

Fred Lawrence, Visionary



by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Fred Lawrence, who dreamed of, and then built, Seven Lakes, died on Friday, February 19, at age 84.

Lawrence was a highly successful insurance broker from Sanford who, the story goes, was quail hunting in the area that would become Seven Lakes when he recognized its potential for development.

He assembled investors, formed a corporation — Longleaf, Inc. — and, in 1972, purchased the land that would become Seven Lakes North. The tracts that would become Seven Lakes South and Seven Lakes Country Club were added in 1974; Seven Lakes

(See "Lawrence," p. 27)

SLLA Board prepares to eliminate lifeguards

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



As The Times went to press on Wednesday, only one more vote was needed to do away with lifeguards at the North-side swimming pool for the coming swim season.

During their Thursday, February 25 Work Session, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors voted to forward to the Thursday, March 3 Open Meeting President Chuck Leach's motion "to authorize management to obtain a pool manager and attendants for the 2016 season."

The Open Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, at 7:00 pm.

During the Work Session, Director Bob Racine presented the Recreation Committee's recommendation that the Board continue to employ lifeguards from noon to 5:00 pm during the Summer school vacation, while extending pool hours from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.

The pool would be operated on a "swim at your own risk" basis during hours when no lifeguard is present.

The Recreation Committee proposed reserving 6:00 am – 8:30 am for adult only swim, with water aerobics from 8:30 am to 9:15 am.

Swim lessons would be offered from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and the pool would be closed for maintenance from 11:30 am 'til Noon.

Lifeguards would be employed from Noon to 5:00 pm. At 5:00 pm, the pool area would be cleared, as lifeguards were replaced by pool attendants, who would remain on duty from 5:15 pm to 9:00 pm.

Schedule too complicated

Leach, who has been a consistent opponent of retaining lifeguards, objected that the proposed schedule was too complicated.

"I ran into someone at
(See "SLLA," p. 28)

Voters will need photo ID at Primary Election polls

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



It's Primary Election season, and this year is already proving to be a doozy.

If the Presidential Primary weren't enough to persuade you to turn out to vote on March 15, there are several important local races and ballot questions that deserve your attention.

- There's a GOP primary race for state Representative that pits incumbent Jamie Boles against challenger John Zumwalt;

- Former Whispering Pines Mayor Bob Zschoche and Former Southern Pines Mayor Frank Quis are competing in the GOP primary

to replace Randy Sanders on the Board of Commissioners;

- There's a request from the County to add one-quarter cent to the sales tax rate, to help pay for new school construction.

- And there's a request from the state to borrow \$2 billion to fund a variety of capital projects across the state, including at state parks and community colleges.

Voting early

March 15 is Primary Election Day, but, if you'd prefer to avoid the lines at your polling place, you can vote early in either Carthage or West End.

One-Stop absentee voting began on Thursday, March 3 at the Board of Elections

building, 707 Pinehurst Avenue in Carthage, and will continue through Saturday, March 12. Hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 6:30 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

One-Stop Voting begins at the Old West End Gym on Tuesday, March 8 and runs through Thursday, March 10, from 11:00 am to 6:30 pm all three days.

Bring your Photo ID

The most important thing to know about voting this year is that you will be asked for an acceptable photo ID, Moore County Elections Director Glenda Clendenin told *The Times*. That might be an NC Drivers License or ID Card, a US Passport, a
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West End United Methodist Men will hold their Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser for the Boy Scouts ministry on Friday, March 18, from 5 to 7 pm at the church. Dinner includes salad, drink and desert. Cost is \$8 for dine in or take out plates. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Contact Bill Seldomridge at 690-9500.

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New SLLA Manager is a people person

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Spencer Ferguson is a people person.

His broad smile and easy laugh telegraph that fact as soon as you walk into the office of the new Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Community Manager.

A native of Greensboro, Ferguson majored in Education at the University of North Carolina - Greensboro. But a stint at student teaching persuaded him that his place was not in the classroom.

So, for twenty years, he has managed communities large and small across North and South Carolina. Ferguson told *The Times* that he has managed communities as large as Seven Lakes and as small as a ten unit town-house association.

"Some were very similar to Seven Lakes," he said, "with golf courses, pools, gates, and other amenities."

What about the job appeals to him?

"The people," he said. "The different personalities and people you meet with on a daily basis. I like dealing with the people."

"The biggest challenge, the thing I like best, is dealing with the personalities, the

agendas — wading through all of that to do what's best for the community as a whole."

Ferguson has no agenda of his own, he told *The Times*, but sees his job as helping the Board set its agenda, and then helping to make it happen.

"I don't want to come in here and change everything," he said. "Things are aging, of course. Things need to be maintained to keep up people's property values. Money is and always will be an issue. We need to maintain the value, but be responsible in doing so."

Every community is different, he explained.

"I've had it where they want me to make all the decisions, and I've had it where they don't want me to make any decisions," he said. "I've even had situations where every member of the Board resigned — so I had to make the decisions."

Over the years, Ferguson said, he has seen a decline in community involvement — folks being willing to serve on a board or committee.

"Families are having to work two jobs, and after work they need to stay home and watch the kids. So, even though their home is their biggest investment, they don't get involved the way they

once did."

"When they get home at 6:00 pm, they don't want to think about these kinds of things."

Ferguson is new to CAS, Inc., the company that provides management services to the Association, but he said he has known people from CAS through the industry.

He's also been getting acquainted with Seven Lakes and with his new home in Foxfire Village.

"I've eaten at every restaurant in town," he said. "Everywhere I go, people engage you in conversation. And when they find out what I do, then they really start to engage."

"When I do go into restaurants and shops, everyone

seems to know everyone else. In the Food Lion parking lot, all the cars have barcode stickers."

"I'm glad to be here — honored to be here," Ferguson said. "Everyone I have met

has made me feel welcome."

"I hope to help the Board, the staff, the homeowners, the committees — I hope to help them enhance the community and its amenities."



Spencer Ferguson

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Beacon Ridge Country Club sale in limbo

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



A possible deal for the purchase of Beacon Ridge Country Club has apparently fallen through.

Club owners Don & Rhonda Billings are considering their options, while planning to continue to operate the Club in the meantime.

The Club was listed with broker Hilda W. Allen as an auction sale initially scheduled to be concluded on February 4.

But, when a potential buyer approached the broker with an offer outside the auction, the date was pushed back to February 16. A letter of intent was signed, with a formal contract pending.

In a February 22 letter to the Club membership, Billings said the buyer "suffered a sudden and devastating loss of a close family member."

Allen recommended cancelling the auction, and Billings agreed. The realtor and auction company then announced that the auction was cancelled because the property was under contract.

"I understand that a couple of days after the death of the potential buyers' family member," Billings wrote, "he talked with a representative of the real estate company and said he would get back later regarding the purchase. So far, he has not."

"I therefore assume that he is no longer a potential buyer," he added.

Ending the letter on an upbeat note, Billings writes, "the resodding of the greens has greatly improved the condition of the course, and BRICO [the Billings' company] will continue to operate the Club and provide to its members and customers all the benefits of a full service country club."

Billings and his wife Rhonda came out of retirement to run the club in 2013, after terminating a lease with Wingfield Properties, which had operated it for sixteen years.

Since then, the Billing's company, Beacon Ridge Investment Group, has made substantial upgrades, including remodeling portions of the clubhouse; adding a fitness center; reopening the pool; which had been closed by the county Health Department; and bringing on long-time Foxfire Golf manager Howard Cannon to manage day-to-day operations.

The improvements helped reverse a decline in membership. Billings told *The Times* that the club currently has just under 200 memberships, with the majority of those including couples or families.

"We just felt like we had made an investment in having substantially rehabbed the club, and it holding its

own for a couple of years," he said, "but realized that we didn't want to continue with the task of rebuilding

it up."

"Given our ages," he said, "it is time for us to retire again." Billings is 81.



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Cobb objects to trailer storage expansion

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Infrastructure Director Parks Cobb objected strongly to the expansion of Seven Lakes West's boat and trailer storage area, currently underway, during the Tuesday, February 23 Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board Meeting.

The \$20,000 project was developed by an ad hoc committee led by Community Manager Jeanette Mendence, with the objective of relieving overcrowding in the existing facility. The Board approved the project in January; Cobb was not present at that meeting.

The project will expand the storage area to the northeast, onto land already owned by

the Association, providing room for fifty-five larger, pull-through spaces, capable of accommodating larger boats or RVs. Removing those larger items from the existing yard is expected to allow reorganization of that space.

