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Widman, Gandhi to join SLLA Board of Directors

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Mark Widman and Dev Gandhi will join the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors, replacing Joy Smith and Mary Farley, both of whom resigned in June.

Gandhi, a relative new resident of Seven Lakes, replaces Farley as Chair of the Recreation Committee. His term expires in March of next year.

Widman, a longer term res-

ident who lives beside the Lake Sequoia Dam, will take over Lakes & Dams. His term will end in March 2017.

The appointments were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors during the Thursday, August 13 Open Meeting.

Widman was not present for the meeting, and, though Gandhi was, he did not participate in the voting.

Also during that meeting, President Chuck Leach introduced Interim Community

Manager Jeff Allen, a longtime CAS, Inc. manager who will fill in as the Board works through the process of selecting a new manager to replace Ray Sohl, who resigned in July.

Allen said he found Seven Lakes "a very lovely community."

"I have been in a number of communities that I have worked with over the years," he said, "and I haven't seen any with the number of

(See "SLLA," p. 27)

Westside Board approves \$120,000 Auman Dam repair

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



A \$120,000 project that will improve the toe drain system in Lake Auman dam will go forward, despite strenuous objections from Treasurer Mercedes Herdrich and the unanimous disapproval of her Finance Committee.

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors

approved the toe drain project during a special called meeting on Friday, August 7. The vote was six-to-one in favor of proceeding with the project, with Herdrich opposed.

Lake Auman Dam has three terraces — or "benches" in the language of dam engineers — on its downstream face. NC Dam Safety Engineers have noted an excess of seepage on these benches in their annual reports for the past five years. The toe drain project will cut trenches

three feet wide and five feet deep across the lower two benches and fill them with sand and gravel. That, along with modifications lower on the face of the dam, is expected to significantly improve drainage.

Lake & Dam Director Bob Fewkes explained that the

(See "Dam," p. 26)

Fine day for fishing



Boys & Girls Club member Michael Hayes enjoys a fine day of fishing at the Rick Rhyne Memorial Fishing Tournament in Foxfire Village. [See page 10 for photos.]

Board of Education extends Grimesey's contract to 2019

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Two months after they fired, and then rehired, Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey, the Moore County Board of Education voted to extend his contract through the 2018-2019 school year.

Grimesey's original employ-

ment contract was unilaterally terminated in a five-to-three vote of the Board during a Special Meeting on June 4. Public outcry over that move eventually led to the resignation of four of the Board members who supported his dismissal.

Grimesey was reinstated on June 8, with a new contract to keep him in the job through the 2017-2018

school year.

During the School Board's Monday, August 10 regular meeting, that term was extended by one additional year in a four-to-three-to-one vote of the Board.

Chairman Bruce Cunningham and Vice Chairman Ed Dennison, along with Charles Lambert and newly installed member Stacey Caldwell,

(See "Grimesey," p. 29)

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Women of Seven Lakes kick off their season

by Joyce Freiert

Women of Seven Lakes

The Women of Seven Lakes was formed more than 35 years ago to promote fellowship among members of the Seven Lakes community; to sponsor recreational activities and social events; to promote general well-being of the community and to engage in charitable enterprises in the Seven Lakes area. All General Meetings of the Women of Seven Lakes are open to the

public, and attendees are invited to stay for refreshments after the presentations and business meetings.

The women will hold their first General Meeting of the 2015-2016 year on Thursday, September 3, at 2 pm, in the

Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall.

The speaker will be Sandy Berger, a long-standing technology columnist. She began as a computer programmer more than thirty years ago and was one of the few

women in technology at the time.

Berger is the author of seven books about computers and technology. She will discuss Microsoft Windows 10 and will show some new technology gadgets that are currently on the market.

The next meeting, on Thursday, October 1, will feature Moore County Sheriff Neil Godfrey. Deputy Forrest Kirk and Lieutenant Tim Cameron will present to the group a NRA program entitled "Refuse To Be a Victim."

This program will focus on the psychology of criminal predators, mental preparedness, physical security and automobile security. One single most important step toward ensuring your per-

sonal safety is making the decision to refuse to be a victim.

Members and guests will learn personal safety tips and techniques needed to avoid dangerous situations and avoid becoming a victim. This meeting be held at the Chapel in the Pines at 2 pm.

The Women of Seven Lakes Board of Directors for the 2015-2016 year are: Lee Connelly, Vice President; Barbara Leoncini, Secretary; Linda Stevens, Treasurer; Joan Welsh, VP Membership; Joyce Freiert, VP Communications. The position of President is currently vacant.

The cost to join the Women of Seven Lakes is only \$12. For more information, please call Lee Connelly, 673-2521.

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The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines will have its annual rummage sale on Saturday, October 17.

The annual sale provides funds for the White Christmas program, which helps local families.

The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines is now accepting items for this Rummage Sale.

This year, the Chapel is short of donations of furniture and household items.

Donations are taken throughout the year and stored until four days before

the sale. Volunteers then unpack the items and place them in their designated places.

If anyone in the community has good used furniture or household items they would like to donate, please call the Chapel office 673-2156 to schedule a pick-up time.

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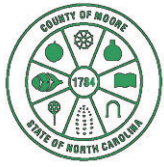
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Board approves funds for Aberdeen school

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



The use of lottery funds to purchase land for a new elementary school in Aberdeen won the approval of the Moore County Board of Commissioners during their Tuesday, August 18 regular meeting. But a larger request for design funds was tabled.

Earlier in August, Moore County Schools [MCS] asked the Commissioners to approve a request for \$870,000 in lottery funds to pay for a due diligence evaluation of the proposed school site, the purchase of the land itself, and sufficient design work to have a bid-ready project.

That request was tabled, and the Commissioners made it very clear that they wouldn't support spending any money on school construction until they had a clearer idea of

the School Board's priorities and timeframe on the ten projects that are part of its Master Facilities Plan.

A private meeting that included Commissioners Nick Picerno and Randy Saunders, School Board Chairman Bruce Cunningham, Vice Chairman Ed Dennison, and Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey apparently produced a compromise that allows MCS to pursue the land purchase.

Returning to the matter during the August 18 Commissioners meeting, MCS Director of Operations John Birath presented two applications for the use of lottery

funds: one for \$246,000 to cover due diligence and the land purchase, and a second for \$900,000 that would cover all design fees.

Voting on those requests separately, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the \$246,000 application, and unanimously voted to table the \$900,000 for design fees.

Updates coming on facilities plan

Birath told the Commissioners that the School Board would receive a report on August 31 from architects who have been preparing master development plans

for all three Moore County high schools. And MCS will present an update to the entire ten-project Master Facilities Plan during the Board of Commissioners Critical Issues Summit on September 10 and 11.

Chairman Picerno said tabling the \$900,000 request "gives you a chance to meet on the thirty-first as a board, and gives you a chance to get it out to the public and get the public aware of what you are trying to accomplish."

"We want to try to marry your needs with our ability to pay with taxpayer money," he added. "Those are the two things that must come together to make this a successful thing for Moore County."

"We know there are needs. We are looking forward to working with you. This money won't go anywhere."

Proceeds from the North Carolina Education Lottery are held by the state in an

account for each county. The balance in Moore County's account is approximately \$2.9 million.

Whispering Pines Mayor Bob Zschoche, during the public comment portion of the meeting, said he and his Village Council supported the idea of "land banking" for new schools, but opposed the allocation of design funds for a "low priority item."

New elementary schools for Aberdeen and Southern Pines — in attendance Area 3 — are number five and six on the MCS facilities priority list, after expansion at Pinecrest and Union Pines High Schools, the development of a concept high school, and a new elementary school for Area 1, which includes Whispering Pines.

Carthage and Sandhills Farm Life Elementary Schools, in Area 1, are both over capacity, while the Aberdeen and Southern Pines

(See "Commissioners," p. 21)

Correction

In our August 7 edition, *The Times* reported that the Commissioners had reappointed John Taws to the Moore County Airport Authority. That was incorrect. They appointed Michael Jones to replace Taws on the Board. *The Times* regrets the error.



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Admissions, transfer policies ready for vote

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Changes to Moore County Schools [MCS] admission and transfer policies that stiffen the requirements for students who want to attend a school outside their home district are ready for a vote.

Policy Committee Chairman Charles Lambert presented fourteen policies for first reading during the Monday, August 10 meeting of the Moore County Board of Education. Three of those dealt with student assignment and the transfer of a student to a school other than that to which he or she would normally be assigned.

Because of overcrowding issues at a number of schools, MCS Administration is attempting to tighten the criteria for transfers, as well as ensuring that transfers to another attendance area do not continue after the original reason for the transfer is no longer present.

In the cases of new requests for transfer, Associate Superintendent Dr. Eric Porter said, one of the issues the district will consider is the capacity of the target school: class size, student-teacher ratio, and grade size. Parents may find it more difficult to transfer students into schools that are already overcrowded.

Porter explained that parents will need to renew their application for transfer every school year. As long as the criteria for the transfer continues to be met, the student will be allowed to continue in the school to which he or she was transferred.

