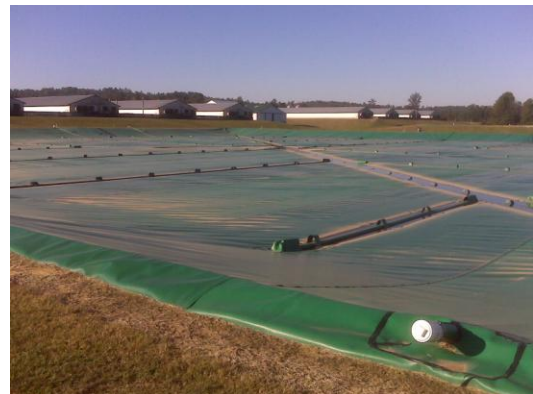


Renewable Energy a “Power”ful topic in Moore County

The **Sandhills-Southern Pines American Association of University Women** welcome **Dr. Alex Hobbs** to speak on “**Energy Challenges for North Carolina**” on **Thursday, March 11th, 2010 at 1:00PM** at the **Ball Center of Sandhills Community College**. This program will explore renewable energy options for North Carolina with a focus on economic development.

Dr. Hobbs is the Associate Director of Renewable Technologies for the NC Solar Center at NC State University. Dr. Hobbs has more than 40 years engineering experience with power generation, agricultural production and processing, and water and waste treatment. As a consulting engineer, Dr. Hobbs’ activities include animal waste treatment and post harvest crop handling system design, sanitation and microbiological control for food manufacturers using ozone, food processors and industrial waste treatment, ethanol and biodiesel plant design, and evaluation of in-plant and on-farm electrical generation and heat utilization. At the NC Solar Center, he is working to expand research into bioenergy, biofuels, and bioproducts. He is an advocate for energy efficiency programs in residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural sectors.



Dr. Hobbs’s presentation will be followed by a discussion of renewable energy options with a panel of local citizens, including Ray Odgen, Moore County Economic Development-Partners for Progress; Corky Trout, Moore Regional Hospital; Bill Smith, Alternative Fuels/Ford Automobile Dealer; and Dr. Larry Upchurch, Moore County Schools.



Sandhills Community College is located at 3395 Airport Road in Pinehurst, NC. [[campus map](#)] This program is open to the public and is part of the Sandhills-Southern Pines American Association of University Women’s “**Women Taking the Lead in Saving the Planet**” series.