Cobb argued that the Association should have explored purchasing one of Moore County's former well sites, located at the intersection of Longleaf and Smathers Drives, which would provide a "straight shot" to Johnson's Point.

He also said the expansion is destroying two acres of plantation-planted longleaf pines, ideal for the production of pine straw.

Cobb said purchasing and spreading pine straw costs \$6 to \$9 per bale, while it can be bailed for \$1.25 per bale, at most.

"It is massively different,"

he said.

Cobb said the two acres of plantation longleafs could likely supply the community's need for pine straw, "if we don't completely destroy this asset."

Adding that the project is destroying a portion of the Westside nature trail, he said, "I think it is a bad idea, and I think we should stop that project immediately."

He also objected to the fact

that the project was not sent out for bids and said neither the Board nor the community was adequately informed of the options. He noted that the cost of the project had

(See "Westside," p. 25)

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SLLA Easter Egg Hunt

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association will host their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26, from 11 am to 1 pm at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

The rain date is Saturday, April 2.

Children will enjoy an egg hunt, pony rides, a bouncy castle, refreshments and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Volunteers are needed to fill eggs on Friday, March

25 at 10:00 am in the North Clubhouse and to hide eggs on Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 am. Volunteers to help serve refreshments are also needed on March 26.

Donations of cookies and baked goods may be dropped off at the North Clubhouse on Friday or Saturday, March 25 & 26, at 10:00 am.

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by Lisa M. Sheridan

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And, in their spirit of "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors" the Sandhills Farm to Table Food Co-op has generously offered a monthly donation of farm-fresh fruits

and vegetables to assist N2N in this endeavor.

Rosemary Weber, one of the founding members of N2N and a gathering site coordinator for Farm to Table at the West Side Park Community Center, is the catalyst for the collaboration of these two organizations for the benefit of those in need and the kindness and healing that abounds at Clara's House.

N2N cooking enthusiasts Ruth Caldara, Sandi Carl, Carmela Chase, Barbara Flower, Sandy Kowalczyk, Lori Lattin, Chris Mimms, Lisa Sheridan, Marg Sheroff, Sally Walsh, Rosemary Weber, and Bernadette York have been grouped into four teams.

Each of the four teams will take turns expressing their culinary creativity once per month when their Farm to

Table boxes arrive, preparing a breakfast, lunch, or dinner for 15 - 20 people. "Anything you'd like to make, we will gratefully accept, any time and any day," said Laura Kuzma, Foundation Volunteer and CARE-Net Coordinator at The Clara McLean House.

There are currently a few Clara's House volunteers who prepare some meals for guests at the residence, but the need is much greater because the residence has been at full capacity for quite some time. Guests often come and go throughout the day and evening, due to varying treatment schedules and visitation hours, and the kitchen is always open. Having reheatable meals available at all times is an enormous help and comfort for many at the end of stressful and exhausting days and nights.

Ms. Kuzma is very appreciative of any help offered, whether it is a prepared meal, a monetary donation, or shelf-stable groceries for the pantry.

To learn more about Clara's House and how you can help,

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Buyer surfaces for Stonehill Pines property

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



There may be life in Stonehill Pines, yet.

Mayor Mick McCue reported that news to the Foxfire Village Council's Thursday, February 25 Work Session, reporting that a prospective buyer of the nearly 1,500-acre property is interested in resurrecting the project.

The property failed to sell at auction late last year and is currently listed by Robert Edwards of Edwards Real Estate.

McCue said he met with Edwards and a local representative of the prospective buyer, who asked that the Council renew the expired Stonehill Pines development agreement.

News of a major development north of Foxfire Village on Hoffman Road first surfaced in March 2008, when a Florida-based company purchased the 1,442 acres for nearly \$20 million.

The proposed development was to include two world-class golf courses, a resort

hotel, more than one thousand homes, and up to 90,000 square feet of retail space.

Having never before contemplated such a large development, the Village rewrote its Zoning Ordinance to include a category for Planned Unit Development [PUD] and eventually annexed the Stonewall Pines tract.

But Stonewall Pines was a victim of the recession that began in late 2008, and financial backing for the project disappeared, never to be recovered.

The development agreement between the Village and the original Stonewall Pines developer was renewed year-after-year, but finally expired on December 31.

McCue said the new developer simply wants that agreement extended and, at this point, does not anticipate major changes in the development plan.

The most significant change would be to scale back from two golf courses to one, McCue said. He added that the developer felt the price points originally projected for the residential unit were

"a little high."

Financing for the development is apparently to be provided by California-based Senaste Capital, LLC, which McCue described as a one-person investment firm.

Village Attorney Robert Hornick is currently exploring whether it is possible for the Village to renew the development agreement for an unnamed buyer, McCue said.

"I hope that he will tell me

that's possible," McCue said.

Meanwhile, a public hearing on the matter has been scheduled for the Tuesday, April 8 Regular Council Meeting.

(See "Foxfire," p. 21)

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Following lunch, Reverend Mike Dubbs from Community Congregational Church of Southern Pines will provide the program. Rev. Dubbs is part of the FirstHealth Hospital Clowns that participate in hospital visitations at the hospital.

He started a "Clown Unit" called the Bricktown Bucket Brigade in Mount Union, PA as part of the Mount Union Fire Company.

The clowns provided all of the Fire Safety Education in the Mount Union Elementary Schools and won numerous awards statewide.

Rev. Dubbs will speak about his experiences as a clown, in particular a clown trip to Peru with Patch Adams. Dr. Adams is a doctor and humanitarian and was portrayed by Robin Williams in the movie Patch Adams.

There is no cost. Reservations appreciated and transportation will be provided if needed. To make a reservation for lunch or request transportation call the Chapel office, 673-2156.

County asks state to restrict new tax revenues

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



In Moore County, the March 15 Primary Election Ballot includes a question asking voters to authorize a quarter cent increase in the sales tax.

Moore County's Board of Commissioners have already pledged to use the revenues generated by that tax increase exclusively for to pay for school construction projects.

Now they are asking the NC General Assembly to pass a law ensuring that future Boards will honor that pledge.

The Commissioners approved a resolution during their Tuesday, March 1 regular meeting that calls on the General Assembly "to pass a local act for Moore County restricting use of proceeds from the additional one-quarter percent . . . Sales and Use Tax . . . to Moore County public schools construction needs including the debt service associated with construction and to, further, include a sunset provision on the local act if the need for Moore County public school construction and debt service for the same ceases."

Commissioners Chairman Nick Picerno said he had spoken with NC Senator Jerry Tillman about the proposal, and Tillman was in favor of it.

It's a commonplace in the laws that apply to governing bodies that no Board can bind the hands of a future Board. However, the General Assembly has the power to restrict the use of the new

sales tax revenues, if voters approve the new quarter-cent tax.

The quarter-cent, which amounts to an extra 25 cents on a \$100 purchase, is expected to generate additional revenue of \$2.2 million per year.

Moore County Schools [MCS] and the Commissioners have agreed on four top priority projects that, taken together, have a price tag of \$119 million: new elementary schools in Aberdeen, Southern Pines, and near Whispering Pines, and a new Career-oriented high school to be built near Sandhills Community College.

Once those projects are finished, however, six additional projects that could easily double that \$119 million expenditure are waiting in line.

In related action, the Commissioners put in place a process for making sure the new sales tax takes effect as soon as possible after it is approved by the voters.

The Board will hold a special meeting on March 31 to pass a resolution levying the tax, which will allow it to be collected beginning on July 1.

The Commissioners also passed a resolution establishing a process for paying for school construction proj-

ects. Rather than having MCS pay invoices related to the projects, those invoices will be presented to the Board of Commissioners and paid directly from the County's coffers.

That is similar to the procedure in place for County funding of MCS's digital learning initiative, Chairman Picerno explained.

He added that it allows the County to recoup any sales tax paid on the projects, providing additional revenue that can be put back into school construction.

The cost of a different tax

Picerno took the opportunity, during the "Commis-

sioner Comments" portion of the meeting, to point out problems with a different sales tax, one approved by the General Assembly as part of the FY2016 state budget.

Legislators approved an expansion of the types of transactions to which sales tax applies, including many types of labor and installation services, including auto repair, appliance repair, and similar activities. Revenue from the sales tax expansion is limited to use for economic development, public education, and community colleges.

The proceeds from that expansion — expected to total \$84.8 million this year —

were not divided evenly among counties, and Moore County was left out altogether.

One of the key elements in this year's budget debate was a drive by many rural counties to have local sales taxes allocated to counties based on population, rather than point of sale.

