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SLLA police debate rolls on

Tempers flared as the Company Police issue dominated the public discussion at the Wednesday, September 28 general meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association.

the community around the company police issue.

Director Loren Swearingen indicated in his report that the board would be meeting in a special work session after the

general meeting to vote on a proposal to hold a binding referendum on disbanding Company Police. But that meeting did not take place.

Swearingen defended his role and the role of Director Don Truesdell in continuing to pursue the company police issue. After noting a variety of budgeted and unbudgeted expenses facing

(See "SLLA," p. 29)

Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting 9/28

A number of residents addressed the board on the subject, some speaking for and others against retaining Company Police.

A number of speakers expressed concern about the dissension on the board and in

Westside recaps a busy summer

"It's been a busy summer," Seven Lakes West Landowners Association President Jim Meikle told landowners attending the regular Tuesday, September 27 meeting of the association — a meeting filled with progress reports on association projects.

Meikle noted progress on several fronts:

- "We finally got amenities here on the West Side," Meikle said, noting the opening of the pool and playground, as well as the near completion of the tennis and basketball courts.
- "Thanks to the efforts of Tony Robertson and Gerhard Her-

genhahn, we were able to beat back the flood plain issue," Meikle continued. "They cut the 100-year flood plain level back to the level of the lake, which mean no one's house is in a flood plain."

West Side Landowners Meeting 9/27

- School buses serving West End Elementary, West Pine Middle, and Pinecrest High Schools now make a stop at the West Side Park Community Center.

(See "Work," p. 30)

Meet the Merchants



Mo McKenzie of Fireshadow Pottery enjoys the perfect sunshine for Seven Lakes Business Guild's annual Meet the Merchants night. (Story and more photos on page 8 & 9.)

SLLA, SLWLA question Wildlife authority on lakes

Can a private lake be "public waters?" Can state wildlife officers enforce boating and fishing regulations on Lake Auman, Lake Sequoia, and other lakes in Seven Lakes?

Those questions will be debated over the next few months by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC], on the one hand, and the Seven Lakes [SLLA] and Seven Lakes West Landowners Associations [SLWLA] on the other.

Wildlife officers patrolled both Auman and Sequoia a few weeks ago, prompting the SLLA

and SLWLA to form a joint committee aimed at challenging the Commission's jurisdiction on the lakes.

"They maintain that our lake is not a private lake but public water," SLWLA President Jim Meikle told residents during the Tuesday, September 27 meeting of the Westside Association. "We are currently fighting that in conjunction with the North Side."

Meikle noted that the SLWLA owns the Lake Auman, the Lake Auman dam, and even the fish in the lake. "We put those fish in the lake," he said, "so we're

catching our own fish."

Referring to warnings issued in the initial NCWRC patrols, Meikle said, "If anyone here was stopped on the lake and told anything, don't worry about that at the moment. If we are successful, that will go away."

"We have the whole winter to work on this," Meikle said. "I'm confident we will be successful."

NCWRC Sergeant Mark Dutton, whose area of responsibility includes Moore, Anson, and Richmond Counties, told *The Times* that the Commis-

(See "Boards," p.32)

SLLA Security Report: September 12 – 24

The paragraphs below are based on handwritten reports filed by Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] security officers at the time of the incidents reported. Seven Lakes Company Police reports were not available for this time period.

September 12

A resident of Sandspur reported that her dog had gotten loose, but then reported recovering the dog.

September 13

Security reported that the lights at the tennis courts, as well as Big Juniper Lake were not working correctly. Patrol also found broken beer bottles at the Sequoia Point picnic shelter.

September 14

A resident reported a sound like gunshots in the area of Cottage Grove. Security patrolled the area but found nothing out of the ordinary.
At about 10:50 pm, a resident came to the North Gate reporting that she feared she had left her purse at a restaurant in Pinehurst. A call to the restau-

rant and the Moore County Sheriff's Office confirmed that the restaurant was closed for the evening. The gate guard helped the resident find telephone numbers for reporting her credit cards lost.
Patrol found the Game Room door unsecure, checked the room, and secured it.

September 15

A resident reported an unauthorized vehicle parked by the water tower. The gate guard notified the Sheriff's Office.

September 16

A resident of Sandham Court reported that she found her back door open when she returned home. Nothing was disturbed in or missing from the residence.
A resident dropped off a mailbox key left in the North Mailhouse. Security contacted the owner.

September 17

A resident on Firetree reported a roaming dog. Security apprehended the dog and

returned it to its owner.
A resident on Firetree reported that the propeller had been stolen from his boat at Sequoia Point.
A resident of Sweet Briar reported a boat pulling a tuber around Echo Lake with no spotter. Security was unable to spot the boat on the lake.
A resident reported discovering three youths on the roof of the Fitness Center. He chased the young people away, but asked that security patrol keep an eye on the area.

September 18

No report.

September 19

A resident reported youths "up to no good" at Sequoia Point. Patrol found five youths sitting in the gazebo and listening the the radio. Asked what they had been up to, the youths replied "listening to the radio." Patrol told them to be good and not get into trouble.

September 20

A resident on Sherwood reported two dogs roaming.

September 21

A resident on Sunset reported fireworks being shot off on Stallion Drive. Patrol found nothing.
Patrol followed up on a call from a resident concerned about her neighbors on Berwick, having seen an unfamiliar car in the garage. Patrol checked the home and found no one home and the doors secure.

September 22

A Firetree resident dropped a cat off at the North Gate that she had found roaming. The cat, declawed, gray with yellow eyes, was taken to the maintenance shed and then to Moore County Animal Control.
A resident on Sunset reported fireworks being shot from a home on Overlook. The gate guard referred the call to Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard. Lombard identified the home from which the fireworks were being shot and asked the gate to call the home-
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County to review proposed animal regs

This coming Monday, Moore County Commissioners will take a close look at a revision to the county animal control ordinance that has been kicking around county government for more than five years.

The proposed ordinance puts some teeth in animal cruelty enforcement and also attempts to reduce the number of unwanted strays by encouraging county residents to spay or neuter their pets.

The Moore County Board of Health began working on the revision in 1999, Moore County Health Director Robert Wittman told *The Times*. Their work was apparently finished in December 2003, the date of the draft they forwarded to the board of commissioners. Nearly two years later, the commissioners are scheduled to take up the issue in a work session scheduled for Noon on Monday, October 3, in the commissioners meeting room in the Historic Courthouse in Carthage.

Animal welfare advocates have for the past few months been regularly using the public comment session at the beginning of the twice a month commissioners meetings to encourage the board to pass the amendment. During the Monday, September 19 Commissioners meeting, opponents of the new regulations had their say.

A key spokesperson in favor of the new law has been Whispering Pines resident Angela Zumwalt, who heads the Central North Carolina Animal Welfare Coalition, an umbrella organization that helps various rescue groups coordinate activities and seek funding. Zumwalt spoke with *The Times* on Monday, September 26.

Asked what the new ordinance is trying to accomplish, she mentioned two primary goals: strengthening the existing ordinance, particularly where animal cruelty is concerned, and trying to reduce the number of unwanted animals in Moore County.

Language in the existing ordinance can be vague, Zumwalt told *The Times*, making enforcement difficult. For example, the existing ordinance speaks of providing "adequate" food, water, and shelter. The new ordinance

spells out what is meant by "adequate," requiring that animals must be given food and clean water every 24 hours and even specifying minimum sizes for animal pens.

The revised ordinance also carefully defines abandonment. The existing ordinance, Zumwalt said, can make it "very difficult for animal control to come in and alleviate a very significant

neglect issue." She related a story from this summer that involved three neglected Great Danes. In order to remove the animals from the residence at which they were being neglected, Ani-

mal Control officers had to wait for a magistrate's order. During that wait, one animal died and the condition of another deteriorated to the point that it had to be

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breeding. In view of those objections, Zumwalt has provided the commissioners with a list of suggested amendments to the ordinance that include permitting exemptions for hobby breeders, members of hunting dog clubs, and those who raise working dogs. In addition, Zumwalt is recommending that citations for un-permitted intact animals be written only in cases whether other provisions of the ordinance have been violated as well.

"We didn't have the teeth in the current legislation to seize those dogs right away," Zumwalt said. "The point is," she added, "if you are a regular mainstream pet owner in Moore County, looking after your pet as best you can, this ordinance is not going to affect you."

The second goal is to cut down on the number of animals euthanized in Moore County, Zumwalt said, noting that the Moore County Animal Center — the county run operation — euthanized 2,300 unwanted cats and dogs last year.

"That means that every week the wonderful people who work there have to look along those pens and decide which fifty to sixty animals they are going to put down," Zumwalt explained. "No one should have to make a decision like that."

"But we have this tide of animals that we cannot handle," she added.

