Inc. and Crematory, West End Chapel, 511 Church Ave., Danville, VA assisted the family.

James Suydam Lott, Jr., 91, of Seven Lakes died May 14 at his home

He was born in Brooklyn, New York son to the late James and Ruby Lott.

Mr. Lott served in the US

Navy during WWII. After his service for his country, he began his career with IBM and retired after 30 years. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and also served as an elder for the Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Patricia Ann Lott; two sons, Peter Conover Lott and David James Lott; two daughters, Ann Louise Lawrence and Catherine Jean Lott; his sister, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.in Seven Lakes is assisting the fami-

Lois Jean (Overbeck) Johnson, age 85, of Delaware, formerly of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, May

She was born and raised in Columbus, the daughter of the late Earl C. and Ruth T. Overbeck. She graduated from Upper Arlington High School and Columbus Business School and worked throughout her life along side of her husband Robert, who was the founder and owner of the Diamond Cellar.

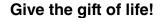
Mrs. Johnson was a past member of Calvary Bible Church and a current member of Grace Brethren Church.

Survivors include her husband, Robert W. Johnson; children, Jeffrey S. (Deborah D.) Johnson; R. Andrew (Karen E.) Johnson; Laura Lee Dorl, and Jean Ann (Donald R.) Scott; her grandchildren; great grandchildren, and many other extended family members and dear friends. Private family services will be held.

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Seven Lakes Dance racks up the trophies

Dance attended three regional competitions this season: Legacy Dance Championships, Showstopper National Dance Competition, and Starpower Talent Competition. The studio competed against hundreds of dance studios from across the United States for top honors.

Seven Lakes Dance competition teams performed thirty-seven dances in genres including tap, jazz, hip hop, and lyrical, with many dances incorporating tumbling.

Competition members include Kiley Garza, Kenley Morse, Emery Bradshaw, Melody Moreton, Raegan Deaton, Lexie Keyser, Kennedy Cauthen, Quinn Large Group Hip Hop Team Augustine, Kathryn Monk, Elle Arnot, Grace Baker, Jillian Garner, Megan Kitchen, Melanie Means, Hayley Means, Claire Enloe, Sophie Fowler, Katie Brumbles, Alexa Giovanni, Kennedy Cross, Zoe Richardson, Caroline Hilliard, Ally Pelton, Riley Nicholson, Riley Medlin, Gracie Vest, Melayna King, Lacy McNeill, Ainslee Wolters, Meaghan Ayala, Jennifer Ryder, Abigail Veit, Emma Elliott, Laci Gattis, Hayley

Seven Lakes **Dance Recitals**

The Annual Seven Lakes Dance Recitals will take place Saturday, May 31 at Pinecrest High School. The Level 1 and Level 2 show will begin at 1:00 pm; the Levels 3 and 4 show will begin at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$8 for the 1:00 pm show and \$10 for the 6:00 pm show. Door prizes will be given, including a free month of dance for one child and one adult, a free month of Zumba classes and free apparel.

Please visit sevenlakesdance.com for Summer schedule, pricing, information on instructors, and further information — or call (910) 673-3623 for information.

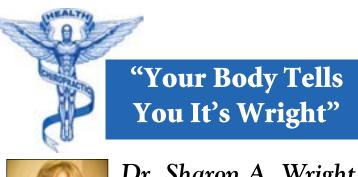
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The announcement was made by Kay Beran, Broker/Owner, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Pinehurst Realty Group.

We are pleased to have Keith as part of our growing team." Beran said. "With our new affiliation with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, we are expanding our footprint in Moore County. Keith has already embraced the advanced tools and technology that we are using to assist our buyers and sellers."

assisting Buyers and Sellers with their personal real estate and real estate investment needs in the areas of Seven Lakes, Foxfire, and the Pinewild Country Club communities, but is available to assist in other areas as required.

Engels is a retired US Army Officer who has real estate experience in Minnesota, Maryland and for the last year in Seven Lakes. He and, wife, Janet have lived in Seven Lakes for almost eight years, is active in Seven Lakes Kiwanis, the Lake Auman Sports Club and the newly formed Neighbor to

He will be responsible for Neighbor Help Group. Keith will be located at the



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Eating raw fruit in summer months is highly cooling, while baking it in the winter months neutralizes the cooling effect. Fruit in the form of juice is a great choice for cleansing the body, but be aware that juice rapidly raises blood sugar levels, leading to an energy crash soon after. Frozen, whole, pureed or juiced fruit can make great summertime cool-down treats. Try frozen grapes, banana-coconut smoothie popsicles or lime juice ice-cubes in iced tea!

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Cherries: Slightly warming in nature; increase overall body energy, remedy arthritis and rheumatism and are rich in iron, which improves the blood.

