

York, Shaughnessy, Lattin to join Board

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Bernadette York, Jack Lattin, and John Shaughnessy, were elected to the Board of

Directors of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] during the Sunday, March 15 Annual Meeting. They replace Dan Blue, Bruce Keyser, and Jim Pierman on the Board.

Vote tallies were not announced during the meeting, based on a 2012 consensus decision of the Board

to change the Annual Meeting procedure. Nor will those tallies be released to *The Times* by the Board or office staff, though they are available to members by contacting the office.

York's election is unusual in that she gained a spot on the ballot through the petition process, after being interviewed and then rejected by the Nominations Committee.

The proposed FY2016 Budget won the support of 389 members, while 186 voted to reject it, suggesting that a bit more than one

(See "Westside," p. 26)

MCS seeks \$1.4M local funding hike

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Moore County Schools Superintendent Bob Grimesey is looking for a \$1.4 million increase in County funding next year, with \$860,000 of that increase supporting Moore County Schools' [MCS] digital learning initiative.

Grimesey and MCS Budget Director Mike Griffin presented their recommended

budget to the Moore County Board of Education during the regular Monday, March 9 meeting.

The Board will hold a public hearing on the budget on Monday, March 23 at 6:00 pm at the Central Office on NC Highway 15/501 in Carthage.

The schools received a \$448,000 increase in County funding this year; the FY2016 request, if approved by the

(See "MCS," p. 24)

Think, think, think!



A team of six girls from West Pine Middle School competed in the rigorous Odyssey of the Mind regional competition on Saturday, March 7. Front Row: Eliza Johnson, Grace Sullivan, Natalie Tuinstra, Olivia McCue. Back Row: Macie O'Brien, Lily Sawyer [See story on page 2.]

NCDOT seeks public input on Moore County roads plan

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Think we need a four-lane highway from West End to Seven Lakes?

How about a bypass down Hoffman Road through Foxfire?

Should we maybe straighten out NC Highway 73 in West End?

If you're interested in what the future may hold for those traffic issues, and more, you're in luck. The NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT] and the Moore County Transportation Committee are holding three pub-

lic information and input sessions next week, on Monday and Tuesday, March 23 and 24.

The state agency and County committee have been working since 2011 on a Comprehensive Transportation Plan — something the county needs to have in order to even be considered for future NCDOT highway projects. The county's last long-range highway plan is nearly 25 years old.

The study is huge, incorporating everything from population projections provided by County and municipal planning departments, to data on traffic patterns col-

lected from cellular telephone companies.

It focuses on five key areas that are thought to represent transpirations challenges:

- The Western Connector – A proposed southern route to connect the county's western communities with the amenities in the east.
- NC 73 and NC 211 near West End - NC 73 enters West End at the traffic light, travels along NC 211 for a block, and then heads off south. Eventually, NC 211 may be upgraded to four lanes through or past West End and on to the Montgomery County line.

(See "NCDOT," p. 25)

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guess the beans in the jar, and egg race will among the activities planned.

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WPMS girls compete in Odyssey

A team of six girls from West Pine Middle School competed in the rigorous Odyssey of the Mind regional competition on Saturday, March 7. Winners from that competition will now move on to the State championships held in Boone in April.

The competition is the culmination of over five months of preparation for the West Pine Middle Team coached by Rhonda O'Brien.

Odyssey of the Mind teaches students to learn creative

problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. For more than twenty five years, this unique program has helped teachers generate excitement in their students. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems – great and small – for a lifetime.

The Odyssey of the Mind also teaches students how

to think divergently by providing open-ended problems that appeal to a wide range of interests. Students learn how to identify challenges and to think creatively to solve those problems. They are free to express their ideas and suggestions without fear

of criticism. The creative problem-solving process rewards thinking "outside of the box." While conventional thinking has an important place in a well-rounded education, students need to learn how to think creatively and productively.

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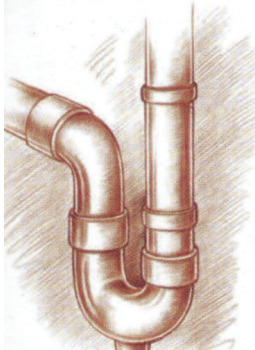
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Plenty of projects on SLLA Board's plate

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



From swimming pool pumps to dams and side-walks, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors reviewed a number of maintenance projects during their Monday, March 9 Work Session.

Ramapo Dam Study

On the unanimous recommendation of the Lakes & Dams Committee, the Board moved forward to the Open Meeting a proposal to commission Jewell Engineering — the SLLA's dam engineer — to assess the capacity of the Ramapo Dam spillways, make recommendations for any design changes needed, and provide an assessment of the dam's ability to handle a fifty-year storm. The study is expected to cost \$7,000.

The proposed study had generated significant debate during the Board's February 9 Work Session. Former Director and Lakes & Dams Committee member Don Fentzlauff argued that the dam experienced a 100-year rain event in 2013, when more than six inches of rain fell in less than five hours. Despite the fact that the primary spillway was not functioning at the time, the existing emergency spillways

handled the overflow with no problems.

When President Bob Racine raised that point during the March 9 Work Session, Community Manager Ray Sohl argued that thunderstorms are highly localized, so it is not clear what volume of rain actually fell in the Lake Ramapo drainage area during that particular storm.

The NC Dam Safety Office, which is charged with inspecting dams throughout the state, classifies Ramapo as a low-hazard dam — one which, if it failed, would cause no more than \$30,000 in property damage or interrupt the travel of no more than 25 vehicles per day.

That means repairs and modifications to the dam do not require state approval — and state approval was not obtained for repairs to the primary Ramapo spillway undertaken in late 2013, when the Association spent approximately \$10,000 to install a siphon system to replace the collapsed metal pipe that had previously served as the dam's primary outlet.

"Though state approval is not required," Sohl said, "the Association still has the responsibility to ensure that the dam is maintained according to engineering standards."

"We as board members are

elected to act in the welfare of the people on this community," Director Chuck Leach said, supporting Sohl's point.

"There are thirty houses around that dam. We have two engineering firms recommending this study. Should that dam fail, there is a chance of a loss of property values. We recommended spending \$4,000 to repair a lighthouse that does nothing. I totally support this proposal."

Ultimately, the Board voted unanimously to send the proposal to the Open Meeting for a vote. Racine noted that he felt it should be moved to the Open Meeting, but was not sure whether he would ultimately vote in favor of the proposal.

Pool Pump Replacement

"We have had this before several committees," Sohl said of a proposal to replace the aging pump at the North-side pool, "but the delays have saved us money."

The Work Session agenda included a \$15,000 proposal that included a new pump, replacing two valves, rewiring the pump house, and running a new electrical line from the North Clubhouse transformer to the pump house.

But Sohl withdrew that proposal, telling the Board

he expected to provide them with three separate bids at their April Work Session.

Sohl said one option is to use a variable frequency drive for the pump, which will save on electricity in the off season.

Racine asked whether the delay in settling on an approach and vendor would result in pool closures during the swim season. Sohl said the new vales and pumps could be installed in parallel with the existing equipment, allowing for a quick changeover, likely resulting in no more than one day's closure of the pool.

In other pool-related action, the Board forwarded to the Open Meeting a proposal to purchase a portable pool vacuum system at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

Sohl explained that the

existing vacuum system is difficult to operate and inefficient. The new system is one recommended by SLLA's pool maintenance company.

Repairs planned for Landowners Office walkway

The Board asked Sohl to solicit additional bids on a \$4,824 proposal to rehabilitate the walkway and landing at the entrance to the SLLA Landowners Office. The Manager had recommended a local contractor who recently handled the installation of the new bocce courts and had previously constructed the traffic island at the North mailhouse parking lot.

SLLA Board policy is to seek competitive bids for projects valued at more than \$5,000.

Noting that the walkway
(See "SLLA," p. 23)

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Western Connector worries Council

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



"The Western Connector" is the label the NC Department of Transportation has used as a catchall to describe a number of options for diverting traffic from NC Highway 211 west of Pinehurst to US Highway 1 south of Aberdeen, in order to reduce the number of vehicles using NC Highway 5 or moving through the traffic circle in Pinehurst.

Often — far too often, in the opinion of members of the Foxfire Village Council — one route mentioned is diverting traffic down Hoffman Road, through the Village, and onto Roseland Road.

"This community would be hurt irreparably" if that route is used as a Pinehurst bypass, Councilman Mick McCue told his fellow Council members, during their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

Recalling NCDOT-led small group planning sessions in 2011, McCue said "something that constantly comes up is using existing roads, meaning Hoffman and Roseland to widen that road.

NCDOT is hosting public input and information sessions on March 23 and 24 that will focus on options for the Western Connectors, as well as four other traffic hotspots in the county. [See front page for details.]

"We need our citizens to go to these meetings," McCue said.

"I am of the opinion that a four lane divided highway down Hoffman Road will, literally, destroy this Village," he continued. "People cross Hoffman Road every day by foot, and bicycle, and golf cart . . . and that would be a thing of the past. People walk their dogs back and forth across Hoffman Road to visit their friends, and ladies come up here to the Town Hall to play bridge."