In order to stem that tide, the ordinance would require that owners of un-neutered, or "intact" animals pay a one time permit fee to the county. The amount of that fee is not set in the ordinance. This aspect of the proposed ordinance has come under fire from groups for whom breeding animals is important: breeders of show dogs, hunting dogs, and working dogs, like border collies.

Maintaining a pool of intact animals is important to breeders, who must often wait several years to determine whether a particular animal is suitable for

nia that it burned the throats of animal welfare workers.

"We don't want to be a county that becomes attractive to a puppy mill type setup," Zumwalt said. "We have to have legislation set up where you can go after this type of abuse. This is not about going after a regular pet owner or hunter — it's about having enough teeth to go after people who are really abusing animals."

Zumwalt said a group of county veterinarians is working to set up a low/cost spay and neuter clinic in conjunction with the North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine, which has a facility on US 1 near Vass. The county already has programs that can assist individuals on public assistance with

the cost of spaying and neutering animals.

The commissioners work session scheduled for noon on Monday is open to the public but will not include a public comment segment. Public comment will be invited during the regular commissioners meeting, which begins at 2:00 pm.

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The coronary arteries (more simply known as the heart arteries) supply blood flow to the

heart muscle. Understanding how these arteries work and how the disease process begins has in the past been rarely written about or discussed.

Through awareness of CAD and how to prevent this condition, the outcome should be similar to the successes associated with breast cancer education.

Heart disease has traditionally been considered to be only a man's disease. However, one in two women will die of a type of CAD whereas one in twenty-seven women will die from breast cancer per year. Women often think they are much more likely to develop breast cancer since

that topic has been more widely publicized.

Also, women may ignore heart related symptoms because they are not the same as what they've been taught to recognize as a heart attack. Previous heart studies prior to ten years ago were done only on men. Women have been included in more recent studies and have been found to have some different and more subtle complaints related to heart disease.

Women's symptoms are much more likely than a man's to be atypical or unusual and women are more likely than men to die from their first heart attack. Heart disease has become known as the "Silent Epidemic" due to the fact that it affects such a large percentage of our population and has not been widely publicized, especially as related to women.

Women with certain risk factors have an increased possibility of developing heart disease. Many of these risk factors can be modified, thereby significantly reducing the odds of development of cardiac problems.

Susan Davis Kopynec, PA-C, MPAS, has been practicing medicine as a physician assistant

for 20 years and recently joined Pinehurst Cardiology Consultants. She has been working with the cardiologists in the group and has established a



Susan Davis Kopynec

Women's Heart Center affiliated with their practice.

She has met with cardiologist Dr. Paula Miller, Director of the highly successful Women's Heart Program at UNC-Chapel Hill, to focus on offering a similar top quality program locally. Susan will offer an informal PowerPoint presentation on Women and Heart Disease at the Game Room at the North side Landowner's Association, on October 6, at 9:00 am, and again at 4:00 pm to attempt to reach more people.

There will be time set aside for questions and answers at the end of each session. She encourages women from age 18 to 100 to attend to learn more about CAD and how to prevent associated problems.

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County cautious on small area planning

"Small Area Planning" may be the next logical step in shaping development in rapidly-growing Moore County, but it appears the members of Moore County's governing Board of Commissioners aren't completely sold on the idea.

Planning Director Andrea Surratt presented the Small Area Planning concept — approved as a part of the 2005-2006 county budget — to the commissioners for a second time in a work session on September 19. She left with a charge to gather more information about what the public thinks of the idea.

Small Area Planning is a relatively new planning process, currently being used by 20 or so counties in the state, Surratt told the commissioners. It tends to appeal to counties where the pace of growth and development threaten to overwhelm existing land use planning and zoning.

The concept is simple: divide up the county into a number of areas, assemble a steering committee to develop a land use plan for each area, hold public meetings and study key issues, develop a set of guidelines for land use in the area, and recommend that to the commissioners. Assuming the commissioners approve the guidelines, the Small Area Plan becomes a reference that the planning staff and planning board can use to guide decisions about rezoning requests, condition use permits, and so on.

The county went through a

very similar process in 1999 to develop a land use plan for the county as a whole before adopting countywide zoning.

The steering committee for each small area would include nine to fifteen members appointed by the commissioners and would be expected to complete its work over a two year period. Rather than work on all eight small areas at once, the county would start two or three each year. The two areas proposed to initiate the process are centered around Seven Lakes and West End on the one hand and Vass and Woodlake on the other.

Surratt provided the commissioners with a basic description of both areas, noting that growth is especially rapid in the Seven Lakes/West End Area. Community groups in Seven Lakes — including the Civic Group, Business Guild, and the landowners associations, have expressed strong support for the small area planning concept.

But the commissioners

appeared cautious, perhaps recalling the lukewarm reception that the original countywide land use planning and zoning process received from many county residents. They also expressed concern during their work session about exactly what role the planning board would play in the process, apparently wanting to keep the planning board involved without at the same time ladling more work on planning board members.

"I've heard from planning board members that they aren't familiar with this," Commissioner Virginia Saunders said. "We need to step back and keep them informed. I don't want to move on it until they have had a chance to study it and give us their opinion."

Involving the planning board from the start "makes it easier to bring it back to the planning board," Commissioner Tim Lea, who chaired the original land use plan steering committee, said. "Ultimately a lot of the rec-

ommendations and enforcement will fall back onto the planning board. We will need to have the planning board supporting this as well."

Commissioner Colin McKenzie cautioned, on the other hand, against overtaxing planning

board members. "It's already hard to get good qualified people to serve on planning board," he said. "We're already asking for more time than many people can give. We've got to be careful not to overload these people."

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SLLA Board holds productive work session

In their regular monthly work session on Thursday September 22, the board of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA]:

- Decided not to file an appeal of new Flood Insurance Rate Maps developed by state and federal emergency management officials. A Hobbs-Upchurch engineer retained by the board found flood levels on the state maps reasonable. Individual

landowners may choose to file letters of map amendment once

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the maps are made official next spring [See story on page 13].

- Discussed whether an amendment to the rules and regulations was necessary to prevent the use of paintball guns on Seven Lakes. The board determined that existing rules already

prohibit the discharge or carrying of "projectile firing mecha-

nisms," which includes paintball guns.

- Decided to hire Hobbs-Upchurch to prepare plans for correcting seepage on the back side of Echo Dam, following up on recommendations by S&ME, the engineering firm that undertook state mandated testing of the dam.

- Postponed a decision on a recommendation by Truesdell that the board hire a consulting firm affiliated with North Carolina State University to examine community roads and develop prioritized recommendations for repairs. The cost of the study is \$5,700. Director Jeff Herman said it was unclear to him why the study was needed. "I think we could devise our own plan," he said. "We could save this money for paving."

- Assigned Dalton Fulcher and Jack Fathauer the task of working with representatives of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association to contest any jurisdiction of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission over the lakes in Seven Lakes. [See story on front page.]

Approved hiring Asphalt Resource Management [ARM]

to do repave three areas — on Firetree, Lancashire, and at the entrance to the maintenance area — at a cost of just under \$29,000. Truesdell recommended using ARM to do the work based on the experience of the West Side with this contractor. Both Herman and Fathauer questioned whether the job should be bid competitively. Truesdell said the West Side had had bad experiences with the other vendors in the area. Ultimately the board approved the expenditure, with Herman dissenting.

- Voted to void a contract with Horton Lawn Services for mowing the dams this fall. Horton was awarded the contract but unable to do the work when the

(See "SLLA," p. 10)

County cautious on planning

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Commissioner Michael Holden expressed concern about the sheer size of the small area planning, noting that a farmer in Jackson Springs or Eagle Springs might resent having folks who live in the gated community of Seven Lakes helping plan the use of his land. But Holden said that concern fades somewhat when you recognize that the process is designed to plan up to 25 years in the future."

It was Chairman David Cummings who ultimately suggested that more public input may be needed before the board moves

ahead with small area planning.

"When this board decided to do some type of land use plan in Moore County, our people didn't have anything to compare it to," he said. "Could we go back to the communities and ask what they think of the land use plan — let the community tell us whether they are happy with the zoning we have?"

Holden agreed that some additional public input would be desirable, while expressing strong support for small area planning.

"I think it is very, very important that we undertake something

like this," he said. "It would be very useful if the community can come together and say, 'This is what we want our community to look like.' I'm ready to sign off on doing something like this."

"But it would be interesting to hear from other areas of the county. We know that the Seven Lakes group is really excited about doing this. We need to hear from some other areas of the county."

"I think we need to move forward on something like this," Cummings said. "We just need to be sure we move forward in

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Event director Darrell Marks of Phoenix Fashions has a track record of being able to break the longest of droughts by scheduling these events outside, but

this time the weather cooperated and provided the perfect compliment to all of the hard work and planning of so many businesses and volunteers within the Guild.

Presented each year as a "thank you" to all of the local citizens that support businesses and civic groups, this event is made possible by the generosity of Guild members.