Grapefruits: Treat poor digestion, increase appetite during pregnancy, alleviate intestinal gas and reduce mucus conditions of

Papayas: Tone the stomach, act as digestive aid, moisten the lungs and alleviate coughing; contain carpaine, an anti-tumor compound.

Raspberries: Benefit the liver and kidneys, cleanse blood of toxins, regulate menstrual cycles, treat anemia and can promote labor at childbirth.



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Dance

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Mary Catherine Coltrane. Annalise Collins, Miranda Miller, Lonna Strider, Kirsten Alvarez, Camryn Harris, Sarah Sayce, Amanda Gosline, Meghan Quinlan, Chrissy Boals, Caroline O'Connor, Ashley LaFell, Amy Hinds, Kate Morris and Brianna Goodwin

In their first year of competition, the Itty Bitty competition team successfully scored gold awards, as well as placing 6th overall at Legacy and Starpower.

Seven Lakes Dance is accepting registration for the 2014 Summer dance season. as well as the 2014-2015 Fall dance season. Classes offered include Ballet, Pointe. Lyrical, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop and Tumbling. All Summer classes run six weeks and

are offered for many levels. In August, the studio will offer two intensive Summer camps in the styles of hip hop and contemporary. Seven Lakes Dance is also offering vocal and piano lessons at the studio with new instructor David Mosely.

Private classes in each style of dance, pageant preparation classes and themed birthday parties are also offered upon request. ZUMBA classes are taught at the studio as well.

Seven Lakes Dance is childcentered with each instructor striving to meet the needs of each student who walks through our doors.

Instructors Marcie Milbredt, Lauren Kicklighter, LeAnn Garrison, Kelly Fritz, Debbie Giovanni and voice instructor David Mosely hope to positively impact each student we teach, as well as promote strong supportive relationships with all Seven Lakes Dance families.

Methodists host Gospel Sing

West End United Methodist Church will host its Annual Gospel Sing on Sunday, June 1 at 4 pm. The Chancel Choir will host. Instrumentalists Roby Howard and David Wall will be featured along with guest soloist, Ravon Sheppard. The community is invited to attend. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.



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Westside meeting

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"We have been working with him over the last couple of weeks to get him up and running," Keyser reported. "He should be able to assume full responsibility."

Fewkes is a longtime community volunteer serving on both the Lake & Dam Committee and as an active member of the Seven Lakes Sailing Club.

New gatehouse up and running

The new Seven Lakes West gate house is open with, working internet. Members may email the gatehouse to alert guards that guests are expected. The old gate house was scheduled to be demolished on Thursday, May 29.

Community Manager Jeanette Mendence encouraged residents to "please drive slowly by the barcode reader. Some residents are driving too fast and are having to back up."

She also asked for drivers to be on the lookout for construction workers and land-

scapers along Lakeway Drive.

"The new gate house is now open and the landscaping is being installed," Mendence said. "Please proceed with caution when entering and exiting as there are workers."

Back to the drawing board on yard art

The Board agreed to withdraw from consideration the recent recommendation by the Architectural Review Committee to regulate yard art to give the committee an opportunity to take another crack at the proposed rules.

Finances looking good

Mercedes Herdrich reported that the Association's books currently show a positive variance of \$224,246.

"The variance in the Association's income is primarily from our ability to limit and to control expenditures," she said.

The strong financial results have eliminated the need for the recent increase of the registration fee for new homeowner's to \$200. Herdrich made the motion, "to reduce the fee back to the original \$100 for a new homebuyer."

The motion passed unanimously.

Past dues accounts still a challenge

Every lot owner is required to pay SLWLA dues, and Herdrich reported that some owners are falling short. Several accounts are over ninety days past due, with the total owed reaching \$60,200. Fourteen percent of that total is comprised of attorney's fees.

"Over \$6,000 is attributable to builders who own lots in

this community," Hedrick said. "They were purchased as spec lots by builders, and those builders have walked away from their commitment. It is quite disappointing that there is a builder who continues to do business in this community and does not pay his lot fees. We hope to put more focus on this and address this issue to get this amount down."

During public comment, several residents questioned whether the builders in question could be prevented from building homes in Seven Lakes West.

What is logical isn't always

legal, Herdrich responded.

"Would that it were it that simple," she said. "We have to work within the legal parameters. You can't very well tell a lot owner that they can't use a certain builder, because of past dues on his lot."

"The finance committee is working on other ways to address this."

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to pay for a water line extension down NC Highway 73. Employment commitments that were a condition of the grant have not been fully met by the developer, so a portion of the grant funds will have to be repaid by the developer, MHK Ventures, Inc.