Currently, most sales tax revenue is funneled back to the county where it was collected — i.e., point of sale. But rural counties argued that this is unfair, since their residents often cross county lines to shop in cities and regional shopping hubs.

The sales tax expansion, (See "Commissioners," p. 20)

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Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale open in the Village

by Janna Ptak
Times Reporter

Need a great car at a great price? Ken Culler has the answer — and it's right here in Seven Lakes.

Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale LLC has opened on MacDougall Drive beside Seven Lakes Dance.

Culler has had a passion for automobiles his entire life. But his career started on the ground floor, so to speak, installing flooring for ten years, and then opening

his own floor-covering business.

After twelve years in the flooring business, Culler opened his first automobile dealership in Hamlet in 2004. He had always bought, cleaned, and fixed his own cars, so why not embrace his passion?

What began with five cars on a lot with a ten-by-ten office grew quickly, leading Culler to open a second successful dealership in Hamlet.

When Culler came to Seven Lakes several years ago to visit friends, the community made an impression.

"I loved the area when visiting friends," he said. "I love the amenities. It's a great place."

Culler sold his Hamlet dealerships and made preparations for his third.

"I spent about a year in preparation prior to opening," he said.

Now a resident of Seven Lakes North, Culler opened Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale in January, and is already seeing a steady stream of car buyers.

The Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale team includes Culler; Tim Dixon, a well-known, experienced local salesman; and Nicole Reese, the Seven Lakes resident in charge of bookkeeping.

Together, their goal is to offer customers great buys, giving them the best product for their money.

Not only do they provide

the community with great deals, but they also support other Seven Lakes businesses when services are needed — businesses such as Seven Lakes Hardware, G&M Automotive, Carolina Car Care, JR's Mobile Detailing, and local mechanics.

Every new vehicle receives an inspection and oil change from Mike's Tire and Auto before sale and is test driven at Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale.

Though Culler has owned dealerships before, this is his first wholesale dealership.

Being a wholesale dealership means being able to offer the same low discounted price to both other dealers and the public — the public is offered the same deal as other automobile dealerships.

Because the automobiles are sold at wholesale prices, Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale does not provide financing, but financing is available through military finance, Basic Finance, Sandhills Finance, or upon approval from the buyer's own bank.

Culler tries to keep all automobiles under the low price

(See "Auto," p. 20)



Ken Culler and Tim Dixon show off one of Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale's great used vehicles



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James (Jim) R. Nichols, 84, of Seven Lakes, died at his home on Monday, February 22.

Mr. Nichols was born in Elsmere, Delaware. He graduated from DuPont High School and the University of Delaware and earned a Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois.

He worked for Union Carbide and Rhone-Poulenc for many years which resulted in assignments of two years in Switzerland and three years in France. He and his wife Cathie retired to Seven Lakes in 1994. They attended Our Savior Lutheran Church and volunteered at the Coalition for Human Care.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-one years, Cathie; two sons, Jeff and Scott; daughter, Patricia; two granddaughters, Emily and Jessica and one great-granddaughter, Eleanor.

A Celebration of Jim's Life will be held at a later date.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. in Seven Lakes will be assisting the family.

Timothy William Bouchelle, 49, of West End, died Friday, February 19, at his residence.

Mr. Bouchelle was born in Elkton, Maryland the son of Gifford Bouchelle and Janet Watson Bouchelle.

He moved to the West End area in 1990, joining the Seven Lakes Fire Department and Seven Lakes EMS. Mr. Bouchelle served in the US Army and also served as a Chief of Seven Lakes EMS and Captain of Seven Lakes Fire Department. He worked for many years with FirstHealth Critical Care Transport Team and Seven Lakes EMS department.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gifford Bouchelle and his brother Michael Bouchelle.

Mr. Bouchelle is survived by son, TJ Bouchelle of West End; daughter, Rebecca Bouchelle of West End; his mother, Janet Watson of West End; brother, Ricky Bouchelle

and wife Lori of Elkton, MD; his ex-wife, Dawn Loy and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Tim Bouchelle to the Fallen Firefighters memorial of Moore County.

Visitation was held at the Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes on Wednesday February 24.

A private graveside service will be at a later date and time at the West End Cemetery. Rev. Kevin Thompson will officiate.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Frederick (Fred) Reid Lawrence, 84, of Seven Lakes died Friday, February 19, at The Inn at Quail Haven, Pinehurst after months of declining health.

Mr. Lawrence was born in Sanford, he was the son of Alice Pender and Thaddeus Mayo Lawrence.

Following graduation from high school, he attended North Carolina State University. His first career position was with Mutual of New York Life Insurance as a field underwriter. Mr. Lawrence was twice named Southeastern Underwriter of the Year and was a member of "The Million Dollar" roundtable for many years.

His first love however was real estate development that led him to Moore County and Seven Lakes which he founded in 1972. The Seven Lakes community was his passion and home.

Mr. Lawrence was a member of the West End United Methodist Church and nurtured his Christian spirit

under the leadership of his pastor and friend, Reverend Dr. Won Namkoong.

His hobbies included playing with the grandchildren, hunting, poker night and visiting with friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and five brothers.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-two years, Mary York Lawrence; two children Pat Harrison and husband Larry; Joel Lawrence and friend Carolyn Turner; one brother, Joseph T. Lawrence and wife Betty, sister in law Isabel Lawrence; six grandchildren,

Sarah Franklin and husband Jason, Carrie Barber and husband Lance; Preston Stackhouse and wife Lora; Paige Harris and husband Matt; Joanna Baumgart and husband Rob and Tabitha Jones; and eleven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

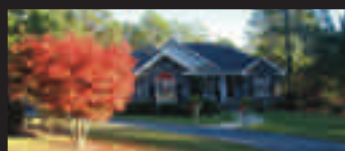
Funeral services were held on Friday, February 26 at West End United Methodist Church. A private family service was held at Seven Lakes Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to West End United Methodist Church Pastor's Discretionary

Fund, PO Box 276, West End, NC 27376 or to FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

The family would like to give special thanks to Fred's brother-in-law, Glenn York and wife Evelyn of Sanford and their family for all their diligent care and attention during his illness. The family would also like to recognize the caring and loving staff of Quail Haven and the support of FirstHealth Hospice.

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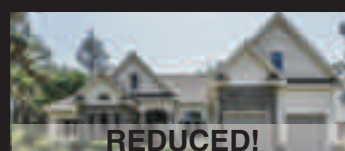
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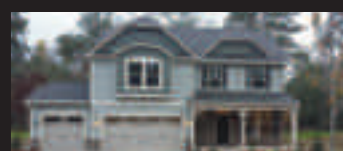
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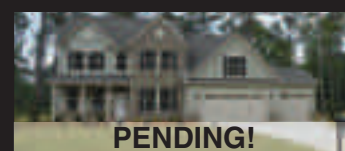


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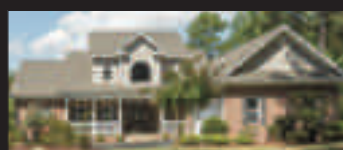


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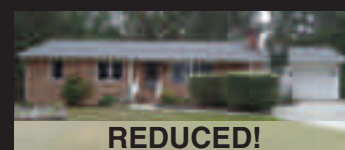
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Jones livens up worship at 7 Lakes Baptist

by Janna Ptak
Times Reporter

Seven Lakes Baptist Church recently added a new member to their leadership team – Zach Jones – as the new Praise Team Leader.

Zach Jones and his family moved to Seven Lakes from Raleigh just months ago, after Pastor Chris Hrabosky notified him about an available position. After meeting with Pastor Hrabosky and Student Pastor, Travis Bryant, Jones knew he couldn't feel more at home.

"Chris and Travis are different [from me]," Jones said, explaining that he had finally found the environment he was looking for. "They have different backgrounds, but the same morals. They're moving in the same direction as me."

Jones thought the opportunity was too good to be true.

He and his wife were able to attend a church service and experience what a service at Seven Lakes Baptist felt like as a first-timer.

"We loved the church and felt at home immediately," he said. "It's a pleasure to be here."

The atmosphere of the congregation was important to Jones. He wanted a friendly, encouraging environment where he could get excited about bringing people. Fortunately,

Seven Lakes Baptist was exactly what he was looking for.

"Everyone is friendly, and the families are encouraging," he said.

Jones had previously been interviewing with other churches, but all possible opportunities seemed to fall through.

"Nothing worked out," he said. "So, I decided to trust God and wait."

Pastor Hrabosky looked over Jones' resumé in August and sent him an email during the fall concerning the position and the possibility of bringing the Jones family to Seven Lakes.

