

## What's real cost of SLLA Police?

How much does Seven Lakes Company Police cost, anyway?

If you read the ads and letters to the editor on the subject, or attend a Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] meeting or board work session, you'd think that question was at the very heart of the current debate about whether to retain or eliminate company police.

The newly-formed Concerned Citizen's Council [CCC] does want to save money, that's for sure, but the the disagreement between them and the SLLA board is not really about costs. Instead, it's about how many hours a week of roving security patrol are needed in Seven

Lakes North and South, whether that patrol should be conducted by police officers or security personnel, and whether having a company police force is ultimately an asset or a liability for the association.

In separate interviews with CCC and SLLA representatives last week, *The Times* found that both groups agree that the salary and benefits cost of a two-officer company police force will be approximately \$80,000 per year. That total includes salaries, health insurance, IRA contributions, and social security taxes for two employees.

SLLA Community Manager

(See "Company," p. 30)

## Six local lakes in new flood maps

Both Seven Lakes landowners associations are opposed to new Flood Insurance Rate Maps developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA] and state emergency officials.

Representatives from both the Seven Lakes and Seven Lakes West Landowners Associations [SLWLA] were on hand both to learn more about the new maps at a public information session on the maps held at a Woodlake Country Club on Wednesday, August 24.

The new maps place place lakefront properties on Lakes Auman, Sequoia, Echo, Longleaf, Big Juniper, and Ramapo in the 100-year flood plain.

Left unchallenged, this could force many lakefront homeowners to purchase expensive flood insurance.

emergency management office are doing the work under contract with FEMA. New maps are being developed for every county and every river system in the state.

The Moore County maps include two watersheds, the Cape Fear drainage, which includes most of the county, and the Lumber River drainage, which includes a smaller area in southern Moore County, including Lake Auman. The North-side lakes are in the Cape Fear Watershed.

The Lumber River maps were actually finished several years ago, and the SLWLA filed an appeal at that time. But the process of rolling those maps out in Moore County was held up waiting for the Cape Fear maps to be finished.

The SLWLA has renewed its

(See "FEMA" p. 28)

## Jackson makes Eagle Scout



**Matthew Jackson** of Boy Scout Troop 98 in West End was recently awarded his Eagle Scout rank in a ceremony at the West End United Methodist Church. (See story on page 4.)

## New westside subdivision

Chandler Hills, a new thirty-five home subdivision on thirty acres that stretches for nearly a mile along the outside of Longleaf Drive in Seven Lakes West was reviewed in a August 23 meeting of Moore County's Subdivision Review Board [SRB].

The board is charged with making sure that proposed developments meet the technical requirements of Moore County's Subdivision Ordinance, which cover everything from drainage to water supplies, roads and recreation.

Westsideers John and JoAnn Garner are developing the property. The Garners own Seven Lakes Hardware.

The area to be developed

stretches from the intersection of Longleaf Drive and Stedman, along the outside of Longleaf, to a point across the street from the intersection of Anchor and Longleaf.

After reviewing the Chandler Hills proposal, the SRB asked the planning staff to work further with Garner to incorporate staff recommendations and correct some deficiencies on the plan submitted.

During the SRB meeting, Planner Kathy Liles presented the planning staff's review of the proposed project, and both John Garner and Westside Community Manager Tony Robertson offered comments on the subdivision plan.

One of the chief concerns of the planning staff was that the proposed density of the development would restrict home sizes to smaller square footage than has become the norm in Seven Lakes West.

The 30-acre development lies in a WS-II Watershed Protection Area. State regulations limit the total amount of impervious surface — roads, driveways, patios, and structures — in a WS-II area to twelve percent of the total acreage. Roads and other infrastructure must be subtracted from this twelve percent before determining how large a home, driveway, and patio the lot can accommodate.

(See "Garner," p. 29)

# SLLA Security Report: August 15 – 28

The paragraphs below are based on handwritten reports filed by Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] security officers at the time of the incidents reported.

We hope to be able to provide public record information on violations or apparent violations of law reported to Seven Lakes Company Police in this report or a separate report beginning with our next issue.

SLLA Security reports do note when complaints are handed off to Seven Lakes Company Police, so those instances are reported below.

**August 15**  
A resident reported a pack of five or six stray dogs with no collars on Shenandoah at 8:45 am. The gate officers called Moore County Animal Control, who arrived in Seven Lakes at 9:07 am.

At 8:40 pm, a resident reported young men acting suspicious at Sequoia Point. Responding, patrol found five young men in the

area, two of whom left as soon as the patrol arrived. The other three were not found to be doing anything suspicious.

Later in the evening the same young men were seen at the Big Juniper picnic shelter. Moore County Sheriff's officers were called and three responded. The young men admitted to smoking marijuana and one was cited for attempting to flee the scene. After Sheriff's deputies left, Security patrol found a bong — a type of marijuana pipe — near the picnic shelter.

A resident turned in two sets of keys found at the South mailhouse. Security alerted the owners so that the keys could be picked up.

**August 16**  
A resident reported two cars speeding on Firetree, one of which met the description of a vehicle being sought by the Sheriff's Department. The gate guard notified the Sheriff's Office.

Roving patrol spotted four boys skateboarding near the landowners office and North Clubhouse. Security spoke with the boys and explained that the area was off-limits to skateboarders. Parents of three of the boys were contacted.

A resident on Sandspur reported that his dog was loose, but then recovered the dog.

Patrol found a vehicle parked

after hours in the Lake Echo parking lot, but it was gone 20 minutes later when patrol made another check.

Patrol found mud plastered on the Lake Sequoia shelter — a recurrent problem.

**August 17**  
Two Shenandoah residents reported roaming dogs at 7:10 am. Patrol caught four dogs, with no collars and took them to the maintenance area, later turning them over to Moore County Animal Control.

A resident reported that a picnic table was floating in the water at Sequoia Point. Patrol located the table and enlisted the help of some teenagers in the area to bring it ashore.

Patrol found a door ajar at the Fitness Center and secured it.

**August 18**  
All quiet.

**August 19**  
A resident on Devonshire reported that their cat had gotten loose.

**August 20**  
A resident on Edgewater reported a dog roaming. The dog was caught and the owner picked it up.

A resident reported boys attempting to remove the door from the lighthouse in Lake Sequoia. Security notified Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard.

The North Gate received multiple calls from a Firetree resident reporting vehicles parked after hours at Sequoia Point, as well as individuals in the vicinity of the boat docks. The gate officer was unable to reach either Chief Lombard or Security Supervisor Keith Edwards and so notified the Sheriff's Office.

Two Sheriff's deputies responded and notified the gate officer that they had found eight adults and two children fishing at Sequoia Point and no one near the boat docks.

**August 21**  
A resident reported that bolts were protruding from the speed humps on the Lake Sequoia dam. Security responded to correct the problem.

A resident reported three boys starting a fire near the North Side tennis courts. The description provided, along with security camera footage allowed security to identify the three boys involved. Security officers spoke in person with the mothers of each of the three boys.

Security Patrol found the back door of the Community Activity Center unlocked and the lock broken.

**August 22**  
The son of a resident called  
(See "SLLA Security," p. 27)

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# Full SLLA report on flood plain issues

by Don Truesdell  
SLLA Director  
Lakes & Maintenance  
[Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Director Don Truesdell delivered the following report on new Flood Insurance Rate Maps during the Wednesday, August 31 meeting of the association. We have reprinted Truesdell's entire report because of its importance to lakefront property owners.]

On Tuesday, August 16, I learned that the State of North Carolina has proposed that all of the lakefront properties on Lake Auman will be reclassified as being in a flood plain.

The negative impact of being located in a flood plain is that if a mortgage exists then the landowner will be required to buy flood insurance. The only vendor is FEMA and the estimated cost is \$600 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

There is also a real estate disclosure form that must be completed when selling a property. One of the questions concerns whether or not your house is in a flood plain. If you have to answer yes to this question it may have an adverse affect on the value of your property.

On Wednesday morning, August 17, I met with Tony Robertson to see if this proposed change in the flood plain for Lake Auman would have any impact on our lakes. He showed me a map of the proposed flood plain, indicating that all of the Lake Auman lakefront property would be reclassified as being in a flood plain. He suggested that I contact Katherine Liles, County Planner, in Carthage to see if any of our lakes would be affected.

On Wednesday afternoon, August 17, I met with Liles. She showed me several maps confirming that all of the lakefront property on our Lake Sequoia, Echo, Longleaf, Big J and Ramapo will be reclassified as being in a flow plain. Ms. Liles was not sure if Little J or Timber on the North Side or any lakes on the South Side were affected.

She also informed me that the State was having a public meeting on Wednesday, August 24, to provide affected property owners an opportunity to inspect

the State's proposed maps, confirm all of the lakes that are affected, determine the Basic Flood Elevation (BFE) and to ask any questions of the State's representatives. The BFE is the water level a lake will be

expected to reach in a 100 year flood.

On Thursday, August 18, I e-mailed S&ME, requesting a quote to survey the affected lakes. S&ME could not provide the services requested and sug-

gested that I contact Hobbs & Upchurch.

I spoke to Fred Hobbs and he confirmed that his firm could provide the necessary data and he would send one of his engineers, Jeff Thompson, to meet

me at the Seven Lakes Landowners Association building.

Dalton and I met with Thompson that afternoon. I gave Thompson a tour of the five affected lakes to determine the (See "Full," p. 21)



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# Meetings will gather input on new schools

by Tim Lussier  
Advisor for Community Relations  
Moore County Schools

Moore County Schools will host a series of three public meetings, one in each attendance area, for input on the preparation of a Master Plan to address school facility needs in the county.

Those wishing to participate are being asked to choose one of the three meetings to attend. In an effort to make them as convenient as possible, each one will be at the high school located in one of Moore County's three attendance areas.

The first meeting will be at Union Pines High School on September 8. The second meeting will be at North Moore High School on September 12 and the

final meeting at Pinecrest High School on September 13. These will be held in the schools' cafeterias beginning at 6:15 pm and ending at 8:30 pm.

Each meeting will be led by Sue Robertson an educational facility planner with Planning Alliance of Raleigh.

At these meetings participants will explore current issues and

future trends in education and provide feedback about the educational programs and facilities in Moore County.

The purpose of the meetings is to engage the community in understanding the concepts and helping to develop school facility solutions that will respond to the educational program offerings in Moore County for the

next ten years.

