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**The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club** will host its 33rd Pancake-Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, February 6 at West End Elementary School cafeteria from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. Tickets are available at \$8 each at the door.

## West Side will expand boat & trailer storage lot

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



New homes in Seven Lakes West mean not only more people, but more

boats, trailers, RVs, and other rolling stock that needs a place to live when it's not in use.

The result has been an overcrowded and poorly organized boat and trailer

storage area that, for all practical purposes, is now full.

Community Manager Jeanette Mendence brought that message to the Tuesday, January 26 meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors — and, with the message, a plan for alleviating the overcrowding.

Based on work of an ad hoc committee the Board established several weeks ago, Mendence recommended expanding the storage yard onto Association owned property adjacent to the existing yard.

That would allow the addition of fifty-five pull-through spaces, suitable for RVs and

(See "Westside," p. 20)

## \$35 SLLA dues hike proposed

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



A \$35 dues increase will likely be on the March Annual Meeting ballot for members of the Seven Lakes

Landowners Association [SLLA].

During the Thursday, January 28 SLLA Work Session, Treasurer Mark Gyure provided his fellow Directors with a proposed FY 2017 budget assembled by him and Community Manager Jeff Allen and recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Board will vote on the budget during the Thursday, February 11 Open Meeting.

Membership approval of the budget is not required; but landowners must approve any dues increase.

Gyure noted that the Board sought and failed to win approval of a \$25 dues increase last year. He said labor and insurance costs continue to rise, driving the need for an increase.

Speaking with *The Times* on Monday, February 1, Gyure said the budget includes only a 3.4 percent increase over last year. Given that there was no increase last year, that is equivalent to a 1.7 percent increase over each of two years.

A survey of wages in the (See "SLLA," p. 27)

## New source tapped for 7 Lakes water

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Does your tap water look or taste different?

The Seven Lakes and West End area

have had a new source of drinking water for nearly two weeks.

Moore County Public Utilities, which provides water to the area, has turned the tap on a new \$2.7 million water project that connects Seven Lakes with the East Moore Water District, and, ultimately, to a treatment plant in Harnett County that pulls water from the Cape Fear River.

When it was founded in the 1970s, Seven Lakes drew its water from a network of wells sprinkled around the

community. As the community grew, the relatively low-producing wells proved unable to meet the growing demand. In addition, some of the wells were found to be contaminated with chemicals, and had to be taken out of service.

The County responded by connecting the Seven Lakes water system to the Pinehurst system, through a water main that runs down NC Highway 211. That connection has occasionally been overtaxed during periods of severe drought.

The new connection runs down NC Highway 73 to Eastwood, where a new pump station helps move Harnett County water to Seven Lakes.

Moore County began pur- (See "Water," p. 26)

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# Presentation aims to improve your sleep

With a growing population, there is a growing need for education on aging issues like the importance of sleep.

Aging Outreach Services, Fox Hollow Senior Living, OutreachNC, and Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines have joined together to bring Tammy Williams, program coordinator and associate professor of the Associates Degree Polysomnography Program at Sandhills Community College as the guest speaker for an informational seminar at Seven Lakes

Chapel in the Pines.

Williams' presentation entitled "Improve Your Sleep . . . Tonight!" is free. The presentation for the community will be held on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 pm at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Drive.

Williams earned her Associate degree in Respiratory Care at Sandhills Community College in 1986 and worked as a therapist, clinical educator and administrative director in the hospital setting.

She was on the inaugural cardiovascular team to start

the open heart unit at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital and has helped develop the open heart, aortic value and heart failure protocols the team used.

She opened the Moore Regional Hospital Sleep Lab in 1999 and continued her education and experience at UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC-Charlotte to include sleep medicine neurodiagnostic training.

Williams is board certified as a registered sleep technologist by the American Board of Sleep Medicine, a Sleep Disorders Testing and

Therapeutic Interventional Specialist by the National Board of Respiratory Care, a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist by the Board of Polysomnographic Technologist, a Registered Respiratory Therapist by the National Board of Respiratory Care and a Clinical Sleep Educator by the Board of Polysomnographic Technologist.

"Teaching others about the importance of sleep is my true love," says Williams, who is currently working with students at Sandhills Community College teaching them to perform sleep studies on patients with sleep disorders and learn about the almost 100 sleep disorders that plaque our ability to get a

good night's sleep.

Williams' presentation will discuss the key elements of a "normal" sleep cycle, three big factors that kill your sleep as you age, big medication groups that most of us take that ruin your sleep and a tip to change and improve your sleep.

"All is not lost, you can do something to change and improve your sleep, tonight!" Williams says.

Doors open at 6 pm for registration and light refreshments. Williams' presentation begins at 6:30 pm. For more information or to register for the February 23 presentation, contact Aging Outreach Services at 910-692-0683 or [info@AOSNC.com](mailto:info@AOSNC.com).

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# Council plans to reduce debt

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Anticipating loan payments and capital projects, the Foxfire Village Council has been steadily growing its fund balance over the past few years.

Council members now appear ready to put that excess cash to work, lowering the Village's debt level and, perhaps, expanding Village Hall.

Councilwoman Leslie Frusco presented the options during the Council's Thursday, January 28 Work Session, beginning with a proposal for a new fund balance policy.

The "fund balance" is the amount of cash the Village carries over from year to year. It ensures that there is enough cash on hand to meet day-to-day expenses, and also functions as a sort of savings account.

During the Work Session, Frusco suggested that the Village establish a policy of maintaining a minimum fund balance equal to forty percent of annual expenses.

Given the Village's expense budget of roughly \$1 million, the minimum fund balance would be \$400,000.

She noted that the state's Local Government Commission only requires that a fund balance equal to eight percent of annual expenses — in essence, the amount of cash needed to cover one month's expenses.

"Eight percent might be okay if you are a Charlotte or a Raleigh," she said. "But thirty to forty percent is what I am seeing in the smaller municipalities."

Projecting future cash needs, Frusco estimated that, by the end of FY2016, in June, the Village will have a fund balance of \$838,000.

Setting aside \$400,000 of that as the minimum fund balance, she offered a number of suggestions for using the excess \$438,000.

Chief among those was using \$300,000 of the excess to pay down principal on the Woodland Circle, which has a current outstanding principal of \$1.5 million and requires annual payments of roughly \$175,000.

That would reduce interest by \$58,000 over the life of the loan and reduce the payment due annually by \$37,000, Frusco explained.

Her fellow Council members expressed support for making the substantial advance principal payment. Frusco has begun negotiations with First

Bank that could result in refinancing all of the Village's loans. Any decision on an early loan payoff may await the outcome of those negotiations, but is likely to come prior to the end of the current fiscal year.

## Village Hall expansion

Making the advance loan payment would leave more than \$100,000 in excess fund balance. The Council discussed the possibility of using that — along with other funds — to expand Village Hall, so that the administrative offices could share the facility with the meeting room and police department.

The current space that is being rented for Village administration has had issues with minor water damage in the past.

Mayor Mick McCue reported that a potential buyer of the building is currently doing due diligence on the property.

"The tentative nature of us being tenants over there is growing," he added.

The Village has resources to draw on for a Village Hall expansion beyond the \$100,000-plus in excess fund balance.

The Council has saved \$191,000 in a capital reserve fund. In addition, Frusco

explained that the \$9,000 the Village is currently paying annually in rent for the offices could support a \$125,000 loan.

All told, the Council could access roughly \$425,000 to pay for an expansion to the current Village Hall.

McCue asked Frusco to prepare a budget amendment supporting the \$300,000 advance principal payment on the Woodland Circle loan and suggested that the use of other funds for a Village Hall expansion be rolled into the Council's planning for the FY2017 budget.

## Woodland Circle development

In other matters related to Woodland Circle, the Council discussed the possibility of subdividing the 156 acres it owns on Woodland Circle.

Councilman Jon Sedlak presented the Board with a quote from a surveyor covering the cost of subdividing fifteen to seventeen one-acre parcels along the street for sale as individual lots.

He suggested the Village could net \$25,000 to \$30,000 per lot.

However, Sedlak's enthusiasm for the proposal cooled when Frusco explained that any sale of property by the

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# Jamie Boles: A North Carolina Representative

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

NC Representative Jamie Boles is a proud Moore County — and proud to represent the County in the NC General Assembly.

But you can't talk with him for very long without realizing he sees the job as bigger than that.

"I am a North Carolina Representative," he told *The Times* during an interview in his Southern Pines office on Thursday, January 28.

"I vote for ten million people," Boles said. "I am fortunate that I represent 88,000 people in Moore County. I am blessed. But if everybody would get up and walk out of a committee meeting or a budget meeting with 'Well, this doesn't pertain to my County, so I'm going to vote no,' where would we be?"

That broader responsibility to the state as a whole may help explain some of Boles' recent differences with the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

County Chairman Nick Picerno is actively campaigning for Boles' challenger in the March 15 GOP Primary, and the full Board of Commissioners has been passing strongly worded resolutions

asking that Boles and other members of the Moore County legislative delegation explain their votes for a budget that left Moore County out when dividing up \$84.8 million in new sales tax revenues.

The Commissioners have also called on the legislature to revise the way that teachers are allocated, focusing on the needs of individual schools instead of using countywide averages. And they called for the state to do away with the tier system that directs economic development money and other funds to poorer counties, while ignoring the pockets of poverty within so-called "wealthy" counties, like Moore.

## Deep roots in Moore

Boles has deep roots in Moore County, coming up through the Aberdeen schools, graduating from Pinecrest, and then moving on to Sandhills Community College before entering mortuary school. A successful small businessman, Boles built a string of funeral homes in the surrounding area, centered on the flagship property on Pennsylvania Avenue in Southern Pines.

As a kid, he spent Wednesday afternoons selling the Sandhills Citizen newspaper at ten cents for its publisher, former Speaker of the NC House Clifton Blue.

"If you every wanted to be elected to any office in the state of North Carolina, you had to be approved by Mr. Blue," Boles recalled. "I remember watching politicians come through his office, and for me to be sitting in his seat today is quite an honor."

"That was one of the reasons that I ran when I did

run in 2008, because I didn't feel that Moore County was being well represented in the General Assembly — and by someone who didn't come from Moore County."

## Turning the battleship

Boles said he is seeking a fifth two-year term in office because there is still plenty more work to be done in furthering what some have called the "Republican Revolution" in Raleigh.

The Party took over both houses of the General Assembly in 2010 — the first time since Reconstruction that the state has been led by Republicans.

But, after more than 140 years of Democratic rule, making all the changes necessary "is like trying to turn a battleship in a canal," Boles said.

"I feel like we are on the right road — in tax reform — in education reform — and I want to finish what we have started."

Boles said it takes time for a new legislator to "learn the ropes: as far as the staff available to you and how to maneuver a bill through the

House and the Senate."

When he was first elected in 2008, the Democrats were still in charge in Raleigh, and a freshman Republican Representative was allowed to vote and not much else.