Since his arrival at the church, Jones has been successfully helping the church implement the "small group" strategy, as well as fulfilling Praise Team needs.

"Small groups" are away that some churches with large congregations create more intimate groupings of adult members for study and worship. Seven Lakes Baptist's small groups include five to seven families, who meet on Sunday mornings.

Jones was raised in a non-denominational church which utilized small groups. As a result, he gained experience and knowledge about working with small groups and was able to help Seven Lakes Baptist transition to using

small groups.

"We want to free them to be the church," Jones said.

Jones served with a number of different churches, including Lee Pentecostal, Roanoke Church, and North Wake Church, which he helped to establish. Through those experiences, he learned the dynamics of churches and small groups.

During this time, Jones also worked on his education. He obtained a degree in

music from Lee University, a private Christian university in Tennessee before attending seminary. He is currently working on his PhD in worship and theology.

Jones was particularly attracted to Seven Lakes Baptist's motto: "The church has left the building." It supported the idea of showing others God's love outside of the four walls of the church building.

"A lot of people think it's about believing in Jesus and going to church Sunday mornings," Jones said. "Here, families pray with you while going through rough times.

They love me and my family as well."

Jones enjoys playing different instruments and creating music for Sunday morning worship. But his favorite part is the congregation and the worship.

[They're] so encouraging and accepting; I get to do what I love every day," Jones said. "Leading worship is not just about music knowledge, but where it's taking them theologically."

Jones isn't the only one in his family who is interested in music. His wife, Terra, is a percussionist, and his three

(See "Jones," p. 26)



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St. Mary Magdalene Shrove Tuesday supper



Ray McClung cooks pancakes for all

by Peggy Loomis
St. Mary Magdalene
Episcopal Church

On Shrove Tuesday, Saint Mary Magdalene Church held its annual Pancake Supper for their Moore County Literacy Program students and families.

The students are tutored in English by the parishioners.

Saint Mary Magdalene Church has an extensive Outreach Program, a Healing Service on Tuesday mornings and a Sunday Service.

Though Saint Mary Magdalene has a smaller congregation, they consider themselves mighty in the community and one of the friendliest churches in the Sandhills.

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Dudley Crawford named Pastor Emeritus

by Ann Chase

West End Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, February 14, the Rev. W. Dudley Crawford, pastor of West End Presbyterian Church for twenty-two years, was named Pastor Emeritus recognizing his work and tenure at West End Presbyterian Church.

Elder Bill Price spoke about the many accomplishments Reverend Crawford had during his years of service. A

framed copy of the resolution approved by the Session was presented to Rev. Crawford.

An historical booklet written as part of the 2012 Centennial Celebration noted that in the late 1970s that as development began in the Seven Lakes community many retirees came to the area from the northeast and midwest.

The calling of Rev. Crawford as pastor in 1983 was the

beginning of an era of expansion for the church with a membership of 500 by the year 2000. These new members along with their West End neighbors brought a rich heritage and diversity to the life of the church.

Rev. Crawford's enthusiasm and energy brought about an expansion of staff, programs and facilities. With the addition of a Director of Music and Education, the Christian Education program expanded beyond Sunday morning classes to a weekly after school program for elementary children and an active youth group.

Mission work became a focus as youth and subsequent adult teams have traveled many times to Chetumal, Mexico to work on the construction of a church campus located there. A local effort, Tuesday Tutoring, was initiated to help Hispanic children at West End Elementary School. The church joined

the Family Promise network of churches providing food and shelter to homeless families in Moore County.

All these programs were started during Rev. Crawford's tenure and are still in place today. The significant growth in membership at the church resulted in an expansion of facilities. In 1993,

the sanctuary, built in 1922, was enlarged and an education and administrative wing was added. Seven years later, a large activity center was built. It was renamed later the Crawford Center in honor of Rev. Dudley Crawford's tenure and work for 22 years.

Doubs Chapel Auction

Join the Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church family for good food, laughter, and a chance to go home with some great treasures – at their annual auction on Friday, March 11 at 5 pm.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, and french fries, soft drinks and bottled water will be offered for purchase. Viewing of the auction items begins at 5 pm.

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pm and will continue until the inventory is gone. Items include tools, homemade desserts, gift certificates from local businesses, golf packages, pottery, Carhartt items, sports equipment, furniture, and miscellaneous household items and a wide variety of new and gently used merchandise.

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Frankie Hatfield's 'Jazzilicious' quilt takes

by Janna Ptak
Times Reporter

Seven Lakes South resident Frankie Hatfield won third place at the 2015 NC State Fair with her quilt "Jazzilicious."

Hatfield began quilting ten years ago as a hobby. She went to Fayetteville in search of a serger, a device used in finishing off ends of material so they don't fray. Instead, she and her husband found a computerized electronic embroidery machine.

Her husband was fascinated and urged her to get the machine.

"You could say he talked me into it," she said.

Although no one from her family did embroidery, her mother and grandmother-in-law both quilted by hand. In fact, her grandmother-in-

law gave her a quilt that had been made using cloth from old feed sacks, cloth sacks used to transport livestock feed or ingredients such as flour.

When Hatfield received the quilt, it seemed unfinished. After she took up quilting herself, she was able to make the necessary finishing touches to the quilt that had been

passed down to her.

Hatfield set to work learning how to use her new machine. Her first quilt was one with butterflies.

"[I thought] 'I like butterflies; I'll make this quilt,'" she said.

Over the past ten years, Hatfield has managed to make fourteen quilts, including one for each of her seven grandchildren and three

great-grandchildren.

Her most recent completed quilt is "Jazzilicious" in which

she did appliqué embroidery, a type of embroidery which
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Seven Lakes South resident Frankie Hatfield shows off her ribbons from the NC State Fair

Moore County Literacy Council Tutor Training

The Moore County Literacy Council community-based adult education organization provides free basic literacy, English as a Second Language, and GED instruction to adults throughout Moore County. They train volunteers to work with adults one-to-one to help them reach their educational goals. Volunteers do not need any teaching experience in order to be trained as a tutor.

The Council will be offering a twelve-hour workshop for volunteers who would like to become adult tutors. Volunteers are required to attend an orientation prior to tutor training.

All sessions are held at Read Moore Center, 575 SE Broad Street (Suite 10) in Southern Pines.

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third place at the NC State Fair

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incorporates layers of fabric into the design.

Hatfield began the quilt in early 2015, and after completing the appliqué embroidery, her friend Cathy Kirk,

the Quilting Cowgirl in Cary, quilted the piece. Kirk then convinced Hatfield to enter the quilt in the State Fair in October.

Not only did Hatfield win third place in her division,

but she also won the Capital Quilters Guild Golden Needle Award, an award signifying that her quilt was the judges' choice out of more than a hundred quilts that were entered. Her "Jazzilicious" hung in the "Best in Show" area at the fair.

The quilt design comes from Sarah Vedeler Designs. Hatfield was first introduced to this design when attending an all-day quilting class with well-known designer, Sarah Vedeler, at Elegant Stitches in Cary.

Hatfield believed she was the worst in the class; and, when they asked if she would complete the design, her answer was no.

However, she worked out the design at her home and decided to give it her best effort to complete the design.

"I always pick the hardest project," she said.

After many months and much determination, a masterpiece was made.

Hatfield made sure to notify the Elegant Stitches that she did, in fact, complete the "Jazzilicious" design. Elegant Stitches was thrilled and informed her that, to their knowledge, she was the only one from her class who had fully completed the design.

Although Hatfield is a first generation embroiderer, her family supports her work, making requests for quilts for their homes.

Hatfield has even made a quilt for her daughter-in-law's California King size bed at her request. No matter how big the project, she finishes what she begins.

"It becomes a challenge,"

she said.

Hatfield's current project is making a King/Queen size quilt for her granddaughter-daughter, who was married in October. This quilt will have embroidered flowers incorporating purple, the color from her wedding.

She hopes to enter the quilt, as well as her "Jazzilicious" quilt, in this year's local quilt fair.



Frankie Hatfield's prize-winning quilt "Jazzilicious"

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FRIDAY, MARCH 4

- **Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines** – World Day of Prayer, 9 am to noon, community welcome to visit to pray for world peace. No formal service, sanctuary will be open from for quiet prayer and meditation.
- **The Ants Go Marching (For Wee Ones)** – 10 am, Things are warming up and spring is on its way! Program on ants! Program 45 minutes. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- **Pursuing Your Best Life** – 11 am - 12 pm, Lynne Drinkwater and Esther Zolman will be guest speakers. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** – 5 -7 pm, Baked/fried fish dinners with sides. St Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, 320 North Ashe St, Southern Pines. \$8 adults; \$4 for ages 6-12; under 6, free. Lloyd Geisert, (910) 690-2702; geisert@nc.rr.com
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – The Revenant** – 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

- **West End United Methodist Church Men's Breakfast** - 8 am, men at the Church will meet in the Fellowship Hall and



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enjoy a home-cooked breakfast and a time of fellowship. A brief devotional and the men discuss projects to assist both the church and the community. Any man of the church or community is welcome.