- A water service agreement with the county that has yet to be completed. That agreement would involve a multi-million dollar payment from the developer to the county to defray the expense of adding capacity to the county water system.
- State approval for a private wastewater treatment facil-

Vest said Pine Forest developer Walter Mackey has had

a number of conversations with Public Works about water and wastewater scenarios, "but none of those have come to fruition."

"We are coming up on the deadline for those requirements to be met, Vest concluded,"or the zoning reverts back to the previous zoning."

That previous zoning was mixture of three residential districts — RA-20, RA-40, and RA-5 — and some property zoned B-2 Highway Commercial.

"I spoke with Mr. Mackey this afternoon,"Vest said, "and he reiterated that they are continuing to work with their investor for the project. He is fully aware of the water capacity funds that are required, and he's fully aware that the Rural Center money has to be paid back. I pointed

out to him a number of times that, until those two commitments have been completed, that the Board is probably not going to be receptive to any recommendations."

Sign ordinance revisions cause concern

Some proposed revisions to the Moore County Sign Ordinance — a part of the Unified Development Ordinance [UDO] — put Commissioner Nick Picerno between a rock and a hard place during the May 20 meeting.

Picerno objected to aspects of the ordinance and asked to table it for further study, but representatives of West End Presbyterian Church pointed out the delay could put their sign in jeopardy.

Planning Director Debra Ensminger explained that there were only two changes to the ordinance:

Allowing off-premises signs in the B2-Business zoning district, which was necessary to save the church's existing sign.

Consolidating the rules and regulations in a table, to make it easier to read.

That consolidation was evidently effective, because it alerted Picerno to language regulating portable signs that he found unduly restrictive. But Ensminger pointed out the language had been in the ordinance when it was initially approved by the commissioners.

"We can pass it, we want you to have that sign," Picerno told the church representatives. "But, I see more restrictions on the citizens of Moore County."

The Board approved the ordinance revisions four to one, with Picerno opposed.

Other business

In other business during their Tuesday, May 20 regular meeting, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

• On the Planning Board, replaced Julia Latham and Les Murray, whose terms expire in June, with Moore County Property Manager Rich Smith, who comes with an extensive background in land development and construction, and Scott McLeod, whose background is in IT (See "Pine Forest," p. 26)

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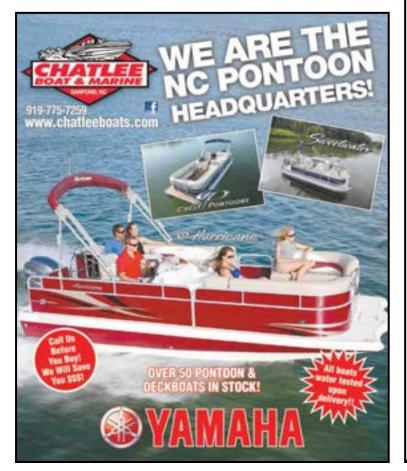
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- Tabled consideration of an interlocal agreement among Moore County, Montgomery County, and the Heart of North Carolina Megapark, LLC. Given the length and complexity of the agreement, County Manager Vest suggested devoting some time in a future work session to a thorough review of the document.
- · Changed the time of the regular Board of Commissioners meetings, which are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Beginning in July, both meetings will begin at 5:30 pm. The first meeting in July and the second in December will not be held, and the first meeting in December will be held on Monday rather than Tuesday, to avoid interfering with the annual Carthage Christmas parade.
- Added \$20,000 to the value of what had been a \$130,000 annual contract for the grinding of yard waste at the Moore County Landfill. Public Works Director Randy Gould explained that the amount of yard waste that comes into the landfill has increased dramatically in the past few years.
- Approved the use of \$688,634 in excess funds from the Lake Pinehurst sewer lift station project for five other projects water and sewer line extensions, the replacement of two lift stations and elimination of a third, and improvements to the SCADA system, which allows for remote monitoring of the county water system.
- Approved the FY2015 funding plan for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.
- Approved a cost allocation plan that helps the Community Development Department forecast expenses that will be reimbursed from grants.
- Extended the county's contract with the North Moore Family Resource Council to allow the non-profit more time to help a few families qualify for home loans.
- · Heard from Lynne Drinkwater, the Department of Aging's coordinator for the

Senior's Health Insurance Information Program [SHIIP], that the department had received grants to support educational efforts aimed at informing low-income seniors about Medicare Savings

- Appointed Commissioner Picerno and reappointed C.C. Edsel to the Department of Social Services Board.
- Reappointed Jimmie Ann Lassiter as an ETJ member of the Town of Robbins Planning Board.

- Reappointed Gert Strine to the RSVP Advisory Coun-
- Reappointed Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips, Emergency Manager Scot Brooks, and Fire Marshal Ken Skipper to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- Appointed Scott Kidd and reappointed Anita Herron and Mary Spell to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Coun-
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some of which do not depend on tax dollars to operate for example, public utilities, which derives its revenue from the rates customers pay for water and sewer service.

