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Sheriff pledges enforcement 'as needed'



Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter was the featured speaker at the Thursday, November 3 meeting of the Sandhills Lions Club, where, among other things, he addressed traffic enforcement in Seven Lakes. Carter is shown here with Lions Club President Ray Lambert.

Catching speeders in Seven Lakes is not a daily priority for the Moore County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Lane Carter told members of the Sandhills Lions Club on Wednesday night, November 2, but his deputies are equipped to deal with traffic enforcement when the need arises.

"We won't be here every day," Carter said when asked whether Seven Lakes could expect daily traffic enforcement should the community vote to disband its Company Police department. "We don't have the personnel to address it every day."

Instead, the Sheriff's Office will address traffic enforcement in Seven Lakes in the same way it addresses traffic enforcement in the rest of the county.

"If you have a problem, you

need to call us," Carter said, "and we will take care of it." He gave an example of a young mother from another part of the county concerned about speeding near her son's school bus stop.

The Sheriff's Office responded to her concerns by setting up a speed trap in the area and handed out quite a few tickets — including one to a driver doing 70 in the 35 mile per hour zone.

"I you need us here in Seven Lakes, we will respond, in the same way we would respond in any other part of the county," Carter said. He noted that the North Carolina General Assembly has recently passed legislation explicitly giving his officers

(See "County," p. 25)

You can get your Times on the web

The Seven Lakes Times has launched a website, at www.sevenlakestimes.net.

Note that the extension on that web address is ".net" not ".com."

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An online version of the current issue of *The Times* — with all the editorial and advertising content of the printed edition — will be posted at the same time that our print edition is mailed.

This should be particularly

useful to some of our out-of-town readers, who may have to wait a week or more after the publication date to receive their copy of *The Times* through the US Postal Service.

Our online version will be encoded in the popular "portable document format" or ".pdf" which can be read by the free Adobe Acrobat Reader or Apple's Preview application, as well as a variety of other programs. Most web browsers of recent vintage come with some capability to read .pdf files.

Each online issue of *The Times* will be roughly three megabytes in size, which should pose no problem for those with cable, DSL, or other broadband internet services. Dial-up users may find they have to wait a while to read *The Times* online.

(See "Now," p. 20)

The Times turns twenty

by Greg Hankins,
Editor and Publisher

With this issue, *The Seven Lakes Times* marks its twentieth birthday. This is Volume 21, Number 1, the three-hundred and fifty-second edition of this newspaper.

The newspaper was first published in November of 1985, created by a forward-thinking

group of Seven Lakers: Tom Tucker, J. Sherwood Dunham, Al Gent, Bill Kerchof, and Ruth Sullivan.

For twelve years, the paper was published as a monthly by members of that group, others who joined them along the way, a few hired hands, and lots of volunteers from the community. Any of the folk involved over

that twelve-year span would likely acknowledge that Ruth Sullivan was the driving force that made sure *The Times* reappeared, month after month.

In 1997, having been retired when they started *The Times*, the owners decided to retire yet again. The paper was acquired by the present management, who had gotten to know Sullivan and Dunham while printing *The Times* at the Montgomery Herald plant in Troy.

The paper immediately became an every-other-week publication, providing residents with more news and advertisers with more frequent access to potential customers in Seven

(See "The Seven," p. 27)

Early Deadline!

The next issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* will be published on Tuesday, November 22, so that our local readers will receive the paper before the Thanksgiving holiday.

As a result, our deadline for news and advertising will be moved up to Friday, November 18, at 5:00 pm.

Views expressed on duty of a board member

[With this, our twentieth anniversary issue, The Times begins a new column, reprinting interesting stories from past editions. This story is take from Volume 1, Number 1, November 1985.]

Elections for the board of directors of the Landowners Association take place in March. In order to present a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a director of

He believes it is helpful for the directors to possess a working knowledge of municipal and corporate organizations. He said a working board should make decisions with the best interests of three major groups always in mind — present homeowners, absentee lot owners, and the developer.

“All actions taken should strengthen all

not have an opportunity to serve on the board. It would greatly help and enhance their knowledge and understanding of community problems,” he concluded.

He did admit to one drawback — the invasion of privacy.

Harry Heuple, a current director and chairman of the planning committee, agreed with Everhart about the three-year term. While Hueple was somewhat reluctant to estimate time demands, he did indicate that the job requires “peaks of activity.” Several working sessions are scheduled each month, according to Heuple, in addition to the regular meeting.

When asked about a job description, he replied, “Establish and implement the policies of the Landowners.”

To be a representative of the-

landowners, said Heuple, the directors must “know and understand the bylaws, charter, and leases which govern decisions.”

Open minds, thick skins, a

democratic orientation, and understanding spouses were described as other characteristics of a productive director.

(See “Views,” p. 26)

Times Past

Stories from
The Times archives



this governing, *The Times* interviewed Don Everhart, Harry Heuple, and Hap Aitken.

Everhart, a former director, said, “A director should be open-minded and free to make the soundest and best decisions and not be influenced by neighbors, friends, and cocktail-circle friends.”

three parties as all have a vital interest, and none of the parties should suffer because of benefits to the other party,” he said.

Everhart stated that the first responsibility of the board is to employ and direct the executive director. “The executive director’s actions should be a direct reflection of the wishes, desires and policies set forth by the board of directors,” he said.

Because there is discussion about the number of members that should be on the board, Everhart stated that seven is a viable number. Past involvements with many corporate boards showed him that large boards are unmanageable. He also believes that the length of service should remain at three years.

“The first year is growth,” he said. “It offers the chance for the director to see the problems. The following two years are spent effectively and intelligently dealing with these problems.

When asked his thoughts concerning a job description for board members, he agreed there should be one, and it should be reviewed every few years to match growth and the new challenges presented by that growth. He suggests the job description should be formulated by a committee of Seven Lakes people who have corporate background and are not members of the board.

“Being a director allowed me a better awareness and understanding of the Seven Lakes problems. It is unfortunate that all of the Seven Lakes people do

CONTRIBUTORS AND ADVERTISERS

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Foxfire turnout small

As *The Times* went to press early Wednesday morning, it appeared that just under three dozen voters had turned out for Foxfire’s uncontested municipal elections.

The Moore County Board of Elections was reporting unofficial totals of 35 votes each for incumbents Joe Harsany and Wally Peckitt, and 34 votes for Mayor Ed Phillips.

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Kavanaugh opens new Eye Care office

Seven Lakes Eye Care has opened a brand new 4,000 square foot office on Seven Lakes Drive.

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Kavanaugh said Seven Lakes Eye Care will occupy the whole of the new building.

"The office was designed to be especially accommodating for the handicapped," he added.

"We have added a full-time licensed optician, Terri Paszko," Kavanaugh told *The Times*. "I think we have the nicest — and largest — optical shop in the county."

Paszko has eight years experience and is both a North Carolina licensed optician and certified by the National Contract Lens Examiners.

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Pasko told *The Times*. "We have a full range of frames at all price levels. Pasko said the optical shop's offering range from the most basic frames to designer lines like Oakley, Tura, and Gucci.

She said most prescriptions can be filled in three to seven days, depending up on the prescription.

"I try to customize each pair of glasses based on individual needs," Paszko said, noting that occupations and hobbies, as well as the individual prescription, come into play in lens selection.

Kavanaugh started Seven Lakes Eye Care as a part time practice in 1989, splitting his time between Seven Lakes and Troy, in Montgomery County. He closed his Troy office in 1998 to focus full-time on Seven Lakes clients.

"We offer full-scope primary care optometry," Kavanaugh, a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry, told *The Times*. "This includes routine

eye exams for glasses and contact lenses, medical care like foreign body removal, treatment of infections, pre-operative and post-operative care on all eye surgeries, and treatment of glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy."

Seven Lakes Eye Care also offers specialized care, treating patients from all over the state.

Kavanaugh is one of only twelve Optometrists in the state who is a Fellow in the College of Optometrists in Vision Development.

This specialty certification allows Kavanaugh to treat children and adults who have vision problems that interfere with learning. Treatment may include spectacles, contacts, prisms, filters, (See "Kavanaugh," p. 4)



Dr. Barry Kavanaugh shows off the sign announcing his new office on Seven Lakes Drive.

