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County plans redo on sales tax vote

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



Rebounding from the unexpected voter rejection of a sales tax referendum on

the March 15 Primary Election ballot, the Moore County Board of Commissioners are laying the groundwork for a new, improved referendum in November.

"In my heart I believe that, if the people of Moore County knew this was for education, they would have voted for it 80-20," Chairman Nick Picerno said during the Tuesday, April 5 Commissioners meeting. "Because I believe the people of Moore County believe in education."

The key problem, in Picerno's analysis, was that the referendum question made no mention of education — and, by state law, could not make any mention of education.

In addition, the wording that described the amount

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New location likely for Advanced Career Center

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



It appears likely that Moore County Schools'

Advanced Career Center will be moving across Airport Road and onto a parcel in back of Sandhills Community College, because the property initially proposed for the new school is already occupied — by red-cockaded woodpeckers.

Operations Director John Birath briefed members of the Moore County Board of Education on the need to relocate the yet-to-be-built school during their Monday, April 4 Work Session.

The initial site proposed for the career-oriented high school was on fifteen acres of a 43-acre parcel owned by and across Airport Road from Sandhills Community College [SCC].

MCS surveyed the property and identified all trees actively being used by woodpecker families. There were three trees with active families. Birath then engaged the serv-

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Members of the Lake Auman Sports Club stocked 9,000 bluegill in Lake Auman in March. Members participating included Charlie Flinchum, Dave Lamon, Jim Beck, Stan Makson, Ray Heller, Don Smith, Ed Cockman, & Nick Kaylor. Not pictured: Joe Kristek, & Bruce Keyser. [See story on page 9.]

Council ponders \$30 car tax

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



It's budget time for the Foxfire Village Council, and one revenueraising option

for the FY2017 budget is the implementation of a \$30 vehicle tax that would be paid annually on every vehicle registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles [DMV] to a Foxfire address.

Councilwoman Leslie Frusco explained, during the Council's March 31 Work Session, that the vehicle tax has been an option for several years, but was limited to \$5 per vehicle, which made it hardly worth the administrative burden.

But the NC General Assembly has recently raised the revenue limit to \$30. The bulk of the revenue collected — \$20 of every \$30 — must by law be used for street maintenance. \$5 is reserved for public transportation, which is not a service the Village provides, and \$5 can be used for any budgetary purpose.

But the Council could decide to allocate the entire revenue stream to streets.

"I want to put this out for consideration, Frusco said. "I hate the concept that you raise one tax and don't raise another, and then say you aren't raising property taxes."

"But, I think there is a legitimate reason to consider doing this: the people who own the cars are the one using the streets. And the traffic is why the streets need maintenance."

Implementing the new tax would require little administrative effort on the part of the Village, Frusco explained. The Village would notify the County — which already handles motor vehicle property tax collections for the municipalities — that Foxfire will be implementing the expanded motor vehicle tax. It would show up on the motor vehicle renewal registration, be collected by DMV, and eventually find its way into the Village coffers.

Frusco said she had no accurate means of determining the potential revenue the

(See "Foxfire budget," p. 27)

Seven Lakes Times April 15, 2016 **Events**

Shaw House plans special luncheon

historic Shaw House is set for Monday, April 18, to honor the many decades that the Shaw House tea room served delectable lunches in the ca. 1820s home at 110 Morganton Road in Southern Pines.

The Moore County Historical Association (MCHA) is sponsoring this nostalgic old time event by hosting two

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> The Moore County Historical Association was formed in March 1946 under the leadership of Elizabeth "Buffie" Ives for the purpose of acquiring the Shaw House property. The house, which is the core of Southern Pines history, was built and occupied by the Shaw family from the 1820s to the 1940s. This vear marks the 70th anniversary of the Historical Association, which is the oldest historical society in North Carolina in continuous operation.

> Many people will remember having lunch at the Shaw House Tea Room until it was discontinued in the 1990s. Its most popular dishes were creamed chicken over waffles and a prune cake dessert.

include both of these good-

The event is coordinated by volunteer Grace Snelgrove.

MCHA Vice President Jim Jones, a restauranteur and

of food preparation. Volunteers will serve as hosts and wait staff.

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New speakers lined up for Sandhills Woman's Exchange

The Sandhills Woman's Exchange at 15 Azalea Road will be featuring interesting speakers in April and May. The subjects are diverse and expected to draw interested participants before the little cabin closes for the summer on Saturday, May 21.

Thursday, April 21 - 5 pm, Jason Howk will be the featured speaker at a wine and cheese discussion at the cabin. Especially relevant with current world events, he is a Major retired after serving 23 years in the Army. Major Howk was awarded the Legion of Merit and 2

US Department of Defense along with the Afghanistan Governmental 2nd Degree Success Medal from President Karzai. For this event, reservations are requested by calling the cabin at 295-4677. In lieu of a fee, participants are asked to make a small donation to the SWE sustaining fund.

Tuesday, May 10 - 11:30 am. Scott Mason of WRAL's "Tarheel Traveler" television show will be the featured Road Scholars grant speaker at the Sandhill's Woman's

Bronze Star Medals from the Exchange Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Mason recently came to the 1810 cabin to do a feature about the Exchange for his show and the response from customers was overwhelming. Because of his popularity and following, Scott Mason's talk and Q & A will be held at the Pine Crest Inn, 50 Dogwood Road, to accommodate an expected larger crowd. The public is invited for the \$25 per person fee. All reservations for the Tarheel Traveler event must be made by calling the SWE at 295-4677.





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Board approves access system, fish study

by Greg HankinsTimes Editor



The price of the electronic access control and surveillance system that the Seven

Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors plans to install at the Northside pool for the upcoming swim season has dropped from an anticipated \$40,000 to less than \$30,000.

Treasurer Mark Gyure presented bids for the system during a Special Called Open Meeting on Friday, April 1, asking the Board to approve moving forward, based on detailed bids emailed to Board members, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$30,000.

The low bid for access control and camera systems was approximately\$22,400, according to a synopsis forwarded via email to the membership. The cushion between that amount and the not-to-exceed price of \$30,000 apparently is designed to cover contingency — particularly the need to upgrade or increase the number of security cameras in order to obtain the desired coverage.

Gyure explained that the largest reduction in cost was achieved by eliminating a proposed new turnstile stem at the pool entry. Instead, the existing gates will be modified to operate with the access control system.

"In reality, a turnstile is probably too secure," Gyure said. He added that the security camera system would capture any entry violations, "and my hope is that we would prosecute them to the fullest extent."

Gyure said he doesn't consider the cameras and entry system a capital expense. He said replacing the pool would cost \$250,000 to \$300,000; replacing the North Clubhouse and its equipment would be another \$200,000; and the picnic pavilions are \$8,000 each.

"So, right now, we have about \$516,000 of assets that we already own,' Gyure said. "So, right now, we are going to pay less than six cents on the dollar to protect those assets."

Gyure said the first gate at the pool, which provides access to the restrooms and shower area, is currently unlocked at 6:00 am and relocked at 10:00 pm by security personnel. By mounting an access reader at that gate, it will be unlocked and relocked at those same times, but all electronically, "without anyone having to touch it."

President Greg Lishawa said it is currently costing the community \$2,200 per year to have the gate locked and unlocked. "This will allow us to save money over the years."

Lishawa said the entire pool area will be covered. An additional two or three cameras will face out to Lake Longleaf to cover the pavilions.

"This is just the first phase of a process to get cameras out to the other areas where our people play," he said. He noted that the access system will be able to turn the lights on and off at the tennis courts once it is installed in that area.

"These cameras will not be monitored," Lishawa said, "so there will not be somebody sitting there watching ladies or men tugging on their bathing suits or this kind of stuff. They will only

Lishawa said the entire be used for prosecution."

Gyure said the camera system will capture any folks who try to cheat and let dozens of guests into the pool area using their card.

"Once we catch and, unfortunately, have to slap a couple of people hard, word will get out," he added.

"People need to understand that this \$3 guest card, if you are abusing it," Lishawa added, could cost you \$103 under our fining system. And, if you've cheated once, we'll go back and check all of the times you have swiped to get in."

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Dan Lambert appointed to Westside Board The Seven Lakes West Mandy Goodman, who

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board of Directors has appointed Dan Lambert co-chair of the Communications Committee, to serve out the unexpired term of Mandy Goodman, who resigned at the Annual Meeting.

Lambert will handle Communications and presumably serve as Secretary.



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Council extends Stonehill development pact

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



The 1,500 acre Stonehill Pines development in Foxfire Village may once again be

a live project.

The Village Council voted during their Tuesday, April 12 regular meeting to extend an expired development agreement, in order to allow a potential purchaser of the property to move forward.

Mayor Mick McCue explained that the property is currently owned by Carolina Farm Credit Bank, so the agreement will be extended with the bank — but then can be transferred to a buyer for the property who has already signed a purchase contract contingent on the Council's extension of the development agreement.

The extension mandates a December 31, 2017 start date for the project, as well as a twenty-year-build out.

This is the fifth time the Council has extended the agreement, and McCue said only one substantive change had been made in all those extensions.

The original agreement obligated the Village to hire an additional police officer to cover Stonehill Pines; the first extension deleted the words "additional police officer" in order to allow the Village more flexibility in extending police protection to the

new neighborhood.

The Village annexed the Stonehill Pines property in 2009, zoning it as a Planned Unit Development [PUD]. The original master plan for the PUD includes a resort hotel, two championship golf courses, and up to 1050 residences. Under the development agreement, the developer must provide security through a private security company, as well as stationing for one Foxfire Village police officer.

