

Village limits may be moving

The Foxfire Village limits may be moving further out Richmond Road.

During the Tuesday, March 14 meeting of the Foxfire Village Council Mayor reported that twelve landowners who together hold approximately 300 acres on both sides of Richmond Road

just beyond the village limits have expressed an interest in being annexed.

Village Clerk Janice Thomas will work to verify their interest and begin the annexation process. Erickson noted that preliminary talks about annexation have also been held with owners of property in the Grande Pines development.

Street Paving. In other business, the council pledged to support two former mayors in their efforts to get the Eastside's

Woodland Circle Extension paved.

In a presentation that capped a lengthy Tuesday, March 14 council meeting, former Mayor

Wayne Arnold asked the council to agree to sign a petition of property owners to have the street paved, as well as to pay the village's share of

the paving cost. The village owns lots on the street, which was left out of the major infrastructure project which got the rest of the Eastside paved a number of years ago.

Arden McConnell, another former Foxfire mayor, was a key player in the Eastside project, and has joined with Arnold in trying to finish the job by paving Woodland Circle Extension.

McConnell and Arnold pointed out that moving the project for-

(See "Council," p. 33)

Foxfire Council Meeting 3/14

Vietnam vets chartered



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966 of Moore County recently received their Chapter Charter. Presenting the charter to Chapter President Joe Kristek and some of the thirty-one Chapter members, is Harold Joll, Vice President of the North Carolina State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. For more information about Chapter 966 call 673-4562.

County approves new Westside neighborhood

The old airstrip in Seven Lakes West will soon be sprouting \$300,000 homes, assuming developer Ron Myers and his engineers can satisfy county concerns about drainage and make a few other adjustments to their subdivision plans.

Moore County's Subdivision Review Board gave preliminary approval on Tuesday, March 7 to Myers plans for a twenty-five lot subdivision — Colton's Corner — on 23 acres at the intersection of Longleaf and Gateway Drives.

Three years ago, the county had evaluated a subdivision that would have placed 36 homes clustered around six cul-de-sacs on the site. That propos-

al ran into some stiff opposition from Westside residents.

Myers proposal is more traditional, stringing one-acre lots along Longleaf and Gateway.

Myers, a prominent player in Moore County real estate development told *The Times* on Wednesday that he has the

Colton's Corner lots pre-sold to local builders who have agreed to his design criteria. The homes will be a minimum of 2,200 square feet ranging up to 3,000 square feet. Exteriors will be mainly brick and stone, Myers

(See "County," p. 34)



Showing the green — Jerry and Patt Lewin teamed up with Connie and John Loy to organize Seven Lakes' St. Patrick's Day parade, held on March 11. See page 12 for more pictures.

Annual Meetings

The two landowners associations that govern the residential areas in Seven Lakes hold their annual meetings this month. The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association meets in the Great Room of the Westside Park Community Center this Sunday at 2:00 pm.

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association meets next Sunday, March 26, at 3:00 pm at the West End Elementary School gym. Registration begins at 2:30 pm.

Spring reminder: Time to clean up!

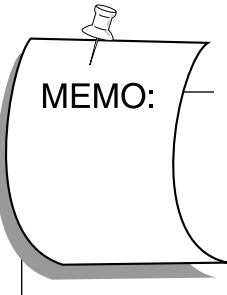
Jeff Herman
The Seven Lakes Community Standards Committee would like to remind all residents that it is time for spring cleaning. For most residents the home is the biggest investment they will ever make and it is one worth protecting. It is not only our responsibility, it is our duty based on our rules and regulations to keep our properties neat and clean. Let's

set a goal to get rid of the limbs, pine straw and pine cones this month and keep Seven Lakes beautiful. Reminder of the Seven Lakes Landowners Rules and Regulations
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or parcel and any improvements thereon, including bulkheads and docks. The owner shall regularly remove or cause to be removed therefrom fallen trees and limbs, yard debris, garbage,

trash and other unsightly objects regardless of their source as

well as any tree or branches which may be in danger of falling on a public road or neighboring property. Grass and weeds on improved and/or cleared lots shall be kept mown to under 6 inches in length. Greater lengths must be approved in writing by the Community Manager.



MEMO:

Board Notes

Jeff Herman
SLLA Board

Two fireworks displays for 7 Lakes this year

Seven Lakes will have two fireworks displays this fourth of July — one on Lake Auman and one on Lake Sequoia. Seven Lakes Landowners Association President Jack Fathauer told *The Times* on Tuesday that the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association board voted in a work session to fund a separate Westside display rather than continue two-year-old

reciprocal arrangement that had the annual fireworks display alternating between Lake Auman and Lake Sequoia. The West Side hosted the display for the first time last year, and SLWLA President Jim Meikle told *The Times*, "The input after the display from both sides was that the general feeling was that each side should have its own." A number of Northside resi-

dents last summer urged the SLLA board to continue the yearly displays on Sequoia rather than continuing the reciprocal arrangement. "Member donations to support this activity are most welcome," SLWLA Secretary Jan Patton told *The Times*. Patton said she understood the display will add \$3,000 to \$4,000 to the association's annual budget.

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Curious about the 7 Lakes Civic Group?

by Davie Kinney, President
Seven Lakes Civic Group

We were quite surprised — and frankly embarrassed — to hear that some Seven Lakers don't know about the Seven Lakes Civic Group. So, here's our story — who we are, what we're about.

We were incorporated ten years ago as a not-for-profit organization. Back then, the three landowners associations (now two, with the merger of Beacon Ridge and the West Side) were kept busy managing "within the gates." The Business Guild was pretty much focused on events and situations within the village. Understandably, no one was paying much attention to what was happening and likely to happen outside our immediate area that would impact our community for better or for worse.

Adoption of the county Land Use Plan and the supporting Zoning Ordinance in 1999 served as a wake-up call. The Civic group became even more highly focused on existing and emerging issues "outside the gates" and on favorably influencing decisions that address issues of concern or interest to Seven Lakes businesses and residents.

To influence these decisions, we have worked diligently to get the decision-makers — commissioners, county manager, planning and community development, public utilities — to know Seven Lakes better, to understand our concerns, our interests, and our needs. The

flip side is we needed to understand their agendas and their rationale for decisions they make. I believe we are succeeding in this on-going effort to "put Seven Lakes on the map."

And we're maintaining a good working relationship with NCDOT, because roads and traffic are not only county-wide issues but also an important local issue. Of spe-

cial interest are turning the village roads over to NCDOT, traffic management at the intersection of Seven Lakes Drive and the North/South gates, 2009 widening of NC 211 east into town, the later widening west to US-220/I-73/74, and any associated bypasses. On each of these issues, we're working as a team with the Business Guild

and/or Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

The Seven Lakes community

has grown very significantly in the past ten years. Not only our

(See "Curious," p. 4)



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County Candidates Forum planned for Seven Lakes

The Seven Lakes Civic Group and the Moore County chapter of the League of Women Voters are teaming up to bring a county candidates forum to the West Side Park Community Center on April 18 at 7:00 pm, in what may be the first such event in the community's history.