"For example," Superintendent Grimesey said, "we have had applications for transfer in the past where individuals have wanted to attend a school, and their purpose was to participate in year-round school. And, after they had been at that school for two months, they change over to traditional school."

"The current policy enables them to be grandfathered and to stay there and not be questioned as to their original intent. Where we have schools that are at or over capacity, that presents a problem Where we need to make that decision, the new policy would enable us to have the authority to do that, where we currently don't have that."

"That's a reason why we want renewal to be done on a regular basis."

"The current policy is not forceful enough to allow that enforcement," Grimesey said. "This would set a higher standard for our enforcement. In extreme cases, like Sandhills Farm Life, we would have more authority to say no."

The proposed policy allows transfers for a number of

reasons, including family moves from one attendance area to another, after school child care, and special programs offered at a particular school.

Transfers denied by MCS Administration can be appealed to the School Board.

The second reading — and possible approval — of the policies will take place at a future Board meeting.

STEM Robotics

Steve Johnson, MCS' Lead Digital Integration Facilitator [DIF] along with DIF Leanne Homes, briefed the School Board on the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math [STEM] Robotics program during the August 10 meeting.

MCS has benefitted from a substantial STEM grant from the Mebane Foundation for the past two years, Johnson said. Starting robotics clubs was one of the initiatives funded.

Holmes said she had set up seventeen teams in six schools as a pilot project. They participated in a showcase on May 22, during which teams had to program their

robots to navigate courses designed by other teams.

Johnson explained that the task not only challenged students to learn to write computer code, but also engaged a variety of math skills.

Looking forward to the coming school year, MCS purchased twenty-five Lego Robotics kits with remaining Mebane funds and plans to place two in every elementary school and three in three different middle schools.

"We want to have robotics teams and clubs in every school in Moore County this year," Johnson said, adding that the Public Education Foundation is helping raise the funds needed to make that possible, setting up a separate effort aimed specif-

ically at funding STEM initiatives. The Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills has also made a \$5,000 donation for MCS STEM efforts.

In order to realize that goal, MCS will need to place three or four robotics kits in each of the other four middle schools, acquire FTC robotics kits for each of the three high schools, and find sponsors for the elementary robotics showcases and middle school robotics competitions. The total cost is nearly \$20,000.

Looking out for North Moore

During Public Comment, David Lambert, a member of the Moore County Planning Board and candidate for the

(See "School board," p. 24)

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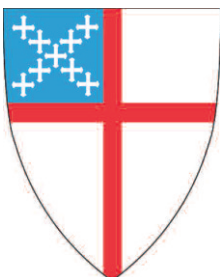
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No changes in the Facilities Master Plan

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Concerns about the prospective purchase of land for a new elementary school in Aberdeen prompted Mayor Bob Zschoche and other members of the Whispering Pines Village Council to attend the Monday, August 10 meeting of the Moore County Board of Education.

Zschoche reminded the Board that a new elementary school for Area 1, which includes Whispering Pines, ranks higher on the Board-approved Master Facilities Plan than the two new elementary schools planned for Aberdeen and Southern Pines, which are in Area 3.

If those priorities are to be changed, Zschoche said, those changes should be done in an open, public process. He also suggested that the Board should provide regular progress reports on the Master Facilities Plan.

Later in the meeting, MCS Operations Director John Birath assured Zschoche that the priorities have not changed, and that MCS is actively seeking land for new elementary schools in both Area 1 and Area 3. The Aberdeen site is simply the first of the three needed to be identified, he explained.

"If we had a Whispering Pines area property available at the same time or before the Aberdeen property, Would we have been bringing it to the Board as a recommendation at that time?" Superintendent Grimesey asked.

"Absolutely," Birath replied.

"Absolutely, yes," Grimesey emphasized. "I want to make that clear. The fact that we don't have one yet, that we haven't had a seller yet, is the reason why it isn't before you already. The intent was

to get these properties, as soon as we had the best available deal, before the Board, get them secured."

Birath said attempts to locate a property for a new Area 1 school have moved more slowly because it has been difficult to find landowners with any interest in selling, despite have reached out

to more than a dozen landowners.

He said some landowners contacted simply won't respond. Other are willing to sell property that is primarily wetlands. One respondent came in with a price that was "well above our budget range," Birath said. He indicated that MCS

expects to pay \$10,000 to \$15,000 per acre, and needs twenty buildable acres for a 650-student elementary school.

"And, if we find a more expensive property," Grimesey said, "We will be prepared to bring it to this Board, because this Board has the authority to decide that you want to spend more."

During the public comment segment of the meeting, Heather Burn, the parent of a student at Sandhills Farm Life Elementary School, reminded the Board of the severe overcrowding on that campus. She asked whether MCS had any interim plans to address that problem between now and the time that a new Area 1 elementary school could be built.

During discussion of the facilities plan, Board Member Lang asked whether any consideration had been given to redistricting in order to relieve the pressure of overcrowding at Sandhills Farm Life.

"We've not engaged that at this time," Birath replied. "We feel we have not yet exhausted all available land options at this time."

Members of the Board of Education will meet jointly with the Board of Commissioners in a work session on school facilities needs and other topics during the Commissioners Planning Retreat on September 10. Council members from the county's municipalities, as well as state legislators, will be invited to that session.

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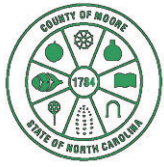
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Pinebluff's ETJ expansion request rebuffed

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Pinebluff wants to expand its extra-territorial zoning jurisdiction [ETJ] west and south of the corporate limits, but that desire ran into a wall of opposition during the Thursday, August 6 meeting of the Moore County Planning Board.

Eighteen citizens spoke during the public hearing on Pinebluff's request, all but one in opposition the ETJ expansion. The lone exception was Aberdeen Town Manager Bill Zell, who asked the Board to delay its decision until the Aberdeen Town Council could weigh in.

The strong opposition to plan among landowners whose property would be included in the ETJ expansion apparently carried weight with the Planning Board members, who voted unanimously not to recommend final approval by the County Board of Commissioners.

Pinebluff is a town of roughly 1,400, southwest of the much larger Town of Aberdeen on US 1. The town's current ETJ extends approximately one mile beyond its corporate limits.

Residents of an ETJ do not pay town taxes, nor do they have the right to vote in municipal elections. Typically, the town provides no services — police or fire protection, garbage pickup, water and sewer service, etc. — to those residing in its ETJ.

Instead, the ETJ primarily allows the town to control zoning in the affected area; it allows a town to exercise some control over development on its outskirts. Landowners in the ETJ are represented on the town zoning board by one or more of their fellow ETJ landowners.

Larger towns, with populations over 10,000, are allowed, under NC General Statutes, to have a two-mile ETJ. In 1999, a special bill passed the General Assembly allowed Pinebluff to extend its ETJ to two miles. However,

that extension is subject to the approval of the County Board of Commissioners.

In 2007, Pinebluff approached the Commissioners with an ETJ expansion plan that included areas that could be annexed by Aberdeen, under a prior agreement between the towns. The Commissioners asked the towns to work out their differences.

That happened in July 2012; in November 2012, the Commissioners approved an expanded Pinebluff ETJ. Because of some omissions on the map, a revised ETJ was approved in April 2013.

Commissioner approval was rescinded in August 2013, based on a realization that the map the Commissioners had approved in April 2013 was incorrect.

That led to Pinebluff's latest attempt to expand its ETJ.

Protecting a water source

During the Planning Board's August 6 public hearing on Pinebluff's new request, the town's attorney, David Rooks, explained that the primary motivation for increasing the size of the ETJ is to protect the town's drinking water source, located on a small parcel right on the western edge of the corporate limits.

Rooks said the ETJ expansion is largely to the west. He also noted that owners of the properties that would be included need not fear later being annexed in to the town against their will, since action by the General Assembly has halted involuntary annexation in the state. He added that the town expected that the zoning of the parcels that would be taken into the ETJ would not change, but would remain Residential-Agricultural.

Planning Board member Joe Garrison noted that the County already has watershed regulations that protect Pinebluff's water source.

Rooks said, "You cannot count on the other government to always be as wisely governed as it is today.

Newly installed Planning

Board Chair Rich Smith, as well as former Chair Buck Mims, expressed concern that the County would be turning over decisions about the use of parcels that it has currently administered to

Pinebluff, with no guarantee that the rights landowners have enjoyed under the County would be protected under the town's administration.

Public opposition

Members of the public who spoke at the meeting were uniformly against the proposed ETJ expansion.

Residents of The Pines sub-

(See "Planning," p. 20)

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Corey Adams joins Foxfire Police Department

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Newly-hired police officer Corey Adams was introduced to members of the Foxfire Village Council prior to their Tuesday, August 11 regular meeting.

Adams, a Moore County native, attended Pinecrest High School and is a veteran of the Army National Guard. He served a tour in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan.

Adams and his family live in Aberdeen.