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The Board of Directors of First Bancorp (NASDAQ - FBNC) has announced that Anna Hollers has been named Chief Oper-

ating Officer of First Bancorp and First Bank, the Company's principal banking subsidiary. Ms. Hollers will also continue

serving as Executive Vice President and Corporate Secretary of both companies. Ms. Hollers has been with First Bank for 33

years, serving many different capacities during her career.

"This is an advancement for Anna that is important and most deserved," said James H. Garner, President and CEO of First Bancorp.

"Anna has been a valuable leader at our company for a long time, and so much of our success over the years is attributable to her efforts. I'm very happy that the board has decided to name Anna as Chief Operating Officer."

Jerry Ocheltree, recently named President of First Bank, also commented on the announcement.

"This is great news for First Bank," he said. "Anna Hollers has been one of the key players in building First Bank, and we will all benefit from her serving in this role. I know already from personal experience how great Anna is to work with, and I look forward to continuing that relationship in the years to come."

WEES gets ExxonMobil grant

Thanks to McNeill Oil Company, which operates Shop 'n' Save #3 in West End, West End Elementary School will receive a \$500 grant from ExxonMobil to help students improve their reading skills.

Moore County Schools have each received \$3,500 from the ExxonMobil Education Alliance program. The following seven schools each received a \$500 grant to support the following programs:

- Aberdeen Primary School – Reading – Sponsored by Mac's Food Stores
- Aberdeen Elementary School for Field Trips/Enrichment – Sponsored by Mac's Food Stores
- Pinehurst Elementary School General Education Support – Sponsored by Bill Clark Chevrolet
- Southern Middle School Math/Science – Sponsored

by 401 Shop N Save Southern Pines Elementary School General Education Support – Sponsored by Mac's Food Stores

West End Elementary School Reading – Sponsored by Shop N Save #3

West Pine Middle School Physical Education/Athletics – Sponsored by Mac's Food Stores

Frank McNeill, Jr. and Davis Clark of McNeill Oil Company and Mac's Food Stores worked with school officials to secure the grants, which were selected from 4000 available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations.

The grants were made possible by funding from the Exxon Mobil Corporation.

"The schools of Moore County work extremely hard to make learning interesting and fun," said Frank McNeill, Jr. "As an Exxon retailer, we are very proud to be able to help the young

people of Moore County."

The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

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Kavanaugh

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Kavanaugh and his wife Penny have been married 20 years. They have five children and live in the Seven Lakes area.

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Helen Colvin has chosen Seven Lakes not just once, but twice as a great place to live. She originally moved to Seven Lakes North as a widow more than eighteen years ago and was one of the four founders of the Singles Club, through which she met Dillard, her husband. They ultimately left Seven Lakes for the tropical climes of Florida.

Last year, after enduring the winds, rain and destruction wrought by Charley and three other hurricanes on their adopted home in Port Charlotte, they returned to the gentler climate of Seven Lakes North.

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WEES Fall Festival was big success

by Sandi Burrell
WEES PTA & Fall Festival Chair-
man

West End Elementary School Fall Festival was a huge success. The West End Elementary PTA would like to thank everyone that came out and enjoyed the festival as well as all of the local business merchants that donated prizes for bingo and the silent auction.

West End Elementary PTA would also like to thank all parents, teachers, Girl Scouts and the West End Pine BETA Club members that volunteered and worked so hard to make the Fall Festival happen.

It is really wonderful to see everyone in the community come together to make such an event possible.

Thanks to all!



Things get messy at the pie toss



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WEES Principal Judith Douglas enjoyed the fun at the Fall Festival.

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WEES ball park renovations are underway

by Sandi Burrell

Things are really moving along at the West End Elementary Ball Park. The first group of new signs have been installed and more are soon to follow. There is still limited space available for new signs. If anyone is interested in putting their business or club name on one of the sponsor signs, please contact Sandi Burrell at 673-0901.

All of the old things have been removed from the concession stand. Local people and businesses have donated time and materials to fix it up.

Seven Lakes Hardware has donated vinyl siding and trim for the dugouts and concession stand and also the paint for the entire concession building. John Dye, an employee of Seven Lakes Hardware has done the painting work and the floors in the restrooms.

David Cheek installed the siding and repaired the dugouts.

Chip Resh installed the wood fence in front of the landscaping.

Tracy's Carpets donated the vinyl flooring for the concession stand and Rodney Hinson has offered his time to install the vinyl flooring.

LA Cabinets will install cabinets and counter tops they donated.

A new double bowl stainless steel sink and faucet were donated by Charlie Sanders at Sanders

Supply.

A new drinking fountain is still needed with installation.

Classic Solutions will make a sign for Rules and Regulations that will be posted at the field. There will also be a sign about the pine straw between the field

and school indicating the straw is for school and ball park use only.

The last project to be done this winter will be the re-claying of the infield by Billy Ransom of Moore County Parks and Recreation. Mr. Ransom will handle

scheduling the field and the rules and regulations. Anyone can use the field, just call Mr. Ransom to schedule your event at 947-2504.

The ball park and field are

really nice and it is our goal to have it used more.

Thanks to everyone who has donated time and materials and improvement suggestions.



Pin the tail on the donkey was a popular stop at the WEES Fall Festival.



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*by Stacy Waterman, Counselor,
West Pine Middle School*

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on task, choosing words carefully, removing themselves from negative influences, and choosing to do the right thing.

Good Judgement students pictured at right are: Daniel Graindorge, Avery Goins, Evan Chappell, and Jessica Crandall, Ann Gager, Tiana Taylor-Cuevas, Victoria Frye, Destene Kinser



Prize winners

Phoenix Fashions gave away three gift certificates for Meet the Merchants. The winner of the first place prize a \$75 gift certificate was Jody Harvey with her son. Second place winner

was Vernelle Otter (\$50 gift certificate) and third place winner was Helen Munroe (\$25 gift certificate). Thanks to all who visited with Phoenix Fashions during the Meet the Merchant event.




Phoenix Fashions prize winners Jodi Harvey & son.



Important News Release

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- In response to State Farm's financial strength, profitability, and new efficiencies through technology, I'm pleased to announce an 11% Homeowner Insurance rate decrease on average for all new and renewal business in Moore County effective June 15th. This is great news! One out of five homeowners in the United States has State Farm Homeowners Insurance.
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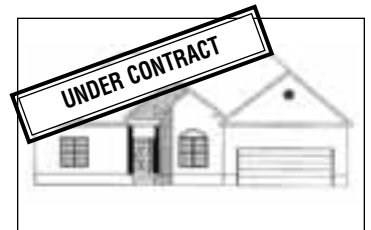
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Foxfire has a 'spook-tacular' Halloween

by Beth Schettler

Ninety-eight children, accompanied by 80 adults, enjoyed Susan Petrie's annual Halloween bash on Saturday, October 29 at Foxfire's Firehouse. They were greeted by Sue Shuster and Janice Thomas, registered by Jean Brown and Rustie Dziminowicz, and given treat bags by Elsa Schermerhorn.

Inside the firehouse, the children had several attractions from which to choose. Games

included Ghost Busters, run by John and Carol Hunter; a golf game by Barbara Arnold and Gladys Knight; Milk Bottle Toss, by Lydia Conard and Jordan Johnson; and Pumpkin Coloring by Ilona Bader and Helen Munro.

A very scary Dracula (Bobby Williamson) and his wife (Karen Ramey) enticed the children into their very spooky candle-lit room, where large purple bats clung to the walls.

The Haunted Trail was a major

attraction. A hay wagon, driven by Charles Shaver, carried the screaming passengers through the trees, where monster lurked at every turn. John and Connie Monds gave out tickets for the hayride, and Scarecrow Bascom Johnson helped the children abroad.

Sharon Thingstand, Pam Koos, Betty Worst, and Diane Scales prepared and served tasty dogs at the Foxfire Garden Club's booth; and beautiful clowns Joan and Dewey Jackson strolled

around and entertained the children.

Susan Petrie's Halloween party has become a popular Foxfire tradition. Her work planning the event starts the day after Halloween, when she begins making the costumes and decorations, and planning the games. Her Halloween committee members this year were Joan Jackson, games; Karen Ramey, decorations; and Carl Munro, Gene Petrie, John Hunter, and John Monds, set-up.



Connie and John Monds distributed tickets for the hayride at Susan Petrie's Foxfire Halloween party.

Contradance this Saturday at Olde West End Gym

Join in the fun at the Contradance held at the Olde West End Gym, 137 Old West End School Road off Hwy 211, this Saturday, November 12.

