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## Board approves Co. Police vote

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] board voted Wednesday night, in a general session, to conduct a binding referendum on disbanding the Seven Lakes Company Police Department.

both urged the board to conduct a binding referendum on whether to disband company police, Erskine reading from a letter published on page 21 of this issue of *The Times*. Gunderson presented SLLA President Jack

Fathauer with a petition with what he said were sufficient signatures to call for a special meeting.

After their comment, Direc-

tor Don Truesdell made a motion that the board conduct such a referendum and Director Loren Swearingen seconded the motion.

When Fathauer called for the vote, Swearingen, Truesdell, and Director Jeff Herman voted in favor of the referendum. Director Jackie Scotti abstained, and Fathauer and Director Ron Rich-

(See "SLLA," p. 27)

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The vote represented a dramatic turn-around from the debate in a Thursday, October 20 work session, when most board members rejected the the Concerned Citizens Councils proposal for a referendum on the very same subject.

During the public comment segment of Wednesday night's general meeting the CCC's Jim Gunderson and Ron Erskine

## Future firefighters



**Prospective Seven Lakes Volunteer Firemen** (Class of '25, maybe?) try their hand at basic firefighting skills during the squad's annual Open House on Tuesday October 18.

## Proposed trailer storage fees rile Westsiders

Should landowners pay extra to use their own amenities?

It's a question that arises whenever an association decides to charge landowners a fee in addition to their annual dues, and it arose Tuesday night when the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] presented proposed rules for the use of an expanded boat trailer storage yard.

The association recently acquired 3.8 acres adjacent to the existing trailer storage site in order to accommodate the growing number of boat and utility trailers, as well as RVs and camping trailers. Westside residents are not allowed to park these trailers and vehicles in

their driveways.

Director Ray MacKay presented a draft set of rules that

ed to the charges, noting that association monies were used to purchase the land and are being used to ready the lot for use. Others objected to the higher fee for campers.

"Fifty percent of the landowners own boats," MacKay said. "The philosophy we're working on is that

those who don't own boats shouldn't be paying for the cost of the lot."

One resident noted that he doesn't use the tennis courts and swimming pool and asked whether the board shouldn't impose fees for the use of those amenities as well.

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included an annual fee of \$120 for boat trailers and other trailers under thirty feet in length; \$300 for RVs and fifth-wheel trailers. MacKay said every trailer will have its own assigned space, something that has not been the case in the existing lot.

A number of residents object-

SLWLA President Jim Meikle said the lot would cost over \$80,000, including the land, fencing, clearing, etc., along with an expected \$5,000 per year in maintenance costs. "It's the people who are using this facility who will be paying for it," he said.

As debate continued, MacKay noted that there was dis-

agreement among board members about the amount of the fee and whether there should be a fee at all. Noting that the rules he presented were a draft, MacKay said, "We had to come down here and present something, and this is what the board decided to present."

MacKay said landowners were

(See Rules," p. 28)

## Early Deadline!

The next issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* will be published a day early, on Thursday, November 10, because post offices will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day.

Consequently, our deadline for ad reservations, ad copy, news items, and letters to the editor will be 5:00 pm on Friday, November 4.

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# Dam, paving loom as big SLLA expenses

While a vote to hold a binding referendum on whether to disband company police provided the most dramatic moment of Wednesday night's Seven Lakes Landowners Association meeting, there was other business to be conducted as well. Here is a summary of committee reports:

**Appointments.** President Jack Fathauer opened the meeting by announcing several appointments to standing committees.

Lucy Ingram has been appointed to the Architectural Review board to replace Joan Renner, who has resigned.

On the Judicial Committee, Nancy Welch has been appointed to replace the late Carl Horton.

And finally, the board named four members to the elections committee, which will handle all elections until the new board is assembled after the annual meeting in March. The committee will include Len Barnard, Mike Cummings, JoAn Moses, and Bud Shaver.

**Security.** Director Loren Swearingen encouraged residents to use 9-1-1 rather than call the North Gate if they should see or hear something that they believe requires the attention of law enforcement. Repeating this advice twice for emphasis, Swearingen noted that calling the North Gate rather than 9-1-1 directly "only delays the response."

Swearingen noted that dog complaints made up a significant portion of the security report over the past two weeks, as can be seen from reading the report in this issue of *The Times* [See page 21.]

**Lakes & Maintenance.** Director Don Truesdell reported that engineering work continues on the repairs needed to Echo Dam. Developing a plan, obtaining state approval, and actually doing the repair work is likely to take up to seven months, Truesdell said. The cost could range from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Truesdell said repairs needed on the section of Firetree Road that crosses Echo Dam will be delayed until the repair work on the dam itself is completed.

Truesdell said he and senior maintenance staffer Toody Phillips will soon undertake, at board request, a survey of all 26 miles of association roads in order to

identify those that need repair.

Truesdell said that information gathered both from NC

plaints came in within the 24 hours before the meeting.

One offender, Herman said, has persisted in a rules violation through the entire process set up to deal with violations. That case will be submitted to the judicial committee for

action, he noted.

**Company police.** Herman reported that Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard's schedule has been changed to include more patrols during time periods when speeding is a significant problem.

Department of Transportation sources and from the association's auditors suggests that SLLA roads will ultimately have to be repaved.

The estimated cost, in current dollars, is \$50,000 per mile, or \$1.3 million, Truesdell said. Borrowing this amount at a 5.75 percent interest rate over a 20 year term would result in a monthly payment of \$7,020.85, he added.

The roads were last repaved between 1985 and 1992.

He concluded his report with an update on planned maintenance projects.

**Community standards.** Director Jeff Herman said eleven community standards complaints had come in during the month of October. Four have been corrected; three offenders have agreed to correct problems, but have not yet done so. Three com-

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Susan Davis Kopynec

## SLLA

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existing wooden fence, which is structurally sound but aesthetically lacking.

Chad Beane will be attending a recreation equipment show in the near future, Scotti reported, and will investigate an option for resurfacing the SLLA tennis courts that could prove less expensive than the estimated \$50,000 cost of replacing them.

Scotti thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for a donation to help pay for the SLLA children's Christmas party. She reminded landowners that the Annual Halloween Party for adults is scheduled for the West Side Park Community Center on Saturday, October 29.

Beane noted that the Halloween carnival for kids will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on October 31 in the North Clubhouse. Trick or treating in the community will also be on October 31.

**Finance.** Dalton Fulcher reported for Treasurer John Paulson, who was absent, that year-to-date financials show most departments running either on or slightly under budget so far as expenses are concerned. Revenues are also in line with expectation.

**Public comment.** Bob Haan recounted his experience discovering a recent early-morning accident in which a driver left the road in the vicinity of Firetree and Brown Bark — and had to be transported to the hospital. Noting that this is an area with lots of walkers and children, he said speeding is a persistent problem. He asked the board to install speed bumps in the area to help with the problem.

# Women & heart disease seminar

Susan Davis Kopynec, PA-C, MPAS of Pinehurst Cardiology Consultants has rescheduled her presentation regarding Women and Heart Disease for Tuesday, November 8 at 9:00 am in the Gameroom at the

Seven Lakes Landowner's Association on the North side.

Ms. Kopynec offers her apologies for the cancellation of the October 6 presentations. She cancelled to follow her heart and attend the Arlington Ceme-

tery funeral of a close friend's military husband who was killed in Afghanistan.

She hopes to have an excellent turnout for the very informative video presentation she plans to share. It will be followed

by a question and answer period.

Heart disease is the number one cause of death in women and is more likely to kill a woman than the next three causes combined.



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# Meetings on school facilities plan set

by Tim Lussier  
 Moore County Schools

The first of two Community Dialogue meetings sponsored by Moore County Schools to discuss the future of school facilities will be held Tuesday evening, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. at New Century Middle School.

The second meeting will be held December 8. The public is invited to attend both meetings.

The school district recently

conducted public meetings at the three high schools which were attended by over 150 people.

The purpose of the meetings was 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 10 years.

The input gained from these

three meetings is now being used by a Steering Committee whose task is to develop a Facilities Master Plan that will be presented to the School Board in January.

The November 1 and December 8 Community Dialogue meetings will provide the Steering Committee an opportunity to update interested citizens on their work and continue to gather input that will help them in the

planning process. Sue Robertson, an educational facility planner, with Planning Alliance of Raleigh will facilitate the meetings.

"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.

"I am pleased with the par-

ticipation we had in the first three community 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 our the two Community Dialogue meetings and give us another chance to hear from you."

# New system will help schools reach parents

by Tim Lussier  
 Moore County Schools

A new communications tool that will enhance emergency, outreach, and student attendance communications has been initiated by Moore County Schools.

The web-based system allows school administrators to make one phone call and reach all parents in minutes. Principals and administrators will use NTI (Notification Technologies, Inc.) Connect-ED™ to periodically and personally connect with parents on issues related to state testing, parent-teacher meetings, student attendance, and more. NTI Connect-ED™ also supports an administrator's ability to reach parents immediately in the event of a district or school-wide emergency.

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# Hardy, Zwart are wed

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The Reverend Homer Phifer conducted the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Douglas Hardy of Carthage and Ava Hardy of Albermarle.

The bridegroom is the son of Ronald and Diane Zwart of Seven Lakes West.

The bride was escorted by her father Douglas Hardy. She wore a satin strapless gown with an empire waist and carried

a bouquet of cali and star gazer lilies.

The matron of honor was Aimee Daniel of Roper, NC, a cousin of the bride. She wore a pink and white sundress with green trim.