The plans provide for the installation of a private waste-water treatment plant to serve the community, which will be connected to the Moore County water system.

It is the nature of PUD master plans that the individual elements of the plan must be approved as they are to be built, and also that elements of the plan may be modified to meet market conditions, subject to Village approval.

In previous meetings, McCue has indicated that the new buyer may scale back to one golf course instead of two.

Finance

Also during the April 12 meeting, Councilwoman Leslie Frusco reported that the Village had a total of just under \$2 million in cash on hand on March 31. That total has dropped significantly in the last month because of a sizable principal prepayment

that the Village made on the Woodland Circle loan.

The Council is seeking approval from the NC Local Government Commission to refinance that loan and others at lower interest rates, moving them from BB&T to First Bank.

The Village's General Fund totaled just under \$1.2 million, with \$436,000 restricted — primarily for debt service and capital projects.

The Water Fund had \$679,000 in hand, with \$161,000 restricted for a new well or wells.

Frusco reported that the budget process "is moving along." The Council will attempt to finalize a draft budget during its April 28 Work Session that will be presented at community meetings in May.

Those meetings will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, May 12 at 4:30 pm. Frusco encouraged Villagers to attend.

She added that she is particularly interested in gathering input on a proposed

\$30 annual municipal tax on registered vehicles in the Village. The NC General Assembly recently approved an increase the allowable amount from \$5 to \$30 and insisted that almost all the funds be used for road maintenance. [See story on front page.]

Appearance Commission

Frusco thanked four residents — Councilman Jon Sedlak, Jack Frusco, Tom McLellan, and Guy Peckitt — for their efforts in repairing fencing at the east side entrance.

She said the group would like to repair fencing along Hoffman Road across from the General Store. The owner of the property has agreed to have shrubbery cut back to facilitate the process.

The Appearance Commission is seeking volunteers for a Spring pine cone pickup along Foxfire Boulevard and at the entrances on Friday, April 29 at 3:00 pm. She said that two major pine cone cleanups last year have left the job a much smaller one than was originally necessary, so the volunteer time commitment should not be as great this year.

Public Safety

Councilman Vic Koos reported that he has had complaints of residents walking their dogs off leash in the park — and has himself observed dogs being walked off leash on Village Streets.

"We have a leash ordi-(See "Stonehill," p. 25)

Foxfire Pine Cone Clean-Up

The Foxifre Village Appeaance commission has a pine cone clean up scheduled for 3:00 pm on Friday, April 29 along Foxfire Boulevard and by the East and West Entrances

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Westside boat storage lot on planning agenda

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



In a brief but productive meeting, the Moore County Planning Board add-

ressed zoning issues surrounding the expansion of Seven Lakes West's boat and trailer storage yard, endorsed a conditional use permit for a solar farm on NC Highway 211, and endorsed the rezoning of a small West End parcel for industrial use.

The first Seven Lakes West item dealt with an unintentional wording change made in the revision of the County's Unified Development Ordinance [UDO].

Prior to the February 18, 2014 approval of the UDO, the County's zoning ordinance allowed "Boat Sales and Service (Outdoor storage as a principal use in the GC-SL)" as a permitted use in both the Gated Community-Seven Lakes and the Village Business zoning districts.

The new UDO amended that use to "Boat Sales and Service (outdoor storage in rear/side only)," removing the provision regarding storage in Seven Lakes West.

The Planning Staff recommended removing "Boat Sales and Service" in the Gated Community - Seven Lakes portion of the ordinance, while allowing "Boat & RV Storage." That would allow Seven Lakes West to continue to offer boat and RV storage to its members, which it has done since 2003.

The Board voted unanimously to accept that recommendation and to endorse approval to the Board of Commissioners, who have the final saying the matter.

The second matter affecting Seven Lakes West was the rezoning of two of the parcels used for the boat and trailer storage area from Highway Commercial District (B-2) to Gated Community Seven Lakes (GC-SL), which planner Teresa Thompson said should have been done during the rewrite of the UDO, when more than 265 parcels were rezoned.

The storage area currently sits on two separate parcels, one zoned GC-SL and the other B-2. The planned expansion is onto a third parcel, also zoned B-2.

Planning Board members voted unanimously to recommended that the Commissioners approve the rezoning request. **Solar Farm**

The Board also endorsed approval of a conditional use permit for a commercial solar collector facility located on roughly thirty acres of an 89 acre parcel located on the south side of NC Highway 211 near Archie Road.

The parcel lies behind the tracks of the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway and has very limited access to NC 211.

It is already the site of a Carolina Power and Light substation and a sand mine. It borders on another parcel that lies within the Foxfire Village ETJ and already hosts a commercial solar facility. Owned by McDonald Fam-

ily Farms, the parcel will be leased to Pine Valley Solar Farm, LLC.

Planner Thompson said there is already a large existing buffer along NC Highway 211, adding that she doubted the solar facility would be visible from the highway.

The Board recommended approval by the County Commissioners in a seven-to-one vote with Joe Garrison opposed.

Tractor-trailer storage area

The Board unanimously recommended Commissioner approval of a rezoning request for a 1.78 acre portion of a 2.75 acre parcel on Knox Lane in West End, near the old Stanley Furniture plant,

from Residential-Agricultural 20 to Industrial.

Angus McDonald, representing McDonald Family Farms, explained that his family had rented the parcel to Stanley Furniture in the 1980s

Stanley fenced the property and used it for trailer storage. Despite the demise of Stanley's business in the late 1980s, the company and the subsequent owner of the property have maintained the lease.

The current owner of the Stanley plant, which McDonald identified as JR Square, wants to clean up the tract, repair the fence, and use it for trailer storage.

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In memory of . . .

Patricia Ann Lott, 91, of Seven Lakes, died Monday, March 28, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehurst.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Lott was born in Easton, PA, the daughter to Earle and Hazel Conover. She earned her bachelor's Degree from Swarthmore College in three years and worked for Dun & Bradstreet in New York City, before her marriage.

After retirement, Mrs. Lott ventured to Cape Cod, then Florida, before settling in Seven Lakes in the late 1990s.

Mrs. Lott was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-three years, James Suydam Lott.

She is survived by her children, Peter C. Lott; David J. Lott; Ann L. Lawrence and Catherine J. Lott; siblings, Donald Conover and Sally Andersen; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Moore County Public Safety Event in Seven Lakes

The Moore County Public Safety Office will be hosting a Public Safety Awareness Event on Thursday, April 21, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

The Public Safety office will have Fire, Police, and EMS Vehicle Displays, information about the Yellow Dot Program, the File of Life Program, and the Nixle Emergency Notification Program.

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Mitchell opens new barber shop in Biz Village

by Janna Ptak Times Reporter

There's a new barber in Seven Lakes.

Daryl Mitchell has been barbering for nine years and has finally realized every barber's dream — owning his own shop.

Mitchell was a truck driver until his wife, Athenia — a cosmetologist — caught him in front of the mirror cutting his own hair. He had been cutting his own hair for a while, and she suggested making a career out of it. Eight months of training later, Mitchell became a professional barber at a shop in Carthage.

He knew from the beginning that he wanted to have his own barber shop someday. Four years ago, he began buying things here and there for his future shop.

After accumulating enough equipment and supplies, Mitchell decided it was time to take the plunge, and 7 & West Barber Shop was born. The name reflects the shop's Lakes and West End.

7 & West, located across from First Bank in the Seven Lakes Business Village,

location: serving both Seven 22 — just three days after I was here. I knew I wasn't tomers feel at home. Mitchell left the shop in Carthage.

"Saturday, I worked my last day at the shop in opened on Tuesday, March Carthage," he said. "Tuesday,

Daryl Mitchell cuts the hair of his favorite customer — his six-year-old son Darren

going to take a day off."

Mitchell has been at work readying 7 & West since Jan-

Athenia helped come up with a design for the shop, and then Mitchell got straight to work finding adequate cable, phone, plumbing, and electric companies, as well as a painter, to turn 7 & West into the sleek new barber shop he envisioned.

The shop has adequate seating for walk-ins, and a flat screen TV to make cus-

Many of the customers he worked with in Carthage have remained loyal, following Mitchell to his new location. The shop provides both a relaxed environment and a family setting where clients can converse while waiting. Mitchell sets the tone, laughing and joking with customers.

Mitchell said his favorite part of owning his own shop is being able to spend more time with his family. In fact,

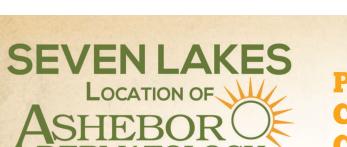
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MCS seeks \$1.3 million hike in County funding

by Greg Hankins Times Editor



et during their Monday, April 11 business meeting that asks the Board of Commissioners to provide an additional \$1,254,000 in County support.

Overall, the budget totals just under \$113 million. Because the NC General Assembly will likely not approve its budget until well after the School Board and County are required by law to finalize theirs, the Moore County Schools [MCS] FY2017 budget projects no increase in the \$69.8 million the state provided in FY2016.

However, Governor McCrory and other state officials are discussing possible raises for teachers which could increase the state allocation to MCS. Ironically, that will

demands for local funding on the district.

Because a large number of MCS positions are funded with County rather than State dollars, an increase in teacher pay could require a local supplemental allocation of \$350,00 to nearly \$900,000, depending on the size of the raise.