Lessons will begin at 7:30 pm, dance from 8:00 to 11:00 pm.

The band will be David DiGiuseppe and Pete Campbell. The caller is Rhiannon Giddens. Beginners are always welcome.

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Governor recognizes outstanding volunteers

Ruth Van Lehn, Mamie Alley, Jill Woodlief, Mary Galtere, and Charles Holder have been awarded the North Carolina Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

In a letter to the recipients, Governor Mike Easley wrote:

"It is my pleasure to congratulate Moore County's recipients of the 2005 NC Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

"They join a distinguished group of more than 15,000 volunteers in the state who have received this honor since 1979. Volunteers are at the heart of the long-standing tradition of community service in our state.

"Their work enriches and improves the lives of others everyday, in countless ways."

The awards were presented at an October 12 awards breakfast in Southern Pines organized by the Moore County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

The breakfast honored more than 450 volunteers, who work with the disabled, troubled youth, the environment, and the disadvantaged in Moore County.

County Commissioners David Cummings, Tim Lea, and Colin McKenzie joined volunteers in a buffet breakfast feast.

During her opening remarks, RuthAnne Via, Director of Moore County RSVP, quoted President George W. Bush: "The great strength of the nation lies in the hearts and souls of our citizens. I truly believe that's one of the wonderful strengths of America – that we've got armies of compassion all across our country."

Addressing a crowd of nearly 200, Via continued, "You are the Moore County battalion of that army of compassion. You represent health care organizations, schools, government agencies, libraries, theaters, helping agencies, among others.

"Today is a time for us to thank you for your gifts of the heart; though we know that you give because you can, and not for the thanks you receive. You give because giving brings a sense of worth and accomplishment.

You give because you care."

Each year the Governor's Office honors exemplary volunteers from every county with the NC Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

Fourteen individuals and groups from Moore County were nominated this year and recognized by RSVP during the annual Volunteer Breakfast celebration.

Joan Coleman, chairman of the RSVP Advisory Council, said of these nominees, "There are 14 organizations that took the time to pay tribute to those who provide special leadership to their organizations. Every single one of these volunteers and all of you embody the true spirit of community and we offer our thanks and our respect to you all."

Commissioner Tim Lea presented each nominee with a certificate of appreciation signed by Board of Commissioners Chairman, David Cummings. Nominees included:

Mamie Alley from Southern Pines Primary,
Jill Woodlief from Cameron Elementary,
Mary Galtere from the Good Hands Gang,
Charles Holder and Barbara Berndt from Moore Regional

Hospital,
Ruth Van Lehn from Habitat for Humanity, The Gingerbread Committee, Habitat Moore Store volunteers,
Bill Hager from American Red Cross,
Barbara and Robert Lee from Given Memorial Library, Jeanne MacGregor from the Literacy Council,
Mary Meindle from St. Joseph of the Pines,
Mary Mirabelli from the Guardian ad Litem Program, and
Vic Suglia from Southern Middle School.

Chaplain Carl Naylor, Director of Pastoral Care and Mission Services for St. Joseph of the Pines Health Center stated during the invocation, "Scripture tells us we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Each of us casts out the darkness by letting our light shine in service of God's people. We are called to continue to spread the light to all we meet."

Robin Liles, Principal of Aberdeen Elementary School and the Aberdeen Elementary School Chorus wowed the crowd with a collection of gospel

favorites.

No accompaniment was needed as this group of young people sang from the heart and with the encouragement of one very talented drummer.

Moore County RSVP supports volunteerism in Moore County by connecting adults 55 and better with meaningful, rewarding volunteer opportunities in more than 30 non-profit agencies in Moore County.

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Aux gets tips on identify theft prevention

by Sondra Schroeder

On Thursday, November 3, the Women's Auxiliary of Seven Lakes had the privilege of hearing Judy Estridge of First Bank speak on the topic of identity theft protection. Ms. Estridge is Vice President/Security Officer for First Bank of Troy and is well qualified to educate the public on identity theft problems.

She offered many tips to the group, such as the importance of guarding your personal information, your mail and all of your financial matters. Ms. Estridge stressed that it is important to remember people and groups are not necessarily who they

claim to be. She gave examples that led to financial chaos



First Bank's Judy Estridge

for those who were unaware and knowingly gave information to aid in their own undoing.

There was an extensive question and answer period following the presentation.

First Bank of Troy provided sweatshirts for door prizes that were won by Grace Tutton, Maureen Malone, Alice Ridenour and Sondra Schroeder. Pat Lewin won a paper shredder. Tinkie Petterson took home a beautiful floral arrangement donated by Southern Grace Florist.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The next Women's Auxiliary

meeting will be held on December 1. The Sandbaggers from Capital Chorus will provide enter-

tainment. Newcomers are always welcome.

Penick added to RSVP list

"Moore County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program welcomes Penick Village to the RSVP family," according to RuthAnne Via, RSVP Director.

Penick Village is a Continuing Care Retirement Community located in Southern Pines. Current volunteer opportunities include:

- "Penick Pals" – Volunteers are paired with residents who have limited family support and agree to visit on a regular basis
- "Snack Attack" – Volunteers distribute special treats to residents
- "Activity Angels" – Volunteers assist with crafts, Bingo, Bible Study, Singing and other activities

"The Moore County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is committed to supporting volunteerism in Moore County," promises Ms. Via. "We assist more than 30 non-profit agencies

with recruiting, training, and recognizing their valuable volunteers. We also help adults, age 55 or better, find ways to invest their time and energy in enjoyable, meaningful activities that

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Daniels says staying fit should be fun

by Paula Rath
Honolulu Advertiser Staff Writer

[The following article on Dave Daniels, son of Westsiders Al and Annette Daniels, originally appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser, and is used with permission.]

Dave Daniels came to Hawaii 18 years ago to windsurf, fell in love with the Islands and never left. The 46-year-old art director lives in Kailua.

Dave Daniels of Kailua has one strict guideline when choosing a fitness activity: It's gotta be fun.

His idea of fun, however, might sound grueling to "normal" human beings. He did four triathlons last year and completed the "Cycle to the Sun," 36 miles up Haleakala.

He also spent the outrigger

canoe season paddling for Kai Poha and was a team member for the Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race, an 18-mile course outside Kona. Naturally, he was in the "Iron" division, which allows for no changes in crew for the entire race.

Daniels enjoys the social aspects of sport, spending time with friends. His latest endeavor is salsa dancing; he is taking lessons at Hot Salsa Hawaii in Manoa.

Daniels has always been active. He was a ski instructor, bike messenger and semi-pro soccer player.

Of his choice of sports, he said, "I do it as long as I'm liking it." When it stops being fun, he goes on to the next sport. Why? He has an innate competitive

spirit — and loves "the endorphin buzz."

Name: Dave Daniels.

Age: 46.

Profession: Senior art director, Milici Valenti Ng Pack Advertising.

Height: 5-feet-7.

Weight: 142 pounds.

Workout habits: "I try to get into the gym or do something fun outside at least every day. I figure the more I can do to stay in shape during the week helps prevent the weekend injuries also. Right now I'm training for the Xterra World Championship, so sometimes I'll do some training in the morning and after work as well."

When and why I started working out: "I've been doing sports and exercise all my life in one way or another. I can remember when I was 3 or 4 and my mom would be work-

ing out to Jack LaLanne on TV, and I'd be rolling around on the floor next to her doing the same exercise."

My good foods/bad foods: "I love food, so it's all good. In general I try very hard to keep

to the healthy stuff, but life is short, and there's a lot of good food out there to eat."

My biggest motivator: "I have a few motivators. I like staying

(See "Daniels," p. 14)



Dave Daniels on his board



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Schools seek input on communications

Moore County Schools is encouraging people to take part in a communications survey that is posted on their website.

The 14-question survey is located on the district's website at <http://www.mcs.k12.nc.us>.

Once on the main page of the website, the visitor should click on the "Student and Parent Resources" link at the top of the page.

In the middle of the "Student and Parent Resources" page is a headline that states, "Help Us With Our Communications Audit." A link below that will take the visitor to the online survey.

The survey is seeking input on a variety of aspects of the school district's communications efforts including the district's website, the school district newspaper Perspective, the weekly Moore County Schools Notebook TV program, and more, as well as asking what types of information are desired, preferred methods of receiving information about the school district, and the opportunity to sign up for a school district e-newsletter.