Among the accomplishments of the new GOP majority to which Boles pointed were "putting more money back into education. Of course, there is never going to be enough money for education."

Not only has the GOP majority increased teacher pay, Boles said, they reduced the number of step levels in the educators' pay structure from thirty-six to six, providing teachers with more certainty about when they could expect increases.

Boles pointed to regulatory reform, as well. "Businesses are able to cut through a lot of red tape, and bring business to North Carolina," he said.

"We have paid off over a billion dollar debt to the federal government" for unemployment insurance, he added. That both ensures that unemployment insur-

(See "Boles," p. 18)



NC Rep. Jamie Boles

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# John Zumwalt: Fed up with the establishment

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

John (JD) Zumwalt doesn't come across as a politician — and he'd be the first person to admit that.

In fact, even though he's running for the District 52 seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives, politics — at least politics as usual — is exactly what he's running against.

"I'm just fed up with the establishment," he told *The Times*, in an interview on Monday, January 11. "And I thought it was just DC, until I started doing my research, and I realized that's it's not just DC. It's in Raleigh as well. And is documentable — it's shockingly in your face, if you go looking for it. And I can't believe that we keep electing the same people."

## Military background

Zumwalt came to Moore County, like many residents, courtesy of Ft. Bragg.

He was born and raised in East Texas, near Corpus Christi. A Vietnam vet, he worked as a policeman, firefighter, and ambulance driver.

He became a tugboat pilot and then a fire boat pilot before returning to the military after a 16-year hiatus.

He served with the Army Rangers for three years, completed Green Beret training, and served with the Fifth Special Forces Group out of Ft. Campbell, KY for seven years. He then moved to US Army Special Operations Command at Ft. Bragg.

He retired in 2004 while serving in Iraq and began to work with the Army's IED Field Team and eventually with the US Army Asymmetric Warfare Group.

## The challenger

The District 52 seat is currently occupied by Republican Jamie Boles, who is seeking re-election to his fifth two-year term.

Zumwalt is careful to note the he's is not running against "Mr. Jamie Boles."

"He's a good man, and people like him," he said. "I'm running against Representative Jamie Boles, because he's not a good legislator for the people."

Zumwalt begins his case against Rep. Boles with an

expansion of the sales tax approved by the General Assembly as part of the FY2016 state budget. The state broadened the categories of business subject to the sales tax to include some services, like auto and appliance repair. The expansion takes effect in March.

"Small business owners cannot afford that," Zumwalt said. "Some of them have mark-ups as low as eight percent, and they tell me they just can't afford this new tax."

"Second, it was rammed down our throats quietly,"

he said. "Most folks didn't even know it was happening."

"But the most important thing — and this drives me crazy — is that we cannot spend one dime of that money in Moore County. It all goes to other counties that the legislature has deemed to be more in need than we are."

The General Assembly in fact selected 79 of the state's 100 counties and divided the anticipated additional revenue of \$84.8 million among them. Moore County was not one of the 79, though every county that touches Moore was included in the distribution.

"I call it giving foreign aid to other parts of North Carolina," Zumwalt said.

"My opponent voted for that," he said. "What I hear people saying is that it was going to pass anyway, so it didn't matter what he did."

"Here's my analogy: If I hear someone's going to come to my house and hurt my family, and maybe four or five show up, I'm not going to stand by and do nothing. I'm going to fight tooth and nail to the very end for them."

"And that's what I want to

see my legislator do for me: fight tooth and nail. Whether he can win or not, I want to hear his voice being spoken, and I want him to vote no on these things."

## The tier system

The next exhibit in Zumwalt's case against Rep. Boles is North Carolina's tier system, which assigns counties to one of three groups based on their relative prosperity — and then funnels economic development money and other benefits to the poorer, Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties.

"We are a Tier 3 county," Zumwalt said, "which means that the tax money we pay in does not come back to us on an equal basis with the other counties. Seventy or more other counties get more than we do."

"Someone might say: 'He's one man. What can he do?' He can stand up and try to get something done," Zumwalt said. "He could mention it once in a while. We should hear his voice speaking up: 'Let's do something about the tier system.'"

(See "Zumwalt," p. 14)



John (JD) Zumwalt

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## Spanish Immersion Kindergarten

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All parents that are interested in the Spanish Immersion program and all current parents are invited to attend.

The event begins at: 4:30 pm, with an Information session for all "new" interested parents; 5:30 pm – Pizza; 6 pm Joint meeting in media center; and at 6:15 pm, Breakout sessions by grade level.

Parents in the West End attendance area will have first priority in the program as long as students are enrolled by April 29. All other Moore County families interested will be enrolled on a first come first serve basis. Applications are being accepted now.

Join the group for an exciting evening. [www.vifprogram.com/parents](http://www.vifprogram.com/parents)

## 7 Lakes Chapel Valentine Party

The Chapel will hold their annual Valentine's Day Party celebration on Friday, February 12, at 2 pm, at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

The Chapel invites everyone to come, especially those living in the community that are alone or shut-in.

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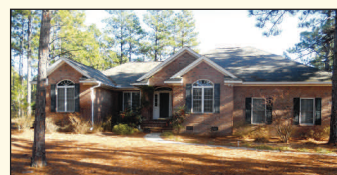
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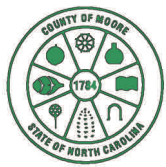


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# Rezoning for NC 211 solar farm approved

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Another solar farm could be coming to NC Highway 211, in this case on a parcel across the highway from Archie Road.

Moore County's Board of Commissioners approved the rezoning of 65 acres owned by McDonald Family Farms from RA-40 - Residential & Agricultural to RA - Rural Agricultural. The key difference between the two zoning districts is that RA allows commercial solar facilities as a conditional use.

The 65 acres is part of an 89 acre parcel that includes a sand mine and has limited access to NC Highway 211 via an easement granted by the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway. It also includes a Duke Power substation and a major electrical transmission line.

Before the applicant, Pine Valley Solar Farm, can proceed with their plans to erect a commercial solar facility on the property, they will need to secure a conditional use zoning permit, which means an additional hearing before both the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners.

The Commissioners called

a public hearing for February 16 on a second solar-related rezoning request — this one from Pinesage Solar Farm, LLC.

That rezoning would impact a 53 acre parcel that lies one-quarter of a mile to the north of NC Highway 211 on property across from Pinewild that was used as a construction site and borrow pit during the widening of NC 211.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend denial of that request, because of the proximity of the property to urbanizing areas.

## Public Safety data

Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips provided the Commissioners with data on the number and types of calls dispatched by the County 911 Center during 2015.

Of a total of 75,717 calls, 66 percent were for law enforcement — and that does not include the Moore County Sheriff's Office. Phillips explained that the Sheriff's Office dispatches its own calls, while the 911 Center handles dispatch for the County's municipal police departments.

Aberdeen accounted for just over half of the 50,472 law enforcement dispatches, while Carthage accounted for twenty percent. With 795

calls, the Village of Foxfire accounted for two percent.

Of 14,552 dispatches of Moore County EMS units, Pinehurst accounted for 20 percent; Southern Pines, 18 percent; Union Pines, 16 percent, and West End, 8 percent.

Fire calls totaled 11,276, with Southern Pines accounting for 15 percent; Aberdeen, 14 percent, and Pinehurst, 12 percent. West End handled 935 calls, or 8 percent of the total, while Seven Lakes handled 333, or 3 percent of the total.

Phillips said the department is partnering with churches and community organizations to host training in First Aid, CPR, weather awareness, hurricane awareness, and other topics.

It's part of a program called "Resilient Communities" that aims to help residents be better prepared to deal with emergencies.

Citizens can text "READY-MOORE" to 888777 to receive updates on the program.

## Other Business

In other business during their February 2 regular

meeting, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

- Received the quarterly fiscal report for Sandhills Center for Mental Health.

- Approved an amendment to the County's contract with Right Foundation, Inc., which serves as the County's secondary provider of Medicaid transportation services. The amendment involved only a name change.

- Approved amended bylaws for the Animal Operations Advisory Committee, reducing the size of that panel from fifteen to nine. The County is actively seeking volunteers interesting in serving on the committee.

- Appointed Shirlyn Smith to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

- Appointed Bobby Hyman to the Planning Board.

- Appointed Sharon Odom to the Board of Health.

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# Preview of MCS FY2017 budget proves painful

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Moore County's School Board needs to find a way to reduce expenses by \$2.8 million, in order to reduce its reliance on fund balance.

"To get to \$2.8 million, you have to inflict pain," Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey told the Board. "It all involves pain."

Grimesey and Chief Finance Officer Mike Bundy presented a preview of the FY2017 budget during the Board's regular Monday, February 1 Work Session.

Moore County Schools [MCS] built its fund balance to \$12.4 million in FY2012, largely through saving extra federal payments received as part of the economic stimulus passed in the wake of the 2008-2009 recession.

But the district has spent about \$2 million of that to cover operating expenses in each of the past three years. The FY2016 budget anticipates that another \$2.8 million will be used, leaving only \$3.6 million in the rainy day fund. Bundy told *The Times* that, ideally, MCS would have at least \$4 million on hand to cover cash flow needs.

The School Board has already approved two cost-cutting measures, saving an estimated \$400,000 in expenses by eliminating the year-round calendar that was offered in four elementary schools and another \$300,000 by eliminating positions in the Central Office.

Bundy proposed saving another \$200,000 by cutting ten hours out of next year's work schedule for teacher assistants.

Another \$300,000 in local expenses can be saved by

shifting nine teacher assistants into Title 1 federal funding, though that will mean eliminating one assistant at Pinehurst, West Pine, and Sandhills Farm Life Elementary Schools, because they do not have Title 1 funds available.

To that total of \$1.23 million in reductions, Bundy added another \$367,000 in cuts by eliminating two reading programs and eliminating some unfilled positions.

He explained that an additional \$800,000 could be saved by increasing class sizes from 26 to 28 in grades 6-8 and from 29 to 31 in grades 9-12.

That would bring the identified reductions to just under \$2.4 million.

But the administration wants to avoid increasing class sizes, he said, explaining that those increased class sizes would place MCS out-

side the range for comparable school districts.

## 'I am angry'

Board members expressed concern about almost every cut that Bundy proposed, but the strongest statement came from Helena Wallin-Miller.

"I'm angry. I am really angry looking at these numbers," she said.

"There is a lot in here to be angry about. One of the things that strikes me is what is happening at the elementary school level. In a previous presentation, you presented that we have lost 156 TAs over five years . . . That's an average of thirteen positions in each of our elementary schools."

"You think about these little bodies that are in these schools. We are talking about five, six, seven, and eight year-olds, who no longer have

a second person in the classroom when they are trying to learn how to read, how to write, how to sit, how to take tests."

"You are taking adults out of these classrooms, and it is not okay."