Other members of the Council agreed that the Vil-

lage should utilize its various communications channels to provide residents with information about the upcoming NCDOT public meetings.

Finance Report

The Council is in the early stages of preparing the FY2016 budget, and Councilwoman Leslie Frusco reminded members that their Thursday, March 24 Work Session would focus on departmental budgets.

Frusco reported that the Village's cash balances, as of February 28, stood at \$2.16 million, with \$1.6 million in the General Fund and \$602,000 in the Water Fund.

She noted that the Village has \$465,445 in unrestricted receives, but would, in two weeks, be using a portion of those funds to a \$178,000 payment on the Woodland Circle loan.

FY2015 taxes are 98.67 percent collected, Frusco, reported, adding that "Sharon [Sanchez, the Village's Deputy Finance Officer] is doing an awesome job."

Appearance Commission

Councilman McCue reported that he had drafted a rewrite of the ordinance that lays out the role of the Village's Appearance Commission to exclude review of plans for private residences but instead review only plans of buildings being built by public agencies. McCue said he would send Council members a copy of the draft so that it could be discussed at the next Work Session.

Pool pump house repairs

Councilman John Sedlak reported that he was able to obtain only one estimate for much-needed repairs to the building that houses the swimming pool filters and pump.

"The doors are rotted, the wall that the doors are sitting in is rotted, the retaining wall is crumbling and falling down," he said. The estimated cost of repairs is \$2,400.

Frusco expressed some doubt that the expense could be accommodated in the pool budget. Sedlak said he would try to get another estimate.

Paving planned at Eastside entrance

Councilman Vic Koos said he has scheduled paving of the Eastside entrance for April 7. The new pavement will extend from Hoffman Road to an existing patch

just past the end of the traffic island. Next year's budget will include additional paving from that point to Wildwood Lane.

Th April 7 work will also include addressing a strip on Forest Lake Drive just before the dam.

Koos said he is working on a estimate for the FY2016 budget to address drainage issues on North Shamrock.

Few attend Council Meetings

During the Public Comment section, Mary Anne Lauer expressed concern that Council Meetings attract few citizens. Other than Council members, attendees at the March 10 meeting included only Lauer, Police Chief Chad Shue, Planning & Zoning Chair Mary Gilroy, and a *Times* reporter.

(See "Foxfire," p. 21)

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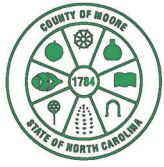
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More solar farms planned for Moore County

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



The solar energy generation business is heating up in Moore County, with two commercial scale solar collector facilities in operation and at least five more in the works.

The County's two operational solar farms are both located near the Montgomery County line, one along NC Highway 211 and the other on a nearby parcel off Samarcand Road.

The Planning Board, meeting on Thursday, March 5, recommended approval of a conditional use permit for a third five megawatt solar collector facility that would be built on a 36.55 acre parcel on NC Highway 24-27 near Robbins.

Four more could be on the docket for the April planning Board meeting, Planning Director Debra Ensminger told Board Members.

Planner Teresa Thompson told *The Times* that those four conditional use permit applications are all in the

works; the only question is whether they will be completed in time to all be placed on the April 2 agenda.

Thompson said two of the pending applications are for facilities near Vass, and the other two are proposed for the far northwestern quadrant of the county, one near the intersection of Spies and Jason Roads in northwestern Moore County and one planned for a location on Yow Road.

The Planning Board reviews applications for conditional use permits, forwarding their recommendation on to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

The solar project that won the Planning Board's blessing during their March 5 meeting will occupy 21 acres of the 36.55 acre site, which Flint Hill Solar LLC plans to purchase from the McDowell Timber Company, owned by the Williams family.

The relatively flat site is largely wooded, with a young stand of six to eight pines," explained Rich Moretz, development manager for Cypress Creek Renewables, a Flint Hill Solar affiliate. The com-

pany will clear the interior of the site, leaving in place pines as a buffer around most of the perimeter and planting trees and shrubs, as required by the county ordinance, on the section

where there is no existing buffer.

The site has a relatively small frontage on NC Highway 24-27. Board Members Scott McLeod, Rich Smith, and Robert Hayter all encour-

aged the applicant to ensure that the facility would be screened from view along that stretch, perhaps by providing more landscaping than is called for in the County

(See "Solar," p. 21)

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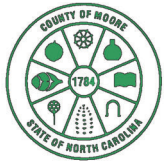
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Courthouse will display 'In God We Trust'

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Moore County's newly remodeled courthouse will get one more decorative touch — the phrase "In God We Trust" in metal letters affixed to the top of the new entrance to the building.

"In God We Trust" is the official motto of the United States, so designated by Congressional action in 1956 and again in 2011, and the NC-based US Motto Action Committee aims to have that phrase displayed on public buildings throughout the state.

Moore County's Board of Commissioners, during their regular Tuesday, March 17 meeting, approved a resolution ordering that the motto be placed above the entrance to the County Courthouse, as well as within the Commissioners' meeting room in the Historic Courthouse. The meeting room motto will be placed on the wall above the dais.

Rick Lanier, a former Davidson County Commissioner

who is Vice Chairman of the US Motto Action Committee, presented the concept to Commissioners during their March 3 meeting. The Committee has been making similar presentations to county and town boards across the state.

Lanier said the Committee will cover the entire cost of having the metal letters of the motto manufactured and installed.

Not the right time for bond refinancing

The County could save a significant amount of interest payments by refinancing \$37.6 million in General Obligation [GO] school bonds that currently carry interest rates between 4.25 and 4.75

percent. Those bonds were issued in a higher interest rate environment, in 2008. Current rates are under 2.5 percent.

But an analysis by Moore County's bond consultants, Davenport and Company, found that the timing is not quite right. Chief Finance Officer Carolina Xiong explained that the bonds cannot be "called" — that is, purchased back from investors — before 2018. That makes refinancing more complicated and more costly, reducing the potential interest savings.

Xiong recommended waiting until closer to 2018 to consider refinancing, and Chairman Nick Picerno, who is often the Board's point

man on financial issues, agreed.

No to the Concept High School

Robbins resident Ernie Hussey, who often comments on school-related issues at School Board and Commissioners meetings, told the Commissioners that he no longer supported the proposal to build a career-oriented "concept high school."

Hussey said he had learned that Wake County, in 2005, received a \$6 million grant

from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and used it to break East Wake High School into four separate conceptual schools. But the experiment has not proven successful, and now East Wake will be reconsolidated.

Pointing to the overcrowding at Pinecrest and Union Pines High School, Hussey said Moore County would be better served by building a full-sized, comprehensive high school.

(See "Commissioners," p. 29)

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Fish Habitats & the Case of the Missing Trees

by Don Smith

Lake Auman Sports Club

For the last eighteen years, volunteers from the Lake Auman Sports Club (LASC) have braved winter weather conditions to deliver and place Christmas trees under lake front homeowner docks around Lake Auman.

This annual fish habitat project provides the lake's small fish with protective cover to escape from larger predator fish. The project has contributed to increasing the lake's fish population, both in size and number. For this year's project, fifty-one trees were delivered and prepped on February 25 and placed under twenty-nine docks on March 2.

The habitat effort this year was nearly thwarted, when over eighty Christmas trees were taken from the community's tree drop area in the month of January. The unexplained losses severely depleted the supply of trees needed thus jeopardizing the project.

Notices went out to the community and while the mystery of the trees disappearance was never solved,

an alternate source of trees was found. Bruce Gould, a Seven Lakes West resident who works in the Village of Pinehurst Planning Department, saw the notices and contacted Pinehurst's Public Service Supervisor to explain the club's need for trees.

He obtained permission for Lake Auman Sport Club to use Christmas trees that had been collected from Pinehurst residents and not yet turned into mulch. On February 4,

Larry D'Amico, Jim Beck, Joe Kristek, Stan Makson, and Don Smith used three trucks and a trailer to transport trees from Pinehurst. Stan and Don returned for another load in the snow on February 24.

Minor schedule changes were needed to work around inclement and frigid weather conditions, but enough volunteers were available to complete the habitats in time for the upcoming planned

fish stocking.

Smith organized this year's project with the following Sports Club volunteers delivering the trees and preparing them at the docks: Bruce Keyser, Bruce Alligood, Phil Menendian, Larry D'Amico, Don O'Shea, Charlie Flinchum, Stan Makson, Don Snell, Bob Caldara, Don Smith, Joe Kristek, Ed Cockman and Jim Beck.

A three member team took nine hours working together

to secure the trees under all the docks. The team included Dan Pieroni, who spent the day actually in the cold 45-degree water, Dave Lamon and Don Smith, with Ben Benjamin joining the team late in the day.

Pieroni, who has been doing this project every year for eighteen years, was thankful for all the volunteer assistance and reflected back on the first years when he did

(See "LASC," p. 10)



Lake Auman Sports Club Christmas Tree Team — Phil Menendian, Don O'Shea, Larry D'Amico, Bruce Keyser, Stan Makson, Ed Cockman, Jim Beck, Joe Kristek, Charlie Flinchum, and Bruce Alligood

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Seven Lakes tag sale showcases artists

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

Mary Farley had a hunch that there might be talent in the neighborhood. The Seven Lakes Landowners Association Director and her Recreation Committee showcased that talent in a community craft and tag sale at the North Clubhouse on Saturday, March 15.

