

## Police ballots are in the mail

The long-running debate about Seven Lakes Company Police will be decided at the ballot box.

Ballots were being mailed to members of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] on Monday, November 21, as this issue of *The Times* was put to bed.

A special meeting of the association, where votes may be cast in person, will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm, in the Great Room of the Westside Park Community Center.

Rather than simply asking voters whether they are in favor of maintaining or disbanding Seven Lakes Company Police, the ballot gives landowners three options:

**Option #1 :** Maintain Company Police Department.

**Option #2:** Disband the Company Police and maintain existing 120 hours of roving patrol per week. Effective April 30, 2006 (Savings of \$39,761.44 per year).

**Option #3:** Disband the Company Police and decrease service to 80 hours of roving patrol per week. Effective April 30, 2006 (Savings of \$61,968.80 per year).

If options 2 and 3 taken together represent a majority of the votes cast, the Company Police force will be disbanded and whichever of those options received the most votes will be

(See "Ballots," p. 28)

## Maness hired as 2nd officer

Todd Maness of Vass has been sworn in as the newest member of the Seven Lakes Company Police force, Director Jeff Herman announced during the regular Thursday, November 17 work session of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board.

Maness was sworn in by Moore County Clerk of County Catherine Graham in Carthage earlier the same afternoon.

The brief ceremony was attended by Herman, Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard, and members of Maness' family. [See photo on page 3.]

Acknowledging the possibility that a vote of SLLA landown-

ers scheduled for December 11 could eliminate the department, Herman told his fellow board members, "I've had a talk with him [Maness]. He has a full understanding of what is going on. He understands the situation."

"We're going to bring him on," Herman continued. "That will give us 80 hours of police patrol. We will be able to cut back on roving security patrol."

Herman said the association would not purchase an additional patrol car for Maness until after the vote on company police.

In other business at the work session, SLLA directors:

- Discussed the need to ensu-

(See "SLLA Board," p. 28)

## Pulchritudinous planters



Volunteers with the Seven Lakes Village Beautification Committee get down and dirty outside the Dollar Store. [See story on page 7.]

## Board backs small area approach to planning

Seven Lakes is one step closer to having more influence over development in the surrounding area, with the passage by the Moore County Planning Board of a formal resolution in favor of Small Area Planning.

The resolution, drafted by Seven Laker Dave Kinney, who recently joined the Planning Board, calls on the Moore County Board of Commissioners to "approve immediate initiation of a Small Area Plan process for Moore County."

Small Area Planning — a process that is becoming more and more common across the

state — would divide the county up into six or planning areas and develop land use plans for each area.

The responsibility of developing those plans would fall to a steering committee appointed by the board of commissioners. That committee would study the area in question and manage a public input process that is likely to be very like the process used to develop a county-wide land use plan in the late 1990s.

Ultimately, the committee will develop a set of principles and recommendations aimed at

shaping development in its small area. If approved by the commissioners, those guidelines would be used by the planning board and planning staff when they make decisions on proposed rezonings and conditional use permits.

The resolution passed by the Planning Board on November 10 asks the commissioners to begin the process with "Area A" — a an 84 square mile, 54,000 acre corner of the county that stretches from the county's western border to Beulah Hill Church Road and from Firetower Road

(See "Small area," p. 29)

# Citizens play a R-O-L-E in Lake Echo

[This story is taken from *The Seven Lakes Times*, Volume 1, Number 1, November 1985. Twenty years later, the Echo Dam is once again in the news.]

by Ruth Sullivan  
Operation R-O-L-E, the Restoration of Lake Echo, is in action.

Water is being pumped up from Lake Sequoia into Echo at the rate of approximately 1,000 gallons per minute. At this rate and normal rainfall, Lake Echo should be refilled in approximately three months.

Almost everyone in the Seven Lakes community is aware that stricter state standards mandated the work to be done on most of the dams. These standards were introduced some years after original construction was completed. The first dam to be reworked

was Sequoia. This project was done in the Spring of 1985 with the need to lower the lake level.

Work on Echo was undertaken next. This was a different story. Because water was seeping through the dam, it was impossible to bring in the equipment necessary to dig the required drainage trenches on the backside. To permit work to proceed, the lake had to be lowered by approximately 17 feet. The lowering process, started

reserve fund was built over years. But it could not accommodate the additional expense of refilling Echo other than by natural resources. It was also obvious that the regular budget would be required for the multitude of needs in other parts of the community.

This is when R-O-L-E entered the picture.

The seed for R-O-L-E was planted in the fall of 1980 when

the lake level was lowered slightly over two feet.

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Stories from  
The Times archives

in early 1984, was completed in the early part of 1985, and by midsummer, work on the backside was completed.

All of this effort has strained the budget of the Landowners' Association. In anticipation of the major expense involved, a

When the overflow cap was replaced in late spring of 1981, it took the rest of the year to refill. The homeowners at the time were not happy with the episode. Thus, when the residents were again faced in 1984 with the prospect of the devastation of their lake for an extended time, the future looked

dismal.

Naturally, the summer of 1985 was a total loss from a recreational standpoint, and serious erosion problems became evident.

Knowledgeable sources stated that it could take up to 20 months for the lake to return to normal if only rainfall and spring feed were to be relied upon.

In August, a small group of homeowners decided to try a "do it yourself" plan. A letter, which was sent to all landowners around Lake Echo, solicited pledges to raise the amount of money necessary to restore the lake as soon as possible.

Almost two-thirds of those

solicited responded affirmatively. As a result the go ahead decision was made, and an agreement was reached with the Landowners' Association whereby it would be responsible for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the equipment, and R-O-L-E would provide all of the out-of-pocket funding. Since that time 100% of the pledges have been redeemed, and barring unforeseen complications, the project should be completed on schedule.

It is worthy of special note, too, that certain residents who did not live on Lake Echo gave freely of their time and expertise as con-

(See "Times past," p. 28)

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# AG: Sheriff's speed traps no threat to gates

Sheriff's office speed traps are no threat to Seven Lakes' Gates, according to the Attorney General's office.

As the community debates its need for Company Police protection — and prepares to vote on that question — several residents have raised the concern that spending state and county tax dollars on traffic enforcement in Seven Lakes could open the community to a lawsuit that would force open the gates.

A resident of Aberdeen, or Southern Pines, or anywhere else in the state, unhappy with public monies spent to enforce state law on private roads, could sue for access to Seven Lakes, the argument goes.

The question was raised during a recent question and answer session with Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter during a presentation to the Sandhills Lions Club. Carter said he saw no ground for concern, since no state or federal funds were used to maintain Seven Lakes roads.

Northsider Bud Shaver asked

the board to look more carefully at the issue and to seek an opinion from the state Attorney General's office, after Shaver's own attorneys, including high-powered constitutional expert Gene Boyce, saw a potential problem.

The board apparently took no formal action on Shaver's request, but Director Don Truesdell asked Rep. Morgan's office for help sorting the issue out. The question traveled from there to Asst. AG Ray, who serves in the law enforcement division of the Attor-

ney General's office.

In the words of Morgan's Research Director Brenda Carter, the conclusion was as follows:

"I did not find anything that would lead me to believe that Seven Lakes would have to open their gated community to public traffic if they gave up their company police and relied upon

local law enforcement. Just to be sure, I contacted the Law Enforcement Section of the Attorney General's Office. According to Ashby Ray, Assistant Attorney General, local law enforcement routinely exercising their jurisdiction within a gated community would not require  
(See "Gates," p. 4)



**New Seven Lakes Officer** — Moore County Clerk of Court Catherine Graham administers the oath of office to new Seven Lakes Company Police officer Todd Maness as Police Chief Dennis Lombard and members of Maness' family look on.

VOTE! • VOTE! • VOTE! • VOTE! • VOTE! • VOTE! • VOTE! • VOTE! • VOTE!

**Please Vote for Option**

## # 3

on your Company Police Department Ballot.

Thank you,

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# Shuster to leave Foxfire Village office

A little sadness tinged the conclusion of the Wednesday, November 9 meeting of the Foxfire Village Council, as Mayor Pro Tem Wally Peckitt read a letter of resignation from Village Finance Officer Sue Shuster.

Shuster, who joined the village staff in 1999, said she has accepted a financial position with the Village of Whispering Pines. In her letter, she thanked the village and its residents for the opportunities afforded her to pursue a career in municipal finance, as well as the chance to work in a wide range of village government activities.

Shuster's last day at work is December 2.

The meeting began with happier news: the village planning board was scheduled to review proposals for three new homes on Thursday, November 10. If approved, that would bring the total number of homes under construction in the village to 16 — probably the most since the very early days of the development.

**Village Green.** The Parks Committee presented a final plan for the village's 50-acre municipal that it had developed with assistance from the Hayter Firm. Sue Shuster reported that the expected cost of the plan was right in line with the budget proposed in the village's great application to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.

At the request of Councilman Carl Munro, the council deferred action on the recommendations to a special meeting scheduled for November 15. According to draft minutes of that meeting, the council approved the Parks Committee's recommendations with several adjustments to address public safety concerns raised

by Munro.

**Finance.** Peckitt, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Mayor Ed Phillips, said the report of the annual independent audit of village finances was available in the village office for inspection by any interested resident.

Noting that the village's expenses in the last fiscal year, at \$416,518, exceeded revenues by \$28,000, Peckitt said, "The village is still in good financial condition, though we are beginning to spend slightly more than we are taking in."

**Water.** Councilman Harsany reported that the village water tank had passed its annual inspection.

He said the village is explor-

ing acquiring a well site on the Robertson property after an existing well on the property passed water quality tests.