Request for increased **County funding**

The request for \$1,254,000 in additional support from the County aims to fund several on-going multi-year initiatives that MCS has undertaken. They include:

· School nurses. The district has established a partnership with FirstHealth of the Carolinas to increase the number of school nurses serving MCS students. The state recommends one school nurse for every 750 students; MCS currently has one for every 1,300 students. Under

at the same time place more the agreement with FirstHealth, the district will add two new nurses in January 2017 at an annualized cost of \$60,000 per position.

- Athletic trainers. Pinehurst Surgical has provided MCS with a trainer for each high school. Under the agreement, the district is to assume the cost of one of those trainers each year from FY2017 to FY2019. The estimated annual cost is \$150,000
- Digital initiative. MCS has slowed down the rollout of its digital learning initiative based on lessons learned in the first four years of the program. Support is needed in FY2017 for both computers and instructional and technical support staff. The School Board is seeking \$900,000 from the County to cover these costs in FY2017. County funding was \$750,000 last year.
- Charter schools. Enrollment at charter schools in

the County is increasing, and those students must be supported with County funds at the same level as students in traditional public schools. That amounted to \$920,000 in the current year and is expected to increase to \$1.1 million in FY2017.

• Preserving personnel. MCS is asking for \$560,000 in increased local funding to preserve a variety of key inschool positions that would otherwise be eliminated in order to reduce the district's dependence on its dwindling fund balance to support local operations. Among the positions that would be preserved are three high school teacher positions, a scholarship coordinator at Pinecrest, a digital learning facilitator at Union Pines, and and in-school suspension coordinator at North Moore. Also preserved would be five working days for teacher assistants that were on the budget chopping block.

County funding for MCS has increased each year since FY2014, when it stood at \$26.6 million.

The district will present its budget request to the Commissioners during their Tuesday, April 19 meeting.

Lottery & Bond Fund expenditures

Also during the April 11 meeting, Operations Director John Birath provided the School Board with a recap of the use of NC Education lottery funds and leftover Phase 1B fund from the 2007 School Bond to support new school construction.

In November of last year, the Board authorized the use of those two funding sources for the acquisition of sites for new schools, as well as the due diligence and design work necessary to move forward on those projects.

The total funding available from those sources was (See "Schools," p. 19)



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by Don Smith
Lake Auman Sports Club

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his best client is his son, six-year-old Darren. Mitchell has been cutting Darren's hair for years, shaving little shapes and designs into his cut. You could say it's a family specialty, but at 7 & West everyone is family.

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9,000 bluegill on Wednesday, March 16 when the annual stocking of fish by the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, with help from Lake Auman Sports Club volunteers, took place.

A professional lake study conducted in 2012 recommended the annual stocking as part of an overall plan for the lake. Other initiatives to ensure and maintain the overall good health of Lake Auman are taking place on an ongoing basis throughout the year by the Lake Auman Sports Club.

Nicknamed the "Bluegill Bucket Brigade" the volunteers placed these fish in the lake at ten different locations that were spread around the lake and that provided good cover. The fish were purchased from and delivered by Carolina Fish Hatchery in Turkey NC and were certified non-invasive species.

Nine Sports Club members

participated in this stocking effort. They were Ed Cockman, Charlie Flinchum, Bruce Keyser, Joe Kristek, Jim Beck, Ray Heller and Stan Makson, with Dave Lamon supervising and Don Smith organizing the stocking again this year.



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May Day celebration planned at Poe House

1 pm - 5 pm, join Museum of the Cape Fear as they "bring in the May" with a May Day Fete at the 1897 Poe House. Guests can and lemonade will be served. observe and participate in the maypole dance, create a

On Sunday, May 1, from floral crown or basket, and learn May Day songs and customs.

> They will also crown a Queen of the May. Cookies Admission is free.

The beauty of spring has

been celebrated since ancient times. The most well-known version of May Day began in the English countryside before the Middle Ages. On May 1, children would rise early and gather wildflowers to make garlands and fill

baskets and then they would Each child would hold a ribsecretly deliver the baskets to friends and neighbors.

Entire villages would host celebrations and children would gather around a maypole, usually a large birch branch erected on the common green to which colorful ribbons had been attached.

bon and dance around the pole creating changing, colorful patterns. The "Queen of the May" would be crowned with flowers.

For information about the Museum of the Cape Fear, museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.g ov or call (910) 486-1330.

Dr. Bahner at Kiwanis



Dr. Bob Bahner with Kiwanian Frank Hayes

Frank Hayes of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club introduced Dr. Bob Bahner, an emergency room physician, at FirstHealth Hospital.

Dr. Bahner shared during the Kiwanis luncheon that the emergency room services about 60,000 patients a year.

The community is very fortunate to have a wellstaffed emergency room, and hospital facility taking care of all Moore County families.

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Pinehurst Neuropsychology adds veterans services

When Pinehurst Neuropsychology's Memory Clinic opened in November 2013, owner Dr. Karen D. Sullivan's vision was to provide comprehensive evaluations to older adults worried about memory that informed a personalized plan of care for optimal cognition, mood and brain health.

Over the next two years, Pinehurst Neuropsychology grew rapidly and continues to work towards their fiveyear goal of being a regional center of excellence for brain and behavior disorders.

Currently, they receive referrals to evaluate patients from over 125 sources and as far away as Virginia and South Carolina.

"We have largely built our reputation on word-of-mouth, one patient and family telling the next about their positive experience," says Dr. Sullivan. "The older adult community has embraced us and we are so grateful. It's been a great match between an area in need of doctors with expertise in memory and a team of dedicated providers who want to offer a caring, comprehensive and educational model of care."

Now that the Memory Clinic has a strong foundation, Pinehurst Neuropsychology is extending its attention to veterans, another group in the community in need of specialty health providers.

The Pinehurst Neuropsychology Veterans Clinic will open in April 2016 when traumatic brain injury expert (TBI) and neuropsychologist Dr. Lisa Fox will join the existing team of three neuropsychologists (Karen D. Sullivan, Ph.D., ABPP, Mary-Beth Bailar, Psy.D. and Taeh A. Ward, Ph.D.) and a counselor (Heather Tippens, LPC).

The clinicians have experience with military-specific health issues and have trained and practiced at the Boston Veterans Hospital Polytrauma Clinic, Birmingham Veterans Hospital, UNC School of Medicine, Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine and UAB Spain Rehabilitation Center.

"It is essential to understand the context in which cognitive changes occur," offered Dr. Sullivan.

"The delivery of healthcare to veterans is unique and we want to acknowledge this. There are frequently contributing factors that impact memory and concentration including a history of traumatic events, post-deployment or retirement adjustment, mood changes, sleep problems, chronic pain and military-specific health issues.'

"Further, each generation of veterans has its own unique challenges ranging from mortar attacks in Vietnam and Korean veterans, possible chemical exposure in the early Gulf War conflicts to traumatic brain injury in our most recent veterans due to IED blasts," noted Dr. Sul-

"As an example, we have a lot of retired Airborne and Special Operations vets living in our community, these guys have jumped out of airplanes hundreds of times and often report dozens of "hard landings." We want to help them figure out if this is something they need to be worried

"Until we know how these factors fit together for the individual veteran, it is hard to design an effective and personalized treatment plan," Dr. Fox offered.

"That's where we come in. As neuropsychologists, we are experts in teasing symptoms apart with our thorough interview style and paperand-pencil testing. We figure out exactly what is going on so we can guide the veteran and their family to the right people with the right tools. We make care personalized because that's what gives us the best results."

In addition to comprehensive cognitive and mood evaluations, Pinehurst Neuropsychology's Veterans Clinic will offer other clinical services including cognitive training, family education and coordination of care over time.

"Regular follow-ups to make sure recommendations are followed through and working closely with other trusted support services in the community including Vocational Rehabilitation, psychologists, psychiatrists, rehabilitation

pain medicine providers is necessary for getting the best outcomes," said Dr. Bailar.

"Our veterans have done so much for us. We want to show them the honor and respect they deserve and we view sharing our expertise as the best way we have at repaying them. We are dedicated to providing the best care we can to this exceptional group of Americans," offered Dr. Ward.

Pinehurst Neuropsychology's Veterans Clinic hopes to compliment care offered through the VA system. "We

and sleep specialists and have a lot of respect for local VA services but they are overwhelmed with need, we want to offer similar services closer to home for those veterans in and around the Sandhills. Working to close the existing gap in quality healthcare for veterans is something we are very proud of," concluded Dr. Sullivan.

> Pinehurst Neuropsychology's Veterans Clinic is located at 45 Aviemore Drive, Pinehurst

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Tintle named principal at West Pine Elementary

Mary-Frances Tintle was munity are stakeholders in has high expectations for named principal of West Pine Elementary School for 2016-17 by the Board of Education during their April 4 Work Session. She will begin her new position on July 1, replacing Marcy Cooper, who will serve as principal of Southern Middle School.

Tintle taught at the elementary level for sixteen years before becoming assistant principal of Bakersville School in Manchester, New Hampshire, from 2003-2008. She has served as principal of Mount Pleasant School in Nashua, New Hampshire, for the past eight years.

"It is an honor and privilege to join Moore County Schools," Tintle said. "I believe all members of a school com-

the success of students, and I'm looking forward to meeting my students and their parents and the teachers and staff of West Pine Elementary School."

Since 2011. Tintle has also served as an educational consultant for Edwards Educational Services in Alexandria, VA. In that role, she has focused on aligning state standards with district curriculum.

Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education Dr. Ed Pruden said Tintle would provide great leadership at West Pine Elementary School.

"Mary-Frances has proven herself as an educational leader," Dr. Pruden said. "She teachers, students and parents, and she creates environments that foster academic excellence and student achievement."