"The purpose of the survey is to help us assess our present efforts and determine ways we can improve our delivery of infor-

mation to parents and the public, in general," said Tim Lussier, Advisor for Community Relations.

He added that the school district is also conducting several focus group meetings to gain input, as well.

Department of Aging Myrtle Beach Trip

A Myrtle Beach Holiday Trip is scheduled for December 6 to the New Tanger Shopping Outlets, and a Holiday Show at the Carolina Opry with dinner at Original Benjamin's.

The cost is \$68 which includes transportation, a theater ticket and dinner.

For information call the Moore County Department of Aging at 947-2881

Daniels

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in shape because I can eat and drink more. It clears my head out so I can see things more clearly. There's also that post-workout buzz, which is cool because I don't think endorphins have been outlawed yet. Plus, high cholesterol runs in the family so it helps me keep that in check."

My biggest roadblock to fitness: "I always try to make some time for the gym, or something else fun unless I'm just lazy or I have a date."

My next challenge: "The Xterra World Championships in October and salsa dancing, which I think is harder." (Note: The Nissan Xterra World Championship on Maui involves a 1.5K ocean swim, 32K mountain bike ride up Haleakala and 11K trail run.)

Advice for those in the same boat: "Have fun!"

[The Xterra World Championships that Dave Daniels mentions in this article were held on Maui on October 23 and will be televised in a one-hour CBS Sports Spectacular on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, at Noon. — GHJ]

In memory of . . .

Ernestine S. Napoli, 84, of Jacksonville, Alabama, formerly of Foxfire Village, died Tuesday, October 25 at Jacksonville Medical Center.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 29 at McDonald's Chapel Presbyterian Church. Burial was at Pinelawn Memorial Park.

Ms. Napoli was a retired real estate broker and music teacher.

She was a WWII veteran of the Women's Army Corp. She was a resident of Foxfire Village for twenty years and her late husband, Vincent R. Napoli, was

the former mayor of Foxfire Village.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Bieber Holmes of Bellingham, WA; her son, Vincent

Napoli, Jr. of Jacksonville, AL; her sister, Doris Pyott of Spartanburg, SC; and three grandchildren.



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West End Scout Troops find a home

by Ruth Sullivan

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In 2005, the lodge building site was cleared, and the campfire circle and the outdoor meet-

ing shelter were completed. Ongoing fundraising events have generated about half of the money needed to construct the lodge. Donations from the community are welcome and can (See "Scouts," p. 18)

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- **Veteran's Day**
- **North Carolina Clay: Past and Present** – on going exhibit. 10:00 to 4:00 pm daily. Seagrove, NC Pottery Center. 336-873-8430.
- **War on Terror** – through December 2005. Fayetteville. Airborne and Special Operations Museum. 866-547-0649.
- **Quilt Show** – (thru Nov. 13) Asheboro "Roots and Wings" Sponsored By: Randolph Quilters Guild, Morning Arts Center 123 Sunset Ave, Admission: \$5. Randolph Quilters Guild bi-annual quilt shown. Includes quilt displays, a guild boutique, vendors and a raffle quilt. Information and entry forms are available from laturner@asheboro.com.

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

Seven Lakes – 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Bloodmobile will be at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Waiting times can be shortened by calling 673-4931 to request a donation time. This will ensure your place in line. the order received.

• **Wacky Wednesday Program** – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, sponsored by Home Choice Network. The November Program is a discussion of the history and prehistory of the Fort Bragg area with Jeff Irwin, an archaeologist at Fort Bragg. At Bethesda Presbyterian Church, 1002 North Sandhills, Aberdeen. Cost \$3/person. Home Choice Network can provide companions and transportation for those in need.

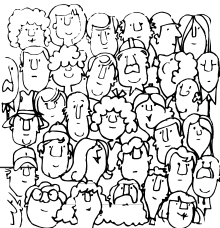
Reservations must be made by November 12 for the program. Call 944-1116 for information.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- **Sandhills Lions Club** – 6:00 pm, at the North Clubhouse. All residents are invited. Dinner served at 6:30 pm and the cost is \$8.00. Please call or e-mail Don Truesdell, 673-1509, dtruesdell@nc.rr.com to confirm your seat. The guest speaker will be a representative from First Bank and the topic will be How to Protect Against Identity Theft. Please make plans to attend.

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 2:00 pm Board work session meeting. Conference Room.
- **2005 Festival of Trees** – Sandhills Children's Center hosting the 2005 Festival of Trees through Sunday November 20, at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club's Reception Center, Southern Pines. Admission \$4, Senior Citizens: \$3, children under 12 free. Call (910) 692- 3323 or email at fot-children@earthlink.net
- **Literacy Workshop** – Moore County Literacy Council will offer 12 hours of tutor training. The second workshop will be held on

What's When Calendar



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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.
- **Contradance** – West End Gym, 137 Old West End School Road off Hwy 211. Lessons at 7:30 pm, dance from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Band - David DiGiuseppe & Pete Campbell. Caller - Rhiannon Giddens. Beginners are welcome. No partner necessary. Admission - \$6 members, \$8 non-members, \$5 students 16 and over, children free. For information, call 910-690-1098.

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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.



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- **Fine Art and Holiday Gift Sale** – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. Art and crafts by your local Seven Lakes artists.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- **Fine Art and Holiday Gift Sale** – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. Art and crafts by your local Seven Lakes artists.
- **Oakboro Music Hall** – Oakboro. 8:00 pm. Featuring the number one bluegrass band: Lonesome River Band. Reserved tickets \$18, general admission \$16. 704-485-3649 or www.oakboromusichall.com
- **Sunrise Theater** – Danny & June Infantino Present Jimmy Keys, Performance: 7:30 pm. Danny and June Infantino open the show for the British musical comedy entertainer Jimmy Keys. The show is a fabulous mix of music, comedy and impressions. Tickets available at Country Bookshop or call Danny or June at 692-5696 & leave message.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Sunrise Theater Preservation Group Present** – *The Last Waltz*. Be a guest on Thanksgiving Day for the movie at 8:00 pm. FREE.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- **Country Bookshop** – 4:30 pm, Dr. Robert Ramey presents his book *Rocky Bear Meets Jesus*. 140 NW Broadstreet, Southern Pines. 692-3211.
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 7:30 pm, General Meeting, at West Side Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – No meeting.

General Session. Meeting moved to Wednesday, December 14.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

- **Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary** – 2:00 pm, The Sandbaggers from Golf Capital Chorus will provide musical entertainment for this meeting.
- **Carols at Weymouth**, 5:30 and 7:30 pm. Begin the holiday season with music, poetry, refreshments. Open to community, space is limited. Weymouth Center for Arts and Humanities,

555 E. Connecticut Ave. Southern Pines, NC 910 692 6261.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

- **Country Bookshop** – 5:00 pm, Robert Merullo, the author of *Golfing with God*. A novel about the spiritual journey of golfer Hank Finn-Winston, now living on the 13th hole of one of heaven's courses. 140 NW Broadstreet, Southern Pines. 692-3211.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

- **Country Bookshop** – 6:00

pm, Joanne Martell, a Sandhills resident and author will discuss her new book, *American Christmases: First Hand Accounts*

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lations worldwide. "We are asking families and supporters to mail and ship early this year to insure a happy holiday for our troops," said John E. Potter, Postmaster General and CEO of the U.S. Postal Service. To address current demand, the Postal Service has created a special "kit" that contains the necessary mailing materials based on the most popular items ordered to send care packages to the troops. This kit may be ordered by calling 1-800-610-8734 and requesting CAREKIT04. The kit contains 10 Priority Mail boxes,

five "Mili-Pacs," one roll of Priority Mail tape, and 10 customs forms with envelopes. There is no charge for the kit. **Mili-Pacs**, developed with the Military Postal Service Agency, are Tyvek envelopes with Old Glory on one side and feature detailed addressing information. It is encouraged that this process be followed for all mail destined for military units overseas. The address block on the Mili-Pac accommodates service member's full name, rank or rating, military organization or unit, APO/FPO with 9-digit ZIP Code. All packages and mail must be

addressed to individual service members, in accordance with U.S. Department of Defense regulations. All military units are assigned an APO or FPO ZIP code and in many cases that ZIP Code travels with the unit. The Postal Service places APO/FPO mail on special charter flights, commercial airlines and military service aircraft to reach armed services members overseas as quickly as possible. **Express Mail Military Service (EMMS)** is available to selected military post offices. Local Post Offices can determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO of address. The information also is available by calling 1-800-ASK-USPS.

