

## County budget holds taxes level

by Greg Hankins  
 Times Editor



Moore County Manager Wayne Vest has proposed a Fiscal Year 2016 budget

that leaves the general property tax rate where it has been for the past six years: at 46.5 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value.

The Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the budget during its regular Tuesday, May 19 meeting.

A decline in real estate values over the past year has reduced the County's tax base. In order to obtain the

same amount of property tax revenue from that lower tax base, the revenue neutral tax rate would be 48.84 cents, Vest told the Commneed to issioners.

Vest's budget also holds level, at two cents per hundred, the Advanced Life Support levy, which pays for the Emergency Medical Services in the County.

In previous years, citizens have paid varying fire tax rates, depending on the fire district in which they live. In April, the Commissioners voted to collapse the county's sixteen fire districts into a single countywide district

(See "Budget," p. 26)

## Changes approved in Pine Forest permit

by Greg Hankins  
 Times Editor



The developer of Pine Forest will be allowed to use potable water from Moore Coun-

ty's water system to establish and irrigate its golf courses, based on action by the Moore County Planning Board dur-

ing its Thursday, May 7 regular meeting.

Pine Forest is a 1,650-acre resort development that stretches along the north side of NC Highway 211 from West Pine Middle School to West End and, if the developer's plans are realized, will eventually include 700 homes, 300 hotel rooms,

(See "Pine Forest," p. 28)

## Remodeling Seven Lakes Golf

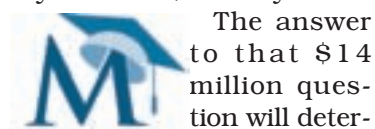


*The clubhouse at Seven Lakes Golf Club has reopened with a brand new look, as new owners begin to make their mark on the Club. Above, former SLCC President Roni Hann; Club Manager Jay Iskow; Owners Jon Whittemore, Dr. Tu Le, and Larry Galloway; with former SLCC Treasurer Greg Hogan. [See story and photos on page 20.]*

## 800 MCS high schoolers plan to take SCC classes

by Greg Hankins  
 Times Editor

If you build it, will they come?



The answer to that \$14 million question will determine the success or failure of Moore County School's [MCS] concept high school, a proposed 800-student facility offering college-level, career-focused courses that will likely be located on or near the Sandhills Community College [SCC] campus.

In addition to providing high school students with more opportunity to explore alternative careers, the concept high school aims to relieve overcrowding at Pinecrest and Union Pines High Schools by luring stu-

dents away from those campuses. If the new school fails to attract enough students, the overcrowding problem will remain unsolved.

Is there an appetite for college-level instruction among Moore County High School students? A recent push by MCS administrators, principals, and guidance counselors to take advantage of the state's "College and Career Promise" program suggests the answer is yes.

Nearly 800 MCS students have signed up to take SCC courses next year, Associate Superintendent Dr. Eric Porter told members of the Board of Education during their regular Monday, May 4 Work Session. That is triple the number of students who took SCC courses this year,

Porter said.

That includes 323 students from Pinecrest, 359 from Union Pines, and 98 from North Moore. Most of the North Moore students will take those classes at the high school campus in Robbins; the remaining students from all three schools will attend classes on the SCC campus, along with regular SCC students.

Most students will be taking one course at SCC, either in the morning or afternoon.

Board member Laura Lang pointed out that this would not significantly reduce overcrowding at either Pinecrest or Union Pines. "It's not going to free up any space at lunch time," she said, "which is when we are going to need

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# Westside explores options for purchased buffer

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



During a very brief Tuesday, April 28 Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board Meeting Director Mercedes Herdrich announced that the Association had purchased a portion of the recently clear-cut McDonald property that borders Longleaf Drive between Douglas Drive and Callis Circle.

Herdrich recommended that the Amenities Committee look into possible uses for the newly acquired strip of land.

"We also should look into fencing this area with a man-made or impenetrable living fence," Herdrich said, "something other than a chain link fence." The CSI Committee will solicit bids for fencing alternatives.

## New dam shed approved

On a motion from Director Bob Fewkes, the board voted unanimously to allocate \$6,500 in Dam Reserve funds to build a new equipment shed on the downstream side of Lake Auman Dam. Fewkes explained that the existing shed has deteriorated beyond repair.

Fewkes said Dam Committee member Bob Van Houten has volunteered to contribute his time and expertise as a contractor to hold down the price on the project.

## New entrance flagpole

The Lake Auman Sports Club recently installed a flagpole at the front entrance to the community. SLWLA President Mandy Goodman thanked the Sports Club for the donation of both flag pole and flag and thanked members of Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966 for conducting the flag-raising ceremony.

## Summer events

Repairs to the water fountain and the bathrooms at Johnson Point have been completed in time for Memorial Day Weekend," Goodman reported. The pool will open Saturday, May 23. Passes are available at the Community Center. Security will be at Johnson Point checking IDs during the holiday weekend.

The McKenzie Brothers will be featured in the first Johnson Point concert of the Summer, scheduled for June 5.

The annual fireworks display will be held on July 4.

## Other Business

In other business during the Tuesday, April 28 SLWLA Board Meeting:

- John Hoffman, Debbie Kristner, Gary Kuntz, and Paul Thompson were appointed to the Insurance Committee.

- Goodman reported that road work scheduled for May has been put on hold until late Summer due to the unavailability of necessary equipment.

- Goodman announced the death of Director Bernadette York's husband, Tony.

- Directors York and Chuck Watkins, as well as CAS Manager Jeanette Mendence were absent from the meeting.

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# Continuously running pool pump causes concern

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



The Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors approved, during its Thursday, April 30 Open Meeting, the final element of a major rehabilitation of the Northside swimming pool: the replacement of the existing pool pump with a new variable speed pump.

The pump, the rewiring of the pump house, and the installation of three-phase power is expected to cost \$16,118.

Though approved unanimously, the decision was not without controversy.

Community Manager Ray Sohl noted that, during its first year of operation, the new pump will run 365 days, 24 hours per day — a requirement of the one-year warranty on the new plaster coating on the pool basin.

Former Board member Conrad Meyer — who has spent considerable time and effort attempting to reduce SLLA energy costs — objected that, in the Finance Committee's review of the proposed purchase, no mention was made of operating the pump continuously.

"These details that just came up in this meeting did not come into the Finance Committee meeting," Meyer said. "The is the first time we are hearing about this."

"Some of these things are being brought forth so that we can meet timing," Conrad said, "but the answers aren't coming in a timely fashion for the committees that are working on them."

"Our concern is the plaster pool and the warranty on that pool," President Chuck Leach said. "Once we are done with the warranty, we should look seriously at not running the motor continu-

ously."

"I would have exploded if I had been told we were going to run the pump 365 days a year," Meyer said.

## Manager's Report

Manager Sohl reported that a second employee vehicle in as many months had been damaged at the stables, resulting in an insurance claim. Sohl said signs will be posted at the stables making it clear that vehicles must be parked in the designated lot.

Boat patrol begins May 8, Sohl said, with enhanced patrols during the Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day holidays. Security Director Lishawa said the Security Committee had met with patrol personnel and "made clear what we expect."

Sohl reported that tile has been installed on the bocce courts, leaving only the carpeted playing surface to be installed.

The Pool opens May 23, with veteran lifeguard Sarah Senior serving as head lifeguard.

The Engineering firm S&ME has assessed 3.3 miles of

SLLA roads, the main parking lot, and the basketball courts and helped develop RFPs for paving to be done this Summer. Seven companies recommended by the engineer have been asked to bid on the project.