This year, Jubilee Screen Printing sponsored the band, Phoenix Fashions supplied beverages, Pizza Cafe served over 1400

slices of pizza, and Harris Printing was responsible for the promotional printing and mailing, as well as providing many volunteers to serve the crowd their food

and drinks.

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The generosity of all of these groups allowed the Guild to put all booth rentals funds for non-members toward the operating expenses of the Guild, primarily

(See "Meet," p. 9)



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Meet the Merchants

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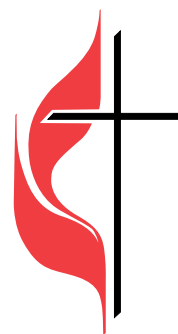
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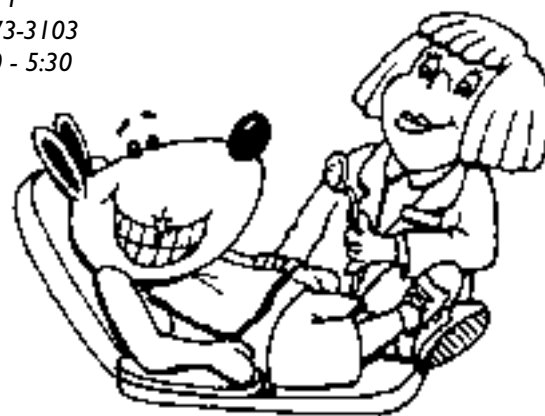
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The continuing debate about Company Police took center stage at the regular Wednesday, September 28 meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA]. Our report on that aspect of the meeting begins on the front page.

The following paragraphs present material from the committee reports made by each director prior to the public comment section of the meeting.

SLLA

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time came, Truesdell reported Decided that \$25,000 in crack-sealing work on community roadways should be done in-house. The cost of farming out the work was over \$5,000 higher.

Decided to install motion sensitive lights in several locations to improve security, at the suggestion of Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard.

Decided to paint solid yellow lines on the roadways across community dams, in order to discourage passing, at the suggestion of Herman.

Lakes & Maintenance. Director Don Truesdell reported that there is still unauthorized dumping at the SLLA debris dump. Noting that some residents may

ings of a Hobb-Upchurch Engineer retained to examine whether the association had grounds to appeal or protect new Flood Insurance Rate Maps that may place some lake-front homes in the 100-year flood plain. The conclusion was that individual action by affected landowners

not be aware that dumping by landscape contractors is not allowed, he said a new sign would be installed at the debris site reiterating that policy and listing fines to be imposed for unauthorized dumping.

Truesdell presented the findings of a Hobb-Upchurch Engineer retained to examine whether the association had grounds to appeal or protect new Flood Insurance Rate Maps that may place some lake-front homes in the 100-year flood plain. The conclusion was that individual action by affected landowners may be required once the maps are finalized next spring. [A full copy of Truesdell's report on flood plain maps appears on page 13.]

He also reported on the various actions touching on maintenance concerns taken in the

board's September 22 work session [See story on page 7.]

Truesdell concluded his report by providing a list of twelve maintenance projects that are planned for the next few weeks — including a number suggested by the recreation and police committees.

Finance. Treasurer John Paulson reported that August revenues totalled \$30,200, compared to \$30,600 last year, while expenses were \$80,500 compared to \$77,100 last year.

Year to date revenues were

(See "Volunteers," p. 11)



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Volunteers respond to request for help

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\$1,109,400, versus \$1,038,000 for the year prior. Year-to-date expenditures were \$354,200, compared to \$384,100 last year.

The audit report for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 is in and available for review at the landowners office during regular business hours.

Architectural review. Director Ron Richmond said the Architectural Review Committee had five applications for new houses, as well as eight or nine requests for alterations and additions.

Community Standards. Six to eight people have responded to his call for volunteers to help landowners who may be having trouble maintaining their property, Director Jeff Herman reported. He has turned those names over to Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane, who will be looking for opportunities to utilize those volunteers.

Fourteen violations were reported to community standards in September. All were checked out by Beane. Four were resolved with a single warning; five warn-

ings have as yet produced no response; three landowners have not yet taken promised corrective action, one landowner could not be located, and one case may be going to the judicial committee.

Most problems spotted involved unkempt yards, Herman said. One involved a vehicle parked inappropriately; two involved commercial vehicles parked in driveways.

Company Police. Seven Lakes Company Police chief Dennis Lombard issued five written citations and twelve verbal warnings over the past month, Herman said. He was asked to assist other agencies on three occasions.

Small Area Planning. At SLLA President Jack Fathauer's request, Civic Group President and Moore County Planning Board member Dave Kinney provided an update on the progress of the county in implementing a small area planning process in the county.

Noting that Planning Director Andrea Surratt had recently made a presentation on the con-

cept to the commissioners, Kinney said small area planning remains a "work in progress." [See related story on page 6.]

Commissioners want to make sure that the planning board supports the small area planning concept, Kinney said, and have also asked that planners gauge public interest in the process.

Kinney noted that the small area that includes Seven Lakes includes 84 square miles and extends all the way from Foxfire

up NC Highway 211 to the Montgomery County border.

Noting that he had a meet-

(See "SLLA," p. 13)



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Advice on flood plain maps for Northsiders

by Don Truesdell,
SLLA Board of Directors

As you know there are five lakes on the North side that FEMA has classified as a flood plain. These lakes are Sequoia, Echo, Longleaf, Big J and Ramapo. I have met on three separate occasions with Jeff Thompson of Hobbs & Upchurch to discuss the best course of action for the Seven Lakes Landowners Association and the lakefront property owners.

In Jeff Thompson's letter dated August 25, he states "The BFE's have been established by teams of engineers who have performed thorough hydrologic (rain-fall) an hydraulic (water flow) models on the watercourses in question. An appeal or protest of these proposed BFE's would require another engineering study similar in scope to what has been done by FEMA or the State of North Carolina already. There is no guarantee that the new study would show different results. In comparing the proposed BFE's with the published elevations of the lakes/ponds in question here, I see no reason to suspect that the proposed BFE's are inaccurate."

In an e-mail from Jeff Thompson dated August 31, he states "As I explained in my letter, I

don't plan to file an appeal and don't recommend that you do. Again, some part of the lake front property has to be in a flood plain. An appeal being warranted only when the flood plain is thought to be unreasonable. If the state was saying that the flood plain was 20 feet above the normal pool level, then there may be reason to have concerns. In the range of 1 to 5 feet is certainly reasonable for the 100 year flood."

The BFE is defined as "the estimated elevation of the reservoir's water level resulting from a rainfall event of such magnitude that its chances of occurring are 1% in any given year. This is commonly referred to as the 100 year flood."

Therefore, based on this information the Seven Lakes

Landowners Association will not appeal the BFE's as shown in the proposed Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

I spoke with Kathy Liles (Moore County Planner and certified flood plain expert). The purpose of this call was to review the above information with her and to seek her counsel concerning the course of action for each lakefront property owner. Her recommendation was that lakefront property owners do nothing at this time.

The new FIRMs will probably not become law until April 2006. After they become law it is likely that the bank and/or insurance company will contact each lakefront property owner to advise that their house is located in a flood plain. At this point each lakefront property owner has

the option to accept the fact that his property is located in a flood plain or file a Letter of Map Adjustment (LOMA). A property owner has the right to file for a LOMA at any time. There is no deadline.

I met with Jeff Thompson on Tuesday, September 19, at his office to determine how a property owner can file a LOMA and

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ing with Surratt scheduled for tomorrow, Kinney encouraged residents to "Stay tuned."

Announcements. Fathauer announced that the board had decided, in the interest of safety, to stripe the roadways across community dams for no passing.


Manager's report. Community Manager Dalton Fulcher said maintenance crews have been installing a number of new signs and replacing some existing signs throughout the community.

Fulcher said the board had put twelve association owned lots on the market earlier this year and received offers on eight. One lot sold, while a deal on six others fell through because the lots did not perc. One sale is still pending.

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to determine the approximate cost.
In order to file a LOMA "it

must be determined where the water intersects the existing ground when the water is at BFE."

"Issues arising only when structures or homes are within the limits of the flood plain as shown on the FIRMs. The best argument against a home being in the flood plain is to prove that no ground adjacent to the house is below the BFE." Therefore a survey will have to be performed to determine this elevation. In addition a plot plan will have to be created to show the location of the house on the property and the contour lines (BFE and BFE plus 1 foot) to confirm that the property is not in a flood plain.

The estimated cost is between

\$500 and \$600 and based on the fact that Hobbs & Upchurch would survey all of the lots and create each plot plan. In my opinion the cost of a LOMA should be paid by the property

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Tickets still available for Aux Party, 10/13

The Women's Auxiliary of Seven Lakes still has some reservations left for its Annual Fall Luncheon/Fashion Show/Card party. The event will be held on October 13 at the West Side

Park Community Center at noon. So hurry and get those reservations soon.