"It's been really successful," Farley said. "The turnout was great."

"We have such a gifted community, artists, knitters, seamstresses, jewelry makers, and crafters."

More than twenty booths boasted paintings, aprons, jewelry, blankets, hats, scarves, and vintage finds for sale.



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It's all garbage — but there's more to it

by Janna Ptak
Times Reporter

Out of sight, out of mind! That's the goal when you toss your plastic-encased garbage in the big green compactor at the Moore County Convenience Center, but what really happens to it after you drive away?

Chad Beane began working with Moore County Public Works about five years ago when he saw an ad in the paper for the position.

"The opportunity came along," Beane said. "They advertised this position for a solid waste division manager."

After serving fifteen years on the staff of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, Beane decided to test his skills at a new position. He currently holds the title of Solid Waste and Recycling Division Manager.

"It's garbage," Beane chuckled.

And the 90,000 people in Moore County produce plenty of it.

"The main thing we want to do is try to provide an environmental-friendly way and customer-friendly way of collecting, hauling, and disposing all the solid waste in Moore County," Beane said.

Beane covers the 700 square miles of Moore County seven different collection sites spread around the county.

Each site is open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, six days a week, closing for only four holidays.

Recycling's the thing

Not only is garbage collect-

ed, but recycling is encouraged at each collection site. Beane is proud of the progress his department has made in making recycling easier for residents. Residents can easily come to a conven-

ience center and drop off their wastes to be recycled, but it didn't use to be so simple.

A few years ago, residents had to separate their recycling — of newspapers, magazines,

glass bottles, plastics, all went into different bins in order to be recycled. This process, called "source separation" created clutter, and Beane noticed that this

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the job all by himself.

Thanks go out to BVH Construction in West End for continuing to donate the large quantities of bricks that are needed for this and other fish habitat projects each year.

A special thanks also goes to Bruce Gould for his help locating an alternate supply of trees which made this year's project possible, to all the volunteers for a job well done and to the lakefront homeowners who participated to make this program possible.



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than you might think

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method was not user friendly.

Now, with single stream recycling, or "comingled recycling," all recyclables can be tossed into the same container, where they are compacted before being sent off to be sorted and recycled.

Because the recyclables are now compacted, Moore County Solid Waste is able to pack more materials onto each truck load, which means fewer trips.

"It's smarter as far as fuel efficiency; it's smarter as far as wear and tear on vehicles," Beane explained.

The single stream method of recycling also tidies up convenience centers by not having so many containers on site for sorting.

Once recyclable material is compacted and loaded on a truck, it is hauled to the Material Recovery Facility [MRF].

"Then they put it on a conveyor belt, and they sort it accordingly," Beane said.

Not only does the MRF company sort the material; they also pay for it. Moore County Public Works receives about thirty dollars per ton for recyclables versus paying about forty-five dollars per ton for material that goes to the landfill.

Not only is money being

saved during this process, but the environment is, too, since that space is not being taken up at a landfill instead.

Out of 100 counties in North Carolina, Moore County ranked 45th for recycling in 2009. During the 2012-2013 year, the County had moved up to number 21 on the list due to the new single stream recycling method. The amount of materials recycled nearly doubled in weight.

According to Joe Fitzpatrick, an Environmental Specialist for the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR], "Solid waste disposal in North Carolina continues to trend downward as the population and recycling increase. In the future we will see more counties adopting a recycling program of single stream compaction, similar to Moore County."

The rest is garbage

One type of waste that is not recyclable is called Municipal Solid Waste [MSW]. This includes household garbage — such as dirty diapers.

"MSW has to go in a lined landfill," Beane explained. "It has to have a synthetic liner that is monitored and regulated by the state. Moore County does not have a MSW lined landfill."

After collecting MSW at the

convenience centers, the waste is hauled to a landfill in Montgomery County.

Moore County does, however, have a construction and demolition [C&D] landfill.

"We do, however, run a C&D landfill in Aberdeen," Beane said. "Now, with C&D material, there does not have to be a lined landfill, but it does need to be monitored by the state . . . We have to monitor water, methane gas, and those types of things."

"Your [MSW] garbage is one thing, your recycling is another, and then C&D, which is your construction and demolition, is another material," he explained. "So, basically, these three things are what we manage right now."

(See "Solid," p. 18)



Chad Beane, Moore County's Solid Waste Manager, moved the County to single stream recycling and helped reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill.

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For twenty years, the congregation of the Chapel have supported their ministry with financial gifts and prayers.

David began as a pilot and for thirty-two years transported missionaries, medical emergencies, and even livestock to remote places in the rainforest of Eastern Peru.

Marilyn serves as a teacher and cares for women in a pregnancy crisis center. For the past five years, David has filled the role of Field Director and has overseen thirteen different ministries and forty-two missionaries that form the South American Mission.

The focus of David and Marilyn's ministry is spread-

ing the gospel message of love, starting new churches, and training the leadership that is essential for that new fellowship of Christians to thrive.

The members of the Chapel in the Pines celebrate and are grateful for David and Marilyn's thirty-seven years as missionaries to the people of Peru.



Rev. Paul James, David & Marilyn Simmons, and Rev. Fran Stark

Easter Egg Hunt

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4 from, 11 am - 1 pm at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

In addition to the egg hunt there will be pony rides, a bounce castle, refreshments and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

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The choir will take participants in song from Maundy Thursday to the passion of Good Friday and

symbolically participate in the death of Christ as all liturgical items are stripped from the sanctuary and the light of Christ is extinguished.

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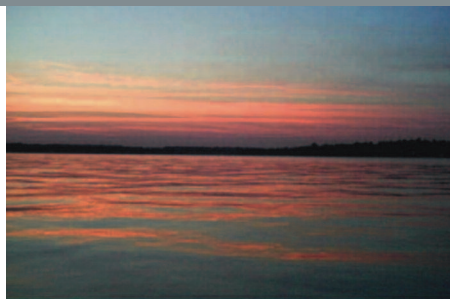
workshop. The session will be held at the Sandhills Community College in the Steed Hall, Stephens Laboratory.

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In memory of . . .

Melvin Franklin “Mel” Berngartt, age 90, formerly of Seven Lakes, a resident of the Village of Brookwood, Burlington died Tuesday, March 3, at the Hospice Home after a period of declining health.

Mr. Berngartt and wife, Peggy, lived in Seven Lakes from 1993 – 2007.

Born in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of the late Maurice Mark Berngartt and the late Sadye Samler Berngartt. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Army Air Corps (WWII) as a radiosonde operator from February 1943 to January 1946. After returning home he completed his education at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business.

He became a Certified Public Accountant and spent most of his career years as a federal employee working for the General Accounting Office and was a Deputy Associate Director in their International Division upon his retirement.

Mr. Berngartt, was a past member of the American Institute of CPA's, the Maryland Association of CPA's, and the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-four years, Margaret Williams “Peggy” Berngartt; son, Joseph Berngartt of Parma, OH; three daughters,

Mary “Candy” McLendon and husband, Arthur, of Winston-Salem; Meg Olexik and husband, Chuck, of Cary; and Diane Anderson and husband, Steve, of Hillsborough; eight grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be conducted at 11:00 am Tuesday, March 24, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Graham and officiated by Rev. Briant Cullinane, OFM Conv.

Inurnment will be at Salisbury National Cemetery at a later date. The family will receive friends from 10 am – 10:45 am Tuesday morning prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Alamance-Caswell, 914 Chapel Hill Rd., Burlington, NC 27215 or to the National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org

Nellie McRae Dunn, 92 of West End died Saturday March 7, at Manor Care Nursing facility, Pinehurst.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 11 at West End Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Larry Lyons officiated. Burial followed at West End Cemetery.

Mrs. Dunn was born in Montgomery County, she was the daughter to the late Oscar McRae and Beulah (Harris) McRae. She worked for Home

Furniture Company of West End as Office Manager and Sales Representative. Later she worked for Maxwell Furniture, BB&T and First Bank as a teller and at Wal-Mart as an associate.

Mrs. Dunn was a member of the West End Presbyterian Church since the late 1940's where she served as a Deacon and was active in the Women's Circle. Her love and passion was for her family and church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years Edward A. Dunn; son, Edward Eugene Dunn; brothers, Bill & Farrell McRae; and sisters, Dorothy Morgan, Mary Dunn, Grace Hogg, Martha Baron.

She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Richardson and husband Wayne of Clinton; son, Jim Dunn and wife Hope of Fort Mill, SC; two brothers, Leon McRae and wife Mary of Rockingham; Robert McRae and wife Leona of Columbus, MS; nine

grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren and five great great-grandchildren.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Anna Caiati Pena, 79, of Seven Lakes, died Saturday, March 7, at FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care, Pinehurst.

A Native New Yorker, she had resided in Seven Lakes for the past twenty years.

Mrs. Pena's professional

career was primarily as partner in her husband Pete's tax and accounting practice, performing all secretarial and bookkeeping services.

For several years after retiring to Seven Lakes, she became the Church Administrator at Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Church in Biscoe. For the last nine years, she had served as an Administrative Assistant at the Sandhills Children's Center in Southern Pines.