Tintle is a member of the National Association of School Principals and has had extensive training in Solution Tree Professional Learning Communities and the i-Ready Assessment System to aid in successful instruction and assessment initiatives.

Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey said Tintle would be an asset to Moore County Schools' leadership team.

"During Mary-Frances" eight-year tenure as principal, Mount Pleasant School rose from being one of Nashua's lowest performing schools to being one of its highest performing schools," said Moore County Schools' Superintendent Bob Grimesey. "She is a proven leader who under-



Mary-Frances Tintle

stands the necessary link between a positive teacher culture and student achievement. I am confident that she will build upon the foundation that has been established by Marcy Cooper."

Tintle earned a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education, a Master of Education in Elementary Education and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Student in Educational Leadership and Administration from Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, Mass.

To learn more about West Pine Elementary School, visit www.ncmcs.org/wpes.

To learn more about Moore County Schools, visit www.ncmcs.org.

Moore Philharmonic concert

of spring by attending the Moore Philharmonic Orchestra's Inspirations concert on Saturday, April 30, at 7 pm. The free performance will be at Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College, 3395 Airport Road, Pinehurst.

Featured soloist will be world-renowned trumpet performer and educator Judith Saxton, Saxton is currently Chair of the Brass & Percussion Department at the University of North Carolina School of the Performing Arts in Winston-Salem. The conmusic by Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Mussorgsky, as well as selections from Les Miserables, among other popular pieces. Judith Saxton will perform Haydn's Trumpet Concerto in E Flat Major.

In addition, scholarships will be awarded to winners of the Orchestra's annual student scholarship competition. No tickets are required, but tax-deductible donations are always welcome.

Saxton will host a performance clinic prior to the con-

Celebrate the sweet sounds cert will also feature inspiring cert (at 1:30 pm in Owens Auditorium) – 'Brass Playing and the Alexander Technique: Performance Anxiety to Performance Excitement.' This clinic is free of charge and is open to anyone from 6th grade through adult who plays a brass instrument (bring your own instruments). Contact the Moore Philharmonic Orchestra to register for this clinic.

> For more information, visit the Moore Philharmonic Orchestra website at www.mporchestra.com



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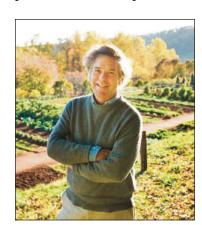
Sandhills residents are in for a treat on Friday, May 6, at 7 pm when Peter Hatch, professional gardener and historian with thirty-eight years experience in the restoration, care, and interpretation of historic landscapes, returns to the Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens.

Hatch is a celebrated author of four books on the gardens of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello where he served as Director of Gardens and Grounds for thirty-five years. He has lectured in thirtysix states on Jefferson and the history of garden plants, consults on the installation and maintenance of both public gardens and private estate landscapes.

Presently, he gardens and botanizes from his home on Lickinghole Creek in Crozet, VA.

His presentation will be on "Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden." His latest book, 'A Rich Spot of Earth': Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello

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The meeting will begin promptly, prior to lunch, with a presentation of a study done by the Fracking Committee. The fracking report will be presented for final consensus prior to publishing the document.

After lunch, the meeting will continue with guest speaker Roberta Madden talking about the ERA and the urgency to pass the ERA in North Carolina.

Madden has spent a lifetime organizing and advocating, for gender equality, racial equality, and an end to homophobia and discrimination. She founded "Ratify ERA NC."

Before moving to North Carolina, she worked in Louisiana for equality among all people. The public is invited to attend. Make reservations for lunch and meeting by calling Charlotte Gallagher at (910)944-9611 or by email at owegeecoach@gmail.com. A check for \$13 can written to LWVMC and brought to the luncheon.

Medical Equipment Available

Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines has medical equipment available to loan to the residents of the community.

There is no charge to borrow the items for a period of time while recuperating. The Chapel's equipment loan list includes – wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, shower and toilet chairs and more. Please call Reverend Fran Stark at 673-5493 to see the items that are available or make arrangements for pick-up.



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SCC Student plant sale

students at Sandhills Community College will hold their annual bedding plant sale Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23.

Everyone's favorite annual flowers, herbs, tomato and pepper plants will available for purchase. The plants are grown in 2 1/4" peat pots, totally biodegradable – no plastic for the landfill. Proceeds from the plant sale will benefit the student's annual educational field trip.

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> Pickup and pay for your order Friday, April 22 between 1 pm and 5 pm or Saturday, April 23 between 10 am and 2 pm at Steeds Hall (Landscape Gardening Building).

> Enjoy your flowers and vegetables knowing you are giving the students a helping

WEPC Youth yard sale

On Saturday, April 16 the youth group will hold their annual spring yard sale, from 8 am until 1 pm, to raise funds for mission trips and conferences.

Shoppers will find furniture, electronics, household goods, tools, books, toys and many other choices at

affordable prices. Most items will be inside the Crawford Center. Supporting the youth in this effort are Director of Christian Education Kris Adler-Brammer and Noreen Sawyer. West End Presbyterian Church, 275 Knox Lane, West End. Call 673-4341 for info.





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Philharmonic launches artist in residence program

Maestro David Michael Artist in Residence. Wolff believes that the purpose of a symphony orchestra is much broader than merely making music.

"Performing is just a small piece of the puzzle," said Wolff, who conducts The Carolina Philharmonic. "An orchestra's main responsibility is to galvanize the community it serves across many fronts, particularly in the areas of education, quality of life and artistic excellence.

"Leading a meaningful, broadly impactful organization is about leveraging synergistic partnerships in the community."

The Philharmonic has done just that by collaborating with St. Joseph of the Pines and Sandhills Community College to launch a new Artist in Residence program this month featuring violin virtuoso Natasha Korsakova, who has appeared in some of the world's most prestigious concert halls.

"Natasha was the obvious choice," Wolff said. "Natasha gives of herself as generously and genuinely offstage as on. She's a walking inspiration."

Korsakova said she was "equally happy and honored" to be selected as the first

"I have developed a very particular connection to Pinehurst and the Sandhills over the past two years," she said. "I consider this new program an excellent idea because the public can meet the artist in person as well as listen to the concerts.

St. Joseph of the Pines will provide housing and meals for Korsakova, who arrived April 9, during her two-week stav.

Steven Kastner, President and CEO for St. Joseph of the Pines, said he recently met with College President John Dempsey to discuss ways to include the Philharmonic in their Lifelong Learning Institute partnership.

"I view this new program as an extension of our collaborative relationship with the college," Kastner said. "It seemed like a natural, given the many cultural benefits David Michael Wolff and his organization bring to our community."

Dempsey agreed, saying, "Community is our middle name. If there are ways we can help the community, particularly ways that can lift our spirits or our horizons, we're happy to do that."

Dempsey likened the new program to the college's Ruth Pauley Lecture Series, which annually attracts renowned thinkers, statesmen, artists, experts and other extraordinary speakers to Moore



Natasha Korsakova

County.

"We're starting off at the top, because Natasha is really something to see," he said. "Even though our participation is not as intense as St. Joseph of the Pines and the Philharmonic, we're thrilled to be a part of this. The college is happy to be participating financially by helping cover some of the costs to bring the artists here."

Korsakova shared her amazing life and award-winning career with about 100 St. Joseph of the Pines residents during a wine-andcheese event at Belle Meade on April 10.

"We had conversations on a simple and private level," she said. "I spontaneously fell in love with the warmhearted people when I first

came here two years ago. They are sincerely interested in music."

Korsakova and Wolff were scheduled to perform together in the Washington, D.C., area before returning to the Sandhills for a private concert April 18 in Owens Auditori-

"This program is a new chapter for the Philharmonic," Wolff said. "We bring in worldclass performing artists every month. Until now, they've only come to rehearse, perform and go home. Now they come to briefly join our community and give back on and off the stage. The opportunities for community engagement are endless."

Wolff called Dempsey and Kastner "two of the greatest (See "Philharmonic," p. 18)

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16

- West End Presbyterian **Church** - 8 am - 1 pm, Youth Yard Sale, Crawford Center. Proceeds benefit Youth Mission and Conferences.
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- Annual Moore County **Democratic Convention** – 11 am to 1 pm, Pinehurst Village Hall. Guest speaker Josh Stein. Current NC Senator and Democratic Candidate for NC Attorney General. Beverages and treats served.
- · Celebration of the Military Child – noon to 3 pm, at the Arboretum, Village of Pinehurst. All Moore Military children and families are invited to enjoy the fun, food, and entertainment. Pony rides, bouncy house, video game trailer, lawn games, and a magician. Special performance by 82nd Airborne Chorus at 1:30 pm. Free.
- · Nature's Notebook Hike - 3 pm, Become a citizen scientist to celebrate the NC Science Festival to collect life cycle data for Nature's Notebook. 1.5mile hike. Hike and data collection will take roughly

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

First Baptist Youth Auction - 5:30 pm, Southern Pines. Dinner \$4 a plate; Presbyterian Church -9:15 am, Fellowship Breakfast. Enjoy a meal and great fellowship. 10 am, Sunday School, all age groups; 11 am, Worship Service. 2891 Bensalem Church Rd, Eagle Springs.