**Public safety.** Councilman Munro reported continued progress on developing a hazard mitigation plan. He noted that the village had earlier developed and overall hazard mitigation plan — required in order to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Administration [FEMA] funds in the wake of a natural disaster.

Munro is working on a second phase of emergency preparedness planning — a more nuts and bolts plan concerning who does what when should the village face an emergency situation, as well as an inventory of chainsaws, generators, and other privately-owned equipment that could be useful in an emer-

gency.

**Streets.** Councilman George Erickson said B&F Consulting, a firm affiliated with NC State's Institute for Transportation Research and Education [ITRE] will shortly begin work and expects to have a report on the condition of village streets by the end of the year. The village uses the ITRE report to prioritize street repair and maintenance projects.

Erickson asked for and received council approval of a set of recommendations to the NC Department of Transportation [NCDOT], as that body considers major projects for the 2007-2013 planning cycle.

**Other business.** After some discussion, the council approved a \$200 annual service contract

(See "Foxfire," p. 6)

## Gates

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that community to be open to the public. There are presently gated communities, notably within the City of Raleigh, that do not have private police. There may, however, be access issues that would have to be worked out between the law enforcement agency and the homeowners association."



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## Consider the Facts & Vote Option #3

- The full-page advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Times was placed therein by those Directors who support the continuance of our company police. **Whatever its contents and whether or not we agree; you and I, paid for it.**
- The budgeted cost of two Company Police (CP) officers & their cars is approximately 8% of the total Seven Lakes North & South landowners budget. **Despite the imminent binding referendum on the very future of this department, the Landowners Association couldn't wait. It just had to hire a second police officer!**
- Contrary to the description of Company Police authority as written in the Forward of your Property Owners Manual, **the police have no authority on your property without a previously executed contract between you and the landowners association.**
- Sheriff's deputies now exercise their jurisdiction within our gates if, as, and when needed. In addition, our own Roving Security has proven most effective and their hours of coverage may be increased as required. **The Company Police is a luxury we can no longer afford!**
- **Despite suggestions to the contrary, our status as a private gated community is not at risk.** This has been confirmed by Mr. Ashby Ray of the North Carolina Attorney General's Office.

## The CCC strongly suggests "Option #3"

**NOTE:** You will receive a ballot with three options. Option #1 will be to "maintain", and Options #2 & #3 to "disband" the Company Police. If unable to vote in person at the meeting to be held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11th; then **please assign your proxy to the "Concerned Citizens Council"** and mail it to the Seven Lakes Landowners Assn, 501 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376. **The CCC will vote Option #3 on your behalf.**

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In 5/2 vote

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Can we save  
\$80,000 if we  
disband the  
Company Police?

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To save \$80,000.00 we would have to cut the roving patrol to approximately 50 hours per week from the current 120+ hours per week in addition to disbanding the Company Police Department.

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**OPTION 1-** 120 hours of roving patrol per week  
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**OPTION 3-** Includes decrease in coverage from the current  
120-80 hours of Security patrol per week.

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Why do we need  
Company Police?

We have crime, be it drugs, vandalism, speeding or driving while intoxicated, etc.

Our gates do not make us immune to crime.

**Location** — We are 15 minutes from the closest police department. Although we have many wonderful services provided by the county and state, these are primarily available from a distance and only if we call for them.

**Population** — We have a larger and much more diverse population than any other gated community in the area. Increased population leads to more crime. Our neighbors on the west side are noticing this as well and have voiced an interest in having the Company Police patrol behind their gates to extend the coverage provided by the Sheriffs Department.

**Liability** — The SLLAs' attorney has advised us that attempting to manage and enforce traffic regulations solely with the Security department could be dangerous to the association.

Since we pay so much in taxes to the county, why can't we  
depend on the Sheriff's Department for patrol?

We can depend on the Sheriffs Dept. for every service that they provide if needed. However, the Sheriff himself stated that he does not have the manpower to regularly patrol behind our gates over and above what they already do.

# In memory of . . .

**Jason MacGregor "Mack" Auman**, 92, of Raleigh, formerly of Sanford, died Tuesday November 8.

Funeral services were held Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Sanford. Burial was at Buffalo Cemetery.

Mr. Auman was born at the home of his parents, Claude and Lillie Graham Auman of West End. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1935 and was captain of the wrestling team. He then taught school in Nash County for three years. In 1938, he married Eula Mae Jones of Nashville and they moved to Sanford where Mr. Auman became an active member of that community.

For 31 years he was vice president of Sanford Furniture Company, and for another 31 years he was an insurance agent with Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Sanford and served the church as superintendent of the Sunday school and as a member of the Diaconate and Session. He was elected an Elder Emeritus and served on numerous Presbytery committees.

He served as president and as a delegate to Rotary International. He served in the community for 25 years as a member of the Sanford Board of Education and was instrumental in the merger of the Sanford and Lee County School Systems. He was active in the Lee County Association for Retarded Citizens, and for many years he served on the Board of Trustees of Central Carolina Community College. In 2002, he moved to Brighton Gardens in Raleigh.

He was predeceased by his wife, Eula Mae Jones Auman, on

February 20, 1997, as well as his brothers and sisters: Clyde Auman of West End, Glenn Auman of Hillsborough, Loyd Auman of Fayetteville, Earl Auman of West End, Raymond Auman of Aberdeen, Thelma Auman Brewer of Sanford, Treva Auman and Tressie Auman, both of West End.

Mr. Auman is survived by his sons, Graham May Auman and George Louis Auman; his brother, Howard Auman of Sanford.

Memorial gifts may be made to Central Carolina Community College Scholarship Foundation for the J. Mack and Eula Mae Auman Scholarship Endowment Fund, or to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were handled by Rogers-Pickard Funeral Home in Sanford.

**Marilyn "Lynn" Gladys Ring Gorenflo**, 69, of Seven Lakes died Tuesday, November 15 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

A memorial service was held Chapel in the Pines of Seven Lakes. Scott Homesley, pastor, officiated.

Mrs. Gorenflo was born in Buffalo, NY. She and her family moved to Seven Lakes in 1982.

Mrs. Gorenflo was retired from the Social Security Administration, an avid golfer and enjoyed playing and teaching Mah Jongg.

She was a member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Southern Pines.

Surviving are her husband, William G. Gorenflo Sr.; her son, Michael G. Gorenflo and his wife Lisa; her brother, Leon M. Ring and his wife Sandy, also of Seven Lakes; a daughter-in-law, Judith Gorenflo; and two grandchildren also survive.

Memorial contributions may be directed to The Fairport Packers Athletic Association in memory of Mrs. Gorenflo's son, William G. Gorenflo Jr. who died in September 2003. The mailing address is P.O. Box 721, Fairport, NY 14450. Please mark the gift in

honor of William G. Gorenflo Jr. Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is handled arrangements for the family.

**Vivienne Ulansey**, 83, of Seven Lakes, died Friday, November 18 at her home.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Powell Funeral Home and Crematory in Southern Pines.

**Robert J. McClymonds**, 76, of Seven Lakes, died on Friday, November 18 at Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. McClymonds was born in Grove City, PA to Dorothy and Floyd McClymonds. He graduated from Grove City College and

spent 37 years as owner, publisher, and editor of the *Albion News* in Albion, PA. The family moved to Seven Lakes in 1994.

Mr. McClymonds served in the Marine Corps in active duty for 16 years. He was past president of the Grove City College Alumni Association and was a past member of the Board of Trustees of Grove City College. He served as leader in economic development activities in the Albion area.

At the time of his death, Mr. McClymonds was serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Moore Regional Hospital and was a member of the Board of Directors of

(See "In memory," p. 6)

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## Foxfire

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for a new generator that was purchased to provide power to the Village hall in case of emergency. Munro noted that the Village Hall would be used as a command center and temporary shelter if the village were hit by a major storm.

# Biz Guild plans tree lighting December 6

by Darrell Marks

The annual lighting of the Seven Lakes–West End Business Guild Christmas tree has been set for Tuesday, December 6 in the village business plaza.

The evening's events will start off at 6:00 pm with Santa expected to arrive by 7:00 pm. A selection of Holiday music, performed by local church and civic groups, will help celebrate the season. Volunteers from First Bank will serve complimentary hot chocolate and cookies to all in attendance.

Santa Claus, whose attendance is arranged each year by Jubilee Screen Printing, will ride into the plaza on one of the Seven Lakes Fire Department's best sleighs. Waiting for him will be a host of elves provided by BB&T, who will treat each of Santa's visitors to a candy treat from Food Lion. Phoenix Fashions will provide a tent and lighting for with great food service and enhanced photo opportunities for the children to be with Santa.

The Guild is also holding its annual business decoration con-

test. Judging will occur on Monday night December 5.

Winning businesses will be recognized at the tree lighting,

and receive prizes donated by Medleyanna's, Southern Grace Florist, and Phoenix Fashions. The stage will be provided by

Thomas Trucking and the stringing of lights will be done by volunteers from Seven Lakes Hardware.

If you would like to participate in this or other Guild activities, please call Darrell Marks at 673-5998.

## In memory

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FirstHealth of the Carolinas. He was a past member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation of FirstHealth of the Carolinas, served on the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board. He was an avid golfer and fisherman throughout his life.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, November 22 at the Chapel in the Pines of Seven Lakes. A reception was held at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, Ann; sons, Bruce McClymonds and Alan McClymonds; a daughter, Nancy Tuttle; a sister, Anna Mae Butler; and six grandchildren also survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Foundation of FirstHealth, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or the Memorial Fund at the Seven Lakes Country Club, 2000 Seven Lakes South, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

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# 7 Lakes Dollar General gets a new look

By Terry Hunt, Seven Lakes Village Beautification

Drive by and look at the landscape "makeover" at Dollar General. What was a community eyesore is now a pleasing asset to Seven Lakes. It took months

to work out an agreement with the corporate office of Dollar General and more time to develop a landscape plan and chart the course of action.