There is a special raffle currently being sold. This raffle is dinner for two at the following restau-

rants: Bonfish, Italian Table, Nina's, Table on the Green, and brunch at Bon Matin.

The price of the raffle ticket is \$5 and "Winner Takes All." For more information, call Dodie Mulready at 673-5044 or Judy Streit at 673-2946.

There will be a drawing for door raffle prizes as well. Tinkie Petterson has worked hard to

obtain a great selection for this fun part of the luncheon.

Talbot's of Southern Pines is presenting the fashion show and Dee Dick has arranged for several Auxiliary members to model.

Goldie's Gourmet of West End will cater the luncheon. The cost is \$23. The Auxiliary uses the proceeds of this event to support

its many philanthropic pursuits.

Reservations may be made by calling Maureen Malone, 673-2553. Participants may reserve a table for bridge, canasta, or other games of your choice. Please call as soon as possible.

Betsy Mikula and Judy Streit are co-chairing the luncheon. Call them for additional information.



Dee Dick, Judy Streit, & Betsy Mikula discuss the poster for the Auxiliary Luncheon.

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Persimmon pudding and coconut pie

Persimmon trees are spread all over Seven Lakes. Most people don't do anything with them. It's a little trouble to prepare them, but a wonderful pudding can be made with the pulp.

When they are ripe, they fall to the ground. They must be very soft. Pick them up, take them home, put them in the sink, take off the stems and wash them carefully. Using a colander or food mill, get out the pulp. You will need two cups of pulp.

Persimmon Pudding

- Ingredients:**
- 1 pint persimmon pulp
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 2 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 stick margarine or butter, melted
 - Dash of nutmeg

- 4 eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup self-rising flour



from **Lucy's Kitchen**

Lucy Ingram
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Directions:
Beat eggs. Add all other ingredients, reserving 1/2 cup of

sugar and 1/3 of butter.
Beat on medium until very smooth. Pour into large baking pan or three round cake pans.
Sprinkle the sugar and butter on top. It will make a crust.
Bake for 1 hour at 300 degrees. Serve with a whipped topping like Cool Whip® or fresh whipped cream.

Coconut Pie
Here is a wonderful coconut pie recipe. It makes one very large pie, or a double recipe will make three average pies.

- Ingredients:**
- 4 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 1/2 cups white sugar
 - A pinch of salt
 - 1/2 stick melted butter
 - 12 ounces coconut (I Use frozen)

3/4 cup buttermilk

Directions:
Beat eggs (make sure they are at room temperature), add sugar and mix well. Add all other ingredients, mixing well. Pour mixture into pie shell (I use a Pillsbury pie shell). Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce your temperature to 325 degrees and bake for 20-25 more minutes (until done).

Ruth Pauley Lecture Series

Dr. Kenneth Duckworth, Medial Director for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill will be the guest speaker on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 pm. The lecture will be "Tom Cruise Doesn't Get It . . . The Real Truth of Mental Illness." The lecture will be held in Owens Auditorium at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst. Free to the public. For information, call 245-3132..

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Traditional IRAs have been around for about 25 years and were created in order for anyone (up to age 70 1/2) with earned income, to make annualized contributions to their own personal retirement account. To encourage participation, traditional IRAs are provided unique income tax advantages in the form of tax deferred growth and possible current income tax deductions.

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\$4,000. The Roth IRA tax benefits are so good, retirees might want to consider doing something to generate a few thousand dollars of income in order to create for themselves a potentially tax free savings/investment account.

Historically, one of the few ways to generate income tax

free income was by investing in municipal bonds. Roth IRAs may be funded with just about any form of saving or investment vehicle. (In order to be eligible to make a Roth IRA contribution, Adjusted Gross Income must not exceed \$160,000 for

(See "Is the Roth," p. 27)



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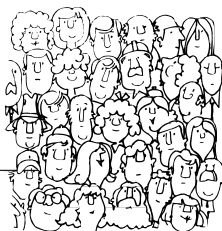
- **Pasta Dinner for Building Fund** – Our Lady of the Americas Roman Catholic Church second annual pasta dinner at the West End Presbyterian Church Community Center 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. The price per ticket is \$10.00 and can be purchased from Roberta Robinson 673-4090 or Pat Schuster 673-4929. Proceeds will go to the building fund for the new church presently under construction.
- **Temple Theatre** – *The Diary of Anne Frank*, By Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett will be presented through October 9. Tickets \$18 adults, \$10 students. Purchase at Temple Theatre, 120 Carthage Street, Downtown Sanford or by calling the box office at (919) 774-4155.
- **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, OCTOBER 1

- **Foxfire Village** – 10:00 am, Foxfire celebrates ground-breaking at the Village Green Municipal Park
- **Bookshop by the Lakes** –

2:00 pm. Author Carl Rush Williams will autograph and discuss his novel, *Night Work*. A heart warming story about a father and his daughter that is about to go off to college. Stop in and say hello.

- **Fairview Baptist Church** – 10:30 am to noon. Silent Auction and Bake. Hot dog plates sold. All proceeds fund mission projects. Fairview Baptist



What's When Calendar

- **Antiques and Collectibles Fall Fair in Cameron**. All day event. Over 300 booths filled with choice items for sale. Go early and spend the day browsing and buying. Food available. Parking fee only. Rain or shine.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- **Kiwanis Bingo** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Gameroom. Jackpot is \$325. Bring a friend.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

- **Free Senior Expo** – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Fair

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- **Heart Disease and Women** – presented by Susan Kopynec, PA-C, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm, at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game Room. Question and answer time to follow each presentation.
- **Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary** – 2:00 pm, North Clubhouse. Teresa Brigman from Seven Lakes Merle

Norman will be the guest speaker. Ms. Brigman will demonstrate the use and benefits of skin care products from Merle Norman. Please bring a personal item such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, deodorant or socks for the Coalition for Human Care.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

- **Blessing of the Animals** – 4:00 pm, at Good Shepherd Pet Crematory and Cemetery Gardens, West End. All are invited bring their pets (not limited to dogs and cats) to be blessed. 5198 NC Hwy. 211.
- **FirstHealth 2005 Pottery Plus Auction** – FirstHealth Hospice Foundation 10th annual Pottery Plus Auction to support the work of FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care. 5 to 8 pm at Country Club of North Carolina, the auction will feature pottery from the finest craftsmen in central North Carolina, including this year's Chairman's Choice piece by premier artisan Ben Owen III.

Tickets, \$50/person, includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. For more information, call 695-7510. Select auction items can be viewed online at www.firsthealth.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes** – 3:00 pm, meet in the Game Room next to Northside Landowner's Office. Fran Janosky will present a Digital Photography Review – Camera to Prints.
- **Ruth Pauley Lecture Series** – Dr. Kenneth Duckworth, Medical Director for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill will be the guest speaker, 7:30 pm. The lecture will be "Tom Cruise Doesn't Get It . . . The Real Truth of Mental Illness." Owens Auditorium at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst. Free to the public. Call 245-3132.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

- **Prescription Shoppe of Seven Lakes** – 10:00 am to noon. Flu Shots will be



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

- **Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary Luncheon/Fashion Show** – noon, at West Side Community Center. Enjoy food, fun, and fashion at this annual event. Reservations can be made by calling Maureen Malone at 673-2553. Reserve your game tables today!
- **FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital – Pregnancy Fair** – 6:00 - 7:30 pm, at the Fair Barn, 365 Magnolia Dr., Pinehurst. 30 Vendors will be present. Giveaways, services information, information available for new and expectant mothers. Free. 800-213-3284.
- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** - 7:30 pm, Jeff Cutler from Cutler Tree Service will speak to the group about trees in the Sandhills, trimming hedges, and landscaping with trees. The meeting will be at the West Side Community Center.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

- **Our Savior Lutheran Church** – annual benefit bazaar & yard sale, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Big yard sale, cafe with breakfast and lunch, handmade crafts and bake sale. All proceeds aid the needy in Moore County. Donations of household items, books, jewelry, furniture, toys, fall and

winter clothing, and children's clothing are needed for the sale. Donations may be brought to the church, 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines. Call 910 215-0557 for pick up of large items.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

- **27th Holly Arts & Crafts Festival**, all day, in the Village of Pinehurst, rain or shine.
- **Sandhills Interfaith Hospitality 2005 Benefit Concert** – "Songs and Laughter in the Sandhills" is the theme. 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Pinecrest High School auditorium. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and tickets will be available at the door or they can be purchased in advance at the Day Center, 303 Peach Avenue. Call SIHN at 944-7149.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- **Seven Lakes Massage and Body Therapies** – 3-5 pm, Pilate for Osteoporosis Workshop. Combat Osteoporosis safely and effectively. Call 673-2200 to register.
- **Weymouth Center**, 3:00

pm, Biographer Scott Donaldson will speak. Donaldson is one of the country's leading literary biographers. His most recent book is *Hemingway vs. Fitzgerald: The Rise and Fall of a Literary Friendship*.