> · St. Mary Magdalene **Episcopal** Church -9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. West End

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- West End Presbyterian Church - 10 am, Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult; 11 am, Worship, Youth Sunday, Child Care provided.
- Eagle Springs Baptist Church - 10 am, Sunday School: 11 am. Worship Service; Eagle Springs Baptist Church, 460 Eagle Springs Road.
- Grace Church Seven **Lakes** - 10:15 am, Contemporary Worship and Service, Nursery and Children's Ministry provided, Seven Lakes Plaza.
- **Meet Sports Author: Brett**

Friedlander -2 pm, free presentation of baseball history with sports journalist Brett Friedlander, and co-author of the book Chasing Moonlight: The True Story of Field of Dreams' Doc Graham. Museum of the Cape Fear. 910-486-1330. or www.museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov

- Sunflix at the Sunrise -Eye in the Sky, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.
- **Busy Bees and Pollinator Pals** – 3 pm, Ever wonder how a flower becomes a fruit? Learn about the importance of pollinators to the natural world and how to adapt your garden for attracting bees through this combination of lecture. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.
- Bensalem Evangelical Presbyterian Church - 4 pm, Youth Group Meeting. 2891 Bensalem Church Rd, Eagle Springs.
- West End Presbyterian Church - 6 pm, Youth Supper and Meeting, Crawford Center Kitchen.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

- · "Hippocampus" School for the Healthy Brain -2 pm, Program is designed to teach the 5 Key Components that help promote Brain Health. 215-0900, Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- Seven Lakes Business **Guild** – 6:30 pm, meeting at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.
- Faith Baptist Church 7 pm nightly, Camp Meeting, Old Time Preaching and singing. Speakers each night and special music. From Monday, April 18 -Friday, April 22. Nursery provided, 2180 Carthage Road, West End.
- West End Presbyterian **Church** – 7:30 pm, Evening Women's Circle, Parlor.
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in the Fellowship Hall. 6:30 pm, Auction, Merchandise from local businesses. Proceeds benefit Youth Mission Trip. Questions Bryan Moore (910) 692-8750.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 17

- Our Lady of the Americas Church - Rosary 8:15 am, 9 am Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd., Biscoe, 910-974-3051.
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- The Game of Life's Journey Part 4 9 am 12:30 pm, "Information Fair with Breakout Sessions" Open to the Public, fun and educational series. Reserve a ticket for refreshments. 215-0900, Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 NC Highway 15-501, West End.
- 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.
- · League of Women Voters of Moore County -11:30am, luncheon meeting, at Table on the Green. Presentation of a study done by the Fracking Committee. Fracking report will be presented for final consensus. After lunch, guest speaker Roberta Madden will talk about the ERA and the urgency to pass the ERA in North Carolina. Public invited. Make reservations for lunch and meeting, call Charlotte Gallagher at (910)944-9611 or at owegeecoach@gmail.com.

A check for \$13 can written to LWVMC and brought to the luncheon.

- West End Presbyterian Church – 2:30-4:30 pm, Tuesday Tutoring Crawford Center.
- Moore County Board of Commissioners 5:30 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- Trivia Tuesday Sandhills Winery – 6 pm - 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- FirstHealth Lecture 7 pm, Insight series on Colorectal cancer. The second leading cause of death in the US. Dr. T.J. Pullman, MD, MMM, FACG will be presenting the talk. Hosted by Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Founders Hall, 300 Dundee Road, Pinehurst, 910-673-2260.
- Sunflix at the Sunrise Eye in the Sky, 7:30 pm. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- Our Lady of the Americas Church – 8:50 am, Rosary; 9:30 am Mass. 298 Farmers Market Rd. Biscoe.
- West End Presbyterian Church – 2:30 - 5 pm, WOW Program for K - 5th Grade.

- AWANA for Kids 6:30 to 8 pm. Children age 3 to 5th grade. Seven Lakes Baptist Church, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.
- Eagle Springs Baptist Church – 6:30 pm, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.
- 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 Eye in the Sky, 7:30 pm. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

- Bread of Life Ministry West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors. Time of fellowship and 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
- Moore County Public Safety Event in Seven Lakes – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, presented by the Moore County Public Safety Office at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.Fire, Police, EMS Vehicle Displays, information about the Yellow Dot Program, the File of Life

Program, the Nixle Emergency Notification Program, Emergency Preparedness, Smoke Detectors and Address Sign Information. Everyone in the community is invited.

• Sunflix at the Sunrise – Eye in the Sky, 7:30 pm. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SCC Student Plant Sale

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

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SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- First Day of Passover
- Women of the Pines Rummage Sale 8 am 1 pm, at the Old West End Gymnasium, NC Hwy 211. Proceeds from the sale benefit many civic organizations.
- SCC Student Plant Sale
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Seven Lakes Sailing Club to offer classes

Club is pleased to announce the opening of enrollment for the Learn-to-Sail Program.

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of sailing, (2) improve their current skills or (3) apply their skills by racing competitively on Lake Auman. Previous sailing experience or boat ownership is not necessary for enrollment, as

instructors will consider the

needs and objectives of each

who have completed the program previously are also invited to 're-enroll'.

The sailing program will be held Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm each day. The program is conducted in a classroom setting

individual student. Sailors at a private residence on Lake Auman, and on the lake with sailboats provided by Club members. The instructors are members of the Club.

Contact Bill Mamel (673-8970) or by email wmamel@centurylink.net if interested in enrolling, or for more information.

Philharmonic

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"I consider both of them mentors and role models in how to serve and give back, so it's a great satisfaction to be able to call SJP and SCC partners," Wolff said.

Kastner said St. Joseph of the Pines "has a long and rich tradition of trying to meet the growing needs in our community."

"We strive to create a culture that focuses on creating lifestyles filled with purpose and meaning," he said. "We view this new program as a great opportunity to bring world-class performers to our area for extended periods of time."

Korsakova is a descendent of the famous composer, Nicolai Rimsky Korsakov, and has been hailed as "one of the greatest representatives of Russian violin playing."

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most prestigious international concert halls, Korsakova has been a guest artist with symphony orchestras worldwide. But she always appreciates returning to the Sandhills.

"I get a wonderful feeling of being welcome," she said. "Not to speak about the good food, coffee and amazing golf landscapes, which I surely hope to visit and try out this time."

Sandhills Community College, which was chartered in 1963 and began classes three years later, is a member of the North Carolina Community College System. It was the first comprehensive community college in North Carolina to offer a college transfer program.

The Carolina Philharmonic was founded in 2009 and has quickly grown into one of the leading orchestras in North Carolina.

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Schools

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approximately \$3.8 million. Birath explained that those funds have now been exhausted on projects including the purchase of a site for the new Aberdeen Elementary School, due diligence on the site for the Advanced Career Center, architects fees for the design of the Advanced Career Center, due diligence on the site for a Southern Pines Elementary School, among other projects.

"Moving forward, we would be asking the Board of Commissioners to use their capital fund to complete the process," Birath said. "At no time during any of our dialogs did we say that the lottery and bond funds would fund 100 percent of the need. The understanding was that we would exhaust these funds first."

Highfalls or High Falls?

Superintendent Dr. Bob Grimesey informed the Board that he would not be seeking authorization to change the name of Highfalls Elementary to High Falls Elementary, despite a request from the High Falls Historical Committee to do just that.

Grimesey said a survey of local residents had found 520 residents opposed to the name change and only 20 in favor. A public meeting on the issue generated responses confirming the survey results.

Public Comment

During Public Comment, Attorney Marsh Smith urged the Board to abandon its computerized process for siting new schools, which he said inevitably leads to development in existing rural

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areas. Positioning new schools more or less equidistant from existing schools in developed areas almost guarantees that they will be placed in undeveloped rural area, he said.

Once schools are in place — and the water and other utilities needed to support them — that sparks residential and commercial development that is detrimental to the preservation of the rural and agricultural character of the County. A prime example is the location selected for the new Area 1 Elementary School, which is to be located in a rural area near Whispering Pines, Vass, and Lakeview.

Empty Bowl Dinner

An Empty Bowl Dinner will be held at Carthage Elementary Cafeteria on Tuesday, April 19, from 5 – 7 pm. Cost is \$10 for a meal + handmade bowl or just \$5 for the meal.

The basic premise is simple: the students of the Carthage Elementary School 4-5 grade classes have created handmade ceramic bowls.

Local restaurants (Aroma and Texas Roadhouse) have donated the food and then guests (you) are invited to a meal with musical entertainment from the Union Pines Orchestra.

In exchange for a cash

donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. All of the proceeds raised will be donated to the local food pantry.

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. Statistics show that 1 out of 8 Americans struggle with food insecurity every day.

North Carolina reports that over 650,000 people are unable to get adequate amounts of food.

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ACC

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ices of Dr. JH Carter III & Associates to determine how development of the property might affect those colonies.

That analysis did not indicate that the site could not be developed, but did indicate that the process of securing permissions from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to do so would be lengthy — and with no guarantee of approval.

Other issues with the site included a significant slope, which would place the first floor of the ACC building eleven feet below Airport Road, and the inability to develop the property in a way that would offer sufficient parking.

As a result of that analysis, SCC Administration and the Board of Trustees proposed a different site for the new high school, across the parking lots at the rear of Van Dusen Hall on the SCC Campus. The site is adjacent to an existing ball field and slopes gently toward Reservoir Park.

Birath said MCS will eventually be required under state regulations to own that property, noting that the college has more options for the disposal of property than does a local school district.

Entry to the ACC would be off on NC Highway 22, rather than Airport Road.

In response to a question from Board Member Stacey Caldwell, Birath reported that the survey and analysis of the Airport Road site had cost about \$70,000.

He asked for the Board's authorization to move forward with analysis of the substitute site; that authorization was given in a vote taken during the School Board's April 11 regular business meeting.

Sales Tax Referendum

Board Members opened their meeting with a post mortem on the failed attempt to add one quarter of one percent to the County sales tax rate to pay for new school construction.