The actual planting was a really big "party" that lasted three

days! The "workers" cheered each other on as they dug out rocks, mixed "goodies" into the soil, and carefully planted and watered fifty plants into their new homes. This project, the largest our group has under-

taken, was accomplished because of your contributions and support - residents, civic groups, village merchants and, of course, the volunteers.

This group of volunteers, from North, South and West, worked

really hard but were upbeat throughout. Here is this band of dedicated workers -

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# Foxfire women plan Christmas program

Pinecrest High School's award-winning Chamber Choir will present a program of holiday music for the Foxfire Women's Association at their Christmas luncheon on Friday, December 2.

With their Director, James Brown, this elite group of young singers toured Washington, D.C. this past Spring, competed in a

National Choral Festival, and sang a Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where they received a Superior rating, a Certificate of Excellence, and an invitation to compete in the National Invitational Choral Festival next year. The students also brought home trophies for

Outstanding Choral Group, Sweepstakes Choral Award, and Adjudicators Award. Next Spring they will perform at Riverside Church in the Festival of Gold. It is Mr. Brown's hope that they will also get the opportunity to sing at Carnegie Hall and at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Brown came to Pinecrest High School in 2004 with an impressive list of credentials. He arrived in 2004, after three years as Director of Choral Studies at Riverside High School in Painesville, Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of Akron, with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and a minor in Piano Performance. He conducted and sang in several European countries, and received

numerous accolades for his vocal recordings. He is currently completing his Master's Thesis, and will soon receive his degree in Choral Conducting Performance.

The program is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm, following a social hour at 11:30 am, and luncheon at 12:15 pm.

The cost of the luncheon is \$11. Checks for that amount may be made payable to Treasurer Carolyn Gilbert, and mailed to her at 9 Pinetree Terrace, before the Saturday, November 26 deadline.

All Foxfire women, especially new residents, are welcome. Chairwoman is Pam Koos, Co-Chair is Karen Ramey; committee members are Julie Andress

and Carole Hunter.

The committee suggests that those attending bring a book suitable for an elementary school student. These will be given to Toys for Tots.

## Dollar General

(Continued from page 8)

Geiger, Kathy Goodman, Barb Horan, Terry Hunt, Dodie Maier, Peggy McCallum, Sandy and Fred Mock, Nadica Quint, Alice Shaughnessy, Nancy Shereda, Deborah Temple, and Angela Terry.

We are in a fund raising drive for 2006 and we would appreciate your support of our efforts to beautify your village. Please mail your contribution to: Alice Shaughnessy, Treasurer, 3081 Seven Lakes West, Seven Lakes, NC 27376 or drop it off at BB&T.

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# West Side plans festive holiday kick-off

by Betty Milligan

The West Side Recreation Committee has planned the special event, the West Side Community Christmas Decorating Committee has decorated the building beautifully, the entertainment has been scheduled and will be exciting, and Santa is checking his list for good girls and boys.

All this will be waiting for you on Sunday, December 4, 3-5:00 pm, at the West Side Community Center.

Everyone is invited to take part in the Community's first tree lighting activities which will set the stage for the holiday spirit.

The program will feature The Lake Auman Band, under the direction of Bob Fewkes. The band represents about 14 musicians from the Moore County

Concert Band, the American Heritage Band, and Pinecrest High School Band. Their program will consist of familiar Christmas music perfect for caroling, so start practicing your "Jingle Bells."

An additional highlight to the program will be the dazzling Sophisticated Ladies. The Sophisticated Ladies range in age from 50 to 80 years "young." Besides being wives, mothers and grandmothers, they have had impressive careers in such fields as banking, education, medical, dental and music. Few of them have studied dance before joining the group.

In addition to the band and dancers, The Sweet Adelines of Sandhills Harmony Chorus will blend their lovely voices in song and treat us to a repertoire of harmonious choral music.

The chorus, just a little over one year old, is dedicated to the art of four-part barbershop harmony singing.

Last but not least, Santa will arrive and visit with the young and young at heart. Plan to bring the your children and grandchildren to see what surprises Santa has in his special bag.

Your presence will help make your community's first tree lighting ceremony a huge success, you will have an opportunity to see glowing and elegant decorations and hear wonderful entertainment, and you will leave with the warmth of the holiday spirit in your hearts.



*The Sophisticated Ladies will be among the guests at the First Annual Westside Tree Lighting on December 4.*



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# Time to 'light up the lakes' for the holidays

by Frank Krohn

It's time for everyone living on a lake to get their lighting displays dusted off and in place at the water's edge.

Last year, we had a nice increase in the number of peo-

ple lighting the lakefronts, and this year we would encourage everyone to try and join the Spirit of the Season by participating.

Every lake should be involved to show the Seven Lakes Spirit during a period of time in our

country's history when we need a positive boost in our spirit and attitudes.

Please have all displays shining brightly before December 1.

On Lake Sequoia there will

be a boat parade at 6:00 pm on December 10, followed by a social get together, with tasty goodies, at Sequoia Point.

Please call Dodie Maier at 673-8531 or Jackie Wells at 673-7566 if you would like to

participate in the parade and social time.

There will be a similar parade on Lake Auman, but details are not available at this time.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

## Taggart joins Congressman Miller's staff

Douglas S. Taggart, son of Ms. Paula Taggart, a long time resident of Seven Lakes, has been assigned as a Congressional Science and Engineering Legislative Fellow on the Washington DC staff of Congressman Brad Miller (NC-13).

Mr. Taggart's fellowship year is being coordinated by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He will be working issues in Congressman Miller's office associated with the Armed Services, International Relations, Law Enforcement and Veteran Affairs. Congressman Miller serves on the House

Financial Services and Science Committees.

"We are lucky to have Doug on



Douglas S. Taggart

board this year to work on issues that tackled throughout his distinguished career," Miller said. "I am very pleased he has joined my Washington staff."

The AAAS fellowship program provides a unique experience for mid and senior-career scien-

tists and engineers to support congressional offices to improve public policy making through the infusion of science and technology.

Mr. Taggart is a retired Coast Guard Commander with over 25 years of experience in

research and development and engineering design related to the field of navigation. Prior to enrollment in the fellowship program he was working in the Office of the Secretary of Defense supporting policy development on the Global Positioning System.



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# Foxfire Village tree lighting is December 4

by Elizabeth Schettler

Members of the Foxfire garden Club planned several community Holiday events at their November meeting on Monday, November 14.

A group of ladies volunteered to decorate the Clubhouse prior to the Foxfire Women's Association Christmas luncheon and the tree-lighting party. There were also sign-up volunteers to bake cookies for the children's Santa Claus party.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent as a demonstration and workshop conducted by Helen Munro, Claire Bryant, and Diane Scales.

These artistic and talented craftswomen displayed several novel gift ideas and a new approach to wrapping them in handmade fabric gift bags.

Stations were set up along one wall of the Town Hall, where the teachers measured, cut, and sewed holiday fabrics which

the members had selected; and their completed bags, with instructions, were picked up at the end of the production line.

The innovative "no sew" fleece throws were also exhibited.

Plans continued to be discussed for the Garden Club's gigantic yard sale, planned for Saturday, March 25.

Numerous area vendors have already reserved space; and several other events are being planned in conjunction with this event.

At the end of November Garden Club members will decorate each of Foxfire's street signs for the holiday season with greens and red velvet bows. The Village's living Christmas tree, and earlier gift from the

Garden Club, will be lighted with crystal lights which will burn throughout the season. Villagers will gather at 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 4 to see Chairwoman Sharon Thingstad pull the switch to light the tree.

Immediately following the light-

ing, the group will move into the Clubhouse for carol singing and hors d'oeuvres. Reservations checks for \$6 should be made payable to the Foxfire Garden Club, and mailed before November 30 to Sharon Thingstad at 33 Richmond Road.



**Crafty Foxfire gardeners**, including Claire Bryant, Francine Crumbaugh, Helen Munro, and Elly Harsany.

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# Cook will lead Business Guild in 2006

by Darrell Marks

The November meeting of the Seven Lakes Business Guild was hosted by Beacon Ridge Country Club on Thursday

November 17.

The event was sponsored by Lee-Moore Insurance, Fred Suefert, and Phoenix Fashions allowed members to "meet and

greet" in a social setting without the constraints of a formal meeting. The attendance and interaction between local business people indicated that the event

was a success and should not only become a Holiday tradition, but be duplicated in the Spring. First Bank offered to help sponsor the Spring event.

Guild President Tyler Horney announced the slate of officers for 2006.

Getting unanimous approval were Phil Cook of Carolina Car Care as President, Les Murray of Big Sky Construction as Vice-President, Judy McNeill of Jubilee Screen Printing as Secretary, and Fred Suefert of The Property Center as Treasurer.

In other business, Darrell

Marks of Phoenix Fashions updated attendees on plans for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Rick Harris of Harris Printing updated everyone on the Guild's attempts to resolve the issue of ownership of the "private" roads within the business district, a forerunner to getting state maintenance and pothole repair.

A selection of door prizes from Phoenix Fashions, Charmelle Jewelry, Beacon Ridge, Pizza Cafe, and A Great Find were distributed among some of the lucky attendees.

## Civic group seeks nominees

by Dave Kinney

This corrects an error and makes a change in our article "Civic Group Seeks Board Nominees, Plan Meeting" in the October 28 issue of *The Times*.