- **West Side Community Center** – Grand Opening of Tennis Courts, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Bring your partners, opponents, tennis racquets, and smiles. Join your friends for a fun-filled afternoon. Observers are welcome. Contact Betty Milligan at 673-1462.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

- **West End United Methodist Church** – Ham and Turkey dinner – 6:00 pm. Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 children. Take out is available. For tickets call Kitty Slazas at 673-3827 or Trudie Vaughn at 673-2681. No tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds benefit mission projects.
- **West End Elementary School Fall Festival** – 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. New games along with some returning favorites. Plan on

having a night of fun and games with your kids. Support the Fall Festival and West End Elementary.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- **Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines Rummage Sale** – 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. at Old West End School Gym.



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Symphony at Sandhills

The Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Fouad Fakhouri, will make its season debut in the Sandhills area on October 9. In partnership with the Sandhills Community College, the orchestra will present, "A New Season, A New Beginning" concert at Owens Auditorium on the campus.

Concert goers can expect an exciting season opener including great masterpieces like Wagner's "Overture to Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg", Schumann's "A minor Piano Concerto", and Borodin's "Second Symphony". Maestro Fakhouri expressed his enthusiasm for the concert, "We are very happy to be back at Sandhills Community College and look forward to performing again for the Sandhills and Southern Pines communities."

The doors will open at 2:00 pm and the performance begins at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 and purchase locations in Moore County include the Sandhills Video, 1701 A North Sandhills Blvd in Aberdeen, and the Country Bookshop, 140 NW Broad Street in Southern Pines.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door or at the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra office 301 Hay Street, Fayetteville.

For more information call 433-4690.

First Bank celebrates birthday

The Seven Lakes Branch of First Bank celebrated their twenty-seventh anniversary with an ice cream social on Tuesday September 20.

Branch managers Kim Bailey and Becky Gilmore (below)

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Concert helps homeless in Moore County

"Songs and Laughter in the Sandhills" is the theme of the 2005 Sandhills Interfaith Hospitality Network (SIHN) Benefit Concert scheduled for Satur-

day, October 15 at 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Pinecrest High School auditorium.

Proceeds from the concert will go to support the work of

SIHN, a nonprofit agency dedicated to alleviating homelessness in Moore County.

In addition to being a major fund-raiser, the concert is also

a celebration of the fifth anniversary of SIHN, and the opening of their new Day Center in Aberdeen. Since January 2000 SIHN has assisted over 85 homeless families.

Some of the featured performers in this year's concert will be nationally known Gran'daddy Junebug, with his unique "sto'etry" telling style, our very own "Pinehurst Crooner" – Barron Maness, and a new Sweet Adelines Chapter – Sandhills Harmony" - mak-

ing their debut performance.

Other acts include Jane Mohr, humorist, Terpsichore – a moving experience, and Michelle Marshall of Egypt.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance at the Day Center, 303 Peach Avenue.

For more information call SIHN at 944-7149. A major sponsor of the event is Thrivent Financial for Lutheran's.

Pottery auction is Oct. 8

On Saturday, Oct. 8, the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation will hold its 10th annual Pottery Plus Auction to raise funds to support the work of FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care.

Because the event and other Foundation efforts are so successful, the Hospice & Palliative Care staff can concentrate on what it does so well – serving patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Scheduled to be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Country Club of North Carolina, the Pottery Plus Auction will feature pottery from some of the finest craftsmen in central North Carolina, including this year's Chairman's Choice piece by premier artisan Ben Owen III.

The Chairman's Choice piece has a mottled pink and copper patina green glaze and a form that is reminiscent of early Mesopotamian water jars.

Owen promised organizers something unique for their 10th annual fund-raiser and, according to event Chairman Cynthia

Holt, he delivered.

The Chairman's Choice jar, she points out, has a decidedly different look from most Owen works, many of them rich, earthy reds.

"He's really an artist," says Holt of Owen. "This piece will be one of the highlights of the auction."

In addition to raising money for the Hospice organization, the Pottery Plus Auction also helps raise awareness of Pottery Country and the dozens of potteries that dot the Sandhills landscape, many of them – like Owen's – generational family operations.

Other items to be offered include vacation getaways to

the Canadian Rockies, the Caribbean and Mexico's Mayan Riviera; jewelry; and a hat autographed by 2005 U.S. Open champion Michael Campbell.

Tickets, which are \$50 per person, also include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

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OPINION

Making nonsense with a few words

The following list of actual newspaper headlines of 2004 came to me from Bud Sales.

Thanks, Bud, you're a big help to a guy who has to produce a column every second week.

The headlines are followed by editorial comment.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash. *(No, really?)*

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers. *(Now that's taking things a bit far!)*

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over. *(What a guy!)*

Miners Refuse to Work after Death. *(Good-for-nothing' lazy so and sos!)*

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant. *(See if that works any better than a fair trial!)*

Ollie's Thoughts
Oliver Gossard



War Dims Hope for Peace. *(I can see where it might have that effect!)*

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile. *(You think?)*

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures. *(Who would have thought!)*

This proves that headline writers have problems just like the rest of us.

SLLA Board needs better guidelines for meetings

Dear Editor:

I was greatly impressed with editor Greg Hankins opinion feature in the *Seven Lakes Times* of September 16.

He gave prominence to the latin term "ad hominem" translated "against the man."

Quoting the article's fifth paragraph - "Ad hominem" meant that, instead of debating the issues, you were attacking your opponent in the debate, on a more or less personal level.

Moving along to the next to last paragraph: Quote - "What is not right, nor the responsibility of the elected representatives is to impugn the motive, the integrity, or the character of those with whom they disagree."

I was a mute spectator, as formally required at a Landowners Board Work Session meeting; where the Swearingen presentation concerning the Company Police was offered as a resolu-

tion on July 15.

My firm concern is that it was



ridiculous and irresolute for an adult quasi-governmental body to react so contemptuously and rudely as to a well throughout presentation (be it right or gravely wrong) by one of its elected board members.

Possibly a more acceptable response could have been to postpone the question definitely until the next meeting (as set forth by Sturgis or Roberts Rules of Order) whereby, conscientious review by opposing members could have been accom-

plished in some semblance of parliamentary procedure; instead of the woeful knee-jerk response that ensued!

This certainly shocked the required silent spectators into action.

Therefore, I was most assuredly, in short measure, drawn to the Concerned Citizen's Council; as the only avenue to draw attention to the will of the Landowners; and that we most certainly accomplished.

Win or loose, I most respectfully submit to the board, as has been requested in the past, institute some semblance of parliamentary procedure, thereby maybe insuring the return of civility and productivity.

*Dave Davies
Seven Lakes North*

Zany thoughts: The source of creativity

As the hint of an idea gently gave birth to itself as I was emerging from the bathtub, I quickly dried myself off and raced to my note pad and pencil resting patiently on my bed table.

My zaniest ideas for articles arise somewhere in the subconscious, or simply when I'm in a wakeful period in bed between 3:00 am or 4:00 am, rather unlike my sane friends whose most imaginative impulses

occur in broad daylight while checking the thermostat or gazing dispassionately at the kitchen floor that needs cleaning.

The other day while competing in a tennis match, I was

about to serve when a ridiculously absurd idea crashed in on me. I was so frustrated about what to do about it that I double-faulted, sending my partner into a dismal "funk." That's an exam-

ple of why I like my ideas to boil up into the world when there are no distractions - like the middle of the night.

Why, in Fifth Grade, did I decide to become a writer only after my teacher handed me an

extreme clarity? There always seems to be a lot of fuzz intertwined in them.

Why, during all these years

1890s model of a scratch pen and told me I was now the school editor and must, without fail, fill all four pages and by all means "on time!"

since, have I left myself open to ridicule and the constant spectre of impending depression, let alone "writer's cramp?"

Guess what? I wouldn't trade it for anything.



Mason's Musings
Mason Gould

Why don't ideas for writing appear punctually and with

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Best laid plans can't run on just fumes

Sometimes, I have to scrounge around within the files in my mind or in my actual filing cabinet hoping to come up with a topic for this column.

Other times, such as now, the info is practically "dropped into my lap" because of current happenings. On some of these occasions, I would rather there were no such events to provide such readily available information.

Currently, I'd rather have to scrounge a bit. But unfortunately, both Katrina and Rita have given us much to think about.

One evening during the scourge of Katrina, I turned on *The Suze Orman Show*. She stated that she had decided to "ditch" the show she'd planned for that evening and offer advice in preparedness for all of us, but especially for those in the path of a hurricane or other disaster.

I won't try to recall all she offered, but I cannot forget her admonition to keep all important papers in a readily available flameproof and waterproof container.

Nothing new here, right. However, she also recommended that we make copies of all important papers and either send or take these copies to a relative or friend so that they will be safe and available if needed. A safe deposit box is a good idea but don't rely on that alone. It won't help to have items where you can't reach them in an emergency. Good

advice but how many of us have thought along those lines?