"I charge us as a Board to think about what can we do to keep more of those instructional assistants — and they are instructional assistants. They are providing intervention services. They are taking kids out and providing extra support for the kids who are struggling."

"The importance of early intervention and those early education years has been dwindling away over the past few years," Laura Lang added.

"I think we really need to meet with them [the County Commissioners] and get back to the roots of what is important in education. They can

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# Diaz wins Civic Leadership Scholarship

Cristina Guillen Diaz of Seven Lakes has been awarded the first annual Civic Leadership Scholarship by the League of Women Voters of Moore County.

Ms. Diaz is a senior at North Moore High School, where she ranks first in her class, taking numerous Honors and AP courses. She attended Governor's School in Math and founded a Speech and Debate team at North Moore so students could be more skilled at public speaking and at considering various sides of issues.

Ms. Diaz serves as Vice-President of the FBLA and her team placed First in Parliamentary Procedures, at the state convention. She's a teen volunteer at Moore Regional Hospital, in the MCS summer STEM camp, and at St. Anthony of Padua Church. She studied French in high school and is also fluent in Spanish.

In addition to her academic

accomplishments and community service, Ms. Diaz has played the violin for nine years, is an advanced dancer at Seven Lakes Dance, and is ranked third on the NM Tennis Team. She was recently honored for her accomplishments by the English Speaking Union. Her teachers describe her as articulate, poised, enthusiastic, an inspiring servant leader. Her



**Cristina Guillen Diaz**

career goal is to pursue a degree in engineering. Ms. Diaz is the daughter of Miguelina and Francis Guillen.

The \$1000 college scholarship will be officially presented to her at the League of Women Voters Lunch with Legends at the Pinehurst Members Club on March 8. Lunch with Legends ticket sales help to fund the scholarship.

The Civic Leader Scholarship was established by the League of Women Voters of Moore County to encourage youth to be active participants and leaders in the American political process and in service to their community.

All rising seniors in Moore County Schools are eligible to apply. Ms. Diaz was selected as one of four Finalists from among a strong field of applicants. Finalists were interviewed by the LWV Scholarship Committee.

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McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church will have their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 9, from 5 – 7 pm in the church fellowship hall.

Cost is \$6 per person, with all proceeds to benefit

home for adults suffering from a severe brain illness.

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# Ladies knit a ministry out of prayer shawls

by Ann Chase

West End Presbyterian Church

Ten to twelve caring West End Presbyterian Church women of the Prayer Shawl Ministry gather together on the second Wednesday of each month to knit or crochet items for people going

through a difficult time in their lives.

The group was founded in 2005 and in ten years have created and given almost 500 shawls, cancer caps, baby shawls for the neonatal unit at FirstHealth and caps for soldiers serving in cold cli-

mates to wear under their helmets.

At each meeting, following their opening prayer, they knit or crochet as they report on those who have received these healing prayer shawls. The group also discusses others identified in the church and the greater community as experiencing a life transition with whom they can share their mission.

Meticulous records are kept by Nell Judge, leader of the group, noting each item made and to whom it was given. Some of the yarn used has been donated to the group

and the rest has been purchased by the members.

The shawls, which are created by the women throughout the month at home as well as during the meetings, represent their gift of love, friendship and caring and are a blessing for those who receive them.

Each shawl is delivered personally by a member of the West End Presbyterian Church Prayer Shawl Ministry and includes a card saying, "May this shawl be a reminder of God's embracing love and caring for you. This shawl, which was

blessed by the group, was prayerfully created for you by [name of ministry member]."



Dodie Mulready, Barbara Gerhardt, Nell Judge, and Joanne Lentz



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# League to celebrate Women's History Month

In celebration of Women's History Month, the League of Women Voters of Moore County will present the eighth annual Lunch with Legends at the Pinehurst Country Club on Tuesday, March 8 at 11:30 am with lunch at noon.

"Lunch with Legends" is a program of live portrayals of historic women from history.

The "legends" this year will be Rachel Carson, nature writer, portrayed by Mindy Fineman from Seven Lakes and Mary McLeod Bethune, educator, portrayed by Carol Henry of Jackson Hamlet. Jo Nicholas of Seven Lakes will act as the narrator and master of ceremonies for the event. The actors portraying the Legends will be dressed in period costumes and will deliver the moving and sometimes emotional words actually written and spoken by Carson and Bethune.

Rachel Louise Carson (May 27, 1907 – April 14, 1964) was an American marine biologist and nature writer credited with launching the environmental movement. She started as a biologist with the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries in 1936, but became a full-time author in the 1950s. Her first three books were about marine life, from the shore to the surface to the deep sea. It was her 1962 bestselling book, *Silent Spring*, about the effects of pesticides that brought environmental issues to the attention of the American public, and later, the world. *Silent Spring* led to a nationwide ban on DDT and other pesticides, and the grassroots environmental movement the book inspired led to the creation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]. Carson was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Jimmy Carter.

Mary Jane McLeod Bethune (July 10, 1875 – May 18, 1955) was an extraordinary educator, civil rights leader, and government

official who founded the National Council of Negro Women and Bethune-Cookman College. She may be best known for starting a private school for African-American students in Day-

tona Beach, Florida. She attracted donations of time and money, and developed the academic school as a college. She was appointed as a national adviser to President Franklin D. Roosevelt as part

of what was known as his Black Cabinet. She was called "The First Lady of The Struggle" because of her commitment to gain better lives for African Americans.

Tickets for the lunch and

program are \$35 and are available by contacting Carol Wurster at (910)673-2330 or [carolee@embarqmail.com](mailto:carolee@embarqmail.com). Doors open at 11:30 with lunch served at noon.



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# In memory of . . .

**Kelly Gail Greer** died Monday, January 25.

A native of Montgomery County, MD, she was a 1998 graduate of Magruder High School, and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Science from Clemson University in 2002.

Ms. Greer was employed as a Senior Manager in Regulatory Affairs by Novavax Pharmaceutical. Her interests included hiking, swimming, spinning, scrapbooking, fishing with her dad, and cheering for her beloved Clemson Tigers.

She was preceded in death by her uncle, Leon White; grandparents, Secret Service Agent (ret.) William R. and Ethel Oxley Greer, and James L. and Mary Louise White.

Ms. Greer is survived by her parents, Richard and Fran Greer of Seven Lakes; fiancé, T. Grant Lewis; aunt, Diane White; grandmother, Mary Finger Greer; and many cousins.

A memorial service will be held at the historic Oakdale Chapel at 10 am. on Wednesday, February 10, at Oakdale Church, 13425 Emory Church Road, Olney, MD 20832.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Kelly Greer to support Ewing Sarcoma research: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via [www.dana-farber.org/gift](http://www.dana-farber.org/gift)

**Mary Dalton Olson**, 89, of West End, died January 24, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehurst.

She was born in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter to John Ward and Margaret Grace Dalton. She will be remembered as a fun-loving, joyful, and generous woman.

Mrs. Olson was an excellent student, and graduated from Purdue University with a degree in home economics. It was there she picked up her nickname of "Mel." After marriage in 1949, she moved to Long Island, New York, where she and her husband John ("Swede") raised their three sons. Later, she became a nursery school teacher. She always connected easily and playfully with children of all ages. She was an avid league bowler, bridge player, and enjoyed solving daily word games and crossword puzzles.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, John Dalton and David Dalton.

She is survived by her husband, John Thorne Olson; three sons, Eric T. Olson and his wife, Victoria of Lakewood, WA; Kurt J. Olson of Raleigh; and Neil D. Olson and his wife Elizabeth C. Brooks of Wyndmoor, PA; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her sister-in-law, Sue Dalton; her nephews and niece.

A memorial service was

held Sunday, January 31, at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Southern Pines. Private interment followed immediately in the church columbarium.

Memorial donations may be made to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, [oslcsp@oslcsp.org](mailto:oslcsp@oslcsp.org) for use in children's and youth ministries.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. in Southern Pines assisted the family.

**Reverend Donald James Welch**, 84, of Spartanburg, SC and formerly of Seven Lakes, died Friday, January 22.

Born in Ashland, Kentucky he was the son of John and Mary Welch, he Don was the sixth of their eight children.

Reverend Welch was educated in the public schools of Ashland before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky and a Masters of Divinity from Duke University.

After returning to Kentucky in 1954, he was ordained as a Methodist minister. He married Nancy Wilder of Corbin, Kentucky and began his career in the ministry and college administration, serving as Pastor of Methodist churches in Williamsburg

and Berea, KY, and on the college faculties of Union and Berea Colleges.

Reverend Welch and his family moved to Durham, North Carolina in 1964, where he served as the Assistant Dean of the Duke Divinity School.

In 1969, he was named as the Wofford College Dean of Students and later College Chaplain. While at Wofford Reverend Welch also taught religion, philosophy, public speaking and humanities.

He became President of the Scarritt Graduate School for Sacred Music and Religious Education in Nashville, Tennessee in 1979 where he served for ten years.

Thereafter, he and Nancy moved to Macon, Georgia, and there he was the Vice-President of Wesleyan College.

After retiring from Wesleyan College, Reverend Welch returned to his true calling, and became Pastor of Park Memorial United Methodist Church in Macon.

In 1999, he and Nancy moved to Seven Lakes to retire and play golf.

Reverend Welch served as Pastor of McDonald's Chapel Presbyterian Church and the Parish Associate of West End Presbyterian Church. In 2005, he became the first resident minister of Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, an ecumenical congregation, which he served until his full retirement in 2013, at which time he and Nancy moved to Summit Hills Spartanburg, SC.

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remembered for his beautiful tenor voice which he shared in choirs, ensembles and community theaters.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-one years, Nancy; daughters Sarah Welch Gunn (Billy) of Spartanburg; Margaret Anne Welch of Wellington, FL; son, James Vincent Welch of Greensboro; his grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his brother, David O. Welch (Joyce) of Ashland, KY.

A Memorial Service was held Friday January 29 at Central United Methodist Church, Spartanburg, SC.

Memorial donations may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 233 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29301; The Advent Foundation, 141 Advent Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302; McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, 1374 Foxfire Rd Aberdeen, NC 28315 or Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South, West End, NC 27376.

**Louise Ann Keckeley Campbell**, 87, of Seven Lakes West, died Friday January 22, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late Harry and Winifred Payne Keckeley and the widow of Norman Campbell.

Known to all as Ann she was born in New York City. She taught painting in Burlington, Vermont and moved to Seven Lakes in 1983.

She was an accomplished artist considering watercolors her most successful medium. She had taught at Sandhills Community College since 1986 and was a founding member of The Artist League. Ann was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her son Ken Campbell of Duncanville, TX; daughters Patricia W. Caron and Lynda Green both of Seven Lakes.

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 30, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Southern Pines. The

Reverend John G. Talk officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Arts Council of Moore County, PO Box 405, Southern Pines, NC 28388

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Donald E. Heysel**, 85, of Seven Lakes, died at his home on Wednesday, January 20.