- **Winter Bird Walk** – 8 am, with Susan Campbell. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- **Invasive Removal Day for NC State Parks Week** – 1 pm, Take part in the century-old tradition of volunteering to make our parks a better place. Help Weymouth Woods combat encroaching invasive plant

species by cutting back, weeding out, and removing the plants from the forest. (910) 692-2167 or email lindsey.purvis@ncparks.gov to sign up to volunteer. Work will take approximately 3 hours.

Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – The**

Revenant – 7:30 pm. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 8 am, Men's Breakfast, Crawford Center Kitchen. 10 am, Sunday School, Ages 3 to Adult, child care provided. 11am, Worship.
- **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.
- **Bensalem Presbyterian**

Church – 9:15 am, Fellowship Breakfast. Enjoy meal and fellowship. 10 am, Sunday School, all age groups. 11 am, Worship Service. 12:15 pm, Congregational meeting. Everyone welcome. 2891 Bensalem Church Rd, Eagle Springs.

- **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.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – The Revenant** – 2:30 pm & 7:30 pm. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

• **Tarheels & Turpentine** – 3 pm, Join the ranger for a closer look at the history of this industry, the products produced from pine resin, and the origin of the state's nickname, "The Tarheel State." Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.

- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 6 pm Middle School and High Youth Supper meeting in the Crawford Center.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 9:30 am, Women's Morning Circle, Crawford Center.
- **"Hippocampus"** – 2 pm, School for the Healthy Brain Program. Program designed to teach the five Key Components that help promote Brain Health. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- **Moore County Board of Education** 4 pm, work session, Central Office, Carthage.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – The Revenant** – 7:30 pm. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & troubled, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased.
- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club** – lunch at 11:30 am, meet-



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ing at 12:05 pm. Fellowship Hall of the Chapel in the Pines. Visitors are welcome.

- **League of Women Voters** – noon, Lunch with Legends at the Pinehurst Country Club. Legends are Rachel Carson and Mary McLeod Bethune. Advance tickets, \$35 per person, contact Carol Wurster at 910-673-2330 or email carollee@embarqmail.com
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 2:30 - 4:30 pm, Tuesday Tutoring Crawford Center.
- **Trivia Tuesday at Sandhills Winery** – 6 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Foxfire Village Council Work Session** – 6:30 pm, meeting, Foxfire Village Hall.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – The Revenant** – 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- **Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:50 am, Rosary; 9:30 am Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd, Biscoe.
- **Bensalem Presbyterian Church** – 10 am, Bensalem Presbyterian Women Day Circle. 2891 Bensalem Church Rd, Eagle Springs.
- **Chapel Lunch Bunch** – noon, Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, Joralemon Fellowship Hall. All single seniors in the community invited to attend. Following lunch, Reverend Mike Dubbs from Community Congregational Church of Southern Pines will provide the program. He is part of the FirstHealth Hospital Clowns that participate in hospital visitations. Reservations appreciated, transportation provided if needed. Call the Chapel office, 673-2156.
- **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 Ministry, Parlor.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 2:30 - 5 pm, WOW Program for K - 5th Grade.
- **WEWO Nature Book Club**

Meeting – 5 pm, "A Walk In The Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail" by Bill Bryson. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. Free.

- **AWANA for Kids** – 6:30 to 8 pm. Children age 3 to 5th grade. Seven Lakes Baptist Church, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive. Seven Lakes, 910-673-4656.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – The Revenant** – 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship, devotion and meal, \$5.
- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 2 pm at the Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Drive. Special Guest Speaker, Jan Leitschuh, co-founder of Farm 2 Table, will discuss the many benefits of Farm 2 Table. Bring your enthusiasm, questions, and neighbors. Everyone is welcome.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **English Speaking Union** – cocktails at 6, dinner at

7 pm, historical figure, Marquis de Lafayette as portrayed by actor Mark Schneider, will visit the English Speaking Union at the Pinehurst Country Club for members and guests. Public is invited to attend. Membership available. Call (910) 295-0757.

- **Moore County Fire Commission** – 6 pm, EOC Level Rick Rhyne Safety Center, Carthage.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise – The Revenant** – 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

- **Reiki III** – 9 am-1 pm, Join Miss Kitty Fehr, a continuation of Reiki I & II. Reiki. Cost \$60 per person, participants must have completed both Reiki I & II. Seating limited, call to reserve. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- **Doubs Chapel UMC Annual Auction** – 5 pm, food available for purchase. Auction at 6:30 pm. 1444 Doubs Chapel Church Road, West End.
- **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** – 5 -7 pm, Baked/fried fish dinners with sides. Eat in, or take out. St Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, 320 North Ashe St, Southern Pines. \$8 adults; \$4 ages 6-12; under 6, free. Lloyd Geisert, (910) 690-2702; geisert@nc.rr.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

- **WEUMC Youth Yard Sale**

– 8 am – 2 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit Youth Ministries. Sale includes a huge variety of items for everyone along with baked goods prepared by the congregation. 673-1371. West End United Methodist Church.

- **Piano Concert "Aides of March"** – 10 am - noon, Concert made up of many local seniors. Call to reserve your seat. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- **Nature's Notebook Hike** – 3 pm, 1.5-mile hike, learning how to collect phenological data as part of citizen science and keep a scientific nature journal. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167, Free.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

- **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
- **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.

- **Bensalem Presbyterian Church** – 9:15 am, Fellowship Breakfast. Enjoy meal and fellowship. 10 am, Sunday School, all age groups. 11 am, Worship Service. 12:15 pm, Congregational meeting. 2891 Bensalem Church Rd, Eagle Springs.
- **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, Youth Sunday, Child Care provided. At noon, Pot Luck Luncheon, Crawford Center.
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 2 pm, Annual meeting. West Side Park Community Center.
- **North Carolina's Natural State Symbols** – 3 pm, learn more about these symbols. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines.

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The Moore Philharmonic Orchestra is now accepting applications for its 2016 student scholarships. Last concert season, the Orchestra awarded more than \$1500 to deserving instrumental music students in Moore County to help them develop their skills. Past recipients have applied for scholarships to pay for private lessons, attend summer music camps

and purchase higher quality instruments.

Applicants must be current instrumental students in public, private, or accredited home schools in Moore County or be an active member of the Moore Philharmonic Orchestra and must not have reached the age of 21 by December 31, 2015.

Completed applications must be received by the

Orchestra no later than March 17, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Candidates will be required to prepare a short audition piece of their choice on April 14. Scholarships will be announced at the Spring Concert at Sandhills Community College on April 30. Applications and more information are available on the Orchestra's website, www.mporchestra.com

WEUMC Youth Yard Sale

The West End United Methodist Church Youth will be holding a Yard Sale & Bake Sale on Saturday, March 12, from 8 am – 2 pm.

The Yard Sale will be in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Ministries.

Sale will include a huge variety of items for everyone along with baked goods prepared by the congregation. For information, contact the church office at 673-1371. Come, bring a friend, browse and enjoy.



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Lafayette to visit English Speaking Union

On Thursday, March 10, a famous historical figure will "come to life" at the Pinehurst Country Club for members and guests of the English Speaking Union.

Fayetteville was named in honor of the Marquis de Lafayette, the French general who came to the colonies to join the Revolutionary Army in fighting the British for freedom. Now Lafayette will visit Pinehurst in the person of Mark Schneider, a noted historian and historical presenter. Schneider's program is titled "Lafayette in the American Revolution."

He was born and raised in Setauket, New York; and

received his B.A. in History from Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA. He joined the U.S. Army and served as a Cavalry Scout performing Armored Reconnaissance for the 1st Armored Division. Upon completion of his service in 1997, Schneider started working for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

He has performed in a variety of jobs such as Theatrical Interpreter and now for the Revolutionary City Program. Mark is in the Nation Builder

program where he performs as the Marquis de Lafayette.

While at Colonial Williamsburg Schneider performed a variety of different characters ranging from Mark Antony, James Madison, Benedict Arnold, Le Comte de Rochambeau and others. He also portrays Napoleon Bonaparte internationally and has appeared in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, and Russia.