Ring bearer was Hannah Daniel of Roper, NC.

Ashley Jordan of Aberdeen was the greeter.

Best man was Tim Zwart of Wilmington, brother of the groom. Elliotts of Linden Ave. Pinehurst catered the reception. Wedding music was provided by Danny Infantino.

Following a honeymoon to Jamaica, the couple will make their home in Sanford.



Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Arthur Zwart

# First Bank names new president

The Board of Directors of First Bancorp (NASDAQ - FBNC), the parent company of First Bank, announced today that Jerry L. Ocheltree has been named President of First Bank, the company's principal subsidiary.

James H. Garner has previously served as both President and Chief Executive Officer of First Bank, and Mr. Garner will remain as Chief Executive Officer of the bank, as well as President and Chief Executive Officer of First Bancorp.

Mr. Ocheltree joined First Bank in 1998 and has most recently been serving as Senior Vice President and Regional Executive in First Bank's High Point, North Carolina office. In that capacity, he has managed a four-county region with ten offices in North Carolina as well as the bank's four offices in southern Virginia.

Prior to joining First Bank, Mr. Ocheltree was President of First Virginia Bank, Southeast, in Wytheville, Virginia and was President and Chief Executive Officer of Premier Bank South, N.A., also of Wytheville, before

that bank was acquired by First Virginia Bank.

(See "First Bank," p. 8)



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# Sophisticated Ladies take silver at state

The Sophisticated Ladies dance group won silver medals by capturing second place in the state finals of the Senior Olympics held in Raleigh, on Saturday, October 1.

The dance group represented Moore County in the Fine Arts Division of the State Finals of the North Carolina Senior Games.

The winning dance was choreographed using the Broadway music, "New York, New York". They wore shimmering red and black costumes enhanced by fishnet stockings, long black gloves, and black and red sparkling hats. The audience responded to the smiling, enthusiastic dancers by applause

especially during the high leg-kicks which the Sophisticated Ladies are famous for. These dancing ladies are known

throughout the community and state for their Rockette-style of precision dancing.

The Sophisticated Ladies are

available for private parties and community charity events. For information, please contact Jo Ann Duncan, 295-2590.

## First Bank

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Mr. Garner commented on the announcement, saying "I am pleased that our board has chosen Jerry Ocheltree for this important role. He brings a wealth of talent and banking experience to this new position. He has been a valuable member of the First Bank team since he

first joined us seven years ago, and he has excelled at everything we have asked him to do. I look forward to continuing to work with Jerry as we lead First Bank into the future."

First Bancorp is a bank holding company based in Troy, North Carolina with total assets of approximately \$1.7 billion.



**Sophisticated Ladies** — Pictured below are: left to right: Mary Crusius, Evelyn Bednarz, Jonnie Ryon, Marlene Leonard, Angie Huber (Seven Lakes West Resident), Ann Kastl, JoAnn Duncan, and Mary Sheridan. Absent is Lois Owen, a Seven Lakes resident.






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# You can help beautify Seven Lakes Village

by Terry Hunt  
Seven Lakes Village  
Beautification Committee

Through the dedicated work of Beautification volunteers and the contributions of Seven Lakes residents, merchants and civic groups, our village landscape is looking better.

The visible improvements in our three years of "Operation" are significant but there is much more that can and should be done. But we need your support to continue our work.

In only a few weeks, you will see our volunteers at work on a big project – and a much need-

ed improvement in Seven Lakes village – landscaping at the Dollar General. This cooperative agreement with Dollar General Corporation was made possible only because of the support of Seven Lakeres.

We have added other improvements in the past year: shrubs and trees now grow in front of the Hardware store, trees at the Exxon and Graywood Square and more trees will soon be planted.

Compare the right-of-way appearance along Highway 211 to what it was three years ago. Our volunteers come from the

entire community and their work "in the trenches" is donated but the maintenance materials and heavy mowing is a continuing expense.

Think about this: There are eleven towns in Moore County listed in the 2000 Census. Seven Lakes is not on this list even though we are about to overtake Aberdeen (#3 in population). Why? Seven Lakes started as a gated community and our residents prefer this arrangement. All the other eleven towns, most much smaller than Seven Lakes, have governances with power to tax and provide funds

for services and improvements. We have none of this and our village receives no money from the Governing Boards within the gates.

Our merchants carry a heavy burden in maintenance for all the roads within the village while taking care of their own property and the village green. You can see why there is a special need in Seven Lakes for a group to care for and enhance the common areas and to help merchants on a cooperative basis (where needed and desired) with their landscaping needs.

The mission of The Seven

Lakes Beautification Committee is to improve the landscape in our village which means all of our work is outside of the gates.

The Beautification Committee hopes you understand why your contributions are so vital in creating a more inviting Seven Lakes Village.

Your donation in any amount is appreciated and acknowledged. Please mail your contribution to: Alice Shaughnessy, Treasurer, 3081 Seven Lakes West, Seven Lakes, NC 27376 or drop it off at BB&T Bank. Make your check to : The SL Village Beautification Committee.

## Lions Club Thanks Community

by Dan Flint  
Sandhills Lions Club

The Sandhills Lions Club held their annual "White Cane" drive during a three day period of October 13 – October 15. Contributions support a variety of programs and services.

Canes are given to the visually impaired, hearing aids provided to the hearing impaired throughout North Carolina, eyeglasses are recycled to thousands of individuals and this past year 640 sight impaired campers attended camp Dogwood on Lake Norman.

This year, through the generosity of Sandhills Community, more than \$2800 was given. Once again the residents of Seven Lakes/West End demonstrated their compassion for those less fortunate.

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# Academy will examine Civil Rights struggle

The Adult Academy sponsored by West End Presbyterian Church begins afresh on November 6, with two programs that will give individuals a chance to look at a shared and important experience in the Civil Rights Movement.

On Sundays, November 6 and 13, the Adult Academy will screen two of the excellent documentaries from the award winning *Eyes on the Prize* series about the awakening of the Civil Rights Movement. Meetings will be held in the Crawford Center from 5:30-7:30 pm.

An hour of discussion will follow the screening that will take the group into the questions and issues that rightly emerge

from an examination of this critically important time in the nation's history for so very many people.

The discussion will be led by Nancy De Vries and by members of the congregation and community who were part of this historic change in our Country, from a variety of vantage points.

Refreshments will be available. There is no charge for this event and it is open to the community.

The Adult Academy invites everyone in the community to join in this event. Please bring friends and family members, and tell others about it.

November 6 – "Awakenings" will cover the beginning of the Civil Rights movement, the events

and the impact of the lynching of Emmett Till and the trial and acquittal of those accused, and the beginning of resistance to the "Jim Crow" system of segregation often called "separate but equal."

November 13 – "Fighting Back" focuses on the integration of schools resulting from the landmark case Brown vs. the Board of Education, and looks particularly at Little Rock Central High School and James Meredith's enrollment at the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

West End Presbyterian Church started offering Adult Academy programs to the Community last year with Don Welch as the Director.

Several successful programs

were held, including the film Luther, which was held at the Sunrise Theater and was followed by a discussion.

The Da Vinci Code program

was also well attended by local church members and the community at large.

The Academy has exciting plans for this year!

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## Seven Lakes Garden Club

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# Presbyterians welcome Rev. De Vries

by Mary Price

The West End Presbyterian Church welcomed The Reverend Nancy (Nan) De Vries as their interim minister August 1.

Rev. De Vries was called by the congregation following a long and extensive search by the members of the Church's Ministry Leadership Task Group. The Group interviewed a number of candidates and her warmth, faith commitment and impressive background in both pastoral ministry and campus ministry convinced them that she was the right person to lead the church at this time.

She has already made her presence known in the community, visiting people in the hospital, attending community functions and meeting the congregation.

Rev. De Vries has a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ.

She served churches in New York, Colorado and Iowa before becoming Chaplain of Coe College in Cedar Rapids.

From 1989 until she accepted the role of Interim at West End Presbyterian, she was the University Chaplain, Pastor to the Protestant Community, and Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Colgate University, Hamilton, NY.

She has published a number of papers and has received honors that include the Outstanding Professor Award of the Student Government Association at Colgate University; Distinguished Minister in Residence at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, the National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship at the University of Chicago and the B'nai B'rith & Hillel Study Fellowship in Israel.


Rev. De Vries has plans for continuing the Adult Academy of Religious Studies, which is open to everyone in the community, and she will be conducting a Fall Adult Retreat at the Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro on "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Bible Stories, But Were Afraid to Ask."

If you would like an opportunity to get to know Rev. De Vries, drop by the West End Presbyterian Church. She will give you a warm welcome, as will the rest of the Congregation.



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There is no charge, but the Pusser Family will be having a food drive for the local food bank. Any canned goods or money donated will be given to the Food Bank.

The Pusser home is located off Highway 211 between Eagle Springs and Jackson Springs. Turn onto Flowers Road (same road as Blue's Mulch Business), go approximately 2 miles and look for the pumpkins display on the right.


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<b>7</b> <i>Tomato Basil Soup</i>  <i>Beef Enchilada Dinner</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Mexican Meatball Soup</i>  <i>Chicken Piccata Dinner</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Vegetable Soup</i>  <i>Pot Roast Dinner</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Navy Bean Soup</i>  <i>Shrimp Stroganoff Dinner</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Chicken Dumpling Soup</i>  <i>Smothered Pork Chops Dinner</i>
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# A Great Find in West End

The drawing for A Great Find's Meet the Merchants raffle took place last week at the gift shop's West End location. Four of the five winners — all of whom were residents of Seven Lakes — were on hand to collect their prizes and pose for a winners photo this Tuesday.