I was impressed when the Mayor of Galveston ordered an



Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley

evacuation and then stated that people who refused to go should write their social security numbers on their bare arms using indelible ink. Makes identification easier. Smart Gal.

My son, Steve, is employed by a group that owns seven radio stations on Lafayette, LA.

He informed me that the company has a definite Hurricane Preparedness Program to be set into motion at the risk of impending storm or other disaster.

Everyone employed there has specific tasks assigned to them.

Some are simple jobs: have water and food available, each of seven persons has among his responsibilities the task of filling a different station vehicle

with gas, first aid kits are to be complete and available, fresh batteries are to be installed in all flashlights. One person is to see that all windows

have been boarded up by the company employed to do such. In other words, plans are consistently ready for implementation.

The station is brick and in excellent condition. About 12 persons including my son, granddaughter and grandson decided to "stick it out" within the station.

With a huge generator to provide air conditioning and all other necessities, they felt confident. They put all stations on remote with piped in music and programming. Knowing that people rely on radio news during a

catastrophe, they decided to go on air with the larger "mother" station every fifteen minutes throughout the night.

It was a workable plan and all should have gone well with a big generator to keep them going and reasonably comfortable. That generator will function satisfactorily for three days with a full tank of propane gas. Without that gas, it "conked out" after six hours.

The question is why wasn't

that tank full?

It is the job of the engineer to see that it is kept in readiness. Guess who was the one that did not do his job and who did not stay the night to look after the equipment?

I suspect that they've seen the last of that particular employee.

We can't all be boy scouts, but it would behoove all of us to keep in mind the boy scout motto: "Be Prepared."

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Mr. Williams will be signing and discussing his novel *Night Work*, a heart warming story about widower, Curt Mellam and his daughter about to go off to college.

A native of the Sandhills, Mr. Williams spent his early years in Rockingham, and graduated from Rockingham High School.

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First rule of holes: In one? Stop digging.

To The SLLA

Board of Directors:

On July 27th, at an open meeting of the board, we asked that you ballot the landowners on the future of the company police department rather than have an issue of such financial consequence to the community decided by a split decision of the board in a rather argumenta-

tive working session.

The board simply ignored our request.

As a consequence, the Concerned Citizens Council, to which I belong, took it upon itself to poll the landowners on this issue.

We received a very welcome response. 44% of those eligible to vote did so. And of that number, 88% were in favor of dis-

banding the company police. At last count the vote was 521 to 69. This is a landslide by any measure!

The result of this poll was presented to the board by one of your own at a special meeting called for this purpose on September 12th, and a motion was then made that the board reverse its decision and proceed to dis-

band this department.

This motion was defeated by a vote of 5 to 2.

Once again, the board simply chose to ignore the will of a vast

by the State of North Carolina.

The other expenses for the most part were budgeted but under-allocated. In the light of these up-coming costs; saddling our community with a \$100,000 per year company police department when we have very capable roving security backed up by 911 is both foolish and fiscally irresponsible.

An editorial in a recent *USA Today* states in part "The first law of holes is: When you're in one, stop digging."

Until such time as the board comprehends the mood and responds to the will of the majority; I personally, will find it extremely difficult to support any request for a dues increase.

Ron Erskine
Seven Lakes North

Planning boards compared

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Linda Ticehurst Pierce's recent letter in the *Pilot*. She described the vote to recommend rezoning by the Southern Pines Planning Board on the Leith issues as follows: "... providing the first step in effectively blocking construction for the car dealership. It was a courageous act on their part."

The current zoning is not in harmony with the area; this would change in zoning for the public interest. Sometimes, zoning must be upheld for the protection of the neighborhood.

Compare Southern Pines' zoning action with Moore County Planning Board's zoning action when it considered the rezoning of 180-plus acres from five acre to two acre parcels.

A large developer, Stafford Land Company, is working with Larsen/Blatco, the landowners. Since the surrounding area consists of farms on ten to fifty acre parcels, this rezoning would not be in harmony and would not be in the public's best interest.

Two members of the Planning Board who wanted the rezoning are involved with construction; one was developing his own land at the last Subdivision Review Board. The Planning Board became deadlocked 4 to 4.

Valiant efforts to defeat the rezoning were made by Kim VonCanon, acting Chairperson, and Harry Huberth, now newly appointed Chairperson. Mr. Huberth stated that of five conditions required to permit rezoning, only two were met. He pointed out that a petition against rezoning was signed by 223

Moore County residents — including me. After extensive debate and revote, the Board recommended approval five votes to three.

To me, the comparison is clear — one heard the people's concerns, one surrendered to a developer. What do you think? What will Moore County Board of Commissioners think? Please help defeat this rezoning.

Write the Commissioner and attend the meeting with Larsen/Blatco on the agenda next month.

Ruth Pecan
West End



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by Mary Scoggin
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Lions Club hosts Bataan Survivor

by Don Truesdell

The Sandhills Lions Club met on Thursday, September 15, and the guest speaker was John Mims.

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Strong opinions make board stronger

[Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board member made the following remarks during the Wednesday, September 28 regular meeting of the association. The meeting he mentions in his last paragraph did not take place Wednesday night.]

There has been considerable conversation in the community recently regarding the differences of opinion within the Board on whether or not Seven Lakes should continue to fund a Company Police force.

One Board member stated recently "Up until now we have always had a conformity of opinion on the Board."

I ask, where in the world does it state that our Board should always have unanimity in its decisions?

Do municipalities have unanimity on their boards? Do the Moore County commissioners always have unanimity on their board?

Do state and federal officials always reach unanimity in their decisions?

The answer is No to all of these questions.

Their strength, and ours, lies in the fact that differences of opinion bring additional perspectives to the table.

Each and every one of your directors ran for a seat on the board as an independent. We did not run as a group. Each and every candidate had their own thoughts as to how they would make Seven Lakes a better community in which to live. As our community becomes more and more diverse many new controversial issues will surface and many positions will be held until all reasonable efforts have been exhausted. Director Truesdell and I are trying to cause a measure of fiscal reality to be appreciated and sought in addressing expenditures this year and in years to come. No one here

this evening wants to be faced with a dues increase next year or a special assessment levied against him or her to repair our infrastructure.

Many positive changes have occurred in the area of

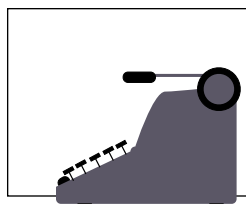
department is no longer an affordable or necessary expenditure that we, as landowners, should be burdened with. Over 500 landowners agree with and support our contention.

As recently as yesterday a board member told me that the company police issue is tearing our community apart. I emphatically disagree with that statement. It may be pulling the board members in different directions but it certainly is not tearing this community apart. We are much too strong for that

future status of our company police department. I ask that the board be unanimous in it's vote to approve this motion and I also ask the residents of Seven Lakes to make their voices heard through the ballot box.

Your Turn

Loren Swearingen
SLLA Board



security since March of this year.

1. Added additional lighting at Sequoia Point and at the swimming pool picnic area.
 2. Placed speed bumps on the Sequoia dam.
 3. Discovered that the CP department has no jurisdiction on private property in the Seven Lakes community.
 4. ABC officials are now on call when there is suspected underage drinking or drug activity in our community.
 5. The State legislature passed Chapter 20. This gives the Highway Patrol and the Moore County Sheriffs department the right to patrol the Seven Lakes community. (Which by the way, they are doing more and more of on a regular basis.)
 6. *The Times* is printing all security reports so that the residents of our community can see for themselves what problems exist.
 7. An 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew has been placed on all public areas including parking lots in Seven Lakes.
 8. We have 80 hours per week of roving security patrol in our community. This breaks down to over 11 hours per day of observation in our community. When scheduled properly, this coverage gives us all the roving patrols we need.
- Director Truesdell and I strongly feel that a company police

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Responsibility is key at West Pine Middle

by Stacy Waterman,
WPMS Counselor

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Students are discussing the myriad of ways they can be responsible.

We are proud to announce the following students who have been nominated by their teachers because of their responsible behavior:

(Back row l to r) Tim Kaiser, Reuben Kennedy, Ben Denton, Cyrus Taylor, Drew Gagliardi, (front row l to r) Victoria Edwards, Callie Boone, Amy Rose, and Leslie Walters.



Is Roth for you?

(Continued from page 17)

joint filers, \$110,000 for single filers, and special limitations apply to married filing separately taxpayers).

The foregoing is not intended as an in-depth explanation on the subject of IRAs. As with any tax matter, a myriad of rules apply and qualified tax counsel is recommended.

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*Nathan Hamilton
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Beaconettes 'Rally for Cure' for breast cancer

On Thursday, September 15, the Beaconettes took part in a "Rally for a Cure" presented by *Golf for Women* magazine, a breast awareness campaign that is the nation's largest grass roots women's golf program.