Taxes go primarily to support the general fund, budgeted at \$89.9 million, a \$1.9 million increase over last year's budget. General fund expenditures include core government services like schools and law enforcement.

Commissioners praise manager, budget team

The commissioners were generous in their praise of Vest and the budget team.

"In the last six budgets," Commissioner Picerno said. "the property taxes in our county, paid buy our taxpayers, has either been reduced or maintained. This was no small feat. Many in America still say that this was one of the most difficult. and economic terms, that our country has ever faced."

Commissioner Jimmy

Melton said that Vest's budget was "the best budget that I have seen in my time on the board."

Cost of living raise for county employees

The manager's budget includes a two-percent costof-living increase for county employees, but also increases copays in the employee health insurance plan — as well as requiring employees to pay \$15 per pay period for their coverage.

That \$15 charge can be avoided if the employee participates in a biometric screening and wellness program aimed at producing healthier employees while reducing claims.

Vest said the county was initially looking at a 14 percent per employee cost increase for health care coverage, but, with the cost-cutting measures, was able to reduce that to 6.3 percent.

School funding up, negotiations underway

Funding for Moore County Schools [MCS] and Sandhills Community College [SCC] consumes 42.81% of general fund dollars.

MCS requested \$28.9 million in county funding for FY2015, a \$2.3 million increase over last year.

The proposed budget falls \$1.8 million short of meeting that request, though it does provide an additional \$488,000.

MCS requested \$750,000 to support its digital learning initiative, which aims to put a laptop or tablet computer in the hands of every student in the district. The manager's budget cut that to \$600,000.

Commissioner Randy Saunders noted that MCS had spent less than the \$750,000 the commissioners contributed toward that effort last year.

Praising MCS' stewardship, Saunders said, "The schools still have about \$180,000 in that account, so we were able to allocate only about \$600,000. So we put the \$150,000 into [their] current expense [budget]."

Finding a funding formula

But the real story on school funding lies behind all those numbers.

The Commissioners, the Moore County Board of Education, and MCS administrators have been actively negotiating for the past few months, attempting to develop a predictable formula for funding the schools.

The idea is to allocate a fixed percentage of county tax revenue to MCS. A similar deal has already been worked out with the community college. County Manager Vest's budget proposal suggests that 35.61% is the magic number for the school dis-

But too many questions remain for the funding formula to be finalized for FY2015. MCS believes that (See "Budget," p. 28)



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is being shortchanged by the state, and the county is applying pressure to state legislators the fix that problem. If more state funding is available, then the percentage of county revenues allocated to MCS might be adjusted downward.

Right-sizing the MCS fund balance

Another key issue still under negotiation is the appropriate size of the MCS fund balance. The "fund balance" is the extra cash on hand that remains unspent at the end of the year. It's carried over from year-toyear as sort of a rainy day fund

MCS built its fund balance from \$2.4 million in FY2007 to \$12.4 million in FY2012, primarily by banking a temporary increase in federal funding that was part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act — the federal "stimulus."

But recent cuts in state funding, combined with the growing student population, have rapidly depleted that fund balance. It's expected to shrink to \$5.7 million by the end of this fiscal year.

The Board of Commissioners have been consistently skeptical of MCS's need for a substantial fund balance,

because the county maintains its own set of rainy day accounts.

The county's financial policy caps the amount it can hold in unallocated fund balance at fifteen percent of general fund revenues. That amounts to approximately \$12.5 million. Any excess is transferred into capital reserve funds, which currently total about \$18.1 million.

So, the county has access to more than \$30 million that, the commissioners believe, is adequate to fund any emergency need for cash that the school district might encounter.

Changing the facts on the ground

With the county and MCS preparing budgets in the midst of negotiations about the right size of the school district's fund balance, both appear to have built their negotiating positions into their respective budgets.

Though MCS's budget for the past few years has included spending a portion of its reserved fund balance, this year's budget did not include drawing down the rainy day fund. MCS Budget Director Mike Griffin told the school board that the fund balance is a non-renewable resource which can't be tapped indefinitely.

However, the commissioners may feel that, at \$5.7 million, the MCS fund balance is still in need of a bit of trimming. So the manager's budget, assembled by a team that included Commissioners Saunders and Nick Picerno, provides the school district with less than requested, and the difference will need to be made up by spending some of the MCS fund bal-

Exactly where the numbers will come out is likely to be worked out in negotiations over the next few weeks.

But time is short. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for the June 3 regular Commissioners meeting; a vote is expected at the June 17 meeting.

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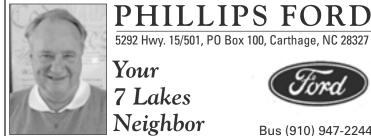
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