"Community input is essential as we begin work on a Master Plan that will address our facility needs and what it will take to meet those needs for at least 10 years into the future," said Dr. Susan Purser, Superintendent. "It is my hope that we'll have a

good turnout for each of the site meetings, and I encourage parents of school-aged children, as well as those who may not have a child in Moore County Schools, to come join us for what I know will be a rewarding and productive evening."

## Bensalem Homecoming

Bensalem Presbyterian will host its annual Ingathering and Homecoming September 24 and 25.

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# Jackson makes Eagle Scout

Matthew Jackson 15, of Troop 98 in West End has been awarded his Eagle Scout rank in a ceremony at the West End United Methodist Church.

Matthew was awarded the metal by Scoutmaster Dwane Parsons. President Bush sent a letter of congratulations and Senator Elizabeth Dole sent a commemorative American flag to honor the occasion.

He is currently serving as the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader

and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. Matthew joined Cub Scout Pack 98 in 1996 and Boy Scout Troop 98 in 2001. For his Eagle project, he designed and installed an automatic sprinkler system for the Church yard at West End United Methodist.

Matthew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson of Eagle Springs and the grandson of Mrs. Robert "Q" Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jackson of Raleigh.



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# Violations could force cut in dump hours

Maintenance issues dominated the August 25 work session of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association board, though employee health insurance, company police, and flood plain maps were also on the agenda.

**Reducing debris dump hours.** Recounting rules violations at the community debris dump, Director Don Truesdell, who has responsibility for lakes and maintenance, suggested opening the dump only one hour per day, when it could be manned by a member of the roving security patrol.

"You'll have a revolution," SLLA President Jack Fathauer replied.

Truesdell said he had personally spotted a number of violations of dump rules, including oversized material, pine straw in plastic bags, and unauthorized use of the dump by a contractor.

After considerable discussion about what could be done, the board decided that Truesdell should report on the violations during the August general meeting and solicit suggestions from landowners.

**Street repairs.** Truesdell said maintenance supervisor Toody

Phillips had surveyed community streets and mapped out the various areas that need crack sealing, patching, or other repairs. He asked the board to approve obtaining a quote from ARM, a paving contractor that the West

The board agreed that such an account would be created once the total funds available reached \$100,000 — a level at which better interest rates can be obtained on investments.

**Dam mowing.** Truesdell asked for and received board approval to hire Horton Lawn Services to mow eight of the nine dams that the association maintains,

twice in September and once in October. This would free up SLLA maintenance crews to handle repairs and construction projects that have been put on hold, Truesdell said. He noted it would also give the association an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of outsourcing this maintenance task.

**Health Insurance.** Community Manager Dalton Fulcher reported that the association had bids from several companies on the renewal of its employee health

insurance policy. The cost of the current Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina [BCBS] policy will increase by more than \$100 per employee per month, from \$435 to \$538.

Other companies offered monthly premiums of \$481 and \$463 for a policy comparable to the BCBS policy, which has a \$2,500 deductible.

The Principal Group also offered a policy with a \$5,000 deductible for \$419. The association covers deductible medical costs over \$100 up to the deductible amount for employees,

a decision made several years ago when the board wanted to save monthly costs by moving from a policy with a low deductible to a high-deductible. Employees cover their own co-pays for visits to doctors and specialists.

Director Jeff Herman, who was appointed in the July work session to work with Fulcher on the health insurance issue, said that, in the past five years, only one employee has ever gone over their \$2,500 deductible.

(See "Board," p. 17)

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Side has been using. After discussion, the board agreed that Truesdell should poll the board members for approval once the quote is available.

**Reserve Fund.** Truesdell asked that the \$50,000 set aside for street repairs in the SLLA's Fiscal Year 2005-2006 budget be placed in a separate account so that it is not spent on anything else.

He also recommended — following up a general session comment from resident Dave Kinney — that an expected \$40,000 in income from the sales of lots owned by the association be placed in the same account.

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# SLLA meeting draws capacity crowd

Despite and balky sound system, a near-capacity crowd was treated to a lively exchange of information, ideas, and suggestions during the August General meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

**Security.** Director Loren Swearingen said he was concerned about a misconception in the community that Seven Lakes Company Police had jurisdiction on the private property of landowners, if the landowner asked for assistance from Company police.

Swearingen read from a 2004 letter prepared by North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper's office for Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter that stated explicitly that Company Police has no jurisdiction on the property of landowners.

Swearingen noted recent recent activity by the Moore County Sheriff's department in the community and encouraged "all residents, when you have the opportunity, to please personally thank our Sheriff's deputies for the fine, responsible job they are doing in protecting the Seven Lakes community for they are the only ones who can give us the complete police coverage all Seven Lakes residents deserve."

**Finance.** Reporting for Treasurer John Paulson, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher said July revenues totaled \$53,900, up from \$44,200 last year, while expenses were \$91,200, down from \$104,200 last year.

On a year-to-date basis, revenues are \$71,700 ahead of last year, while expenses are running \$33,300 under last year.

**Community Standards.** Director Jeff Herman reported that during the month of August there were ten community standards complaints, nine of which were corrected with a single warning.

He said the committee had mapped out a new path for trail rides that will keep the horses off Edgewater Drive, where there have been complaints of property damage.

Herman said he is putting together a group of volunteers who can help out with minor repairs and other maintenance tasks when property owners cannot handle the repairs themselves. Those interested in volunteering or getting more information can contact Herman at 673-4610 or via email at [jherman@mdmedi.com](mailto:jherman@mdmedi.com).

**Police Oversight.** Herman, who was named head of the new police oversight committee last month, said there were inconsistencies in the information that accompanied a poll on

(See "Herman," p. 20)

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Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting

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**Sean Williams**  
Pittsford Mendon High  
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Sean Williams graduated from Pittsford Mendon High School, Pittsford, NY. He plans to pursue a chemical engineering degree at Northeastern University, Boston, MA.

Sean is the grandson of Ray and Dodie Maier of Seven Lakes North.

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tion to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) be approved in the amount of \$95,632. The Village had applied for this grant to assist in the devel-

opment of the Village Green Project, Foxfire Village's initial; municipally owned recreational area. "This is great news for Foxfire Village," commented Mayor Ed Phillips, upon receiving the news from the Governor's Office. "This will be a significant contribution to making the Village Green a reality." "It is my understanding that the state recommendation to the Department of Interior is always followed, since state personnel are the individuals charged with the evaluation of all LWCF applications." The recommendation means that the Village Green Project is

an extension of the State Comprehensive Recreation Program (SCORP) and the acquisition and development of Phase I of the Village Green will do much to further the SCORP long-range goals. "A limited number of LWCF grants are recommended to the Department of Interior, due to the limited resources available, Foxfire Village is very fortunate to receive this good news." "With the addition of this grant, the Village Green will become a reality with approximately 30 percent local tax dollars, 50 percent state tax dollars, and 20 percent federal tax dollars, the Village has done a tremendous

job in leveraging local tax dollars to acquire and develop a recreational asset that will serve the Village for many years to come," said Phillips. Foxfire Village has scheduled a Village Green groundbreaking for Saturday, October 1 at 10 am. "This is a great time to see the Village Green in a "before" condition, to meet those responsible for the making the Village Green possible, and to enjoy the fellowship of the Village," said Phillips. The public is invited and urged to attend this milestone event for Foxfire Village.

## Meet the Merchants Night Planned for September 20

The Seven Lakes-West End Business Guild will hold their annual Meet The Merchants Night on Tuesday, September 20, 5:30-8:30 pm. The event will feature free food, drinks, and entertainment for all that attend. The event draws upwards of 1000 people each year as the local businesses say "thank you" to area residents for another year of support. Headliners for the event is the most popular group which the Guild has ever sponsored, the highly entertaining McKenzie Brothers Band. Their appearance is being sponsored by Bill and Judy McNeill of Jubilee Screen Printing. Pizza Cafe will be providing pizza for all in attendance and Phoenix Fashions will furnish beverages. At least 50 local businesses will be represented, most of them providing door prizes or raffle type give-a-ways. This event is open to all area businesses. Anyone wishing to participate can contact Darrell Marks at Phoenix Fashions, 673-5998. Sign-ups are well underway with nearly half of the available spaces are already reserved.

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# Bookshop by the Lakes to host local author

Bookshop by the Lakes will host Robbins author Phyllis Haywood Lambert, signing her book *Peaches and Cream: A Journey to Self-Actualization* at 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 10. Historical fiction intensified with a touch of mystery is always entertaining. But when it is based on fact, the entertainment is quickly elevated to a level of fascination.

So it is with *Peaches and Cream, A Journey to Self-Actualization*, author Phyllis Lambert's richly poetic narrative about her family, the Haywoods, and the drama that unfolds from the historical documents she discovered in her grandfather's mysterious dresser drawer.

From Civil War soldier to contemporary North Carolina, Lambert leads us on a journey through the arts, culture, beliefs and habits of a time when life seemed richer and emotions rang true. Sprinkled throughout this compelling history lesson are tales of love, murder, deceit and intrigue.

Phyllis H. Lambert is an educator, a school counselor at Robbins Elementary School, as well as a licensed and certified counselor with state and national credentials. She is certified in curriculum development with a M.S.A. degree. A community activist, she serves on the Board of Directors for Northern Moore Tomorrow as well as the Board of Trustees of the Moore County Library. She and her husband are the parents of two sons and reside in Robbins.

## Kids fish in Foxfire tourney

by Elizabeth Schettler

Foxfire Police Chief Rick Rhyne and Sergeant Mike Campbell's fifth annual Kids' Fishing Tournament was held at Lake McKenzie on Saturday, August 27. This was the initial event of the Village's celebration of "Foxfire Days" chaired by Ron and Elsa Schermerhorn. One hundred fifty kids, accompanied by their parents, lined the lake, which had previously been stocked with fish. Each of the young fishermen was given a prize bag, filled with gifts from numerous local merchants. There were also prizes for the largest and most fish caught. Talbert's Caterers provided food for the children. North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission set up their fascinating "Sensory Safari" filled with native birds and animals, shown by Randy Thomas. Ben Meyer showed the Wildlife Enforcement Officers' Patrol vehicle and boat, Danny Taylor showed the North Carolina Forestry Service vehicle, and Foxfire's Hummer was also on display. Each of the young fishermen brought their catches to Bob Knight, who carefully measured each fish before it was released into the lake. The total catch for the day was forty-six fish, and two turtles. Contest prizes, donated by many of the area's merchants, were awarded to Grant Williams, who caught six fish; Andrew Lanier, and Aubrey Dalton were second and third. Largest fish of the day, measuring sixteen and one-half inches, was caught by Andrew Lanier. Prizes for the most unusual catch went to Austin D'Atri and Steven Pappas, each of whom caught a turtle. Each year children from Foxfire and its neighboring communities participate in this event. Police Chief Rhyne thanks all of the merchants for their generosity, and the many men and women who helped make the day so successful.