This year marks the first time the Beaconettes pledged its support and teed off against breast cancer.

Alice Shaughnessy was the organizer of the event which raised \$456.

A field of 28 played in the rally. A closest to the pin contest was

won by Ann Doster with a Taylor made sand wedge as the prize.

A Titleist golf ball bearing the pink ribbon breast awareness symbol was awarded to both Pat Blair and Ann Doster who hit the green on the first going at the Par 3 rally hole.

First place winners were: Katy Swain, Ann Doster, Pat Blair, and Paula Hill. Second place winners were: Carolyn James, Alice Shaughnessy, Jan Patton and Mary Hauck. All the winners received fashion golf socks.



Beaconettes rally for a cure — First place winners: Katy Swain, Pat Blair, Paula Hill, Ann Doster, Alice Shaughnessy, Coordinator

Mental Health Awareness Week

October 2-8 is Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW), an important annual event for NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. It is a week set aside to change public attitudes about brain disorders.

NAMI, which has become the nation's voice on mental illness, was established in 1979 by a group of family members of those with severe mental illness. Its mission was threefold: one, to support those with mental illness and their families and to provide coping mechanisms in the daily struggle with the devastating consequences of these illnesses; second, to educate everyone about mental illness with the goal of dispelling the ignorance and pervasive stigma relating to these brain disorders; and finally, to advocate for more research and an improved system of mental health services across the nation.

Locally, the NAMI Moore County affiliate will honor their loved ones on Sunday, October 2 with its 10th Annual Candlelight Vigil at 7:00 pm. Community Congregational Church at 140 N. Bennett St. in Southern Pines will host the event.

Speakers will be Jarrell Smoak, Magistrate in Carthage and Ben Staples, Executive Director, NAMI-North Carolina discussing "Jailing Persons with a Mental Illness — It's a Crime". The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, October 4 has been established as the annual Nation-

al Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding: God's Ministry for Mental Wellness. All people — brothers and sisters of every faith, race, age, and creed — are encouraged to join hearts for this special day of prayer.

Like to walk for your health and a great cause? NAMI-MC has formed the Moore Messengers team for the 2005 NAMI-Walks for "The Mind of America" being held on Saturday, October 8 in Triad Regional Park, Exit 208 on I-40 West. Check-in time for this 5K walk is 9:00 am.

There is no registration fee and all registered walkers from NAMI-MC will receive a free tee shirt. Please call Marianne at 910-528-6820 for additional information about this event, which will feature refreshments, music and fun! Donations are accepted and are tax deductible.

Finally, NAMI-MC is co-sponsoring with the Ruth Pauley Lec-

ture Series, Dr. Ken Duckworth, NAMI National Medical Director, on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 pm at Sandhills Community College campus in the Owens Auditorium. The program is titled, "Tom Cruise Has It all Wrong . . . The Real Story of Mental Illness." This presentation is free and open to the public.

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SLLA Company Police debate continues

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the community, as well as a strong response to the Concerned Citizens Council poll in favor of disbanding Company Police, wearingin said:

"Director Truesdell and I strongly feel that a company police department is no longer an affordable or necessary expenditure that we, as landowners, should be burdened with. Over 500 landowners agree with and support our contention."

"As recently as yesterday, a board member told me that the company police issue is tearing our community apart," Swearingin continued. "I emphatically disagree with that statement. It may be pulling the board members in different directions but it certainly is not tearing this community apart. We are much too strong for that to happen."

In the public comment segment of the meeting, Lori Werner of Edgewater said she believed it is unethical for a board member to be part of a group that is working against board decisions. She asked the board to ask for the resignations of any board members acting in such a manner, apparently referring to Swearingin and Truesdell.

Ron Erskine, a CCC member read a letter to the board criticizing the board for continuing to support Company Police, despite the results of the CCC poll. [See page 25 for the text of Erskine's letter, which was submitted to *The Times* earlier this week.]

Bud Shaver of Pinecone Court read a prepared statement arguing that the community would be foolish to rely on the Sheriff's Office to control speeding in Seven Lakes and that it will not be possible to save \$80,000 in security costs by disbanding Company Police.

Shaver said members who dissent from a decision of the majority of the board should either accept the will of the majority or resign and then speak out.

Michael Florence of Cardinal Drive read a tongue in cheek letter to the board in which he suggested the association should have a force of six company police officers, in order to provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

coverage. The tab for that operation should be only about \$150 more pre year per member, Florence said, which would raise annual dues to \$950.

Former SLLA President Ed Chapman Praised Swearingin's work on looking at alternatives to Company Police said the board had made its decision and should now move on. "Five to two, that seems pretty dominant to me," Chapman said.

Jim Carter of Swan Run Court said he was one of the board members who worked hard to make it possible for Seven Lakes to have Company Police in the first place. He said that, at the time, he was fully convinced that Company Police would have jurisdiction on the private property of landowners.

"I would like to see a reasonable study done and a reasonable decision made to correct this mistake that we have made," Carter said.

Director Jeff Herman said that the board had received from its attorney a draft of a contract that would allow individual landowners to contract with the association for Company Police protection on their property.

Lucille Leeman of Cardinal Lane said that any referendum on Company Police should be preceded by giving the public solid information on the pros and cons. "We have been getting a lot of emotional issues thrown at us and not a lot of specifics."

Mary Hudson, who identified herself as an 18 year resident and a member of the CCC, said that the CCC poll may have been flawed but it showed the depth of public feeling on the matter.

Her comments were interrupted by Director Jackie Scotti, who said the board had never been shown audited results of the CCC Poll, only given a verbal report. Truesdell replied that the board had been offered the opportunity to review the results but had rejected that offer. Scotti and Director Jeff Herman asserted no vote had been taken to reject that offer.

As order began to dissolve, at the prompting of Shaver, SLLA President Jack Fathauer adjourned the meeting.

After the meeting, Truesdell provided *The Times* with a statement from the CCC regarding the board's failure to hold a special work session to vote on holding

a binding referendum on the question:

"The Concerned Citizens Council was disappointed that the SLLA Board did not have a special working session after the conclusion of the open session held on Wednesday, September 28, 2005.

"Therefore our motion to proceed with a binding referendum concerning the Seven Lakes Company Police was not heard. At this point, we have to consult with legal counsel to determine how to proceed."

"My issue with the Seven Lakes Company police is not a

matter of ego or power," Truesdell told *The Times*. This Board had two opportunities to conduct a referendum of the landowners and failed to seize on either opportunity.

"My only motivation is to see that the residents of Seven Lakes have a chance to be heard in a binding referendum on such an important issue. I will abide by the outcome of a binding referendum whatever the results."

Prior to the discussion of company police, members heard committee reports. Our report on that portion of the meeting begins on page 11.

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Work underway on new Westside trailer lot

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- Thanks to new developers Peyton Gentry and Bob van Houten, the front gate guardhouse has been cleaned up and painted, Meikle said.
- Compliance with the septic management plan is currently at 70%, which Meikle said was "pretty darned good," since both both septic companies handling the inspections have customers still on their waiting list.

Meikle said the association would, along with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, be contesting the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission over Lake Auman and the other lakes in Seven Lakes. [See story on front page.]

Finance. In addition to providing a written Treasurer's Report, SLWLA Treasurer Lois Rocco told landowners that the board would soon begin preparation of the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget. Preparation starts in October, with a goal of producing a budget for board approval on January 10. Copies of the budget are sent to landowners on January 20 as part of their annual meeting packet.

Nominating Committee. Director Jan Patton said that she, Charlie Merical, and Ron Sickenberger were serving as this year's nominating committee. The terms of Patton, Ray MacKay, and Lois Rocco expire this year. Patton said the committee hopes to have six candidates vying for the three available seats. They will be accepting candidates through the month of October and interviewing prospects in November, Patton said.

The nominating committee is also charged with accepting nominations for the SLWLA Wall of Honor, dedicated to honoring folks who have made extraordinary contributions to the community. The deadline for those nominations is October 31.

Infrastructure. Director Ray MacKay noted that last Sunday's West Side picnic was a rousing success, particularly in that it attracted a large number of new, younger members of the community. He congratulated the organizers.

Yard waste pickup will start

October 10, MacKay said. Residents are to pile pinecones, trimmings and other debris loose at curbside, not in plastic bags.

This will likely be the last yard debris pickup for the association, since progress is being made on a new yard debris transfer site that will give landowners regular access to a disposal site located near the boat and trailer storage area. Most of the additional 3.86 acres the association purchased to expand the storage area has been cleared, MacKay said, and bids are in for fencing the area.

MacKay said draft rules for both the trailer storage area and the yard debris disposal site will likely be presented to landowners next month, after which the board will take input on the proposed rules for another month.