## Committee Appointments

Also during the April 30 meeting, the Board unanimously approved the rosters of three committees:

**Security.** Steve Ritter, Don Harkey, Brenda Massimo,  
(See "SLLA," p. 24)

## Pancake Fundraiser

A Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to support Christian Group Work Camps will be held at Applebee's on Saturday, May 30 from 8 to 10 am.

Christian Group Work Camps sponsors teens with willing hearts who serve the community by performing

home repairs. A group of teens will be working in Moore County this Summer.

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# Commissioners call for change in school funding

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Moore County's Commissioners are determined to hold the feet of state legislators to the fire over school funding — and specifically, over state allocations to fund teaching positions.

During their regular Tuesday, May 5 meeting, the Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution calling on state legislators to actually do what they claim to be doing when setting teacher allocations for local school districts.

"We as political leaders owe it to our citizens and to Moore County Schools to push our legislators to actually do what they say they are doing," Chairman Nick Picerno said, introducing the resolution.

In North Carolina, the primary responsibility for teacher salaries lies with the

General Assembly. The idea is that the state will cover most school operational expenses, while county governments are responsible for building and maintaining school buildings.

In practice, state budget cuts often mean increased expenses for local taxpayers, as counties pick up the tab.

The resolution calls attention to one particular disjunction between the General Assembly's stated objectives and what actually happens in local school districts.

For each grade level, the state sets a maximum number of students per teacher. For example, the current ratio for Kindergarten classes is one teacher for every eighteen students.

Imagine, the resolution suggests, four schools, each with 25 kindergarten students. To achieve the 1/18 teacher/student ratio, each of those schools would need two kindergarten teachers

— a total of eight for the district.

But the state doesn't look school-by-school in determining teacher allocations. Instead, it does the math on a district-wide level.

Taking that same example, the state would add up those four classrooms of twenty-five kindergartners, for a district-wide population of 100 kindergarten students.

Dividing 100 by 18, the state's math shows the district needs not 8, but only 5.5 teachers.

That leaves the local school board with the choice of increasing class size in kindergarten or picking up the tab for the missing 2.5 teachers.

Moore County's resolution asks the General Assembly to begin doing the math on a school-by-school basis.

"The state's funding formula creates a shortfall in teacher's positions," the resolution reads. "In the past, and

presently, the counties and local taxpayers have been funding the shortfall of teacher's positions, which costs in the millions in local tax money."

"I am sick and tired of being told we are paying for one thing, but we are getting another," Picerno said. "Pay for what you say you are paying for."

He added that the issue is not one that breaks down along party lines. The funding formula that is currently being used with Republicans

in the majority in Raleigh is the same formula that was used when Democrats were in charge.

"The citizens of Moore County ought to push them," Picerno said, of state representatives. "We ought to push them."

After the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution, Commissioner Catherine Graham suggested that the Commissioners reauthorize the resolution at every meeting, "until we hear from them."

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# Council favors Equestrian zoning for Grande Pines

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



The Foxfire Village Council appears ready to rezone most lots in the Grande Pines subdivision "Rural Equestrian."

During the regular Tuesday, May 12 Council meeting, Planning and Zoning Chair Mary Gilroy recommended allowing smaller acreages within Grand Pines to also be zoned Equestrian, even those lots too small to accommodate a horse.

"We would like to bring in all of the lots regardless of size to equestrian, with the exception of the properties fronting Hoffman Road that are already zoned RS40," Gilroy said.

Foxfire's equestrian zoning does not allow for horses on lots smaller than seven acres. Councilman Jon Sedlak asked whether it was wise to zone a lot Equestrian when it is not large enough to allow a horse.

Councilman Mick McCue agreed with Gilroy.

"I have been a fan of this approach for years," he said. "You are right: we did do it piecemeal. Several years back, Developer Pete Mace came to the Council and said, 'I can't sell ten-acre lots in Grande Pines due the economy. I need to sell smaller lots.' But it is an equestrian community."

"In hindsight, if we went back and did this over, we would do it differently," Mayor Steve Durham said. "But, right now this is the best fix."

"The Planning and Zoning Committee agreed that this is the best fix for an imperfect situation," Gilroy said.

A public hearing will be scheduled to allow for input

regarding zoning recommendation.

## Pool opening delayed

The opening of the Village pool has been postponed for at least one week due to a bad batch of paint.

"We were hoping to open the pool on Saturday, May 23, before Memorial Day, as we usually do each year,"

Village Clerk Lisa Kivett reported.

"This year we had to do some extra work repainting the pool. The painters began painting the first coat and realized the color was off. Apparently the manufacturer knew the batches were bad, but they shipped them out anyway. New paint has been shipped. Once the pool is

painted it will take several days to cure. It will then need to be filled and inspected."

To make up for lost swim time, Councilwoman Leslie Frusco suggested keeping the pool open a week longer.

"Maybe we could stay open a week longer to compensate for the fact," Frusco said.

## Thanks and Praise

Mayor Durham thanked both Frusco and Village Deputy Finance Officer Sharon Sanchez for their work towards putting together the budget.

Frusco thanked the crew

of volunteers that showed up to pick up pine cones along Hoffman and Richmond Road and Foxfire Boulevard adjacent to the 17th and 18th holes of the Red Course. Fifty truckloads of debris were removed during the three hour project.

"I would like to thank the Appearance Committee and all of the volunteers that participated in the pine cone pick up," Frusco said. "We had close to fifty volunteers. That's a lot for a Village of our size. It warms my heart, and this is what living in Foxfire is all about."

## SLLA Newcomers & Oldtimers Gathering

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association Recreation Committee along with the Chapel in the Pines will be hosting a Seven Lakes Newcomers and Oldtimers Coffee and Gathering on Saturday May 16, from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall at Chapel in the Pines.

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# In memory of . . .

**Mr. Ralph Lee Foushee**, 87, of Seven Lakes, formerly of Pinebluff, died Thursday, May 7, in his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Foushee was born in Tramway, the son of Ralph and Mattie Foushee, of Sanford.

Mr. Foushee was a graduate of Elon College and obtained his masters in education from Western Carolina University.

He was a World War II Navy veteran and a long time educator in Moore County. Mr. Foushee taught at Southern Pines Middle School, worked as principal at Vass Lakeview Elementary, West End Elementary and Samarkand Manor. As part of his employment with Sandhills Community College, he taught at the local Carthage Correctional Institution, where he took great pride in helping inmates attain their GED.

He was a longtime Sunday school teacher and lay speaker at the United Methodist Church in Pinebluff and a longtime member of the Pinebluff Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ralph Mitchell Foushee.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; daughter, Cynthia Suzanne Oakley; and son, Paul Brent Foushee.

Memorial services were held Monday, May 11, at West End United Methodist Church, at 4015 NC Highway 173, West End.

Boles Funeral Home assisted the family.

**Jane Carter Hodge**, 76, of Seven Lakes North, died Thursday, May 7, at her home.

Funeral services were Monday, May 11 at Culdee Presbyterian Church. Services were conducted by Dr. Joseph Washburn. Burial followed at Cross Hill Cemetery in Carthage.

A native of Moore County, she was the daughter of the late William and Louise Fry Carter.

Mrs. Hodge graduated from Carthage School and was a 1960 graduate of East Carolina University. She was an enthusiastic, committed teacher of fourth grade in Florida, Asheville and and taught for ten years at Farm Life Elementary School, Carthage.

She was an active member of the Red Hat Society, and she volunteered as a clown at the hospital.

She was preceded in death by her son Timmy Walker and grandson Stephen.