The December 21 issue of *The Times* will provide the Nominating Committee's candidates with a brief statement of back-

ground and related experience.

A nomination by petitions signed by at least 20 members will be accepted if received in our mail box, 880 Seven Lakes North, by December 15. Such a petition should briefly state the candidate's background and related experience.

As a reminder to a few, to be

eligible to vote for new members of the Civic Group Board, 2005 dues of \$10 per household must be paid by December 23, 2005.

Checks may be mailed to 880 Seven Lakes North.

## Medicare Part D seminars offered

The new Medicare D program will affect all Medicare beneficiaries. Important informational sessions are being presented by Jill Sherman, Moore County's SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) Coordinator, to help become better prepared to make an informed decision.

The next informational session program will be held Wednesday, November 30 at Belle Meade Clubhouse, 100 Waters Drive, Southern Pines at 2:00 pm.

These sessions are a limited first come/first serve assistance available for signing up for a plan. Please bring your current prescription information with you.

This program is cosponsored by St. Joseph of the Pines and FirstBank.

If you are unable to attend the meeting at Belle Meade, the same program will be presented on Monday, December 5 at Douglass Community Center, 1185 W. Pennsylvania Avenue,

Southern Pines at 10:00 am.

And one additional program has been added to the schedule for all Medicare recipients on Thursday, December 8, at Davis Community Center, 4799 NC Hwy 705, in Robbins at 2:00 pm.

Space is limited at all locations and registration is required. Call Jill Sherman at 947-2881 for your reservation.



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# Master Gardener Class of 2005 graduates

by Dolores Muller

Moore County Extension Director Craven Hudson, horticultural extension agent Taylor Williams, 4-H extension agent Linda Gore, Janet Peele of Aberdeen Florist and Garden Center, and 21 master gardeners from previous classes celebrated the graduation of 29 new Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) with a luncheon at Weymouth Center in Southern Pines on Wednesday November 16.

This was the seventh class that has graduated from the Master Gardener instruction program. After completing 45 hours of instruction over 16 class sessions, the new group will join 53 volunteers already participating in the program.

The program is run through NC State University and is administered by the Moore County Extension office. Al Cooke, former

Moore County extension agent and Sarah Ivy the extension agent in Lee County were among several instructors that presented classes to the new group.

Besides classroom instruction, they attended field trips to Cameron Nursery, Big Bloomers, and the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens. After completing their instruction and passing a test, participants in the MGV (master gardener volunteer) program each must contribute a minimum of 40 hours of service a year helping with community garden projects and programs.

The MGV provide information and answers to callers with gardening problems via a telephone hotline at the Agricultural Extension center from March through October from 10:00 am to noon, Monday through Friday, and speak to garden clubs and civic groups on diverse gardening

related topics.

They also assist the extension agents with on site demonstrations and research projects, present gardening class and projects to school children, assist on the Weymouth Garden tours, and answer questions and distribute literature and information at the Holly fair in Pinehurst, Springfest in Southern Pines, and Carthage Buggy Days.

MGV are at the "lookout" of the Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens on weekends from April to October to answer visitor questions, are involved with the development of Pinehurst's Greenway Wildlife Habitat and have planted and maintain a xeriscape garden in front of the Moore County Agricultural Extension center in Carthage.

Currently, the Master Garden-

ers are selling blueberry bushes to raise money to continue providing programs for the community. Call the Moore County Extension office at 947-3188 for additional information and an order form.

The program has been in existence since 1994. Each year hundreds of volunteer hours are logged by the participants. In 2004 alone the MGV's worked 2352 hours. Work that is performed by the volunteers frees up the time of extension paid employees.

According to N.C. State's estimate, the value of the work done by the MGV and their donated mileage, going to and from activities, and fund raising efforts brought the total volunteer contribution to \$41,128.50 dollars. Further, records show that over 1000 phone calls were answered and 8,570 people were assisted by other means such as street fairs, workshops, and speaking engagements.

The master gardener volunteers are an enthusiastic group of citizens bound together by their love of gardening and interest in helping others in this endeavor.



Moore County Master Gardeners, Class of 2005

## Church Women United of Moore County

An ecumenical group of Christian women. Meetings are held at 10:00 am the First Friday of each month at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Library on Ridge St., Southern Pines.

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# Fishing with kids makes fond memories

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While personal medical disturbances have recently discour-



aged my direct ability, but not desire, to take kids fishing, guess what? The kids, bless them, now ask me to go with them. Just

five inch variety. But the next day, we caught about fifteen Spanish Mackerel, big enough

last month, Son-in law Perry took me out on Ocean Isle for two trips.

Oh my, we caught a couple of pin fish of the four to

to take home. They were great days on the water for me.

But, the above is not the real reason for my talk with you. Some times our memories are just that, memories.

One of my fishing buddies has left us. In the photo are my fishing buddy, Byrun (on the

right), his dad, two brothers, my son-in-law, and my son. Byrun is no longer with us. Yes, I'll go to Canada fishing again one day, but I'll miss the "kid" who was with us that day.

May you have forever pleasant memories of fishing with kids, no matter how old they are.

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| 12<br>Split Pea with Ham Soup<br>Meatloaf Dinner  | 13<br>Broccoli & Spinach Soup<br>Chicken Tetrassini Dinner | 14<br>White Bean Chicken Chili<br>Beef Enchilada Dinner | 15<br>Vegetable Soup<br>Salmon with Ginger Vinaigrette Dinner | 16<br>Manhattan Clam Chowder<br>Pork with Apples Dinner                  |
| 19<br>Navy Bean Soup<br>Sausage & Cheese Manicotti Dinner   | 20<br>Butternut Bisque<br>Chicken Enchilada Dinner         | 21<br>Chili<br>Pot Roast Dinner                         | 22<br>Potato & Bacon Soup<br>Crab Cakes Dinner                | 23<br>Beef Barley Soup<br>Salisbury Steak Dinner                         |
| 26<br>CLOSED  | 27<br>Potato Leek Soup<br>Chicken Divan Dinner             | 28<br>Tomato Basil Soup<br>Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner | 29<br>Crab & Shrimp Bisque<br>Tilapia Florentine Dinner       | 30<br>French Onion Soup<br>Lemon Chicken with Rosemary Orzo Dinner       |

# Christmas at Weymouth is December 1-3

Christmas at Weymouth is a tradition which began with James and Katherine Boyd when they invited their friends into their living room and sang carols to celebrate the holiday season. The Boyd Home which is now the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities was the focal

point for many cultural experiences.

Twenty five rooms are decorated voluntarily by professional decorators, garden clubs, florists and individuals to enhance the warmth of the home. The Gatehouse will also be open and will be decorated by Don

Snelgrove who resides there. During the course of the three day open house, there is entertainment by many musicians and singers.

Refreshments are provided in the dining room which is the last room visited on the tour and they can be enjoyed in the Great Room while listening to the musical entertainment.

On Friday and Saturday at 1:00 there will be floral demonstrations. On Thursday evening Carols at Weymouth will be presented at 5:30 PM and then again at 7:30 PM. The carols are a gift to the community from Friends of Weymouth. Entry to the carols is free, but space is limited.

This year the theme for Christmas at Weymouth is "A Victorian Christmas" and the decorations will reflect that theme.

This is the annual holiday

fundraiser for the Women of Weymouth. It takes a cast of hundreds to make this home festive and welcoming for the holidays.

Members of many organizations are invited to volunteer to be hostesses and the Women of Weymouth bake over 3000 cookies to serve as refreshments.

Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and can be purchased at Cook's Choice, The Faded Rose, Given Book Shop, The Country Book-

shop, Campbell House and Weymouth Center.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$10.00. The Christmas House is located at 555 East Connecticut Avenue, Southern Pines.

Weymouth Center is the cultural center of the Sandhills. It is the former home of James and Katherine Boyd who contributed to the development of Southern Pines.

## A cheesy frittata

After consulting the chef at Nina's Restaurant, Paula Dean's new cook book and a recipe from the Raleigh newspaper, I arrived at my recipe for Frittata, which is a crustless quiche, which I recently served at a brunch. It's good for breakfast, lunch or brunch. I hope you enjoy it.



cheese or 1 cup Parmesan cheese  
1/2 to 3/4 cup sauteed onions

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine eggs, milk, salt and pepper with mixer. Add spinach,

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### Frittata

#### Ingredients:

7 eggs, beaten  
1 cup milk  
salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 cup cooked spinach, well drained  
5 or 6 slices of bacon, cooked very crisp and crumbled  
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar

onions and cheese, and mix well. Pour in well greased iron skillet if you have one. If not, a large pie pan will be fine. Sprinkle bacon over top and slightly mash.

Bake about 40 minutes. Check for doneness after 30 minutes. Cut in 8-10 wedges to serve.

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# Try planting camellias for autumn color

Our weather continues to be dry. Meteorologists and others tell us we are well short of our mean average rainfall amount for the season. The lakes here in the Sandhills portray the shortage levels, and weather prospects in the near future appear to promise little relief.

Every year during November several ask the question as to "What are those beautiful blooming plants seen in many landscapes?"

The Camellia Sasanquas became so popular in Seven Lakes Landscapes a few years ago that some of us designated them shrubs of the month. The flowers color are pink and white but other variations will be mentioned later.

It's an excellent plant and may be used in the landscape for many uses including informal border screening, as a specimen plant, for corner foundation, or a natural setting shrub. It grows to a height of 7 to 12 feet, with a width spread of 5 to 8 feet.

Size and shape can be altered or controlled by pruning in the early spring. The plant form, if allowed to grow naturally, is upright, columnar, and open. The foliage is dark green and flowering takes place in October through December depending up variety. Blooms are single, semi-double, and double, again depending on variety.