Ordinances approved

During their meeting, the Council unanimously approved three ordinance revisions:

- Permitting residents with a bona fide medical need to obtain a permit from the Chief of Police to park a trailer for a wheelchair or mobility scooter in their driveway.
- Setting the hours during which construction activity is allowed to 7:00 am to 6:00 pm except on Sundays and Christmas Day.
- Prohibiting the open storage of inoperative motor vehicles in the Village.

Zoning Administrator

Village Clerk Lisa Kivett also serves as Foxfire's Zoning Administrator. She reported that three new homes are under construction, two in

the Village and one in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction [ETJ].

Kivett said one building permit was denied during the last month because the home would not have met the minimum square footage required.

Six notices were sent out regarding unkempt yards, as well as one to an individual who cleared a lot without obtaining a permit.

Kivett said she would soon be issuing notices to homeowners who have playground equipment in their front yard or side yard.

Finance

Councilwoman Leslie Frusco reported that the total cash balance on hand in Village accounts is \$1,951,401, of which \$1,330,175 is in the general fund and \$621,266 is in the water fund.

The general fund balance includes \$200,019 in a restricted fund for debt service, as well as \$191,179

reserved for capital projects and \$19,973 in the Stonehill Pines Restricted reserve.

Frusco said property tax bills will be mailed out by the end of August.

Appearance Commission

Frusco noted that the Appearance Committee had sent the Council a memo outlining projects that could improve the appearance of the Village.



Foxfire Village Police Officer Corey Adams

Frusco said she would like the Council to "prioritize these things — what we feel are the most important things . . . There is not enough money in the current year's budget to do all the things that the Appearance Com-

mittee would like to do."

The Foxfire Women's Association has sent the Council a similar list. Council members agreed to discuss the items during their August 27 Work Session.

(See "Foxfire," p. 26)

Correction

In our August 7 edition, we reported that Foxfire Village spent \$3,000 last year having debris removed from the yard waste site. That was incorrect. The actual figure was \$6,900, and the Village budgeted \$7,900 for that service line item in this year's budget. *The Times* regrets the error.



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Join the group as they make blankets for children in need in Moore County. There will be new fleece for no sew blankets, blankets to inspect and Linus labels to hand sew on inspected blankets.

If anyone is not interested in making blankets, but would like to support this project there are always ways to help the kids and volunteers.

Then a second Project Linus Workshop will be held on Wednesday, September, 16, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

Do you have extra acrylic yarn that you would like to donate to Project Linus? If so, drop it by the workshop. The talented blanket volunteers will make afghans, crochet around fleece blankets and join together donated knitted or crocheted squares with the extra yarns that are donated. During this workshop the volunteers will make fleece blankets, inspect blankets and will hand sew Linus

labels on inspected blankets.

Call Pat Weber (910) 673-1457 or email weberconsult@nc.rr.com if you have questions regarding either workshop.

Help Project Linus provide blankets to children in need in Moore County. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend. See you there.

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The Chapel Lunch Bunch will resume on Wednesday, September 9 at noon.

All single seniors are invited to attend the lunch bunch program at the Chapel in the Joralemon Fellowship Hall. There is no cost, reservations appreciated, and transportation will be provided if needed.

Following lunch, Bev and Bob Wetherbie will provide musical entertainment. They

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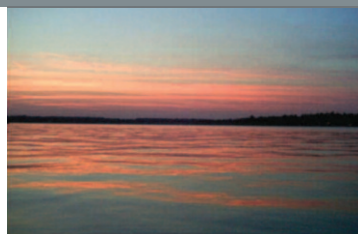
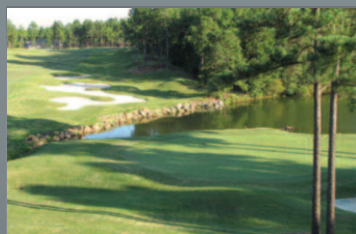
The Exchange Street Gallery will have an Opening Reception, on Sunday, August 30, from 3 pm - 5 pm. The Exchange will welcome artists Betty DiBar-
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their exhibit. The paintings in the show are of local scenes of Aberdeen, Pinehurst, and Southern Pines.

The larger paintings are studio works painted from plein air studies. Some of

the smaller paintings were done on the streets "en plein air" which means in the open air. The show is open to the public through September 29. The Exchange Street Gallery of Fine Art, 129

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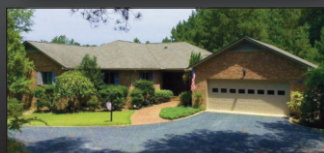
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A great day for fishing in Foxfire Village –

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

The annual Rick Rhyne Memorial Fishing Tournament brought dozens of kids, parents, grandparents, and volunteers to the shores of Lake McKenzie and Village Green Park in Foxfire Village on Saturday, August 8.

Rhyne started the event when he served as Chief of Police in Foxfire. After he was killed in the line of duty,

his widow Wanda Rhyne and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sandhills teamed up to continue the tradition.

NC Inland Fisheries and the Southern Pines Parks and Recreation Department provided fishing tackle for those who lacked their own.

The NC Wildlife Resources Commisison was on hand with the Wildlife Mobile Aquarium and the Sensory Safari trailer.

Seven Lakes Baptist Church provided bounce houses and face painting.

Prizes were awarded throughout the day.

Sponsors of the event included: Buzz and Bonnie Parker, David Talbert Catering, Dick's Sporting Goods, Carolina Railhawks, Carolina Mudcats, Durham Bulls, Carolina Panthers, and the Carolina Hurricanes, Foxfire Village, Foxfire Police Depart-

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Northsider Joe Simpson creates portraits

by Janna Ptak
Times Reporter

Every child loves drawing, but, every so often, an artist is born.

Joe Simpson, a resident of Seven Lakes North, has been honing his talents since he was eight years old.

You could say art is in his blood; his grandfather is an architect who has designed buildings all over the world. His father is also an artist who works in watercolors and oils.

Growing up in Hartfield, Virginia, Simpson started in art by drawing comic book characters. He would whip out a drawing pad and markers and draw his favorite superhero — Spiderman.

In high school, his art teacher encouraged him to try different media. He expanded into pencil drawings as well as painting with acrylics and oils — and began to blossom as an artist.

Despite his obvious talent, Simpson wasn't convinced that art was his forte.

Instead, following in his grandfather's footsteps, he pursued architecture in college. But classes in computer-aided design, structural drawing, and building codes soon convinced him that was the wrong path.

"It wasn't what interested me," Simpson said.

Simpson left the architecture for painting.

He found work with Ducks Unlimited and the National Wild Turkey Federation, painting scenes of wildlife.

Simpson also began creating pieces for antique shows. He made large rustic antique signs on old wood and painted wooden duck decoys.

Simpson realized his true passion — and art became his escape after a long day of work.

"It served me well as far as a break away from the

monotony of life," he said.

Continuing art as a sideline, Simpson found work in a variety of fields. He is cur-

rently a retail manager at Walmart as well as an assistant dog trainer at Track of the Dog in Southern Pines.



Joe Simpson

Portraits — of people and animals

Simpson's favorite works are dog portraits, but he is also skilled in facial portraits, horses, buildings, and much more. Many families have contacted him requesting his facial portraits.

Simpson recently finished a dog portrait for TV celebrity "Titan" from American Gladiators, Mike O'Hearn.

O'Hearn had connections to Simpson through Simpson's cousin who, like O'Hearn, is into fitness. This four-time Mr. Universe contacted Simpson after seeing

his work on his personal facebook page.

"[It's all] knowing the right person," Simpson said.

Mr. Universe will soon receive his specially made portrait of his husky.

At his home, Simpson has portraits he created of two men who have impacted his life: Thomas Jefferson and Elvis Presley.

Jefferson is an inspirational figure in Simpson's life because of his love for architecture, arts, and music.

"He's my favorite president," Simpson said.

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The skills Simpson learned in his CAD classes turned out to be useful when he decided to draw Monticello, Jefferson's home in Virginia. He also drew a portrait of Jefferson.

Elvis is an inspiration to

Simpson because of his love for music as well as his generosity.

"He did a lot of good things for people, despite the devastations in his life," Simpson said.

(See "Simpson," p. 14)



One of Joe Simpson's German Shepherds



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Simpson

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Bringing joy to kids who are hurting

Simpson creates and donates personalized art for children who are sick or terminally ill. He draws a picture of their favorite cartoons and personalizes and incorporates their names into the pictures.

"It gives them something to smile about," Simpson said.

He sends these special gifts

across the country to make children smile, and he hopes to make more smiles in the future.

"You have to use what the Lord gave you," he said.

He would like to be notified if there is a sick child, so that he can send a piece to them, too.

Selling art online

Simpson used to sell his work at art shows, but is

now focusing on getting his work online instead.

"Internet took the fun out of shows," he said.

Simpson is in the process of setting up a website for his art and hopes to have it up and running before Christmas.

"I have more projects now than I've ever had," Simpson said.

He is also considering making a facebook page for his

art as well as listing his work on etsy.com.

His Christmas cards will also be making their appearance as winter draws nearer.

"Artwork is a gift that keeps on giving," Simpson said. "It can be passed down and you can keep enjoying it."