He was born in Olean, NY, he was the son of the late Harrison and Olive Heysel.

A memorial service was held at the Boles Funeral Home, Seven Lakes on Monday, January 25.

After graduating from high school, Mr. Heysel served first in the U.S. Navy and later was drafted into the U.S. Army before his honorable discharge from active duty in 1953. He went on to graduate from St. Bonaventure University and married Grace M. Sylvester on February 14, 1959. Early in his career, he worked for the Rochester Button Company before joining the Ritter manufacturing company where he became a certified purchasing manager. After his retirement, Mr. Heysel did consulting work, before moving to Seven Lakes in the early 1990s. He was a member of the Seven Lakes Country Club and the Seven Lakes Bowling League.

Mr. Heysel was the husband of Grace Heysel.

He is survived by his son

Harrison, his wife Sheila and their three children—Sarah, Angela and Alyssa—all of Virginia Beach; son Dr. Garrett R. Heysel of Columbus, OH.

He was the beloved father of the late Sandra Heysel

who is survived by her sons Eric and Aren Selenschek and the brother of the late Barbara Williams and Janet Bissig.

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# Zumwalt

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I've heard nothing."

"One man equals one vote," Zumwalt said, "and I want to see that vote go for me — for this district."

## Favoring the funeral home business

"Out of twenty-five bills that Representative Boles introduced last year, six of them were directly in support of the funeral home industry," Zumwalt said, laying out the third exhibit in his case against Rep. Boles. Boles owns several funeral homes in Moore and surrounding counties.

"One of those bills — just in case someone might try to get you to believe that those were for the benefit of us, too — one of those bills says this: If you are in a funeral procession, and you're in a wreck, you're not allowed to sue the funeral director. That's a bill that he sponsored."

"If you can find time to introduce six bills for the funeral home industry," Zumwalt said, "and you can't find time to introduce even one single bill for education — not one bill to help teachers, to help teacher assistants — I don't see how that makes any sense."

## A self-funded campaign

Zumwalt is self-funding his campaign; he's taking no political contributions, whether from lobbyists, political action committees, or individuals. He told *The Times* he wants to preserve his inde-

pendence, as a candidate and a legislator.

"I have had a lot of folks — and even my friends — criticize me because I am self-funding my campaign," he said, "but I want to be able to say whatever I want to say, without people saying 'John, you're overdoing it this time.' And I want to be able to vote any way I want to vote."

"I don't want anyone to think they can come to me and get any special favors or any type of special audience because of the money they have given me. I will owe nothing to anyone, and I will continue to be that way."

"If I am elected, I'll be a representative like they have never seen in this state in their lives. I will not be hushed, I will not back down, and I will not avoid issues. I will let everyone know exactly what I am going to do."

"You will see me at School Board meetings. You'll see me at County board meetings. If I'm elected, the black community will see me, too."

"If I'm elected, every email will be answered, every single call will be returned. There will be no one wondering what I am doing or where I am."

## Education funding

Zumwalt's wife, who died last year, was a teacher and school administrator. He has a special interest in education.

"One of the very first questions I got was this: 'Are you

one of these guys who just wants to raise taxes and throw money at everything?' and the answer is: No, no, no," Zumwalt told *The Times*.

"If we spend our money the way that we should be spending it, we have plenty of money to build our schools, pay our teachers, and give our teacher assistants a job they can count on from year-to-year."

"If we used that lottery the way we should," he explained, "if we got rid of the tier system, if we got back that sales tax money they have taken away from us, if the state would give us the funding they promised to our County, then we would have enough money to pay for everything we are supposed to pay for."

"No, I do not want to raise taxes," he reiterated, but he does support the quarter cent increase the county sales tax that Moore County voters are being asked to approve during the March 15 primary.

"The reason I am for that one-quarter of a penny tax is because it's not being forced down our throat, it's left up to the voters, and it's dedicated to be spent on the building of schools," he said.

"It's a crying shame that teacher assistants had to go to work this Fall and not know if they had a job tomorrow," Zumwalt said, referring to the fact that the General Assembly took until mid-September to approve a state budget that determines how

many assistants would be allocated to Moore County.

"How long had they known that they had to come up with a budget in Raleigh?" Zumwalt asked. "And they couldn't come up with one?"

## Not about party

"For my friends who are Democrats," Zumwalt said, "I have been a lifelong Republican, but I am fed up with seeing my Republican legislators, at the state and the federal level, lead us down the same old entrenched path that we've been on all these years."

"It's no longer about Democrat and Republican. It's about doing the right things and kicking these people out who have been doing the same old things for years."

"I wish my Democrat friends would take a look at the issues," he said, "change their party affiliation to unaffiliated, and then they can

vote for me or my opponent. Right now they can't vote for either of us."

North Carolina allows unaffiliated voters to vote in the primary of any party.

## Listening

Asked about his agenda beyond the issues surrounding educational funding, Zumwalt said: "I want to spend a lot of time talking to people, finding out what they are concerned about. I represent them."

"I don't go there with any hidden agendas," he added. "I go there to be a servant to the people of this district. And I can't know what they want, what they need, what they are concerned about, unless I talk to them. Once I find that out, I will represent their concerns."

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say: You have computers now so you can do individualized assessment. But, with those little kids that doesn't help. You've to have a person there. You have to have a body."

### What MCS can't afford

In addition to previewing budget cuts that might help the Board achieve the goal of eliminating \$2.8 million in expenses, Bundy provided some detail on 65 budget requests totaling \$2.93 million that won't make it into the budget.

Those requests ranged from additional clerical support in school offices to centralized custodial services and additional teachers for academically gifted students.

"Until we do something about our dependence on fund balance, these are the kinds of things that are good, but we simply cannot add these costs," Grimesey said.

"The public needs to know that we have taken these things seriously and we have attempted to find ways to include them. This is the real cost of educating children in the year 2016, and the State

of North Carolina just isn't at a point where we can afford to be looking at these kinds of issues."

### Local cost of teacher raises

A potential landmine in the budget is the issue of teacher raises. Though the state pays for nearly all of MCS's teachers, some are paid from money the County provides.

If the General Assembly decides to give teachers raises this year — and it is an election year, Bundy noted — MCS will need to match those raises for the locally-funded teachers. However, the Gen-

eral Assembly has a habit of completing its budget well after the fiscal year begins and both the County and MCS budgets are finalized.

That can end up saddling MCS with expenses for which it has not budgeted.

For example, if the General Assembly decided to provide two percent raises, that would cost MCS an additional \$354,827 in local dollars. A five percent raise would mean an extra \$685,654 in local spending.

### Digital Learning Plan

In other business, Kendt Eklund and Steve Johnson presented a new budget plan for MCS' digital learning initiative that slows the rollout of devices in the elementary grades and reduces the monetary commitment expected from the County.

Testing of both Chrome-

books — small laptop computers with a keyboard — and iPad tablet computers in elementary school classrooms has found that the Chromebooks allow students to become familiar with a keyboard and with Google educational software at an earlier age. That then speeds their orientation to middle school.

Eklund said initial expectations that Chromebooks would be able to be used for four years before being replaced have proven overly optimistic. The new plan includes a three-year replacement cycle. He also said the HP Chromebooks that the district initially leased have proven unreliable, generating more than 6,000 repair tickets since September 2014. MCS will be moving to a different model for future pur-

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## Foxfire

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Village must go through an upset bid process.

In other words, once the Council agrees to accept an offer on a parcel or lot, it must advertise the fact and give other potential buyers the opportunity to make a higher bid within a ten day window. If a higher bidder emerges, the whole process begins again, continuing until no further bids emerge.

Sedlak said he felt it was unlike that any family hoping to build a home would want to go through that process.

Noting that "there are still lots and lots of lots for sale in Foxfire," Frusco expressed skepticism that the Woodland Circle lots would sell quickly, in any case.

The Council reached a con-

sensus that they would instead redouble their efforts to find a developer interested buying and developing the entire parcel.

### Logging on North Shamrock

Councilman Vic Koos noted that he and the Village Office are receiving a number of complaints because of logging trucks using North Shamrock. Apparently, the owner of a substantial acreage outside of the Village also owns a lot on North Shamrock, and has been using that lot as a access point for log trucks.

The Village currently has no ordinances that would prevent that activity, McCue said, adding that he would be looking at ways to restrict

such activity in the future.

He and Koos also discussed the need to standardize weights permitted on Village streets.

### Planning assignments

Council members, including former Mayor Steven Durham and then Councilman-elect Don Boito, met for a day-long planning retreat in mid-November.

McCue said he would meet individually with his fellow Council members to discuss assigning responsibility for some the initiatives and projects discussed during that session.


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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

- **Art for Amphibians** (For Wee-Ones) – 10 am, special project at the park. The Disappearing Frogs Project is meant to raise amphibian awareness through artwork, and little ones can help. Read a book, play some games, learn about amphibians, and create a craft. Activities for 3 to 5-year olds and parents. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – Joy** – 7:30 pm, Joy rises to become founder and matriarch of a powerful family business dynasty. Stars: Jennifer Lawrence, Robert De Niro, Bradley Cooper. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines) 692-3611.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

- **SL Kiwanis 33rd Pancake-Sausage Breakfast** – 7 am to 11 am, West End Elementary School cafeteria. Tickets \$8 each from any Kiwanis member, Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe, Quality Care Pharmacy, Lakeside Barber Shop and Sandhills Winery. Kiwanis will also be raffling off a 48" flat screen TV. Tickets available at the door. Proceeds benefit West End Elementary School library and several local charities that support the children of Moore County.
- **Pinehurst Chocolate Festival** – 10 am to 3 pm, at Pinehurst United Methodist Church, 4111 Airport Road, Pinehurst. Highlights of this benefit is a cupcake competition for amateur bakers in the community. Two judging categories – Best Tasting Cupcake and Best Decorated Cupcake.
- **Museum of the Cape Fear Dancing Stories** – 2 pm, Museum of the Cape Fear will host April C. Turner, with a highly energetic performance of dance, stories and songs from the West African culture. The audience will learn how West African dances and stories affirm community-building concepts of working together, integrity, and perseverance. Free. Information call

910/486-1330, [www.museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov](http://www.museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov)

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – Joy** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.



## What's When

- **Nature's Notebook Hike** – 3 pm, See what's changing in the world of flora this month with ranger assistant. 1.5-mile hike will teach how to collect phenological data as part of citizen science and keep a scientific nature journal throughout the year. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 8 am, Men's Breakfast, Crawford Center. 10 am, Sunday School Ages 3 to Adult, 11 am, Worship, Child Care Pro-

vided.

- **Our Lady of the Americas Church** – Rosary 8:15 am, 9 am Mass. Mexican food and drinks available after Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd., Biscoe, 910-974-3051.