Survivors include her husband of thirty-one years, Mills Hodge; son Thomas Walker and fiancée, Tiki, of West End; stepdaughters Karen Pruett and husband, Jim, of Cameron; and Anne Lassiter, of Robbins; stepson Bill Hodge and wife, Colleen, of Bethesda, Md; brother Billy Carter and wife, Carol, of Carthage; sister, Martha Johnson and husband, Prentice, of Shelby; her grandchildren; great-granddaughter; great-nieces and great nephews.

Memorials may be made to The National Association for Mental Illness at NAMI.org

**Corinne Ann Hellmer**, 82, died Sunday, May 3, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Hellmer was born in Milwaukee, WI the daughter to the late Helen Gromacki and Edward Wrecza.

She grew up in the Milwaukee area before moving to Waukesha, WI where she lived until retiring to Seven Lakes. For most of her retirement, she spent part of the

year living in Fort Myers, FL.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Edward Wrecza.

Survivors include her husband of sixty-two years, Carol Robert Hellmer of Seven Lakes; son Chris (Maria) Hellmer of Lexington; grandchildren Ian and Corina Hellmer; sister Carol Sands of Fort Collins, CO; brother Jan (Liz) Wrecza and nephew Matthew Wrecza of Pewaukee, WI.

There will be no public memorial service, but memo-

rial contributions may be made in Mrs. Hellmer's name to the American Cancer Society.

The family thanks everyone for their support, thoughts and prayers.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Ralph Patrick McCormack**, 74, of Seven Lakes West, died April 29, after a lengthy battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

Mr. McCormack served in  
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the US Army from 1963-1965. He was a graduate of Lawrence Technical Institute and retired from Chrysler after thirty-two years of service. An avid golfer, he enjoyed many years of playing golf in Michigan and Seven Lakes.

A funeral mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinehurst on Monday, May 4.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Catherine McCormack; his twin brother John; brother Donald and two nephews.

Survivors include his wife of forty-six years, Donna; sisters, Kathleen (Patrick) Moore; Patricia (John) Singelyn; Mary Jo (John) Moore; Maureen (Bob) Nowak; Pauline (Jerry) Domsic; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

**Tony Nick York**, 73, of Seven Lakes died Tuesday, April 28.

A beloved father, husband and friend to many, he passed away peacefully.

He was born in High Point, North Carolina, the son of Dorothy Von Cannon York and Charles M. York.

Mr. York graduated from Jordan Matthews High School in Siler City and attended University of North Carolina. He spent most of his adult life residing in Marietta, GA before retiring from Philips Lighting.

In 2007, he and his wife, Bernadette, built their home in Seven Lakes West, on Lake Auman, where he watched the sunset and glistening waters each day.

Survivors include his wife Bernadette; children Jonathan York; Eric York; Todd Harris and Alison Lazaro; eleven grandchildren; his siblings, Pam Apple, Sue Teague and Larry Yow.

A private family service will be held.

**LaVonne Rita Hurd**, 75, of West End died Tuesday, April 28, at the Pinehurst Hospice House.

Mrs. Hurd was born on in Minnesota Lake, Minnesota

daughter to the late Harold and Ethel Jans.

She enjoyed a her childhood in the small town of Pemberton, Minnesota. As an adult, she relocated to Maryland, worked for the

City of Rockville, MD and later with the Montgomery County (MD) Government as the Manager of the Career Counseling Center for the Montgomery County Commission for Women. She

retired in 1992 and moved to North Carolina.

Mrs. Hurd was an avid golfer and active in the Beacon Ridge Ladies Golf Association. She held many positions with the league

including inter-club and served on the Moore County Women's Amateur Golf Committee since 2005.

She was an active member of the West End United

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmie E. Hurd and son, Steven Prail.

Survivors include her children Alan Prail of San Diego, CA; Kristen Stewart of Richmond, VA; grandchildren Michael Uhl (Krystin), Lauren Uhl and Kelsey Stewart, all from Richmond, VA.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, May 13 at the West End United Methodist Church. Pastor Won Namkoong officiated.

Memorial contributions be made to the West End United Methodist Church, General Fund, 4015 NC Hwy. 73, West End, NC 27376.

**Sarah Ruth Currie Thompson**, 93, of Jackson Springs died Monday, April 20, after a brief period of declining health.

A celebration of her life was held at the Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church, where she was a lifelong member at on Saturday, April 25.

Mrs. Thompson was the daughter of Ernest and Jeanette Seawell Currie of Jackson Springs and the wife of the late W. M. Thompson.

She received her undergraduate degree from LSU and began teaching in 1941, in 1969 she received a Master's Degree in Library Science from UNC Greensboro.

She was an years educator in the Moore County School

System for thirty-eight years; first as an English and French teacher at Farm Life and West End High Schools; and later as librarian and media specialist at West End Elementary School.

In 2004, she was recognized as the "Citizen of the Year" by the Jackson Springs Community Club; inducted into the Moore County Graduates Hall of Fame in 2013 by the Public Education Foundation of Moore County; in 2014 she was presented the Judah P. Benjamin Award for community service by the John Blue Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

She is survived by her daughter, Annette of Jupiter, FL; son, Kenneth and wife Sandra of Jackson Springs; grandsons Kenneth Scott Thompson of New York, NY; and Jeremy (Kasey) Thompson of Carthage; great-grandson, Fletcher Thompson; her sister, Nancy Ray Blue of Jackson Springs; brother, Dr. Joe Currie (Nancy) of Seven Lakes; sister-in-law, Wilma Thompson of Carthage; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church Library Fund, PO Box 7, Jackson Springs, NC 27281 or to the W. M. Thompson Scholarship Fund, c/o Mary Hale, Treasurer, Jackson Springs Community Club, 112 Hotel Street, Jackson

Springs, NC 27281.

**Sherrill Pierce Cole**, 81, of West End, died Wednesday, April 22, at his residence.

He was a native of Moore County, son to the late Ed and Emily Cole. Mr. Cole proudly served in the US Navy Air Corp. He worked as a maintenance supervisor for the State Prison System before his retirement.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Cole; daughter, Tamara Marie Fore (Julius) of Southern Pines; sons, Raymond Pierce Cole of Lakeview and John Edward Cole (Alice) of West End; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and his beloved Poodle, Inky.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, April 26, at Seven Lakes Baptist Church. Burial followed at Beulah Hill Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Building Fund, PO Box 833 Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

**Nancy Doolittle Stephens**, 92, resident of River Landing at Sandy Ridge, formerly of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, April 19 at River Landing at Sandy Ridge.

Mrs. Stephens was born in Waukegan, Illinois, the daughter of Leonard & Edith Doolittle. She attended college at Indiana University.

On June 24th, 1944 she married Ralph Parsons Stephens from Camillus, NY. Following World War II, they lived in Riverside, Connecticut and New London, New Hampshire.

In 1988, they retired to Seven Lakes.

While living in Riverside, CT she was a member of the Junior League, worked at a school for mentally disabled children and was a toy buyer for the Greenwich Hospital gift shop. While living in New London, NH she worked in real estate as a sales person and broker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ralph; brother, Avery Edward; sister, Elyse Mureal; and daughter, Kathy Wicher.

Survivors include her son, James Ralph Stephens and wife, Marilyn; daughter, Kim Elyse Caisse and husband, Shawn; son, Rand Doolittle Stephens and wife, Annette; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.


A memorial service was held Saturday, April 25, in the Multipurpose Room at River Landing at Sandy Ridge, 1575 John Knox Road, Colfax.

**Patricia Ann (Brackley) Speziale**, 74, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, April 5 at her residence.

No services are planned at this time.

Mrs. Speziale was born in Rochester, NY.