Of the five prizes, the red Halls Pitcher — an authentic Fiestaware piece — was considered the most valuable. Anne Maynor was the lucky winner of the pitcher.

The hand-painted Tuscan-style rooster pitcher was won by Ginger Finney, who was not able to join the group for the photograph.

Two "Wild Cat Lavendar" pieces — bath salts and potpourri — were given to Priscilla Snee.

Denise Duncan, a familiar face to Westsiders, won a ten dollar gift certificate, while Sheri Bloom won the five dollar gift certificate.

With the exception of Priscilla Snee, this was the first time any of the winners had visited A Great Find.

The shop offers a wide variety of gifts, collectibles, and lavender items, as well as 14-karat and sterling silver fashion and vintage jewelry.

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## Fall for Paws to benefit Sandhills Animal Rescue League

Sandhills Animal Rescue League invites you to the Third Annual Fall for Paw fundraiser in the Courtyard of the Belvedere Hotel on Saturday, October 29.

The event starts at 10:00 am and lasts until 2:00 pm.

Face painting, free goody bags for children, and a Cat Pinata in the Courtyard.

The Howl-oween Dog Parade will begin at 1:00 pm. Dress up your canine (and your kids) and join in the fun.

There are prizes for the scariest, the cutest, the "looks most like owner," the most creative and lots more. There is a \$2 entry fee.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit Sandhills Animal Rescue League. Please bring proof of rabies vaccine and appropriate restraint.

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# Living with autism — one family's story

by Nancee M. Letter

Morning can be friendly to Pete and Rita Pena.

It greets them with the happy face of five-year-old Peter, Jr. who usually awakens between 6 and 7 a.m. He picks right up where he left off the day before. Three-year-old Vincent awakens more slowly. He too is happy, but prefers to be by himself for a while.

Both boys get dressed, eat breakfast and watch a Disney movie while waiting to be picked up for school.

A typical day in the typical life of a couple with young children.

Mostly, though, life is anything but typical for Pete and Rita Pena. They face a 24-hour struggle each and every day with seemingly insurmountable challenges.

This is what it means to live with the devastating developmental disorder: autism, from which both their beautiful boys suffer.

In the five and a half years since his birth, Peter has gone from being a perfectly normal baby, reaching all the milestones early, through a regression, which forced his parents to watch as his skills receded. By his first birthday, he had lost speech as well as social skills. Although still a very affectionate, loving child, Pete and Rita feared the worse. By that time, Rita was pregnant with Vincent.

At age three, Peter was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. When Vincent was born, the Penas kept a close eye on his development.

Experts tell us ten years ago one in 2,500 children was diagnosed with autism; today the CDC says the number is one in 166. These are staggering statistics. And, because no cause is known, there is no cure. In addition, if one child in a family has autism, it is much more likely for a second child to have it.

Both boys started receiving services when they were 16 months old. They were seen through Early Intervention in New York State where the family lived at the time. They required a special education teacher, as well as speech and occupational therapists. However, the services they received were minimal, a total of three hours a

week because, according to Rita, "There were too many special needs children and not enough therapists and teachers to come to our home to provide services."

For autistic children, trained professionals are absolutely necessary. Most parents reinforce and teach their children social interaction, since people learn that way. Children with autism need more than their own family can provide; they need one-on-one support a minimum of 30 to 40 hours a week.

So, Pete gave up the business he had owned for 21 years, Rita quit her job as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, and they moved to North Carolina where TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication

handicapped Children) originated. Also, Pete's parents lived in Seven Lakes, which would be a tremendous help, comfort and support for the family.

Rita says, "When we moved, I took on the role of full-time employee. I work at Quail Haven as director of the Rehabilitation Department providing occupational, physical and speech therapy to the geriatric population. Pete works for the Pilot Newspaper and is also Mr. Mom."

Pete and Rita have accepted the role reversal although it was a hard decision to make. They are concentrating on the slow but steady progress the boys are making since the move. However, all the uncertainties and stress, at times take a toll on the marriage.

"We worry about what the

future holds for all of us," says Rita. "We too have to go to therapy to try to manage what life has dealt us. Not always easy, and sometimes so painful we struggle to make it through another day."

Peter and Vincent are both non-verbal. Peter has always made his needs known, first by pulling his mom or dad to what he wanted, and now by using sign

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# Living with autism — one family's story

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language or starting to get it himself and asking for help to complete the task. At times he gets frustrated at not being understood or not getting his way, and will bang his head repeatedly. This has created a permanent calcification on his forehead.

Anticipating Vincent's needs is much harder. His method is usually whining or crying. He will at times sit down at the table to say he is hungry, but is unable to communicate what he wants to eat.

Both children attend school 5 days a week, and both love it. Peter started kindergarten this fall at Pinehurst Elementary School, where he shares a classroom with seven fellow students. Following his first day at school, he signed "shoes and socks", and after Rita helped him put them on, he put on his backpack and headed for the door. He was ready to go back to school right then. He responds well to his teacher and therapists and has made great strides already.

Vincent is in his second year at Sandhills Children's Center in Southern Pines. The private non-profit day school provides educational, health care and therapeutic services to children with developmental disabilities, as well as working with children without those specific needs. Every morning when the van pulls up, Vincent happily runs and gets right into his car seat. He rides the bus alone this year since Peter graduated last May. Each day when he gets home, he greets his dad with a big hug and kiss and a huge grin.

When asked if it was evident whether the boys relate better to one person than another, and how they interact with other children, Pete and Rita responded, "Peter relates to everyone,

especially adults. He wants to be the center of attention. He tends to ignore his peers, but loves people, although his responses are not the norm. Vincent is like a one-year-old and tends to want to be with Mommy or Daddy. He also ignores his peers and is off in his

own little world."

One of his parents' major concerns has been Peter escaping from the house by going out windows or doors day or night. They have had to put locks on the top of doors and windows and alarms on the main doors. His bedroom doorknob is reversed

so it can be locked from the outside. He is also a climber and has no fear of hurting himself. He rarely understands the word "no," and knows no boundaries.

Rita says, "The very first thing we did when we moved into the house was fence in the whole yard in hope he would understand

his boundaries. When he is outside playing, you have to be with him the entire time or he will jump the fence and just start running."

Pete is fiercely protective of the boys, even trying to foresee things which might happen in

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the future in order to problem solve in advance.

The nighttime routine has been that Rita falls asleep with Peter every evening while Pete puts Vincent to bed. Pete then

wakes her up so she can fall right back to sleep in their bed. Obviously, this has made it all but impossible to have time together as a couple or to fulfill personal or household needs.

However, recently both boys

were able to go to bed without a parent staying in the room for the very first time. And better yet, at 8:00 pm. Although intermittent, it is a step in the right direction.

Rita's reaction? "Yea! I have not

had an uninterrupted conversation with Pete or time to use the computer at night in 5 years!!"

The professional help that Peter and Vincent need in order to improve is varied. They require occupational therapy to work

on their sensory dysfunction, self-help skills and motor coordination. They need a speech therapist to promote speech, learn sign language, oral motor

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exercises and other forms of communication with a picture exchange system, computers and other augmentative equipment. They require work with a special education teacher who enhances all these and more to help them learn and play as typical 3 and 5-year-olds. They need a special sensory and food diet, vitamin supplements, workshops and other appointments to help with their overall awareness.

The boys also require a special diet free of wheat, gluten, casein and sugar as well as other preservatives and supplements. Needless to say, these special foods add greatly to the monthly food budget. Additional help at home costs on the average of \$10 to \$12 per hour. The Penas have a teaching assistant who works at home with the boys between 8 and 15 hours a week to provide additional training and also down time for Pete and Rita to spend alone together. Without funding, they have had to pay for at-home care themselves. The family has been put on the waiting list for Respite, CAP and other services to help with the boys. They will probably be on the list for three years before funding will be available to them. Pete and Rita do not qualify for SSI or Medicaid. Yet it is a great hardship, with two special needs children, to do all these things themselves without financial aid.

Pete adds, "We would love to provide more, to hire therapists privately and investigate more clinical possibilities, but, financially, our hands are tied."

Without the 6 hours of training they are getting daily at school and the hours of private teaching at home, they would not have made the gains they have.

"Peter is able to jump on a trampoline, swing, climb monkey bars, horseback ride, and he has taught himself to swim. He can dress and undress with stand-by assistance, he is potty trained, and he is using eye contact. He can frequently follow one and two-step directions, he is using over two dozen signs and much more.

"Vincent used to eat 77 jars of baby food a week, which required someone to feed him. Last

October he was diagnosed with acid reflux and after 6 weeks on medication was able to tolerate table food. He is now feeding himself and using utensils. He suffers from gravitational insecurities, but is now able to climb a ladder to go down a slide, run, roll on his belly on a therapy ball and he also has taught himself to swim. He, too, is starting to horseback ride, all of which came about in the last year," Rita says proudly.

Peter and Vincent's story is about more than two boys living

with a developmental disorder. It's about two little boys who hug and kiss the grown-ups in their life; who love Blues Clues, puzzles, and Disney movies.

It's about a family persevering through confusion and fear.

And it's about the village of therapists, teachers and friends in their corner making sure a disorder doesn't completely ruin a childhood.

"I was once told God makes no mistakes," explains Rita. "Now I believe it! Our hopes are that the boys continue to make consis-

tent progress and are able to function with minimal assistance." Then she adds, "My dream is just to be called 'Mommy.'"