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Christmas in the Pines at SLCC

Seven Lakes Country Club is pleased to announce a fun evening of Christmas music and carols on Friday, December 16. Doug Marshall will be at the keyboard for this festive dinner. The menu will feature Holiday Ham w/spiced apple ring, Waldorf salad, potatoes au gratin, and grilled asparagus, and Red Velvet cake for dessert. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. The all inclusive cost for mem-

bers is \$20, and non members \$25. Members may make reservations in person on Monday, November 14, at 10:30 am or by phone after 11:00 am. Call 673-1100 for reservations. Nonmember reservations will begin on Monday, November 21. Everyone is invited to join in the holiday spirit and add their voices to the sing-along of everyone's favorite Christmas carols.

Scouts

(Continued from page 15) be made through West End United Methodist Church. Although Troop 98 is now chartered by West End United Methodist Church, it has been supported by several other groups during it's 61 year history. These include the Seven Lakes Lions Club, Seven Lakes Kiwanis and others. They've met in homes, barns, the West End School and churches. Boy Scout Troop 98 was first chartered in 1944 with Archie Farmer as the first Scoutmaster. His son Bobby Farmer was the first Eagle Scout in Troop 98 in 1947.

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Putting on the Glitz

On Thursday, October 27, everyone that stopped by Beacon Ridge Country Club was treated to a site of purple and red with diamonds and glitz!

Phoenix Fashions of Seven Lakes hosted a luncheon and party called "Putting on the Glitz" Red Hat Style.

Approximately seventy red hatters from Seven Lakes and

surrounding areas attended. Rhonda Monroe, the chef at Beacon Ridge, and her staff served a delicious lunch and then the ladies attending were treated to goodie bags, games with prizes, and many door prizes.

A special thanks goes to Beacon Ridge Country Club, Seven Lakes Eye Care, Pizza Cafe,

Phoenix Fashions and Amanda Keller with Arbonne International for their contributions to the goodie bags. Pearl Basik, of Beacon Ridge, won the grand prize furnished by Arbonne International.

Phoenix Fashions next event will be on December 5. This is will be a luncheon and Christmas party.

The group plans to celebrate the holiday season with singing, games and lots of presents for every one, so put on your party clothes and come join in the fun.

The cost is \$15 per person and tickets must be purchased in advance.

Contact Darrell or Susan at Phoenix Fashions for more information at 673-5998.

This is not a red hat event but you may come as a red hat group if you would like.



Putting on the Glitz — Red Hatters gather at Beacon Ridge Country Club.

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musical, lasting about two hours, but with all the major scenes and songs included.

Performances are Wednesday, November 16 through Saturday, November 19 are at 8:00 pm; and a matinee on Sunday, November 20 at 2:30 pm. For reservations, call 910-690-9069.



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(Continued from front page)

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However, you can do some neat things with the online *Times* that you can't do with the print edition — if you have the right software.

Here are few things you can do with our online edition if you have the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader (Version 7.0.5), you can try a couple of neat tricks with our online edition, once you have downloaded the .pdf file. If you find a web reference in a story or ad — like www.sevenlakestimes.net — you can click on that text with your mouse. If all goes according to plan, your web browser will start up and load the homepage at that address.

Similarly, if you click on an email address in our online edition, your mail program should start up and present you with a new blank email directed to that address.

Finally, using Acrobat Reader 7.0, you can search for particular names or other text strings within a given issue of the paper. So, if you want to jump right to Mason Gould's latest column or article, you can just search for "Mason" rather than paging through the whole issue.

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As we add new current editions of *The Times*, we will archive the back issues on our website. We hope that will prove a handy resource for both readers and advertisers. At this point, we have placed a few recent back issues on the site. Over time, if this appears to be a popular application, we may add some older issues.

We have not yet investigated technology that would allow users of the website to search through the entire set of back

issues for a specific word or phrase.

Another area of the website that we hope our readers will find

useful — and that we expect to grow over time, is the "In The News" section. This will be used for updates on on-going stories

and for archives of articles on topics of continuing interest.

Right now we have worked our way through some back issues to provide an archive of news stories and the opinions of landowners and board members on the Seven Lakes Company Police issue. We will be adding more new and old material to this as time permits.

We have also used this archive to provide our readers with copies of three important documents relating to Company Police and traffic enforcement in Seven Lakes — the text of three local bills passed by the North Carolina General Assembly that provided for the application of state motor vehicle laws on our community's roadways.

If you are a user of the internet — and our email box tells us

that a growing number of our readers are — we hope you will take a minute or two to browse our new website. And we hope you'll let us know what you think of it.

If you find anything on the website that is not working properly, or notice any graphics or other elements that don't look as good as they might, please let us know. Making web pages is a less exact science than laying out newspaper pages, and something that looks great on our computer, with our operating system and web browser, may not look as good on yours. We'd appreciate hearing about those sorts of problems.

Finally, if you have any general suggestions about improvements to the website, we would like to hear your thoughts.

Red Cross Bloodmobile at Seven Lakes November 16

by Jack Lynn, Coordinator

The Bloodmobile will be at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse on Wednesday, November 16, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

If you are in good health, over 17 and 110 pounds please come and make your "Gift of Life" count with regulars like: Maureen Malone, George Keating, Ellie Lyons, Bill and Sue Reaves.

At the last Bloodmobile drive the large number of much appreciated presenting donors resulted in prolonged waiting periods. Increased staffing and improved processing efficiency have been requested.

The American Red Cross at this time is hard pressed nationwide but we are striving to improve the process. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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SLLA Security Report: Oct. 26 – Nov. 1

The paragraphs below are based on handwritten reports filed by Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] security officers at the time of the incidents reported. No Seven Lakes Company Police reports for this period were made available by press time.

October 25

No report.

October 26

The North Gate reported a North Side resident entering the community in a red truck pulling a trailer loaded with yard debris. Concerned that this might represent an attempt by a commercial operation to utilize the Seven Lakes debris dump, the guard alerted Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard, who parked by the dump. The red truck came to the dump, but cruised on by when the driver spotted Lombard. He made another pass at 1:10 pm, but the dump gate had been locked by Security at Noon. Security indicated they would be monitoring the dump more closely as a result.

A resident on Firetree reported being locked out of her house. Security was ultimately able to gain access to the home through an unlocked side door and let the resident in.

The daughter of a resident on Shadywood called security to report that she had been unable to reach her mother. Security checked on the mother and found all okay. They asked her to call her daughter.

The landowners office reported skateboarders at the North Clubhouse. Patrol walked the area but was unable to spot any skateboarders.

Patrol found the main door at the North Clubhouse unsecured at 9:10 pm.

October 27

A resident on Timber Drive reported a small white and black dog roaming, but security was unable to locate the dog.

October 28

No report.

October 29

A resident on Juniper report-

ed two roving dogs in the Millstone area: a hound and a pit bull. Security was unable to locate the dogs.

A resident on Sandham reported a barking dog in the neighborhood.

Security patrol found a home unlocked on Cobblestone and contacted the keyholder, who helped secure the house.

October 30

Residents of Cardinal reported a brown slick floating on the surface of Echo Lake near the dam. They were concerned it might indicate a septic tank malfunction. The security officer who responded said the substance looked like a mixture of rust and mud. The officer took a sample and left it at the North Guardhouse.

October 31

A resident on Roundtree reported that her brown and white hound was loose. She later

called to say she had recovered the animal.

A resident on Cardinal reported that his wife had observed a car speeding. Concerned about the safety of her child, she stepped out in front of the car in order to stop it and had a verbal altercation with the driver. She reported the license number of the vehicle. Her report was forwarded to Chief Lombard.

Security patrol spotted a fire in a trash can near the Northside playground. One officer extinguished that fire while another responded to a report of a fire at the Longleaf picnic shelter. That fire proved to be in the grill and burned itself out. Chief Lombard was notified and responded to the playground.

A resident on Pineneedle reported a loose dog. Security found the dog and returned it to its owner.

November 1

Chief Lombard notified the

North Gate that a 14-year-old teenager was missing inside Seven Lakes. *[Security reports contained no further information on this case and, as of press time, The Times had not been provided with Seven Lakes Company Police reports for this issue. — GH]*

A resident on Sandspur reported that her boxer was missing. Security drove the area but found that the owner had recovered the dog.