- **Culdee Presbyterian Church Sunday Services** – 8:30 am, Reach Contemporary Service, 9:30 am Fellowship

& Refreshments, 9:45 am Sunday School (all ages), 11 am Traditional Worship Service. Child care provided. Following 11 am service, Youth Group will serve super soup for Super Bowl Sunday. 295-6685, Culdee Presbyterian Church, 916 Hwy 73, West End.

- **Chapel in the Pines** – 9 am worship service, 581 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **West End United Methodist Church** – Sunday School, 9:45 am, Worship Services, 8:30 am or 11:00 am. Everyone welcome, child care available
- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – Joy** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

- **Nature's Prism: From Sea to Sea** – 3 pm - 5 pm, Exchange Street Gallery of Fine Art Opening Reception for Dr. Donald A. Parks. Parks, is an award-winning, internationally collected artist. Gallery, 129 Exchange Street, Aberdeen.

- **Siskins & Sapsuckers** – 3 pm, Birdy Visitors from the North. Join for a talk about birds who come to visit the Sandhills in winter. A short hike will follow. Meet in the Visitor Center Auditorium. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.

- **West End Presbyterian Church Youth** – 6 pm, middle school and high school students. West End Presbyterian Church, 275 Knox Lane, West End.

- **West End United Methodist Church Explorers** – dinner with youth 6 – 6:30 pm, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Children grades K-5. Crafts and activities. West End United Methodist Church, West End.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Sandhills Photo Club** – 7 pm, Hannah Theater Center, O'Neal School, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines. Program will be a member photo competition: Curves and Spirals. Guests welcome. [www.sandhillspgphotoclub.org](http://www.sandhillspgphotoclub.org)
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – Joy** – 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines 692-3611.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- **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. \*New meeting location, Fellowship Hall of the Chapel in the Pines. Visitors welcome.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 2:30 - 4:30 pm, Tuesday Tutoring, Crawford Center.

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- **WEWO Nature Book Club** – 5 pm, this month read and discuss February selection, "In Search of Lost Frogs: The Quest to Find the World's Rarest Amphibians" by Dr. Robin Moore. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free and open to the public.
- **Trivia Tuesday at Sandhills Winery** – 6 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)
- **Foxfire Village Council** – 6:30 pm, meeting at Foxfire Village Hall.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – Joy** – 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

- **Ash Wednesday**
- **Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:50 am, Rosary; 9:30 am Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd, Biscoe.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 1:30 pm, Prayer Shawl Meeting, Parlor.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 2:30 - 5 pm, WOW Program for K - 5th grades.
- **Ash Wednesday at the Chapel** – 4:30 pm, the com-

- munity is welcome to join the Seven Lakes Chapel for the imposition of ashes and observe Ash Wednesday. Chapel choir singing.
- **West End United Methodist Church Ash Wednesday Service** – 7 pm, special service of the imposition of ashes. All are invited.
  - **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
  - **Culdee Presbyterian Church** – 7 pm, Ash Wednesday Service. 916 Hwy 73, West End.
  - **Sunflix at the Sunrise – Joy** – 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry for seniors. Fellowship, devotion and a meal provided at \$5.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 7 pm, Open Meeting. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- **Disappearing Frogs Project \*Art Exhibition Opening\*** – open daily 8 am - 5 pm, February 12 - February 29. Artwork by regional and local area artists, including student artwork, celebrating Amphibians will be on display inside the newly remodeled museum. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd.,

Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.

- **Chapel in the Pines Valentine Party** – 2 pm, at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. The Chapel invites everyone to come, especially those living in the community that are alone or shut-in. New Horizons Band in the Pines will provide musical entertainment. Contact Fran Stark at 673-5493.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – Room** – 7:30 pm, After five-year-old Jack and his mother escape from the enclosed surroundings that Jack has known his entire life, the boy makes a thrilling discovery. Stars: Brie Larson, Jacob Tremblay, Sean Bridgers. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- **West End United Methodist Church Men's Breakfast** – 8 am, in the church Fellowship Hall, enjoy a home-cooked breakfast and fellowship. Devotional, men discuss projects to assist both the church and the community. Any man of the church or community is welcome to attend.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – Room** – 2:30 & 7:30, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

- **St. Valentine's Day**
- **Our Lady of the Americas Church** – Rosary 8:15 am, 9 am Mass. Mexican food and drinks available after Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd., Biscoe, 910-974-3051.
- **Chapel in the Pines** – 9 am worship service, 581 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **West End United Methodist Church** – Sunday School, 9:45 am, Worship Services, 8:30 am or 11:00 am. Everyone welcome, child care available.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 10 am Sunday School - Ages 3 - adult, 11 am Worship, child care provided.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – Room** – 2:30 & 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- **We Frogs** – at 3 pm, Hop on over to the auditorium and learn about the 20 species of frogs and toads of the Sandhills. Visit the DFP Art Exhibit. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- **West End Presbyterian Church Youth** – 6 pm, middle school and high school students. West End Presbyterian Church, 275 Knox Lane, West End.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- **President's Day**
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 7:30 pm, Women's Evening Circle, Parlor.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – Room** – 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- **Growing Air Plants Workshop** – Sandhills Community College, Ball Visitors Center from 10 to 11:30 am. Linda Hamwi and Dolores Muller instructors. Learn plant varieties, suggestions for displaying air plants and their care. Cost \$25 Horticultural Society members, \$30 non-members; includes air plant and display vessel. Register at 910-695-3882. Space limited to 30. Payment is due at registration.
- **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 are welcome.

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ance will be there for citizens in the future, he said, as well as reducing the level of unemployment taxes that small businesses must pay "so they can expand and hire more people."

"We have a budget surplus, which we didn't have before," Boles said. "In the past, we have been borrowing money

to balance that budget and that isn't happening anymore. And now we have a billion dollar reserve."

"And we've lowered the personal income tax."

That last achievement is one that Boles expects to see expanded. He said the GOP's goal is ultimately to eliminate the income tax altogether, moving instead to a con-

sumption, or sales, tax to fund all the state's needs — something he said would likely take six or eight years to fully accomplish.

### Representing Moore County

Boles said he was proud of his track record of representing Moore County, noting that he had won legislative approval for each of the ini-

tiatives that the Moore County Board of Commissioners had asked him to introduce.

Those include winning Moore County the right to increase its occupancy tax from three percent to six percent, a reduction in the size of the Moore County School Board from eight to seven

members, and the right to redraw the lines of the Commissioner residency districts.

### Lottery

Lately, the Commissioners have tried to pressure Boles and other members of the legislative delegation on other

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chases or leases.

The original rollout plan envisioned adding 4,500 devices for elementary grades this year, as well as adding six Digital Instruction Facilitators and three technicians to support them.

The new plan envisions continuing to run pilots in the elementary schools for several years in order to find the best mix of equipment, apps, and instructional approaches.

The request for County funding, set at \$522,000 this year, would increase by \$100,000 next year and gradually rise to \$1.2 million in

FY 2020, where it is expected to stabilize.

### Other Business

In other business during the February 2 School Board Work Session:

- The Board previewed a redesigned high school course guide for FY2017 that will list all courses offered at any of the district's three high schools.

- Reviewed the an amendment of the current year's budget.

- Reviewed proposed fee schedules for FY2017, which include an increase in the fees for elementary students from \$6 to \$10, as well as a

\$5 calculator fee for middle schools and a \$5 increase in the high school calculator fee. The Driver's Education fee is recommended to increase from \$55 to \$65.

- Reviewed a variety of contracts for curriculum products and services.

- Reviewed MCS' response to the NC Department of Public Instruction's 2016-2016 Facilities Needs Survey.

- Received bids for work on the audiovisual systems in each of the County's three high schools.

- Considered requests for out-of-state field trips.

## Chapel Lenten Series

The Chapel in the Pines will be offering a Lenten Bible Study program. The text for the study will be Adam Hamilton's, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*. Reverend Adam Hamilton is the senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Hamilton, the author of more than twenty books, is known as a master of explaining questions of faith in a down-to-earth fashion.

The group will meet on Thursday evenings at 7 pm, beginning Thursday, February 11 and continuing each week through Thursday, March 17.

Each session is scheduled for about 75 minutes. The goal of this study is to read the Gospel of John and through conversation, activities, reflection, and a 15 minute DVD by Hamilton to explore the gospels message for today.

Call the church office (673-2156) to register for the class, so that they can order and receive the appropriate number of books and have ready to distribute to everyone by February 7, so everyone will be prepared for the first session on Thursday, February 11.

For questions, contact Pastor Paul James at [pastorpaulchapel@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpaulchapel@gmail.com)

## Concert Band to Perform

The Moore County Concert Band will give a performance on Sunday, March 20, at 2 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst.

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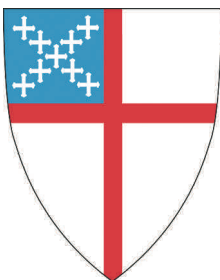
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fronts: for example, making sure that counties receive forty percent of lottery proceeds for school construction, as they did when the lottery began, instead of the nineteen percent they currently receive.

Asked, about that effort, Boles said he was opposed to the lottery from the beginning.

"I knew what would happen once it passed: They would swap lottery money into the state budget. If we have to rely on lottery money to educate our children, we are pretty bad off. I don't think the lottery has contributed to the welfare of the education system."

Boles noted that the County is responsible only for the "brick and mortar and maintenance; the state is responsible for the rest."

"I understand the frustration of the County Commissioners, but they were under the misperception that the lottery was going to solve everything."

"I'm not going to get into an argument with the County Commissioners, Boles said. "But, if the County Commissioners had stayed the course eight years ago, instead of cut, cut, cut, cut . . ."

"But now the sky is falling. And some of them aren't running again because they know they are going to have to raise taxes." Both Chairman Picerno and Commissioner Randy Saunders are not seeking re-election.

## Teacher allocation

The Commissioners and Moore County Schools [MCS] argue that the way the state decides how many teachers the district needs in each grade is flawed.

Teachers are allocated based on the number of students in each grade county-wide. But that does not take into consideration the number of teachers needed for each grade, in each school, in order to keep class sizes below target levels.

That's the way it looks from the local perspective, but Boles explained that it looks different from the state perspective.

"If you didn't have some control, why wouldn't Taylortown build a new school? Why wouldn't Seven Lakes build a new school? Why wouldn't Jackson Springs build a new school?"

"Why wouldn't every little town build a school? Why wouldn't every neighborhood want to have its own school?"

In other words, the state's formula for allocating teachers creates financial pressure for local school districts to build larger, more efficient schools. And MCS is, in fact, planning to build 850 student elementary schools, rather than the 600 students schools in its initial facilities plans.

"What are they doing now?" Boles said of MCS. "They are realizing that they need to consolidate from four elementary schools into two elementary schools."

"You have to build smart

nowadays."

## Sales tax allocations

A third point on which the Commissioners are peppering Boles and his colleagues with resolutions is the allocation of \$84.8 million in new sales taxes, created by taxing services like auto and appliance repairs, which were not previously subject to sales tax.