Pete's dream is to one day open a summer camp in Moore County "to help make dreams come true. I would like to give back to these kids." He is also investigating how to orchestrate fund-raising projects to help families with autistic children.

Two support groups have recently started in Moore County: PAC (Parents of Autistic Children), founded by Christine Garton who can be reached at 910-688-0010 or [www.pac-moore.com](http://www.pac-moore.com). Meetings are the

last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Southern Pines. Call for the holiday schedule.

St. Philomena Support Group founded by Christine May and Cathy Jamison. This is a support group for children with physical and/or developmental concerns. Meetings are held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pinehurst. For more information, call Cathy at 910-949-1155.

Also, Pete and Rita invite everyone to join them at the annual fundraiser, The Festival of Trees, November 17 to 20 at Pine Needles Resort.

## Theatre correction

In our story on the new theatre company, Moore OnStage, in the last edition of *The Times*, we erroneously identified the director for some of the shows as "Rod Harter of Pinecrest High School."

In fact, the current theatre director at Pinecrest is Seven Lakes resident Adam Faw, who is in his third year in that position.

We regret the error and thank Mr. Faw for calling it to our attention.



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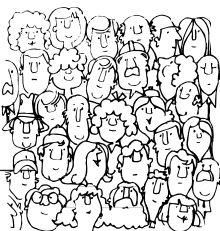
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  - **Adult Halloween Party** – 7:00 to 10:00 pm, West Side Community Center. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, Soda or BYOB. Music by Glen Davis. Costumes Optional, prizes for best costumes. Cost \$15/person. Tickets available at the Community Center and Landowners office.
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- MONDAY, OCTOBER 31**
- **Halloween**
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## What's When Calendar

- **Holy-Ween at Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Don't miss this night of fun. Kids can enjoy activities including: Hay rides, Face painting, Craze-maze, Slim

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- **Todd Pusser Carve Pumpkin Parade** – Pumpkins displayed at the Pusser Home, from dark until 11:00. No charge. Highway 211 between Eagle Springs and Jackson Springs. Turn onto Flowers Road (same road as Blue's Mulch Business), go approximately 2 miles and look for the pumpkins display on the right. Have fun looking at your favorite cartoon characters as pumpkins.

- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3**
- **Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary** – 2:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Judy Estridge of First Bank of Troy, will the

guest speaker. She will be discussing Identity Theft. Auxiliary members please bring a personal item such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, deodorant or socks for the Coalition for Human Care.

- **Sandhills Lions Club** – North Clubhouse, 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. The guest speaker is Sheriff Lane Carter. Please make plans to attend. Call Don Truesdell or e-mail to [dtruesdell@nc.rr.com](mailto:dtruesdell@nc.rr.com) to reserve your spot. Dinner is optional and the cost is \$8.00.

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**
- **"Jake's Women"** – to Play at Sunrise Theatre – a Neil Simon comedy, playing November 4 – 13. At 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. Reservations and showing times call 910-255-0667.
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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- **National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week**
- **Moore County Concert Band** – 2:00 pm. At Carolina Hotel Grand Ballroom. Directed by David Sieberling. There is no charge for the concert. For more information call (910) 295-9023 or visit the band's Website at [www.moore-countyband.com](http://www.moore-countyband.com).

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- **Election Day**
- **Women & Heart Disease Presentation** – 9:00 am in the Gameroom at the Seven Lakes Landowner's Association on the North side. Susan Davis Kopynec, PA-C, MPAS of Pinehurst Cardiology will have a very informative video presentation. Heart disease is a topic. It will be followed by a question and answer period. Valuable handouts & other educational materials will be available.
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## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- **Veteran's Day**

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- **Paper Recycling** – 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, at the BP Station in the Fresh Market Shopping Center, Southern Pines. For additional information, contact Joan Neal, Executive Director, Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. at 947-3478 or by email at [jneal@moorecountync.gov](mailto:jneal@moorecountync.gov).

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- **Golf Tournament for Our Lady of Americas** – First Annual Golf Tournament, Seven Lakes Country Club. 1:00 pm Shotgun, dinner and prizes. A fund raiser for the new church under construction in Candor on Farmer's Market Rd. For info and tickets call 673-3685, or 673-1393, 673-1184, 673-5783, 673-4549.
- **Meet Your Neighbor Mixer Party** – 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Meet your neighbors at the Third Annual B.Y.O.B. Mixer

at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary and chaired by Ginny Heerema and Ruth Joyner. Tickets, sold at all three mail houses, \$4/person. Bring your favorite beverage, enjoy great food, great conversation and a chance to meet your neighbors. Singles welcome. Information needed call Ginny Heerema at 673-5150 or Ruth Joyner at 6735966.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- **Red Cross Bloodmobile at Seven Lakes** – 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Bloodmobile will be at the Seven Lakes

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This more of an idea than a new recipe, as I imagine most of you have recipes for Black Bean Soup and White Bean Soup. This is a mixture of them.

You will need about 3 cups of cooked black beans and the same of white beans (Navy beans). I just got the idea one day of mixing them. You may use canned or cook dried beans.

## Black and White Bean Soup

### Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 1/2 medium onions,  
chopped  
5 cloves or  
5 teaspoons  
minced  
garlic  
3 cups  
chicken  
stock(or  
more)  
3 cups white

beans  
3 cups black beans  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 teaspoon Italian Seasoning  
1/2 teaspoon basil  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1 cup evaporated milk (low fat  
can be substituted if you  
like)  
1-2 cups chopped ham (if you  
like to use it)

Heat your oil. Saute onions and garlic until tender. Add chicken stock, beans and seasonings. Bring to boil.

Simmer over low heat at least 30 minutes. Puree about half of the mixture in a blender (if desired). Add to other half.

Add milk at this time if you like. I like to change recipes to suit myself, and you should feel free to do so, too.



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# SLLA security & police report: Oct 10 – 23

The paragraphs below are based on handwritten reports filed by Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] security officers at the time of the incidents reported, as well as Seven Lakes Company Police reports compiled by Chief Dennis Lombard.

## October 10

A resident of Primrose called security to report five large dogs roaming loose — three black and two blonde Labrador Retrievers. Security was able to collect all the dogs and return them to their owners.

## October 11

A resident of Fawnwood reported that a car had left the roadway on Firetree Lane. Security called the Moore County Sheriff's office. Both Moore County Sheriff's Officers and Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard responded to the accident.

A resident on Pleasantview reported that her son was bitten by a black & tan female puppy. Security was able to locate the owner of the animal, who informed the victim that the dog is current on its rabies vaccinations. The victim said she would follow up with her personal physician. She said the puppy was playing when it bit her and declined to report the incident to Moore County Animal Control. Both Security Supervisor Keith Edwards and Chief Lombard reported the incident to Animal Control, who said they would hold the reports until contacted by a physician concerning the matter. Edwards noted that the dog had not been registered with the Seven Lakes Landowners Office.

## October 12

Security Patrol assisted a resident who had run out gas in his boat on Lake Sequoia.

Security patrol found the switch-box that controls the basketball court lights open.

Patrol reported a car parked in the Landowners Office lot after hours and determined that it belonged to a resident.

## October 13

Patrol observed three Labrador Retrievers roaming on Firetree and apprehended one, which was turned over to Animal Control.

A resident on Firetree reported kids skateboarding near the

North Clubhouse. Patrol located the youngsters and told them they could not skateboard in that area.

A resident on Pleasantview reported a stray dog. Patrol responded but found the dog's owner had retrieved it.

A resident reported that one of the doors in the maintenance building was open. Patrol responded and closed the door, noting that the lock is not working.

## October 14

A resident reported a natural gas leak; security called 9-1-1 and

three fire trucks responded. The fire fighters said the smell that had alerted the resident was natural ground gas that is sometimes released when the weather changes.

## October 15

No report.

## October 16

A resident dropped a stray dog off at the North Gate when she could not contact the owners listed on the dog's tag. Security located the owner, who picked up the dog.

A resident on Rustic reported having trouble closing his garage

door; security was able to help with the problem.

Patrol responded to the report of a capsized sailboat near the Lake Sequoia Dam and found the boat under sail. Security observed the boat capsize again and be righted by the sailor.

Security responded to a report of a stray cat. The Siamese cat was caught and taken to the maintenance shed. Animal Control was notified.

## October 17

Patrol caught a dog roaming loose and returned it to its owner.

A resident called security to report a horse lying on its side with its legs sticking straight out. Security responded but found all horse upright and okay.

A resident on Hastings reported that her dog had gotten loose. She asked that Security notify her if they had a report of a roaming dog.

## October 18

Security patrol found a key left in a mailbox in the North Side Mail house. The landowners office was able to identify the owner.

Patrol found the gate to Sequoia Point open and the lock missing at 11:00 pm. The officer shut the gate and secured it

with a pin.

A Southside resident reported a pickup truck on the golf course between the fifth and sixth fairways at around 7:30 pm. Security discovered it was a maintenance crew checking the irrigation system.

## October 19

No Report.

## October 20

Patrol found a dog roaming on Firetree and returned it to its owner's yard. No one was at home.

## October 21

A resident reported dogs roaming on Juniper. Security was able to catch one dog and notified the owner, who apprehended the other one.

Security received an anonymous complaint about kids noisily skateboarding in a garage on Sunset after 11:00 pm. Security called Chief Lombard, who suggested they call the homeowner and alert them to the problem. If it continued, he advised, the Sheriff's Office should be notified. The guard called the home and spoke unsuccessfully with one of the skateboarders, but then was able to speak with the mother,

(See "Security," p. 29)

## Arrest in Pizza Café break-in

Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter reports that on October 6, 2005 the Pizza Café in Seven Lakes reported a break-in. Reported taken during the break-in were alcoholic beverages, a cart, and a safe containing U.S. Currency.