Flower colors are white, various shades of pink, and rarely red and variegated. The sasanquas should be planted in part shade or high light areas, and if properly maintained will grow in full sun. It requires medium fertility and be in a well-drained location where medium moisture is prevalent. Wet conditions will cause root rot.

As I discussed last month, now is the most ideal time for planting trees, shrubs, many perennials, and hardy wildflowers. The reason for planting during this period, it allows plants to become settled in, roots to form, and receive moisture so that early growth can begin next spring.

Remember and don't forget that abundant water is needed. A good example of fall planning and planting was conducted last week at the Dollar Store by the

Seven Lakes Beautification Committee Volunteers.

This past season several complaints were made concerning their vegetable growing results. The weather could have



## Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

been a part of the resulting cause.

Some folks here in Seven Lakes have planted our limited spaces for vegetable gardens in the same location for a number of years. This shortage

of space has prevented proper rotation which no doubt effected yield and quality thereby promoted diseases, insects, and nematodes.

My suggestion is to pull out and destroy any existing plants, plant roots, and plant residue. Thor-

(See "Still plenty," p. 20)



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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

- **Thanksgiving Day**
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**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.
- **Christmas at Weymouth**, 10:00 - 4:00 pm. Tour the home, Gatehouse and gardens, enjoy

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

- **Christmas at Weymouth**, 10:00 - 4:00 pm. Tour home, Gatehouse and gardens, enjoy refreshments and be entertained with music. Floral demonstrations 1:00 pm. \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. 555 E. Conn. Ave., Southern Pines, 692-6261

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

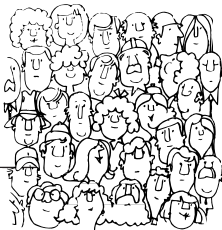
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## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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- **Country Bookshop** – 6:00 pm, Joanne Martell, a Sandhills resident and author will discuss her new book, *American Christmases: First Hand Accounts of Holiday Happenings from Early Days to Modern Times*. 140 NW Broadstreet, S. Pines. 692-3211.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 2:00 pm Board work session meeting. Conference Room.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

- **Little Brown Jug Tournament** – at Seven Lakes Country Club, a 9 Hole Shot Gun start at 1:00pm. Cost \$18.50. Includes golf, prizes, hors d'oeuvres and a glass of beer or win. Come and join in the fun. Call the Pro Shop at 673-1092 or J. Thomson 673-2591 or E. Smith 673-1393.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 8:30 am, Board Work session

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 7:30 pm General meeting, North Clubhouse.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

- **Christmas in the Pines at SLCC** – Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm, Doug Marshall will be at the keyboard. Cost for member is \$20, and non members \$25. Members may make reservations in person or by phone. Call 673-1100 for reservations.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

- **Christmas Eve**

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

- **Christmas Day**

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

- **New Year's Eve**
- **Seven Lakes Country Club New Year's Eve Party** – This year's party, featuring an international cruise ship theme – the "SS Seven Lakes" – begins at 7:00 pm

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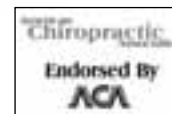
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and Jackson Springs. Not only are these people remembered at Christmas, but the Fund also gives food vouchers for Thanks-

giving and Easter, as well.

The chapel works hand-in-hand with Moore County's Social Services Department to select

the recipients of the Funds.

"The source of money for these endeavors is threefold," said Fred Renner, Committee Chairman. "Individual contributions, Seven Lakes area business people, and the Chapel in the Pines' Benevolence Committee. The latter, by the way, donates substantial funds from their annual rummage sale."

Anyone who would like to donate to the fund may send their checks made out to the "Empty Stocking Fund," c/o Bob Jaeger, 2144 Seven Lakes South, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

## Still plenty of gardening to do

(Continued from page 16)

oughly till or spade the garden area and seed it in rye (grain) cover crop. Next year when garden season arrives thoroughly till or spade under the green growth garden cover by first mixing and adding some organic material such as potting soil, nursery mix, well decomposed cow manure, or well rotted compost, etc.

I plan to add a granular nematocide, at planting, since nematodes are present in my garden.

Realizing that the holiday season is approaching and that garden interests might seem secondary, here are a few suggestions for winter clean-up and other November tasks.

Hardwood and pine leaves are beginning to fall by the thousands and questions have come up about what to do with them.

Pine straw doesn't seem to be much a problem as Oak and other hardwood foliage. Some people desire to rake or blow their leaves in piles, collect them, and take them to the dump.

If you own a mulcher-chopper, cut them up and use them as

mulch around landscape plants.

Others mulch-mow them in the lawn soil turf. Everyone is aware that pine straw is an ideal and neat mulch for all shrubs, flower beds, and trees, and it also serves well as a cover in a wooded lot.

If you haven't done it, now is a good time to mulch-mow and winterize your bermuda and zoysia lawn. Mow it to a height of one to two inches.

Moles and voles are already on the rampage. Mole Go and similar control products are available from your garden center supply dealer. Use the control accordingly to directions.

Mulch your landscape plants and flower beds for the winter. Two inches of bark or Pine straw is deep enough.

Check your plants for insects and mites. If infestation is heavy and damaging, use a recommended safe chemical control. Two that come to mind are horticultural oil and malathion. Use these products strictly according to label instructions.

Winter weeds are emerging in my lawn by record numbers.

Practically all lawns exhibit some type of winter weed problem. The winter weeds already observed are: chickweed, common yellow wood sorrel (oxalis), henbit, dandelion, wild onion, or garlic.

Pull or dig them out or use a spot or broadcast herbicide treatment. Those include the glyphosate phenoxy, 2, 4-D, or Dicamba types, sold under various trade names.

Cut back your chrysanthemums to ground after blooming.

Your fescue lawn should receive a light application of plant food during November. In the absence of a soil test as a suggestion, use 5 pounds of a

premium slow release 10-10-10, per 1000 square feet.

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Have safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



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### November 2

A resident turned into the North gate a reciprocating saw blade she found near the playground.

A resident on Overlook complained of regularly nightly visits of a large black dog to the Sequoia Pier area that barks at him and his daughter. Security was unable to locate the dog.

A resident complained around 8:00 pm of barking dogs in the area of Millstone and Cardinal. Security confirmed that dogs were barking and then conferred with the complainant. When security returned to the Millstone and Cardinal area, the dogs had stopped barking.

A resident on Somerset reported water running in the street. Security called Moore County Public Utilities.

### November 3

Patrol found a bag of eyeglasses and cases next to the door of the North Clubhouse. It turned out that they belonged to the Sandhills Lions Club.

The Overlook resident called to report that black dog had returned and was barking at and scaring his children.

Patrol followed up on complaint of kids skateboarding on the tennis courts. They ran when patrol approached but the officer caught them and told them they were not allowed to skateboard on the courts.

### November 5

A resident on Sunset complained of a neighbor's dog barking all day long. Security went to the dog owner's residence, but no one was at home.

A resident on Overlook reported that she had found a dog roaming; security collected the dog and returned to its owner.

Security patrol found the door from the North Clubhouse to the pool unlocked, as well as the gate to the soft drink machine. Both were secured.

Patrol found a picnic table removed from a shelter on Longleaf and the trash can tipped over.

### November 6

Security patrol found a broken water line by the pool, located the shut off valve and turned off the water.

A resident on Bunside reported that her neighbor had received threatening calls and was afraid to open the door to her house. Security transported the fearful resident to the neighbors house so that she could spend the night.

Security patrol reported a gray Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck parked on the shoulder of Chero-

kee at 11:30 am.

### November 7

Security patrol found a package left on the front stoop of a Firetree residence, contacted the keyholder for the property and delivered the package to them.

A resident on Cardinal reported a car parked in his yard beside the road. Security responded and took down the license plate and Seven Lakes sticker number of the car, which was removed by 7:30 pm.

### November 8

A resident on Roundtree reported a roaming dog, which security picked up on Pleasantview. The dog was taken to the holding pen in the maintenance area. The owner later collected it after paying the \$10 fine.

The aggressive black dog returned to the Sequoia boat docks and was reported by a resident on Overlook. Security spoke with the children of the

dog's owner and asked that their parents call security.

### November 9

A resident on Firetree reported that her neighbors dog was loose. Security responded, but the owner had already retrieved the dog.

### November 10

No report.

### November 11

A resident on Overlook reported that the stop sign at the corner of Firetree and Overlook had been spray-painted.

A resident on Edgewater reported that a neighbor's dog had repeatedly attacked his dog. He asked that someone in authority speak to the neighbors about their dog. Security contacted the neighbor, who said she would be looking into obedience training for her dog.

### November 12

Security spotted two dogs

roaming loose and attempted to contact the owner, but found no one home.

Someone reported the the light was out in the North Side mailhouse and that a red liquid was spilled on the floor.

A pet sitter reported that one of her client's cat had escaped the house.

### November 13

A Smathers Drive resident reported a barking dog, which security could not locate.

(See "Security," p. 28)



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# OPINION

## The real star of Thanksgiving

Do you remember the turkeys that were served to you on past Thanksgiving meals?

I can't remember any Thanksgiving meal for which a turkey wasn't served. Oh, maybe the Thanksgiving meals

our Thanksgiving table and not served for the rest of the year.

Cranberry sauce, bread stuffing, sweet potato casserole with marshmallows stuck in the top, pumpkin pie, and beets were

served at our house only on Thanksgiving.

How did my mother do it? I don't



### Ollie's Thoughts

Oliver Gossard

that were served on board a ship during my three years in the U.S. Navy.

I don't remember.