That new revenue was not allocated evenly across all counties, but instead was divided among 79 of the state's 100 counties. Moore County was not among them.

Boles explained that what Moore County got in the budget deal was far better than what could have happened.

A key division in the legislature — and the state, he said, pits rural against urban counties. Last session, as the budget was hammered out, rural counties pushed for a completely new way of allocating local sales taxes. Currently, they are distributed based on the amount collected in each county. Rural counties wanted local taxes to instead be allocated based on population.

That would have hurt counties that serve as regional shopping destinations for surrounding counties — including Moore. The County and its municipalities would have seen a four percent reduction in sales tax receipts — nearly \$700,000 in

FY2017.

Instead, under the budget compromise that was eventually passed, Moore County saw no decrease in sales tax revenue.

## Thinking like a state

Boles returned to the point that, as a North Carolina Representative, his duty is to represent Moore County, but also to represent the state as a whole. He suggested that others could benefit from taking that broader perspective.

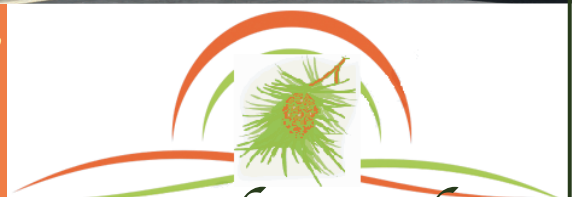
"We have to get out of the silos," Boles said, "of thinking 'I'm just Moore County.' This is the state of North Carolina, and when one prospers, we all prosper."

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## Westside meeting

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large boats. And moving those larger items out of the current yard would allow it to be better organized, potentially increasing the number of spaces in that area, as well.

Mendence said existing fencing could be reused, minimizing the amount that would need to be purchased. She estimated the overall cost of the expansion to be \$20,000, which she said would be offset by the additional fees collected.

She proposed charging \$150 for the new, larger, pull-through spaces, an increase from the \$100 charged for spaces in the existing lot.

The expansion will take out roughly 500 feet of the West Side's nature trail, but Mendence said that distance could be made up by building a new trail below the tennis courts.

The Board voted unanimously to move forward with

the project. Directors Jack Lattin and Parks Cobb were absent from the meeting.

### Goodman dismissed, Cobb chastised

In Infrastructure Director Cobb's absence, Manager Mendence read a report he provided, which included thanks to John Goodman for his service to the Committee.

That prompted a series of protests, as well as a statement from the Board chastising Cobb for his handling of a situation involving Goodman and Mendence.

Once Mendence read Cobb's statement regarding Goodman, Phil Menendian took the floor, identifying himself as Secretary of the Infrastructure Committee. He then read an email exchange among Cobb, Mendence, and Goodman.

It began with an email from Cobb to the others, asking to be briefed on the progress of the ad hoc committee

studying the boat and trailer storage facility.

The Board asked Mendence to chair that committee, and Goodman was a member of both that committee and Infrastructure. Cobb was recently appointed to the Board to serve as Infrastructure Director.

Mendence replied, informing Cobb that the ad hoc committee was not yet ready to give a briefing.

Cobb replied, insisting that he be briefed and threatening, otherwise, to remove the two Infrastructure Committee members serving on the ad hoc committee.

Goodman, picking up on the exchange several hours later, emailed Mendence and Cobb indicating his irritation at being threatened before he had a chance to respond and reminding Cobb that the expansion of the storage yard was not an Infrastructure project, but rather the province of the ad hoc committee.

Cobb responded by asking for Goodman's resignation from the Infrastructure Committee.

Menendian did not indicate where he had obtained the emails he read during the Board meeting. He did announce his own resignation from the Infrastructure Committee.

A bit later in the meeting, Legal Director Ed Silberhorn read a statement on the matter that he said the Board had approved in an executive session prior to the meeting.

That statement recounted Goodman's considerable track record of service to the community; in addition to serving on several committees and the Board itself, he oversaw the major repairs to Lake Auman Dam and was integrally involved in the front entry project.

The statement went on to say: "The Board acknowledges a Director's right to ask for a Committee Member to resign. Unfortunately, the

manner in which this particular termination was handled in terms of communications and content is not condoned by the rest of the Board, who wish to apologize to John [Goodman]."

Former SLWLA President Ron Shepard rose to praise Goodman's contributions and to ask whether other, unmentioned situations involving Director Cobb prompted the Board's response.

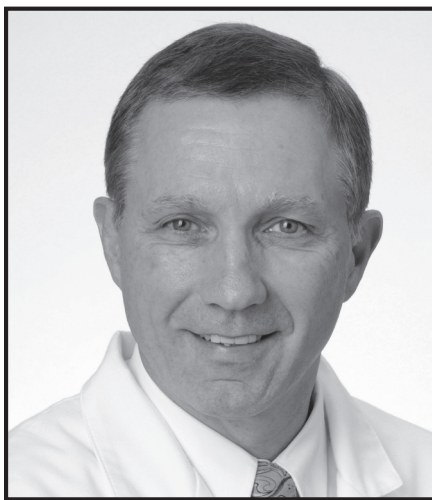
"None that are for public knowledge," Director Bob Fewkes replied.

Nominations Committee Chairman Ed Cockman noted that candidates for the Board are provided with a Code of Ethics that lay out expectations for Director conduct.

"What I am hearing tonight indicates that Mr. Cobb, as a recently appointed Board member, seems to have missed the importance of the expectations of our community," Cockman said.

Silberhorn reminded the

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## Westside meeting

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landowners present that the Board does not have the power to remove a Director; only a majority vote of the members can do that.

"The bylaws would allow someone to be stripped of their portfolio of their functional directorship and allow for censorship," Silberhorn said, "however, there was never a majority to do any of those things."

### Infrastructure

Reporting for Infrastructure Director Cobb, Mendence said striping on newly paved roadways will begin when the weather permits.

The Committee is reviewing concerns about excessive drop-offs the new pavement has created at some streets and driveways. Landowners who have such concerns are encouraged to email Director Cobb. The Committee hopes to have the problem areas all identified by mid-February and will be conducting site visits to inspect the problems. After that, a meeting with the Association's engineer and paving contractor is planned.

The Committee has begun a community-wide survey to identify areas of pavement that need crack sealing.

The Association's snow removal policy is to sand or salt the front and back entrances, Carriage Park Hill, Pinnacle Hill and the hill across from it, the mailhouse area, and the Community

Center parking lots. More than two inches of snow accumulation triggers plowing, but only Longleaf Drive is plowed.

### Finance

Treasurer Stan Makson reported that the Association had just under \$1.5 million on hand at the end of December, but the \$900,000-plus invoice for recent road repaving will be paid in January, significantly reducing cash on hand.

Also as of December 31, revenues net of expenses were \$172,500 favorable to budget.

Forty-eight delinquent accounts owed more than \$71,000 as of the end of the year, but more than \$4,000 had been collected from twelve of those accounts by January 20.

Makson has discontinued the practice of distributing paper copies of the financial reports. A computer is available in the SLWLA office for folks who cannot use their own to visit the Association website and view the documents.

Makson reviewed the status of the Association's investments, which are in long-term, callable certificates of deposit.

On a motion from the Treasurer, the Board unanimously approved a process for selling Association owned lots, asking Realtors who live in Seven Lakes West to submit marketing plans for the

properties. He said SLWLA currently owns one such property.

### Beacon Ridge Country Club

On behalf of an ad hoc committee monitoring the auction sale of Beacon Ridge Country Club, Makson said the panel had obtained all the relevant financials and other documents being provided to potential buyers of the Club, and had provided to the broker handling the sale information on Seven Lakes West.

Makson said the committee had run pro formas on a possible Association purchase of the golf course, but "there was not a single scenario, using reasonable financial assumptions, that could justify the purchase."

In addition, Makson said, the Association could only own and operate a golf course if that were approved by two-thirds of the total Association membership — a very high bar.

The online auction for Beacon Ridge Country Club is scheduled for February 16, according to the broker's website.

### Manager's report

Mendence reported that boat registration forms have

been mailed out to those who registered boats last year; new boat owners should contact the office.

The Board is seeking applications for the Fellingham Community Service Award. Information is on the SLWLA Website.

A reception for community volunteers will be held on Friday, March 18, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Community Center.

A five day traffic analysis by the Sheriff's Department found eighty-five percent of the vehicles on Longleaf traveling at 37 miles per hour.

### Other business

In other business during the Tuesday, January 26 SLWLA Board Meeting:

- Former Infrastructure Director Bernadette York told the landowners in attendance

that her resignation from the Board was prompted by purely personal reasons, including the recent death of her husband and the admittance of her sister into hospital for a stem cell transplant.

- The Board welcomed newly-appointed Architectural Review [ARC] Director Duane Coppeler.

- Directors approved on second reading a revision to the ARC Standards that aims to ensure all homes are built above the flood plain.

- Jim Greaves presented the Board with a laser cut wooden map of Seven Lakes West that shows the underwater topography of the lake.

- Max Foley suggested the Association compile a list of any residents who must be transported out of the community in cases of snow or ice — for example, someone on kidney dialysis.



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## Remembering Don Welch

In September of 1972, I entered Wofford College and my first freshman act was to walk across the stage of Leonard Auditorium during Opening Convocation and shake the hands of several faculty members, one of whom was the Dean of Students, Don Welch.

Shortly after that, I became immersed in the Milliken Science Building under the tutelage of folks like Drs. Ray Leonard, Donald Dobbs, and William P. Cavin.

But, when there was a moment to emerge from the depths of that building and breathe the fresh air of liberal arts at its finest, there was a spirit at Wofford that was embodied by a radical, liberal

religion professor, Dean Welch.

We had come from the small towns of Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Many of us would return to work on the family farm or in dad's bank. But, the spirit of Dean Welch pointed to the larger world and said, "Focus outside yourself, look beyond your narrow experience, and direct your attention to the wider world and what you might accomplish for the common good."

But, there was more. The spirit of Dean Welch echoed the writings of writer and theologian Fredrick Buechner who said, "Here is the world.

potential, yet at the same time, it was deeply flawed. And the Spirit of Dean Welch said, "We've done what we could to prepare you...don't be afraid."

Finally, the spirit of Dean Welch said, "We leave it up to all of you to transform this world into the dream that God has for each one of you and for all of creation." And, with his words in our heads and his spirit in our hearts, we set out.

For me it has been a forty-four year journey since our first meeting, but I write today, Don to give a report from the many young people in your churches, colleges, and universities that you have mentored over the years.

Don, we encountered the world to which you pointed us. It is beautiful and it is troubled. We have done our best to transform it and we have had mixed results.

We have worked for the common good with the dream of God as we understood it always before us, yet there is still much left to be done. But, with the spirit of Don Welch as our guide, we are not afraid and we will carry on.