On October 11, Investigators with the Moore County Sheriff's Office arrested and charged William Benton Hodges with the break-in at the Pizza Café.

Hodges was charged with felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, felony possession of stolen property, damage to property, and obstruct and delay an officer. Hodges bond was set at \$25,000 secured with the first court date set for October 27. The investigation is continuing.



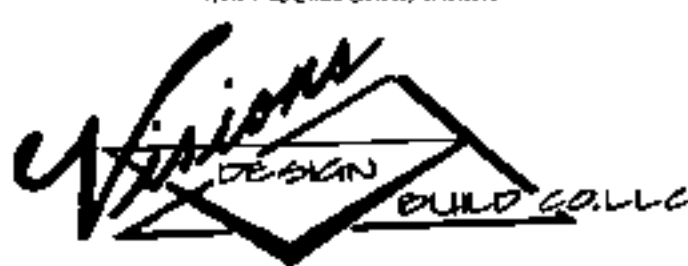
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## FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

by Mary Scoggin  
Registered Representative

## Financial Self-Reliance

If the thought of relying on debate about Social Security over the past several months, retirement needs makes you queasy, give some careful thought to setting up your own account. Your goal should be to spend ninety percent, or less of your income and save the rest. Consider that, if you save just \$40 per week, you will have about \$13,000 in five years (assuming average gains of 8% a year). Between ages 22 and 32, if you save about the same amount in a retirement account and you earn the same 8% annually, you will have nearly \$500,000 by age 54. While it pays to listen to financial advice from financial planners, accountants, and brokers, the final decision rests with you.

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Hint: If you make a financial mistake, learn and profit from it.

# OPINION

## Any referendum must be binding

To: The Seven Lakes North & South Landowners

On Wednesday, October 12, the Concerned Citizens Council (CCC) was asked by two board members to ballot the landowners once again on the issue of our Company Police Department.

In response to this request, a ballot was prepared and delivered to each board member. It was straight forward and neutral. The choice was simple. "Disband"

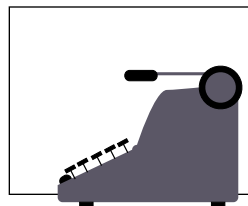
be both terribly naïve and very foolish.

The results of our original poll were certified as to their accuracy and were very convincing. 534 landowners voted to disband and 65 voted to maintain the company police department. Two members of the board asked for and were given the opportunity to study these ballots in considerable detail.

If there remains any doubt on the part of the board about the wishes of its constituents, we would encourage it to take it upon itself to ballot

### Your Turn

Ron Erskine  
& Dave Davies  
Concerned Citizens Council



or "Maintain" the Company Police Department.

During the October 20 work session, the CCC was advised by one of these same members, that our ballot did not conform to past ballots in that we asked that all mailed ballots and/or proxies be returned to the CCC's post office box, where they would remain sealed until tallied by the election committee. In addition, we requested that all ballots voted in person be signed.

There was no interest on the part of the board to discuss our ballot. This same member simply insisted that it be "done by the book."

The "book," however, is woefully inadequate and makes no mention of the ballot, the procedure to be followed, or most important, whether the board is legally bound by the results.

Because the board offered no such assurance, and because the association's by-laws do not specifically state that the results of any referendum, even one initiated by the board itself, must be binding; the CCC has concluded that undertaking this effort once again would

the landowners and, provided the board is bound by the results, the CCC will gladly pay the bill.

Failing this, we can only urge the board to exercise restraint and refrain from expanding our Company Police department until March, 2006, when a newly elected board will be able to review this issue and it's relative cost/benefit to the community.

Ron Erskine  
The Concerned Citizens Council,  
PO Box 1145,  
West End, NC 27376

### Additional options for action

However, a cardinal exception may be a viable alternative to the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board's seemingly obdurate, inflexible posture concerning a binding referendum and also the Board's complete adamant, rigid attitude in not seeking the stated will of those 534 Landowners who most unequiv-

(See "Options," p. 23)

## Delta pilgrimage was a mission of hope

Oh, I wish that I could have been with them.

Recently Dudley Crawford and Tom Currie set off for the Mississippi delta with a trailer of seven goats. The goats were to be used by Heifer International, a

That is why I wish that I could have been with them, or been a fly on the roof of the pickup truck. Both of these men have great senses of humor, and, well, the gift of gab.

They passed several well known landmarks

from the civil rights era including the store — now abandoned — where a 14 year old black teenager from Chica-

stopped for a while on an interstate highway due to an automobile accident ahead.

As they idled on the highway the aroma of goats from their now empty trailer permeated the air around the many stalled autos behind them. One old guy came up to the driver's window to ask what they had been hauling in the trailer.

When told that it had been goats, the old guy stated, "I been a farmer all my life, but I never smelled nothing like that!"

Yes, I wish that I had been with them. They had fun talking and laughing during their trip, but there must have been a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that they had done something to alleviate the poverty that lives in this country.

I admire them.

### Ollie's Thoughts

Oliver Gossard



church based hunger ministry with a 60 year history. It works with the rural poor of the United States and 40 other countries.

The goats were from the farm of Tom Currie in Carthage. Tom is a retired Presbyterian minister who returned to Carthage, his boyhood home, after service in Kentucky. He is establishing a goat farm in Carthage. Dudley Crawford, the recently, retired minister of the West End Presbyterian Church, is a long time friend of Currie's.

The two of them decided that this gift of goats was what they could do to alleviate the damage that the hurricane Katrina had done to the lives of the rural poor in the Delta region of Mississippi.

Currie said that the trip was more like that of the Blues Brothers in the movie by that name, than like the missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas recorded in the New Testament.

go named Emmitt Till was seized and hanged in 1955 for whistling at a white woman.

And the aroma of goats was always with them even after they had delivered them. On the way back from Mississippi they were



Tom Currie, Dudley Crawford, and Friends

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# Growing need for energy requires creativity

Tug Hill Plateau in Northern New York State is an area of many faces. During three seasons, it is a place of beauty and recreational opportunities. The woodland rivers and streams yield abundant native trout and the woods are home to many a deer and other forest animal.

Some years ago, with the advent of the snowmobile, winter enthusiasts found a trip up to Barnes Corners and supper at the local hotel to be a welcome addition to dreary winter days (and evenings).

For years, most occupants of the area have been marginally successful dairy farmers. Driving across Tug Hill in the wintertime exposes one to gigantic snow drifts and fiercely driving winds. The huge winds of the area have recently become a boon to residents who are participating in a major economic and energy explosion. A joint venture capitalist group has introduced wind farming to the landscape and to many enthusiastic land owners.

Maple Ridge Wind Farms is responsible for 120 turbine wind machines with the expectation of the erection of an additional 75 in the near future. 21,000 acres of land owned by about 80 private land owners are involved in the development. New roads are being constructed. The resulting electricity will be shipped

off to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.

The new electrical complex will result in payments of \$6,600 per year for each turbine on



## Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley

one's property. Four school districts and four towns will divvy up \$7.8 million dollars per year and about 85 residents who live nearby will receive at least \$500 per year. For some residents of the area this is a huge pay back.

Some people think the gigantic white windmills add interest and an almost surrealistic look to the altered landscape. Others are not entranced by these gigantic high-tech tinkertoys, but surely this is a step in the right direction in terms of creating viable and nondestructive addition to our depleting energy supply.

As world oil supply becomes an increasing problem, and as China begins to threaten the United States' status as the world's greatest megapower, coupled with great competition from India and other nations, it behooves us as a powerful nation

to take the lead in developing alternative sources of energy and viable means of reducing energy consumption.

Great attention should be given to math and science education.

Inducements should be provided to corporations that develop new technical means and methods for solving the

problem. Both penalties and incentives can be used to force automakers to build the low fuel and alternative fuel machines

they are capable of producing. We are facing a critical world problem.

If we worked rapidly, we might be able to "beat out" the nations that are sure to take strides to capture the tremendous markets that will be eager to utilize

the technical advances that are surely coming. Better for us to take the lead and gain the world markets for the advances that are being developed. The sale of such products could do wonders to change our world trade deficit.



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## Options for action

(Continued from page 22)

ocally voted via the Certified Ballots of the Concerned Citizen's Committee to disband the Company Police!

Therefore, the following suggestions might contain rewarding and satisfying merit:

- Spend 37 cents and mail to the Seven Lakes Landowners Board your displeasure concerning the apparent reluctance to seek the will of the majority.
- E-mail the Board concerning your dislike at being disenfranchised majority:

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- Telephone your Board members with ideas of possible compromise.
- Vocalize your concerns at Board Meetings including the continuing lack of any semblance of a structured concept of conducting a proper meeting atmosphere which is fair to all!
- Prepare now to seek and vote for a receptive Board to the will of the majority in March 2006!

Dave Davies

The Concerned Citizens Council



## Important News Release

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# Grateful for this great melting pot

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According to the World Almanac as well as the U.S. Census Bureau, there are more than 80 religions, including branches of denominations, involving 209 million Americans.

Then there's the variety of racial categories which adds to the diversity of our nation: white, black, American Indian, Alaskan native, and Asian or Pacific Islander.

A couple of years ago, immigrants came here from 16 European nations, 21 Asian, eight South American, six Caribbean,

and five Central American, as well as Mexico and Canada.