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She was a devout practicing Catholic and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinehurst.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas Caiati and Katherine Caiati, and her brother, Nicholas Caiati.

Survivors include her husband of sixty-two years, Peter J. Pena; daughter, Terry Gasperino (Michael) of Mebane; son, Peter Pena (Rita) of Seven Lakes; four grandsons, Sean Gasperino, Zachary Gasperino, Peter Pena, Vincent Pena; two great-grandchildren, Sarah Gasperino and Michael Gasperino.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinehurst on Tuesday, March 10.

Memorial contributions

may be made to the Autism Society of North Carolina: www.autismsociety-nc.org (Designate: Moore County Chapter).

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Judith Carol Pendleton, 73, of Seven Lakes West, died Wednesday, March 4, at FirstHealth Hospice House.

She was born in Chicago, Illinois.

She and her husband Pen, who worked for General Motor's had lived in Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Michigan before retiring to Seven Lakes West in 1999.

Mrs. Pendleton loved to socialize with her friends, play bridge, mahjong, and participated in two book clubs. She was especially proud of the local library she started and organized at the Seven Lakes West Community Center.

Survivors include her husband, Pen Pendleton; daughters: Patricia; Heidi and her husband George Sabo, and their children Brooke and AJ; Susan and her husband

Kevin Cummings, and their children Max and Kyle; her sister Dorothy Pirovano; and many more beloved extended family and friends.

A memorial service was held to celebrate Mrs. Pendleton's life on Monday, March 16 at West End Presbyterian Church, 275 Knox Lane, West End.

Memorial contributions may be made to FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Margaret (Peg) H. Wallace, 68, of Whispering Pines, and formerly of Seven Lakes died February 15.

She was born in Richmond and grew up in Alexandria, VA. She worked in various administrative capacities for several large corporations; most recently Global Commerce Systems, Inc.

Mrs. Wallace was a skilled amateur photographer of birds and loved all animals. She was an avid reader and loved to cook.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Haley.

Survivors include her husband of thirty-five years, Jim of Whispering Pines; daughters, Jennifer and husband Christian Spies of Austin, TX; Theresa and husband Marty Rinehart of Charles Town, WV; grandchildren: Chuck, Derek, Christa, and

Abigail; as well as many, many loving friends and extended family.

Memorial services will be at 2 pm on Friday, April 17 at Powell Funeral Home and Crematory of Southern Pines, 160 E New Hampshire Ave, Southern Pines.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374, or the Audubon North Carolina, 400 Silver Cedar Court, Suite 240, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

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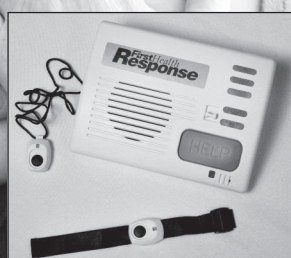
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- **"Bluebird House Building"** – 10 am, Southern Pines Recreation Department joins forces with Weymouth Woods and Lowes Home Improvement. *Youth will need help from an adult. *Although Free, Youth must be preregistered. To register: Southern Pines Recreation: 910-692-2463 or e-mail gillis@southernpines.net Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, 692-2167.
- **"How to Grow Vegetables in Containers"** – 10 am to noon, presented by master gardener and organizer of "Farm to Table" Jan Leitschuh. Session will be at Sandhills Community College, Steed Hall, Stephens Laboratory. Cost \$20 members of the Sandhills Horticultural Society, \$25 for non-members.

Space limited. Payment due at registration. Sandhills Community College Landscape Gardening Dept, (910) 695-3882.

- **First Baptist Church of Southern Pines Youth**



Auction – 5:30 pm, Dinner \$4; 6:30 pm, Auction in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds benefit 2015 Youth Mission Trip to Nashville. Questions: call Bryan Moore (910) 692-8750.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- **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.
- **Moore County Concert Band March Concert** – 2 pm, Grand Ballroom, Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst. Director David Seiberling has chosen a program of traditional Irish folk tunes. Free, www.moorecountyband.com
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 3 pm, Annu-

al Membership meeting.

- **"Who's Scat is That? Plus Other Animal Signs..."** – 3 pm, Where are all of the Sandhills critters you've seen in the discovery room, and how do you know they're in Wey-

m o u t h Woods? Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines.

- **West End United Methodist Church Explorers** – 5 pm – 6:30 pm, for children grades K-5. Learning, crafts and activities before eating dinner with the youth from 6 – 6:30 pm. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End.
- **West End United Methodist Church Youth Group** – 6 – 7:30 pm in the Youth Room at the church. Youth in 6th – 12th grades. Fellowship, study and a meal. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Moore County Board of Education Public Hearing on Budget** – Central Office, 6 pm - Closed Session; 6:30

pm - Open Session.

- **Moore County Transportation Committee & NCDOT** – 5 pm - 8 pm, Moore County Agricultural Center, 707 Pinehurst Avenue, Carthage. Public input information session to provide an update on the analysis of selected focus areas within the county, including US 1, NC 24/27, and the proposed Western Connector, based on growth and development projected to the year 2040. For additional information, Scott Watson (919) 707-0941 or by email at swaltson@ncdot.gov
- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – 7pm, Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. Katie Sauerbrey, research fellow with will speak about fire controlled burns in the Sandhills. Visitors welcome. 692-2167, www.sandhillsnature.org

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

- **Moore County Transportation Committee & NCDOT** – 10 am - 1 pm, Pinehurst Village Hall, Pinehurst. Public input information session. Contact Scott Watson (919) 707-0941 or by email at swaltson@ncdot.gov

- **Zumba Class** – 10:30 to 11:30 am, free class, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **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.
- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club** – lunch at 11:30 catered by Goldie's Gourmet, meeting begins at 12:05. *New meeting location, Fellowship Hall of the Chapel in the Pines. Visitors are welcome.
- **Moore County Transportation Committee & NCDOT** – 5 pm - 8 pm, Aberdeen Elementary School, Aberdeen. Public input information session. Contact Scott Watson (919) 707-0941 or by email at swaltson@ncdot.gov
- **Trivia Tuesday at Sandhills Winery** – 6 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:50 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** –

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 - **AWANA Youth Group** – 6:30 to 8 pm, Hankins Family Life Center. Children age 3 to 5th grade. Seven Lakes Baptist Church, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.
 - **West End United Methodist Church Lenten Worship Service** – 7 pm, with Holy Communion. Join the church for a time of fellowship and devotion.
 - **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship, devotion and a meal provided at \$5.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Moore County Board of Education Board Work Session** – 4 pm, Central Office.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

- **Boots & Blue Jeans Spring Barn Dance** – 6 pm to 10 pm, benefits Prancing Horse Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center at the Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Music by King Curtiss, dinner and auction. Tickets \$50/person, sold at www.prancing-horse.org, Sandhills Winery of Seven Lakes, Cabin Branch, Lady Bedford's Tea Parlor, Moore Equine, or A Bit Used.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

- **Doubs Chapel Annual Auction** – 5 pm - 6:30 pm, food available for purchase. Auction at 6:30 pm. Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church, 1444 Doubs Chapel Church Road, West End.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- **"Cooking with Ken"** – 10 am-12 pm, join Ken for a cooking lesson and lunch as he makes his homemade chili. Price for class \$3. Moore County Department of Aging, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End. To reserve your seat (910) 215-0900.
- **"A Foray For Frogs"** – 7 pm, "Year of the Amphibian" in NC State Parks. Hike down to the creek to listen for calling frogs and toads. Families welcome, *please no dogs for this program.* Flashlights, close-toed shoes, bug spray recommended. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. So. Pines, 692-2167.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- **Palm Sunday**
- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:00 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- **Chapel in the Pines** – 9 am, 581 Seven Lakes Drive.

- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 11 am service. 275 Knox Lane, West End.
- **West End United Methodist Church** – 11 am service, Palm Sunday Lenten Special Music Presentation.
- **West End United Methodist Church Explorers** – 5 pm – 6:30 pm, for children grades K-5. Crafts and activities before eating dinner with the youth from 6 – 6:30 pm. West End United Methodist Church.
- **West End Presbyterian Church Youth Group** – (6th grade – 12th grade) from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- **West End United Methodist Church Youth Group** – 6 – 7:30 pm in the Youth Room at the church. Youth in 6th – 12th grades. Fellowship, study and a meal.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

- **West End United Methodist Church** – 11 am, Lenten Worship Service with Holy Communion, in the Sanctuary.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary

Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- **Part 3: The Game of Life's Journey** – 9 am-12 pm, program continues every 3 weeks through May 19. Moore County Department of Aging, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End. 215-0900.
- **Crime Prevention Seminar** – 10:30 am and at 1:30 pm, at the Moore County Agricultural Center in Carthage. Sponsored by Moore County Department of Aging, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End. 215-0900.
- **Zumba Class** – 10:30 to 11:30 am, *free* class, Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- **West End United Methodist Church** – 11 am, Lenten Worship Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- **Chapel in the Pines Maundy Thursday** – 5:30 pm, congregation will gather in the fellowship hall for soup, bread, and dessert, followed by worship and Holy Communion.
- **West End United Methodist Church** – 7 pm, Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion and Foot Washing in the Sanctuary.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- **Good Friday**
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 9 am, Volunteers needed at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse to help stuff Easter Eggs for the children's Egg Hunt.