Thank you Don from all the young people whose lives you have touched over the years and may God bless you and keep you in God's loving arms of eternal peace. Amen.

### Your Turn

Rev. Dr. Paul B. James  
7 Lakes Chapel in the Pines

Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid." The world that Dean Welch pointed us toward was intriguing and ripe with

## We need to keep - and manage - lifeguards

Dear Editor:

Re: Comments for the Board of Directors

As of June of this year, I will have lived in Seven Lakes for two years.

We enjoy the area and the many offerings that Seven Lakes has to offer. Being disabled and having to use a walker allows me to see things from a different perspective.

### Swimming Pool

Lifeguards should remain

a part of the Seven Lakes services offered to us. By spending time last Summer poolside; it appears that more supervision of the guards is needed along with direction and monitoring.

Example: At no time should any flotation device be used in the deep end of the pool. Also, doing flips off the diving board or the edge of the pool should not be permitted along with the use of flotation devices while using the diving board.

Lifeguards should be able ask at anytime to any one, that they pass a swim test to show that the swimmer has the ability to be in the deep end.

It was my understanding that ten minutes each hour would be devoted to adult swim only. I have never seen this offered at the times I was at the pool.

Extending the swim season from May 1 to September 30 is a very good idea; along with extended hours of pool

operation without the lifeguards also has its benefits.

As for using the key fob for entry, more information is needed. Would it be like a hotel key card?

Being disabled, it makes me wonder if I will ever be able to use the restroom at the pool or the stables. It is very difficult due to the lack of handicapped accessible restrooms and gates.

Also, I wonder why I need to be present so that my 36-year-old son may use the pool when he and his family visit?

I wasn't present when he was signed in as my guest to Seven Lakes. There are days when it is physically impossible for me to go anywhere. This means that my son and his family would not be able to use the pool or the stables.

Something doesn't seem right with this policy. What will happen when I am 80 and he is 56?

Will I still have to be present for he and his family to use the facilities?

### Concerns

I have many questions, concerns, suggestions, and ideas that I would like to offer, but as of now I am unaware how to have my voice heard.

I would be willing to serve on a committee; as long as accommodations were willing to be made for my disability if needed.

The Seven Lakes Times has been very helpful in keeping me abreast of all the latest activities, progress, and providing detailed information about Seven Lakes Association meetings. I wish to thank them.

It seems to me, some items are passed here in a very quick manner without much community input, while others take more than a year to decide.

What kind of fencing to be used for the stable grounds; round or square posts – that is a really difficult decision?

Daniel Pancy  
Seven Lakes South

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# Affluenza!

We have all read about Ethan Couch, the young man who drove his car into a group of people, killing and injuring a number of them. Assisted by his mother, he broke his parole and fled to Mexico. His defense lawyer claims that he is a victim of "affluenza."

But just what is this malady? My dictionary doesn't recognize it, and my computer word check won't accept it.

One definition of the word is "a painful, contagious, socially transmitted condition of overload, debt, anxiety,

,and waste resulting in the dogged pursuit of more."

It implies that some people who have more money than they really need are driven into a life devoid of values and principles. Often this disease seems to afflict the young, who come upon a lot of money too quickly. This group may include entertainers, sports heroes, and children of very rich parents.

Frequently, we learn of young popular musicians who are picked up for driving under the influence, or have become addicted to drugs,

or who have lashed out at airline flight attendants in a non-civil manner. When accosted, they often respond, "Don't you know who I am?"

The National Football League has a full agenda just dealing with players who are involved in domestic violence. In many cases, these persons have annual incomes

of ten million dollars or more! It's no wonder that they seek exciting, creative ways of liv-

ing. Money opens so many doors that are not accessible to most of us.

## Outside the Box

Harry Bronkar

ing. Money opens so many doors that are not accessible to most of us.

Yet, from my observation, those of us in Seven Lakes are fairly affluent. We dwell securely in gated communities, we live in comfortable homes, and the parking lots

at our churches, golf clubs, and supermarkets are full of Cadillacs, Mercedes — and I'll even throw in my late model Subaru Forester.

But, I don't think that we suffer from affluenza. Why not? While we could be called "affluent," most of us don't have annual incomes in the tens of millions of dollars. We have enough to live comfortably, and wisdom and maturity enough not to squander what we do have. We pray that our material blessings will not rob us of our values and morals.

But be careful: to paraphrase a Bible verse, the love of money can lead to affluenza!

## St. Joseph Lenten Series

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The series begins February 17 with the Rev. Rod Stone, of Community Presbyterian Church, Pinehurst, looking to the scriptures as a foun-

dation for "Finding a Sacrifice Pleasing to the Lord."

Sister Caritas Geary, of the Sisters of Providence, will reflect on her health care leadership experience on February 24 when she asks, "Have You Found Providence in Your Life?"

On March 2, Tom Allen of First Baptist Church, Southern Pines will speak of "Finding God in All Things — Ignatius of Loyola through Protestant Eyes."

Rev. Javier Castrejon, who was pastor of a cathedral, seminary professor and judicial vicar in Mexico, considers the unexpected ways God is

calling "Missionaries in Our Midst" in the 21st Century on March 9.

On March 16, Professor Jay Brabban of Chowan University will consider how "Christian Life in non-Christian Lands."

The first spiritual exercise — "A Practical Look at the Art of Forgiving" — will be held March 5 and March 12 at 10 am in the chapels at Belle Meade and Pine Knoll, respectively.

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# Why Lifeguards?

This letter comes to the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board from a 92 year old man who has lived in Seven Lakes since 1982, 34 years, and has enjoyed our very nice community pool for all those years.

In 1973, when Fred Lawrence and his friends Joe Cline and Tommy Thomas first built their homes, they then built the Clubhouse and the pool we now have. The pool then had three diving boards, one high and two lower ones.

It was their idea to build something that would be representative of the beautiful community they envisioned Seven Lakes to be. They could have built a small "rinky dink" pool to cut costs but that was not in their forward thinking. They were thinking of you and me and all others who they were hoping would come here to be part of this new community.

They had children too and was only natural that if you have a community pool such as we have it would be necessary to have lifeguards.

A staff of lifeguards requires a manager and all have to be paid, like any other type of workers required to perform a duty or service. This is fundamental.

or member cuts his or her foot on broken glass lying on the pool deck? Who straightens up the chairs and tables at the end of each day? Who helps me, a hand-

icap person with an umbrella I can't open? Who pulls the umbrella out of the water that a gust of wind just put there?

These things all seem trivial,

but they are duties the lifeguards perform, and always willing to do.

In the January 22 issue of *The Times*, the discussion about lifeguards consumed approximately two full pages and consisted of:

- Considering a compromise
- Lifeguards for part of the day
- Electronic Access
- Security cameras
- Pool manager only
- Swim at your own risk

Are you serious? This is not acceptable.

The subject of lifeguards

(yes or no) has been a hot topic for some time and it's obvious that your major concern centers around two words – cost and liability.

Just because you spent \$100,000+ to renovate the pool (which was maintenance) this should not negate the need for lifeguards.

You make the necessary repairs and move on. If you need an expensive mower because yours is worn out, you don't stop cutting the grass.

How many grandparents are going to sit at the pool and feel comfortable while their grandchildren are in the pool with no lifeguards at a "swim at you own risk" pool? No lifeguards on duty.

A well paid pool manager and the staff of lifeguards, properly trained and managed, is an asset to our community and necessary. A "no lifeguard," "swim at you own risk" or lifeguards part-time pool is not.

With dues at \$1025 (and they'll go higher) you should have a full staff of lifeguards with a full-time manager. Make it work.

This community needs it and deserves it. Begin your search for qualified help early. Unemployment is up.

I look forward to a happy Summer swim season knowing that there will be a trained staff of lifeguards and a pool manager on duty full-time.

It can work, it has before, and it is necessary.

## Your Turn

Ray Nies  
Seven Lakes North

When I moved to Seven Lakes, my two younger children were high school age and in a year or so became lifeguards and each served for two years before going on to college and beyond.

In all the years that I've been enjoying the pool (to me our best amenity) I never witnessed a problem or an emergency that the lifeguards weren't able to handle. You cannot escape liability, regardless of what you do.

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# 'Unaffiliated' – try it, you'll like it

When I first moved back to North Carolina, in 1995, the Presidential election campaign that would pit and incumbent Bill Clinton against Bob Dole and Ross Perot was just heating up.

At that point, I had lived in — and voted in — a half-dozen states, from Massachusetts to New Mexico. So I was aware that the rules about voting — and partic-

ularly about voting in Primary Elections, varied substantially for state to state.

The Democratic Primary that year was pretty tame. After all, not many folks want to take on a sitting President.

By contrast, the Republican race was pretty interesting, including, among others, Dole, Pat Buchanan, Phil Gramm, Pete Wilson, and a

former Governor of the state I had just come from: Lamar Alexander of Tennessee.

I had a lot of respect for Lamar, which is what everyone in Tennessee called him. After all, he had famously donned a red and black flannel shirt and walked all the way across the state during his first gubernatorial campaign. And he was an exemplar of an increasingly rare

species: a moderate, pragmatic Republican.

Though my voting track record up to that point had leaned toward Democrats, I thought I might want to vote for Lamar — at the very least, to make sure that we had two moderates, and not a flame thrower like Buchanan,

on the ballot in November.

To my delight, I discovered that, in my new state of North Carolina, I could register "Unaffiliated" and, when Primary day rolled around, vote in either party's primary. So that's what I did.

You might want to consider the same strategy. This year's March GOP Primary Election in Moore County includes two key races that you might

## Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins

## Support the sales tax for schools

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to encourage everyone to vote for the quarter of a penny sales tax increase. Every time I think about a penny, a few memories come to mind. As a child my Grandmother would say, "A penny saved is a penny earned" and I remember being thrilled to find a penny here or there on the ground because I could buy penny candy with it.

As a young adult living in Germany, the base did not use pennies, they said they were not efficient. My large jar of pennies was very efficient enough as well as effective for winning penny poker on Saturday nights though.

As a parent of six children, we pinch pennies often to make ends meet. I remember one day finding a penny on

the ground and asking my young daughter to pick it up. She looked up at me crinkling her nose, saying "Momma, you can't buy nothing with that little ole brown money."

After laughing, I said oh yes we can, and told her how many of these little brown monies make a nickel, a dime, a quarter, a dollar, etc. her eyes grew wide with excitement and now she always picks up that little ole brown money.

We need to vote for this quarter of a penny tax increase. It gives us the opportunity to be the foundation for many great things in our community.

I want to be part of the Need and Grow community and do away with the Cash and Go one of the past. With

this increase, we can meet the needs of children, teachers, communities not just for now but to grow into future generations.

We get to choose where this is going, this is going where our needs are. Not like other taxes on us where we pay the cash and it goes to help other communities, but that story is for another time.

We need to vote for this quarter of a penny for Moore County, in Moore County to meet the needs of Moore County and to grow in Moore County.