"It's not just for one person, but for the entire family forever," Simpson said. "That's what I enjoy most about it

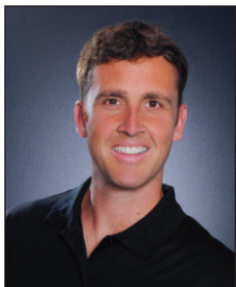
is keeping people happy."

He is currently working on two facial portraits and three lab dog portraits as well as logo designs for a company and a duck hunting club in Virginia.

Tools of the trade

When drawing, Simpson uses tools such as mechanical pencils and rapidographs, reloadable ink pens with fine

(See "Simpson," p. 21)



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Mr. Bowling was born in Princeton, WV; son to Lowery and Lillian Bowling.

He attended Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA where he played in the marching and concert bands.

He had a variety of careers, including Assistant Insurance Commissioner of WV and Vice-President of Claims Administration and Medical Review at Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Charleston, WV before retiring to Seven Lakes. Following retirement, he pursued careers in real estate and drafting. He was a member of Pinehurst United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, The Oasis Shrine Temple and the Princeton Elks Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Jim Bowling.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy of Seven Lakes; three children: John (Pam), Barbara Phillips (Teddy) and Don (Patrice) all residing in southern WV; seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; his sister, Mitzi (Walter) Hundley; sister-in-law, Gail

Bowling, sister-in law, Carol (Jim) Shumate and several nieces and nephews.

A service of interment will be held on Friday, August 21 at the Mausoleum Chapel in Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton, WV with visitation at 1 pm and the service at 2 pm.

A memorial service will be held at Pinehurst United Methodist Church, Pinehurst on Sunday, August 23 at 2 pm.

Memorials may be made to Pinehurst United Methodist Church, 4111 Airport Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374 or to First Health Hospice and Palliative Care, P.O. Box 5889, Pinehurst, NC 28374-5889.

The family is being served by Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines, and by Seaver Funeral Home, Princeton, WV.

A. Jane Myers Schwertfager, 88, of Seven Lakes died Friday, August 14, at Peak Resources Pinelake, Carthage.

She was born in Ridge, Maryland and was the daughter of the late Harry Myers and Margaret (King) Myers Fresco.

Mrs. Schwertfager was a horticulturist, an avid gar-

dener and loved her home on the lake in Seven Lakes.

In addition to her parents and several brothers and sisters, she was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-four years, Jack H. Schwertfager.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Corr (George) of West End; sons, Scott Schwertfager (Joyce) of Duluth, GA; Louie Schwertfager of Dahlonga, GA; brother, Jack Myers; and four grandchildren.

No services planned at this time.

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Crematory of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Winifred (Peg) Hart Burroughs Myers, 92, died Tuesday, July 21, in Orange Park, Florida.

A celebration of life will be Saturday, September 5 at 2 pm, at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. The family will receive friends at the Fellowship Hall after the service.

She chose a life of love, family, and service. She enjoyed long lasting friendships, many over 70 years.

Mrs. Myers was married for 65 years to George J.

Myers, Jr., who preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Daryl Baughman; son, Keith and wife, Donna; her grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to The Farley Foundation Animal Rescue, PO Box 606, West End, NC 27376 or www.farleyfoundationnc.com

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- **SunFlix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *Infinitely Polar Bear*. A manic-depressive mess of a father tries to win back his wife by attempting to take full responsibility of their two young, spirited daughters, who don't make the overwhelming task any easier. Stars: Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana, Imogene Wolodarsky. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

- **SunFlix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *Infinitely Polar Bear*. Stars: Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana, Imogene Wolodarsky. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- **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** – 10 am service. 275 Knox Lane, West End.



- **SunFlix at the Sunrise** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, *Infinitely Polar Bear*. Stars: Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana, Imogene Wolodarsky. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- **Coyotes** – 3 pm, join the Park Ranger for a presentation about the Coyote. This program will help everyone identify coyotes and understand some of their habits. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

- **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 Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. Mike Vaughn will

speak on his experiences in Recreating Piedmont Prairies in North Carolina. Visitors welcome. Call 910-692-2167 for more information or visit www.sandhillsnature.org

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

- **Moore County Schools** – First day of classes
- **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. Reverend Carol Burgess. All are welcome.
- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club** – lunch at 11:30 am, meeting at 12:05 pm. *New meeting location, Fellowship Hall of the Chapel in the Pines. Visitors are welcome.
- **Trivia Tuesday at Sandhills Winery** – 6 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 7 pm, meeting, West Side Park Community Center.

- **SunFlix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *Infinitely Polar Bear*. Stars: Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana, Imogene Wolodarsky. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

- **Spring, Summer & Fall Travel 2016** – 3 pm - 4 pm, join Amanda Speer, as she presents exciting travel destinations. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle). Call 215-0900 for information or to reserve.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at Chapel in the Pines, Seven Lakes. Coordinator is Virginia Heerema, 673-5150.
- **SunFlix at the Sunrise** – 7:30 pm, *Infinitely Polar Bear*. Stars: Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana, Imogene Wolodarsky. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Game Room.
- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Time of fellowship, devotion and a meal, \$5.
- **Taking Care of Your Sore Shoulders** – 4 pm - 5 pm, Karen Backall, of Appalachian Physical Therapy will explain techniques to help with your sore shoulders. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle). Call 215-0900 for information or to reserve.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

- **SALT Peaches and Pottery** – 8 am to 6 pm, (chartered transportation included).

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- **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** – 10 am service. 275 Knox Lane, West End.
- **Postcards from Home Exhibit of Plein Air** – Opening Reception 3 pm - 5 pm. The Exchange will welcome artists Betty DiBartolomeo and Harry Neely for their exhibit. Show is open to the public through September 29. Exchange Street Gallery of Fine Art, 129 Exchange Street, Aberdeen. Visit www.artistleague.org or call 910-944-3979.
- **Bats of the Sandhills** – 3 pm, learn more about these delightful creatures and their huge benefit to the environment. Myths and truths will be discussed, as well as practical methods for removing them from your home. Join a ranger in the Auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

- **Lunch & Learn at SCC Gardens** – noon to 1 pm, Chris Burrows will discuss Turf Grass Management for the Home Lawn. Burrows is the Grounds Superintendent for Pinehurst Resorts. Bring your lunch, Ball Visitors Center, Sandhills Horticultural Gardens. Drinks provided. Register by email: landscapegardening@sandhills.edu

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- **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. Reverend Carol Burgess. All are welcome.
- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club** – lunch at 11:30 am, meeting at 12:05 pm. *New meeting location, Fellowship Hall of the Chapel in the Pines. Visitors are welcome.
- **Trivia Tuesday at Sandhills Winery** – 6 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- **Project Linus Workshop** – 10 am to 2 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Join the blanket volunteers as they make blankets. There will be new fleece for no sew blankets, blankets to inspect and Linus labels to hand sew on Inspected blankets. If you are not interested in making blankets, but would like to support this project there are other ways to help. Call Pat Weber, (910) 673-1457, or email [weber-](mailto:weber-consult@nc.rr.com)

consult@nc.rr.com to find out how. See you there.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am to 1 pm. Ministry for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Time of fellowship, devotion and a meal, \$5.
- **Women of Seven Lakes** – 2 pm, General Meeting in the Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall, Seven Lakes. Speaker will be Sandy Berger, a long-standing technology columnist. She began as a computer programmer more than thirty years ago and was one of the few women in technology at the time. She will discuss Microsoft 10 and will show some new technology gadgets that are currently on the market. Cost to join the Women of Seven Lakes is only \$12 for the year. Lee Connelly, 673-2521.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- **Johnson Point Concert** – 7 pm. The Fog Blues Band in Seven Lakes West.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- **Labor Day**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- **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 am, meeting at 12:05 pm, Fellowship Hall of the Chapel in the Pines. Visitors welcome.
- **Trivia Tuesday at Sandhills Winery** – 6 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- **Grand 'Reopening' of the Sandhills Woman's Exchange** – 10 am to 3 pm. Cabin operates from September to late May (excluding January) every Tuesday through Saturday. Enjoy homemade chili and lemon pie in the quaint dining room. Gifts in the shop feature local 'artisans' crafts.
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Tea sets, and fairy houses, and sgraffito,

by Janna Ptak
Times Reporter

As a fourth generation farmer, Judy Foushee never planned to be a potter, but she knew she had a love for art.

After taking several painting classes at Pinecrest High School, she hoped to continue painting in college, but there were no painting classes at Montgomery Technical Institution (now Montgomery Community College) in 1976.

Instead, someone talked her into pottery. It took one class, and she was hooked. Pottery was her new passion.

Ten years later, she opened her own shop, calling it "Freeman Pottery," after her maid-

en name, In 1987, the shop became her full-time occupation.

Always something new

After 27 years, Foushee continues to find new techniques to explore and new ideas to realize in clay.

She is an expert when it comes to mugs and miniature tea sets.

She has mugs with 3-D butterflies cut from clay and pots with wooden handles made from honeysuckle vines and branches of cedar, wisteria, and crape myrtle.

Foushee finds the specific wood pieces she wants for handles before breaking them off and taking them inside

to dry them. She then molds her pottery to fit with the handles.