Voters rejected that option by a narrow margin during the March 15 Primary Election. The Board of Commissioners have indicated that they plan to reintroduce the measure on the November ballot. [See story on front page.]

Helena Wallin-Miller pointed to the language of the sales tax question — which, by law, made no mention of the use of the funds for school construction — compared to

the much more extensive description of the benefits of the state's ConnectNC bond question, which was approved.

"There was not enough education about what the language would say," she said. "We, as a group, need to think about what we, as individuals, can do to talk this up and how to get people to know what it is about."

The School Board, like the Board of Commissioners, is forbidden by law from actively campaigning for the measure. But members of both boards, as private citizens, may do so.

Chairman Bruce Cunningham said he had spoken with Commissioner Nick Picerno and Randy Saunders, who indicated they believed the referendum should be placed on the November ballot.

"It was not viewed as a referendum on the degree to which Moore County Citizens support Moore County Schools," Cunningham said.

"I don't think the referendum produced a fair assessment of our plans to build four new schools in five years," he added. "Rather it was a lack of understanding of the ballot question."

Cunningham quoted a line

delivered by Marcus Paige to the UNC Basketball team when they were down by twelve points at one point: "We didn't come this far just to come this far."

Vice Chair Ed Dennison noted that the Moore County Tea Party was the only group with tables at every polling place. He called for a concerted effort by the Moore County GOP, the Democratic Party, the Republican Mens Club — all of whom supported the referendum — to get the word out to voters in November.

Pam Thompson said that many of the people she heard from — particularly older people who are not engaged with the schools and didn't attend community forums — "just didn't really have a

good feel for voting and ensuring that the money was going to be directed to the schools."

She suggested that brochures should be developed that help explain the tax and how the money would be used.

Charles Lambert said some folks in North Moore still remember promises made during the campaigns for the last two school bond issues that were never fulfilled — air conditioning in some school gyms, for instance. He said that could have produced some resistance to the new tax.

Wallin-Miller noted that local print, broadcast, and social media were very supportive of the sales tax referendum.

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"But we learned that print and social media is not enough," she said. "we need much more one-on-one."

"The biggest letdown was the link between what we said it was about and the wording on the ballot," Carter said. She suggested that Board members have blank ballots that can be used to educate voters.

Cunningham asked Wallin-Miller to coordinate efforts for a reprise of the referendum campaign in November.

Lottery funded projects

Also during the School Board's April 4 Work Session, Operations Director Birath presented the Board with requests to use NC Education Lottery funds for a number of projects. They included:

- \$42,376 to reimburse the MCS Maintenance Department budget for funds expended in the appraisals of sites for new schools, as well as the development of a plat for the new Aberdeen Elementary school and a Geothermal Conductivity Test of the Aberdeen site.
- \$1,150,000 for the design of the New Area 1 Elementary School. Birath also asked the Board to approve the agreement with SfL+a Architects for the design of that school
- \$90,000 to install vestibules in the front entrances of six schools that will force visitor traffic to pass through the office before entering the main hallways of the school. The vestibules will be installed at Crain's Creek Middle, New Century Middle, Southern Middle,

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West Pine Elementary, West Pine Middle, and Vass Lakeview Elementary Schools.

- \$92,000 for keyless entry control systems at four schools: Cameron Elementary, Carthage Elementary, Elise Middle, and Vass Lakeview Elementary. Similar systems have already been installed at Highfalls Elementary, Sandhills Farm Life Elementary, West Pine Elementary, and Westmoore Elementary.
- \$34,000 to replace operable partitions at Cameron Elementary with sheetrock partitions and a hallway, so that children do not have to pass through an adjacent classroom to access the main hallway.

The Board approved all of those items as part of the consent agenda during their Monday, April 11 regular business meeting.

Other business

In other business during the School Board's April 4 Work Session:

Birath briefed the Board

on a option for moving the radio repeater used for the school bus fleet to a new water tower in Carthage.

• Technology Director Kent Eklund briefed the Board on a proposal to replace the current system used in MCS libraries with the Follett Destiny Library and Resource

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Manager, which is used in far more local districts across the state.

• Dr. Eric Porter presented an out-of-state field trip request for a Pinecrest High School student to compete in the DECA National Competition in Nashville, TN.

The Board approved all of those items as part of the consent agenda during their Monday, April 11 regular business meeting.

May Chapel Lunch Bunch

All Single Seniors are invited to attend the Seven Lakes Lunch Bunch at the Chapel Joralemon Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 11 at noon. There is no cost.

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OPINION

God's first mistake?

returned from a trip to Europe. We visited Portugal, Spain, and Italy. Each country spoke its own language, none of which we really understood. It was difficult to communicate, to order food in a restaurant, or read a map printed in an unfamiliar tongue.

Why can't we all speak the same language? It surely would be easier, and it might help nations get along bet-

The United Nations brings together delegates from every country on earth, but most cannot speak directly to one another without an interAssembly meets, electronic translations bring the speaker's words to the listeners in their own language.

Outside

the Box

Harry Bronkar

My wife and I have just preter. When the General being said, and are often suspicious of how accurate the interpretation really is. Why can't we all speak the same language?

> In Genesis chapter 11, the

> > Bible tells the story of the tower of Babel. All the people on earth spoke the same language, and were getting

along fairly well. They developed a process for making durable bricks, and were building a great tower.

But when God discovered this, he became anxious, and worried that their exploits might become so successful that they could accomplish almost anything. (What might God say about our twentyfirst century skyscrapers?) So God confused their tongues, and they could not understand one another's speech.

Each language group thus went off to a different part of the world, and the development of various nations was begun.

Bible scholars try to explain this story in various ways, but probably it was actually an ancient culture's effort to

explain why there are separate nations with different languages.

If we take the Genesis story literally, I've often questioned whether God actually made a mistake.

Probably God can understand every language, but most of them are Greek to me. And we didn't even go to Greece on our trip.

It's good to be home, where I am still trying to understand the North Carolina accent.

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

When peace talks are held in Geneva, progress is often slow because the participants can't understand what is

Lots of letters

Seven Lakes has good choices for care

Dear Editor:

Just a short note to echo a few earlier letters – we have a really good physical therapist right here in our back vard.

Seven Lakes Physical Therapy (next to Subway) has been absolutely instrumental in bringing me back from a debilitating spinal cord cyst that forced me to use a walker and threatened to permanently ruin my ability to use my right leg.

Emergency surgery and one-on-one attention at Seven Lakes Physical Therapy had me back to my normal – for better or worse, depending who you ask. And since physical therapy is often at doctors' orders, remember, you do have a choice as to where you get that physical therapy.

The reason I join the crowd in praise is that I firmly believe we have to support our Seven Lakes local food establishments, merchants and services to keep them

We have options, but it should be no surprise that so many serving the area are as good or often better than spending time and money driving a 24 mile round trip or more because we think we may have to.

> Jerry Constantino Seven Lakes West

Lose Our Gate Guards?

Dear SLLA Community:

Based on earlier rumors and now an article in the recent edition of the Times, it seems that some on our SLLA Board of Directors are exploring the elimination of our North- and South-side gate guards and replacing them with electronic access cards.

I, for one, am opposed to

One of the primary reasons my wife and I chose to live here is the gated community concept, including a presence of real, live guards at the gates, day and night.

If this amenity were to be

removed, we will consider leaving.

My guess is that others would think along the same lines. And what about new prospects looking to move into the area – will they be more enticed to buy here with manned gates, or with-

I encourage the community to discuss this with each other, and assuming I am not in the minority on this, impress upon the Seven Lakes Board of Directors that this is not something the community wants.

Peter Hessler Seven Lakes South

Open Letter to Jamie Boles

Dear Sir:

I find your support of HB2 disturbing. It is not only bad for business, but also discriminatory. Do not count on my vote in the future.

> Bruce Macdonald Seven Lakes, NC

Thanks for the Support

Dear Friends and Neighbors: I want to extend a great big "Thank You" to so many of you in the Seven Lakes community for the many expressions of concern and support for Marilyn during her four and a half months of struggle.

Jerry Johnson Seven Lakes North

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of the new tax had some voters confused, believing they were being asked to vote for a tax of 25 cents on the dolone hundred dollars.

Picerno said he had met with State Senator Jerry Tillman, who is prepared to enter a local bill in the General Assembly's upcoming short session that will allow more transparent wording on the November ballot.

The current draft of the rewritten question would read:

For [] Against []

Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter (0.25%) of one percent (1%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes, to be used only for public school construction purposes.

A further provision of the local bill would mandate in state law that the proceeds from the new tax could only be used for school construction purposes and that "A county shall use funds to supplement and not to supplant or replace existing funds or other resources available for public school construction."

That wording could receive

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some more fine-tuning before the bill is introduced by Tillman and as it moves through the legislative process.

The Commissioners lar, instead of 25 cents on approved a resolution in support of the bill, subject to some wordsmithing by County Attorney Misty Leland, and authorized Picerno to sign it and forward it on to Tillman.

> Noting that some members of the public and press had suggested, in the wake of the sales tax referendum's defeat, that the Commissioners should have sought instead vote on a school bond, Commissioner Randy Saunders reminded citizens that a bond is a debt obligation — a way to borrow money — not a way to raise the money to pay back the loan.

> These are apples and oranges we are talking," Saunders said. "This sales tax is a revenue. This would allow us to pay for whatever process we use to build these schools, whether we do traditional financing, bank, pay as you go. No matter what we do, we have to have the revenue to pay for it."