The public is invited to attend. Membership available. Call (910) 295-0757.

Library offers Egg-cellent events

Don't miss these egg-cellent events at Moore County Libraries.

On Friday, March 18, Moore County Library in Carthage will be offering a special 'Egg Hunt' story time at 10:30 am.

Vass Area Library will have its "Spring into Reading" celebration on Tuesday, March 22 from 6 to 7 pm. There will be stories, refreshments, and a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

Robbins Area Library is sponsoring its annual col-

oring contest for children ages 12 and younger. All coloring sheets should be returned to the Library by Saturday, March 19 for judging.

The winners will be announced after the Big Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Tuesday, March 22 at 4:30 pm.

Moore County Library, 101 Saunders Street, Carthage. Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 6 pm, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, 910-947-5335 or www.srls.info

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Seven Lakes Chapel Maundy Thursday Service

Come join the Chapel in the Pines on Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 pm in remembrance of the Last Supper when Jesus shared a meal with His disciples and instituted the Eucharist.

The Chapel will share a soup supper followed by a worship service and Communion. The choir will be

singing.

Call the church office at 673-2156 by Monday, March 21 to reserve a seat, so the church can prepare a sufficient amount of soup.

Although there will be no service for Good Friday, the sanctuary will be open from 9 am to noon for quiet prayer time.



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Commissioners

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and its unequal distribution, was a compromise hammered out in budget negotiations. Seventy-nine counties received a share of the \$84.8

million in new revenue — including all the counties that touch Moore — but Moore County was left out.

"This hurts Moore County," Chairman Picerno said. "It

hurts our schools and it hurts our community college."

In order to explain how the new revenue was allocated among counties, Picerno read from a NC Association of County Commissioners Q&A on the sales tax expansion.

"The specifics are covered under legislative confidentiality and have not been shared with the public or the General Assembly at large," the document read. "Rep. David Lewis explained on the House floor that the percentages were chosen to assist approximately the same counties that would have seen a revenue increase from a 50/50 distribution plan" — that is, a plan that would have allocated half of local

sales tax revenues based on population and half on point-of-sale.

Lewis represents Harnett County in the General Assembly, and Harnett County received the largest allocation of new tax revenues under the plan.

Other Business

In other business during their Tuesday, March 1 regular meeting, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

- Authorized Moore County Youth Services to apply for a Juvenile Crime Prevention Council grant valued at \$87,853 to support juvenile restitution, teen court, and psychological evaluation pro-

grams.

- Approved an amendment to the Emergency Management Performance Grant allowing the County Public Safety Department to qualify for an additional \$17,844 in state funding.

- Reappointed Patricia Buel to the Library Board of Trustees.

- Reappointed Cynthia Bradley to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

- Appointed Timothy Simmons to the Workforce Development Board.

Auto

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of \$5000. Credit cards, checks, and cash are all acceptable methods of payment.

The lot can hold up to twenty-five vehicles, and inventory changes daily as cars are bought and sold.

"We keep it small, but have variety," Culler said. "[We] won't sell anything we aren't comfortable with."

Culler and Dixon are diligent when giving honest opinions concerning vehicles, making sure to address any repairs a vehicle may need upon purchase.

"It's about making happy customers," Culler said.

Dixon is in charge of internet sales. Vehicles are listed online for buyers to see before coming to make their purchase. Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale plans to have listings on sites such as Truecar.com, Craigslist.com, and Autotrader.com.

The business has already drawn customers from locations such as Reidsville, Salisbury, and Charlotte.

Dixon is an eleven year veteran of the US Air Force who has been a salesman for twenty-five years. He has fifteen years in auto sales, as well as experience in real estate and mobile homes. A lifelong local resident, he is a graduate of Pinecrest High School and at one time had

his own car lot in Eagle Springs.

Dixon said he believes in the importance of being up front with customers, explaining additional fees for tags and the like, so that customers are not hit with unexpected charges.

Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale is set up to make an auto purchase easy for the customer. They handle necessary paperwork and tags, and there is a notary on-site.

Customers are also offered a warranty on qualified vehicles through Cars Protection Plus, for an additional fee.

Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale doesn't only sell vehicles — they also purchase used vehicles — and pay cash. They also sell vehicles on consignment.

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Seven Lakes Auto Wholesale is located at 350 MacDougall Drive and is open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. For more information, contact Ken Culler at 910-673-1200 or sevenlakesautowholesale@yahoo.com.

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Loan refinancing approved

Also during their Thursday, February 25 Work Session, the Village Council approved three resolutions refinancing the Village's three outstanding loans, moving them from BB&T to First Bank, at a lower interest rate.

The largest of those is the nearly \$1.5 million Woodland Circle Loan. the Village will use roughly \$325,000 of its accumulated fund balance to pay down the principal on this loan, before shifting the remaining \$1.1 million to First Bank.

The new loan will have the same term remaining — eleven years — and will have an interest rate of 2.45 percent, down from the current 3.19 percent. That is expected to save the Village \$51,000 in interest payments over the course of the loan.

The \$100,000 remaining on the Village Green loan will have a 2.35 percent interest rate, down from 3.87 percent, with a five year term. Interest savings of \$4,700 are expected.

A principal amount of \$194,736 remains on a Water Department loan that will

have a 2.35 percent interest rate, down from 3.89 percent. Over the eight year term, savings of \$14,000 in interest payments are expected.

Frusco explained that the loan transfers must be approved by the NC Local Government Commission.

Budget matters

Council members discussed in general terms anticipated changes in their departmental budgets for FY2017. Councilwoman Frusco asked that budget requests be submitted by March 15, so that they can be discussed during the March 31 Council Work Session.

Streets. Don Boito, who handles Streets and Parks, said he will be bidding out the landscaping and mowing contract, with the goal of obtaining a three year agreement with the selected vendor. McCue asked that the bid package include a provision for removal of sand and pine straw from Village streets.

Water. Jon Sedlak reported that maintenance is needed on the Village's water tower. The interior dry area of the tank will be cleaned and painted during FY2017, at

an expected cost of more than \$40,000. Another \$4,000 will be required to clean up some material in the wet areas of the tanks.

The tank will need to be drained while the work is performed, Sedlak said. An open question is whether temporary pumper tanks will need to be used to maintain pressure, which would cost an additional \$30,000.

Painting of the exterior of the tank may be undertaken in FY2018.

Safety. Councilman Vic Koos said he would like to see the Village Police Department brought back up to a complement of three full time officers, which was the case in 2008.

Administration. Mayor McCue said the Council needs to decide whether to retain its billboard on NC Highway 211 at Holly Grove School Road.

Frusco suggested budgeting funds to retain an architect to design a possible expansion to Village Hall, in order to move the administrative offices out of rented space.

Garden help available

During the months of March through October, Monday-Friday, 10 am - noon experts will be available for questions and to offer help.

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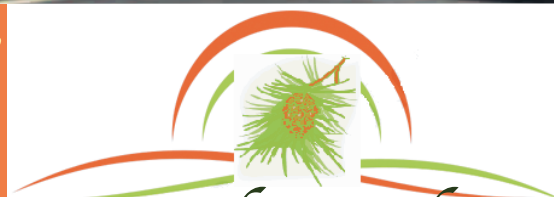
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A tribute to Fred Lawrence

How do you properly pay tribute to someone in a few hundred words when their time here was so meaningful and included the full range of passion, vision, compassion, impact, happiness, sadness, accomplishment, failure, and impact (yes, I know I mentioned that twice)?

All of these were integral in the life of Fred R Lawrence. He handled it all, the good

times and the not so good with the genuine belief that tomorrow brought opportunity and he planned on being a positive part of that process.

The story of the man that founded Seven Lakes starts many years before Fred and his hunting party got lost while quail hunting near West End. Fred's life changed dramatically when his brother Lee died as an all too young man.

Fred was working near his childhood home in a textile facility when Lee died. Lee was an insurance salesman and had a small client base. With the security of a paycheck to lose and no previous experience in the life insurance business, Fred made the decision to trust his

instincts and with confidence in his own abilities took over a business that would not at that point provide the same level of income nor security he had.

In a few years, Fred was

Your Turn

Alan Shaw
Seven Lakes South

one of the most successful life insurance salesman in this region for Mutual of New York. To say that Fred was successful in the insurance business is a vast understatement.

Additionally, he was a great family man. Mary Edna, Joel, Pat and Fred were the family that all should aspire to be. Fred was proud of his professional and personal success yet it was a healthy pride and compassion driven by the desire to improve. He certainly contained no form of arrogance or conceit which is a remarkable testament to him, given the level of his success.