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Solid waste

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and two-by-fours.

Convenience centers also handle special waste such as motor oil, batteries, and scrap tires.

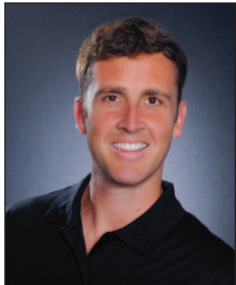
Dealing with electronics

The biggest challenge facing Moore County Public Works currently is electronic waste. "A few years ago," Beane

said, "there was a mandate from the state that said electronics are no longer allowed in landfills. So, we started collecting them and recycling

them. And I don't think anybody anticipated the amount that we were going to collect."

(See "Solid," p. 19)



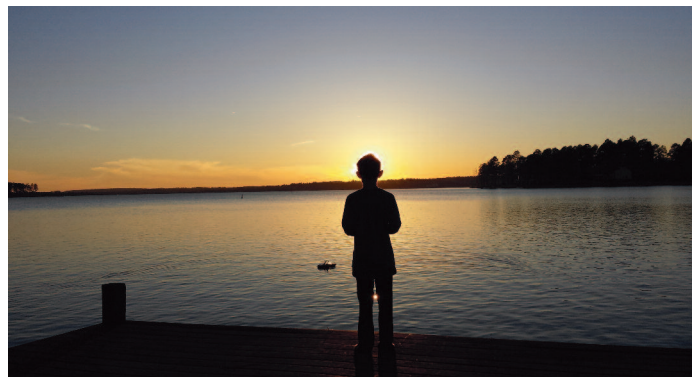
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Solid waste

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In order for these electronics to be recycled, they must be collected without causing damage. They can't be thrown into bins or compactors. After enough electronic devices are collected, they are set on a pallet and shrink wrapped.

Electronics must be handled carefully so that they are not damaged, potentially emitting harmful gasses. However, gasses are not the only issue when handling large televisions. Such large electronics can easily injure employees due to their size and weight.

"It's not easy to handle," Beane explained.

Not only do electronic devices present hazards, but the process of gathering electronics causes chaos.

Initially, electronics would be gathered on the pavement at convenience centers until there were enough to load onto a pallet.

"It's an eyesore," Beane said — one which he has addressed with a new procedure.

"We set a container on site," he explained, "and we ask folks to set [electronics] in the container, and at the end of the day we close the door to the container."

Beane prefers this method because it conceals the electronics versus having them sprawled out on pavement in disarray.

"We are really proud of how our convenience centers look," he said. "They're neat. They're user friendly."

Once a pallet is filled, it can be taken to a vendor. With Beane's container method, containers can simply be switched out between convenience centers and vendors when filled.

"All vendors that we deal with need to be certified," Beane said.

NCDENR's Fitzpatrick

explained that there is an international certification process for electronic recyclers, called an R2 certification.

This certification process includes steps that vendors must take in order to verify that they are handling electronics and disposing of them correctly, versus dumping wastes in a third-world country.

Moore County Public Works wants to ensure that it is working with certified vendors who are responsible in their work. Part of this responsibility includes getting rid of data and personal info left on computers.

"That would be something else I would like to ask the residents to do," Beane said. "Make sure you discard any personal information you have on your computer before you bring it to us for disposal."

Keeping Moore Clean

The Moore County Solid Waste team has a passion for keeping Moore County clean. They try to keep a clean, user-friendly environment that is efficient for the community. The team's reward is when statistics prove they are succeeding in keeping the county beautiful.

"The team that we've got right now, we work well together," Beane said. "We're passionate about what we do. . . [We're] always looking for ways to improve things."

One improvement, designed by the team, is a metal structure that allows trucks to back in and dump waste right in. The contraption then funnels the waste into a compactor.

"[We are] completely and totally evolving," Beane added. "The industry is constantly changing. That's kind of what keeps it fresh on a day to

day basis."

Public Works also partners with an organization called "Friendship Clothing," which redistributes usable clothing that is no longer wanted by the owner. Drop-offs for clothing and shoes are located at the convenience centers.

One way to help convenience center workers is to be aware of how many people are needed to unload a heavy or bulky item — and bring enough folks along to help.

Part of Beane's mission is educating the community. So he visits local schools, teaching children what they can do for their community. He encourages all Moore County residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

"Never in a million years did I think I would be involved in garbage," he said.

Beane is in charge of "Keep Moore County Beautiful," an organization devoted to recycling.

(See "Solid," p. 20)



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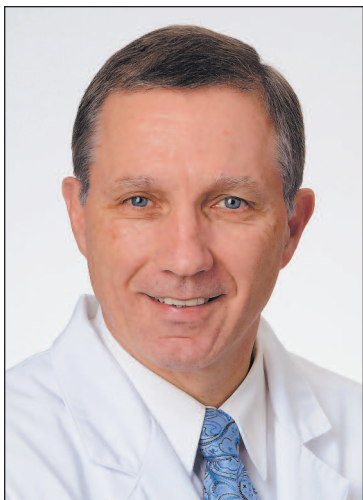


New Physician joins FirstHealth Seven Lakes

Dr. James R. Liffbrig retired from the U.S. Army as a family physician after 33 years of service. He left the Army in 2013, but has continued his medical career as a civilian.

On March 2, he became affiliated with FirstHealth Family Medicine-Seven Lakes, joining physician assistant Dan Matthews, PA-C, and adult nurse practitioner Mandy Martin, ANP, in providing health care services for the Seven Lakes community.

Dr. Liffbrig received his B.S. degree in psychology from Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. He completed his internship at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Fort Gordon, Georgia, and his residency in fam-



James R. Liffbrig, M.D.

ily medicine at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg.

In addition to his medical degree, he also has a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Washington in Seattle and he completed a fellowship in faculty development at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington.

Among his various assignments with the U.S. Army, Dr. Liffbrig served as deputy commander of the 21st Combat Support Hospital, Operation Iraqi Freedom; and director of the Family Medicine Residency Program and chief of the Department of Family Medicine at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg. From 2008 to 2013, he was an assistant professor of family medicine for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Upon retiring from the Army, Dr. Liffbrig worked as a civilian family physician at the Fayetteville Medical Home, Womack Army Medical Center.

In March 2013, he joined the University of North Carolina, Physicians Network, as a family physician working at Riverbend Family Medicine Clinic in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. He is a Diplo-

mate of the American Board of Family Medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Liffbrig and his family reside in Pinehurst.

FirstHealth Family Medi-

cine-Seven Lakes is located at 1035-C Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

To make an appointment with Dr. Liffbrig or one of the other providers, call 673-0045.

Operation Medicine Drop

The National Take Back Initiative in conjunction with Operation Medicine Drop will be held Saturday, March 21, during National Poison Prevention Week, at the Seven Lakes EMS Building, 714 Seven Lakes Dr, Seven Lakes, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This event provides a safe and secure way for people to dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications that are no longer in date or not needed.

There will be a law enforcement officer and pharmacist on hand.

Solid waste

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cling. He also serves on the Carolina Recycling Association Board (CRA) of North and South Carolina.

"I didn't know solid waste could be so exciting," he explained. "I didn't know garbage could be so rewarding. And you know, I didn't recycle. I didn't think about it, I just threw it into the

trash can. And then, once you really get into it and really dissect it you realize 'This is not the way to do things!' It's all about education. Everything, kind of, in life is all about that."

According to Fitzpatrick, "Moore County is fortunate to have Chad Beane directing and guiding their solid waste

program to continue to meet the growing needs of the recycling market while providing ease of service for Moore County residents."

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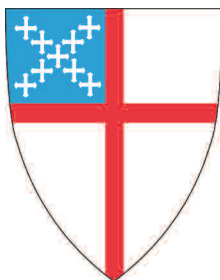
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Solar

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ordinance.

Smith suggested that additional screening could be added as a condition of approval. David Neill, attorney for the applicant, said he lacked the authority to consent to that condition, but suggested it could be added when the application moves to the Commissioners.

Chairman Buck Mims asked what would happen to the facility once it had been made obsolete by new technology. Neill replied that the County ordinance requires a decommissioning

plan for the solar farm, adding that the salvage value of the solar panels and metal support structures would ensure it was not left to decay on the site.

McNeill said Cypress Creek has forty commercial solar farms in operation and "well over one hundred in the pipeline."

The Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the permit by the Board of Commissioners.

No money for parks

A planned discussion of a Parks, Recreation and Open

Space Master Plan that was on the agenda for the March 5 meeting was terminated by Chairman Mims before it began.

The County's Land Use Plan, adopted by the Commissioners in November 2013, called for the development of a "Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan that emphasizes inter-connectivity of county and municipal resources and provides uniformity."

Mims said the Planning Board had discussed forming a subcommittee to help the Planning staff develop the

plan. But, prior to the March 5 meeting, he spoke with Board of Commissioners Chairman Nick Picerno, who told him that the Commissioners "do not desire to have a subcommittee for that. So that will not take place."

"There's a lot of things on the agenda that Chairman Picerno talked about," Mims said, "such as that we have to build ten schools in the future . . . There will be no funding available in the near future for purchasing open space, since we have a plethora of that in the county."