Three seats on the county Board of Commissioners are in play this year, and each of those races has attracted at least two candidates. The three open at-large seats on the Moore County Board of Education have attracted a seven-candidates field, placing that race on the May primary ballot.

Candidates in all these races will be invited to participate in April 18 forum. Watch upcoming issues of *The Times* for more details.

BB&T Seven Lakes Wins Sterling Award



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community but the larger area roughly between Pinewild and west to the Montgomery County line and south around Jackson Springs is projected to grow as much in the future. It's critically important that we have a say in that growth — where it will be, what kind it will be, what are its consequences?

We are working with county

Planning and Community Development to apply the concept of "small area planning" to create a land-use plan, zoning, and related regulations specific to this area. A Small Area Plan will better satisfy the concerns, interests, and needs of both out immediate community and the larger area surrounding us. The commissioners' approval is expected in about a month.

Close to home is the opportunity to upgrade the business village with regulations that ban buildings such as the Quonset hut on MacDougall Drive and that put in place some building standards. It's an opportunity to make the village more attractive to not just customers but to new businesses — and to increase property values. It now seems it's possible for the Business Guild, working with county Planning and Community Development, to get started on this endeavor before a Small Area Plan gets really started. It's safe to say the Business Guild will solicit ideas from the community and its various organizations.

And that's our story.

The Seven Lakes Civic Group is committed to preserving and, most importantly, to improving the quality of life, property values, and safety of the residents and businesses of our community. We keep aware of current and developing issues beyond the community that could impact us. We work with county officials and other key decision-makers, and team up with various community organizations to make

good things happen.

We hope you now better understand who we are and what we are about.

We need your support. Your letters to the editor do help. Your presence at the commissioner's meetings (first Monday at 2:00 pm; third Monday at 6:00 pm) when Seven Lakes-related issues are discussed does help. And we want and need your thoughts and ideas. They help us, they're important to us.

We need your financial support as well. We do have expenses, modest as they are. Our dues are modest, too — ten dollars per year. For current member households, 2006 dues are now due. We ask others — those new to Seven Lakes and those who

simply haven't yet joined — to join us with your dues. Payment can be made to Don Truesdell, 880 Seven Lakes North, or dropped off at either landowners office.

Your dues not only help defray our expenses but also are a good indicator of your support of what we do.

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Business Guild to host Planning Director

Moore County Planning Director Andrea Surratt — a Seven Lakes resident — will be the featured speaker at the Thursday, March 23 meeting of the Seven Lakes West End Area Business Guild.

Surratt will address the new Small Area Planning initiative proposed for Moore County — and how it may impact the Seven Lakes Business Village.

The meeting, at Beacon Ridge Country Club, starts at 5:30 pm with a 45-minute networking session featuring hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Surratt's presentation will follow. Beacon Ridge, First Bank, and Phoenix Fashions are sponsoring the event.

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Catholic school to host information session

There's a new Catholic school in the works for Moore County, and next week folks in the Seven Lakes and West End area will get a chance to learn more about it.

Westsider Susan Gibbons, who chairs the capital campaign for Pope John Paul II Catholic School, will host a get-together from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on March 23 at the Coffee Scene for folks who want to learn more about the school's plans for expansion.

Pope John Paul II Catholic School is already up and running, offering classes for Pre-Kindergarten III through sixth grade in a building that was used for Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School thirty years ago. Since classes began in 2002, enrollment has increase 150 percent. In just three school years, they've grown from 39 to 99 students — and anticipate three times that many in another five years.

“We are completely out of space,” Gibbons, who has a third grader enrolled at the school, told The Times. Registration for the 2006-2007 school year is already underway, Gibbons said, and the Kindergarten class is already full. “We could fill up another Kindergarten, but we simply don't have the room,” Gibbons said.

The solution to the growing interest and limited classroom space is to build a brand new twenty-two classroom school

on 22 acres on Camp Easter Road in Southern Pines. In addition to classrooms, the school will include a science lab, a media center, a full-service computer learning center, an art and music room, and a language laboratory. Moving beyond academics, the facility will include play yards, ball fields, a gym, a dining room, and a small chapel.

The new school will serve Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade and accommodate up to 400 students.

Gibbons is chairing the committee charged with raising the \$4 million needed to pay for this project. Since starting the campaign last August, they have already raises \$1.2 million, Gibbons said. Now they are taking their message to communities throughout the county — hosting events like the one planned for Seven Lakes next week.

“Our school is like a family,” Gibbons said. Her capital committee is working to enlarge that fam-

ily by finding others in the community who are interested in supporting quality Catholic education in Moore County.

Members of the community who share that interest are invited to meet with Gibbons at the Coffee Scene in Seven Lakes Business Village from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 23. For additional information, call Gibbons at 673-5310 or email her at jgibbons1@nc.rr.com.

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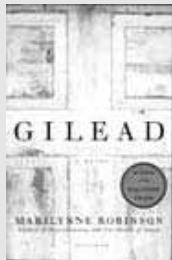
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"Swing" — a teen choral group the Ambrosios created in Long Island, New York, introduced

more recent numbers like "Crazy," "Moondance," and "California Dreaming."

"We built the arrangements around the kids," explains Connie. "We'd give them a selection of tunes to choose from. After a couple of months of working with us, someone would say, 'I want to do this song.' This is your group, not ours," we'd tell them."

Joe, who worked as a professional musician and arranger for big names including Marvin Hamlisch and the Bee Gees, developed all the arrangements for the group.

The result was some outstand-

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Joe and Connie Ambrosio of Swing Carolina

scores of teens to the joy of performing great music, smartly arranged, and enthusiastically delivered.

And now they are bringing that same high-energy approach to kids in Seven Lakes and the surrounding area. They've adopted "Swing Carolina" as the name for the new choral group, and are starting now to identify teens interested in participating in a seven-week summer choral program.

Joe Ambrosio directed the choral programs at Islip High School for 14 years. He and Connie created "Swing" as an extracurricular program for talented students who wanted to have even more fun singing.

"Our repertoire was very eclectic," Joe said, including standards like "Mack the Knife" and "Sentimental Journey," as well as

ing music, some of which, fortunately, was preserved on CDs. "Swing" pulled together three concert sets every school year, and performed all over Long Island.

The Ambrosios retired to Seven Lakes earlier this year, and now they want to see whether they can bring the Swing concept to Moore County.

"We don't know what the potential here is," Connie told *The Times*, "So we wanted to start with a summer workshop."

The group — open to young people aged 13 to 18 — will meet one night a week, two hours a night, for seven weeks. The Ambrosios are working with Seven Lakes Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane to find rehearsal space for the group. They expect rehearsals to begin the third week in June.



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Foxfire Festival is 3/25!