I first met Fred in 1970. He had a passion for golf and I managed Quail Ridge

Golf Course in Sanford. It was then, as until his death, impossible to know Fred and not like him.

We did a few small real estate projects together in the Sanford area, as he continued to sell life insurance and I managed the golf course. One morning he came into the office and said that he was putting a partnership together to buy a track of land in Moore County.

I don't remember how many people were involved, but somewhere around 125-150 actually bought the Donaldson Tract which ultimately became the base tract for Seven Lakes North.

The story that is told about Fred getting lost hunting and deciding that this would be a great place for a retirement community makes a great story, but as so often in old stories, really does not accurately depict the events as they happened. There were several steps in the process between land purchase and the ultimate plan.

Let there be no doubt, Fred's vision and drive singularly is behind the creation

of Seven Lakes. It just took a bit longer to evolve than as the old story goes, but, that is a story for another day.

Today, simply said, without the vision, drive, sales ability, engaging personality, and positive attitude of Fred R Lawrence there would be no Seven Lakes as we know it. Period.

Not many people have the

opportunity to leave something for future generations to enjoy. Fred R. Lawrence was not given the opportunity, he made it.

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Mind-numbing numbers

Lying on the grass on a Summer evening, my friends and I decided to count the stars. We gave up after only a very few numbers, because we couldn't be sure whether we had counted this star once before.

We decided that there must be a million stars up there in the night sky. I have since learned that we can see about six thousand stars with the naked eye. This sounds doable, so maybe I'll try again.

But further research tells me that there are from 200 to 400 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy. Counting one star per second, it would take more than 12,000 years to count them all. And as we all know, our Milky Way is only one galaxy.

There are one hundred to two hundred billion other galaxies out there, each con-

taining hundreds of billions of stars. Is your mind boggling yet? These numbers are literally astronomical.

erally tinier than the smallest grain of sand on the beach. And you and I are part of over six billion persons on planet earth.

Yet, we dare to believe that the Creator has concern and compassion for each of us. Many people ponder these numbers and

coming of Christ, when the world as we know it will come to an end, and there will be a new heaven and a new earth.

Does this apocalyptic scenario pertain only to our miniscule planet, or does it point to the termination of the entire universe?

Rattle some of these questions around in your mind, and perhaps they will help you examine the very foundations of your faith.

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

Outside the Box

Harry Bronkar

Our Bible tells us that in the beginning—maybe sixteen billion years ago—God created the heavens and the earth. From that opening verse in Genesis the scripture deals exclusively with God's actions among the people on this planet.

Put this in perspective: compared to the vastness of the universe our earth is lit-

conclude that there cannot be a God, at least as we presume to know God. Others simply marvel at the power and majesty of the Creator who has set this vast universe into motion.

One of our favorite hymns is "How Great Thou Art." But this greatness is confined to God's workings on earth, and concludes with the second

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Farewell from Jeff Allen

Dear Editor:

For the past seven months, I have had the pleasure to serve as the interim community manager for the Seven Lakes Landowners Association. From my first day at Seven Lakes I felt welcomed and appreciated. I have worked at many communities over the past ten years, but none I have enjoyed than the Seven Lakes.

My special thanks to Chuck Leach, Greg Lishawa, Mark Gyure, Sandy Sackmann, Bob Racine, and Mark Widman, one of the most conscientious and hardworking Board of Directors I have ever been associated with.

In addition to the Board members, I was fortunate to have help from many dedicated committee members and other volunteers. The community is very fortunate to have these talented people working for them.

My thanks also go to the capable and hardworking employees in the administration office, maintenance department and stables. These people helped make my job much easier every day. The community is lucky to have them at Seven Lakes.

I will always have fond memories of my time at Seven Lakes.

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Westside meeting

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been shifted into next year's budget, which he called "extremely aggressive."

"The Community needs to express concerns about this project, they need to lobby the Board to stop it, until we can figure out if its actually the right thing to do," he concluded.

Mendence defended the work of her committee, noting that she had kept the Board up to speed on progress in executive session.

She said the committee did consider the County well sites, but they were unavailable at the time.

"Why would we purchase land when we already own the land for this project?" she asked.

Legal Director Silberhorn suggested that Cobb, rather than asking the community to lobby the Board to stop the project, should simply make a motion to do so and see if it receives majority support.

ARB rules revisions

ARB Director Duane Coppler presented three recommended revisions to the Architectural Review Standards, each of which was unanimously approved on first reading. A second approval will be required before they are formally adopted.

A revision to standard 7.11.1 requires prior written approval from the ARB Committee for the installation and placement of accessory structures, including playhouses, treehouses, doghouses, etc. The existing version of the rule does not give the committee oversight over placement of such structures.

A revision to 7.11.7 requires that garbage containers, AC compressors, mechanical pool equipment and above ground utilities be screened from public view. The revision appears to simplify the existing language without mate-

rially changing it.

A revision to 7.11.8, which requires that propane tanks be buried, adds the requirement that homeowners replacing tanks must show the location of their new tank on their ARB application.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Director Cobb reported that his committee has three significant projects underway. The first is correcting driveway problems created during last year's repaving project. He said nine residents have provided feedback about problems with their driveway, and the committee has identified three or four more.

In addition, the committee has heard from a number of residents unhappy with the bump in the pavement at the intersection of Wertz and Longleaf.

Cobb said Committee members have met with Riley Paving about correcting those issues. A quote is expected

within the week, though the work will need to wait for warmer weather, in May or June.

Striping of the centerline on Longleaf will also need to wait for warmer weather, he said.

Second, the Infrastructure Committee is working to test the quality of the pavement in the Stonegate subdivision before it is accepted as an Association-owned roadway.

Finally, the committee is attempting to identify cracks in side streets that are in

need of repair. Cobb noted that cracks of one-quarter to one full inch are being targeted, because they can be dealt with without taking up pavement and repaving. He asked for assistance from residents in identifying cracks on side streets.

Legal

Noting that it was his last Board meeting, Legal Director Ed Silberhorn briefed the community on a number of issues.

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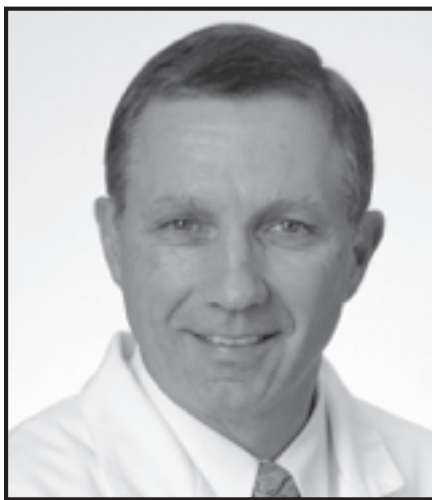
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Efforts by the Board and community members to bring the condition of the old Stanly Furniture Plant to the attention of Moore County has met with success, Silberhorn said.

County officials have inspected the site and found substantial problems, including caved in roofs, broken windows, and general dilapidation. The County has demanded that the property's owners deal with those deficiencies or risk having the property condemned.

Silberhorn said a prospective buyer of the recently logged McDonald Family Farms property that lies between Longleaf and the West End cemetery has negotiated with the Board concerning a waterline and utilities easement with the Board, but has withdrawn that request while working out details with Duke Power.

He said the Legal Affairs Committee has been working with Infrastructure to establish ownership of the roads

near Beacon Ridge Country Club, and to make sure ownership is properly reflected in County records and the County GIS system.

Silberhorn said he remains in favor of the spouses of Board members being allowed to serve as voting members of committees, as long as no conflict of interest is involved.

Noting that many current members of the Board are in their first year of service — three have been appointed in the past few months — Silberhorn encouraged the Directors to hold a retreat in order to get to know each other better.

Finance

Director Stan Makson reported that, as of January 31, Association income was just under \$1.52 million and that income was running ahead of budget except for two categories: interest income and lot recombination income.

Expenses were \$1.42 million and running under budget in every category except

security.

Of 39 delinquent accounts, 30 are with the collections attorney. The total owed by those delinquent accounts is approximately \$71,000.

When annual assessments come due in May, Makson said, the process for those who wish to set up an automatic bank draft in order to pay their dues monthly will change. Instead of providing their banking information to CAS, members will deal directly with Alliance Bank, which CAS uses for dues collections deposits.

Makson said several Association insurance policies are up for renewal in May, so the Insurance Committee is investigating whether any policies can be eliminated or consolidated in order to realize cost savings.

Makson sought and the Board granted him the authority to waive dues assessments on any property owned by the Association as a result of foreclosure.