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Mrs. Speziale was preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth Polito Brackley and her sister Sandy Santucci.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-one years, Ronald Thomas Speziale, Sr.; son, Ronald T. Speziale, Jr., and wife Vicki of Chesapeake, VA; daughters, Rhonda Cook and husband Rodney of Rochester, NY; Robin Cellura and husband Michael of Rochester, NY; sister, Nancy Johnson of Rochester, NY; seven grandchildren, Aric Speziale, Aaron Speziale, Ryan Speziale, Emily Cook, Brandon Cook, Blake Cellura, and Rylee Cellura.

**James Preston Freeman**, 76, of Eagle Springs, died Wednesday, April 1 at his residence.

Memorial services were held at Eagle Springs United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 5. The Rev. Eric Joyce and Rev. Donald Burns officiated. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Mr. Freeman was born in Montgomery County, and was the son of the late James Martin Freeman and Gracie Leonard Brewer.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Phillip and Lawrence Freeman.

Mr. Freeman is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ethel Moore Freeman; son, Kenneth Everett Freeman of Eagle Springs; daughter, Abby Haywood of Eagle Springs; grandson, Jason Haywood and wife Bethany of Troy; two great-grandchildren, Jillian Haywood and Sophia Haywood both of Troy; his brother, Arnold Freeman and wife Joan of Eagle Springs; sisters, Phyllis Hannah and husband Jr. of West End; and Linda Britt of Indian Trail.

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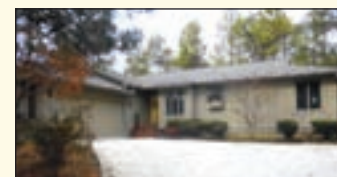
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Seven Lakes Kiwanis



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His Eagle Scout project was the rehabilitation of a nature trail and the building and installation of six birdhouses along the trail.

Matt's other accomplishment during his senior year was his recognition as the top scholar and athlete for his leadership on the lacrosse team in combination with his excellent academics. He received an academic scholarship to the Rochester Institute of Technology where he hopes to continue his student and athlete record of success when he begins his freshman year in the fall.

## Civil War widow at WSL



Kelly Atkins Hinson portrays Mary Anna Morrison Jackson

by Joyce Friert  
Women of Seven Lakes

The speaker at the Women of Seven Lakes April 2 meeting was Kelly Atkins Hinson, an active member of the Moore County Historical Society.

Ms. Hinson portrayed Mary Anna Morrison Jackson, wife of Stonewall Jackson. In period dress with historical artifacts, she introduced everyone to the woman behind the man, their faith, their love and their losses.

The audience was taken back to another time while she read letters exchanged between the couple during the Civil War. To learn more about the "Widow Of The Confederacy," visit [civilwarwomenblog.com/mary-anna-morrison-jackson](http://civilwarwomenblog.com/mary-anna-morrison-jackson).

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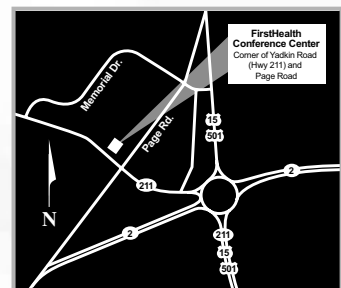
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by Don Smith  
Lake Auman Sports Club

On Monday, April 6, at Seven Lakes West there was a flagpole dedication ceremony followed by the raising of the American flag at the Seven Lakes West community's front entrance. Approximately 120 people attended the event. The flagpole was purchased for the community

by the Lake Auman Sports Club (LASC) and erected by Sports Club volunteers.

Larry D'Amico, served as the Project Manager for this LASC initiative, and opened the ceremony dedicating the flagpole and flag for what it represents to America and to the community.

The ceremony was then

conducted by the Moore County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966 led by President Jack Bergquist. Invocation was by Laud Pitt. Bugler Ben Benjamin played "To The Colors." The flag raising was done by flag handlers Jim Ambler and Mike Patullo and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.



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# 2015 SLLA Egg Hunt - Kids, Eggs, Clowns, Ponies

Despite a chill in the air, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 attracted scores of egg hunters. The eggs were rounded up in no time, but there was still plenty of fun to be had, with refreshments, a bounce house, pony rides, and balloon critters.



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**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

- **Horizons Band Concert** – 3 pm, music at the Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End. The concert is free and open to the public. The group will be playing a variety of music for everyone listening enjoyment.

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

- **Armed Forces Day**
- **SL Newcomers and Old Timers Gathering** – 2 pm - 4 pm at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. New to the Seven Lakes area or have you been here for a while, this is a great opportunity to meet and greet others and to find out more about the community. Join everyone for refreshments and get to know the changing Seven Lakes Community. Contact Recreation Committee Director, Mary Farley, 673-2310.

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

- **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.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 11 am service. 275 Knox Lane, West End.
- **Moore Philharmonic Orchestra Spring Concert in Troy** – 3 pm, Trinity United Methodist Church,

239 North Russell Street, Troy, NC. Soloist and pianist Sophia Pavlenko with guest conductor Paul Chandley. Music of Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Jean Sibelius as well as



selections from Fiddler on the Roof and the Wizard of Oz. No tickets required, tax-deductible donations welcome. Moore Philharmonic Orchestra at [www.mporchestra.com](http://www.mporchestra.com)

- **Party for the Pine** – 3 pm, Come celebrate the birthday of the World's Oldest Known Living Longleaf Pine – 467 Years Old. Meet at the Visitor Center, then car pool (4 miles) to the Boyd Tract and celebrate with a guided Park Ranger to visit the tree, birthday cake. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, 692-2167 [weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov](mailto:weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov)
- **West End United Methodist Church Explorers** – 5 pm – 6:30 pm, for children grades K-5. Time of learning, crafts and activities before eating dinner

with the youth from 6 – 6:30 pm. Children's ministry, explore God's Word through scripture, crafts, games. 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. Open to all youth in 6th – 12th grades. Fellowship, study and a meal. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – doors open at 6 pm, show at 6:45 pm, in the gallery of Poplar Knight Spot. Music guest tonight: *Ameranouche*. Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, 944-7502 [www.theroosterswife.org](http://www.theroosterswife.org)

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

- **Victoria Day**
- **Planting for Success Lunch and Learn** – noon to 1 pm, Sandhills Horticultural Society presents a free program on planting. Janet Peele of Aberdeen Florist & Garden Center will talk about the plants that are proven winners in the Sandhills. The Ball visitors Center, Sandhills Horticultural Gardens. Gardens will provide drinks. Register by emailing, [landscapegardening@sandhills.edu](mailto:landscapegardening@sandhills.edu)
- **Memory Monday** – 4 pm - 5 pm, MaryBeth Bailar with Resources for Maximizing Life. For everyone as they age. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End, (910) 215-0900.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Sandhills Natural History**

**Society** – 7 pm, Weymouth Woods Park Ranger Nancy Williamson will share photos and stories about adventures she and her husband have shared in keeping tally of all the birds they've seen so far in 2015. Visitors welcome. Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd, Southern Pines, 910-692-2167 [www.sandhillsnature.org](http://www.sandhillsnature.org)

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

- **The Game of Life's Journey** – 9 am - 11 am, Announcement of Winner and One on One Conversations With Professionals to Answer Your Questions. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End, (910) 215-0900.
- **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

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- **Trivia Tuesday at Sandhills Winery** – 6 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- **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.
- **Senior Center Travel Presentation** – 3 pm-4:30 pm, Amanda Speer will present an exciting group travel destination for Fall 2015. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End, (910) 215-0900.
- **FirstHealth Program** – 5 pm, Health, Healing and

The Humanities Program: Tapping into the Restorative Powers of Nature with author Richard Louv. At the Ballroom of the Country Club of North Carolina. No charge to attend, but reservations are requested by calling (910) 695-7510.