Other Business

In other business during the March 5 meeting:

- Ensminger told the Board that important public meetings on the Moore County Comprehensive Transportation Plan will be held in Carthage, Pinehurst, and Aberdeen on March 23 and 24. [See story on front page for details.]

- Ensminger told the Board that the Board of Commissioners had asked her to look for ways to make the County's recently approved Unified Development Ordinance even more "business friendly."

Foxfire

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"Five years ago, we had as many as twelve to fifteen people here because there was content to the meeting."

Lauer noted that much of the Council's deliberations take place during their Work Sessions, which do not include an opportunity for public comment.

"I wonder if a lot of folks aren't coming because there is not meat at these meetings," Lauer said.

Mayor Durham noted that there are two opportunities for public comment on the agenda of regular council meetings.

"At our work sessions, we roll up our sleeves and we do a lot of work," he said. "Those are open, and we moved that meeting to this room so that more people could come."

"The Council has gone out of its way to publish information on the budget," he added. "We have budget meetings, and hardly anyone comes."

Tying the hands of municipalities

Councilman Sedlak said he had received a letter from Village Attorney Michael Brough reporting that the NC General Assembly is considering a bill that would eliminate local government's ability to regulate architectural standards.

"We won't be able to reg-

ulate building materials, foundations, at all," Frusco said.

"It seems to be a trend with the legislature over the past several years to take away

a lot of authority from municipalities," Durham remarked.

The Council agreed to draft a letter to state representatives opposing the bill.


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OPINION

Where they know more than your name . . .

Sandhills Winery: "Where they know more than your name."

Okay, so it isn't Cheers.

But whenever we've been to the Sandhills Winery in Seven Lakes, we've found that feel of familiarity. Customers are greeted by name, and new patrons are warmly welcomed.

This little shop offers a vintner's expertise along with a certain level of intimacy and connection, one person at a time.

The small interaction you experience at Sandhills Winery make you feel valued and you know you are more than a "transaction." You become a friend and someone they

care about and value.

We discovered Sandhills Winery on our first day in Seven Lakes after moving from California. Driving by Sandhills Winery, we thought, "Wow, what an interesting store." We went inside and discovered one of the true gems of the Sandhills.

Walking through the door, we met one of the owners, Leslie Rose, who welcomed us with open arms — literally. Leslie opened Sandhills Winery with her husband Bob more than six years ago. Not only are Leslie and Bob two of the nicest people, they are two of the hardest working people in the Seven Lakes community.

We have learned they work so hard because they not only have a passion for wine, but also because they care about the community that has been their home for more than twenty-one years.

We found that Sandhills Winery is more than wine bottles on shelves. It is about community, people and relationships. We all know we can buy wine in a number of places: the big chains — Costco, the grocery store, and drug stores — or even on the Internet.

Leslie and Bob carry a wide selection of wines and they

have the palette and knowledge of many of the wine regions that allows them to be very helpful with your wine selection. If they do not

Your Turn

Mark & Jan Lindstrom

have what you are looking for, they are more than happy to order it in for you.

No one asked us to write this article. Simply put, we

wanted to. Why?

For two reasons. We want local businesses like the Sandhills Winery to be successful. Secondly, and selfishly, we want them to be a part of our community for a long time to come. When our friends and relatives visit, Sandhills Winery is one of our "go-to places." We know they will have an uplifting experience and will leave wanting to come back in the future!

We need to remember, where we spend our money does make a difference. When we choose to support local businesses it improves the quality of life in our community.

It might be Friday now . . .

I love spring!

It is probably my favorite time of year because everything is starting to bloom. The weather is warming. Life is erupting right before our eyes as we see the dogwoods and daisies wake up from their winter sleep. The grass grows greener and the trees are like an infant yawning after a long nap.

The days are getting longer and people start to emerge like forest animals after their winter hibernation. The birds sing with a sweeter tune and families are busy making sure that everyone is involved in the activities of the season. The air is more fragrant than every other season.

Sometimes, there are seasons of our lives that seem

like a long relentless winter. We wonder how we will make it through the storm and then this storm is followed by another that is worse than the last.

We get to a place where we believe that there is no respite, no hope for a better future. These seasons of life can be brought on by a number of things

— like the death of a loved one or the desperation of loneliness. They can happen because of a broken relationship or loss of a job. There are many things that bring these storms, but whatever the cause, they are daunting and leave us desperate.

I don't believe it's an accident that Easter is in spring. God knows that this life brings many heartaches and hurts, times when we think that we can't make it another day.

The day that Jesus died was just that sort of day. Jesus is betrayed by one of his best friends. His accusers take him to two separate courts that can't find him guilty of any wrongdoing.

Even though

Bound by Grace

Rev. Chris Hrabosky



he was found innocent of the charges, one of the courts decides that they will beat him, just to appease the crowd.

His accusers were not satisfied with this so they began to shout for him to be crucified. Another of his best friends denies that he knows him. The guards mock him and hang him on a cross and kill him.

Talk about a day that seemed hopeless. All those who had followed him dispersed.

Hopelessness loomed in the air. Everything seemed lost, dreams dashed, faith shattered. Maybe this is how you feel even as you read this, like it is Good Friday in your life.

S.M. Lockridge gave a famous sermon where he said "Friday is here, but Sunday is coming."

You might be experiencing Friday now. You are desperate and can't see any hope.

Hang in there, because Sunday is coming! Jesus died so that you might experience new life. He got on that cross to bear all of your burdens and sin.

If you find yourself living in Friday, I want to encourage you to hang on because Sunday's coming.

If you don't have a church home, I pray that you will visit us this Easter so we can share with you the hope that is found in Jesus.

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Let renters serve on SLLA committees

Dear Editor,

I was somewhat astounded to note a letter to the editor in the latest issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* in which the writer suggested that those who lease homes in our fine community should not be permitted to serve on any Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] committees.

In other words, committees should be comprised of landowners only. To my mind, this all-inclusive recommendation can best be

described as "hogwash!"

If such had been the case over the past several years, I know of one committee — Finance — which would have been deprived of the know-how and dedication of one such long-term renter who, to the best of my knowledge, sought or received nothing in return for the many hours spent on committee matters.

I also have firsthand knowledge of the helpful advice received from this same renter while volunteering on the Lake & Dam committee.

Various members of the Finance Committee have told me that this individual "brought to the table" a vast amount of experience, knowledge and time-consuming effort, thus resulting in the easing and simplification of duties required of other committee members.

It would seem to me that committee membership should not be restricted to SLLA landowners but that any renter within our community should be eligible to volunteer input or advice

while at the same time, foregoing participation in any voting.

Ron Erskine
Seven Lakes North

SLLA Work Session

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and landing repairs came in just under that cutoff — and did not include the possible replacement of a handrail, which would increase the overall cost of the project — Director Steve Ritter asked

whether it would be wise to solicit competitive bids.

Other Board Members agreed, and unanimously approved a motion asking Sohl to obtain at least three competitive bids on the project.

Other Business

In other business during the Monday, March 9, SLLA Work Session the Board of Directors forwarded to the Wednesday, March 18 Open Meeting for approval:

- Authorization for the Sandhills Sandsharks to organize Open Water Swim events on Lake Echo in June and September.

- A policy for the removal of abandoned boats and trailers unanimously recommended by the Lakes & Dams Committee.

- A policy for testing SLLA Lakes for the presences of e. coli, also unanimously recommended by the Lakes and Dams Committee. Manager Sohl explained that SLLA staff would collect samples to be tested by an outside laboratory at a cost of \$1,350 for the Summer season.

In addition, the Directors agreed to meet at 2:30 pm on Sunday, March 22, just before the Annual Meeting, in order to vote proxies that landowners had assigned to the Board.

Doubs Chapel Auction

There will be something for everyone on Friday, March 27 at Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church.

Join in for good food and a chance to bid on and win some real treasures.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and french fries — all fresh from the kitchen with soft drinks and bottled water will be available for purchase from 5 pm until 6:30 pm.

The auction will begin at 6:30 pm and last until the

auction inventory is gone. Auction items include tools, homemade desserts, and gift certificates from local businesses, golf packages, pottery, Carhart items, sports equipment, furniture, and miscellaneous household items — a wide variety of new and gently used merchandise.

The meal and auction will be held at Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church, 1444 Doubs Chapel Church Road, West End.

Moore County Band Concert

The Moore County Concert Band will hold their March Concert on Sunday, March 22, at 2 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst.

Musical Director David Seiberling has chosen a program of traditional Irish folk tunes. The concert is free and open to the public.



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MCS budget

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School Board and Commissioners, would increase total local funding from \$27.1 million to \$28.5 million.

County funding accounts for less than thirty percent of the MCS budget. The lion's share, roughly \$68.5 million, is provided by the state, while federal programs bring in \$6.4 million.

As is the case every year, the development of the state budget lags well behind the timetable for the creation of school district budgets, leaving the schools with little information about what they can expect from Raleigh.

Grimesey's proposed budget assumes that state funding will remain flat for FY 2016. Last year, the General Assembly increased school funding, primarily by increasing teacher pay. Moore County saw state funding increase from \$65.2 million to \$68.5 million.