She burns horse hair into the clay, leaving intricate designs. She lays the horse

hair on the clay, and when it gets fired up in the kiln the hair burns off, leaving behind an imprint of swirls and squiggles.

She uses the same tech-

nique with doilies, which not only leave a design, but also leave lumps and bubbles that can be felt on the pot.

One of Foushee's favorite ways to decorate her pieces is using ferns. She lays the fern onto the pottery and paints over it. When the fern is removed, an outline of the plant is left behind, leaving a natural design.

Glazes are used to give different looks and textures. The crackle glaze makes the pottery look as though it were cracked. The crawl glaze gives the pottery a bumpy appearance, and the rice glaze gives the look of actual rice sticking onto the piece.

Sgraffito is a technique which works just like scratch art pads for children. The potter begins with clay in a color of his or her choice.

Once it is molded and hardened into pottery, this colored clay is completely coated with "slip" — a mixture of clay and water which is about

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Judy Foushee creates a tiny pitcher for a miniature tea set



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oh my! A trip to Judy Foushee's studio

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the consistency of a milkshake. The slip is a different color than the clay used to make the pottery.

After the slip has been applied, the potter carves off the slip until the desired picture is attained.

This method not only leaves a visual design, but also physical. One can feel the picture due to the carving and engraving.

"Every piece is original," she said.

All of her pottery is dated and signed with "JGF" for Judy Gale Freeman. For a brief time after she married in 1980, she signed her pottery with "JFF." However, her brother was not happy about this change, and she went back to the original initials.

Fairy houses

Her passion for experimenting has led to beautiful works of art that can't be reproduced.

Foushee has expanded her line of work by making fairy houses and tile art in addition to her pottery.

A fairy house is a small house, about the size of a bird house, created from tile, cement, and grout.

Doors and windows are painted on and the art pieces are set in gardens or yards as decoration. They are especially beautiful when flowers and vines grow around it, making it seem somewhat hidden.



A Freeman Fairy House

Her tile art is composed of scrap pieces of tile on which she paints beautiful scenes and designs before placing a tile border around it. These pieces can be hung on walls or set on shelves for display.

The tile art is particularly time consuming, due to the sensitivity of the paint. One wrong swipe of the brush can cause the colors to run together — which can only be fixed by starting over.

Foushee is especially known for painting trees onto tile. All of her brushwork and carving is free hand.

Most of the materials used to make fairy houses and tile art are repurposed materials. Foushee finds scrap tiles that are left over from jobs or projects. She goes to hardware stores to ask about tiles that have been discontinued and are discounted.

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Judy Foushee keeps her clay art fresh by continuously learning new techniques



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Planning

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division, a golf course community southwest of Pinebluff, noted that half of their community would be included in the ETJ area, while the other half would remain outside. They contended that Pinebluff regulations that require a minimum of 1600 square feet in new homes would restrict building of the 1200 square foot structures more common in their development.

A resident of the Addor Community, also southwest of Pinebluff, noted that most of that predominantly African American community was

excluded from the ETJ expansion, though it lies well within the two mile circle on the map. Yet areas southeast of Addor were included.

Several residents from the northwestern section of the proposed expansion, around Kirk Road and Roseland Road, said they were happy living in the country and had no desire to be under Pinebluff's control.

Not recommended

After the lengthy public hearing was concluded, Planning Board member Garrison made the motion "to endorse the Moore County Board of Commissioners to deny the

request for expansion of extraterritorial jurisdiction by the Town of Pinebluff.

"Based on what I can see," Garrison said, "there is no immediate threat, in my opinion, to the water source. And I think it would be callous of any board to have this many people show up and give their opinions not to listen to it."

The motion was approved unanimously.

Planning Director Ensinger explained that the request would now move to the Board of Commissioners, with a public hearing expected on Tuesday, September 15.

Pottery

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In 2012, she was invited to be a guest pottery instructor at Montgomery Community College [MCC].

"I thoroughly enjoyed it!," Foushee said.

She continued to teach several classes through 2013. Although the majority of her skill came from experimental learning, she learned many new things during her time at MCC.

"You build from what you

do best," she said.

Foushee purchased the house in which Freeman Pottery is located from her family. She bought it in 1979, but it had been in her family since 1943, and five generations of her family have made a history in the house.

Freeman Pottery products can be purchased from Raven Pottery in Southern Pines and Village Pottery in Seagrove, as well as the Freeman Pottery shop.

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Commissioners

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schools are well under capacity, though in poor physical condition.

Effort to shrink School Board supported

In other school-related business, the Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution supporting State Representative Jamie Boles' attempt to pass legislation that would cut the number of members on the Board of Education.

The eight-member School Board split four-to-four on 77 ballots before electing its current Chairman.

School Board Chairman Cunningham told the Commissioners that his Board had yet to formally consider Boles' effort, but added he personally felt "that an even number is very awkward. It is very difficult to break ties."

Earlier in the meeting, Zschoche suggested that the size of the School Board should be cut to five mem-

bers, by eliminating the three at-large seats. Commissioner Jerry Daeke said he agreed with Zschoche's point.

It is too late in the current legislative session for Boles to file a new bill reducing the size of the School Board — instead it would need to be inserted into the text of a bill already approved by the House.

Other Business

In other business during their Tuesday, August 18 meeting, the Commissioners:

- Approved the Health Department's purchase of a voice/text/email appointment reminder application from PatagoniaHealth at a cost of approximately \$2000 per year.

- Accepted 71.87 acres of property off Flowers Road in Eagle Springs, valued at \$346,910, bequeathed to the County by the late Peter Owen Bengston, a former resident of the County. The

land or proceeds from its sale are to be used to support the Parks & Recreation Department.

- Passed a resolution opposing the federal Clean Water Rule, arguing that a

recent redefinition of "Waters of the US" will cost local governments staff time and taxpayer dollars.

- Reappointed Peter Madsen and Susan Zucchini to the Library Board of Trustees,

even though each had served their term limit.

- Appointed John Lowery to the Workforce Development Board.

Simpson

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point tips.

The mechanical pencils are used when he needs to maintain a fine point for the detail of his drawings. It saves time to use the pre-measured led versus constantly sharpening and re-sharpening wooden pencils.

He also uses a smudging tool called a tortillian to add texture to his art.

As a right-handed artist, he always begins adding details to his pieces beginning with the left side. This way his hand won't smear the picture as he rests it on the page.

A family tradition

Simpson's first portrait is of his daughter. He keeps it at home and out of sight because it is also his worst. He keeps it as a reminder to be humble in his work.

"It reminds me where I started," he said.

The family's artistic heritage has continued to be passed down to Simpson's children.

His oldest, Alexis, will attend Appalachian State University in the Fall, planning a double major in theatre arts management and journalism.

Echoing time that Simpson spent with his own father, he and his son Dayton, a

Pinecrest freshman, enjoy spending time together at the kitchen table drawing and commenting on each other's works.

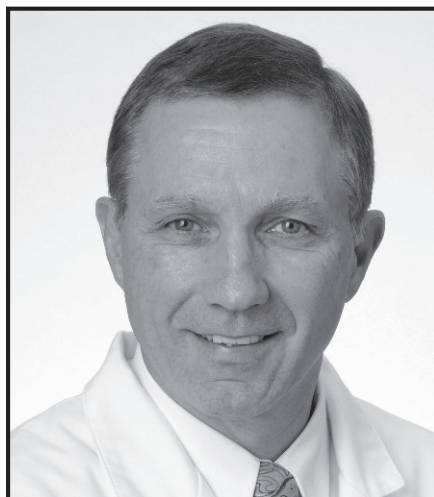
Like his father, Dayton began by drawing comic book characters.

"He's starting on the same path I did," Simpson said.

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Twenty-first century dinosaurs

The Jurassic Park dinosaurs are back. Another sequel is in the theaters. We all seem fascinated with these pre-historic creatures, and Hollywood has made them more ferocious on the screen than they ever were in their own era.

But we can thank God that dinosaurs aren't around today. Or are they?

Several teenagers I know are calling me a dinosaur! "You are so last century!" they exclaim in mock astonishment.

Now I admit that I have trouble using a cell phone; most of the time I can answer or make a call, but I can't send a text or a tweet. I don't understand the shorthand they use to communicate.

One of them helped me

open a Facebook account, but I really don't know how to use it.

I'm supposed to "like" somebody before they can come into my cyberspace?

in my life, of which there aren't very many.

And I have no idea how to transfer my snapshots into the computer and then onward to Facebook.

Out west in Silicon Valley there seem to be dozens of hot new digital companies that I've never heard of, let alone understand what they

do.

Gorvo, Square, Spotify, Pandora, Lennar, Agilent, Alexion, Etsy — these are but a few of the companies I didn't recognize as I perused today's newspaper.

And my trusty spell check was baffled as well!

I understand that one of the reasons dinosaurs are extinct is because they weren't able to adapt to a changing environment. I accept this as a personal challenge: evolve or become irrelevant.

I guess I'd better ask some of my teen-age friends to tug me gently into the twenty-first century. Here are some of the ways they could help.