But I do remember those meals my mother served when I was a youngster. Those November days were the only days in the year when turkey showed up on our family table. We kids always looked forward to those meals, served in the early afternoons, with great glee.

When the turkey was put on the table, my father would ceremoniously sharpen the large metal carving knife that only on Thanksgiving would be used. For the rest of the year that knife rested in its case in the top drawer of the dining room buffet.

I, of course, was threatened with unmentioned consequences if I ever opened that drawer and messed with that dangerous knife.

I did, of course, when my parents weren't around and marveled at the sharpness of that blade. I always felt thrilled by my bravery and sense of guilt. I was never caught.

There were other food items that always found their way to

know.

There was no such thing as frozen turkey in those days. No frozen food of any kind could be purchased at the local Kroeger's grocery.

The vegetables were either bought fresh or canned. And we had no refrigerator until I was of high school age, instead we had an ice box out on the back porch.

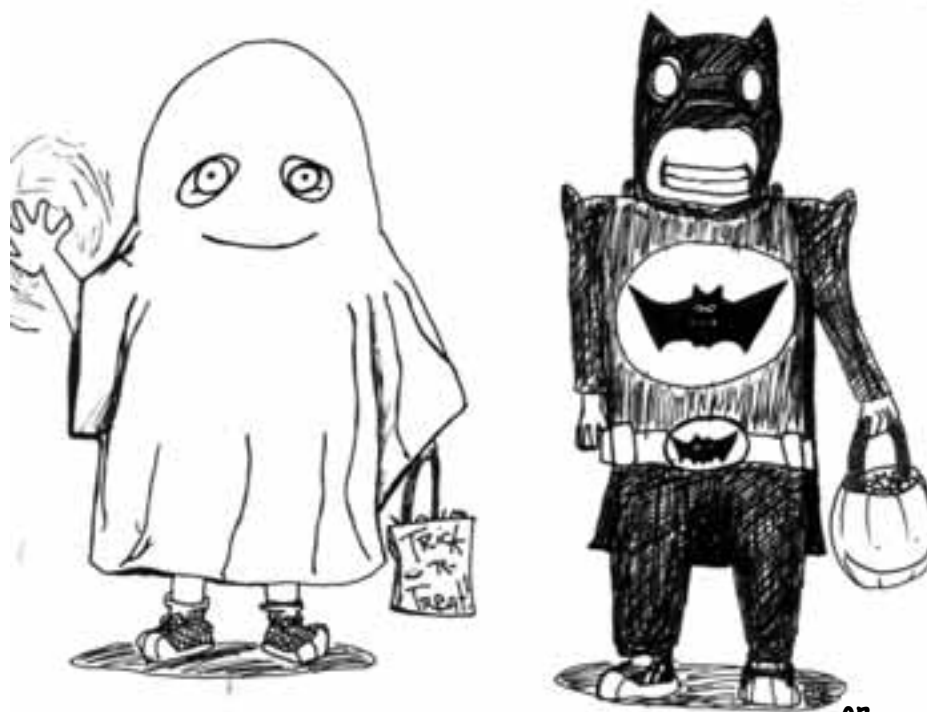
The ice truck came down the street every morning and Charlie, our ice man, would bring in a block of twenty-five or fifty pounds of ice.

I have read that the Thanksgiving meal that the early pilgrims served was nothing like our meals. They didn't have turkey, as I understand it, but they had pheasant and a lot of sea food such as eel and clams and fish.

But whatever they served, they began a wonderful tradition in which we celebrate the bounty of food that is available to us.

And remember — let's help mom clean up the dishes in the dining room and kitchen. She did most of the work preparing our Thanksgiving meal.

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# It's only money, after all — your money.

Dear Editor

We are writing this article because we staunchly believe in full transparency regarding the decisions of your elected SLLA Board of Directors.

Recently your Board of Directors agreed to hold a binding referendum vote regarding the retention or disbandment of our Company Police Department. They also agreed that all costs relating to this referendum (postage, materials, labor) would be paid for by the Concerned Citizens Committee and would not burden the landowners with any of these expenses.

During last weeks working session of the SLLA Board of Directors President Jack Fathauer (673-3294) made a motion which was seconded and then passed by Directors Ron Richmond (673-6476), John Paulson (673-4162), Jackie Scotti (673-1940) and Jeff Herman (673-4610) to place a full page ad in *The Times* newspaper at landowners expense of \$360 to promote their position of retaining the Company Police Department.

President Jack Fathauer (673-3294) also made it known that he would write a personal letter to all Seven Lakes landowners



touting the position of the above five members of the Board of Directors to retain the Company Police Department. According to Community Manager Dalton Fulcher this mailing will cost the landowners of Seven Lakes \$1,000.

If these two items aren't enough to get your attention, the following item certainly will.

During this same Board of Directors meeting held on November 17, Director Jeff Herman (673-4610) announced the hiring of a second Company Police Officer effective Saturday, November 19. This hiring

took place just three weeks before the referendum vote. Again, according to Community Manager Dalton Fulcher this action will cost the Seven Lakes landowners approximately \$14,167 for the next five months thru April 30, 2006.

As elected Directors of the SLLA we are disheartened that these decisions were made by five of our fellow Board members without any regard for the responsible spending of \$15,527 of your landowners dues.

Please join us in voting for

Option #3 on your referendum ballot. We sincerely thank you for your support.

Loren Swearingen,  
Director SLLA (673-1302)  
Don Truesdell, Director  
SLLA (673-1509)

## Money-makers for West Side

Dear Editor,

To increase the flow of revenues to the Seven Lakes West coffers, I offer the following:

### Top Ten Hare-Brained Ideas Number 10

Prohibit property owners from playing with tennis balls on their property. Offer them the use of the tennis courts at West Side Park and charge them a fee.

### Number 9

Prohibit property owners from playing basketball on their property. Offer them the use of the basketball courts at West Side Park and and charge them a fee.

### Number 8

Prohibit swimming pools on their property. They may use the swimming pool at West Side Park for a fee.

### Number 7

Prohibit charcoal grilling on their property. Charge a fee for using grills at Johnson Point.

### Number 6

Prohibit children from playing on their property. Charge a fee for using the playgrounds at West Side Park and Johnson Point.

### Number 5

Prohibit walking on the streets. Build a walking trail and charge

a fee for using the walking trail.

### Number 4

Prohibit bicycling on the streets. Build a bicycle path and charge a fee for using the bicycle path.

### Number 3

Eliminate yard debris pickup. Force people to buy trailers and hitches so they can transport their debris to a waste area.

### Number 2

Prohibit the parking of the above purchased trailers or any other trailers on their property. Put a fence around a parcel of land, call it a storage area, and charge the property owners a fee to

(See "Money," p. 25)



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|                            |                                   |
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| Lot #453 - Under Contract  | Lot #4001 - Under Contract        |
| 149 W. Devonshire - SOLD!  | 104 Pinewood Ct. - Under Contract |
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# Plenty of opportunities for improvement

Life is looking pretty good this week (other than the fact that I have been a bridge "ninny"). Fortunately, the world won't stop and kick me off. Also, this week, I have combined my internet connection, my phone service and a new dish service for my TV viewing (the dish is great). My total saving on the combination will be \$480 per year (I can use that).

Last evening our dinner and bridge group dined very well (as usual) and everyone else played well. Glo Cunningham told me about the big sale over at The Pinehurst Members' Club and I was able to scoot over today and pick up some Christmas gifts at great savings.

On Thursday, a luncheon meeting of the First Health stewardship committee was held at Lit-

tle River. We members have been enlisted as the result of efforts of Helen Simpson who for a number of years has worked tirelessly for the benefit of First



## Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley

age the time nor energy to commit to the number of courses in the continuing education area which are of real appeal to me and surely to many, many others.

We are fortunate to have such a facility so near us. I have taken a couple of computer classes and now I note that there are online cours-

Health.

We were privileged to hear of the plans for the hospitality house that will open on the First Health Campus in 2007. Helen has turned her gavel as chairman of this committee over to JoAn Moses who has a record of useful and beneficial activities. One can be sure that Helen will continue efforts on behalf of Moore County Hospital and with her caring activities working directly with cancer patients.

A few days ago, my spring class schedule for Sandhills Community College arrived. There is no way that I can man-

es for those who'd rather learn from home.

The selections available in the area of professional development are numerous and intriguing. They include auto (want to fix your own car, or others), business office management, education, health & medical services, construction trades, insurance, real estate and others. One could get started in a whole new area or "beef up" existing skills.

At my advanced age, I am most enchanted by the opportunities available through the community enrichment program.

There's bridge classes (but I'm beyond hope). Some sort of art course is appealing. I'm not ready to start in on another language, but that could be great for some of you. I should go and learn how to use the digital camera which is stashed away with some other "stuff." Tai Chi sounds great but I'd like more than one class a week.

There is a book club, financial planning assistance, study of religions, investing and other financially centered courses. The thought of some hobby or craft course sounds appealing to

me. I could study quilting or stained glass creation. If you don't know how to make those very popular scarves that could be the place to learn.

There is too much available to mention all of them, and all courses are very reasonably priced with most fees waived for those aged 65 and up. Add some life and interest to your life, call 695-3980 or scoot over Sandhills Community College and take a look around. You can meet great people and brighten up the dreary season that's approaching

## Money

(Continued from page 23)

park the trailers.

### And the Number 1 Hare-Brained Idea

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# Pesky trick-or-treaters just tip of the iceberg

*Dear Editor:*

I want to thank Mr. McLaughlin for the courage he showed in writing his letter to the editor regarding the "Halloween Fiasco."

In his letter, Mr. McLaughlin states that those costumed subversives who snuck through the gates in order to trick or treat are guilty of "exploitation of the decent people who live here."