You would think that our open immigration policy would be like biting off something you can't chew. But somehow we get along, far short of any threat of rebellious cannons in the streets.



## Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

We tend to forget that diversity of backgrounds played an important role in the development of our country. People brought their differing skills, and ideas

with them, resulting in the formation of safeguards of personal freedom; the U.S. Constitution. Yes, our history has been marred by a few setbacks, but we moved ahead, though belatedly and sometimes erratically.

The point is: there has always been room for discussion of differences. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" was a bold and honorable objective that became a reality. Too big a lure for potential immigrants to ignore.

What is our reaction to the steady inflow of immigrants? To some, the prospect of having an immigrant for a neighbor is a source of uncertainty.

But wait. Don't we already

share a lot?

Hopes?

Ambitions?

Apprehensions about the future?

The need to love and be loved?

Appreciation of the kindness of others?

Devotion to our own beliefs, but respect for the right of others

to have theirs?

Yes, America is a melting pot. More so now, than ever.

Yes, I'm glad my ancestors chose our shore to head for. As long as human hearts beat, our open arms will welcome those seeking a better life. That's who and what we are.

# Civic Group seeks board nominees, plans meeting

by Dave Kinney, President  
Seven Lakes Civic Group

Dues paying supporting members of the Seven Lakes Civic Group will soon be electing several new members to the Board. Member households whose 2005 dues (still a modest \$10) have been or will be paid by December 23 will be eligible to vote.

The Nominating Committee will publish the names of Landowners in the December 21 issue of *The Times*.

A nomination by petition signed

by at least 20 members will be accepted and must be received by Kay Hodge, secretary by December 15.

Such a petition should briefly state the candidates background and related (reasonably closely) experience.

Also, the Civic Group Annual

Meeting is planned for January 2006. This change from late March or early April will avoid any conflict with Landowner's and Country Club Annual meetings or with the NCAA Basketball finals – as we have run into too often in the past.

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# Aux says thanks for merchant support

Dear Editor:

The Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary would like to thank all the merchants in the Seven Lakes/West End area, who so generously supported the Women's Auxiliary philanthropic endeavor, our annual fall "Luncheon/Fashion show/ Card party."

Your cooperation and donations made our event a huge

success.

It is the generosity of the businesses in the area that make it possible for the Auxiliary to maintain an excellent record of philanthropic giving in the community.

Sincerely,  
Tinkie Petterson  
Women's Auxiliary Raffle  
Donor Chair



## Real Estate

By SANDY STEWART

REALTOR

## LOAN CAP PROTECTION

If you plan to finance a home with an adjustable rate mortgage (one that goes up and down with the interest rate at periodic intervals) make sure you focus on the presence or absence of interest-rate "caps".

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The two most common rate caps are life-of-the-loan and annual. Life-of-the-loan caps shield you against total rate increases beyond, say four to five percentage points through the entire

term of the loan. Annual caps are usually in the 1 to 2 percent range, offering protection against sudden, sharp run-ups.

Remember that these consumer features are optional and valuable. If you are offered an adjustable loan rate without a cap, you should be getting a price break to compensate you for the additional risk.

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# Money spent on police needed elsewhere

Dear Editor:

I am sadly confused by the majority vote of our Seven Lakes Landowner's Board regarding not only retaining the current company police officer, but to expand it by another position as well!

I could understand the desire to have the Seven Lakes Company Police in addition to our security force back before the NC State Troopers and the Moore County Deputy Police could enter our gated community.

But now, since April 2005, that both the NC State Troopers, as well as the Moore County Deputy Police can, and do, regularly enter and patrol, and respond to 911 calls, it would appear logical to immediately disband our company police.

One, of course, would agree that if money were no object, that more is better, and the added protection, if any, would be nice. However since the company police are not volunteers working for free, that the approximately \$100,000 cost per year is apparently wasteful use of our hard earned money.

We just had a large increase in our Landowners Dues, and obviously with fiscal decisions like having an unnecessary company police force, we will be facing further future unnecessarily dues increases, and possibly special assessments.

We face certain non-discretionary, unavoidable, large future expenditures for maintaining the dams and roads. In the face of those expenditures, the recent decisions by the Board appear to not be the appropriate fiduciary response to our fiscal needs.

I believe that since:

1. Seven Lakes is clearly one of the safest communities in America,
2. NC State Troopers and the

Moore County Police patrol and protect Seven Lakes just like they do everywhere,

3. Seven Lakes already has a fine Security Force in place to augment the State Troopers

and County Police,

4. and we have an infinitely greater need for our limited, finite cash resources for the upcoming dams and roads repairs;

that we should disband the current Company Police immediately.

If, someday in the future, Seven Lakes experiences dramatic increases in crime, then the

possibility of reestablishing our separate Company Police could then be reconsidered.

*Daniel Sullivan  
Seven Lakes South*

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# Company police more than SLLA can afford

I am very gratified that the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors has agreed to conduct a binding referendum on whether or not to disband the company police department. The reason for my position on this important issue are because we assume all of the liability, the company police department does not have jurisdiction on private property and in my opinion it represents a significant challenge to the financial strength of our community.

**Cost.** Please refer to *The Seven Lakes Times*' September 2, 2005, edition, page 30. "Company police costs \$90,000 to \$100,000."

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association has included in its budget approved March 20, 2005, the money to fund two company police officers and purchase a second company police car (at a cost of \$25,000). If the money to add the second company police officer and police car is not spent because the company police department is disbanded then this unspent money can be used to fund current expenses and/or increase our year end cash reserves. The initial first year cost of the company police department is between \$115,000 and \$125,000.

In the same edition of *The Seven Lakes Times*, page 30, "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 may be cut."

Therefore we can still maintain the existing 80 hours of roving patrol with no adverse affect on our budget.

The cost of part-timers is far less than that of full time employees for several reasons because they do not work a full 40 hour week and the Seven Lakes Landowners Association is not required to provide benefits such as health insurance.

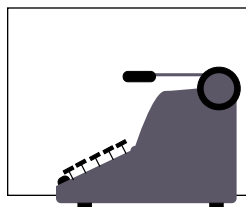
Since the cost of a part-timer is far less than a full time employee our annual savings will approach the budgeted cost of two company police officers of between \$90,000 to \$100,000 per year.

We have 26 miles of roads

that will need to be repaved. The current cost is \$50,000 per mile. We have mandated repairs to Echo Dam. The estimated cost is between \$75,000 to \$100,000.

## Your Turn

Don Truesdell  
SLLA Board



We need to make Sequoia Point handicapped accessible. The estimated cost is \$45,000. The cost of these mandated projects is about equal to the amount of money we would save if the company police department were disbanded.

In order to maintain our property values it is imperative that we maintain our infrastructure. The Seven Lakes Landowners Association has a fixed income consisting of dues and fees. There are only two ways we can raise more money to help fund the maintenance of our infrastructure:

1. Increasing our dues and fees or have a special assessment;
2. Reduce our expenses.

The Company Police Department represents a yearly expense of between \$90,000 to \$100,000 or approximately 7.5% of our total income.

We have entered a period of uncertainty in terms of the cost of energy. Gasoline prices have increased by 50% since Hurricane Katrina. By disbanding the Company Police Department we will be providing a means of increasing our ability to maintain our infrastructure, deal with long term projects and perform mandated repairs and improvements without having to look to near term dues increases.

**Liability.** As you know the Seven Lakes Landowners Association assumes all of the liability for the actions of its company police officers. If we disband the company police department this liability exposure will go away.

**Jurisdiction.** The Company Police Department does not have jurisdiction on our private property (your house and mine). Prior to April 19, 2005, the Moore County Deputy Sheriff's and North Carolina State Troopers did not have jurisdiction on the roads within our gates.

On April 19, 2005, Senate Bill 166, the North Carolina State laws were changed so that a police officer (Moore County Deputy Sheriff or North Carolina State Trooper) now has jurisdiction on all roads within our gates. These police officers have always had jurisdiction on any property owned by a resident of Seven Lakes. The Company

(See "Police," p. 27)

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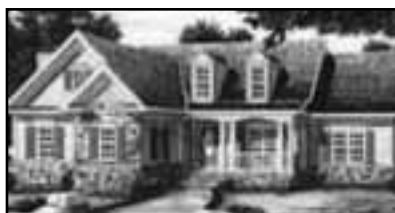
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# SLLA Board approves vote on co. police

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mond voted against the motion. Treasurer John Paulson, who has consistently voted for retaining company police, was absent, though his absence did not deprive the board of a quorum.

Normally, in SLLA board work sessions, abstentions are counted as "yes" votes. Scotti explained that she, like many landowners in the audience, is having trouble wading through the competing claims and counter-claims about company police.

"There's been a lot of stuff that's been up in the air. Let's get the real story," she said. "I abstained from voting because I don't want to make the wrong choice."

It is rare for the board to vote

in a general session, though nothing in the by-laws appears to prevent it.

After the meeting Fathauer told *The Times* that the board would take up the crafting of a ballot for the referendum and related issues in its next work session, which would normally fall on November 17.

After the vote, former SLLA President Ed Chapman said that he too was a "concerned citizen." "I'm concerned that some people are concerned to take over the responsibilities of this board."

Bud Shaver said it was critical, if there is to be a referendum, that landowners are presented with a clear statement of the alternatives. "We need to know, if we get rid of company police, exactly what we will be left with."

"Let's clearly define what in the living hell we are voting for," Shaver said.