How do I send a text on my cell phone?

Teach me some of the most frequently used abbreviations, so that I can understand your reply.

How can I find an "on demand" program on my TV?

How can I post a picture on Facebook, and what am

I supposed to say after I log on?

What does the # sign (Isn't it called a hash tag?) mean on some web sites?

What are apps, and how do I find the ones I need, and apply them to my cell phone? That is what they are for, right?

What's the difference between a cell phone and an i-phone?

If it's not too late, show me how to program my DVR.

For now I'll log off.

Harry Bronkarsaurus

Harry Bronkar is a Baptist Minister enjoying retirement in Seven Lakes North. You can reach him at hbronkar@gmail.com

Outside the Box

Harry Bronkar

And what do I say to my Facebook friends? "I had oatmeal for breakfast, and in a few minutes I'm going out to pick up the mail."

Oh, I'm supposed to post pictures of exciting moments

About that flag . . . and those beauty queens

Dear Editor:

We read with interest Harry Bronkar's opinion in the last *Times*. Just a few thoughts.

The Junior High Miss America pageant is an offshoot of the Miss America pageant which was started in 1921 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. There were no South-

ern States involved, only some Northern States.

It has been won by only eighteen Southern ladies since it started so after all these years, it really isn't remnant of Scarlett, or the ante-bellum South. It is a Yankee event, held in Atlantic City, and headquartered there. Nothing to do with the

South.

It is sad seeing the pictures of Dylann Roof holding a Confederate battle flag and guns before the killings in Charleston, SC.

The origin of the "battle" flag can be found in the Scottish Saltire, which is Scotland's national flag. It has a sky blue background with a white X.

The X is the Saint Andrew's cross on which he was crucified. He did not wish to be crucified in the same manner as Christ, so a wooden X was erected and he was crucified upside down.

Those are very religious beginnings for a "battle" flag.

I have a personal regret that the battle flag was removed from the Confederate monument in South Carolina. The flag was replaced every thirty days. My younger brother was a re-enactor of Civil War battles for many, many years before his death. He was honored by having one of the flags drape his

casket. The future re-enactors will not have this honor and that's a shame.

Now there is talk of taking down confederate monuments. Next, they'll want to banish "Dixie," which, by the way, was written by a family of freed slaves named Snowden in Ohio.

On the farm next door lived the Emmetts and their son was a vaudevillian named Daniel Emmett. He first performed "Dixie" in black face in New York City in 1859 as a walk about. So much for Southern origin.

Mr. Bronkar is right about

the evil of slavery, but if you read the Emancipation Proclamation, slavery was abolished in the Southern Confederate States, but not the Northern States.

The Yankee slave owners held on to their slaves until after the war of northern aggression. Oh well, such is politics and politicians.

As Mary and I are fond of saying, we're Americans by birth, of Scottish heritage, and Southerners by the grace of God.

*Steve & Mary Hudson
Seven Lakes North*

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Praise for Dr. Wright

Dear Editor

A few weeks ago, I experienced severe lower back pain. I called Dr. Sharon Wright's Chiropractic office and was seen within an hour.

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allowed my tissues to heal.

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*Diane Ward
Seven Lakes*

A Seven Lakes welcome to the Bradleys

Dear Editor:

There must be something good in the Seven Lakes water, because another wonderful new business has arrived on scene in Seven Lakes; and I would like to introduce them via this letter. I feel well qualified to do so, because I have known the owners Tom and Bonnie Bradley ever since we worked together in a Pinehurst financial planning firm, back in the mid 1990's and we have remained close friends all these years.

Tom and Bonnie have relocated their independently owned Bradley Retirement and Medicare Solutions business from the Village of Pinehurst to the Central Park office complex at 1030 Seven Lakes Drive, across from FirstHealth Family Care Center. After living and working in the heart of Pinehurst Village for twenty years, they have chosen Seven Lakes in which to offer their unique combination of financial services and Medicare solutions.

What makes them unique is Bonnie Bradley's in-depth knowledge and experience in all things Medicare, health insurance, long-term care and the like. But best of all is her willingness to really learn about the client's personal situation and recommend the best solution; and then help implement it. Her Medicare counseling services are free yet invaluable due to the complexity of ever-changing health care legislation.

Many Seven Lakers already use Tom and Bonnie's assistance with their retirement and health insurance programs; I know because us old guys and gals talk at coffee every morning, and the kind of problems and issues that Tom and Bonnie help solve are discussed on a regular basis.

For instance, many of us are concerned about the roller coaster ride of the financial markets and would like to find a safe, secure place to park some of our retirement savings and still earn a decent rate of return. We want to

make sure we'll always have an income and then easily and quickly pass balances to our heirs.

I personally rely on their monthly newsletter to help keep me informed about changes and news that is

relevant to retirement and health care for seniors like myself. I have been a client of Tom and Bonnie's for years

and confidently recommend them. They simply are two of the most pleasant people (See "Welcome," p. 24)



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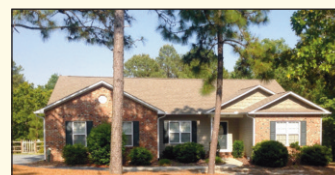
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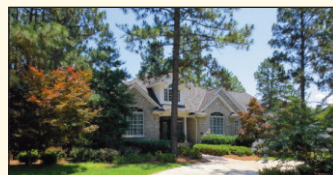
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School Board

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Robbins Town Council, urged the Board to support a reform of election districts that would provide better representation for voters in District 3, which includes the County's northern tier and runs down the western border of the County to encompass Seven Lakes West.

"It is possible for the North Moore attendance area to have no representation on the School Board," said, Lambert, whose father is the current District 3 representative on the Board.

Because all three at-large members of the School Board are elected at the same time as the District 3 representatives, Lambert explained, citizens in that area only have one chance in four years to vote for a District 3 resident. Because Board members from other districts are elected during Presidential election years, residents in those areas can vote for district representatives then, and at large members two

years later, during mid-term elections.

Lambert also urged the Board to help the Robbins area create high-performing schools by tailoring approaches to the specific challenges in the Robbins community, including high poverty rates and a large percentage of students who speak English as a second language.

"Robbins can't achieve greatness without strong schools," Lambert said. "A one size fits all approach has failed Robbins."

School Nurses

Director of Budget Mike Griffin presented two items during the August 10 meeting, both unanimously approved by the Board, that aim to increase the number of school nurses serving MCS students.

For the past five years, MCS and FirstHealth of the Carolinas have operated

under an agreement that had each entity paying half the cost of providing school nurse services. CMS currently has seven nurses and one nurse manager under that agreement.

Moving forward, MCS will absorb the full cost of those nurses, using \$50,000 in state funding that will pass through the County Health Department, along with \$300,000 in Medicaid cost settlement funds that the district has saved over the past three years. A new agreement with FirstHealth will provide an additional \$60,000 in each of the next two years to take the total number of nurses to nine in January 2016 and eleven in January 2017.

Griffin said the national standard is one nurse for every 750 students. with more than 13,000 students, MCS would need 18 nurses to meet that standard.

Other Business

In other business during the Monday, August 10 meeting of the Moore County Board of Education:

- Superintendent Grimesey reported that MCS and its insurance company had reached a settlement with Monteith Construction Corporation and LKC Engineering regarding water damage to the floor of the Pinecrest High School gymnasium that occurred during construction of an auxiliary gym. Grimesey said the cost of the damage was \$174,705, and MCS will be compensated for the full amount, less the \$25,000 deductible on its insurance policy.

- The Board unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding with Sandhills Community College [SCC] laying out the respective obligations of the organizations

in expanding the Career and College Promise program, which allows high school juniors and seniors to take SCC classes without paying tuition.

- Approved a contract with All American Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., to provide sign language interpreting and other services to students at a cost of \$45 per hour.

- Approved a contract with Sandhills Children Services to provide services for students that must be delivered in a Developmental Day Center at a monthly cost of \$999 per child per month. The total annual cost is not to exceed \$399,348.

- Renewed an agreement with Saffelle, Inc. to provide custodial supplies, training and inspections across the district, at a cost of \$20,691 per month.

Welcome

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I have ever met; and I hope that you meet them too.

Why not stop by Bradley Retirement and Medicare Solutions, have a cup of coffee and welcome Tom and Bonnie to the Seven Lakes community.

John Hoffmann
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Dam

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improved toe drain protects both the face of the dam, where overly wet soil can slough and slide down the face, and the core of the dam, which can be weakened by too much water passing through it.

In 2009, the upper core of the dam was reinforced by the addition of a slurry wall. Made of concrete, bentonite, and other materials, the wall extends 1,300 feet across the center of the dam, with a depth ranging from 20 to 40 feet.

Fewkes described the toe drain project as "the next step in improving the health of our dam" — one that has been delayed for a number of years.

He described the project as "very important," but not as "critical."

"It is preventative maintenance," said Mick Herdrich, a former SLWLA President who chaired the Lake & Dam Committee for more than two years. "Our dam is in outstanding shape," Herdrich said, "And I'm quoting the dam engineer. So don't anybody think our dam is any other than very, very good shape."