- **AWANA Youth Group** – 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, 673-4656.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

- **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.

- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 11 am service. 275 Knox Lane, West End.

- **Moore County Concert Band** – 2 pm, in the Grand Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. Musical Director, David Seiberling has chosen a potpourri of music including Broadway tunes, gospel numbers, international dance rhythms, a circus march, and a great finale. Free, open to public. www.moore-countyband.com or call (910) 235-5229.

- **Woodpeckers of Weymouth** – 3 pm, Throughout the year you might see 8 different species of woodpeckers at the park. There's a group of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers that live in a cluster of trees right behind the visitor center. Bring binoculars. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, weymouth.woods@ncdenr.gov

- **McDonalds Chapel Music Circle** – 4 to 6 pm in the church's fellowship hall McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church. Group invites any traditional folk musicians and friends to join in for fun and a variety of music from. McDonalds Chapel, 1374 Foxfire Road, Aberdeen. Call Jill McCloy 692-5094.

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- **Memorial Day (Observed)**

### MONDAY, MAY 25

- **Memorial Day (Observed)**

### TUESDAY, MAY 26

- **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.

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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.

- **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.

- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.

### THURSDAY, MAY 28

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

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

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# Gallery at St. Mary Magdalene showcases



Andrea Schmidt



Susan Gordon

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter

Nothing brings joy to an artist like a blank wall. The Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church has inspired local artists with a room to showcase their talent. The Gallery at Seven Lakes invited the public in to view the latest work from local artists on Wednesday, April 8.

Andrea Schmidt honed her skill as an artist in West Virginia, where she was one of the state's signature artists. Since moving to Seven Lakes she has been active as an

art teacher. Schmidt recognized fellow art teacher and Seven Lakes resident Ann Campbell as instrumental in rallying local artists.

"Ann Campbell was instrumental for encouraging the artists that live here," Schmidt said. "She is a lifelong artist and taught for many years."

Each artist has several pieces of art on exhibit. Much of the art reflects their lives before Seven Lakes.

Cynthia Robinson moved to Seven Lakes from the Boston area. "I have never thought about moving back,"

she said. "I like the nice even temperatures and mild weather."

Robinson has been painting for ten years. "I always wanted to it," she said. "When I lived in Rockport, a friend pointed out that we were always talking about it and it was time to do it." Robinson has been painting ever since.

Another transplant, Minnesota native Carol Burgess, is happy to live in a moderate climate. But she often finds herself painting memories of Great Lake Superior.

Anne Bright has much further to go to her native home, and will soon make her annual summer trek to Norway. She will be there in time to celebrate the Norwegian Celebration of Midsummer's Night on June 23.

"Everyone gets together," Bright said. "There is a big bonfire, music and dancing."

A world traveler, Bright speaks over seven languages.

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Anne Bright

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# the work of local artists



Carol Burgess

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She also fluent in communicating through mixed mediums.

From Virginia, New Jersey, Florida, Columbia South America, Whispering Pines, to Seven Lakes, artist Barbara Stender has finally settled down to retire. With a degree in art and design, Stender rendered architectural interior designs. Stender's training, skill, and passion for art has continued to evolve after retirement.

The little gallery has become a melting pot of artists, each expressing their individuality on space. All are happy to be painting and to be living down home in Seven Lakes.



Barbara Stender



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# Seven Lakes Golf Club gets a new look



The bar at Seven Lakes Golf Club has a whole new look, with glass mosaic tile and exposed Edison bulbs

The new owners of Seven Lakes Golf Club celebrated the redesign of the clubhouse on Friday, May 1 with a reception for those who had participated in the project.

Vicki Stone of Village Design Group was commissioned to create a new look for the facility.

A completely redesigned bar includes a glass mosaic tile backdrop and "industrial look" light fixtures with exposed Edison bulbs.

The dining room now has tables in three different heights, and the flooring has been replaced.

The mantle on the fireplace

was reconfigured and additional video screens added — the clubhouse now boasts five screens.

The awning over the outdoor patio has been removed, in order to allow more light into the dining area, and improve the outstanding view of the golf course.

In addition to the clubhouse improvements, Manager Jay Iskow told *The Times* that the cart paths have been renovated.

This Winter, the greens will be enlarged, restoring them to Peter Tufts' original design.



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# Pumpkin Creek hosts Village Egg Hunt



There was Easter fun in Seven Lakes Business Village on Saturday, April 4, when the folks at Pumpkin Creek Cafe and Pumpkin Creek Clothing hosted a egg hunt and Easter fair open to the entire Seven Lakes and West End community.

A very dapper-looking Easter Bunny served as master

of ceremonies, offering parents and kids egg dying, face painting, and free cotton candy, as well as a dandy egg hunt.

One thousand eggs concealed in a blanket of pinestraw were unearthed in a flash, but there was plenty more fun for the young folks in attendance.



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# OPINION

## When talking politics goes too far . . .

Dear Editor:

My wife belongs to a Moore County fitness center. This is where she goes to exercise her body and to clear her mind. Today was not a good day for her!

As my wife exercised on the treadmill, there were three gentlemen directly in front of her. One was exercising on a bike; one was simply sitting on a bike; one was standing there holding forth.

It's not at all unusual to hear people expressing their political and religious views

as they exercise. An exchange of ideas can be healthy for the mind. Today, the gentleman who was holding forth was not holding back.

He made disparaging remarks about Mexicans in his neighborhood. He stated that African-Americans are ruining this country.

He stated not once, but twice that President Obama is a Muslim. And then he said it: "Somebody ought to just assassinate Obama." By that time, my wife had increased her treadmill speed

to 3.8. (I'm guessing that's fast!) My wife had heard enough.

She corrected the gentleman on President Obama's religion. "He is not a Muslim. He is a Christian." The gentleman ignored her. My wife had a few more things to say to him before leaving, but she had to cut short her exercise routine to get out of there.

The gentleman who had remained silent throughout the discourse approached

my wife as she was leaving. He apologized on behalf of the offending gentleman. As it turns out, the offending gentleman is a preacher in a neighboring county! He shall remain nameless.

I do have a few words of my own for Mr. Preacherman. He may conduct all political and religious discussions he wants to conduct wherever he wants to conduct them, but if my wife ever comes home telling me that he is advocating the assassination

of my president, I shall feel free to call the Secret Service myself reporting his words. Perhaps, the Secret Service will be interested enough to visit him at his church to see just what it is that he is preaching to his congregation!

My wife will probably be very angry at me for writing this letter, but I don't think she'll have me "assassinated."

Bob Hancock  
Seven Lakes West

## Medicine drop success

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Sheriff Neil Godfrey, I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make Operation Medicine Drop a huge success.

Prescription drug abuse has become a major problem for our society today. Many of our teens mistakenly think prescription drugs are safer than illicit drugs.

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, among those aged 12-17, prescription drugs are the second most abused drug behind marijuana.

Parents and grandparents should consider locking up

prescription drugs in the home to protect children.

25,288 pills were received and documented at the Seven Lakes EMS location as compared to 3,100 pills last year.

There will be another Medicine Drop in the Fall.

Currently, there are medicine drop boxes located year around the county at the Moore County Sheriff's Office and police departments in Aberdeen, Pinehurst, and Whispering Pines.

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# Plenty of bling at Women's Member-Guest

Glitz and glam ruled the day for the Women's Golf Association at Seven Lakes Golf Club on Thursday, April 30.

The theme for the WGA's member guest tournament was "Diamonds in the Rough," and some players went all out to win the "Best Bling" contest.