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NASA engineer to address Lions 3/23

Join the Seven Lakes Lions Club as they welcome, Rodney Grubbs an engineer with the Marshall Spaceflight Center at Huntsville, AL. Mr. Grubbs worked on the Columbia accident recovery project and on the International Space Station using High Definition TV to record the

launches and exterior shots of the space station.

Grubbs will present an audio visual overview about imagery upgrades made in the wake of the Columbia Space Shuttle accident. Topics will include High Definition Television (HDTV) upgrades to ground tracking

systems and an airborne HDTV system called the WB-57 Ascent Video Experiment. Rarely seen tracking video will be shown at the end of the presentation.

Mr. Grubbs is the lead for NASA's DTV implementation efforts and is Chairman and the Principal Investigator for flights



Rodney Grubbs
of HDTV cameras on the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. He is project manager for the conversion of NASA TV to an all-digital multi-channel-system.

This exciting presentation will begin at 7:30 pm at the March 23

Sandhills Lion's meeting, held in the Seven Lakes West Side Community Center.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy a buffet dinner before the presentation. Reservations for the buffet are required, as seating space is limited. The meal will start at 6:00 pm and cost \$10/person. Please call either Ray Lambert at (910) 673-3006 or Howie Pierce at (910) 673-2087 for reservations.

Those wishing to attend the presentation only are welcome, but on a first-come-first served basis due to the limited seating.

Jackson Springs scholarship

The Jackson Springs Community Club will award a scholarship of \$1000.00 to a graduating high school senior in 2006 who resides in Jackson Springs, and who has been accepted at an accredited school of higher learning with at least a two year degree program.

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future career choice.

"This scholarship is part of our continued effort to work for the enhancement of the Jackson Springs Community," said Cecil Blake, President of the club.

"Our other projects for 2006 include: cleanup of Mill Road in Jackson Springs, presentation of awards to outstanding citizens of Jackson springs, delivery of food baskets to shut-ins, widows and widowers, maintenance and improvement of the Community Building for community activities, and donations

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Debbie Miriello joins Whelan Realty, LLC

John Whelan of Whelan Realty, LLC is excited to announce that a local broker is joining his company, Debbie Miriello, formally of Realty World-Pinnock, has joined his office and will be offering buyer's agency and listing services.

Many Seven Lakers have already worked with Debbie and have commented that she is "professional, easy to work with, always puts their interests first, and becomes a friend for life." Miriello was a top producer with Realty World-Pinnock and is looking forward to continued success with Whelan.

Miriello found Seven Lakes as many of you, through the internet. She chose to live here for many reasons : property values, great school system, amenities, and great place to sell real estate, Her enthusiasm for the area is an asset that is very much a part of her success in real estate. She believes in what she sells.

Many of you who know Miriello know that she feels strongly about being involved in the community. She is Chair of the Moore County Leadership Institute of the Moore County Chamber of Commerce, Co-Chair of the United



Debbie Miriello

Way Campaign, and active in her church. Her motto is "if you need something done, give it to a busy person to do" . . . certainly an important quality for a Realtor.

Miriello grew up in Raleigh, and graduated from North Carolina State University. She moved from Fayetteville, where she worked with Townsend Real Estate. She, her daughter, Ali and

and their dog Wishbone have been living in Seven Lakes for a little over three years.

In addition to her real estate experience, she sold and marketed a 457(b) preretirement annuity and life insurance program and coordinated preretirement programs for state government employees. Stop by the office at South Park Townhouse and say hello to Debbie.

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Tips for surviving tornado season

contributed by T. Ray Jackson
Seven Lakes EMS

Tornadoes can occur with little or no warning. The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety recommends that family members have a safety plan to respond quickly in case a tornado threatens at home, work or school.

Listen to local weather broadcasts

- Listen to the radio, local television, weather channel or a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) radio for information on any severe weather in your area.
- A watch means conditions are right for tornado formation; a warning means a tornado has actually been sighted.

Go to the lowest level and inner rooms

- If a tornado threatens, the safest place to be is underground in a basement or storm cellar.
- If you have no basement, go to an inner hallway or smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.
- Do not open or close windows. Stay away from them.
- Stay away from skylights and large open areas.
- Stay out of gymnasiums, auditoriums and other rooms with a large expanse of roof.
- Try to find something sturdy you can get under to protect yourself from flying debris or a collapsed roof.
- Crouch on the floor in the egg position.
- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.

Mobile homes

- If severe weather threatens seek other shelter. Even mobile homes with tie-downs are not safe from high winds.
- Know beforehand where you can go for safe shelter whenever the weather turns bad.

If you are outside

- Lie on the ground, in a ditch or depression if possible.

- Use your arms to protect your head and neck and wait for the storm to pass.
- While waiting, be alert for the flash floods that sometimes accompany tornadoes.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in a car. A tornado can toss cars and trucks around like toys.
- If you see a funnel cloud or hear a tornado warning issued, get out of your vehicle and find safe shelter immediately.

Danger signs

- Falling hail is a danger sign if there is a tornado watch or warning posted.
- An approaching cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado, even if a funnel is not visible.
- The wind may die down and the air may become very still before a tornado hits.
- Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm.
- It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

Tornado Facts

- A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from the base of a thunderstorm to the ground and swirling with debris. (A funnel cloud rotates, but has no contact with the ground, no debris and is not doing any damage).

- Tornadoes usually are preceded by very heavy rain and sometimes hail.
- If hail falls from a thunderstorm, it is an indication that the storm has large amounts of energy and may be severe. In general, the larger the hailstones, the more potential for damaging thunderstorm winds or

- tornadoes.
- The most violent tornadoes can have wind speeds of 250 miles per hour or more.
- The typical width of a tornado is about 50 yards wide.
- An average tornado damage path is one to two miles long. However, a tornado damage path can be more than one mile wide and 50

- miles long.
- The average tornado moves from southwest to northeast, though tornadoes have been known to move in any direction.
- The average forward speed of a tornado is 30 mph but may vary from nearly stationary to 70 mph.
- Tornadoes can occur

(See "Tornado," p. 15)

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Lisa Stewart joins Prudential's office here

Kay Beran, President of Prudential Gouger O'Neal & Saunders Real Estate, proudly announces the addition of Lisa Stewart, as a broker associate in their new Seven Lakes office.

A native of central New York State, Lisa obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University.



Lisa Stewart
olina Real Estate license in 2002; in 2005 my North Carolina Broker's license, and the ABR Accredited Buyer Representative designation."

Lisa further commented, "I am excited that Prudential Gouger O'Neal & Saunders has opened a branch office in Seven Lakes. I have found the staff to be professional in every sense of the word. Attention to all the

details and to their clients' needs is of major importance. I look forward to being a part of the team concept with the Pinehurst and Southern Pines offices."

Lisa Stewart is working as a full-time real estate broker in the Seven Lakes Office.

You may reach her by calling 603-4500.