Higher than expected cost

The Lake & Dam Committee, relying on the dam engineer's estimate, expected the toe drain project to cost \$50,000, and provided for that expenditure in the FY2016 capital budget approved by the membership. But, when the project was bid, the quotes came in at \$120,000. The state dam safety office approved the project at that scale.

The much higher than expected cost raised red flags for the Finance Committee. Treasurer Mercedes Herdrich expressed several concerns raised by her committee.

The first hurdle is that the reserve funds set aside for the dam, at roughly \$114,000, are \$6,000 less than the cost of the project. Herdrich noted that the project will zero out the dam reserves, leaving nothing in that account, should addi-

tional work be required.

Second, because the cost of the project exceeds the amount budgeted, it becomes an "unplanned" rather than a "planned" capital expense, Herdrich said. And SLWLA financial policies support funding unplanned capital projects only when they are critical. Fewkes was unwilling to label the project "critical."

Third, the Association's financial policies require that the Treasurer maintain cash on hand equal to three month's expenses. Herdrich said that amounts to \$260,000. Projecting operating finances forward for the remainder of the fiscal year, she said undertaking the toe drain project could take the Association's cash on hand down to \$102,000 by March.

"That is really really close," she said, adding that the cash flow projection also assumes that no department comes in over its operational budget, that members all pay

their dues on time, and that the \$900,000 in road repaving planned for the late August and early September comes in on or under budget.

The Association does have \$350,000 in certificates of deposit, Herdrich admitted. But those are "under water" and can only be sold at less than their face value. In addition, those CDs represent the total funds set aside in capital reserve accounts other than for the roads, the lake, and the dam.

Herdrich said her committee had discussed the possibility of obtaining a line of credit, but had not yet pursued that possibility with financial institutions.

Committee ready to move ahead

Members of the Lake & Dam Committee in attendance at the special meeting argued for moving forward with the project.

"There is financial risk

here," former Director John Goodman said, "But the financial risk is not nearly as significant as the risk related to the dam, should something happen. We have been postponing this for a long time."

Goodman said the toe drain repair had been recommended by both the previous and current dam engineer, as well as by state engineers. The contractor who handled the slurry wall repair has the project scheduled, Goodman said. "They may not be available next year. Our second bidder refused to bid on it because of the liability risk

... The third bidder was twenty-five to thirty percent higher."

"It's possible that the cost could go up next year," he added. "It's possible no one would be available next year."

Goodman said the contractor, TAG Construction, Inc. hopes to complete the project before Labor Day.

"Our toe drains aren't working; we should have done this five years ago," he said.

"Our previous dam engineer said that we should think of the dam as a living entity," former President and Lake & Dam Director Mary Anne

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Dam

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Fewkes said. "No, it's not critical right now, but it's like someone with gallstones; you don't know when you're going to have that next attack. If we were to have major problems, it would cost a lot more than \$120,000."

Bob Van Houten called it a "travesty" and a failure on the part of previous Boards that there is not at least \$500,000 in the Lake & Dam reserve account.

"That dam is the number one item in this community," he said. "We spend money in here on ridiculous things, and we are sitting here talking about \$120,000."

After some discussion of the possibility of cutting back on the road repaving project — which was ultimately thought to not be feasible — Director Ed Silberhorn made

a motion to have the Finance Committee explore the possibility of securing a line of credit.

"It makes sense to have a line," he said, "particularly if we are getting in a place where we might not have the financial liquidity we would like."

That motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The Board then voted on Bob Fewkes' original motion to move forward with the toe drain project at a not-to-exceed cost of \$120,000. That was approved six-to-one, with Mercedes Herdrich opposed.

A motion to award the contract to TAG Construction, Inc. was approved unanimously. TAG was the principal subcontractor on the installation of the slurry wall in 2009.

Herdrich offered a motion to waive the three months working capital policy in the financial policies, which passed six-to-one, with Herdrich opposed.

And, finally, the Board voted unanimously to move \$5,500 into the Lake & Dam reserve account, drawing the money from emergency reserves and from savings realized in the decommissioning of a radio tower — a project that came in under budget.

Other business

In other business during the SLWLA Board's Friday, August 9 Special Meeting:

- The Board unanimously approved a request for an easement that will allow Bill Reaves Construction to install a septic pressure main under Wagner Court in order to carry sewage to a separate septic lot.

- Letters sent to owners of properties adjacent to Seven Lakes West in the area from which gunshots had been heard on several occasions appear to have had the desired effect, Director Silberhorn reported. There have

been no more reports of shooting, and one property owner responded to the letter, denying responsibility.

- Treasurer Herdrich reported that the Association's state and federal taxes have been filed, with no tax liability.

- Herdrich said she had sold one of the Association's underwater CDs, losing only \$63 on a par value of \$50,000.

- A new collection attorney, in his first year with the SLWLA, has recovered \$11,000 for the Association, Herdrich said. She thanked Finance Committee member Diane Krauss for her work on collections.

- Community Manager Jeanette Mendenice reported that the Fog Blues Band will

perform at a Johnson Point Concert on Friday, September 4 at 7:00 pm.

- Mendenice said a reception for newcomers to Seven Lakes West will be held at the Community Center on October 14 at 7:00 pm.

- Former President Ron Shepard, during public comment, suggested that the membership should be prepared for a dues increase in the next budget, aimed at replenishing reserves.

- Former Director John Hoffmann asked the Board to have small trees and bushes cleared from the face of the lower Lakeway Pond dam, so that members and guests entering on Lakeway can enjoy the view of Lake Auman.

Foxfire

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Water

Councilman Jon Sedlak said the Village Ordinances do not make it clear that the Village's policy of forgiving some portion of an extraordinarily large water bill because of plumbing failures applies only to the first instance.

He asked to have that discussed in the August 27 Work Session.

Other Business

In other business during the August 11 meeting:

- Councilman Vic Koos reported that repaving on Woodland Circle is expected to begin on August 21.

- Mayor Steve Durham briefed the Council on water damage to an office adjacent to the Village's administrative offices that resulted from a leaky roof. "We need to think about relocating the offices," Durham said.



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amenities, the condition overall, and the ambiance that you have."

Pasture fence approved

The Board voted three-to-two, with Directors Mark Gyure and Bob Racine opposed, to replace 2,720 linear feet of the current split rail and electric fence around the horse pasture with a wooden round-post-round-rail fence. The fencing along Seven Lakes Drive and

tions over the next several months. The project will be undertaken one section at a time, President Leach said.

The plan calls for addressing Architectural Review rules in October, followed by Lakes & Dams in November. Month by month afterwards, key areas will be addressed in this order: December - Security and Buildings and Maintenance; January - Judicial, February - Recreation; and March - Community Standards and Office Staff. The Board has committed to an open process with plenty of opportunity for community involvement.

"There are a number of things that we have discussed that need to be looked at in these Rules & Regulations," Leach said. Picking just one example, Leach said the annual registration of boats creates a lot of work for the office staff, so perhaps moving to registering boats once every three years would ease the workload.

"We don't really do a thing about dogs in heat," he added, "but that's in the rules and regs."

Director Sandy Sackmann said new architectural rules have typically been tacked onto the end of that section



Dev Gandhi,
SLLA Recreation Director

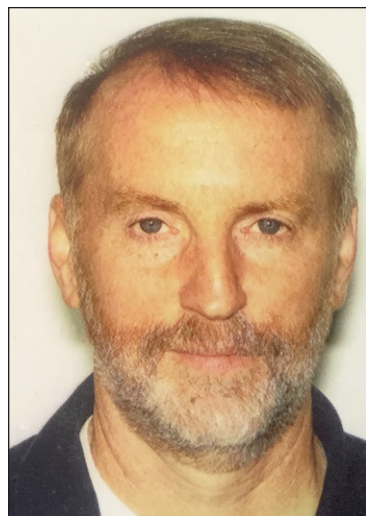
of the document. The Architectural Review Board [ARB] has been working to rearrange the existing rules so that they are in a more logical order.

Another objective is to make sure that the SLLA's rules conform to state law.

Eagle Scout project would upgrade Activity Center

Boy Scout Ben Britt presented the Board with a proposal to upgrade the Northside Activity Center as his Eagle Scout project.

"What I want to do is make a place for kids and adults (See "SLLA," p. 28)



Mark Widman, SLLA Lakes & Dams Director

adjoining the Seven Lakes Business Village will be replaced.

At four feet six inches, the new three rail fence will be significantly taller than the current fence and will cost \$21,470.

Southsider Randy Teske, who has been a persistent critic of the fence project, argued that the new fence will not be in keeping with the remainder of Seven Lakes border fences, and will result in the Association spending considerable sums in the future to replace the entire border fence.

Noting that the current fence includes an electrified wire, he said the absence of that on the new fence will result in the animals leaning on and chewing the fence.

"You could do a lot more with less money," Teske said.

Rules & regs rewrite

In a four-to-one vote, with Racine opposed, the Board agreed to rewrite the community's rules and regula-

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193 Longleaf Drive – Great location on this corner lot (Wertz/Longleaf). Close to the Beacon Ridge Country Club. Wooded, level and eye catching! \$35,500

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in the community to gather and have a safe, fun place to hang out," Britt told the Board.