The Superintendent is recommending a budget of just under \$112 million, plus \$1.46 million in digital learning expenditures, for a grand total of \$113.4 million.

That total includes the expectation that MCS will use \$2.2 million of its \$5.2 million fund balance to help balance the budget.

Digital learning = \$1.46 million per year

MCS has just completed the rollout of Phase 3 of its digital learning initiative, which aims to place a laptop or tablet computer in the hands of every student. Students at Pinecrest High School, Southern Middle School, and West Pine Middle School received Chromebooks in Phase 3.

Phase 4, planned for next year, will finish the rollout by equipping elementary school students with computers. The devices are expected to be replaced with new ones after three years of use.

Griffin told The Board that MCS' initial projections put the annual cost of digital learning — once all students had computers — at \$2 million per year. Because the

district selected Chromebooks rather than more expensive full-featured laptops, that estimate has dropped to \$1.46 million per year — the amount MCS is asking the County to provide in FY2016.

Of that total, \$500,000 will make lease payments for devices rolled out in Phases 2 and 3, \$300,000 will pay for Phase 4 leases, and \$660,000 will fund digital learning support positions.

MCS uses Digital Integration Facilitators [DIFs] to help teachers effectively utilize the devices in the classroom. Initial plans called for twelve DIFs; the district now believes the correct number is fifteen, and plans to add six next year in order to reach that number.

The budget also calls for two additional tech support staffers, as well as eight new technology support positions in school media centers.

Top priorities

Grimesey detailed a number of other priorities that the budget tries to address.

First and foremost, he said, was the need to retain and attract quality teachers, leadership, and support staff; avoid further cuts in staff, especially teacher assistants in kindergarten and first grade; and expand access to preschool. Achieving those goals, he added, will be heavily dependent on the amount of funding the state provides.

Other priorities include:

- Increasing the number of school nurses.
- Having an athletic trainer in every high school.
- Putting a full-time assistant principal at Aberdeen Primary and Elementary, Robbins Elementary, and Westmoore K-8, in order to allow principals to spend more time in the classroom.
- Adding a second grade Spanish Immersion class at West End Elementary.

- Creating a full time advanced studies specialist, to help manage the substantial increase in advanced placement and dual enrollment students.

Budget challenges

Griffin shared with School Board members a story about budget challenges that has become all too familiar.

In the wake of the 2008-2009 recession, state funding per pupil plummeted, and it has yet to recover to pre-recession levels.


Moore County received \$5,508 per student in state funding in the 2008-09 school year; the following year, it was less than \$5,000. In the 2013-14 school year, the state provided \$5,088 per pupil. That jumped significantly this year, to \$5,306, as a result of teacher pay raises.

But the number of students served by MCS is expected to increase from 12,908 this year to 13,056 next year. If state funding remains flat next year, as expected, per student funding will drop to \$5,246.

As state funding has dropped, state-mandated spending has increased. In 2008-09, MCS' contribution to the state retirement fund was 8.14 percent of payroll. This year, it is 15.21 percent. That has added \$4.5 million to the district's expense budget.

The state has eliminated flexibility that once allowed MCS to use money saved on teacher salaries to pay for other needs. And the state has eliminated funding for most teacher assistant positions.

Funding for textbooks,
(See "MCS," p. 25)



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instructional supplies, technology, and driver's education have all been cut, Griffin said.

Detailing successes

Despite the challenges, Grimesey said, MCS has seen significant progress in student achievement:

- 17 of 22 schools achieved expected of exceeded growth in 2014.
- The MCS graduation rate, at 88.1 percent, beats the

state average of 83.9 percent.

- Overall scores on End of Grade tests in grades 3-8 ranked the district number 21 in the state last year, versus number 43 two years before.
- High School End of Course testing ranks MCS number 34 in the state.
- 67 percent of MCS students scored 17 or better on the ACT, versus 59 percent statewide.

NCDOT

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- NC 24/27 near Carthage - The lack of a bypass around Carthage means that truck traffic on NC 24/27 must negotiate the traffic circle around the historic courthouse.
- NC 24/27 near Cameron - Expected traffic volume on NC 24/27 through Cameron means the road will eventually need to be four-laned.
- US 1 through Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and Aberdeen - US 1 is another highway where a four lane highway might be needed — but there is substantial resistance to possible bypass routes.

NCDOT transportation Engineer Scott Watson told *The Times* that the March drop-in sessions will inform citizens about options for each of these areas and give citizens an opportunity to provide input to NCDOT and the Moore County committee.

A large volume of information about the process can be found on the project website at www.ncdot.gov/projects/moorechoices. Watson said even more will be added on Monday, March 23.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 23

5 pm - 8 pm

Moore County Agricultural Center, Carthage

Tuesday, March 24

10 am - 1 pm

Pinehurst Village Hall, Pinehurst

Tuesday, March 24

5 pm - 8 pm

Aberdeen Elementary School, Aberdeen

Palustris Festival returns

After a one-year hiatus, the Palustris Arts Festival is back to celebrate five years of visual, literary, and performing arts in Moore County from March 27-29.

The festival features local and regional talent and is hosted by the Arts Council of Moore County, the Convention & Visitors Bureau and Presenting Sponsor, Wells Fargo Foundation.

The festival will showcase homegrown talent with the Steep Canyon Rangers. The group formed while students at UNC-Chapel Hill and have gone on to become a Grammy award-winning bluegrass band.

Throughout the festival, enjoy art exhibits from local and regional artists. Galleries

such as Hollyhocks Art Gallery, Eye Candy Gallery & Wine Bar, the Artists League of the Sandhills, fiber art by the Sandhills Quilters Guild at Aberdeen Recreation Station, and Campbell House Galleries will feature exhibits.

If you like more hands-on activities, try your hand at a Raku session at Linda Dalton Pottery, a short drive from the Village of Pinehurst. There will also be Arts in the Arboretum in the Village of Pinehurst. Great fun for the whole family—Pre-K to Golden Age.

You can also listen to music from Sing! Sing! Sing! A Celebration of Voice presented at Pinecrest High School on March 28 at 7 pm; the Palmis Trio presented at Weymouth

Center on March 29 at 3 pm; and the Union Pines Bands at Southern Pines Downtown Park area on March 28 at 3:30 pm.

Throughout the three days, discover the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens and Weymouth Woods—Sandhills Nature Preserve. Try out the hiking and walking trails surrounded by natural beauty and the longleaf pine trees, where the name Palustris was derived to pay tribute to the unique history of the longleaf pine.

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Westside Annual Meeting

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third of the membership participated in the election. The budget includes a 3.6 percent dues increase for improved lots and a 7.3 percent increase for undeveloped lots.

Pendleton Receives Fellingham Award

The Joe Fellingham Community Service Award was presented to the family of Judy Pendleton, prompting a standing ovation from the assembled members.

Pendleton died on March



Judy Pendleton

4, before she could be presented with the award.

She served on the Communications Committee and was an active contributor to the Seven Lakes West newsletter, providing reviews of books and news on community book groups. She also served on the Architectural Review Committee.

Most importantly, Keyser said, Pendleton established and managed the Seven Lakes West free lending library, which he called "a valuable resource for the community."

Members of the Pendleton family accepted the award on her behalf.

Reviewing the year

As the votes were being counted, outgoing President Bruce Keyser provided the substantial crowd who attended the meeting with a slide show highlighting accomplishments over the past year.

"The front entrance was the highlight of the year, along with the roads project," Keyser said. Seven Lakes West completed a substantial upgrade and reconfiguration of its front entrance, including a new gatehouse that sits further inside the community. In addition, the first phase of repaving Longleaf Drive was completed.

Management company "CAS is entering its fifth successful year," Keyser said, noting that the management staff continues to handle more and more duties, which allowed the size of the Board to be reduced from nine to seven.

The Architectural Review Committee processed 364 improvement projects and 22 new constructions during the past year, compared to 254 improvements and 10 new constructions in the previous year, Keyser reported.

"We are back to being a growing community, folks," he added.

CAS staff have taken over responsibility for managing both the events and amenities committees. In addition to hosting a number of events over the past year, from Summer concerts to Christmas parties, they conducted online surveys about the pool and other amenities.

The West Side Park Nature Trail was completed, and

pickle ball courts added to the tennis courts. A new gazebo is under construction near the swimming pool.

The Lake & Dam Commit-

tee worked with the community's dam engineer to complete a digitized survey of the Lake Auman Dam and

(See "Westside," p. 27)

Goodman elected Westside President

Mandy Goodman was elected President of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] in a Tuesday, March 17 closed meeting of the newly-constituted Westside Board of Directors.

New Board Member Jack Lattin replaces Goodman as Secretary and Chair of the Communications Com-

mittee, while Mercedes Herdrich and Chuck Watkins will continue as Treasurer and Vice President.

New Directors Bernadette York and John Shaughnessy will chair the Architectural Review and Infrastructure Committees. Bob Fewkes will continue as Lake & Dam Director.



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has a five year maintenance plan for the dam underway. Ten buoys were replaced in the past year and another ten will be replaced in the coming year, achieving the goal of replacing all the lake buoys.

Keyser noted that the Board had implemented in-house enforcement of speed limits after a Town Hall Meeting on security issues.