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# Renovations underway at WEE ball field

by Sandi Burrell

West End Elementary is in the process of renovating their baseball field with the hope that it will be used more by the local community. The public is welcome to use the field and any suggestions for events can be directed to Billy Ransom or Sandi Burrell. If you want to use the field, just call Billy Ransom with Moore County Parks and Recreation at 947-2504 to check the schedule for availability and rules for use.

We would like to thank several people in the community for their upcoming help with the renovations: David Cheek for taking on the responsibility of repairing the dugouts and con-

cession stand roof, John Garner at Seven Lakes Hardware for donating the materials for the repairs, Chip Resh for installing a fence in front of the landscaping and Eddie Matthews for raking and placing our pine straw and cleaning the storage room at the field. Also, Billy Ransom will be re-claying the infield.

A big thank you to all for your support in our community. If anyone else would like to help on the renovations or other ball field projects, we would welcome your assistance.

Throughout the next few months you will also notice new signs on the outfield fence. Thank you to everyone that will be advertising at the field and to

Creative Solutions who will be making the new signs. We are in need of a handicap ramp to make the field more accessible but need help with this project. If you can help with labor or materials for this project please contact Sandi Burrell at 673-0901.

## Roughton, Loy engaged

Calvin and Ada Loy of Seven Lakes North proudly announce the engagement of their son, Rick Ira Loy to Lisa Renee Roughton, daughter of Ed and Sandy Roughton of Lake Gaston.

Mr. Loy is a graduate of Hodgson High School, Glasgow, DE. He is employed by Time Warner Cable Company and serves as a Lieutenant in the the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.

Ms. Roughton is a graduate of Falls Road Baptist School, in Rocky Mount, and attended Campbell University and E.C.P.I. She is employed by Siebel Corporation as a Computer Technical Engineer.

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The McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church Youth Tennis Academy Fall Edition will run September 12 – October 31, meeting Mondays 4–6 pm at McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church, between Pinehurst and Foxfire Village. Preregister for the youth tennis program by calling 295-0107 or by email at mcdonaldschapel@carolina.net. Registration fee is \$30.

# Ladies Oriental Shrine wants members

LOSNA has over 20,000 members in 87 Courts throughout North America. The aim and goals of the Ladies Oriental Shrine are to promote sociability, good fellowship and the betterment of all ladies connected with the organization.

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MISPAH Club formed in February 2004 and is looking for women who would like to join them. Any woman who has a relative who is a Master Mason, is eligible.

The group is planning to attend the Fall Fashion Show hosted by Phoenix Fashions and at Beacon Ridge Country Club on Monday, September 12 at noon. The cost is \$11.

If you are interested or want more information, please call Dee Weinmann, President at 281-0961 or Jean McCalman, Vice President at 673-5606. Plan to join the group for fun and find out what Ladies Oriental Shrine is all about.



## Seven Lakes Lions Visit Camp Dogwood

by Howie Pierce

The Seven Lakes Lions and their spouses recently visited Camp Dogwood, the North Carolina Lions facility located on Lake Norman. They helped serve a picnic meal to the visually handicapped attendees who were spending a week enjoying the recreational and living accommodations supported by the Lions Annual Dogwood ticket sales.

During the past three years, the Sandhills Lions Club has raised over \$11,000 in Dogwood ticket sales to help fund the operating expenses and the construction of a new dormitory for the Camp.

The Lion's mission is to provide support to the visually and hearing impaired in our community, state, and around the world by fund raising activities like the Annual White Cane Drive for contributions from residents, the business and professional community, and an Annual Spring Golf Outing. In addition, they also sell brooms made by the handicapped.

The Sandhills Lions Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse at 6:30 pm.

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# Youth mission

by Teresa Copper  
Director of Youth

West End Presbyterian Church  
Members of the West End Presbyterian Church Youth Group traveled to Charlotte, NC August 19-21 to participate in the C.R.O.S.S. program at Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

They went to Joshua's Farm and helped with cleaning horse troughs and organizing farm tools to help prepare the farm for their mission.

Joshua's Farm is named for a young boy who suffered from Hurler's Syndrome, a degenerative disease that left him in a wheelchair for the last two years of his life. He never allowed his disabilities to interfere with his love of the outdoors. Joshua died in 1995 at the age of 9.

In an effort to extend Joshua's legacy of courage and joy, Joshua's Farm was born. The farm is a destination filled with therapeutic, educational and fun activities dedicated to children and adults living with disabilities.

After a morning on the farm, the youth went to the Charlotte Rescue Mission and prepared dinner for eighty residents.

Charlotte Rescue Mission is the only free Christian-based addiction recovery program in Char-

lotte. Through their men's program, "Rebound," and women's program, "Dove's Nest," clients have a chance to walk away from the streets, the pain of their past, and the lost and broken dreams to the life God has planned for them.

After dinner was prepared, the youth joined Charlotte Rescue Mission clients for dinner and shared experiences.

In addition to enjoying the company of our youth, some of the clients discussed their addictions and dreams with the youth group hoping that they would not follow the paths they had taken.



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# Campbell in national show

by Mason Gould

Veteran Seven Lakes artist Ann Campbell continues to make her mark.

In her first participation in a national art show "Watercolor U.S.A. 2005" at the Springfield Art Museum in Springfield, MO (June 11-August 7), her painting entitled "From Beaufort, NC" a seashore scene, was gobbed up as a Patron Preview Purchase. Ann's entry was the only one of the submitted by North Carolina artists to be exhibited.

There were 893 entries from 490 artists in 44 states. Ninety were selected for display.

Ann received a grant for work at the studio center in Johnson, VT during the month of August. Above right: Jerry Bergeer, director of the Springfield Art Museum, stands beside Seven Laker Ann Campbell's "From Beaufort, NC" painting.



# Help Red Cross Alleviate Type O Blood Shortage

by Jack Lynn

You can help so many people in need if you join in the blood drive on Wednesday, September 14 at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The Red Cross will start collections at 1:00 pm and will continue until 6:00 pm.

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**Diane C. Harmon**, 63, of Aberdeen, died Sunday, August 21 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Harmon was born in Kennebunkport, ME. She grew up in California, she was an avid surfer and beachcomber. She taught school in Maryland for 25 years. After retiring from teaching, she became an antiques dealer. She owned West End Antiques in

West End.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Harmon; son, Dean Dolsen of Maryland; daughter Danell Dolsen of Jackson Springs; sisters, Enid Dolsen of Atlanta, GA and Carol Wright of Whittaby Island, WA.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association,

P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of Southern Pines assisted the family.

**Jean Wilson Fox**, 86, of Pinehurst, formerly of Seven Lakes died on Wednesday, August 24 at Inn at Quail Haven.

Mrs. Fox was born in Cleveland, Ohio to the late William

August Wilson and Rose Stedronski Wilson. She had volunteered for the Cleveland Society for the Blind for 30 years.

Survivors include two sons, John W. Fox, Jr., of Stockton, CA, William W. Fox of Sanford; two

sisters, Margaret Hennage and Catherine Schneider of Indianapolis, IN. Three grandchildren also survive.

No local services will be held.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines assisted the family.

# Rescue League events

by Lou Aatkins

Sandhills Animal Rescue League would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who donated items for our Annual July White Elephant Sale at the Women's Exchange in Pinehurst.

The League is also grateful for all the people who stopped by and bought the gently used items.

The next Fundraiser will be on Saturday, September 10, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in front of Russell's Auction on Highway 211 in Seven Lakes Business Village.

We have some of the items left from our July sale and some items just donated for the sale. Come by and visit and maybe find a bargain or two.

Sandhills Animal Rescue League is always in need of volunteers to foster rescued pets, help with fundraisers, and with our Adopt-a-thons.

Here is Sandhills Animal Res-

cue League's schedule for September :

**Saturday, September 3 –**

PetsMart, noon until 4:00 pm.

**Sunday, September 4 –**

PetsMart, noon to 4:00 pm.

**Saturday, September 10**

Yard Sale – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, at Russell's Auction, Highway 211, Seven Lakes Business Village.

**Saturday, September 17 –**

PetsMart, National Pet

Adopt-a-thon Days, noon to 4:00 pm.

**Sunday, September 16 –**

PetsMart, National Pet Adopt-a-thon Days, noon to 4:00 pm.

**Saturday, September 24 –**

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The support provided by the both of you, as well as Debbie and Sally in the office was wonderful. Communication by e-mail was extremely helpful.

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# Pauley lectures include McGovern, Driesell

The Ruth Pauley Lecture Series begins its nineteenth season on September 15 with Major General Sidney Shachnow, (retired), a Holocaust survivor, Vietnam veteran, and former Commander of the United States Army Special Forces. General Shachnow's lecture will be entitled "Hope and Honor" from his best-selling autobiography.

On October 11, Dr. Kenneth Duckworth, Medical Director for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill will discuss mental health. This lecture will be co-sponsored by the Moore County Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Dr. Bert Ehrman, the James A. Gray Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at UNC-Chapel Hill will lec-

ture on "Truth and Fiction in the DaVinci Code" on January 19.

The Sam Ragan Lecture on February 16, co-sponsored by *The Pilot* will feature Coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell, formerly of Davidson College, the University of Maryland, James Madison University, and Georgia State University. Coach Driesell achieved 786 career basketball

wins and had 22 seasons with 20 or more victories. Coach Driesell will talk on "Managing to Win."

The series concludes on March 6 with a talk by former South Dakota Senator and 1972 Democratic Presidential Candidate George McGovern. The Senator will discuss "America: The Road Ahead."

The Ruth Pauley Lecture Series is co-sponsored by the Moore County League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, the Moore County Schools, and Sandhills Community College. Lectures are at the Owens Auditorium

on the Sandhills Community College campus in Pinehurst. The Lectures are free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Lectures begin at 7:30 pm. For additional information, call 910-245-3132.