He proposed replacing the ceiling tiles, replacing the light fixtures, repainting the walls and baseboards, cleaning and resealing the flooring, and cleaning and arranging the games already present in the room.

Britt said he would raise all the funds needed to cover the cost of the renovations — and would have a licensed electrician handle the electrical work and a qualified professional handle the floor resealing.

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Racine to authorize Britt to submit his proposal to the Boy Scouts of American for approval. If he wins approval from the BSA, Britt will finalize his plan and submit it to the SLLA Board for their approval.

Committee reports

President Leach said the Board had recently held three closed sessions. On July 20, they discussed Community Standards violations, the Community Manager's resignation, and vandalism. On July 23, they discussed employment of the interim manager. On August 6, they met with CAS President John Stone to discuss the interim manager's contract; they considered the appointment of Board members; and the reviewed collection efforts on ten lots.

Finance. Director Gyure said the \$60,000-to-\$100,000 in delinquent dues remains a focus of his committee.

"My goal is to reduce at least half of the delinquent dues that we have," he said, adding that members who don't pay their assessments on time force the Association to raise dues and delay projects.

"We're here to work with everybody," Gyure said, noting that liens and foreclosures are not the path that the Association prefers to take. "We are more than willing to sit down in a private confer-

ence room and work it out."

Infrastructure. Leach reported that a second round of bids on the road repaving project are due August 21. The first round failed to produce a bid within the Association's budget, so the project was scaled back.



Jeff Allen,
SLLA Interim Manager

He added that two of the culverts that must be repaired before paving can begin are beyond the capacity of the SLLA's in-house staff, and will have to be bid out, at a cost that could reach \$30,000 each.

Leach said the second bocce court should be ready for play within a week of the meeting.

Security. Security Director Lishawa said the investigation into recent vandalism within the community is being handled by the Sheriff's Office. The Committee is exploring the use of wi-fi enabled cameras to help reduce vandalism.

Architectural Review. Director Sackmann reported that four homes are under construction. A number of projects were approved by the committee, including five roofs, a new dock, a boat lift, a new deck, and two painting projects.

Three homeowners were referred to the Judicial Committee for completing work without ARB approval.

Judicial. Racine reported that unlicensed drivers and unregistered golf carts have been a persistent problem for the Judicial Committee recently. The Committee

heard ten cases in July, and eight of them involved golf carts. Fines were levied, with automatic fines to kick in for repeat violators. A \$75 fine was levied for fireworks.

Community Standards. Racine said the Community Standards Committee had sent out five letters complimenting residents on the condition of their yards. He said the panel has developed some friendly, informal notifications about specific rules — garbage cans, golf carts, boat and trailer parking, the condition of driveways, etc. — that the office staff can use when contacting residents who might need a reminder.

"Sending these out creates

a lot less antagonism," he explained.

Lakes & Dams. Lishawa, who has been serving as interim Lakes & Dams Chair, said Jewell Engineering, the Association's Dam Engineer, reports that the Ramapo Dam outflow system cannot handle a 50-year flood event and will be developing recommended upgrades.

He said the committee has discussed the utility of lake water testing, which costs the community \$1200 per year.

A repair to a failed coupling in Echo Dam has been completed. The Association attempted to deal with erosion on the embankment of Little Juniper Dam by spreading

grass seed, but it was apparently eaten by geese or deer.

Recreation. Racine reported that the Seven Lakes Tennis Center will sponsor an Open House on October 10.

Other business

In other business during the SLLA's August 13 Open Meeting:

- In a four-to-one vote, with Racine opposed, the Board approved a new roadmap for developing and executing major capital projects that aims to standardize the process, while providing for committee and community input along the way.

- The Board voted four-to-one against a motion by

(See "SLLA," p. 29)

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Grimesey

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voted in favor of the contract extension. Laura Lang, the only member remaining on the Board who voted to terminate Grimesey's original contract, opposed the extension.

Three new members of the Board — Libby Carter, Pam Thompson, and Helena Wallin-Miller — abstained. Before the vote was taken, Cunningham explained that an abstention, while allowed under Board rules, nonetheless counts as a "yes" vote.

Making the motion to extend Grimesey's contract. Dennison said: "Dr. Grimesey has performed well during his first year as Superintendent of Moore County Schools. He has won the respect of

parents, teachers, and students as a result of the amount of time he is spending in our schools interacting with them."

Dennison said Grimesey had addressed areas of concern neglected in the past, had established "an excellent evaluation process for our employees and personally evaluated all our principals and senior staff."

"I have seen Dr. Grimesey in various contexts," Cunningham said, "from talking with legislators about very complicated legislation to being down the floor with first graders, with a leather aviators hat and goggles on, reading 'Violet the Pilot.'"

Newly-appointed Board member Caldwell said Grimesey

had taken time to read her six-year-old daughter a book while Caldwell was occupied filling out paperwork associated with her appointment.

Thompson said that, having just been appointed to the Board in June, she had not had the opportunity to work with Grimesey, though, based on her observations thus far, "all that I have seen has been a gentleman with respect, integrity, who appears to have a great passion for the Moore County School system."

"But," she added, "I would like to have at the opportunity to have a year to look at performance, to look at our metrics, and to go through our evaluation process that is

typically done with a superintendent."

Wallin-Miller expressed much the same sentiments.

After the vote, Cunningham reported that the Board had not completed Grimesey's evaluation for the 2014-2015 school year, his first year in the job. Cunningham said the Board and Grimesey had agreed to defer that evaluation until next Summer.

"No additional information will be provided concerning personnel evaluations," Cunningham added, "as they are confidential matters by law." That appeared to be a lawyerly statement warning off members of the press and public who have pressed for the release of Grimesey's personnel file, in order to better understand the reasons behind his sudden dismissal

in early June.

Caldwell, Carter sworn in

The School Board's August 10 meeting began with the swearing in of new members Stacey Caldwell and Libby Carter.

Clerk of Superior Court Susan Hicks administered the oath of office.

With the addition of Caldwell and Carter, the Board is now at its full complement of eight members.

Chairman Cunningham appointed Caldwell the Board's liaison to the Facilities Committee, appointed Thompson to serve on the Sandhills Community College-Moore County Schools Collaboration Committee, and asked Ed Dennison to serve as the Board's Legislative Liaison.

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Sandy Sackmann to allow the morning water aerobics class to continue without a lifeguard.

- The Board approved the use of a surplus Seven Lakes EMS radio system to try to improve communication between boat patrol and the North Gatehouse.

- The Board approved a meeting schedule that runs through the March 20 Annual Meeting.

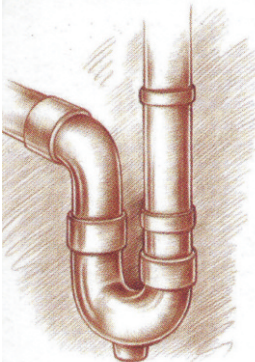
- The Board renewed an

agreement that allows Prancing Horse Center for Therapeutic Riding to use the SLLA Stables.

- The Board voted 4-0 to accept the \$5,400 low bid for repairs to the North Mailhouse, which was damaged by a motorist. The motorist's insurance company is picking up the tab. Director Lishawa recused himself from the vote because he has hired the same contractor to do work on his home.

- During Public Comment,

Randy Teske urged the Board to survey the community on their use of and interest in the various amenities, as a way of guiding the Board's decision making. President Leach indicated that the Board is considering doing just that.



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17 Foxfire Blvd # 315



Seven Lakes West \$228,500
Split BR plan on Beacon Ridge Golf Course
3 BR / 2 BA
202 Longleaf Drive



Seven Lakes West \$274,900
Light & open home on quiet cul-de-sac
4 BR / 3 BA
108 Rector Drive



Seven Lakes West \$465,000
Gorgeous waterfront for living & entertaining
3 BR / 2.5 BA
142 Simmons Drive



Seven Lakes North \$292,000
Beautiful lakefront home on large, serene lot
3 BR / 2 BA
175 Firetree Lane



Seven Lakes South \$189,900
Sun-filled home on well-landscaped lot!
3 BR / 2.5 BA
106 Somerset Lane



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Super property w/wide views of Lake Auman
4 BR / 3 BA
150 Simmons Drive



Seven Lakes West \$227,000
Immaculate, cozy golf front cottage
3 BR / 2 BA
214 Longleaf Drive



Seven Lakes West \$299,900
Beautiful golf front home overlooking pond
4 BR / 3 BA
230 Finch Gate Drive



Seven Lakes North \$124,000
Move in ready on Corner Lot!
3 BR / 2 BA
117 Sandspur Drive



Seven Lakes West \$349,500
Custom home w/open floor plan & private yard
3 BR / 3.5 BA
176 Simmons Drive



Seven Lakes West \$565,000
Spectacular custom on the water
4 BR / 3 BA
103 Vanore Rd.



Foxfire \$187,000
Renovated and immaculately maintained!
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