> "A bond is not revenue: it is debt," Saunders continued. "You have to have a revenue

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to fulfill that debt obligation. This [the sales tax increase] makes a lot of sense because people who come from elsewhere and spend money here will help build our schools. I will do everything I can to support it."

The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the resolution in support of a local bill that would rewrite the referendum to clarify the size of the new tax and what it would be used for. [Commissioner Otis Ritter was absent from the meeting because of health issues.1

Bond refinancing

Finding extra cash to help pay for new school construction and other capital needs was the objective of a detailed presentation from the County's financial consultants, Davenport & Company, that examined the options for refinancing school bonds issued in 2008 and 2009.

In 2008, Moore County voters approved the issuance of General Obligation bonds to pay for construction and capital projects at Moore County Schools and Sandhills Community College. The County sold \$69.5 million in General Obligation [GO]

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Bonds in 2008 and 2009.

The County has since been paying off those bonds and looking for ways to refinance at today's lower interest rates. The Board can authorize the issuance of GO Refunding Bonds in order to accomplish that.

Davenport's Mitch Brugulio walked the Board through the complicated choices for a refunding. The complications revolve around two issues:

 The 2008 bonds cannot be called from the current bond holders until 2018 and the 2009 bonds can't be called until 2019. So the County will have to set up an escrow fund to pay the

bondholders until those days are reached

• The County can choose to pay off the bondholders by taking out a bank loan, or by issuing new bonds on the open market.

The interest rate on the current bonds range from 4 to 4.75 percent.

Brugulio offered interest rates from four banks, with Key Bank offering the best deal, at 2.18 percent. The current rates available on the open bond market are in the 1.94 percent range.

But the Key Bank could be locked in during the April 5 meeting, while the open market bond sale would likely

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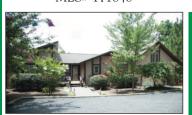
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not be accomplished until May 31 at the earliest. There is a possibility that interest rates might rise during that period.

Because of the lower interest rate, the public sale could save the County \$4.5 million; the Key Bank rate would realize \$3.7 million in savings.

The Commissioners studied a similar analysis last year and decided that the time was not right to move forward with a refinancing.

But, Chairman Picerno said, "Last year, when we talked about this, the environment was a non-interestrate-raising environment. Now, the Fed seems to want to raise rates."

"We can lock in \$4.5 million in savings, and that would be critical in helping us move forward with the courts facility — and that is definitely one of the things on our plate. I believe it would be a missed opportunity if our Board did not go ahead tonight."

Picerno said he also felt the additional savings available through the public sale option was worth the risk that interest rates might rise slightly between now and May 31. They would have to increase by 0.23 percent in order to make the Key Bank rate more desirable, Brugulio explained.

"I agree with the Chairman," Commissioner Saunders said. "This is the refinancing of current debt — not new debt. The interest rate risk is minimal. We are not extending any maturities here. The end time of this debt is still the time that those bonds were going to end."

Commissioners Catherine Graham and Jerry Daeke agreed with Picerno and Saunders, and the Board voted 4-0 to move forward with the refunding by selling new bonds on the public market.

Other Business

In other business during their Tuesday, April 5 regular meeting the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

Called a public hearing

for their Tuesday, April 19 meeting on a conditional use rezoning of several adjacent tracts on Airport Road that would allow the land to be used for a commercial solar collector facility. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

- Rejected bids received from internet service providers for providing a high-speed internet connection from the Rick Rhyne Public Safety Center to Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and the Animal Center. IT Director Chris Butts explained that the County can realize substantial savings by instead having its own fiber network pulled from one site to the other.
- Approved an \$89,850 contract with Globe Communications to pull the fiber. Butts explained that there will continue to be a cost of connecting to the internet, but, rather than paying \$62,222 per year to use the internet service provider's

network, the county will pay only \$12,000 per year for the high-speed connection. So the project pays for itself in two years.

- Approved a final change order with Terry's Plumbing for the 2013 water sources project, reducing the contract price by \$69,291, and assessed liquidated damages in the amount of \$15,000 due to delays in the completion of the project.
- Approved the submission of final reporting forms to the NC Rural Economic Development Center for the Midland Road waterline upgrade project. That project allowed for the expansion of Carolina Eye Associates. The company received a \$150,000 grant from the NC Rural Economic Development Center to help cover the cost, on the pledge of creating at least 15 new full-time jobs. In fact, the company created 24 new jobs. The overall cost of the project was \$724,800, of which the County paid twothirds and Carolina Eye paid

one-third, splitting the \$150,000 grant.

- Approved a \$68,477 contract with Hydrostructures, P.A. for interceptor sewer inspection and cleaning.
- Rescheduled the Tuesday, May 17 regular Commissioners meeting to Thursday, May 19 to accommodate Chairman Picerno's schedule
- Proclaimed April Child Abuse Prevention Month.

- Proclaimed April Public Health Month.
- Reappointed Mary Meindl, Jane Robinson, and Leah Brennan to the Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee, and appointed new members Lesa Riddle and Sandra Nusbaum Reappointed Bruce Robson to the RSVP Advisory Council.
- Reappointed Max Muse to the Board of Health.

Natural History Society

Sandhills Natural History Society will meet Monday, April 25, at 7 pm at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines.

Dr. Eugenia Bragina, a North Carolina State University Researcher, will speak on "Population dynamics of large mammals in Eastern Europe and Russia during political and economic upheavals since 1974."

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nance," Koos said. "Your dog must be on a leash. A warning and a fine are possible."

He added that a girl was recently nearly knocked down by a dog off-leash and reminded the Council that, a few years ago, a man was knocked down by an off-leash dog in the park, broke his wrist, sued the dog's owner, and won. "We don't need any more of that," he said.

Drainage

Councilman Don Boito briefed the Council on a property at the corner of Holloway Drive and Woodland Circle that is experiencing significant runoff from the Village streets. Village landscaper Gilbert Brown has devised a solution that could be implemented for \$500.

Both Sedlak and Koos seemed ready to move forward with the project, but Frusco warned that the Village should be cautious.

"There are other places," she said. "It is part of the nature of the land where we live. We start to get on a slope of fixing things that we shouldn't be fixing."

She noted that, in many cases, the streets were in place before the homes were built, and some drainage problems could be the result of improper grading of the building lot.

McCue said a similar issue arose in the past, and a consultation with the Village Attorney revealed that the Village is not responsible for correcting natural drainage off streets.

Inmate labor

Boito reported that it may be possible to utilize inmates from the Moore County Detention Center to pick up trash along Hoffman and Foxfire Roads.

Frusco expressed concern that they not be inmates convicted of violent crimes. Village Police officers Corev Adams and Jim Childers assured Frusco that the Sheriff's road crews include nonviolent misdemeanants and inmates due to be released within the next month.

"You have answered my concerns," Frusco said, thanking the officers.

"I think it is great if they are picking up stuff, particularly on Foxfire Road," McCue added.

Stop Signs

Boito said he had conducted a survey of Village stop signs after Sedlak raised the issue in an earlier meeting. They range in height from 22 inches to 83 inches, he said. The federal standard is a 60 inch minimum height.

The cost of new steel posts is \$34 each for eight foot posts, he explained, and the Village has 38 signs. A few are already on metal posts, installed by Councilman

Mayor McCue suggested that Boito implement a "slow and steady" replacement plan, beginning with the shorter signs, and Frusco suggested focusing on the higher traffic intersections.

Transportation Planning

Mayor McCue announced that an April 20 meeting of the Moore County Transportation Committee should be interesting, because the towns of Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and Aberdeen have apparently agreed to develop their own Southern Moore Transportation Plan — something that may or may not be a part of the official planning process.

The planning process, which has stretched on for years, is essential to having Moore County projects placed on the strategic plans of the NC Department of Transportation, so that they can ultimately be funded.

Run for the Roses Taste of the Town

The 17th Annual Run for the Roses Taste of the Town benefit for the Sandhills Children's Center will be held Wednesday, May 4, from 6 pm to 9 pm at The Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Sample wines, craft beers, and hors d'ouevres from local chefs will be on hand, along with live entertainment.

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Lishawa noted that the cameras will be on a thirtyday loop.

Director Bob Racine objected to the original motion as not specifically stating what the Board was voting to purchase. Gyure amended his motion to include by reference the white paper he had provided to Board members detailing the bids.

With that adjustment, the Board unanimously approved moving forward with the system.

Fisheries Management

A second item on the Special Open Meeting agenda was a proposal, presented by Lakes & Dams Director Mark Widman, to have Foster Lake and Pond Management conduct an assessment of the fish population in all of the Association's lakes, at a cost of \$7,040.

That cost would be partially offset by not moving forward with the introduction of additional grass carp into the lakes this years, a \$1,400 budgeted item.

The Lakes & Dams Committee conducted a community survey that attracted 206 responses. Fifty percent of the respondents said they would use the lakes more often if the fishing experience were improved.

"I think it goes beyond just the fishing," Widman said. "We can't answer some basic

questions: How healthy are our lakes? How productive are our lakes? I think it is our responsibility to make sure these lakes are safe, and healthy, and productive."

Foster has been providing weed control and other lake quality assessments for the past few years.

"They will be the first to admit that they went too far, because, in controlling the weeds, they were killing the fish habitat," Widman said.

Widman said the proposed study would use electrofishing to do a survey of the fish population in each of the Association's eight lakes.

He said Foster has looked at the head size versus the body size of fish taken from the lakes in the past and has found evidence that the fish are literally starving.