Lake & Dam

Director Bob Fewkes reported that Boat registrations received prior to March 11 will be processed and decals

issued by the end of the month. Registrations received after March 11 will be processed by the end of April.

Manager

Community Manager Mendenhall reported that a volunteer appreciation reception is scheduled for March

18 at the Community Center. Any Association member who has volunteered to help the community over the past year is invited.

She reminded landowners that all trailers must use the visitors lane — even if the vehicle to which they are attached has a barcode.

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Jones

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sons are also finding their way with music. Keaton, 8, is learning guitar, Benjamin, age 7 is experimenting on drums, and 5-year-old Caedmon is becoming more familiar with instruments each day.

After living in Seven Lakes for only a few months, the Jones family has been welcomed with open arms and are still exploring what the town has to offer.

"There's a lot of stuff around," he said. "We're excited to be here."

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Lawrence

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West, in 1979.

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Those paragraphs were signed Fred & Mary Edna Lawrence.

Providing the best talent and materials and maintaining those high standards, while building what were, essentially, three separate developments meant that Lawrence's enterprise was often short of cash.

The need to bring on more and more investors initially brought unwelcome attention from the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1981.

In 1984, the development was sold to The Moor Group, which promised continued investment, but, in fact, was bankrupt in two years.

In 1986, The NC Attorney General's office opened an investigation into the financial structure of Lawrence's development companies; and, in 1988, he was indicted on securities charges.

Despite those difficulties, Lawrence remained in Seven

Lakes, no longer the developer, but consistently honored as the visionary who founded the community.

That early marketing brochure sums up his vision with these words:

"Seven Lakes is more than a resort and residential community, more than a golf and country club."

"Seven Lakes is a self-contained village composed of all the necessities and amenities to provide an uncompromising lifestyle for each property owner."



Fred & Mary Edna Lawrence relax lakeside in a photo taken from a circa 1980 Seven Lakes marketing brochure



An active tennis club, hosting tournaments, added to Seven Lakes' appeal



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McDonald's who said you need a roadmap to decide when you can take your kid to the pool," he said.

Leach argued that it is very difficult to acquire and manage lifeguards — and that employing them only five hours per day would make that task even more difficult.

He also argued against having lifeguards on a part time basis, "for reasons of accountability." Previously, Leach has argued that having lifeguards during only a portion of the day would increase the Association's liability in case of an accident. He has also argued that the Association bears more liability risk with lifeguards than without lifeguards.

Barbara Keating, who served as SLLA pool manager during the 2013 and 2014 swim seasons, urged the Board to continue to utilize lifeguards at the pool.

"During the peak time, when all the kids are out of school, when they are at the pool with their parents, or sometimes without their parents, lifeguards are needed there not just for the safety, but also for supervision," she said.

"When a little kid is running across the pool, and we blow the whistle and say 'Walk.' When they are standing on the Do Not Dive sign and they go diving in. When they cut themselves, and we are administering band-aids and peroxide."

"When an elderly gentleman slipped on the ladder, and he was on coumadin, and he was bleeding profusely, we were able to call 9-1-1 and bandage him up until he was serviced by the paramedics."

"I'm expressing my concern as a former manager and lifeguard," Keating concluded, "that we need lifeguards."

Too little community outcry

Racine's motion to adopt the Recreation Committee's proposal for managing the pool with lifeguards at peak swim periods died for lack of a second.

Leach then made his

motion to proceed without lifeguards, essentially taking the matter out of the hands of the Recreation Committee and turning it over to management.

That motion passed with Leach, Sandy Sackmann, and Mark Gyure in favor, Racine opposed, and Greg Lishawa abstaining. Mark Widman was absent from the meeting.

Lishawa said he had seen little public interest in the matter, compared, for instance, to previous outcry generated by issues surrounding the stables.

"At one point, several years ago, when they talked about closing the stables," Lishawa said, "we had over a hundred people show up at a meeting, and they took that off the table. I don't see that happening with the swimmers."

"If the silent majority doesn't say anything," Guyure said, "we have to assume that they could care less."

What next?

In earlier meetings, Leach had offered a presentation suggesting that the Board would use a combination of an electronic credentialing system and pool attendants to open the pool from May through September, from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.

The details of that — including the cost and administration of the credentialing system — have yet to be worked out, and Board approval will be required for purchase of that system.

Leach said that he and the SLLA's new Community Manager would work out the details, assuming that his motion to utilize only attendants is approved at the March 3 Open Meeting.

Extending perimeter fence

Also during their Thursday, February 25 Work Session, the Board agreed to extend the community's perimeter fence along the north side of Seven Lakes Drive at its eastern end, near the intersection with Carthage Road.

Nine sections of fence will be added, in order to protect a new home on Cardinal Lane

and prevent unauthorized entry into the community by ATVs and dirt bikes. Split rail fencing, removed when the pasture fence was replaced, will be utilized.

Moved to Open Meeting

Also during their Thursday, February 25 Work Session, the SLLA Board moved to the March 3 Open Meeting for a final decision:

- Approval of a \$7,349 contract with Atlantic Pyrotechnics for Fourth of July fireworks.

- Approval of a revision to Section 1.2.1.1 of the Rules and Regulations that redefines an Association "member." Couples legally married at the time the Seven Lakes property was acquired are both "members" regardless of whether both names appear on the deed. In the case of couples not married when the property was acquired, only the individual whose name appears on the deed is a member.

- Approval of a revision to Section 1.2.1.2 that defines

"affiliate member" as spouses not named on the deed, as well as children of a member residing in the home.

- Establishing an Equestrian Club, through the Recreation Committee, with the mission to "propose, promote, and support the approved activities of the Seven Lakes Equestrian Center Stables."

- Approval of a fee schedule that eliminates the barcode discount for Seven Lakes Golf and Seven Lakes Health &

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If you don't have or can't find your ID, "come anyway," Clendenin said. "There are alternative methods for many people."

"No one should stay away from the polls because they don't have their ID card," she said.

Those who arrive at the polls without valid ID will be allowed to vote, and their

vote will be counted if they present a valid ID at the Board of Elections Office before the official canvass takes, place.

Folks over 70 whose driver's license or other ID has expired may be able to use the expired ID.

And folks who have just moved to Moore County may be able to use their out-of-state license or ID.

In short, if you have doubts, go vote, and let the poll work-

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Vote for US Representative

The courts have thrown North Carolina's Congressional districts into a bit of disarray, after finding that the General Assembly improperly used race as the primary factor in drawing the first and twelfth Congressional districts.

The General Assembly has redrawn the map entirely and delayed the Congress-

sional primary election until June 7. If those new maps hold, Moore County will move from the Second Congressional District back into the Eighth.

Clendenin advises voters to ignore the hubbub and "vote your complete ballot." The State Board of Elections will figure out what to do about those votes for US Representative once the dust has settled.

Unaffiliated? Take your pick

In North Carolina, voters registered unaffiliated can chose to vote in the Republican, Democratic, or Libertarian Primaries — but only in one. Or, if they prefer to vote in none of those, they can accept an unaffiliated ballot, which will still allow them to vote on ballot measures, like the quarter-cent sales tax increase for schools.

Candidate dropouts

The names of some candidates who have announced that they have dropped out of the Presidential race will nevertheless appear on the Primary ballot, Clendenin said.

Her advice is to pick the candidate your prefer, regardless of what you might have read in the news about the suspension of one campaign or another.

Questions?

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Fitness, standardizing the fee for most non-members to \$15 initially, with a \$5 renewal fee. The fee for a golf cart sticker will be raised from \$3 to \$10.

Other Business

In other business:

• The Board discussed but rejected a proposal to assign the SLLA President the task of counting proxy ballots following the close of voting. Director Racine explained

that the vote counting committee will count the number of proxies assigned to the Board, and the Board will meet prior to the Annual Meeting to determine how to vote those proxies.

• President Leach announced that the current SLLA document retention policy is being reviewed for conformance to the NC Planned Community Act and state statutes. Once that review is complete, the policy will be brought to a future

Work Session. The current policy ignited a controversy when it was used as a rationale for not releasing the proposed FY2107 budget to the membership prior to the Board's vote to approve it.

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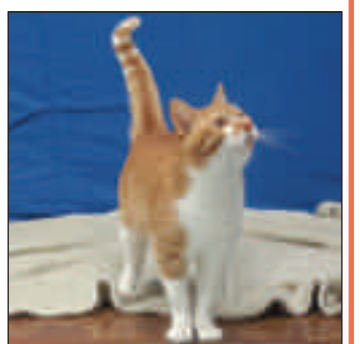
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