Security found a key left in a postbox in the South mailhouse, located the owner, and returned the key.

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OPINION

Cheers & boos

It's time for me to come forward with some "Cheers" and "Boos" about things that have stirred me up recently.

First a Cheer for the autumn weather. We have had beautiful weather recently with deep blue skies and high temperatures in the seventies. And the deep dark reds of the Dog-

woods and the yellows of the Tulip Poplars tucked in among the greens of the pines are beautiful. We deserve this natural treat after the hateful heat and humidity of summer. Autumn is my favorite season of the year.

Boo to The Sandhills Movie Theatres, a deep loud Boo! Remember when this theater chain built their ten screening rooms up on the hill. We were told that now we would be able to see the best that Hollywood could produce without driving to Chapel Hill, Raleigh, or another city an hour or so away.



Ollie's Thoughts
Oliver Gossard

Yeah, well where are *Good Luck and Good Night* or *Capote* these days? Not in Moore County. These two films that

have created critical raves are playing all over the U.S., but not here. Another deep felt Boo for the Sandhills Theatres. Cheers to the producers of the television commercials featuring the angry duck who always sputters the word Aflac. A great comic commercial.

And a special Cheer to the Afro-American man who

appears on several of these commercials. His look of disdain and disbelief is classic.

Boo to the television commercial featuring the scraggly young man in the office making life miserable to the pudgy young man who always says, "Yes," on the telephone. This commercial reminds me of the grade school bully that we all remember in our primary school days.

And a final Boo to the people putting up another big billboard on 211. When I saw that billboard going up, I was reminded of a friend's description of a highway on Cape Cod as a Billboard Slum. Do we want this beautiful green highway turned even more so into a Billboard Slum?

Golly, I was just getting started.

Keep debris pickup; forget boat trailer charge

Dear Editor:

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association needs to rethink its plan to stop the twice a year pickup of yard waste at the curb.

While the board has boasted of its efforts to meet the needs of our younger residents, it should not forget the older residents.

In the first place, everyone living here is not a young limber back.

And in the second place, everyone doesn't own a pickup truck.

For those people, getting yard waste to the new site will be a bigger problem than for others.

That means the board is passing along additional expense for many people who will have to hire someone to haul away their

yard waste.

Even incorporated towns do better by their residents than that.

I hope the board will reconsider this idea and continue the

gear in the storage lot.

That seems appropriate to me.

Boat and boat trailers are a different matter.

Boat owners are already charged a fee for registering their boats, and that fee is large enough to cover storage on the lot also.

The board is not in the profit-making business, but should be trying to provide service and amenities to residents at the lowest possible cost.

I hope every boat owner in Seven Lakes West will protest, and that the board will reconsider this bad idea.

Joe Doster
Seven Lakes West

Letters to the Editor



curbside pickup that we have had available in the past.

Also, I have no problem with the board wanting to charge a storage fee for those parking RVs, camping trailers or other

Halloween 2005 was a fiasco in Seven Lakes North & South

Dear Editor:

Here's a recap of Halloween 2005 in Seven Lakes.

Seven Lakes is supposedly a gated community with controlled entry. This year, North and South had 191 trucks and cars entering on Halloween — the number of passengers is unknown.

Where were they going? Many gave fictitious destinations; that's a fact.

We have a board of directors and management, along with employees. Cost: \$1.2 million.

We now have a new group — the Concerned Citizens Council — that only aims to get rid of security; that's a fact.

The question I asked is what is the number of children on the North and South sides. Unknown. No time to find out.

How about the age for trick or treaters? Unknown.

At our house, we had 150 to 200 trick or treat visitors. There were trucks all over the place — up and down Firetree and our street, Lakeview.

Trick or treating by small children who live here is fine. Trucking them in from outside is exploitation of the decent people residing here.

We are an accident waiting to happen. It is obvious, and some innocent family will pay the price.

We can't sit and do nothing forever; we are paying good money to control situations like the Halloween fiasco here this year.

Never again.

I will add suggestions to the above report in a future letter.

John McLoughlin
Seven Lakes North

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Stuff, stuff, stuff, and still more stuff!

For everything there is a time, and like it or not, it is time for me to try to comply with my daughter's wish that I start getting rid of much of my "stuff."

She knows full well who will eventually be stuck with that awesome task. I do suspect that there will not be much compunction on the part of my offspring about simply backing a truck up and "letting go." My only concern about that is that I hate to see things trashed that can be used productively by someone, somewhere.

I have contributed to two rummage sales, made numerous trips to the dump and am still overwhelmed. All of my shoes with more than one inch heels have long since departed the premises. It's difficult to look chic in flats (but it's difficult to look chic in the best of circumstances, and better to stay upright than to fall on one's face.)

To move from a respected professional life to that of a nonentity is tough on the ego, but it also leaves one with an entire wardrobe of the "really good stuff" that is almost unwearable in the life of a homebody. When one sheds the professional duds a part of the sense of self goes out along with them.

I have file drawers stuffed with papers "too important" for the refuse pile. Lots of hard work is evident within those papers but who else "gives a darn." I do occasionally drag out something that I can turn into one of these columns but more often I go with stuff as it comes to mind, or as it presents itself in the events of the day.

I enjoy decorating my house at Christmas time but the job gets tougher with each passing year and after I depart, will anyone else want the stuff I lovingly pack up each year and "stash away" for another season.

Thank God for the prelighted tree that eliminates the stringing of numerous coils around the tree. My very complete nativity set is too large for my current mantel but I hate to "let it go." Will I ever use up all of the candles stored in my non-clothes closet?

Eight is about the maximum number I can cope with for dinner. So what's with the quantities and quantities of dishes and glass wear that stuff my shelves

and storage spaces and who will ever again shine silver trays and serving pieces? Was there ever a logical reason for all such nonessentials?

I've found lots of money in slacks and jackets because of my predilection for not leaving the house without money and

amount in a pocket and forget to remove it later.

Investing one's self of books is particularly painful. I believe that, in my eyes, books have a life of their own and they should only be eliminated by the means of passage to another devotee of the printed word.

Alas, I must admit that I seldom use the "scads" of cookbooks which reside in an entire bookcase in my bedroom. Too bad that I don't have a

listing of all recipes denoting the specific book and the page number for each one.

I would have accomplished more today, if I hadn't wasted time composing this trifling bit of information. I'm not getting any younger nor am I getting rid of much of my accumulation of "stuff."



Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley

because of my desire to roam round without a purse. Quarters and dollar bills are usually the profits of successful bridge forays. Fortunately, there are no tangible remnants of the multitude of less eventful contests.

Twenty dollar bills are not infrequent "finds" because I am inclined to start out with that



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If you have a problem in your home, don't mask it. A common example is the homeowner who spray paints a ceiling to cover water stains caused by a

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On farewell. (In memory of Scott Jordan)

When one thinks of the word farewell, he may visualize others saying “so long,” “goodbye,” “adieu,” “adios,” “ta-ta” or “get out and don’t slam the door.” Webster’s definition is not too different from some of the above. But, when I hear the word, I see happenings, imagined or real. Farewells can be pleasant and fun. ‘Goodbye Mom. The visit was great. I’ll be back soon.’ Farewells can be sad. “Goodbye Mom. I promise to return as soon as this ordeal is over for me.”

Farewells can be heartbreaking. “Goodbye Mom.” (unsaid: We all know that you can’t make it.) And then farewells can be misunderstood. You may remember the New Testament description of the last supper when our Lord was saying farewell when He and only one other really knew His true meaning. Do you remember the Von-Trappe family singing their farewell song before their escape from occupied Austria in the play, *Sound Of Music*? Perhaps that

was sad, but it was great they got away. Then when I think of the word, perhaps I’m morbid, I think of the last few lines of Ernest Hemingway’s *A Farewell To Arms*, when the lieutenant lost his lover and her baby. Or, I think of the young boy tending to the old dying man in Hemingway’s *The Old Man and the Sea*. So you’ve guessed that Hemingway is my favorite author. I really admire the writing ability such as his, though I didn’t care much

for his personal lifestyle. But would that I had his writing skill.

astute as I should have been in bidding goodbye socially, and in times of trouble, to family, friends, neighbors and associates. Now is the time. May I say “Farewell” to you all now for whenever

and wherever you are going, and say it hopefully with a smile? And then, someday sooner or later, we’ll all be together again.



Now, what comes to my mind in addition to recollection of real life stage plays and fictional novels prompted by the word farewell? Perhaps I have not been as

On serenity.