Residents who are already using the boat and trailer storage area will be automatically added to the list of users for the expanded facility, MacKay said, but new users should make themselves known to the SLWLA office so that their names can be added to the list. MacKay said he expects to be able to create assigned parking spaces for each user. He said all users will likely be assessed some fee for use of the facility, though those rates have not yet been determined.

Security. Director Virgil Reid said the backside of the Morganwood Subdivision, which backs up to NC Highway 73 has now been completely fenced with a board fence, and a temporary construction gate off Highway 73 has been closed off. GS Communities is the Morganwood developer, and paid for the fence.

As part of the effort to clear the new trailer storage area up to 160 pine trees will be relocated from that acreage to the area between Westside Park and the truss plant, Ried said. This should help prevent unauthorized access to the community from the road that serves the truss plant, as well as screening that operation from view from within the community.

Architectural standards. A new guide to community architectural standards was almost complete when the committee preparing it decided to get some outside expert input before going

to press, Director Bill Parker reported. But after a pro bono review by a local architect, as well as a review by Moore County Homebuilders Association President Steve Harris, the committee is working on fine tuning the standards.

One area of work involves a \$1,500 per home access fee that will be imposed on builders once the new standards are in place, Parker said. This fee will be held in escrow by the association until construction is complete, in case the SLWLA must expend funds to repair damage caused by the builder. Because a number of contractors have multiple projects going on at once in the community, Harris suggested placing a cap on the total amount any one builder would have to place in escrow with the association. The Details are being worked out, but Parker suggested that cap may be set at \$9,000.

Parker said he hoped all issues can be resolved and changes made so that the standards can be published by the end of October. At that time, a meeting will be held with all builders active in the community in order to acquaint them with the new standards.

County codes enforcement. Parker said he and the SLWLA office get a substantial volume

of calls from residents concerned about three areas of construction: septic systems, swimming pools, and bulkheads. All three are currently administered by the Moore County Planning Department, which limits the

association's authority in those areas.

Parker said he was successful in having the county toughen its standards for pools in Seven

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Cycling club, cultural exchange in the works

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Lakes West, so that a safety fence will now have to be in place before the pool is filled, and a final inspection completed before the pool is used. He noted that there are more and more pools being constructed in Seven Lakes West.

Lake & environment. Director Laud Pitt said he is looking for volunteers to take on two areas of responsibility: serving as captain of the Lake Patrol and handling maintenance of lake buoys. Tony Rocco and Ralph Olsen have resigned from those positions.

Pitt said lake users should be aware that scuba divers occasionally use the lake, whether for recreation or for EMS and fire department training. He had on hand a divers' buoy, topped with the distinctive red flag with a white diagonal stripe that indicat-

ed "Diver down." Boaters noting the presence of such a flag should stay clear of the area and be alert for divers in the water.

Recreation. Director Betty Milligan announced that the Grand Opening of the Tennis Courts will be held from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm on October 16. She encouraged residents — and especially tennis players — to attend.

The basketball courts should be ready for use around mid-month as well, Milligan said. A Halloween Party, with entertainment by Glen Davis, will be held in the Great Hall of the Community Center on October 29 from 7:00 pm to 10 pm. Tickets go on sale October 1 at the SLWLA office and October 10 in the mailhouse.

Milligan said her recreation committee is looking for ways to

increase utilization of the community center. They are generating ideas and looking for suggestions. Milligan invited Bill Mamel and George Jenner to present two ideas for new recreational activities.

Mamel noted that the community offers a large variety of recreational opportunities, but offers less opportunity for intellectual stimulation. Mamel said he and a few other residents will be working to establish a regular group that will meet to explore the intellectual and cultural side of life — perhaps with guest speakers and roundtable discussions.

An organizational meeting will be held in the Community Center, tentatively scheduled for 8:00 am on November 17. For more information, call Mamel at 673-8970.

Jenner, an experienced cyclist

who rides almost daily on the roads of Seven Lakes West, is working to start a cycling club. He noted that access to a cycling club can help those new to cycling learn about gearing and

other details that can make cycling more pleasurable — as well as safer. Those interested in participating can call Jenner at 673-8234.

Security report

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owner. The homeowner said the problem "had been dealt with."

found the dogs and attributed their barking to construction work underway in the area.

September 23

A resident on Pleasantview reported that there was a private investigator watching a jobsite from the woods near the resident's home. He asked to have Seven Lakes Company Police dispatched to check out the situation.

A resident on Running Brook reported barking dogs. Patrol

September 24

A resident on Sunset reported fireworks being set off at a home on Stallion. Patrol spoke with the resident on Stallion, who admitted his son had set off fireworks. Security noted that this was the third time either security or company police had been called to the residence for a fireworks complaint.

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Boards question Wildlife authority on lakes

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sion has largely ignored Seven Lakes in the past, but that is about to change. The growth in boat traffic on community lakes — particularly on Lake Auman — makes it important for wildlife

officers to help ensure that safe boating practices are being followed, Dutton said.

Dutton said he asked one of his officers to spend some time on Lake Sequoia and Lake Auman one weekend about a

month ago — “just to survey the situation out there.” The officer checked for boat registrations and fishing licenses and issued some verbal warnings, but no citations, Dutton told *The Times*. “Instead of going down there

and writing a whole bunch of tickets, we decided to work through the association,” Dutton said. “We want to work with the people in Seven Lakes and make sure that they know what the laws are.”

Dutton said he had contacted Westside Community Manager Tony Robertson to let him know that NCWRC would be patrolling Lake Auman. “I let him know

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Boards question Wildlife authority on lakes

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that the lakes would need to be in compliance,” Dutton said. “We’re giving them a little bit of time to get the word out to members.”

The jurisdictional question may hinge on whether lakes like Sequoia and Auman can be classified as “private ponds.” North Carolina General Statutes classify all waters in the state as “public waters,” with the exception of “private ponds,” defined as bodies of water “arising within and lying wholly upon a single tract of privately-owned land, from which fish cannot escape and to which fish cannot enter from public fishing waters at any time...”

Dutton, for one, has no doubt that the lakes fall under his jurisdiction. While he initiated the decision to begin enforcement activities in Seven Lakes, Dutton told *The Times*, the plan was approved by Colonel Keith Eberhart, who heads the NCWRC enforcement division in Raleigh.

Why the sudden interest in Seven Lakes? Dutton said he recently replaced Sergeant Gary Caulk, a Seven Lakes resident who has had responsibility for enforcement activities in Moore County since 1987. “When he started, there was hardly anything out there — just a few boats on Lake Sequoia,” Dutton said. “So nobody paid much attention to it.”

That may have led to a misconception that enforcement activity was lacking because the lakes are private. And residents may have in fact been told that they need not register their boats or purchase fishing licenses, Dutton said. That was the perception the NCWRC officer found on his initial patrol of Sequoia and Auman. “Even the fellow who heads up the boat patrol out there didn’t have his boat registered,” Dutton remarked.

“People’s misconception is, just because it’s private, it’s not subject to state laws,” he said, noting that the NCWRC currently patrols a number of private lakes, including those in Carolina Trace near Sanford; Lake Surf (1,100 acres) in Woodlake, near Vass; Lake Royale (345 acres) near Bunn in Franklin County; and Buffalo Lake in Harnett County.

NCWRC officers are fully-

sworn peace officers and able to enforce the full gamut of state laws. However, their enforcement activities are focused on hunting, fishing, and boating laws, Dutton said. Patrols typically check fishing licenses and boating registrations, enforce creel limits, make sure that boats are properly equipped with required safety equipment, watch out for reckless boaters, and enforce rules that prohibit operating a boat under the influence of alcohol.

Enforcement of boating under the influence laws enforcement is similar to that used to prevent driving under the influence, Dutton said. Officers may administer field sobriety tests, and, if those prove positive, arrest violators, administer intoxolyzer tests, and bring the offender before the a magistrate to face charges.

Dutton said state alcoholic beverage control laws forbid the dispensing of spirits or fortified wines in unauthorized locations, which would include the deck of a pontoon boat.

Noting that the landowners associations have developed their own rules for both boating and fishing on the lakes, Dutton said NCWRC officers will not enforce those rules — only state regulations. That should not create a conflict, Dut-

ton said, unless association rules are more lenient than the state rules.

Dutton said he plans to give the community some time to understand and adjust to the change in enforcement strategy. After that, he expects his officers to be regular visitors to Lake Auman and Lake Sequoia.

“We’re not going to be out there every day,” Dutton said. “But we’ll probably be on the lake every couple of weekends in the summer. We may spend a few hours on Sequoia and a few hours on Auman.” He noted that many residents are already in compliance.

under 16 years of age do not need a license.

Boat registrations are \$10 for one year or \$25 for three years. Rowboats and canoes do not have to be registered.

Seven Lakes Hardware is a Wildlife Service Agent, offering fishing licenses and boat registrations. Licenses may be purchased and boat registrations renewed online, at the Commission’s website: <http://www.wildlife.state.nc.us>. That site also contains plenty of information about boating and fishing regulations.

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