Member Kristen Foster and her guest Helen Kirk took first place, edging out member Roni Hann and her guest Kaye Pierson for second place.

Thirty-six members and guests enjoyed a perfect day as they competed in the better net ball match.

Overall winners were Kathleen Causey and Lynda Akerson with a net score of 59 (MOC). Edna Oliver and Sue Wisniewski took first place in Flight 1 with net 61. Marti Elliott and Alyssa Newton took second place with net 62 (MOC). In third place were Marge Blake and Olga Manning with net 62 (MOC).

First place in Flight 2 was taken by Kathy Goodman and Rose Gaynor with net 59 (MOC). Nancy Peterson and Louise Pryor took second place with net 65. In third place was the team of Joyce Charles and Peg Woodard with net 66.

Member Kathy Goodman won Closest to the Pin on hole #10. No guest landed on the #7 green for the guests' closest-to-the-pin contest.

Closest to the Line on hole #17 were member Susan Clark and guest Barbara Hedin. Member Joyce Charles hit the longest putt on hole #18 at 33 feet and Louise Pryor made the longest guest putt at 26 feet 6 inches.

The Seven Lakes WGA would like to thank the following local businesses for helping make their tournament a great success.

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Additionally, thanks are extended to Robert's Golf, Golf Augusta, Quality Care Pharmacy, Sandhills Winery, Mike's Tire & Auto, Seven Lakes Golf Club, 7 Lakes Pizza Kitchen, Diane Boston and Linda Strohmer for the prizes they donated and to FirstHealth Family Health Center for bottled water and Lori's Golf Shoppe for tee packets.



Guest Helen Kirk and member Kristen Foster, winners of the "Best Bling" contest.



Member Kathleen Causey and her guest Lynda Akerson, the Overall Winners of the tournament.

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# SLLA

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Chuck Mims, and Mike Pusillo, with Director Greg Lishawa as Chair.

**Judicial.** Donna Stephen, Mary Meyer, Jane Lowe, Ruth Joyner, and Eric Ritchie, with Judy Allen as an alternate and Director Bob Racine as Chair.

**Finance.** Jim Allen, Conrad Meyer, Ed Sanchez, and Les Sommers, with Director Mark Gyure as Chair.

## Committee reports

**ARB.** Director Sandy Sackmann reported that the Architectural Review Board had approved ten projects, ranging from a bedroom extension to a new garage door.

**Community Standards.** Director Racine reported that his committee sent out 60 violation notices in April, as well as 70 letters reminding selected homeowners that it is time for some Spring cleaning on their property.

**Judicial.** Racine said the Judicial Committee is preparing a set of recommended procedures for conducting SLLA Annual Meeting elections, which will be presented to the Board for approval.

**Lakes & Dams.** Director Joy Smith reported that the

Lakes & Dams Committee is busy readying the lakes for the Summer season, as well as monitoring water levels in the lakes and inside the dams.

**Recreation.** Director Mary Farley reported that the SLLA will host a Newcomers and Oldtimers get-together at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines on Saturday, May 16, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**Security.** Director Lishawa said his committee had met with the Chief Deputy of the Moore County Sheriff's Office and received confirmation that Officer Forrest Kirk will be assigned full-time to the Seven Lakes area. Kirk is determined to get speeding under control in the area, Lishawa said. He added that the State Highway Patrol has begun ticketing motorists treating the single right lane on Seven Lakes Drive as it adjoins NC Highway 211 as though it included both a right and left turn lane.

**President.** President Leach recounted a story from his early days as a school administrator as a way of letting Board members know that their decisions would not always please everyone. The goal, he said, is to act in the

best interest of the Association as a whole.

## Public Comment

During the public comment segment of the meeting:

• Bob Miller asked whether the Board intended to take up the issue of renters serving on SLLA committees. Leach said it would be on the agenda for the May Board Work Session.

• Ron Zwart suggested that the Association conduct a community survey in order

to better understand the demographics and the needs of the community.

• Norma Mason reported that gunfire on a lot in the Seven Lakes Business Village near Ramapo is continuing to disturb residents. Noting that the issue is beyond the jurisdiction of the Association, Security Director Greg Lishawa said the SLLA Office would help Mason draft a petition to present to the County Board of Commissioners.

## Other business

In other business during their April 30 Open Meeting, the SLLA Board of Directors:

• Approved a calendar of Board meetings for FY 2016.

• Approved the use of Sequoia Point for an end of the year party by the West End Presbyterian Tutoring Group on May 19, from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

• Renewed the audit contract with Tinsley & Terry CPA.

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## School Board

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it.”

“It means getting kids started taking classes on the SCC Campus, getting people into the mindset of taking classes away from the home school,” Porter said, noting that can be a difficult hurdle to overcome for high school students and their parents. “This starts easing your way into that concept.”

Noting that MCS can examine the specific SCC courses that high school students take in order to better program the concept high school, Chairman Bruce Cunningham said: “Rather than build it and hope they come, we can get them coming and we know better what to build.”

### Paying for books and buses

The state-funded College and Career Promise program allows high school students to take community college classes without paying tuition.

However, it does not cover the cost of textbooks, lab fees, and transportation.

Covering the cost of those items — an expense that was not included in the Superintendent’s FY 2016 budget — may require MCS to dip further into its fund balance.

Porter explained that the transportation plan includes busing students from MCS campuses to SCC and back

in the morning and again in the afternoon.

“700 kids is a lot of buses and a lot of gas,” Vice Chair Kathy Farren noted.

Associate Superintendent Kathy Kennedy explained that, in the past MCS has paid for college course textbooks when MCS students take college level courses at their high schools. But, MCS students taking college courses on the SCC campus have been responsible for purchasing textbooks and paying other fees.

Given their desire to encourage students to take courses at SCC, MCS administrators appeared to have little interest in continuing that practice.

“Why would you pay for a textbook for a child who stays on campus and not for one goes to SCC,” Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey asked, “particularly if you want to move students off the [high school] campus.”

Kennedy said her team added up the cost of textbooks for all MCS students taking SCC courses — on our off campus — this year. The total was \$119,595 — and Kennedy said, with triple the students next year, that cost could also triple.

“We have to find a way to deal with textbooks and supplies,” she said.

And textbooks aren’t the

only classroom cost. Kennedy noted that students taking Baking 1 must pay for a textbook and also a baking kit, with a total cost of \$421.

### An unknown price tag

No firm estimates of the total budget impact of transportation, textbooks, and fees was available during the meeting.

Porter, Kennedy, and Cunningham all praised the willingness of SCC administrators to modify schedules and assist in other ways to accommodate MCS students.

Kennedy said they had discussed having an Open House for students in August, to help orient them to the SCC campus, and perhaps additional sessions for parents in September and December.

MCS will also hire additional counselors specifically to work with students taking classes at SCC.

“So now our fund balance is going to have to eat transportation, textbooks, and guidance counselors that we have not budgeted for yet, correct?” Lang asked.

“Sitting here today, that is the only obvious option,” Grimesey replied. “The only way we have been able to get the cost of textbooks and transportation sifted out is to say we are going to do it. There’s no way to project

those numbers; there are too many variables.”

“Having the stabilization funds [i.e., fund balance] puts us in the position where we can try something like this. The Board would be assured that we will do everything we can to find alternatives.”

“I think this is very exciting, very doable,” Board Member Sue Black said. “In Moore

County, we have always been on the cutting edge, and there’s no reason we shouldn’t continue to be on the cutting edge.”