"In the three years that I have been a director, the big thing on our members' minds has been speeding and not stopping at stop signs," he said. "In the past couple of months, our new enforcement has been having an effect like no other way that we have attempted to control this issue in the past. We're not trying to fine anyone, we are trying to slow folks down."

The Finance Committee recommended early retirement of the mortgage on West Side Park, saving the Association interest payments. And collection efforts, including retaining a new collections attorney, has reduced the total past due member receivables from \$87,000 to \$65,000.

The new CSI Committee installed fencing around key problem areas on the community's perimeter, and helped secure the donation of an acre of land that

includes the dam for Longleaf Pond #3.

The number of landowners who have registered to use the SLWLA website has reached 1030, and maintenance of the website has been moved over to CAS staff.

Secretary Mandy Goodman provided a brief tour of the website following Keyser's Year in Review presentation.

Keyser praised the work of the community's many vol-

unteers, who he said made possible the achievements he had reviewed. A list of committee members and volunteers was distributed at the meeting, and the Association will host a reception honoring volunteers on March 27.

He noted that the Association has a significant need for new volunteers and encouraged members to become involved.

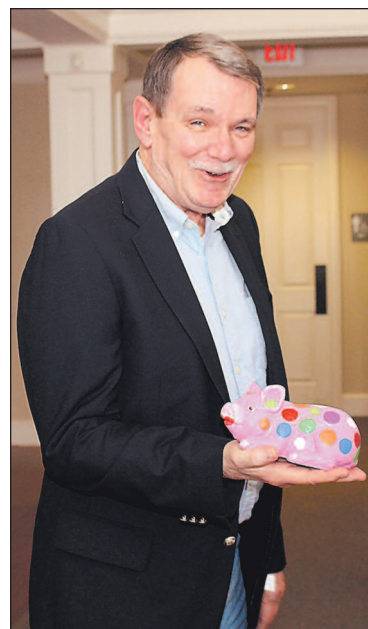
Outgoing Directors Honored

It is traditional for retiring directors to be honored with small gifts, as well as praise, and Vice President Chuck Watkins made sure each of the three outgoing Board members was presented with a suitable gift.

Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman was given a toy end loader and dump truck in recognition of his work on road repaving and other proj-

ects. Pierman praised the members of his committee and Community Manager Jeanette Mendence for their work.

Among the Board's more interesting debates in the past year was a discussion about the possibility of regulating yard art. During that debate, Architectural Review Director Dan Blue, alluding to a painted concrete pig (See "Westside," p. 28)



Retiring Director Dan Blue was awarded a polka dot pig to honor his service on the ARC committee



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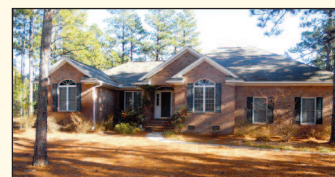
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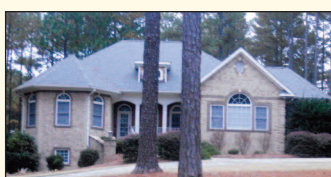
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prominently displayed on NC Highway 211, said "You know someone is going to buy the painted pig."

So Watkins awarded Blue his very own, very small polka-dotted pig statue.

Blue thanked his committee members, noting that the Architectural Review Committee is one committee that simply could not function without a dedicated group of committed and knowledgeable volunteers.

Noting that President Bruce Keyser could no longer look forward to incendiary emails and irate phone calls at all hours, Watkins said, "in those hours when you can no longer look forward to being a basket case . . ." and presented Keyser with a basketball hoop that can be worn as a hat.

"As I look out over everybody who is here," Keyser said, "I just want to appreciate the committees, the

CAS staff, all the committee people who have worked so hard, and this group of directors. We have been, in my mind, a fairly cohesive group this year. We have had a lot of situations in which there have been a lot of discussions, but, in the end, for the most part we have always come up with what is in the best interest of this community."

"And that is basically what



Retiring Infrastructure Director Jim Pierman was given a miniature dump truck and end loader

I would like to present to the new members coming on the Board: Learn to work together. Learn to work with the CAS staff. And learn to work together for what is in the best interest of Seven Lakes West."

Nominations Committee

Watkins announced the names of members who have agreed to serve on the Nominations Committee for the coming year.

They include, Mike Swenson, Jessica Wimberly, Tom McGinnis, Ed Cockman, Ed Silberhorn, and Ron Shepard. They will be joined by one member of the Board.



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Commissioners

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Other Business

In other Business during their Tuesday, March 17 regular meeting, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

- Applauded Parks and Recreation Director Billy Ransom as the 2014 recipient of the Yvonne Bright Leadership Award, presented by District 6 of the Dixie Softball Association. Moore County has hosted district and state Dixie Softball playoffs in the past and will host the 40th Annual Dixie Softball World Series this Summer.
- Congratulated County Manager Wayne Vest, Chief Finance Officer Xiong, and Internal Auditor Tami Golden, on the County's receipt of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. It's the fourth time Moore County has won the award.
- Approved the rezoning of

two properties from business zoning to residential zoning, so that homebuyers could receive mortgage financing on the properties. The properties relocated at 5675 NC Highway 211 in West End and 28 Youngs Road near Vass.

- Accepted \$5,538 in donated proceeds from the Pearls for Paws event, held at the Sunrise Theatre in November. The money will be used to support low cost spay/neuter services.

- Authorized Moore County Youth Services to apply for grants from the NC Division of Juvenile Justice that fund a variety of programs aimed at rehabilitating young people who have gotten into trouble with the law.

- With dissent from Chairman Picerno, approved The Department of Public Safety's acceptance of supplemental grant funds from the NC Division of Emergency Management. Picerno objected what he sees as the state's attempt

to micromanage local emergency operations.

- Adopted a resolution calling on the NC General Assembly to make NC General Statute 153A-15 apply to all counties in the state. The Statute requires the consent of a county board before land within the county may be condemned or acquired by a unit of local government outside the county.

- Approved a resolution in support of a new library for Aberdeen.

- Approved a new County policy for volunteers.

- Dissolved the Board's Economic Development, Education, and Legislative Task Forces.

- Reappointed Robert Williams to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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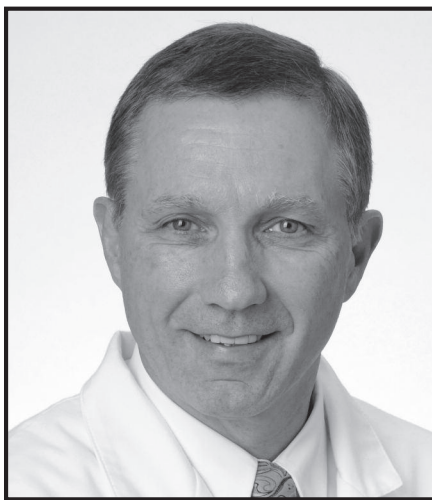
The League members hope that this college scholarship will encourage active participation of youth in the American political process and in service to their community, both now and in the future.

In an atmosphere where government is often seen in an unfavorable light, encouraging future political leaders is crucial to democracy.

High school juniors from North Moore, Pinecrest, and Union Pines with at least a "B" average are eligible to apply. Applications will be available in guidance counselors' offices by the end of March.

The application deadline is June 1, 2015. Finalists will be invited to an interview with the League of Women Voter's Scholarship Selection Committee after school resumes in August. The scholarship winner will be announced in early fall of the student's senior year.

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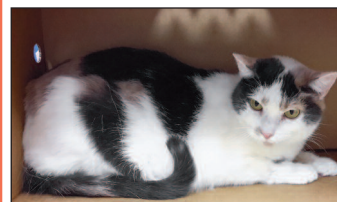
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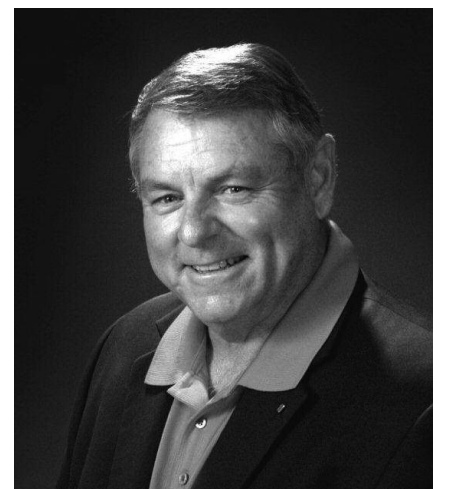
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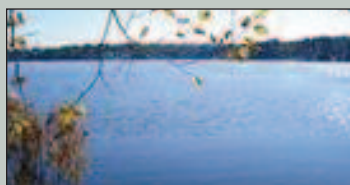
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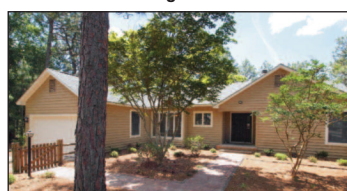
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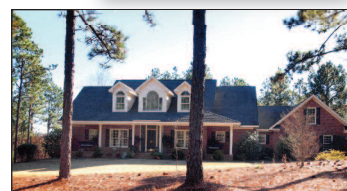
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