The hospice volunteer spoke tenderly and affectionately about her visits with a little lady in her 90s, sharing the preciousness of her long life and marveling at the steadfast gratitude continuing to be expressed for the remaining time afforded her. “She is the finest Christian I ever met,” said the volunteer. “She said she was ‘blessed’ to be able to live so long, ‘blessed’ to be able to have had a fine family, ‘blessed’ to be able to enjoy the beautiful gifts of nature, ‘blessed’ to be given the chance to live honorably, sensitively and constructively.” “Why can’t we all be that way?” was the question on the volunteers mind as she returned from her tour of duty and told her friend: “That lady has shown me a perfect example of steadfast faith, lived with quiet and deep conviction.” It’s a trait greatly to be admired, regardless of one’s own beliefs. There’s a deep serenity that carries believers to and through seemingly impenetrable barriers to happiness. It’s positively heart-warming to see someone work through the twists and turns that setbacks in life can bring. That old lady has trusted her serenity to help carry her through life. She has smelled the roses, sensed the feeling of others, rejoiced, shed tears, comforted, mused, and taken Christ’s words to heart, within the ebb and flow of her time on Earth. A beacon. One to be remem-

bered fondly, as well as emulated. A shining example for the world-at-large.



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Sheriff: County enforcement no threat to gates

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jurisdiction to enforce North Carolina motor vehicle regulations — commonly called “Chapter 20” — on the private roads of Seven Lakes North and South.

Carter’s answer to the question on traffic enforcement came at the end of a detailed slide show introducing the work of the Sheriff’s Office. He was the featured speaker at a regular evening meeting of the Sandhills Lions Club. The meeting attracted seventy or so attendees, nearly twice the typical number. Among the guests in the crowd were several members of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors.

Another Seven Lakes-specific question Carter fielded was whether enforcement of traffic regulations on Seven Lakes roads by state and county officials could threaten the private

status of those roads — in other words, threaten the gates.

“I don’t think so,” Carter replied. “The intent of the legislature was just to provide for enforcement within Seven Lakes. You are not accepting federal or state funds for the maintenance of your roads, so I don’t think you have a problem.”

Carter began his presentation by introducing Deputy Mike Kantorowski, who Carter said is assigned to patrol in the Seven Lakes area eight hours a day, five days a week.

“A lot of people don’t know what we do for a living,” Carter said. He noted that the Sheriff’s office is charged with four separate functions: providing security in the county courthouse, maintaining the county jail, serving civil and criminal summons, and general law enforcement.

The Sheriff’s annual budget

exceeds \$7.6 million, including \$2.8 million for the Moore County jail. His presentation provided dozens of facts and figures on various operational units in the Sheriff’s Department. Here are a few interesting tidbits:

The administrative staff handles applications for handgun purchase and concealed carry permits, as well as maintaining the sex offender registry. So far in 2005, they have issued 641 pistol purchase permits and 77 concealed carry permits. There are 74 registered sex offenders in the county.

The communication center includes a supervisor and four communicators, who handled over 23,000 calls last year.

The civil division serves civil summons and other documents, and has served over 5,800 documents so far this year.

Court officers include a ser-

geant and ten deputies, eight of whom serve on a part time basis.

The criminal investigations unit includes a Lieutenant and eight detectives. Thus far in 2005 they have handled 1 homicide, 9 suicides, 3 rapes, 36 aggravated assaults, 254 cases of breaking and entering, among other crimes. Investigators have made 580 arrests involving 705 charges and has recovered \$250,000 in stolen property.

The narcotics unit includes a lieutenant, four detectives, and a K-9 officer. “We are the only

police agency in Moore County that assigns officers to handle narcotics,” Carter said.

“I personally believe narcotics is a major cause of property crime,” the Sheriff continued. “People don’t steal to eat; they steal to buy drugs.”

Carter noted that the biggest drug bust ever made in Moore County was made in Seven Lakes. The 1988 undercover operation netted \$361,000 in cash, found in a suitcase in the living room of a home the drug

(See “Prisoner,” p. 26)



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Views expressed on duty of a board member

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Hap Aitken, a recently elected director, agreed with many of the opinions previously stated but felt a director should be able to contribute in a positive manner during his/her first year in office.

Aitken stated that directors should possess "management and decision-making skills, and solicit outside expert advice when needed, which would enable them to arrive at prudent decisions early on."

His views on the length of directors' terms were influenced by the demography of the community.

"A person in retirement may not want to dedicate three years of his life to a demanding respon-

sibility such as that of director," he said.

"The quality of the board members," according to Aitken, "is more important than the number." He leaned toward a nine-member board because of the workload, the absentee record of the board, and opinions expressed to him by landowners.

"An effective director," said Aitken, "will act prudently and in good faith and in the best interests of all the landowners."

A director must support the majority rule, and should not get into the day-to-day operational problems. "There are many differing opinions on how deep to dig a ditch," said Aitken.

Prisoner transport takes big chunk of deputies' time

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dealer was renting on the North Side. "We used that money to redo all the radios in the Sheriff's Office," Carter said.

He noted that money seized in drug-related arrests is turned over to the federal law enforcement, who keep 25 percent and turn the rest back over to local agencies involved in the bust.

"We bought three vehicles last year with drug money," the Sheriff said. "That saves the taxpayer money."

So far this year the Sheriff's office has seized \$96,728 in drug money and \$6.5 million in illegal drugs, Carter said.

Carter began to add K-9 units to the force after he was elected Sheriff in 2002. The department now has four canines, one of which is qualified as a bomb-sniffing dog and was paid from by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

The Sheriff's patrol division includes two captains, four sergeants, and eighteen deputies. They have made 1300 arrests so far this year.

The department includes a sergeant who oversees training for the rest of the force, which has completed over 3,000 hours of training this year. The Sheriff also offers training to community groups, including the "Refuse to be a Victim" seminar.

Carter said his office is always on the lookout for state and federal grants that can reduce taxpayer investment in the Sheriff's Office. He noted that that the department recently received a \$146,000 grant to fund two new traffic officers. "We now have seven or eight cars equipped with radar; we used to have none," The Sheriff said.

The department received \$52,500 to purchase 14 mobile

data terminals — laptops computers mounted in patrol cars that allow officers to access driver histories, motor vehicle registrations, and local arrest records.

The department received \$40,000 in Homeland Security funds to help equip a Special Response Team that is brought into play for high-risk drug busts and arrests of violent suspects.

North Carolina law makes the county sheriff keeper of the jail, Carter said. The department has 35 jailers, four kitchen staff, and contracts with a doctor and nurse to provide health services.

es.

The average daily jail population last year was 95, Carter said. Over 340 prisoners come through the Moore County jail each month inmates on the county's work crew did litter patrol on 963 miles of roadway so far this year, collecting 6,342 bags of trash.

In response to a question, the Sheriff said his officers spend fifteen to twenty percent of their time transporting prisoners.

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The Seven Lakes Times turns twenty

(Continued from front page)

Lakes. We also expanded our coverage area to include the Village of Foxfire.

We continued to mail the newspaper to non-resident property owners, as *The Times'* founders had done from the beginning.

The paper has grown significantly in the past eight years — thanks to our faithful readers and loyal advertisers — from a sixteen page monthly to a consistent 32 or 36 pages every other week. Our circulation has grown apace with the growth in the community. We are grateful for the support of our readers and advertisers.

It is something of a tradition, amongst newspaper folk, to mark a significant anniversary with a look to the future as well as to the past. The problem with this tradition is that most newspaper folk, while accurate chroniclers of the events of the day, are lousy at predicting the future.

In the first first issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*, its founders wrote that they would be putting out a monthly publication, "with the goal of making it more frequent sometime in the future." Twelve years later, *The Times*

was still a monthly publication.

Similarly, when the current proprietors tried their hand at prognostication in the November 1997 issue — the first under new ownership — we apologized in advance for the steep flight of stairs that led to our new office. "We hope to relocate to ground level by spring," we noted.

That was eight years ago, and we're still here, at the top of those stairs.

So, this time around, we are going to forego the predictions, leave aside any talk of color photos or fancier typefaces or new carpet — though we will admit to having sufficient sentimentality to announce the launch of our new website on this anniversary; you'll find that story elsewhere in this issue.

Instead of predictions, we'd like to restate what we understand to be the mission of this enterprise — a mission that has remained the same through both sets of owners and all 352 issues.