Project Linus Needs Fabric Donations

Project Linus Sandhills Moore County Chapter is a 100% volunteer nonprofit organization furnishing fleece, knitted, crocheted or quilted blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. The number of blankets provided by Project Linus is directly related to the monetary, fleece, yarn and quilting material donations of the community. We need your help! As you begin your spring cleaning remember Project Linus. We have volunteers ready to turn your giveaways into blankets. Please call Pat Weber 673-1457 to arrange pick up/ delivery of items or if you have any questions.

Tornado checklist

- (Continued from page 14)
- throughout the year; however, the peak season in North Carolina is March through May.
 - Tornadoes are most likely to occur between late afternoon and early evening, but the twisters have been known to occur at all hours of the day or night.
 - The National Weather Service uses Doppler weather radar to sense the air movement within thunderstorms. Early detection of increasing rotation aloft within a thunderstorm can allow time for lifesaving warnings before a tornado forms.

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Harriet E. Brisbane, 78, of Seven Lakes, formerly of Piffard, NY died Friday, March 3 at HCR Manor Care of Pinehurst.

She was born in Dansville, NY to the late Nathan and Virginia McClure Turney.

Mrs. Brisbane was a graduate of Indiana University and was employed by International Salt Company in Retsof, NY for 35 years as an executive secretary. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and was an accomplished knitter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Frances Turney.

Survivors include her husband William B. Brisbane; daughters, Robin M. Snyder of San Antonio, TX and Natalie Garner of Seven Lakes; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 7 at Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes. Interment was at Seven Lakes Cemetery.

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

Kenneth H. Norris, 84, died at Ginger Cove Life Care Community in Annapolis, MD on March 5.

A native of Maplewood, NJ, he graduated from Columbia High School and Lehigh University where he earned a BS in Industrial Engineering.

Upon graduation in 1943, he was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy and was stationed at the South Boston Navy Yard for 2-1/2 years. Following his service in World War II, he spent 35 years with the New York Telephone Company in various line management and sales and marketing positions, including service as the first Director of the Bell System Business Communication Seminar for top executives.

Mr. Norris was married for 62 years to his high school sweetheart, Betty Turck, until her passing last December. They lived in Greenwich, CT for 28 years where he served as a delegate to the Representative Town Meeting, sang in the Greenwich Chorale, and was active in the First Presbyterian Church and the

Rocky Point Club. They spent over 20 years in retirement in Seven Lakes, where they enjoyed golfing together. Mr. Norris was active in numerous civic and music organizations as well as the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. They moved to Ginger Cove in Annapolis in 2004.

Mr. Norris is survived by three children: Jeffrey Norris of Severna Park, MD; Eric Norris of Missoula, MT; and Deborah Eddington of Vergennes, VT; seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Ginger Cove on Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 pm and his ashes will be interred at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Ginger Cove Foundation (4000 River Crescent Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401) or the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines (2125 Seven Lakes South, West End, NC 27376).

Charlene Jones Fipps, 49 of Aberdeen died Monday, March 13 at her home.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 16 at New Home Baptist Church with bur-

ial in Pinelawn Memorial Park.

Ms. Fipps was born in Erwin, she was employed with Minute-Man Power Boss for over 20 years.

She was a North Carolina EMT serving on the Aberdeen Rescue Squad for over 16 years and served as Chaplain.

She was preceded in death by her husband Billy Fipps and her father Mack Weldon Jones, Sr.

Survivors include her daughter Crystal Johnson Reed of Linden, MI; her mother Donna Price Moseley of Southern Pines; her brothers, Mack Jones and Anthony Jones of Southern Pines; her stepdaughters Teresa White of Southern Pines, Debbie Bureau of Seven Lakes, and Patricia Dotan of Pinehurst. Two grandchildren, five step grandchildren and two step great grandchildren also survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to Aberdeen Rescue Squad PO box 308 Aberdeen, NC 28315 or New Home Baptist Church 996 Lobelia Rd. Vass, NC 28394.

Katherine "Katie" Fulmer, 44, of Seven Lakes, died Tuesday, March 14 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pine-

hurst.

She was born in Charlottesville, VA to Roger Carl Fulmer and Jeane Mach Fulmer.

Ms. Fulmer was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Southern Pines, an avid participant of Special Olympics, and formerly employed by Pinetree Enterprises.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roger Fulmer.

Survivors include her mother, Jeane Fulmer of Seven Lakes; two brothers, Karl Fulmer of Transverse City, MI and Kurt

Fulmer of Charlottesville, VA; a sister, Karen Scales of Asheville; a niece and a nephew.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sandhills Animal Rescue League, 396 Thomas Road, Jackson Springs, NC 27281 or to Special Olympics of North Carolina, PO Box 25968, Raleigh, NC 27611-5968. Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of Seven Lakes served the family.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- **St. Patrick's Day**
- **Seven Lakes Country Club** – St. Patrick's Day dinner/dance. Cocktails 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Bob Murphy Trio will entertain with Irish music and a sing-a-long. Meal and entertainment is \$16.95, all-inclusive. Nonmembers \$21.95. Reservations, 673-1100.
- **Lenten Friday Nite Fish Fry at St. Anthony** – (every Friday through April 7), 5:30-7:00 pm, 320 North Ashe St, Southern Pines. \$7 adults, \$4 ages 6-12; kids under 6, free. Proceeds supporting the Knights of Columbus Council 6528 and St Anthony's Parish.
- **North Carolina Clay: Past and Present** – on going exhibit. 10:00 to 4:00 pm daily. Seagrove, NC Pottery Center. 336-873-8430.
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SUNDAY, MARCH 19

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 2:00 pm, Annual meeting, West Side Park Community Center.
- **West End Presbyterian Church Mexico Mission Team dinner/silent auction** – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Spaghetti Dinner. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 10 and under. Call 673-4341 if you need dinner tickets.
- **Pinehurst Covenant Church** – Gospel Sing-a-long with Friends on at 6:00 pm. Bring your family and friends to enjoy an old fashioned sing-a-long followed by ice cream social. Nursery available.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

- **Classical Conversations** – 7:00 pm, a Free parent information meeting. Parents interested in joining the home school support services are welcome to attend. Meet at the store – 1030B Seven Lakes Drive.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

- **How Prayer can have practical impact on healing terrorism, war, stress** – 7:30 pm. Speaker:

Col. Ryder Stevens, Ret. Member of the Christian Science Board of Lecture-ship at the Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines. This talk is free, and everyone is welcome to attend. Child care will be provided. For additional information, call 692-7759. Sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist in Southern Pines.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

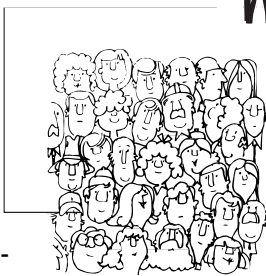
- **Seven Lakes Build Guild** – 5:30 pm, meeting at Beacon Ridge Country Club. Guest Speaker is Andrea Surratt, Moore County Planning Director. Guild members and local business owners are welcome to attend.
- **Tai Chi Open House** – 5:00 pm, at Seven Lakes Massage and Body Therapies. Master Lee Holbrook will demonstrate the art of Tai Chi for seniors who want to improve their overall health and well being. Located at 1030 Seven Lakes Drive, Suite H. 673-2000.
- **Seven Lakes Lions Club** – dinner at 6:00 pm, West Side Community Activity Center. 7:30 pm, Rodney Grubbs of NASA will present an audio visual overview about imagery upgrades made to the space shuttle program. Buffet dinner cost is \$10. Public invited. Call Ray Lambert 673-3006 or Howie Pierce 673-2087..
- **Bookshop by the Lakes** – 7:00 pm, book group to discuss *Gilead*, by Pulitzer Prize author Marilynne Robinson.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

- **Fling into Spring** – 6:00 pm, West Side Community Activity Center. BYOB. \$15/person. Casual dress. Tickets available at WSPCC. Call Betty Milligan 673-1462.
- **Spaghetti Supper** – **West End Methodist Church**, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Tickets \$7/person, available from the church and sold at the

door. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Boy Scout Troop 98 for continued construction and development of their Scout camp.