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The format is a three-person scramble. Details of both the 18 Hole (#1-18) or 9 Hole competition (#10-18) are available in the Pro Shop. All tee times will be arranged so each team finishes on #18 to the applause of a Membership Gallery surrounding the green.

Seating for participants and spectators will be available on the bank behind the green and on bleachers arranged to the sides of the green.

SLCC General Manager Michael Spayd will greet each team on #1 and assist with an extra opening tee shot. Mike will also be available on the 18th red tee to assist each team with an extra tee shot. He is a Class A Golf Professional and can place a drive within 50 yards of the 18th green!

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### SLCC Junior Tennis Camp

Seven Lakes Country Club is pleased to announce their Fall Junior Tennis Clinic. The clinic will begin on Monday, September 12 and will run throughout the fall every Monday afternoon from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

All junior tennis players are welcome, this includes grade school through middle school. The lessons are being offered at no cost to the participants by Bruce L. Adams, a certified teaching tennis professional.

Adams most recently was the Director of Tennis at National Golf Club and past President of Moore Tennis Association.

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# Board changes health insurance carriers

(Continued from page 6)

Consequently, adopting a higher deductible policy could save the association money.

The board earlier this year voted to require that existing employees cover any increase in the cost of their health insurance premiums.

Herman said that he and Fulcher would be meeting in coming weeks to look at strategies for having employees contribute a greater share of their health care insurance costs, reducing the associations out-of-pocket costs.

Herman asked for and received board approval to move forward with the \$5,000 deductible policy from the Principal Group.

**Recording votes.** Truesdell made a motion that minutes of board members record the vote cast by each director. Previously, the minutes have only indicated whether a motion passed or failed. The board unanimously approved the motion.

**Company Police Poll.** Fathauer said he had had a copy of the Concerned Citizens Council's ballot on company police marked up and placed inside the glassed-in bulletin

board in the North mailhouse. Written across the ballot in red ink were a couple of sentences encouraging landowners to get all the facts before sending in the

### SLLA Meetings

**Work Session:**  
Thurs., Sept. 22, 2:00 pm  
Landowners Office

**General Session:**  
Wed., Sept. 28, 7:30 pm  
North Clubhouse

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ballot. Fathauer said CCC President Jim Gunderson had objected to this treatment of the ballot and asked whether board members had any objection. Don Truesdell suggested that both the marked up ballot and an unmarked ballot should be posted side-by-side. No other board members objected.

"It's not an official ballot," Fathauer concluded. "The board will let it [the marked up ballot] stand."

**Company Police Comments.** JoAn Moses a former member of the board, had asked for some time on the board's work session agenda. Noting her service on the board and that she had been a landowner since 1979 and a resident since 1983, Moses asked a number of questions of the board regarding the need for company police: for example, whether the changing demographics of the community create a need for company police, and what sort of protection the community will have without company police.

Attempting to answer those questions, Fulcher, Herman, and Truesdell wound up debating the issues, and, ultimately, Truesdell asked whether the question-and-answer approach was appropriate.

"I haven't filled out this ballot," Moses said, referring to the CCC poll, "because this ballot is imbalanced. Don't insult me by giving one side and expect me to vote on this by giving me one side and not the other."

"I am very appalled at the hostility that is shown in this community," she continued. "It is terrible for the atmosphere here

in Seven Lakes."

"I can't believe adults could become so vindictive against someone who is trying to enforce the law."

**9-1-1.** SLLA President Jack Fathauer opened the work session expressing concern that landowners are still not getting the message that they should call 9-1-1 in case of emergency, rather than the North Gate — despite articles in *The Times* and notices in the Interlake making that point.

Truesdell suggested that the Association send out a letter informing residents that 9-1-1 is their "first line of defense" in case of emergency. He said he

was concerned that the current by-laws do not make clear the roles of association employees in this regard.

Fathauer suggested that a refrigerator magnet stressing the use of 9-1-1 might be appropriate.

Herman questioned whether the letter or magnet would be worth the expense, since the use of 9-1-1 in emergencies has been promoted in communities large and small for years.

Fathauer asked board members to think about some strategies and bring them to the next work session.

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12 French Onion Soup Baked Spaghetti Dinner	13 Split Pea Soup Chicken Pot Pie Dinner	14 Cream of Mushroom Soup Beef Enchilada Dinner	15 Potato Leek Soup Tilapia Veracruz Dinner	16 Shrimp Sausage Gumbo Pork with Mustard Dinner
19 Lentil & Sausage Soup Meatloaf Dinner	20 White Bean Chicken Chili Chicken Piccata Dinner	21 Curried Carrot Soup Pot Roast Dinner	22 Crab & Shrimp Bisque Pecan-Crusted Tilapia Dinner	23 Manhattan Clam Chowder Chicken Tetrazzini Dinner
26 Sweet Potato Bisque Shepherd's Pie Dinner	27 Beef Barley Soup Chicken Enchilada Dinner	28 Black Bean Soup Chinese Pepper Steak Dinner	29 Cream of Chicken with Wild Rice Soup Lemon Shrimp Oriental Dinner	30 Corn Chowder Pork with Apples Dinner



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- **Progressive Farmer Idea and Farmstead House** – 10am - 5pm, Thurs-Sat, 1pm - 5pm, Sundays through September 25. Located in McLendon Hills. Tickets \$5. 692-3330.
- **North Carolina Clay: Past and Present** – on going exhibit. 10:00 to 4:00 pm daily. Seagrove, NC Pottery Center. 336-873-8430.
- **War on Terror** – through December 2005. Fayetteville. Airborne and Special Operations Museum. 866-547-0649.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- **Mixed Paper Recycling**

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## What's When Calendar

phone books, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, flattened corrugated cardboard, office paper, and newspapers. Contact Joan Neal at 947-3478.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- **Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary** – 2:00 pm, West Side Community Center. Jeanne Follansbee Quinn, PhD, from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro will be the guest speaker, discussing Women's literature. Refreshments served.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 7:30 pm at the Westside Community Center – activities room. Elizabeth

Brown from L & B Landscaping of Southern Pines, will speak about perennial and drought gardens. Door prizes with a question and answer time.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- **Bookshop by the Lakes**– 2:00 pm, local author, Phyllis Haywood Lambert, of Robbins will sign and discuss her book

"Peaches and Cream: A Journey to Self-Actualization."

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- **President's Scramble** – at Seven Lake Country Club Members Captains Choice Challenge. Format is a three-person scramble. Details available in the Pro Shop.
- **New Birth Praise Ministries** – Biscoe, 4:00 pm, Guest Speaker, Elder Mable Chambers fro the Power House of Deliverance Garden Cathedral, Greensboro. Call 910-428-4800. Located at 1145 US 220 Alt.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- **Junior Tennis Camp**– 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, sponsored

by Seven Lakes Country Club Clinic. Starts today and runs throughout the fall every Monday afternoon. All junior tennis players are welcome, grade school – middle school. Lessons offered at no cost to the participants. To register, call the Club Office at (910) 673-1088. The club looks forward to seeing all the participants on the courts.

- **Advanced Care Planning: Isn't it time we talk?** – 6:00 to 7:30 pm, Southern Pines Civic Club, 105 South Ashe

Street. Two part program series to educate and assist with completion of a Declaration of Desire for Natural Death and Health Care Power of Attorney. Sponsored by Moore County Dept. of Aging. Call 947-2881 for advance registration. No charge for program

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- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes** – 3:00 pm in Game Room next to Northside Landowner's Office. An Open Forum – email questions to Al Nichols (canichols@earthlink.net) or bring them to the meeting.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

- **American Red Cross Bloodmobile** – visiting Seven Lakes, 1:00 pm–6:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Preferred donation time registrations can be taken at 673-3941. Let's exceed the collection goal.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

- **FirstHealth of the Carolinas Estate Planning for Women's Workshop** – 9:30 registration, 10:00 - noon. Country Club of North Carolina Ballroom. A panel of local financial law professionals will be available for discussion and questions for this complimentary program. Call 695-7510 to register. Seating is limited. Light lunch following program.
- **Caregiver Support Group**

– 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, Southern Pines Civic Club, 105 South Ashe Street. (meets every third Thursday each month). A support group for individuals that are caring for older, ill, or disabled persons. Sponsored by Moore County Dept. of Aging 947-2881.

- **Ruth Pauley Lecture Series** – 7:30 pm, a talk by Major General Sidney Shachnow (retired) entitled "Hope and Honor." The lecture will chronicle General Shachnow's life as a Holocaust survivor, Vietnam veteran, and commander of the Green Berets. The lecture will be in Owens Auditorium on the Sandhills Community College Campus in Pinehurst. Free, open to the public. 245-3132.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

- **McKenzie Brothers Entertain at Seven Lakes Country Club** – cocktail service begins at 5:30pm; dinner at 6:00; and music at 7:00 pm. Total all-inclusive cost for members is \$18.95. Non-members \$23.95. Members may sign-up by phoning 673-1100. Non-members are welcome to call on Aug.22. Join in for a festive evening of fun.
- **Literacy Luncheon** – welcoming William Martin,

sponsored by the Friends of Given Memorial Library. 12:30 pm at Pinehurst Members Club. Mr. Martin was the winner of the 2005 New England Book Award for fiction. \$30 payable to: Friends of the Given Library, P.O. Box 1415 – Pinehurst, NC 28370 or call Nancy Geddes 215-5990.


**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

- **League of Women Voters Luncheon** – 11:30 am, anyone interested may attend the luncheon. Guest speaker, Carolyn Eddy, Executive Director, The Coalition for Human Care. Her talk will be "Poverty in Moore County." \$12. Checks only accepted. At the Paddock Restaurant, Longleaf Country Club, Midland Road, Southern Pines. To reserve, call by Friday, September 16. Call Norma Sullins at 910-673-3980.
- **Meet the Merchants Night** – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, sponsored by Seven Lakes/West End Business Guild. Free food, drinks, entertainment and prizes. Enjoy a fun filled evening your Business Community merchants. Call Darrell Marks at 673-5998 to reserve your space.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

- **SLWLA Fall Picnic** – End-of-Summer picnic at Johnson Point Recreation Area. Catered picnic dinner.

Cost \$10 per person; children five and under free. Tickets will be on sale at the West Side mail room. Linda Tableman is the chair person.