Bravo!

This man has said out loud what many of us have felt for some time. Mr. McLaughlin has also given me an inspiring new battle-cry . . . "Never Again!"

Yes, never again! Join me and together we will stop this exploitation and stand up to those little beggars who come around nickel and diming us to death for every "good cause" under the sun. Individuals such as trick-or-treaters are bad enough.

But, my friends, a far more sinister enemy is in our midst. It is a sly enemy that preys upon

our deep-seated feelings of guilt and the desire to do good without becoming personally involved.

This enemy is organized into what are called "organizations." Some of the more exploitative organizations that prey upon us in this community are:

American Cancer Society  
American Red Cross  
Kiwanis Club  
Seven Lakes  
  Beautification Committee  
Seven Lakes  
  Women's Auxiliary

Yes, these sinister organizations slither about the community, hitting us up to buy cookies and popcorn and pancake breakfasts. They hound us incessantly to make donations for their raffles and silent auctions or welcome baskets.

Friends, West Enders, Countrymen! Lend me your ear! (Well, not your ear really . . . your tongue, I guess.) Join me and say



**Letters to the Editor**

"NEVER AGAIN!"

Or . . . I guess we can all remember that these organizations do a wonderful service for our community and our country. They help many people who may not receive help from anyone else and they try to make our place a better place to live. So give to them freely and from your heart.

And be sure to tell them "thanks!"

(I apologize to Mr. McLaughlin for using his letter as a "hook". But hey, I got you to read this, didn't I?)

*Tim Smith  
Goshin Dojo*

## Mark your ballot for Option 3

*Dear Editor:*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors for agreeing to a binding referendum concerning the disbandment of the Company Police Department. You the Seven Lakes residents now have an opportunity to decide on whether or not to disband the Company Police Department.

I strongly urge you to vote for Option 3 on the ballot. Rather than repeat all of the reasons why our security is not at risk by disbanding the Company Police Department I will only concentrate on a few major items.

- As confirmed by the State of North Carolina Assistant Attorney General, Ashby Ray, our gates will remain in place.
- In addition our roving security will not be affected.

- As previously stated there will be significant ongoing annual savings by voting Option 3.

While the ballot shows three options, if the combination of options two and three produces a simple majority then the Com-

pany Police Department will be disbanded and the option (two or three) receiving the most votes will prevail. Thank you.

*Donald P. Truesdell  
Director  
Seven Lakes Landowners Association*

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Gould reveals what we've lost

Dear Editor:

Thank you for Mason Gould's wonderful piece which appeared in the October 28 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*.

I totally agree with his sentiments although I believe we have lost some of the beauty and benefit of our society of "differences."

When I was a child, I remember the respect that the different religions had for each other and the sharing of the cultures our parents and grandparents brought with them from the "old country."

Now we live in a society and

indeed a world where some religions try to force their beliefs on others via hard core proselytizing and crossing the line into politics and the role of government.

I remember the words of Emma Lazarus engraved forever on the Statue of Liberty, "Give me your tired and your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breath free . . ."

Today many of us do not want immigrants in our neighborhood and the words are "why do I have to pay for them?" For those who believe in the Judea/Chris-

tian bible the question has always been "Am I my brothers keeper?"

Most of us still answer "Yes" — but sadly there are many who don't.

Greed and fear have replaced love and true compassion (not the ersatz "compassion" espoused by some leaders) and I believe we have lost a great part of our souls on our journey through life.

*Thank you again,  
Larry Greenberg  
Seven Lakes West*

Thankful

I am thankful  
For the birds' first greetings of the day.  
For the water — yes, water — that I take for granted.

mother that helped shape my outlook on life.  
For the voices of my children wafting across this great land, end the love of my departed wife.



Mason's Musings  
Mason Gould

For the music that stirs my soul.  
For tried and true friends, especially the evolution of a strong friendship with a lovely lady.  
For my life-long exposure to Christianity.

For the ability to inhale, with reverence, the delicate aroma of a field of flowers.  
For being able, still, to exercise my keen interest in the written word — and for The Gift of Life.

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Bring a lunch, snacks and beverages will be served. Donations are accepted to cover the cost of the materials.

Call Pam at 692-5954 to make reservations.

**Hurrah for 7 Lakes Village beautifiers**

Dear Editor:

I would like to say "great Job" and thank you to the Seven Lakes Village Beautification Committee.

The Dollar General Store never looked better.

I am glad that I donated some money to that group — think I will send more.

*Marilyn Quintana  
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# Ballots on Company Police are in the mail

(Continued from page 16)  
implemented.  
The SLLA board approved the ballot in a special closed work session held on Wednesday, November 9; the decision to combine the results of options 2 & 3 in deciding the overall ques-

tion was confirmed in the board's regular work session on Thursday, November 17.  
As is traditionally the case with SLLA mailings for the Annual Meeting in March, the Special Meeting mailing will also include a proxy form that allows the

landowner to designate a third-party to cast his or her vote. Landowners may assign their proxy to the board of directors or to any other third party.  
Apparently, the board decided in their November 9 closed session that the mailing announcing the December 11 special meeting would contain only the meeting announcement and ballot and proxy form.

ers with the same message.  
Swearingen and Truesdell object to the cost of that decision in a letter found on page 23 of this edition.  
The Concerned Citizen's Council — who led the call for a vote on Company Police and is pay-

ing for the referendum — is asking voters to either select Option 3 or assign their assign proxies to the CCC, which plans to cast those votes for Option 3. The group has also placed an ad in this edition of *The Times* [See page 4].

## SLLA Board

(Continued from page 1)  
ure that new rules that place a time limit on the parking of tractor-trailers in the community.  
• Heard from Treasurer John Paulson that reserves should total \$330,000 by the end of the fiscal year.  
• Heard from Don Truesdell that engineering work continues on state-mandated repairs to Echo dam. The actual repairs

may be completed by May.  
• Turned down Truesdell's request to hire a consulting firm affiliated with NC State University to analyze repairs needed on community roads. The projected cost of the study is \$5,700.  
• Discussed the need to make sure security is levying fines for dogs running loose, rather than simply returning loose dogs to their owners.

## Security

(Continued from page 21)  
A resident on Overlook reported being chased on his bike by a dog roaming loose.

**November 14**  
Patrol found a post box left open in the North Post Office and contacted the owner of the box.  
A resident on Juniper Court reported a dog roaming and being annoying. She identified the dog, but patrol was unable to locate it after driving the area three times.

**November 15**  
A resident on Sweetbriar reported her dog missing; she later reported that the dog had been found.  
Someone reported a vehicle tailgating and was able to identify the vehicle. Security con-

tacted the owner, who in turn spoke with her son about appropriate driving behavior.

**Seven Lakes Police Report 10/26 - 11/8**

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Motor Vehicle Enforcement</b> |   |
| Citations                        | 1 |
| Verbal Warnings                  | 5 |
| Written Warnings                 | 2 |

**November 1**  
Seven Lakes Company Police Chief Dennis Lombard was informed that a 14-year-old Seven Lakes resident had been reported missing. After being dropped off at the school bus stop in the morning, the girl had skipped school. The sheriff's department was also notified. The girl was located and returned home.

## Times past

(Continued from page 2)  
tributors to the effort. There is something very heartwarming about the Echo Lake experience. Concerned citizens have been willing to step up and pay their money for something that is their direct interest. They recognized and accepted the fact

that the association's funds must be spread over the entire community and that special, localized needs might have to be handle separately. This is Seven Lakes spirit at its best and could serve as a model for other situations that might arise from time to time.

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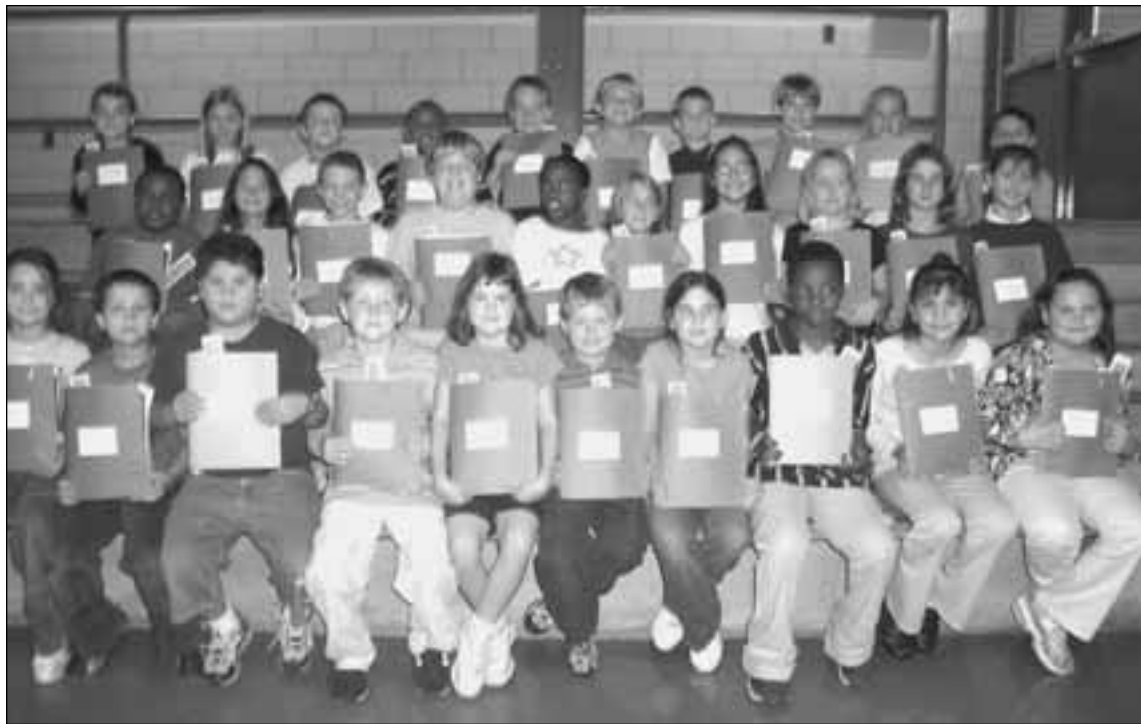


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# Kiwanis announce WEES Terrific Kids



The Seven Lakes Kiwanis have announced their Terrific Kids at West End Elementary School for the first nine weeks.