I don't think I ever asked whether Sherry or Ruth or Tom or one of the others wrote it, but the statement that announced their mission in 1985 is every bit

as appropriate now as it was then:

It will be the aim of the editors and reporters to objectively report the happenings of those things that directly affect life in the Seven Lakes community and the well-being of residents and property owners. . .

The Times serves no vested interests, has no political preference, nor does it have, or plan to have, any crusades to benefit special interests. We approach our task with enthusiasm, know-how, ambition and desire to provide a chronicle of events of the place we live.

We all love Seven Lakes. Some of us chose it as a place to live for the balance of our lives. We sincerely hope that

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The Carolina Performing Arts Center, located in Southern Pines, is a non-profit arts organization with a mission to be an integral part of the arts in our community by providing world class dance training, educational programs, and performing opportunities. Lori Christ-

man Bourtasenkov, former soloist with the Carolina Ballet, is the school's director. Her husband, Timor Bourtasenkov, founding member and principal of Carolina Ballet, is an instructor with the school. If you love dance, can answer the telephone, and greet young dancers with a smile, please contact RuthAnne at 947-6395.

The Moore County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is committed to supporting volunteerism in Moore County. We assist more than 30 non-profit agencies with recruiting, training, and recognizing their valuable volunteers. We also help adults, age 55 or better, find ways to invest their time and energy in enjoyable, meaningful activities that not only benefit the community, but keep them active and productive citizens. If you have a little time and an interest in improving life in Moore County, call RuthAnne at 947-6395.



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Summary of SLWLA Board Actions

Summary of Actions Taken at
October 13, 2005 Work Ses-
sion:

1. Approved September 13, 2005 minutes; September 27, 2005 minutes; records of E-mail actions of September 27 and September 29, 2005.
2. Approved September, 2005 Check Register and Financial Report of August 31, 2005.
3. Accepted the recommendation of the Insurance Committee, which was not to endorse a proposal of Kemper Auto and Home Insurance Company.
4. Authorized Tony Robertson to hire a part time maintenance assistant at a rate not to exceed \$10 per hour and 24 hours per week.
5. Gave preliminary approval to proposed additions to the Rules and Regulations for the Yard Waste Transfer Station and the Boat and Trailer Storage Area.
6. Supported installation of a split rail fence to prevent vehicular intrusions into West Side Park from the McDonald property.

Nominations for the SLWLA

Board of Directors March 2006-09 Terms

Three members of the Board of Directors are elected each year for three-year terms at the annual March meeting of SLWLA. Serving on the Board is a positive community experience that also requires a commitment of time and energy. The nominating committee will meet with interested persons in November to discuss the responsibilities, rewards, and expectations of board service and to answer questions potential candidates may have prior to finalizing this commitment. Follow-

ing those meetings, the nominating committee will recommend a slate of candidates to the Board. The committee hopes to present a slate of at least six candidates.

Any SLWLA member who is interested in being a candidate in the March, 2006 Board election is invited and encouraged to contact any member of the nominating committee by November 10, 2005. Committee members are:

Jan Patton, Chair, 673-3865,
E-mail jpatton@nc.rr.com;

Ron Sickenberger, 673-2025,
E-mail gramps@ac.net;

Charlie Merial, 673-9147,
E-mail jvmerical@earthlink.net.

A majority vote of all current Board members is required to place a candidate on the ballot and a slate will be completed at the December (13) Board meeting.

Nominations may also be made by petition. Each petition must be signed by 3% of SLWLA members entitled to vote. One vote goes to each lot owned, excluding developer-owned lots, so a petition would need 60 different owners' signatures. The petition must be presented to the Secretary of the Board by January 18, 2006. If the petition is determined to be valid by the Board, the name of the candidate will be added to the ballot.

Ballots will be mailed with annual meeting notices around January 20, 2006.

Vice President & Infrastructure & Beautification

Ray MacKay

673-1690

rmackpe@earthlink.net

FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP

Fall yard waste pick up was interrupted by the need to clean up after October 22nd storm. Hopefully, all yard waste will be collected by first week in November. If you think you have been by passed please let the Landowners Association office know (673-5314).

EXPANSION OF THE BOAT & TRAILER STORAGE LOT

If you don't already have one and are looking for a storage bay in the new lot, Roseann or Denise at the Landowners Association office (673-5314) will be taking reservations. We will need to know the type of item(s) you want to store, i.e. Boat type, RV, utility trailer or a special type of trailer (length) so we can assign an appropriate size bay.

MEMBERS INPUT REQUESTED

Copies of the "Proposed" rules and regulations for both the expanded boat & trailer storage lot and the new yard waste transfer station areas can be found on the last two pages of this newsletter. Copies are also available at the Association office in the Community Center and on the website. The Board is seeking written or e-mail comments on these. The comment period will run through November 29th.

THE PILOT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE

A supply of the easy reading telephone directories, published by The Pilot, has been dropped off at our Mail House. If you would like a copy, stop by and pick one up.

Recreation
Betty Milligan
673- 1462
ronbetmilligan@earthlink.net

My thanks to the Tennis Planning Committee for helping make the tennis grand opening a huge success

— Clark Trivett, Don Pollard, Jim Owen, Ed Lewis, Clair Kuhn, and Jan Gustafson.

Remember to mark your calendar for December 4th from 3-5 pm for the first tree lighting at the WS Park Community Center.

Included will be music by The Lake Auman Band Ensemble, other entertainment to be

announced... plus a visit from Santa.

Please bring children.

Send recreation suggestions to Betty Milligan.

Security

Virgil Reid

673-2217

vreid@nc.rr.com

I may have the wrong date, but I believe it was October 10, that the deputy patrolling 7 Lakes West stopped by and told Tony Robertson that he had issued 7 tickets.

We have been experiencing some problems with the exit gate at the main gate. This is one of the original gates installed way back when. The problem is the manufacturer is out of business and Central Security is concerned that they cannot repair it. Kenny Mace has been working on it. Please bear with us while we are working on it.

A Forum for Civil & Intellectual Discussion Organizational Meeting

Interested men and women of Seven Lakes and Moore County are invited to attend an organizational meeting of a new group, tentatively named 'A Forum for Civil and Intellectual Discussion'. The group, spearheaded by Don Welch and Bill Mamel, plans to meet monthly at the WSP Community Center.

At the organizational meeting scheduled for Thursday morning November 17, 8:30 a.m., on the upper level of the Center, housekeeping and protocol items will be discussed as well as the formation of a steering committee. The committee, working in concert with Don and Bill, will be responsible for planning monthly meetings and selecting topics for discussion which have been submitted by Forum participants.

The organizers envision a wide range of potential topics from fields of knowledge that include, but are not limited to the

sciences, philosophy, history, theology, literature, government, world and national affairs and local concerns. Leadership and participation in the discussions will be encouraged and expected from all participants.

For further information, please call Don Welch (673-6701) or Bill Mamel (673-8970).

Attention All New 7 Lakes Homeowners

The Auxiliary Welcoming Committee visits new homeowners on all three sides with a bag of helpful information, coupons, and gifts provided by Seven Lakes merchants and organizations.

If you are a new homeowner on the West side, please call Ann Chase 673-3434.

If you are a new homeowner on the North or South side, please call Joan Cook 673-5639.

The Seven Lakes EMS Telephone Book

The effort required to update the book for 2006 is underway. If you have an Addition, Change or Deletion enter your information on the forms in the box in the WSPCC lobby.

If you have any questions call Doreen Smith at 673-0945

Vietnam Veterans of America

Plans to establish a Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter in Moore County are moving forward.

The eligibility criteria are: U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between Feb. 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, OR in any duty location between Aug. 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.

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#2189 - SOLD - \$20,000
#2396 - Under Contract - \$17,500
#2352/2353 - Under Contract - \$17,000 ea.

INTERIOR

#102/103 - SOLD - \$29,000
#196 - Double Lot - \$29,000
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#2554 - SOLD! - \$16,900
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#5433 - Under Contract - \$18,000

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#114 - \$8,000
#41 & #42 Pinewild (NC-211)
— \$20,000 each

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122 Cardinal - SOLD!	Lot #2352/2353 - Under Contract
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Lot #2188 - Under Contract	104 Pinewood Ct. - Under Contract
Lot #453 - Under Contract	Lot #4307 - Under Contract
149 W. Devonshire - SOLD!	Lot #2189 - SOLD!
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