Widman said he had tried to get the proposal on the agenda for the last two work sessions, but the lifeguard controversy and pool access and surveillance system was deemed more important. Yet the optimal time to do a fish survey is in April; hence the need to address it in the Special Open Meeting.

He added that the largest cost of improving fishing is likely to be the construction of artificial habitats, and that will involve little if any cost to the community, because the necessary materials are either available or ready to

be donated. Those include fence posts and rails removed when the new pasture fence was erected, and PVC pipe donated by a Lakes & Dams committee member who is a plumber.

Both Les Sommers and Jim Allen objected not to the program, but to the way that it was hurried through the Finance Committee via email.

"We need to go back to our procedures that we have set up," Sommers said.

"We have policies and procedures in place that work very well," Allen said. "I would hate to see this Board unintentionally circumvent the policies and procedures."

"We are going to do every-

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Moore County Schools added this year. has several events scheduled in May to highlight instruction in science, tenchology, engineering and math [STEM]. They include:

Friday, May 6

Elementary Robotics Showcase; Pinecrest HS – Main Gym, 9:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

At this 2nd annual event, elementary teams will program robots to complete board challenges. An inventions piece will also be

Wednesday, May 11

Middle School Robotics Competition; Pinecrest HS - Main Gym, 9:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

This would be the first middle school event for robotics. It will be set up like an Olympic style event with student robots competing in varied tasks/challenges. There will be a space for inventions here as well.

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tax could produce. But, if the Village, with 900 residents and more than 500 households, has approximately 700 vehicles, that could generate \$21,000 annually. The Council has typically budgeted \$60,000 for street maintenance during the past few years, so the extra revenue could significantly increase that budget.

The new tax would apply to renters who have vehicles registered in the Village, as well as to homeowners.

"I think we should make a commitment to use it all for roads," Frusco said. "It's going to become a restricted fund that we have to use for roads. We do not have to do \$30, but with what we need to really keep up with roads, the difference between \$20 and \$30 is kind of miniscule. I would do the whole \$30."

"If police is a priority in the budget," she said, "it has to come out of somewhere. If we take it out of streets, then we aren't getting ahead of the problem."

"The alternative is to raise property taxes. I would rather do it with a tax related to 11se."

Frusco also raised the idea

of the \$30 motor vehicle tax accounts for a significant during the Council's Tuesday, April 12 regular meeting and encouraged citizens to weigh in on the idea by attending one of two public forums on the FY2017 budget, scheduled for Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, May 12 at 4:30 pm, both at the Village Hall.

Priority on public safety

The Village police force is a priority for both Councilman Vic Koos, who recently assumed responsibility for that department, and for Mayor Mick McCue, who oversaw public safety prior to being elected mayor.

Koos presented the Council with a proposal to return to three full-time police officers — the coverage level for a few months in 2008. He explained that the current staffing of two full timers and one part timer provides twelve hours of coverage per day. Bumping the part time officer to full time would increase that to eighteen hours per

That will cost \$28,600, Frusco said. She explained that full time employees of the Village are entitled to health insurance, which

portion of the cost increase.

An additional proposed salary bump for the existing full time officer will add another \$4,800 in costs. Both of those numbers include salaries, payroll taxes, and benefits.

Koos pointed out that the Village has been through three part-time officers in the past 400 days. Quoting Chief Chad Shue, he said, "We cannot expect a grown adult with a family to stay dedicated to a department on nineteen hours per week. This position is turning into an expensive revolving door."

"That all has merit. There's no question in my mind," Frusco said. She pointed out that the increased expense also works out in the FY2017 budget — but only for one reason: there is no request to purchase a new police vehicle.

"If we do this. Council needs to know that you are making a commitment to this person," she said. "We have three vehicles now. When we get another full timer, another vehicle will be going home, and the vehicles will need to be rotated more often. Sometime in the future, the Council will be asked to replace one of those vehicles."

"Our responsibility is to balance the must-have, the nice-to-have, and the dollars to pay for it," she said. "It is time for us to start looking at living within the money that comes into this Village."

"When you are talking about public safety, you have to be proactive, not reactive," Koos replied. "You have to try to prevent things from happening. You are talking about retired people, older people, and you have to be proactive with their safety."

Koos mentioned some recent incidents involving drugs in the Village, as well as the fact that new state requirements are increasing

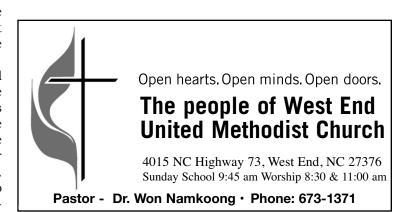
the paperwork burden for Chief Shue, reducing the time he can spend on patrol.

"I think the most important thing that the people in the Village want is to feel comfortable and safe," Councilman Don Boito said. "And there are a lot of other discretionary items - kind of discretionary — that we spend money on. Maybe we need to look at those and refocus on what people want."

"I don't understand the new legal paperwork. And I don't understand the drug use thing. I am not buying that as an argument," Councilman Jon Sedlak said.

"I understand the issue with part-time people, but look at what a business does:

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hire two part-timers instead of a full timer in order to avoid the health insurance."

"I take this as one of my top priorities," Mayor McCue said. I think there are a multitude of reasons why we need three officers."

He mentioned vacations, National Guard obligations of one officer, and the possibility that an officer could be called to another location in the County to provide backup, as happened recently on a report of shots fired in Carthage.

"Here is one of our guys running to the gunfire, and they would do same thing for any of us," McCue said. "And I then thought, so would a part-timer, for whom we are not paying retirement, not paying health insurance. And we should be. We ask these guys to protect us."

"Yes, we are in a safe community. Tomorrow, something different might happen. That's why we have police force. I think it's worth it."

McCue said it will be critical to find how to come up with the needed funds in the budget, and added that he would be willing to take \$5,000 out of road maintenance for the effort.

Water

There were few issues with the water budget request, though Sedlak suggested that a projection of \$231,000 in revenue might be a bit aggressive and indicated he would investigate it.

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Planned maintenance on the Village water tank means the water budget will operate with a negative cash flow that could amount to \$47,000 — or even \$77,000 — this year. But reserves are in place to cover that deficit.

The key question is whether the use of expensive pressure tanks — at a cost of \$30,000 — will need to be used to keep pressure in the Village system while the tank water level is lowered for maintenance. Testing will be conducted in the coming months to determine the answer to that question.

Free tennis clinic

A free tennis clinic fun day for kids ages 5-12 will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 1 pm at the Seven Lakes Tennis Center on the Northside.

Tennis instructor, Mike Roscoe, and the clubs tennis players will host this fun event.

All participants will need to wear sneakers. If you have a tennis racket bring it along, if not the center will be happy to supply one. Sign up your children by calling the tennis center at 690-6975 or 400-5275. If any parents would like to join their child at the end of the session, please do so – it's a lot of fun.

If anyone would like more information about about the tennis program, visit 7Lakestennis.com or drop the center to find out about Summer camps for the kids, adult clinics, and membership.

Administration

The Administration budget has no major changes, other than the deletion of an expense for a billboard on NC Highway 211 promoting the Village and Foxfire Golf.

"Another big expense that will not be in this year's budget is an election expense, because we don't have a municipal election this coming year," Frusco said.

Streets and parks

Councilman Boito said a key project for the coming year is to completely repave Ridge Road, at an estimated cost of \$72,000.

"In a study that was done ten years ago, that was one of the last that had to be done," he said.

Boito said he had received four bids on the landscaping contract, and the bid from the existing contractor was in line with the others.

"We get some pretty phenomenal service with the existing contractor," Frusco said. "Given that the numbers are very very close, I am of the opinion that we should stay with the existing contractor, based on what our current contractor does for this Village, which is over and above what you put in the contract. The appearance of the Village speaks for itself."

"He's the low bid, and every one is happy with him," McCue said.

Other budget items

Frusco said the budget for the pool was pretty close to the FY2016 budget, with a slight increase in anticipated revenues.

Frusco said the Council needed to think about raises for employees outside the

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Foxfire budget

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police department, and McCue suggested the Village needs a written policy governing increases.

Debt service expense should be lower in FY2017 because of a refinancing of the Village's outstanding loans, Frusco noted, as well as a substantial principal repayment on the Woodland Circle loan.

The Bottom line, Frusco

said, is a budget that is \$25,000 "to the good." Implementing the personnel expansion in the police department would move that number to a shortfall of \$484. But those budget estimates do not includes raises for other employees, nor do they include updated health insurance and pension contributions, which are set by the state.

also flat, until updated information on property tax valuations are received from the County and updates on other taxes are available from the state. Frusco said she hoped figures would be available by the Council's Thursday, April 28 Work Session.

Other business

In other matters discussed during the Foxfire Village Revenue projections are Council's March 31 Work

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- Council members reached consensus that a request to park a recreational vehicle overnight in Village Green Park should be denied, but Sedlak and McCue planned to find another parking spot to accommodate the visiting family.
- McCue said he wanted to make sure that public hearings and public comment segments of meeting did not

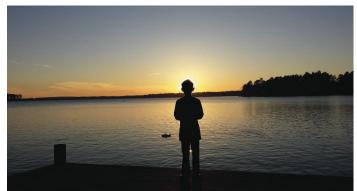
become the occasion for extensive back and forth between Council members and members of the public. "It can turn ugly and be unprofessional," he said. "More importantly, none of us can speak for the Council. We will give an answer, but not right then. It's a time for us to listen and take notes. We might provide an answer in the same meeting or another meeting."



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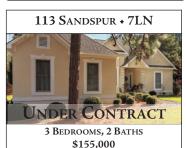


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