What's When Calendar



SATURDAY, MARCH 25

- **Foxfire Festival** – 9:00 am -4:00 pm. White Elephant Sale, bake sale, Bluebird Run/Walk. Music at noon with Jeni Hankins and Billy Kemp. Vendors from around the area will be set with Garden Displays, Antiques, Bluebird displays and

information.

- **Medleyanna's Antiques** – 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Sweet & Toxic CD Release Party for Jeni Hankins and Billy Kemp. Free concert. Come and enjoy the music.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 2:30 pm, Annual meeting at West End Elementary School gym.
- **March Madness Golf/Dinner** – at Seven Lakes



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TUESDAY, MARCH 28

• **Sandhills Natural History Society Meeting** – 7:00 pm and hear globe-trotting Marine Biologist Todd Pusser speak on his work with Marine Mammals around the world. Mr. Pusser is from the Eagle Springs area and has taken photographs all over the world. Call 692-2167 for meeting location.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

• **Project Linus Workshop** – 10:30 am to 3:30 pm Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The group will be working with fleece (bring sharp scissors – no sewing required), crocheting (bring crochet needle and yarn) and quilting (bring your sewing machine, thread and sharp scissors. Take part in one or all activities. Small group instructions are available. Plan to stay all day or choose your hours. Pack a lunch. Water, coffee and desert will be furnished. Call Pat Weber 673-1457.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

• **Project Linus Workshop** – 10:30 am to 3:30 pm Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The group will be working with fleece (bring sharp scissors – no sewing required), crocheting (bring crochet needle and yarn) and quilting (bring your sewing machine, thread and sharp scissors. Take part in one or all activities. Small group instructions are available. Plan to stay all day or choose your hours. Pack a lunch. Water, coffee and desert furnished. Call Pat Weber 673-1457.

• **Country Bookshop** – 7:00 pm, James Dodson, author of the best-selling *Final Rounds*, shares a year of ‘living botanically,’ in his new book, Beautiful Madness: One Man’s Journey Through Other People’s Gardens.” Refreshments afterward. To reserve your copies or for information, call The Country Bookshop at 910 692 3211, 140 NW Broad St., Southern Pines.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

• **Malcolm Blue Farm Fish Fry** – 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. \$7/plate. Meal includes dessert and beverage. Folk

and Blue Grass Music throughout the day.

• **West Pine Booster’s Club Benefit Auction** – 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm, at Seven Lakes West Community Center. Only \$25 per couple or \$15 single. Auction will follow dinner. Proceeds will go to West Pine Middle School. Farrell Rush at 673-0600 or Tim Maples at 910-576-2265.

• **Moore On Stage presents “Driving Miss Daisy”** – opens at the Sunrise Theatre and continues to play through April 9. For specific dates and times of performances, please call 255-0667 for reservations.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

• **Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – 10:30 am, Nationally known evangelist David Ring of Franklin, TN will speak. The community is invited to attend. The church is located at 1015 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-4656.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

• **Seven Lakes Women’s Auxiliary** – 2:00 pm, North Clubhouse, Dick Lenike will be the guest speaker. Lenike.



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He graduated with a B.A.

Degree from William Jewell Baptist College, Liberty, Missouri in 1976. With his characteristic wit and humor, Ring says he "crammed four years of college into five." In 1978, he was named one of the most outstanding young men in America.

Ring has been a guest on *The Old Time Gospel Hour* and the *700 Club* and has spoken at numerous conferences, youth rallies and state conventions. Engagements take him to over 200 churches annually.

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Bluebirds headline March Aux meeting

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He explained that at one point the Eastern Bluebird was nearly eliminated from the Carolinas due to DDT poisoning, cold weather, competition from house sparrows and starlings and a lack of nest cavities. They have made a remarkable recovery through the help of bird enthusiasts who have put up thousands of bluebird nest boxes.

The Eastern Bluebird likes an open habitat. The most inviting home site is on the edge of an open area. The house should face an unobstructed view with vegetation within 100 feet. Bluebirds enjoy meal worms, insects, fruit and dogwood berries. And yes, they can become intoxicated after ingesting berries that have fermented.

The Eastern Bluebird lays 1 to

6 eggs at the rate of 1 a day. The incubation period is 13 to 14 days. There are usually 3 to 4 broods a year with life expectancy 7 to 8 years.

May we all have the good fortune to see and observe these beautiful birds for our own pleasure.

The meeting concluded with a drawing for a beautiful spring flower arrangement from Southern Grace Flowers and Gifts.

Barbara Flower was the happy, and appropriately named, recipient.

Estate Planning

On February 2, Attorney Victoria P. Brenner spoke to the Women's Auxiliary of Seven Lakes on the topic of Wills and basic Estate Planning. Ms. Brenner has been a partner in the Robbins May & Rich LLP law firm since 1998. Her practice, which

is located in Pinehurst, focuses on trust and estate planning and administration.

Ms. Brenner presented a very informative list of basic planning tools to keep in mind when dealing with your estate. She recommends you have an inventory listing important documents, their location and name and phone number of agents connected to them. She also recommends people have a Will/Living Trust, a Durable Power of Attorney, a Health Care Power of Attorney, a HFPPA Power of Attorney and a Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death, known as a Living Will on hand.

Having all of the above should help create a smooth transition of affairs for the beneficiaries involved.

An extensive question and answer period followed the presentation.

The meeting concluded with a drawing for a beautiful floral arrangement donated by Southern Grace Flowers. The happy recipient was Marie Garvey.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held on April 6 at 2:00 pm. All are welcome.



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Remembering Wendy Tucker, a friend

by Dorothy Eliason
Seven Lakes West

Once upon a time in Seven Lakes there lived a girl named Wendy Tucker. She moved here in 1979 with dad, Don, and mom, Betty. Though a young adult at the time, her mental age was more like 10.