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# Herman seeking police committee members

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Company Police being conducted by the Concerned Citizen's Council.

He encouraged residents to get all the facts "before you lean one way or the other."

Herman said Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard has been working with other governmental agencies to find posters, stickers, and other reminders that can be used to encourage residents to call 9-1-1 in case of emergency. "If there's trouble, call 9-1-1," Herman said. "9-1-1 knows who to call to get you the help you need."

Herman reported that, since July 9, Chief Lombard Company issued fifteen citations, three written warnings, and numerous verbal warnings.

He said Lombard spoke with children attending summer day camp about safety, Herman said, including the importance of bicycle helmets, protecting against bike theft, and dealing with strangers.

Herman said the Chief suggested adding two speed limit signs on Dogwood; the originals were removed and never replaced.

Addressing the CCC poll on Company Police, Herman said that he had "issued a direct challenge to those that were unhappy with the decision made by the Board of Directors regarding Company Police and agreed in writing to take the results to the Board."

Though "a group of Seven Lakers rose to the challenge," Herman said, they had confused the issue with a "questionnaire made to look like a ballot" that "contained numerous verifiable false statements." He said he had also been attacked personally by name.

"I may be 'rude' and I may need an 'elementary course in civility,'" Herman said, "but at least I am honest, straight forward, genuinely interested in what is best for this community and unwilling to mislead in order to promote my objectives."

"In my opinion this group now lacks credibility regarding this issue," he added.

Herman said he is looking for "serious volunteers" interested in making a constructive contri-

bution to serve on a police oversight committee. He said his goal is to expand and improve the department and the number of hours of police coverage.

**Rules Enforcement.** Apparently in response to Swearingen's remarks, Herman noted that Moore County Sheriff's Deputies are not able to enforce SLLA rules and regulations — like parking lot curfews.

Swearingen countered with an assertion that, in fact, neither Seven Lakes Company Police, nor Seven Lakes Security Officers, no Moore County Sheriff's Deputies could enforce association rules and regulations. "They can only monitor compliance," Swearingen said.

**Architectural review.** Director Ron Richmond said his committee had approved one new home and seven alterations and additions in the past month.

**Lakes and Maintenance.**

Director Don Truesdell offered an extensive report dealing with a range of maintenance issues. They are covered in our report on the board's August 25 work session, on page 6, and, on page 3, in Truesdell's full report on FEMA flood plain maps.

**Recreation.** Director Jackie Scotti reported on a number of maintenance needs in the recreation department, including repairs to the pool storage shelter, repairs to the stable roof, and providing handicapped accessibility at the Sequoia Point — including a handrail that will provide access to Lake Sequoia.

She said her committee continues to try to find a safe place for skateboarders and noted that the tennis courts are in bad need of repairs — estimated to cost \$25,000.

She said summer programs had been well-attended and sign-ups for number of fall pro-

grams are already attracting participants.

There are already 50 children signed up for dance classes, which begin September 6. The stables will soon be starting an after-school horse club for kids. A trip to a Davidson County winery and the Bob Timberlake gallery are in the works, along with a number of other fall trips. A shopping trip to Smithfield and a trip to Brookgreen gardens near Myrtle Beach are also on


the fall schedule.

The quilting class, popular last year, will resume this fall.

Scotti said a second annual Halloween Party would be held jointly with the West Side in the West Side Park Community Center on October 29.

**Public Comment.** Lucille Lehman and, later, Michael Florence, sought clarification on the role of the SLLA Judicial Committee. Dalton Fulcher

(See "SLLA," p. 33)



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# Full SLLA report on flood plain issues

(Continued from page 3)

location of the five primary spillways and any secondary spillways that exist.

On Friday, August 19, I e-mailed all of the directors to inform them of the problem. I also made a motion to approve an expenditure of not more than \$300, so that Thompson (employed by Hobbs & Upchurch) would be able to represent the Seven Lakes Landowners Association at the August 24, meeting. The motion was approved by Fathauer, Swearingen, Scot-ti and Truesdell. Richmond, Paulson and Herman did not vote.

Jeff Thompson did represent the Seven Lakes Landowners Association at the August 24, meeting at Woodlake Country Club. We were able to confirm from the NC State maps provided the following information:

1. We were told that the South side had not been investigated and therefore none of these lakes are involved. We will confirm this fact.
2. Lakes Little J and Timber are not affected.

3. Lakes Sequoia (BFE 513'), Echo (BFE 564'), Big J (BFE 525'), Longleaf (BFE 555') and Ramapo (BFE 578') are involved and that all lakefront property will be classified as being in a flood plain.

There are two types of appeals:

1. The first appeal would be filed by the Seven Lakes Landowners Association and it is due by October 6, 2005. The only thing that the Seven Lakes Landowners Association can appeal is if the state's elevation of the BFE is unreasonable when compared to the normal water level of the lakes. In all cases, the difference between the BFE and the normal water level varies from a minimum of one foot to a maximum of five feet. In the opinion of Hobbs & Upchurch it is not worth the time and money to argue the BFE elevations because they are reasonable.
2. The second appeal would be filed by each individual lakefront property owner. These property owners can file an appeal at any time, however, the actions this board is tak-

ing will hopefully eliminate the requirement for the bulk of the lakefront property owners to appeal.

We have hired Hobbs & Upchurch to produce an overlay map. The overlay map will show the state's BFE elevations for each lake. Hobbs & Upchurch will overlay on the state's map the topographical data showing the contour lines with the elevations for all lakefront properties.

This map will be available on Friday, September 2. I will meet with Jeff Thompson that day to get a copy and discuss the information shown on their map.

Some portion of all lakefront lots must be in a flood plain, after all these properties go right to the water. The issue is whether or not your house is in the flood plain. The "magic" number, in the opinion of Hobbs & Upchurch is one foot. If where the foundation of your house enters the ground is at least one foot above the BFE then, in the opinion of Hobbs &

Upchurch, your house is not located in a flood plain. For example, the BFE for Lake Sequoia is 513 feet. The normal

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Editorial

Advertising opinions

The August 19 edition of *The Seven Lakes Times* included a full-page ad purchased by the Concerned Citizen Council, a group of Seven Lakers currently polling North and South Siders on whether the Seven Lakes Landowners Association should retain a company police force.

We have received feedback, both positive and negative, on our decision to carry the ad. We appreciate that feedback and would like to respond to some of it.

First, it is important to note that *The Seven Lakes Times*, its publishers, and staff, take no position on whether company police is a good idea or a bad idea for Seven Lakes.

We believe that security is a critical issue for most Seven Lakers; many moved to this gated community in large part because of the security offered by the gates, security staff, and company police.

Because it is so important, security is almost always a matter of public debate in the community. How many guards or policemen the community needs, how many hours of roving patrol are appropriate, when the gate houses should be manned — these and other questions about security are perennial matters of public discussion.

Our job as a newspaper is to report on that discussion in our news pages and provide a forum for that discussion on our opinion pages.

Occasionally, folks involved in public debates ask to purchase advertising space in the newspaper to forward their own point of view. We are in the business of selling advertising space and are happy to oblige.

When we write news reports, our goal is to be absolutely fair, impartial, and accurate. We do not take sides.

Comments from scores of readers over the past eight years suggest that we do a pretty good job of achieving those goals. Of course, there are always some folks who do not like to read news stories about on-going controversies.

When we accept a letter to the editor or an opinion column, we edit with a very, very light hand. This is the place in our newspaper where people from throughout the community are welcome to express their opinions.

We screen those opinions for anything libelous or slanderous, clean up a mis-

spelling or punctuation error here or there, and print them. We very seldom call up a contributor of a letter or opinion piece and suggest major rewrites. After all, it's their opinion, not ours.

We take the same approach when someone asks to purchase an ad to express their opinion. We make sure it's not libelous or slanderous, we might suggest cleaning up a spelling or a comma here and there, and then we print it.

That's exactly what happened with the CCC ad that appeared in our last edition, and the smaller ad they purchased in this edition. And, if you would like to purchase an ad expressing your opinion, we will treat your ad in exactly the same way.

Was the CCC ad biased? Several folks associated with CCC have told me that the ad was biased and was intended to be biased. In our August 19 issue, in a story reporting on the group and its poll, we reported that the wording of the ad makes clear that the group believes the Seven Lakes Company Police should be disbanded. We quoted a spokesperson for the group confirming that position.

Was it clear that the CCC and not the SLLA was conducting this poll? We believe the wording of the ad makes this very clear, and we certainly reported that the CCC was conducting the poll in our news story on the matter.

There is one thing that we would have changed in our approach to the CCC ad in our August 19 edition, if we had it to do over again. We would have asked that they include a sentence at the bottom of the ad expressly noting that the CCC paid for the ad.

At the time, we felt this was clear from the ad itself, but in retrospect that extra line would have been beneficial to our readers. The CCC ad in this edition carries such a sentence and we will try to make sure that any issue-advocacy ad we print in the future carries a similar notice.

We always welcome input from our readers on any way we can better serve you and the community. If you see something you don't like — or something that you do like — please drop us a line or give us a call.

And, if you have an opinion you'd like to express in our pages — with a letter, a column, or an advertisement — we'd be happy to have it.

Say what?!

Bud Sales recently sent me an e-mail of the following list. The list consists of taking a word from the dictionary, altering it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter and supplying a new definition.

1. **Intoxication:** Euphoria at getting a tax return, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.



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2. **Reintarnation:** Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

3. **Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little signs of breaking down in the near future.

4. **Foreplay:** Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.

5. **Cashtration** (n.) The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

6. **Giraffiti:** Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

7. **Sarchasm:** The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

8. **Inoculatte:** to take coffee

intravenously when you are running late.

9. **Hipatitis:** Terminal coolness.

10. **Osteopornosis:** A degenerative disease.

11. **Karmageddon:** It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

12. **Decafalon** (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming; only

things that are good for you.

13. **Glibido:** All talk and no action.

14. **Dopeler effect:** The tendency of

stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

15. **Arachnoleptic fit** (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

16. **Beelzebug** (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

17. **Caterpallor** (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

And the pick of the literature: 18. **Ignoramus:** A person who's both stupid and an . . .

I'll let you complete that last one, gentle reader.

Thanks, Bud.

And if any of you readers can concoct a definition like these, let me know.