### Transfer policy debated

Also during their Monday, May 4 Work Session, Board Members revisited proposed policies on admission, assignment, and transfers among  
(See “School Board,” p. 26)

## Horizons Band Concert

New Horizons Band in the Pines (a band for seniors 50 years and older) will be performing their last seasonal concert at the Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End, at 3 pm on Friday, May 15. The concert is free and open to the public.

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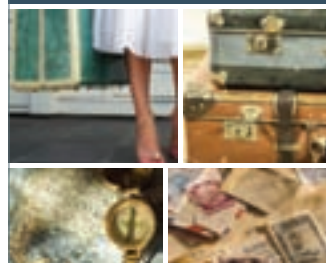
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## Budget

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with a single fire tax rate.

The Manager's budget sets that tax rate at eight cents per hundred — which represents a doubling of the four-cent rate that those in the Seven Lakes district had been paying. It also represents an increase for those

in the West End Fire District, where the rate had been 6.9 cents.

Despite the increased fire tax rate, Chairman Nick Picerno said most citizens will not see an increase in their overall tax bill, because of the general decline in property values.

"We feel like it will be minimal impact," Picerno said. "Most of our county will have no increase or a tax decrease. When you combine the rates with the devaluation, the result is going to be pretty flat taxes."

### Expenses trimmed

The Manager's budget reduces expenses in several areas, including a \$151,255 decrease in the General Fund, a \$14,955 decrease in the E911 Fund, \$108,426 in the Moore County Transportation Fund, and \$232,341 in the Self Insurance/Risk Man-

agement Fund.

The County is expected to have 643 employees next year, or 637.5 full time equivalents. Vest explained that the budget cuts four full time General Fund Positions, as well as a part-timer in Transportation Services, while adding six full time positions in Emergency Medical Services.

Vest noted that, between FY2012 and the current proposed budget, the county has added, in total, nineteen positions. However, over that period, Public Safety positions have increased by 41.25 full time equivalents, while other staffing in other departments has been trimmed.

The budget continues to fund the current portfolio of employee benefits, while offering a one percent cost of living adjustment starting in

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## School Board

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schools. If adopted, the policies would take effect in the 2016-2017 school year.

The administration provided data that indicated at least 1,000 of MCS' 13,000 students are attending a school outside the area in which they live.

The new policies would tighten eligibility for transfers outside a student's home area. In addition, they would no longer guarantee that a student allowed to transfer into an out-of-area elementary school would automatically be granted a transfer to the related middle school.

For example, a student from Carthage who is allowed to attend West End Elementary School in order to attend Spanish Immersion classes might not be granted permission to later attend West Pine Middle School.

Several Board Members were clearly unhappy with that proposal.

"If we start them in the feeder path, then we ought to leave them in the feeder path," Board member Becky Carlson said.

Board member Lang pointed out that dropping a sixth grader into a middle school in which they know no other students would be traumatic for the student.

Policy Committee Chair Farren said her committee would revisit the proposed rules and bring them back to the Board's June Work Session.

### Other Business

In other business during the School Board Monday, May 4 Work Session:

- Budget Director Mike Griffin provided the Board with a quarterly update on the budget. The School Board approved a resolution amending the budget to incorporate those changes during its Monday, May 11 regular meeting.

- Chairman Cunningham asked Board members to consider recommendations for appointment to the SCC Board of Trustees. During their May 11 meeting, Board Members reappointed Pam

Thompson to that post.

- The Board heard a request from the Pinecrest debate team to attend competitions in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Dallas, TX.

- Cunningham presented the Board with a meeting schedule for 2015-2016 and a schedule for evaluating the superintendent's performance.

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# Budget

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January 2016. Employees at Step 5 — the highest step — of their classification will receive a one percent bonus.

Overall expenses in Vest's recommended budget total \$121.7 million, an increase of just of one half of one percent.

## Schools' Budget request not fully funded

The manager's budget includes a \$750,000 increase in operating expense funding for Moore County Schools [MCS] — about \$85,000 less than the School Board had requested.

MCS sought \$900,000 in capital funding; the county budget funds \$750,000 of that request. Vest's budget provides \$750,000 for the district's digital learning initiative; MCS had sought \$1.46 million.

The County and Sandhills Community College [SCC] negotiated a standing funding formula last year. As a result, Vest said, the budget process was "considerably smoother."

The County allocates six percent of the property and sales tax revenues to SCC. The agreement includes a "hold harmless" provision that holds funding level if the six percent share drops below current funding.

"That provision kicked in this FY 2016 budget," Vest said.

## Budget highlights

Other highlights of Vest's budget presentation included:

- The County's total debt service is \$13.2 million. That includes \$5.3 million in MCS debt, and \$1.7 million in SCC debt.

- The Commissioners

decided last year to begin gradually moving away from funding non-profit agencies, in part because no rationale existed for why some of the County's 600 non-profits were funded and others were not. The plan is to reduce non-profit funding by fifteen percent each year, and Vest's budget incorporates that reduction.

- The budget also include \$25,000 in funding for the Moore Alive website, which aims to recruit new residents and entrepreneurs to the County.

- The proposed budget includes \$3.28 million in funding for fire and rescue departments, holding each organization's funding level with FY2015. In addition, \$50,883 will be added to a Fire and Rescue capital fund.

- The budget includes a five cent per thousand gallon increase in wastewater treatment fees for municipalities.

- Debt Service for public utilities is budgeted at \$3.1 million.

- The Convention and Visitor's Bureau's budget will increase by \$46,000, to \$1.5 million.

- The Moore County Airport is budgeted at \$3.9 million, a \$159,000 increase.

- The County's capital reserve funds total \$22.8 million, up from \$18.2 million last year. \$20.2 million is available for governmental projects and just over \$500,000 is dedicated to debt service and capital projects at Sandhills Community College.

- Vest said Parks and Recreation is investigating the possibility of adding a Recreation Center at Hillcrest Park that would include two basketball courts, multi-pur-

pose rooms, concession area, and office space. The facility is expected to cost \$1.5 to \$1.7 million.

## Best budget yet

Noting that this was the seventh County budget he had worked on, Chairman Picerno said, "This is the best budget I have ever seen pro-

duced by this county in the seven years I have been here."

Picerno said the Commissioners' priorities can be read in the shifting of staff positions over the past few years. The previous County Manager was more focused on general government, Picerno said. "We are now more focused on education, public safety,

and our employees."

He noted that forty-three percent of the budget is dedicated to education and that the county continues to transfer excess fund balance into a capital reserve fund, mindful that Moore County Schools is planning to build new schools.



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## Pine Forest

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two-golf courses, and a shopping village.

The property was rezoned as a Planned Unit Development - Hamlet in 2011 after considerable public debate; but little or no progress has been made on developing the PUD since then.

The conditional rezoning was set to expire last September, but was extended for one year by the Moore County Board of Commissioners. As that one-year deadline nears, the developer, MHK Ventures, Inc., is working with the County to meet the requirements of its permit. It brought three amendments to the Planning Board aimed at moving that process forward.

Representing MHK, Fred Hobbs asked the Board to approve:

- Moving the NC Highway 211 entrance to the development further east, closer to Archie Road, which serves as the main access to West Pine Elementary and Middle Schools.
- Moving a proposed private wastewater treatment facility from the Pine Forest property to MHK-owned Dormie Club, a 646-acre golf resort subdivision located off Beulah Hill Church Road near its intersection with NC Highway 73.
- Using County-supplied potable water to irrigate Pine Forest golf courses until the wastewater treatment facility is handling sufficient volume to produce reclaimed wastewater for irrigation purposes.

### Save Our Sandhills objects

The Save Our Sandhills [SOS] environmental organization was critical of the plans for Pine Forest when the project was first proposed. Members of that organization — and other citizens — used the May 7 public hearing to question the wisdom of approving the developer's requests.