The board vote in favor of holding a referendum was particularly surprising, given the cool reception a referendum proposal by the CCC got at last Thursday's SLLA board work session. Many folks who attended that meeting left believing the referendum idea was dead. [The Times was unable to attend the meeting, but has interviewed several participants.]

Truesdell presented at the meeting a proposed ballot and a set of "Terms and Conditions" for the referendum drafted by

the CCC, which agreed to pay the cost of the special vote.

However, other board members would not agree to the terms and conditions and no vote was taken in the meeting on the issue.

The ballot offered by Truesdell offered two simple choices: To disband the Seven Lakes Company Police Department, or to maintain it. The ballot asked in addition for the signature and lot number of each landowner. Also included was a proxy, as is common in association balloting, though this proxy allowed for assignment of voting rights to either the SLLA board on the one hand or the CCC on the other.

Truesdell's terms and conditions were for the most part non-controversial, dealing with timing and the source of the mailing list. However, he did ask that ballots be returned to the CCC mailing address rather than the SLLA address. The count would be handled by a two-man election committee, one of whom

would be a CCC member.

Normally, vote tallies in SLLA elections are handled by a standing elections committee, appointed by the board.

During the meeting, the board in fact appointed an elections committee, in case a special election were to be called.

The members approved include Mike Cummings, JoAn Moses, Bud Shaver, and Len Barnard.

They would presumably be in charge of counting the votes in any referendum on company police that results from Wednesday night's vote.

## Police

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Police Department has never had jurisdiction on any property owned by a resident of Seven Lakes.

We are currently paying approximately \$1,500,000 in property taxes to Moore County. One of the services we are paying for is police protection.

On Thursday, November 3, 2005, the Sandhills Lions Club will be conducting one its semi-monthly meetings. Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Sheriff Lane Carter. The meeting begins at 6:00 PM, dinner is served at 6:30 PM. Sheriff Carter will begin speaking at 7:00 PM.

Please make plans to attend this meeting and bring all of your questions. Please call Don Truesdell at 673-1509 or e-mail to [dtruesdell@nc.rr.com](mailto:dtruesdell@nc.rr.com) to confirm your reservation. Dinner is optional and the cost is \$8.00.

Please vote. No matter what your convictions please make plans to vote.

If you have any questions concerning the information I have presented please call me at 673-1509 or e-mail to [dtruesdell@nc.rr.com](mailto:dtruesdell@nc.rr.com).

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### EMS Telephone Directory for 2006

Information gathering for the publication of the 2006 EMS Telephone Directory has begun.

Seven Lakes residents can help in the effort by filling out the tickets in the Seven Lakes Landowners Office or West Side Park Community Center.

All changes, additions, and deletions to the White pages are needed.

All changes for the new edition for 2006 are due on Tuesday, November 1.

If you need more information contact, Doreen Smith, 673-0945.

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# Nominees sought for Westside board

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early January, and, if approved, to the membership in annual meeting packets scheduled to go out on January 20.

**Nominations.** Secretary Jan Patton said the nominating committee, which includes Patton, Ron Sickenberger , and Charlie Merial, has already received a number of applications and recommendations from prospective board members.

“It appears there will be a solid field of candidates,” Patton said, while encouraging anyone interested in running for one of the three open board seats to contact a member of the nominating committee. The committee will interview candidates in November, and expects, Patton said, to have at least six candidates running for the three available seats.

The board is expected to vote on the proposed slate of candidates in its December work session.

She noted that landowners may also secure a place on the ballot by submitting a petition signed by approximately 60 landowners. This must be submitted to the secretary of the board by January 18. If the board finds the petition to be valid, the name will be added to the ballot.

**Lake Patrol.** Director Laud Pitt said he is still in need of a captain for the Lake Auman Boat Patrol. The patrol has forty volunteers, but needs a captain to

organize its mostly weekend patrols.

Pitt noted that three members of the Lake Auman Sports Club had stepped forward to take over maintenance of the Lake Auman buoys.

The Sport Club is also building habitat that will give smaller fish a place to hide. Pitt said 8,000 bluegills had recently been added to the lake’s fish population.

**Recreation.** Director Betty Milligan said the grand opening of the new tennis courts in West Side Park had attracted 130-140 residents, some of whom were playing tennis well into the evening. The basketball courts are now open for play as well.

A Christmas tree lighting featuring musical entertainment and a visit from Santa will be held in the Great Room of the Community Center on December 4 beginning at 7:00 pm, Milligan announced. If well-attended, this could become an annual community event, she said.

**Wildlife enforcement.** In response to a resident request for an update, Meikle said the SLWLA had sent the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commis-

sion [NCWRC] a letter disputing the commission’s jurisdiction on Lake Auman. Wildlife officers recently spent a day patrolling Lake Auman, which heretofore has not been treated by the commission as falling under its authority.

Meikle explained that a new local NCWRC officer had decided to pursue enforcement on Lake Auman, which would result in residents needing to register their boats with the state as well as obtain state fishing licenses in order to fish in the lake.

Miekle, though he would not go into details, said the SLWLA had received a response for the NCWRC which had been turned over to the association’s attorney for review.

“Our intention is to fight this right to the bitter end,” Meikle said.

**Manager’s report.** Community manager Tony Robertson said he had attended earlier in the day a meeting that included representatives from landowners associations across the state. “After listening to people from all over the state, we are light years ahead of most of these associations in North Carolina,” Robertson said, noting that many associations don’t even carry liability

insurance.

Robertson noted that a nicely dressed woman had been videotaped tearing apart the front exit gate early one recent morning. He said her photo will be posted in the mailhouse so that she can be identified and asked to pay for the damage.

## Choral Society sets Holiday schedule

The sounds of the season will ring out in beautiful harmony as the Moore County Choral Society presents its annual Holiday Concert in Owens Auditorium at Sandhills Community College on December 3 and 4. Under the direction of Anne Dorsey, more than one hundred singers will blend in their voices in the group’s 25th annual seasonal concert.

The performance on December 3 will begin at 8:00 pm, and on December 4 at 4:00 pm. The

program features Carols and Lullabies by Conrad Susa. This unusual piece of music is subtitled *Christmas in the Southwest* and is sung in Spanish, accompanied by harp, guitar and marimba. Other favorite selections of the season will be accompanied by the Moore Brass, and the finale is a fun-filled arrangement of the old classic, *Jingle Bells*.

For ticket information, call 295-2794.

## Security

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who said the boys had stopped the activity.

**October 22**

A resident reported that a rubber boat had been deposited in her yard — apparently by a storm the night before. She later reported that the owner had retrieved the boat.

**October 23**

No Report.

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# West Side tennis courts open with a bang

by Angie Huber

On Sunday, October 16, Fran Fellingham and Don Pollord officially opened the two new tennis courts at the West Side Community Center by serving and hitting the first balls.

Betty Milligan, Recreation Director, began the ceremony by thanking the Tennis Building Committee Members; Angie Huber, Paul Kirst, Bill Lyons, Jim Owen, Sally Terrutty, and Don Pollord, Chair.

The Tennis Planning Committee Members Jon Gustafson, Claire Kuhn, Ed Lewis, Jim Owen, Don Pollord, and Clark Trivett were also thanked for helping organize the event.

In her comments, Betty stated that to keep a tennis program active it requires a great deal of dedication, organizing, and planning. In Seven Lakes West, there are a couple of residents, Joe and Fran Fellingham, who have spent many years of doing just that. They have been totally dedicated to their cause — tennis.

Milligan also said that chairing a tennis building committee takes dedication, organizing, and planning. Don Pollord did the job by spending many hours, along with his committee, mak-

ing sure that the courts met the specifications that were agreed on.

After the ceremony, Fran and Don were given tennis balls with the date of the grand opening as a thank you for their support to

the tennis program.

Between 130-140 tennis players and observers shared in the opening of the courts. The committees involved were elated with the positive response from the community.



*Seven Lakes West Tennis Court Grand Opening Committee*



*Seven Lakes West Tennis Court Building Committee*

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# It's Massage Therapy Awareness Week

by Chrissy Excell

Seven Lakes

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Since this year's theme is "Massage: A Healthier You," we wanted to take the opportunity to promote better public awareness of the massage therapy profession and the benefits of massage therapy.

In 1943 the graduating class of the College of Swedish Massage in Chicago became the first 29 charter members of an association eventually known as the AMTA.

In the 60's and 70's, as modern medicine became more technological and drug orientated, the ideas of holistic health, self improvement, and optimal health enjoyed a rebirth, carrying massage along with it.

The last decade or so has seen an explosion, in not only the number of massage therapy practitioners, but also in the number of people seeking the benefits of massage, which now makes it one of the most frequently used forms of complementary medicine.

As the field of Massage Therapy has grown, so has the number of accredited or approved training programs countrywide. The standardization of education for massage in this state has also made great strides and ensures students meet the statutory requirements for licensure by the NC Board of Massage & Bodywork Therapy.

Now that we have helped make you more educated about the profession itself, you probably would like to know why you should have therapeutic massage and how it can benefit your health. We'll begin by telling you that massage is one of the oldest, simplest forms of therapy that provides relief to all people of all

ages, from infants to seniors, from athletes to home gardeners, from overworked teachers to over stressed executives, and from people who experience occasional soreness to clients with chronic pain issues.

Massage therapy offers a drug free, non-invasive and human touch approach to enhancing your health, either alone or partnering with your traditional medical regimen.

Massage works on the muscles, tendons and ligaments as well as the connective tissues of your body and the effects of massage are cumulative and will bring the most benefits if received as a course of treatments.