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# Dreams: a window into the subconscious

Last week, as I was pondering what on earth I could next write about, my daughter Jeanne, arrived for a couple of days. She was here to be interviewed by a local radio station. I asked her to write my column, but she declined. She did, however, agree to give me answers to questions that are frequently asked by her listeners.

*What started this intense interest that you have in dreams?*

The developing interest came as the result of my own dreaming. I started having precognitive dreams as a child and thought everyone had them as often as I. Precognitive dreaming is futuristic, that is dreaming of events before they actually happen. I found this to be fascinating and wanted to understand more about sleep and dreaming.

*Since there is no formal place to conduct dream study, how did you develop your knowledge and area of expertise?*

Well, as you know, I have always been a voracious reader. Also, your mom – Grandma Grace, planted some seeds that have stayed with me. She was a fan of Edgar Cayce, the founder

of the Association of Research and Enlightenment in Virginia Beach. I picked up a few of his books and was hooked. His studies and experiences delve deeply into the world of dreaming. He would interpret his clients' dreams and often help them



with life threatening physical ailments and such – he was a true prophet and healer.

Cayce helped hundreds of people better understand their lives and their lessons while on this planet. He gave meaning to this life and was a pioneer in the area of dreams and their meanings.

The other influence that has greatly shaped my studies is Carl Jung, the famous psychiatrist. He coined the phrase the “collective unconscious” which refers to the beliefs, attitudes and mores of a society as a whole. Jung felt that all human

thought, belief systems and attitudes influenced all of the other people living in the society. He believed that the energy of human beings affects the behavior and symbols of all other human beings.

He was also a great student and teacher of his subconscious mind. His book *Man and His Symbols*, speaks to symbolic language – which is what dreams are, meaning and

action in picture form. He goes on to contend that pictorial language dates back through time and that pictures were, in fact, the first language (means of communication) known to man.

This all made intrinsic sense to me. We dream in pictures and explore the depth of our emotions these pictures. Hey, 80% of what people do is subconsciously driven right? So, in my opinion it is pretty interesting to try to decipher how that part of our mind works.

*Why do you think dreams are important?*

I've always been interested in what makes people tick. I find human beings fascinating. One of my favorite shows is *Biography* on A&E. Since childhood, it was almost an insatiable need to understand why people do the things they do, what drives them and how their opinions and beliefs are formed.

Dreams are just an additional way of understanding the human mind. It is said that the subconscious part of our mind never forgets anything in our life!

Wow! That's pretty fascinating. And, if true, then dreaming is the avenue in which the subconscious mind speaks; that, I think,

is pretty important and certainly a captivating area of study. But, let me answer this question more directly. When you dream your “real” attitudes and feelings are revealed – not the part that is socialized and politically correct.

Dreams reveal information that is not as readily available in waking life. Heck, mom, I dreamed about a physical problem you had even before it manifested.

Dreams give you the opportunity to vent your true feelings, to dream and play around with future choices and actions; they help you problem solve and

(See “Dreams,” p. 24)

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Nancy has climbed Mount Everest (world's highest at 29,030 feet) high enough to require oxygen, accompanied by a Nepalese sherpa and two friends; one a photographer for *National Geographic* and the other a

young lady about to enter medical school.

**Jeff – 51**

Mr. Approachable. He could befriend a bulldozer, plus anyone from birth to 100 (or more). He

the funeral of a favorite aunt-in-law "because I loved her." Hitting a tennis ball or attacking the ski slopes of Vermont are his favorite forms of recreation. He is active in church volunteerism.

Surviving the dangerous slopes near Park City, Utah was not his biggest thrill. Catching a frog in mid-air at age 12 was.

**Cindy – 45**

She has been blessed with a barrel full of creativity that includes a

Master of Fine Arts. She was responsible for recruiting, producing and directing "The Wizard of Oz" for children of American airmen stationed at Stuttgart Air Base in Germany, as well as children of families in that city.



## Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

likes to visit ailing and lonely old people.

He cried openly at age 14 at

crashed and my dream showed me that its effects would be far reaching. My dream went on to show me what I would be doing at the time when the attacks happened.

These dreams have solidified my belief in the power of the human mind and my realization of the insightful nature of mankind.

Clients of mine have shared stories of their dreams showing them such things as where money was kept. A New York designer sees her fashions in her dreams. People solve technical problems in their dreams.

The examples go on and on. How very wonderful we are.

## Dreams

(Continued from page 13)  
many, many other things. I see dreaming as a tool that I use on a pretty consistent basis.

What are some of the most interesting dreams you have dealt with?

It would probably be honest of me to say that I, of course, think my own dreams have been pretty darn interesting. As you know, I dreamed about the death of Princess Diana a full month before it happened.

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*Dear Editor:*  
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This will mean 58 homes on approximately one hundred and twenty acres that encompass wetlands and two streams that feed into the Nick's Creek water supply. This property is in a designated watershed area and Nick's Creek supplies water Carthage as well as other areas.

In 1999, Moore County spent taxpayers' money to develop a land use plan for this area. The plan specifically shows this land to be residential/agricultural five acre parcels.

We moved to this area in 2001 because of the surety that the county's land use plan offered. In a recent county planning board meeting, our county's land use plan was flushed down the toilet along with our taxpayers' money, as they recommended this Blatco/Larson proposal for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

It is known that this area has terrible water source problems. Many of us have multiple dry wells on our property.

This kind of development will only drain the little water that we now have. The thought of piping in water is out of the question due to the expense.



There is also the issue of septic run-off going into the streams that will be carried into Nick's Creek water supply.

The deciding meeting of the Board of Commissioner's will be held on September 19. If you do not want to see unchecked, unnecessary development forever change the nature of the area, and you are concerned about having an adequate water supply, please support us by showing up and expressing your opposition.

*Sherree-Lee Sferra  
West End*

## Biased 'poll' is disgusting

*Dear Editor:*  
The ballot for the North and South Land Owners poll on Company police is so biased and disdainful of the honesty of facts. It is disgusting! The Members of the CCC should be ashamed of themselves.

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# SLLA Security Report: August 15 – 28

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security concerned that he had not heard from his mother in several days. Security checked the residence, found no one home, and left a note. Later the resident called to report that she was fine.

Patrol found the game room door unlocked and secured it.

**August 23**

A resident on Stallion reported a lost dog. Later, a resident on Swan Run caught the dog and turned it over to security, who returned the dog to its owner.

**August 24**

A resident on Bunside complained about vehicles belonging to a landscaping company parking on her front lawn while servicing other residents. Security promised to speak with the company.

A resident on Shagbark complained at 9:19 pm of hearing loud music but, patrolling the area, security heard no loud music.

Roving patrol found two trash cans by Sequoia Point turned over. The patrol officer set the

cans upright and picked up the trash.

Patrol found the doors from the North Clubhouse and the Community Activity Center to the pool area unsecured and locked them.

A resident on Harwich reported a suspicious vehicle, but security could not locate the vehicle.

**August 25**

A resident reported activity in a vacant house. Security found that the home had been rented and the new tenants had lived there for almost a month.

**August 26**

At 6:50 pm, a resident on Barberry reported that his utility trailer had been taken from his yard. Chief Lombard and the Sheriff's Office were called. At 7:15 pm, the resident reported that his trailer had been returned to his backyard.

**August 27**

A resident complained of three men fishing at Lake Sequoia without passes. Security determined they had a daily pass, but the resident insisted that

they needed a guest pass in order to use the amenities. Security promised to look into the matter.

A resident of Firetree reported a dog roaming. Security caught the dog and returned it to its owner.

**August 28**

A resident on Sunset reported a roaming cat.

Roving patrol found an residence unsecured and contacted the keyholder to come and lock up.

## League of Women Voters Luncheon

Moore County League of Women Voters invites anyone interested to join their luncheon on Tuesday, September, 20. 11:30 am. The luncheon is open to the public.

The guest speaker will be Carolyn Eddy, Executive Director, The Coalition for Human Care. Her talk will focus on "Poverty in Moore County." The cost is \$12. Checks only will be accepted. The lunch will be held at the Paddock Restaurant, Longleaf Country Club, Midland Road, Southern Pines

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# FEMA maps impact North and West Sides

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appeal, which is submitted through the Moore County Planning Department. Community Manager Tony Robertson told *The Times* there is no need for action by individual landowners at this time. He said county staff indicated that they felt the SLWLA appeal looked solid.

The SLLA has hired an engineering firm to help it prepare an appeal. Elsewhere in this issue Director Don Truesdell provides additional information on that process — including action that can be taken now by individual lakefront lot owners. [See page 3.]

Even after the maps are finalized, individual property owners can file a Letter of Map Amendment at any time to correct the map, if they can prove their property lies outside the flood plain.

The notion that Lake Auman, Lake Sequoia, or any of the other lakes lies in a flood plain seems absurd at first blush. After all, the lakes are all fed by springs and small feeder creeks; there are no rivers around to create flooding.

FEMA's maps delineate the areas that would be covered with water during a "100-year flood event" — in other words, the most rainfall in the shortest period of time that could be reasonably expected to happen in a 100-year period.

In the case of Seven Lakes, the likely cause of this would be a hurricane or tropical storm sweeping in from the coast and passing directly over our area. This would drop a lot of water very fast.

As the rain fell on the lakes and the lawns, parking lots, and streets that drain into the lakes, the lake levels would begin to rise. Eventually it would rise high enough to begin pouring out the overflows and, then, over the spillways.

As this happened, the lake would begin to fill up like a shallow bowl, the water creeping up

the lakeshore toward the homes of Seven Lakers.

How far up the sides of the bowl it would creep depends on how much faster the rainwater is coming in than it is being discharged from the overflow pipes and spillways.

FEMA's engineers used information on the topography that surrounds each lake, along with data on the size of the overflow pipes and spillways, to determine how far up the water would creep in a one-hundred year flood.

It is possible that their information on the dam is incorrect. It is possible that their data on the topography around each lake — based, in many cases, on

an innovative aerial radar mapping technology — doesn't accurately reflect the situation on the ground. And, finally, it may be that all the lakefront homes are sited far enough away from the lake that, even if FEMA's new maps are correct, the water creeping up the shoreline in a 100-year flood will not reach the homes.


These possibilities are the basis for the appeal the SLWLA has already filed with FEMA and the appeal that the SLLA is preparing.

The new maps cannot be made effective in Moore County until the appeals are resolved, which could take months. So owners of existing homes need

not worry about acquiring flood insurance until the matter is resolved.