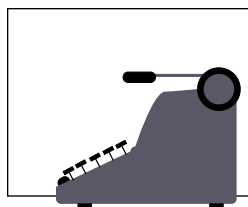
She had a red motor bike and could always be seen running back and forth to the stables. She liked to think she worked there. In fact, or maybe folklore, the vet would ask if Wendy was there when he was coming to tend the horses for he thought the horses were calmer when she was around.

She mucked stalls or anything else that needed doing until someone became anxious about the insurance liability.

I got to know Betty and Wendy at Water Aerobics. I found her to

be a friendly person, easy to get along with as long as I related to her young mind rather than her middle-aged self.

Her dad, Don had died in 1985, leaving the girls to soldier on alone. Wendy had a great work ethic



Your Turn

Dorothy Eliason
Seven Lakes West

and specialized in cleaning. She worked for a while at Pinetree Enterprises, the workshop in the old school in West End.

Wendy loved swimming and skiing and competed several years in the Special Olympics. Betty and Wendy enjoyed bingo, the Birthday Club and water aerobics.

When Betty had a heart attack, it was Wendy who called the Rescue Squad. Betty lingered for a couple months in the hospital. She died in April of 1998. After her mother died, Wendy went to

New Jersey to live with her younger brother, Bill. She was so excited to be with her beloved younger brother. Unfortunately, after only a month, Bill suf-

fered a fatal heart attack while out bike riding. A memorial service for her mother, Betty and brother, Bill was held at the Chapel in the Pines at the end of May 1998.

The house Wendy had lived in on Thistle was sold.

She went back to Bill's house, her Uncle Chet found a house

mate for her at the local ARC office. Janet Keltgen, a retired teacher, taught Wendy the tools of independence which made her very proud.

She got a job, cleaning at a group home. She learned how to get to her job and appointments by bus. This arrangement went on for seven years. A year ago she and her house mate took a Caribbean cruise. Wendy enjoyed social activities run by the local ARC.

This past year Wendy was diagnosed with bone cancer, she had to quit her job, and could no longer get around independently. Janet worried that being alone was bad for the gregarious Wendy and Uncle Chet was called on to find a residence where Wendy could have friends.

Her last call to me was dither-

ing over the details of moving and packing, with assurance that she would call as soon as she knew her new phone number. She moved into New Seasons, an Assisted Living Center, at the end of January 2006. On February 8, Wendy was dead.

Any one who knew her will not forget Wendy. When I try to fix anything, with my two left thumbs I'm reminded of the grit Wendy had. She loved life, cherished her friends and left foot prints, and bike tracks, throughout Seven Lakes. Wendy would have been 56 on April 7.

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Teamwork is the secret of Ball's success

by Mason Gould

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In 1988, after 35 years as owner of a Photographic Supply Business in Cortland, NY, they left central New York, their family and friends, to build a house in Seven Lakes. Now, they are among the most vocal of residents in singing the praises of this community.

In those years up north, other interests kept them alert and active – family, travel, and hobbies. At an early age, Jim's father (carpenter, farmer, builder) started him off with a hammer and a saw. This spawned a life-long interest in woodworking and the ability to do home remodeling for himself and family. Out of his well-equipped workshop, then and now, comes all sizes and shapes of tables, chests and other furniture that will continue to be enjoyed by children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews for many years to come.

A long-time Porsche automobile owner, and member of Porsche Club of America, Jim has been involved with sports car activity. A den full of trophies attests to his success in Racing, Rallying, Hill climbing and Con-couring.

Jim a 35-year member of the Barbershop Singing Society (formerly the Society for the Preservation & Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America) in New York state, and now in North



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Carolina, he has been singing and enjoying the camaraderie fostered by this activity.

Before moving south, Jim and Gloria spent many boating seasons on their 36 foot cabin cruiser on the waterways of the Finger Lakes, the Barge Canal System, and trips across Lake Ontario to the Thousand Islands area and Canada. Having "escaped" from New York state's tough winters, they are now appreciating all four seasons in Seven Lakes.

Gloria is accustomed to keeping busy and creative as well. She is a long-time member of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration which, in order

to obtain membership, required proof of skill in both Stenciling and Country Tin Painting. She is also skilled in applying gold leaf and free-hand bronze to trays and

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Proceeds from the sale will benefit Boy Scout Troop 98 for continued construction and development of their Scout camp.

Teamwork is the secret of Ball's success

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furniture using Early American designs and patterns.

Currently, she is also a member of the local chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild, and the Sandhills Needlers. One

of her recent projects calling for needlework skill was her adaptation of an Ithaca, New York lakefront scene stitched with the use of many different stitches and threads. Asked what is the most demanding trait needed

for practicing this art, Gloria answered without hesitation, "Patience."

Her interests also extend to gardening, which includes being a member of the Moore County Master Gardner Volunteer organ-

ization with their office in the Agricultural Building in Carthage.

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Editorial

Let the sunshine in

If you're given to reading the editorial pages of newspapers, you probably already know that this past week was "Sunshine Week," the annual occasion for newspaper editors to deliver homilies on the importance of open government.

Like the standard "Stewardship Sunday" sermon, these sunshine sermonettes have a familiar structure:

Folks have a right to know what government is up to — how their taxpayer dollars are being spent. Meetings should be open to the public. Government records belong to the people, not the politicians and bureaucrats.

Our state has good laws to help ensure open meetings and public access to records. But the politicians and bureaucrats are wont to backslide, so it's important for citizens — and the press — to be ever vigilant.

These editorial odes to sunshine can get a bit formulaic, but the message is important. Open government is one of the four essential legs that hold up the democratic stool, along with majority rule; universal suffrage; and guaranteed rights to free speech, assembly, petition, and so on.

So we should have one of these sunshine editorials in this space in this issue of *The Times*.

But we have a problem. Two of the most important local "governments" *The Seven Lakes Times* covers are not public bodies, but private, non-profit corporations — the Seven Lakes landowners associations. North Carolina's outstanding open meetings and public records laws don't apply to the associations. That leaves us with considerably less sunshine to editorialize about.

Still, we could sally forth and opine that the Westside board needs to at long last open their work sessions to observation — not participation — by the landowners who are paying for all the great things the board has accomplished over the past few years.

We could opine that the SLLA board needs to publish an easy-to-understand, comprehensive financial statement, complete with staff salary and benefits information, so that the community can have an honest and informed debate about how it wants to balance the great service it now receives against infrastructure needs and holding the line on dues increases.

Or we could write a sunshine editorial that encourages board officers to resist the temptation to hide behind lawyers — for example, when folks get worked up about the eligibility of a board candidate — and give the public straight answers to questions they clearly

have a right to ask.

We could say all that and probably raise at least a couple of hackles around town and feel like we've done our newspaperman's duty to raise hell, given that it's Sunshine Week.

We could say all that, but we won't.

Because it appears we may not have to.

The North Carolina General Assembly has already started down a path that will eventually make landowners associations subject to pretty much the same open meetings and public records standards that apply to town councils and school boards and any other elected body in the state.

Last year the folks up in Raleigh passed a new law that's commonly called by its bill name: "HR 1541."