SOS Secretary Ruth Stoltzing reminded the Board that the initial debate over Pine Forest had raised considerable concern about locating

a private wastewater treatment plant adjacent to the headwaters of Nick's Creek, which provides the water supply for the Town of Carthage.

Moving the plant to the Dormie Club raises similar issues for the Little River watershed, which provides water to Vass and Whispering Pines, she argued. Stoltzing questioned whether public officials from those towns had received sufficient notice of the proposed change.

Planning Director Debra Ensminger told *The Times* that the developer's plan is to begin by constructing a golf course and a resort hotel before moving on to residential and additional commercial development of the property.

"The golf course business going the way it is going, with golf courses going out of business left and right, I suspect what they want to do is recover something by putting some houses in at the Dormie Club," Bill Huber, of Pinehurst, said. "And they need somewhere for the toilets to go to."

Many of the residential lots within the Dormie Club subdivision are not expected to be able to perc for septic installation.

"This whole thing is a cloud," Huber said. "No one uses city water to irrigate a brand new golf course."

"I understand that the Dormie Club is for sale, and has been for sale," Peter Levine said, "and that they're not doing well."

"Any project that MHK or any developer is involved in is only as good as the people behind it," he added. "And,

if they are floundering — and it appears that they are — to approve a major change to a part of the project, like a sewer treatment plant? That makes no sense to me."

Developers want to do a good job, but they promise more than they can deliver, and so do the solemn-faced engineers who serve them," said Attorney Marsh Smith, of Southern Pines.

"No matter how much engineers promise you that everything will be fine, there will be breaks, and spills into those waters."

"Look at this carefully, he urged the Board. "The people who are making this proposal to you are probably not in it for the long term, but the environment and we are in it for the long term."

### Hobbs defends changes

"In the debate about Pine Forest," Hobbs said, in defense of the requested amendments, "the Commissioners were stringently concerned about what happens if there is a spill at the treatment plant. We started immediately talking about a location on the Dormie Club that is not immediately a tributary to Little River."

He said that there is a ridge between the proposed location of the treatment plant and Little River that will help minimize the impact of any spill on that watershed.

Hobbs said the developer had been granted a permit for a plant that could handle one million gallons per day, but now believes it needs only 500 gallons per day, and plans to build out that capacity in 250,000 gallon increments.

He said state regulations would require that a wastewater treatment plant be built when the demand reached ninety percent of 125,000 gallons per day.

As part of its long term water supply plans, Moore County has purchased a share of the expansion of Harnett County's water treatment facility. Under a pending water and sewer agreement with the County — which Ensminger said may be on the agenda of a June Commissioners' meeting — the Pine Forest developer would pay approximately \$2 million to reserve a portion that expanded supply, while also paying usage rates as water is consumed.

"As to the developer's intent?" Hobbs said. "Unabashedly, the developer's

intent is to sell it. He is not interested in developing it himself. His financial backer has put all the money he wants to put into it."

"It is for sale. Dormie is for sale. MHK is for sale," Hobbs said. "The reason these issues have been delayed is because, of the 2008 financial situation, we didn't have a buyer."

"We do now have preliminary plats being developed with a hotel developer," Hobbs said. "So there is movement, in the last several months."

Planning Director Ensminger told *The Times* that the prospective developer of the hotel and golf course is Bob Sonnenblick of Sonnenblick Development, a Los Angeles-based developer of both commercial and governmental projects.

(See "Pine Forest," p. 29)



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# Pine Forest

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## Board votes to approve

Planning Board members generally expressed support for the requested changes.

"There were stringent standards in place in 2011," newly-appointed Board Member Joe Garrison assured SOS members. "This is not the wild, wild west here. Those same stringent standards will be in place."

Chairman Buck Mims noted that the permits required 75-foot setbacks from streams and wetlands.

Board member Eli Schilling noted that the initial permit required extensive testing around Nick's Creek and asked whether those would remain in place. Hobbs assured him that they would.

"We as a Board can't operate based on hearsay or what is on the street," Board Member Rich Smith said. "We can't judge based on how successful someone is. These are changes that hopefully will be for the better. We can't vote on anything except what the rules are and what entitlements these people have through the proper channels."

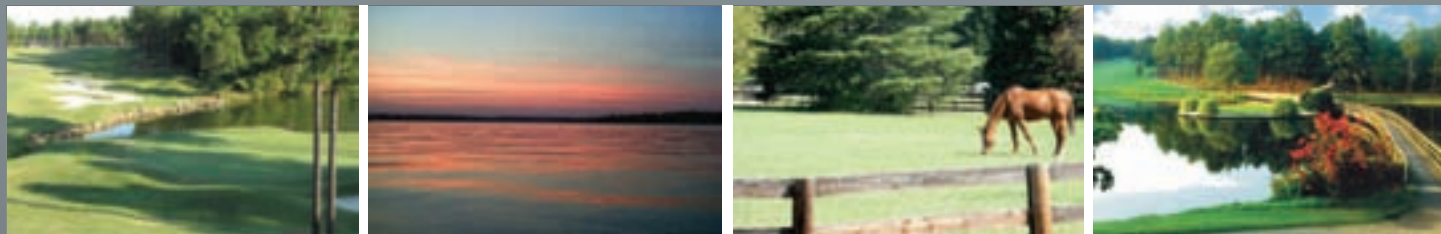
"We will be following and tracking the process," he added. "We want to hold their feet to the fire and make them perform."

The Board unanimously approved all three requested amendments.

## Solar Farm Approved


Also unanimously approved during the planning Board's Thursday, May 7 meeting was a conditional use permit for a commercial solar collector facility on a 44.75 acre parcel on Yow Road, near the Randolph County line.

The developer of the five megawatt facility is Oakland, CA, based Enerparc, which appears to have built more solar farms in Europe than in the US. The electricity generated will be sold to Duke Power.



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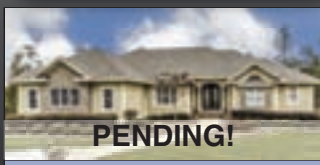
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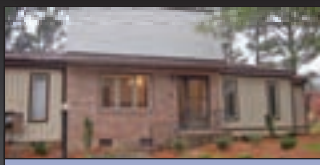
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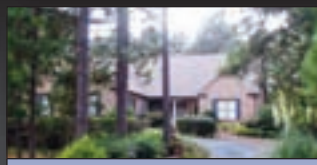
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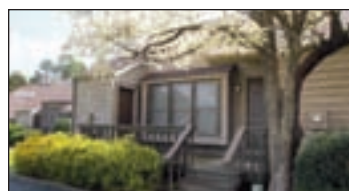
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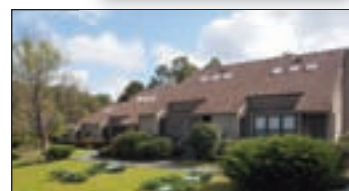
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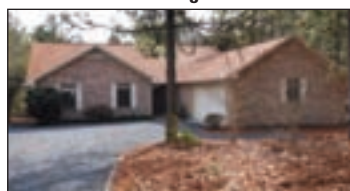
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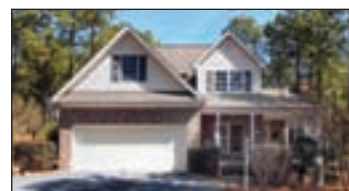
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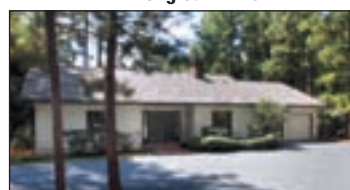
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