The benefits of therapeutic massage include increasing circulation to promote tissue heal-

ing, stimulating lymphatic flow to boost the immune system, improving joint flexibility for those with restricted range of motion, relaxing injured and overworked muscles, reducing spasms and cramping, and releasing endorphins, the body's natural pain killers, to help with chronic illness and pain.

Although you may only be interested in massage for relaxation, you are still addressing the most prevalent health condition today, stress-related tension, which, experts believe, contributes to 80-90% of disease.

If you have questions about massage therapy or want to know if it can help you, please call Seven Lakes Massage & Body Therapies, at 673-2000, and talk to one of our Licensed Massage Therapists.

## Medicare correction

In Trey Waters' column on the new Medicare D benefits, we erroneously reported that the "donut hole," in which beneficiaries must pay 100 percent of prescription drug costs begins at \$2,250 and ends at \$3,600 of drug expenditures.

In fact, the upper limit of the hole is \$5,100.

We regret the error, and thank the anonymous pharmacist who called it to our attention.

If you see an error in *The Times*, please let us know, so that we can correct it. And please leave your name and number with your message so that we can follow up if we need more information — and thank you personally for catching our mistake.



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Champaign Toast at midnight(included). Dress is Semi-Formal. Dance music will be provided by Bob Bennett and vocalist Lynn Nelson from 9:00 pm to 12:30 am.

The evening includes entertainment, a few surprises as well as free door prizes provided by local merchants. Club members and non members are invited to ring in the New Year 2006 on the "SS Seven Lakes" when the lighted ball falls at midnight.

Price (inclusive): Members is \$44.00 and Non Members \$49.00 with a Cash Bar. For reservations call 673-1100.

Hosts for the evening are Nancy Sabo & Charlie Peterson and Judy & Ken Collins

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# Wennberg joins equestrian staff at Georgia

The Georgia equestrian staff is celebrating the prominent addition of venerated equine judge and instructor Carla Wennberg as an assistant coach for the University of Georgia Equestrian Team in the NCAA.

Wennberg, a graduate of the University of Georgia, has served as an international AQHA and NRHA judge for the past nineteen years and had held the post of Director of Equine Activities at Martin Community College in Williamston, NC since 2001 prior to accepting the Georgia position.

She has judged multi World Championship shows in the Unit-

ed States and many European Nationals.

Wennberg has exhibited horses on a national level for 30 years. Before her stint with the U.S. Equestrian team, she worked as an Equine Program Specialist at the University of Georgia and an Equine Sciences Instructor at Colorado State University. She worked as a trainer and exhibitor for the Kenny Rogers Arabian Horse Farm in Colbert, Ga.

During her own decorated riding career, Wennberg won the title of American Quarter Horse All Around Youth World Champion

and was a three-time AQHA Youth World Champion. She has won numerous State and Nationals titles along with the All American Congress All Around Champion in Columbus, Ohio.

Wennberg has successfully competed in upper level dressage with several horses, the present being her Hannavarian "Spirit."

Her goal is to help her students to be the best they can be in whatever direction they choose in this huge horse world.

Wennberg is the daughter of Nancy Wennberg of Seven Lakes West and the late Carl T. Wennberg.



Carla Wennberg

## 'Jake's Women' at Sunrise

Rod Harter, Artistic Director of Drama at Moore OnStage has announced his cast for the Neil Simon comedy, "Jake's Women," playing at the Sunrise Theatre from November 4 – 13.

Jake, (Randy Rime), is a novelist facing a marital crisis who daydreams about the women in his life. He even recalls his daughter when she was a child (Kacin Menendez) but who is now grown (Amber Nann). Yes, he conjures up these women in his mind and as a result, hilarity abounds.

His first wife Julie, (Julia Brokmeyer), who died twenty years earlier, appears (in Jake's mind), not quite understanding why Jake has changed and is not in the same "place" in their rela-

tionship that she is.

His bossy sister, Karen, (Cinny Beggs) and his opinionated analyst, Edith (Loretta Aldridge) offer their advice with some of the most clever lines in the play. That's when Jake realizes that it's not the women in his life who have relationship problems, but himself.

In a very funny scene with Jake and his current wife Maggie (Kimberly Corrigan) and his girlfriend Sheila (Christine Storrs), he tries very hard to explain this problem; or at least to justify his actions.

Neil Simon has outdone himself with the quick, funny lines that the women in Jake's life say. This is a not-to-be missed play. You will laugh your heart out.

"Jake's Women" plays at the Sunrise Theatre, Friday, November 4 continuing through November 13.

Evening shows and matinees are available, so call for reservations today at 255-0667.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for students. Mastercard and Visa are accepted. The sponsor, for "Jake's Women" is Wachovia Securities.

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Statewide Event Provides Answers to Seniors' Medicare Questions.

Beginning November 15, if you have Medicare Part A and/or Part B, you will have the option to sign up for new prescription drug coverage, regardless of income level and resources, pre-existing conditions or current prescription expenses.

Also, if you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan - such as HMO, PPO or private-fee-for-service plans - your plan may also offer drug coverage.

Unfortunately, there has been much confusion surrounding the Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDPs), so if you're confused about your options or what you should do, you are not alone. The Department of Insurance's Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) can help you understand your options and what PDPs are available to you.

To reduce confusion and help seniors with enrollment, SHIIP is hosting a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Expo at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center on Tuesday, November 15, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Expo will provide people with Medicare from across North Carolina a "one-stop-shop" for their Medicare PDP needs.

Seniors who attend can join an educational workshop presented by a trained SHIIP staff member that explains the Medicare Prescription Drug Program, in addition to meeting with trained Volunteer Counselors who will be on hand to answer questions for beneficiaries or family members on the extra help assistance and the particular prescription drug plans. The beneficiary may also enroll in his or her chosen Medicare PDP with the help of SHIIP staff and volunteer counselors.

Keep in mind, the Medicare PDPs are meant to help you. They may save you money on the prescription drugs that you already take or that you will

need to take in the future.

A typical person enrolled in Medicare could see his or her total drug expenses decrease by 50 percent, and some limited-income seniors who qualify will pay almost no prescription drug expense. The PDPs will work like most other health insurance plans, covering a large portion of your prescription drug expenses.

Medicare PDPs are similar to other insurance products in that they are insurance plans that are provided by private insurance companies.

North Carolina has 16 companies that are able to sell the Medicare PDPs, and each company has different options available to you.

It's important that you look at each plan carefully and choose the one that covers the medicines you take, as well as the pharmacy that you use, unless you are willing to change pharmacies. After you choose the best PDP for you, then you will pay a monthly premium and Medicare will help pay the bill.

Your Medicare & You 2006 handbook outlines all of North Carolina's approved plans.

Because every company's PDP is different, premiums and coverage will vary. In 2006, the monthly premiums for PDPs in North Carolina will range from less than \$20 up to \$68 and may have a yearly deductible of up to \$250. You will also pay for part of the cost for your prescriptions, including a copayment or coinsurance.

If you have limited income and resources, you may qualify to receive extra help to pay for prescription drugs through the Medicare prescription drug assistance program.

To see if you qualify for this extra help, call the Department of Aging at 947-2881. You may also contact your local Social Security Administration office or visit their national website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Although anyone who has Medicare Part A and/or Part B

is eligible, the Medicare PDP might not be the best fit for everyone. If you do not have any other prescription drug coverage, then you will need it.

However, if you currently have prescription drug insurance coverage that is as good or better than the Medicare PDP coverage, then you do not need to purchase a Medicare PDP. Also, if you have creditable prescription drug coverage through an employer group plan, TRICARE, or the Veteran's Administration you should not need a Medicare PDP.

You will receive a letter verifying the creditability of your current coverage.

If you do choose to sign up for a Medicare PDP, you can join from November 15, 2005 to May 15, 2006.

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ber 31, 2005, your Medicare PDP coverage will begin January 1, 2006, so you won't miss a day of coverage.

While you are not required to enroll in a Medicare PDP, keep in mind that if you're eligible to do so, but choose not to enroll by May 15, 2006, then you may have to pay a one percent penalty for each month that is past the deadline.

The only exception to this penalty is if you were enrolled in another prescription drug plan that had coverage equal to or better than Medicare's PDP.

If you have any questions about Medicare PDPs or are confused about what your prescription drug coverage options are, please call Jill Sherman at the Moore County Department of Aging at 910-947-2881.

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**ESTATE SALE** – Friday, October 28 & Saturday, October 29, 9:00 to 3:00 pm. Nice sale in Seven Lakes North at 119 Pinewood. Almost entire contents of lovely furnishings to be sold. Including: living, bedroom, and Carolina furniture as well as many home decor items, kitchen and garage items, too numerous to list. Note: Public is permitted access thru gate for sale. Sale conducted by Ross & McLellan Estate Sale Service. Cash or approved Check. Call 215-0487 or 690-2795.

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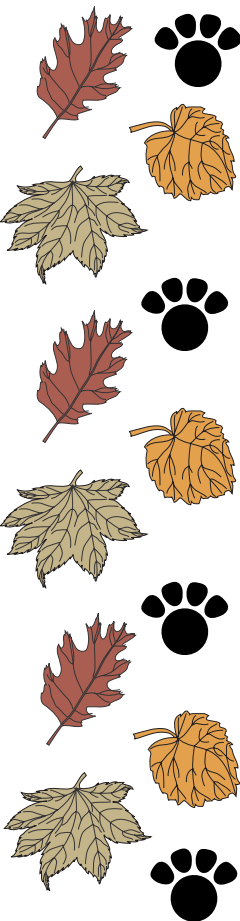
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