It's an amendment to the state's Planned Community Act, which the Westside voted to subject itself to a couple of years ago. The SLLA didn't vote to do that, but the legislators made all the good, juicy parts of this new act apply to pretty much every landowners association in the state.

Among other things, HR 1541:

- Requires greater access to association financial records — and gives landowners the right, by a vote of the membership, to require pretty much whatever level of financial disclosure they want.
- Requires that landowners meetings be run according to Robert's Rules of Order, or some other standard the executive board adopts.
- Requires that landowners boards hold public input sessions (not all boards are as good about this as ours here in Seven Lakes).
- Gives the membership the right to remove board members by majority vote in any association meeting where a quorum is present.

So, the General Assembly has made it the state's business to regulate how our community's "private governments" conduct their affairs. And it looks like more sunshine is part of that package.

It's worth noting that an early version of HR 1541 would have required that all association and executive board meetings be open to the public. That language was negotiated out of the final bill, but you can bet it will be back next year, or the year after.

The bottom line for landowners associations in North Carolina?

You can let the sunshine in now, or you can wait a year or two and let the General Assembly pull back the curtains for you.

And the promised report is where?

Dear Editor:

In the February 22 open meeting, I asked a number of questions of our president, Jack Fathauer. His final answer to me was "When the facts come, they will be available to you."

Well the facts have come and are now in. How about those answers? I would still like to know why the community manager found out about Jackie Scotti's delinquent dues in October and yet, did not report this to you until February?

Our by-laws state that our dues are due and payable on or before May 1 and to be a member of the board of directors you must not be delinquent in your dues. Why did she not resign after May 1?

How can a person file bankruptcy and yet be a property

owner in good standing? Why did you want to hide this in a closed session?

If Jackie Scotti was such a member in good standing, why was she on the delinquent dues list in June, also in October, in January, and on February 21?

Why do you wish to cover things up?

Why pay an attorney to show you how to break our by-laws?

Why are you now saying that the report from our attorney could not be made public?

We are the landowners and make up the association and are therefore the client. How can you say it is to protect attorney-client privilege when all of us are the client?

What are you trying to hide?

Mary Hudson
Seven Lakes North

Thanks, Sheriff!

Dear Editor:

My husband and I wish to express our profound gratitude to the Moore County Sheriff's Department and in particular Detectives Morley, Threadgood and Mackey for the professional way they handled the theft of valuables from our home on March 2.

After a prompt arrival, they efficiently handled the investiga-

tion with finger printing equipment and speaking to witnesses. The following day they were able to return some of the stolen property to us.

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Alston and Lisa Reed
Seven Lakes North

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Film reminds us rights must be defended

How many of you watched the Film Academy Awards ceremony two weeks ago?

I'll just bet that few of you still had your eyes glued to your television sets in the early hour of the morning when the best film prize was awarded. I did. But then I am a movie buff who cares about such things.

I understand from the movie critics that the television audience was a few million less than in past years. They claim that this was due to the fact that no big movie spectacle such as *Titanic* or *Ben Hur* was in the running.

Perhaps.

Instead four superior films, *Crash*, *Capote*, *Brokeback Mountain*, and *Good Night and Good Luck* were nominated. *Crash*, an intelligent, complex film about inner city crime, race, and morality won. It deserved that honor.

My favorite, however, was

Good Night and Good Luck, George Clooney's film about the struggle between Edward Murrow and Senator



Ollie's Thoughts

Oliver Gossard

McCarthy over McCarthy's claim that communistic believers were poisoning the U.S. State Depart-

ment, The U.S. Army, American Universities (Harvard particularly) and other parts of American life.

McCarthy had power. Many U.S. Citizens feared that un-American activities were among us. As a young high school teacher, I was appalled that many were calling for teachers to be required to sign a loyalty oath to weed out the disloyal teachers of our youth.

I had recently served three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. I was outraged that I could have my patriotism

challenged. Fortunately, that loyalty oath nonsense didn't happen.

It didn't happen because Edward R. Murrow, Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, Joseph Welch and others refused to buckle under to Senator McCarthy's witch hunt and fought for American liberties.

That's why I cheer for this film, *Good Night and Good Luck*.

It reminds us how precious our American civil liberties are, and how we all should continue to fight to retain those liberties.

Player's triumph sparks hometown pride

Dear Editor:

To all our friends and families from Rochester NY now living in Seven Lakes area, we wish to convey this heart warming compassionate story.

The scene, Greece Athena High School. February 24, 2006, the last boys varsity basketball game of season, Jason McElwain (J-Mac to his classmates) acting as team manager was told to suit up for the final game by Coach Johnson.

The rest can only be scripted in Hollywood. With four minutes left in the game, Coach called his number.

The incredible happened, J-Mac went on to score 20 points

in a little more than three minutes.

Jason, an autistic child being cut from the team was given

Letters to the Editor



the opportunity to play and he performed far and beyond his capability.

The compassion shown by Coach Johnson and his classmates is one for the ages. The game ended with the students

and team storming the floor and hoisting J-Mac on their shoulders.

A video was shot by a school classmate and viewed around the world by ESPN, CBS Evening News, and First Edition to name a few. J-Mac is our hero and an inspiration to all with a learning and physical disability.

You can follow his story by logging on to DemocratandChronicle.com and go to J Mac. Jason will also be seen on the Ellen Degeneres show in March and the Oprah Winfrey show in April. Several movie offers are being made for his story including Disney.

Jason McElwain has made

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by Terry Hunt, SL Village Beautification Committee

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If any donor name has been omitted or misspelled, please forgive and inform the garden elves*. Should anyone wish to contribute or volunteer, call Linda Geiger*, Terry Hunt* or Alice Shaughnessy*. Finally, your positive notes are wonderful – and please let us hear from you with suggestions which we study with care. We want you to be involved!

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Timing is key to setting out annuals

March is here with all the usual weather changes. We can expect some warm days, a few cool, and even cold days, mostly cool and cold nights, and possibly an occasional warm one.

Normally, with these weather variables March in the Sandhills is rather windy. The rainfall amounts this year are much below normal and some weather forecasters are predicting another dry season for 2006. Hopefully, they will be wrong.

About this time of year, questions are asked about putting out flower beds, hanging baskets, vegetable gardens and other annuals.

Your perennials, biannuals, and annuals get off to the best start when soil conditions, moisture, day length, and air and soil temperatures are just right. Annuals are classified as hardy, half-hardy, and tender. The hardy ones can withstand light freezes

and frost and cool to cold soil. Some can be planted here in the Sandhills during Fall, Winter, or early Spring. Examples are pansies and flowering cabbage, vegetable cole crops such as turnips, lettuce, collards, cabbage, green mixtures, onions, English or garden peas, etc.

Half-hardy annuals are best planted after the last frost, but if an unexpected frost occurs. The plants will survive.

Examples: petunias, beans, sweet corn, etc. Tender annuals need warm weather and soil. They cannot be planted outdoors until the danger of frost has passed, some examples: impatiens, zinnias, tomatoes, peppers, and squash, etc.