However, builders of new homes will find that the county is already using the new maps for issuing permits and other functions. The county is required

to use "best available data," and the new maps, even though provisional, are considered the best data available for areas that weren't included in the flood plain in earlier maps — including lakefront property on Auman, Sequoia and the other lakes.




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# Garner plans new Westside neighborhood

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Subtracting out infrastructure leaves Chandler Hills with an average of just over 3,300 square feet per lot, though this would vary from lot to lot based on lot size.

“Staff has had trouble issuing zoning permits for this type of situation in Seven Lakes West,” Lilies reported, “as many of the homes in Seven Lakes West exceed 2,500 square feet in size with driveways and sidewalks encumbering an additional 1,000 square feet or more of built-upon area.”

Garner told the panel that this issue could be dealt with by placing restrictions on each deed that specify the amount of square footage that can be built-upon.

Moore County’s subdivision rules require that at least one-fortieth of an acre for each dwelling unit be set aside for recreational use. Garner asked for an exemption from this require-

ment, because Chandler Hills sits within Seven Lakes West, which already offers excellent recreational facilities. But SRB Chairman John Hawthorne told Garner that the board does not have the authority to waive that requirement.

The board did approve a flag lot in the development. This is a lot that includes a long narrow strip — the “flag pole” — usually used for a driveway to connect the lot to a roadway — in this case Longleaf Drive. While the lot was approved, the SRB also suggested that Garner investigate instead providing access to the lot through a cul-de-sac that could provide access to two other lots and reduce the number of driveways emptying directly onto Longleaf.

The number of driveway cuts was one of the issues Community Manager Robertson raised with the board. He also ques-

tioned the positioning of one lot in a deep curve, suggested some options for meeting the recreation requirements, and expressed concern about septic and watershed issues.

Robertson on Wednesday told *The Times* that he has had productive conversations with Garner since the meeting.

He said the landowners who eventually build on the Chandler Hills lots will be members of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association.

Garner told the panel that, as a resident of Seven Lakes West and a Seven Lakes business owner, “I am certainly not going to do anything detrimental to Seven Lakes — that would be foolish.”

He noted that deed restrictions can be used to ensure that the homes built in Chandler Hills are appropriate for the community. “I, for one, don’t want any junk in Seven Lakes West,” Garner said.

The SRB board asked Garner to work with the planning staff to

incorporate some of their suggestions into the plans for Chandler Hills.

The board’s next scheduled meeting is September 6, but Liles told *The Times* she wasn’t sure whether the plans would be ready to bring back to that meeting.

## Flood plain maps

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is at an elevation of 514 feet or higher then your house is not located in a flood plain.

Jeff sent me an Exhibit B showing these dimensions and how a house may or may not be affected. I will be pleased to meet with any landowner after the meeting to discuss this issue.

With the Hobbs & Upchurch overlay map we can precisely determine where that “magic” one foot difference from the BFE exists for all lakefront properties. Unfortunately this map will not show the location boundaries of each lot or where your house is located on your land.

As you know the current setback from the water is 50 feet. If you have at least a 50 foot setback and the “magic” one foot difference between the BFE is located less than 50 feet from the water then your house will not be in a flood plain.

My first request then is for all lakefront property owners to find their plot plan showing the location of your house on your property and the setback from the lake.

If you cannot find your plot plan or you do not have a 50 foot setback then you may be

required to have your property surveyed to establish the elevations required.

It is entirely possible that some houses may be in a flood plain while other houses may not.

After my meeting this Friday, I will consult with this board to define the options that we have. It may also be necessary to have a meeting of all lakefront properties with Jeff Thompson. He will be able to answer any questions you may have.

If this meeting becomes necessary the time, date and location will be published in *The Seven Lakes Times* and the Interlake and will be posted in the North/South post offices and available and the Seven Lakes Landowners Association office.

All of the opinions contained in this discussion are those of Hobbs & Upchurch.

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# Company police costs \$90,000 to \$100,000

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Dalton Fulcher told *The Times* that a company police chief costs about \$44,000 per year; a second officer, \$34,400, for a total of \$78,400.

CCC estimated the chief's salary at \$45,000 and the cost of a second officer at \$35,000, for a total of \$80,000.

### It's more than salaries

But it takes more than salaries and benefits to equip and operate a company police force.

The largest single cost not included in the \$75,000 to \$80,000 in personnel costs noted above is the cost of patrol cars. Seven Lakes Community Manager Dalton Fulcher told *The Times* that the Association has budgeted \$25,000 for a patrol car in the current year's capital expenses. He also explained that each officer needs his or her own patrol car, so a two-person squad needs two cars.

Fulcher said the Moore County Sheriff's Office expects a cruiser to last four years. Assuming a five year usable life for SLLA police cars, each vehicle in effect costs the association another \$5,000 per year.

So two cruisers add \$10,000 per year to the \$75,000 to \$80,000 in salary and benefits cost, raising our total to \$85,000 or \$90,000.

On top of that, a variety of administrative costs — from office supplies to gasoline and electricity — are assigned to security in the association budget. And then there's the cost of uniforms and training.

It's easy to see how adding in those costs could ultimately bring the total Seven Lakes Company Police costs close to \$100,000 per year.

In our interviews last week, *The Times* found both Fulcher and the CCC in general agreement about these cost estimates.

### It's not just the money

So, the SLLA and the CCC agree that Seven Lakes Company Police costs at least \$80,000 per year, and probably more like \$95,000 or \$100,000, once all the costs are figured in. The CCC says disband Company Police and save \$80,000. The SLLA board says that is inaccurate. In fact, Community Manag-

er Fulcher has said in the past that adding a company police officer will only cost the community an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000.

If they agree about the cost of Company Police, why do they disagree about how much money the association could save by disbanding the force?

Because the real debate isn't about the money, it's about how many hours of security patrol Seven Lakes needs — and who should be doing the patrolling.

### Who should be patrolling?

Fulcher explained to *The Times* that the community is currently covered by 112 to 120 hours per week of roving patrols, out of a total of 168 hours in a week.

Security officers patrol the community seven days a week from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. That's 7 days a week times an 8 hour shift, which amounts to 56 hours.

Security also patrols from 6:00

pm to 2:00 am on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. That's 3 days a week times an 8 hour shift, which adds another 24 hours.

Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard patrols another 32 hours, generally Thursday through Sunday nights, though his patrols are sometimes shifted to other days and hours. The other 8 hours of Lombard's 40-hour schedule are spent patrolling, attending court, and attending to other police business. Fulcher noted that Lombard "actually puts in at least 50 hours per week."

So, according to Fulcher, the community is patrolled 80 hours per week by security officers and 32 to 40 hours per week by Company Police, for a total of 112 to 120 hours.

Fulcher told *The Times* he does not believe most people want to give up the 120 hours per week of roving security patrols — and, if you're going to pay

for a patrol, you might as well spend a little more and have a police officer conducting that patrol.

"If you're going to pay for that patrol, I believe its worth the money to have that officer wearing a badge, carrying a gun, and able to make arrests," Fulcher told *The Times*.

### Add an officer; lose a guard?

If the company adds a second company police officer, Fulcher said, that officer will take over patrol shifts currently handled by security officers. A company police officer costs the associa-

tion \$34,000; a security guard, about \$12,000 less. That is the basis for Fulcher's contention that adding a Company Police officer has a net cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000.

"If you're going to save \$80,000, you're only going to have 40 hours per week of patrols," Fulcher said.

Adding a police officer, Fulcher told *The Times*, will not require laying off a security guard. Instead, guards currently handling roving patrols will pull more time at the entrance gate houses, and the hours of part-timers

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# Key issue: Security vs. police patrols

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may be cut.

There are some other areas in which having company police costs more than simply using security, but Fulcher argues that these are relatively minor differences.

The association uses the same basic vehicles for security patrol cars and company police cars, though the latter have beefed up electrical systems and a few other add-ons that raise the overall cost by \$3,000 to \$4,000, Fulcher told *The Times*, which amounts to less than \$1,000 per year per vehicle over the four-to-five year life of the vehicle.

Police officers are required to put in more training time than security officers, but the association takes advantage of free law enforcement courses offered at local community colleges, so

little out-of-pocket cost is involved, Fulcher said.

### Are security patrols cheaper?

"It makes absolutely no sense to pay an exorbitant cost for company police when we can hire security officers for \$7.50 or \$9.00 or \$10.00 to do the very same thing," Don Truesdell, a SLLA Board member who also serves on the CCC steering committee, told *The Times*.

"How does it make sense to pay \$10,000 or \$15,000 more per officer, when security personnel can do everything Company Police can do other than enforce North Carolina laws on association property — and we can use the sheriff for that."

Truesdell said a story in the August 19 edition of *The Seven Lakes Times* illustrates how security officers, working in tan-

dem with the Moore County Sheriff's Office, can effectively handle law enforcement issues without any involvement from company police.

*The Times* reported that the roving security patrol spotted what appeared to be drug use by a number of young men at the Big Juniper picnic shelter. The patrol had the North Gate guard call the Sheriff's Department and three sheriff's deputies responded. The incident happened on a Monday evening when company police was not available.

"That's the ideal situation," Truesdell said. "Our roving security patrol saw illegal activity going on. They called in the sheriff, and we had deputies on the scene handling the situation. Company police was not involved. The system works."

The CCC argues that the com-

munity can be adequately covered by security patrols without company police.

"We have coverage from roving security patrols 80 hours a week. They're on duty until 2:00 am. That's adequate."

He noted that the Sheriff's office currently has one officer assigned full time to patrol the Seven Lakes area — North South, West, and the business village — 40 hours per week.

Truesdell said it is important to make clear to residents that dialing 9-1-1 is their first line of defense in the event of an emergency.

### Are security patrols more effective?

Using Company Police rather than security officers for patrols may be less effective in terms of the number of hours worked, Truesdell implied, noting that

Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard does not spend his entire 40-hour week on patrol because of other obligations like court dates, training, etc.

"Roving security patrols are more effective because they actually spend their full forty hours on patrol," Truesdell said. "All you had to do is read the security blotter in *The Times* when the police report was included. Nine out of ten incidents reported were handled by security."

Ultimately, Fulcher's contention that the association can add a company police officer at a net cost of only \$10,000 or \$15,000 is true only if a security guard is laid off when the police officer is hired, the CCC contends.