They are pictured at left:

**Front Row:** Amber Robinson, Alex Crowell, Edwin Sulvaran, Bailey Benton, Rebekah Lee, Bobby Capps, Amanda Felix, Shaquille Jones, Leslie Rodriguez, Sabrae Locklear.

**Middle Row:** Marcus Mclv-

er, Sienna Salang, Griffin Hartney, David McInnis, Devin Collins, Bayleigh Hess, Amy Santos, Samantha Patterson, Claire Menard, Megan Shutt.

**Back Row:** Charlotte Herbst, Emily Miller, Jacob Hofstetter, Isiah Hinson, Jessie Outland, Michael Shuster, Cody Fitzgerald, Austin Patterson, Brianna Homey, Ryan Tillman.

## Blood donors give 66 pints in November

by Jack Lynn

Collection for blood donations on November 16 was close to our goal with 66 productive units collected. There was a surprising number of deferrals due to low hemoglobin. This is a heads-up to keep taking those iron supplements if needed.

Donation processing was very efficient due to the increased

staff and increased number of preregistrations.

Winners of ARC first aid kits were: Kay Houlihan, Maureen Malone and Erik Stromberg. The next Seven Lakes blood drive will be on Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

Thank you donors and volunteers for your support of those in need.

## Small area plans

(Continued from page 1)

in the North to Foxfire Village's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction in the South.

Six months later, the process would begin in Area B — the Vass, Cameron, and Lobelia Area. Based on experience with the first two small areas, the process would ultimately be rolled out across the state.

The resolution also calls for two planning board members who reside in or near each small area to provide oversight of the process in that area.

The Commissioner's agenda for their Monday, November 21

agenda did not include small area plans. The commissioners have expressed some support for small area planning in the past, but asked to have the planning board weigh in on the matter before moving forward.

**Cabinet shop.** The planning board also approved a conditional use permit for a woodworking and cabinet shop on MacDougall Drive in the Seven Lakes Business Area.

Travis Alfrey sought approval for the shop, which will be located beside Seven Lakes Ken-

nels and across the street from the Seven Lakes Cemetery.

Both Alfrey and the planning staff proposed several conditions designed to minimize any noise from the operation. Alfrey told the board that all woodworking operations will be confined inside the shop.

In its report on the application, the planning staff noted that the Seven Lakes Business Village is already home to three woodworking shops and nine construction-related uses.

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Michelle, you are not only a gifted decorator, but also a wonderful person to work with. We, came down and in two whirlwind days were able to pick out almost all the appliances, plumbing fixtures, lighting, rugs, tile, flooring, cabinets, other similar items. The idea of setting our own standards and allowances was truly unique and extremely helpful. You and your talents are a definite asset to your customers. Friends that have come to visit have been so impressed by the quality of our home. We smile and say, "Chuck would have it no other way. He is his hardest critic."

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# WEES announces Distinguished List

Judith Douglas, principal and the faculty of West End Elementary School announce the following students have been named to the distinguished list and honor roll for the first nine weeks grading period.

## Distinguished List

**Fourth Grade:** Kirsten Alvarez, Joshua Barnes, Javier Bustos, Kinsey Lee, Sam Lewis, Mollie Maples, Lexi Martinez, Will Morris, Garrett Newman,

Devin Oldham, Danielle Paran, Allison Rabstajnek, Sarah Rabstajnek, Landsay Rubino, Sienna Salang, Stephen Sawyer, Michael Shuster, Megan Shutt, Jeanne Sisk, Joshua Stockwell.

**Fifth Grade:** Hana Bornhorst, Dakota Chavis, Cody Fitzgerald, Aly Fowler, Kori Godwin, Mary Kathryn Hurst, David McInnis, Hannah Munro, Hunter Oliver, Zachary Pipkin, Austin Puckett, Nolan Shoemake, Andrew Turner, Deena Walters, Kara

Zoellner.

## B Honor Roll

**Fourth Grade:** Dalton Bullard, Currie Chavez, Alex Crowell, Tyler Crowell, Kyle Dove, Sedris Dumas, Amanda Felix, Briana Goodwin, Jacob Green, Griffin Hartney, Charlotte Herbst, Christopher Isom, David Ivey, Josie Lee, Emily Lewis, Duncan McDonald, Claire Menard, Danny Neely, Aimee Pincock, Noah Richardson, Ashley Ritter,

Megan Short, Brett Stewart, Ashley Storz, Christina Valena, Dylan Wallace, Cody Warner,

**Fifth Grade:** Miranda Allen, Billy Anderson, Gustavo Arroyo, Sawyer Bateman, T.J. Bouchelle, Dakota Buccos, Raley Carpenter, Brianna Chriscoe, Whyatt Davis, Miranda Freeman, Ryan

Garner, Jack Geshel, Dylan Gesme, Cody Gore, Tanner Haley, Bayleigh Hess, Brianna Horney, Dylan Lord, Adam Marchetti, Blake McCutchen, Christy Nurnberg, Jose Ramirez, Amber Robinson, Trent Sloan, Branndi Wall, Douglas Warnock, Jordan Wilkins.

# Methodists participate in Operation Christmas Child

by Jackie Giles

The Shoe Box Ministry was started in 1993 by Samaritan's Purse as a means of reaching hurting children throughout the world.

Since 1993, 38 million shoe boxes have been collected and delivered.

Over 55,000 churches from dozens of dominions participate in Operation Christmas Child each year.

The U.S. and ten other countries take part in the shoe box ministry, reaching some 120 third world countries with their gifts.

The West End United Methodist Church has taken part in the shoe box ministry now for the past eight years.

This year the church collected over 100 shoe boxes that were dedicated on November 13 during the worship service.

Operation Christmas Child is to share God's love with boy's and girl's in the far corners of our world.

Many of the children are refugees of civil war, survivors of a natural disasters, or victims of extreme poverty. They need to know that they are precious to God.

It is very humbling to think that a simple shoe box, filled with toys and school supplies could have such an impact on one small child.

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# SLCC plans New Year's Eve celebration

Seven Lakes Country Club New Year's Eve Celebration. This year's party, featuring an international cruise ship theme the "SS Seven Lakes."

The evening begins at 7:00 pm Saturday, December 31 at the

Club with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner at 8:00 pm.

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 mem-

bers 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.

# County Choral Society concert next weekend

The sounds of the season will ring out in beautiful harmony as the Moore County Choral Society presents its annual Hol-

iday 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, gui-

tar 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.

# Moore OnStage auditions

If you remember the Lindy Hop or Swing, we want you to come audition as dancers in Moore OnStage's upcoming production of "Swing," which will play February 3 - 12.

Or even if you don't remember those dances, but are a dancer who wants to learn, come on

out to auditions.

All dancers must be able to sing as part of a chorus. In other words, you must be able to carry a tune.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, December 3 between 9:00 am and noon at Taylor

Dance studio, 308 Ampersand Rd behind Food Lion on Hwy 5, next to Sandhills Gymnastics. Come to auditions ready to dance.

For more information, call 255-0667 between 2:00 and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

## Little Brown Jug Tournament

The Little Brown Jug Tournament will be held at Seven Lakes Country Club on December 10, with a 9 Hole Shot Gun start at 1:00 pm.

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The performers take on songs as diverse as *Silver Bells*, *The Boar's Head Carol*, *We Three Kings*, *Holly Jolly Christmas*, *Here Comes Santa Claus*, *Here We Come a Wassailing* and a rather memorable rendition of *The*

*Chipmunk Song* as they share stories and reminiscence of Christmases gone-by.  
“The Best of the Rest of Broadway Christmas” will be presented December 1 through Decem-

ber 18.  
Tickets are on sale now, \$18 for adults, \$15 for groups & military, and \$10 for students. Call the Temple Theatre Box Office at (919) 774-4155 for tickets.

## Beaconette champs



**Katy Swain is October Champ**  
The Beaconette Club Championship final game was played on October 13, with the best of two out of three games.  
The 2005 Champion is Katy Swain with a total score of 67. Second, third and fourth place winners were close, with Linda Talbott scoring 75, Easter Cassidy 76, and Alice Shaughnessy 77.  
**At right: Katy Swain**




**Paula Hill is November Champ**  
The Beaconette Champion for November is Paula Hill with a total of 33. Other winners in Flight 2 were: Second place, Pauline Hawkins with a 36 and a tie for third place winners Bev Cavault and Norma Sullins with 39 each. Flight 1 winners were Ruth Shannon, 1st place with 36, Pat Blair 2nd place with 39, and a tie for 3rd with 40 each were Ann Doster, Jo Nicolas and Nancy Steelman.  
**At left: Paula Hill**

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**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**  
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| SEVEN LAKES HOMESITES  |                         |
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| 216 W Devonshire       | .....\$10,000           |
| 143 Lancashire         | .....\$16,000           |
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| 101 Hastings           | .....\$29,900           |
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| 327 Longleaf           | .....\$100,000          |
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