Jennifer Theis Hafer  
Vass

not want to miss.

First, John (JD) Zumwalt is running for the District 52 seat in the NC House of Representatives, challenging four-term Rep. Jamie Boles.

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## Water

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chasing water from Harnett when the East Moore Water District was created to expand the County's water system. More recently, the County purchased a share of Harnett's planned expansion of its treatment plant, guaranteeing Moore County up to 3 million gallons per day.

Public Utilities Director Randy Gould told *The Times* that Moore has already paid Harnett \$3.5 million to purchase that capacity and will pay an additional \$390,000 per year over five years once the treatment plant expansion

is complete.

That purchase not only guarantees Moore County 3 million gallons per day, it also resulted in a decreased cost for the purchased water, dropping the rate from \$2.70 per thousand gallons to \$2.05 per thousand gallons.

Public Utilities began using the new NC 73 water main early the week of January 17. Going forward, that connection will become the main source of water for Seven Lakes and West End. The pumps that bring water from Pinehurst will kick in only if the NC 73 connector fails to keep the Seven Lakes water tanks full.

Will Seven Lakers notice a difference?

That may depend on how sensitive your palate is.

In the first few days after the new line was brought into service, some local residents noticed that the water coming from their tap was cloudy.

Gould explained that that was the result of air trapped in the new lines — a condition that will disappear over time.

*The Times* heard from at least one Seven Laker who was unhappy with the taste

of the new water.

Gould explained that the water coming up NC 211 is a mix of water from Pinehurst wells and from the Harnett County plant. The NC 73 water is strictly from Harnett County. The well water is treated with chlorine; the Harnett County water, with chloramine.

Some folks may be able to taste the difference.

He told *The Times* that the Public Utilities office had fielded a lot of calls from folks concerned either about the cloudiness or the taste.

"It's been tested to the hilt," Gould said. "But it is something new and different. But it is safe. We monitor it daily."

At this point, all of the Seven Lakes wells have been taken out of service, and Gould told *The Times* that the County plans to sell those former well sites. Some lie within and some outside the gates.

The County is currently negotiating a land swap with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association that involves the well site immediately under the golf ball water tank.

## Unaffiliated

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Moore County Board of Commissioners currently occupied by Randy Saunders is being sought by two Republicans: Frank Quis and Bob Zschoche.

There's no Democrat running for either of those seats. So, whoever wins the March Primary wins the seat.

Even if you are a Democrat, changing your registration to unaffiliated would allow you a voice in those key races, which arguably have more local impact than the races further up the ballot.

If you're not currently registered — or if you'd like to change your registration — the time to do so is growing short.

You must be registered no later than twenty-five days prior to the date of an election. So, for the March 15 Primary, you need to have completed a registration form and mailed it to the Board of Elections in your County by Friday, February 19.

You can find information on registering and download registration forms on the NC Board of Elections website at ncsbe.gov or the Moore County Board of Elections website at www.moorecountync.gov/board-of-elections.

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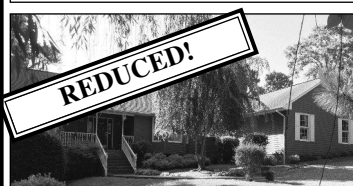
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## SLLA Work Session

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the surrounding area conducted last year established that SLLA employee pay was not competitive, prompting the need for some modest increases, he explained.

Gyure said the budget also includes some small increases in set-asides for reserve accounts. The restricted reserves — used for road paving and state-mandated dam repairs — have been depleted by last year's road repaving, so the proposed budget ups the contribution to that fund from \$201,000 to \$208,000.

The contribution to unrestricted reserves — set aside for other capital projects — didn't quite reach its budget of \$182,000 last year, so that budget has been held at \$182,000.

Gyure plans to host one or more Town Hall style meet-

ings on the proposed budget as soon as it wins Board approval during the February 11 Open Meeting.

### Elections process codified

SLLA Members will need to get their Annual Meeting ballots in early this March — the Board of Directors is poised to eliminate the option of voting on the day of the meeting, requiring that all ballots be received in the Landowners Office by 2:00 pm on Saturday, the day before the meeting.

After last year's Annual Meeting, a subset of the Judicial Committee led by Mary Meyer developed detailed guidelines for the election process, from vote counting to conducting the Board's organizational meeting.

The Board appears likely to adopt those guidelines — with a few modifications —

for use in this year's elections.

Meyer's committee had recommended a Friday afternoon deadline for receiving ballots, but Director Bob Racine successfully argued that, because mail is delivered on Saturday, it would be unfair to simply discard ballots received on that day.

The objective is to reduce the haste involved in trying to count ballots as they come in at the Annual Meeting.

Racine proposed a bylaws amendment that would set the deadline at 2:00 pm on

Saturday, and the Board moved that to the February 11 Open Meeting in a five to one vote, with President

Chuck Leach opposed.

Three other election-related bylaws amendments proposed. (See "SLLA," p. 28)

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## Rec Committee to develop pool rules

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Lifeguards, attendants, hours of operation — the task of determining exactly how the swimming pool in Seven Lakes will operate this coming swim season has been delegated to the Recreation Committee.

During the Board's Thursday, January 28 Work Session, Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] President Chuck Leach asked the committee to come up with a revision to Rules 9.1.7, 9, 10, and 11. From the use of flotation devices to the authorization of pool games, those rules all deal with the authority of lifeguards to manage the pool.

Leach asked the committee to develop rules for the diving board, a parental and child liability signature form, and a job description for pool assistants. He and the Community Manager would develop the schedule and salary

for pool assistants, he said.

The Board would determine penalties for those who do not follow the rules, he added.

Whether this year's pool operations will continue to include lifeguards remains an open question.

The Board voted during the January 14 Open Meeting to eliminate the one rule that requires them. But public sentiment in the meeting was strongly in favor of continuing to have lifeguards for at least part of the season and part of the day.

Depending on which members were in attendance at their meetings, the Recreation Committee has in the past voted both to eliminate lifeguards and to retain them for part of the day.

The Recreation Committee next meets on Monday, February 8 at 4:00 pm at the Landowners Office.

Its recommendations are due back to the Board at the Thursday, February 25 Work Session.



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## SLLA Work Session

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posed by Racine were moved to the Open Meeting for a vote:

- The Board will appoint a five person ballot-counting committee before February 15 of each year, drawing three members from the Judicial Committee and two from the membership at large. For the past several years, the Judicial Committee has handled vote counting.

- Any candidate who fails to win election by a margin of five percent or less can ask for a recount, and the Board may do the same if a ballot measure fails to pass by that margin.

- The full results of the election, including vote counts for all candidates, will be announced at the annual meeting, as well as posted on the Association bulletin boards and website. That amendment was moved to the Open Meeting on five to one vote, with Leach opposed.

### Lot combination discount to be repealed

Combining two lots in Seven Lakes North and South will no longer win you a discounted dues rate, if the Board gives final approval to a policy forwarded to the Open Meeting.

Treasurer Mark Gyure read the proposed policy: "All future lot combinations with Moore County will be permitted; however, in no case will the established fee structure for the unimproved lots be lowered or waived."

In the past, once lots were combined, the Association treated them as a single lot — which, Gyure pointed out, gradually reduced the number of dues-paying lots in the community, increasing the burden on everyone else.

For example, imagine one lot with a home adjacent to a second vacant lot with a different owner. Under the current dues structure, the lot with the home would pay \$1,025 in annual dues, the vacant lot, \$695.

If the homeowner purchased the adjacent vacant lot and petitioned the County to have it combined with his

or her existing lot, the Association would collect only the \$1,025 in dues, losing \$695 in revenue.

If Gyure's proposal is approved at the Open Meeting — which appears likely — the homeowner purchasing the adjacent vacant lot would no longer see dues on that lot drop to zero. They would, however, be able to take advantage offered to owners of multiple lots, and pay \$522 for the vacant lot, for a total of \$1,547.

The change would apply only to future lot recombinations and would not be applied retroactively to lots recombined in years past.

Gyure pointed out that it

is difficult to pinpoint when the Board, developer, or management decided to zero out the dues owed on a recombined lot. But the Association's current attorney has advised the Board that it does not have the authority, under the covenants, to waive the dues on any lot.

The Board voted unanimously to move the proposal to the Open Meeting for a final vote.

### Land swap

Board members asked Community Manager Allen to continue negotiations with Moore County on a land swap that would give the SLLA nearly one-half acre near the

water tank in exchange for a small sliver of land. The half acre is the site of a decommissioned water well.

Among the questions raised by the directors were:

- The quality of the water in the well and whether it could be used to water the pasture.
- The condition of a well house on the parcel and whether it should be retained or torn down.
- Whether the Association would be able to continue to use the County's electrical connection to power the pasture's electric fence.

### Stables & pool fees

Director Racine presented

recommended fees for use of the stables and pools in the upcoming season.

Pool fees for guests would remain unchanged, at \$3 per visit or ten tickets for \$25. A new option would allow landowners to purchase five tickets for \$12.50.

The guest fee for a basic riding lesson would be lowered from \$35 to \$20, while the cost of an advanced riding lesson would be raised from \$34 to \$45 for residents and \$35 to \$50 for guests. Residents could purchase four advanced lessons for \$150.

Guests would be able to purchase a 30-minute guided pasture ride for \$10; there

(See "SLLA," p. 29)

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is no charge for residents.

Pony rides will be dropped to twenty minutes from thirty minutes.

A "pony party" for up to six riders will cost \$50; for 7-12 riders, \$80.

The Board agreed to move the changes to the Open Meeting for final approval.

## Other Business

In other business during

their Thursday, January 28 Work Session, the SLLA Board of Directors:

- Moved to the Open Meeting a proposal to increase the fee for the boat and trailer storage lot from \$10 to \$25. Board members noted that maintaining the lot requires significant labor from the maintenance crew. They expressed hope that the higher fee would encourage some owners to remove the "junk"

that is parked in the lot.

- Tabled a request from the owners of a new home at 145 Cardinal Drive to have the Association extend the perimeter fence along Seven Lakes Drive to include their property. Manager Allen said that would involve approximately 300 feet of new fence. Board Members plan to examine the area in person before considering the request.

- Forwarded to the Open Meeting a revision to Section 15 of the Rules and Regulations. Security Director Greg Lishawa said the only change is to eliminate the use of warning letters when non-members egregiously violate SLLA Rules. That will result in an immediate ban from the community, he said, without a warning letter.

- Tabled a revision to Section 1 of the rules pending

additional work.

- Received an update from the Nominating Committee. Director Sandy Sackmann remains the only candidate for three open seats on the Board. The January 28 Work Session was the final opportunity for other candidates to come forward.

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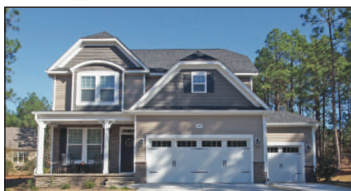


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