The CCC also points to much higher vehicle costs when Com-

(See "Company," p. 33)

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## Community Newsletter

*"Keeping our residents informed"*

Volume 4, Issue 9, September 2005

### Community Manager Tony Robertson

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#### Update on Flood Plain Matters

On August 2, Jim Meikle and I, along with several residents of Seven Lakes West, attended a meeting held by officials of Moore County and the state of North Carolina to give information regarding the inclusion of properties in the proposed new Flood Plain Maps.

After we arrived, we found out that the meeting was held primarily to discuss properties that were in the Cape Fear River Basin and not the Lumber River Basin in which Seven Lakes West (Lake Auman) is located. That said, we did manage to get into a discussion with them regarding our issues.

They have now assured us that they have our evidence and our other submissions and are taking another serious, hard look at our problem. They have even agreed to come out and go around the Lake to do some additional work which they had not previously done.

This is good news because if they will do that, they probably will agree that none of our properties should be included in the Flood Plain.

Of course nothing is guaranteed one hundred percent. However I do feel good about this situation and think that when, all is said and done, we will prevail.

I would like to thank Gerhard Hergenhan and Paul Kirst for their very valuable assistance in this matter.

I assure our residents that we will stay on top of this situation until a final resolution is reached.

**The Moore County School System** is now picking up and dropping off students at West Side Park. They will be running three buses to the following locations:

1. West End Elementary
2. West Pine Middle

3. Pinecrest High School  
In the afternoon if the weather is bad the children are welcome to come inside West Side Park and wait for their parents to pick them up. However, be advised that Westside Park closes at 5:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 4:00 P.M. on Friday

#### Area Representatives Distribute Handbooks

The new blue Seven Lakes West Handbooks are in the process of being passed out to each resident in our Community. If you do not receive yours within the next two weeks, please call the Manager's office (673-5314) or Betty Milligan (673-1462).

The Area Reps are trying to reach every household in SLW with the new handbook - including renters. Since renters are responsible for maintaining their residences while living here, they are encouraged to read the information and follow the same guidelines as owners. Also, the books are to remain with the house if one moves away..

While much of the reading will be a review for some, others may find the information new and helpful. However, we encourage everyone to read the Covenants, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations, digest them, and follow them. Answers to questions may be achieved by just reading the Rules and Regulations.

When the Area Reps ring your doorbell with the attractive blue SLW Handbook, please let them know that they are appreciated. These people are volunteers who are working for the betterment of our community and for you.

**Infrastructure Director  
Ray MacKay**  
673-1690  
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#### Fall Yard Waste Pick-up

Fall yard waste pickup will begin on October 11th. Please do not place debris on street

side until September 24th at the earliest. You are reminded, "No limbs, etc. over 6 feet in length." Your cooperation is appreciated!

#### Expansion of the Boat & Trailer Storage Lot

As I type this note the expansion lot area we purchased from McDonalds is being cleared of trees. Bids documents for the contract for the new fencing will be mailed in the next day or two, with bids due back by the end of next month. After the fence is up and the lot is smoothed we will begin taking in new boats, trailers and RVs, etc. so all can come into compliance with the Covenants. Hopefully, this will be in time for winter storage!

At the same time, we anticipate opening our new yard waste transfer station which will be at the east (NC 211) end of the existing storage yard. "Use and Operating" details for both areas are being drafted and will be available for members review and comments around the first of October.

**Secretary  
Jan Patton**  
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#### SLWLA Board Actions Special Meeting, August 2, 2005

Appointed Betty Milligan to fill the unexpired Board term of Linda Tableman.

#### Work Session August 9, 2005

1. Accepted the following interpretation of Section VIII of the Seven Lakes West Covenants: Entire residences may be rented for whatever length of time is agreed to by the SLWLA member who owns the residence. Single rooms may not be rented, so that no residence may be used as a Bed and Breakfast or hotel of any sort, a shelter for the homeless or abused, or a boarding house.

2. Accepted the Check Reg-

ister for July 2005 as presented.

3. Amended the complaint procedure to permit identification of the complainer if requested by a person receiving a complaint. The Board strongly encourages people to talk with their neighbor or other offender to resolve Rules and Regulations or Covenant violations informally prior to filing a formal complaint through the Community Manager.

4. Approved the Sports Club's request to transfer fish from the Carriage Park Pond to Lakeview Pond to re-stock it following repairs to the drainage system.

5. Endorsed the Lake Auman Master Plan Committee's beginning its work.

6. Directed Bill Parker, Director of Architectural Review, to continue working on a revision of the Architectural Review Standards.

7. Concurred with Ray Mackay's recommendation to construct a split rail fence at a cost of \$1800 to prevent persons from running over the plantings at the back gate.

**Betty Milligan,  
Beautification  
Committee**

Four talented volunteers have saved the community a considerable amount of money by installing the fence at the East Gate. This installation has been done so that the plantings there will no longer have to endure the abuse they have taken from vehicle tires and being trampled on.

Thank you and applause to: Bill Carl, Charles Flinchum, Ronnie Milligan, and Paul (Nick) Nicholas.

What a beautiful job!!!

Curb appeal continues to be an ongoing concern. Our community is blessed with many beautiful lawns. They are neat, well-groomed all the way to the street, and shrubby healthy. Walk to the street and take a look at your own surroundings. Are you pleased? Do you have weed

and grass that are too tall? How does your yard look all the way to the street? Please read 5.2. in Handbook. Do your own evaluation.

Thank you to all the dedicated people who pick up litter during the week!

**Security  
Virgil Reid**  
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In August, the decision was made to leave the back gate closed due to equipment malfunction. We regretted having to leave it closed but felt this was the best option. The options are: (1) leaving it closed all the time, (2) placing a guard at the gate, (3) closing it only at night. This is one of those classic cases that you cannot possibly please all the people. Initially, the decision was to leave it open, thinking that the mechanism could be fixed quickly.

The phone rang "off the hook" with complaints about it being open. Then the repair was delayed and the decision was made to close the gate...and the phone rang "off the hook" about this decision. Honestly, we do not make decisions based on how many people we can displease! Thank you for working with us during these less than desirable times.

Speeding on Longleaf continues to be one of our biggest concerns. Personally, I do not think people realize how fast they are going. The county from time to time has placed the flashing speed sign in the community in an attempt to show folks how fast they are going. If you have a particular place where you think it should be placed, please contact Tony Robertson.

I have suggested that it be placed between Gateway and Baker Circle. This is a long stretch that people typically go 45 or 50 mph, and it is quite populated. We are still considering getting more coverage from the Sheriff's Department to control the speeding.



# Company Police: Benefits vs. liabilities

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pany Police are used. Not only are the vehicles more expensive, but “the idea of having two cars for two officers is ridiculous,” Truesdell told *The Times*. “If their shifts overlap then we aren’t getting double coverage.” He noted that security roving patrols are able to share vehicles.

## Is Company Police A Liability?

Aside from the higher cost of using company police to conduct security patrols, the CCC argues that having Company Police exposes the association to significant liability.

The the North Carolina Attor-

ney General commissions Company Police officers, North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 74-E, the Company Police Act, is careful to point out that the certified company police agency — not the Attorney General’s office — bears the liability for the actions of Company Police.

“We assume all the liability for all the actions of Seven Lakes Company Police,” Truesdell told *The Times*. “Given that, do we really want any officer employed by the Seven Lakes Landowners Association carrying a gun?”

He pointed to local developer Alan Shaw’s lawsuit against the SLLA, Fulcher, and Lombard as an example of the problems

that liability can create. Shaw recently withdrew his suit but has indicated he plans to refile it.

“I don’t know what it has cost, but our insurance company is paying an attorney to defend us in that suit,” Truesdell told *The Times*. “Ultimately, that is bound to be reflected in our premiums.”

Fulcher told *The Times* that Company Police are covered under the association’s general liability policy; no special policy was purchased to cover company police.

Beyond the liability, the CCC contends that the SLLA board and staff are not properly equipped to manage a police force. “There is no board member or landowners association employee that is trained or capable of managing company police,” Truesdell said.

Finally, the CCC says there are other “soft costs” of maintaining a company police force that can’t be precisely measured but are nevertheless real.

The second officers job pays roughly \$30,000, Truedell said, “which is minimum wage for a trained certified police officer.”

“That position is a revolving

door. We bear the cost of training them, and as soon as a better offer comes around, they are gone.”

“You can’t quantify that hiring cost and training cost, but it’s a real cost.

## Does Company Police have other benefits?

Fulcher argues that Company Police patrols are more effective than security officer patrols, but he also notes another important benefit of having Company Police.

The SLLA currently provides gate guards and roving patrols to the West Side under a contract with the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association. The SLLA can do this because it is a certified company police

agency. If it were not so certified, it would have to employ a certified security supervisor before it could contract out services.

Fulcher said such a certified supervisor could easily cost more than the current company police operation. He indicated that the security contract with the West Side is profitable for the SLLA.

Truesdell said this is the one reasonable argument for Company Police, because, if true, it brings in some revenue to offset the cost. However, he argued, even the profit on the contract is \$20,000, you can subtract that \$20,000 from the \$90,000 that would be saved by disbanding company police and still save \$70,000.

# SLLA Meeting

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explained that the SLLA Board can turn unresolved rules violations over to the judicial committee, which then considers evidence and determines whether the landowner charged is in fact guilty of a rules violation. If the verdict is “guilty,” the board determine the amount of any fine.

Nona Wiley urged the board and residents alike to approach the current debates over Company Police “sanely and unemotionally.” She asked whether it would be possible “to have an impartial professional look at our police situation and make recommendations.”

Charlie Oliver challenged Director Jeff Herman to respond “with facts” to questions Oliver raised in a letter to the editor that appeared in the August 19 edition of *The Times*.

Howard Zoellner suggested having a security guard on hand at the Lake Sequoia boat ramp during the morning of the first day of a holiday weekend, in order to reduce some of the chaos created by large numbers of folks attempting to launch their boats.

Another resident suggested that if speed bumps were the solution to controlling speeding, “it might be necessary to put them on every street.”

Another resident noted that many people now drive onto the grass on Lake Sequoia dam to avoid the speed bumps.

Former SLLA President Ed Chapman commended the board on its leadership and encouraged residents to accept the decision of the majority of the board on expanding the company police force.

“We should keep the emotional side out of this,” Chapman said. “Majority rule is the way we go in this country. Let’s let the board do their job.”

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