A 30 year study complied by the United States Departments of Commerce and Agriculture link frost dates, March 20 to April 10. Having lived in the Sandhills more than 30 years, I do not recall a killing frost after April 1.

Several questions have been asked concerning fertilizing warm season Bermuda and Zoysia lawns and if a weed and feed application can be made? If anyone is desiring to feed the bermuda and zoysia lawn the

best time to apply the first application is when it starts to show signs of green. The correct amount of plant food fertilizer to apply is to have the soil tested. In the absence of a soil test, apply 5 to 10 pounds of a premium 10-10-10 lawn fertilizer

them inside at night when temperatures drop below 50 degrees.

Moles and voles are hungry at this time of year. Contact your local garden center to get "mole-go" or another recommended product for control.

Rose growers don't forget to prune your hybrid teas, floribundas, and old fashioned plantings.

If you have put off planting new shrubs, ground covers, and perennials do it as soon as possible. Remember to keep them well

watered.

Now is the time to dig and divide, and replant clumps of chrysanthemums that are growing vigorously.

If you are tired of hand weeding and digging apply a post emergence broadleaf control chemical on your lawn for dandelions, wild garlic onion, hen bit, chickweed, oxalis, commonly known as wood sorrel and others. Some of the most popular trade names are Weed Out, Trimac, Weed B-Gon, and other phenxy types. Read and follow the directions carefully.

Wash your flower pots, hanging baskets, window boxes, and other containers you plan to

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Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

per 1000 square feet of lawn. Most weed and feed formulations contain fertilizers plus chemicals for controlling broadleaf weeds. If one chooses to use the weed and feed treatments, follow the directions specifically when the product is not used properly, poor results will occur.

March reminders:

Now is the time to apply pre emergence crabgrass prevention control to your lawn. The rule is apply before the dogwood trees reach full bloom.

During mild days put your houseplants outdoors. Bring

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SEPs offer advantages for self-employed

This column applies only to self-employed individuals, independent contractors and others that generate '1099' earned income. I don't mean to target a specific segment of the reading audience, but this is information I want to put out now, and it only applies to self-employed individuals.

That is because anyone eligible to contribute to a Self Employed Pension (SEP) may do so between now and the date their 2005 income tax returns are due (including extensions) and are permitted to deduct 100% of the contribution up to certain limits (25% of net income up to \$42,000). Imagine that, there's still time to save taxes in 2005 by making contributions to your own retirement account!

All self-employed individuals, part or full time are eligible to establish SEPS. Very little paper-work is required and the

plans are extremely flexible and no mandatory contributions are required. Generally, there are two things to keep in mind when setting up a SEP:

1. As indicated above contributions are capped at 25% of net income, that is income after all business expenses. The maximum annual dollar contribution may not exceed \$42,000 for 2005.
2. Contributions may be required on behalf of anyone employed by the self-employed individ-

ual. The general rule is that for any employee that was paid \$450 or more in any 3 of the past 5 years, the self employed person must also make a contribution on behalf of the employee. The amount of the 'employer' contribution must be in an amount that represents the same percentage of income of the contribution made by the self employed 'employer.' For example, if the employer makes a contribution which represents 15% of his or her net income, the contribution required to be made on behalf of the employee must be 15% of the employees wages paid by the employer. A SEP account is in fact Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and is subject to all of the IRA

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Gardening

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reuse for plantings. Replace with new potting soil and lime-stone if needed.

Recommended plantings for March:

Asparagus crowns, beets, carrots, kale, kohlrabi, mustard, peas (edible pod and garden variety), radish, spinach, Swiss chard, and turnip seeds. You could also plant broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, onion

sets and seed, Irish potato seed cuttings. Some of the old time vegetable gardeners in the area like to plant an early crop of sweet corn to miss the emergence of the early flight of the Corn Ear moth which greatly reduces the ear worm infestation. If dry weather prevails before germination be sure to apply water to promote good stand. A few "early birds" like to make a planting of snap beans the last Friday of March.

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Valarie Stancik

Miss Daisy” explores the relationship between two unlikely people beginning in 1948 and spanning a 25 year period. Daisy Wertham (Valerie Stancik) has had one too many car accidents, which forces her son (Boolie) to hire a soft-spoken, unemployed black man, Hoke (Mitchell Capel) to be her chauffeur. Miss Daisy’s stubbornness and southern upbringing compel her to regard Hoke with disdain, which really has little effect on how he regards her.

Most of us remember the final scene in the movie when Daisy tells Hoke that he is her best friend, which just shows how tenacity and honesty can prevail in most circumstances.

The chemistry between Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy in the movie is magnificent, but you will be enthralled with the relationship that Capel and Stancik have already formed so early in the rehearsal process. Both of them are seasoned performers.

You may know Capel as his famous Gran’daddy Junebug, master storyteller, recording artist and author. But he also is the national interpreter of poet laureate of Paul Laurence Dunbar as well as the “voice” of Dunbar at the Wright/Dunbar Interpretation Center in Dayton, Ohio, just to mention a few of his many accomplishments.

Stancik was a prima ballerina, having attended high school in New York at the National Academy of Ballet and then performed as the soprano soloist with the North Carolina Symphony and the Winston-Salem Symphony.

Both will bring alive the real story of how a southern, genteel white woman and an uneducated, quiet black man find that common ground that forms a mutual respect. Michael Jones as Daisy’s son Boolie rounds out the cast and comes to this role no less prepared. Jones has a degree in theater arts with many professional credits to his name. He has worked with touring groups around the country in musicals such as “Big River”



Michael Jones

and “Into the Woods.” He was most recently seen in North Carolina Theatre’s production of “Beauty and the Beast.”

“Driving Miss Daisy” opens at the Sunrise Theatre on March 31 and continues to play through April 9. For specific dates and times of performances, please call 255-0667 for reservations.



Mitch Capel

Thank you to sponsor – Aging Outreach Services who has generously made it possible to bring you this production. There will also be an opening night champagne and wine gala sponsored by Hair Biz @ the Cottage with a special performance by harpist Kerry Briggs.

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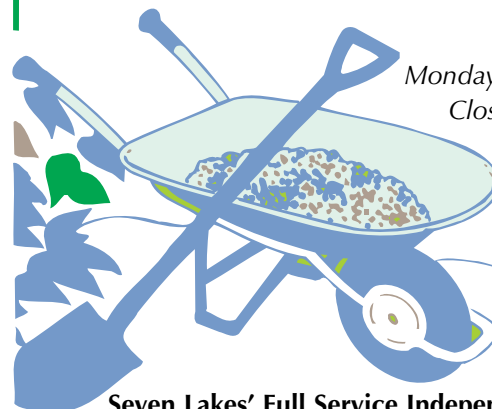
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Council supports street paving proposal

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ward it would require the support of the majority of property owners on the street. That property includes several large undivided tracts owned by Sackman Enterprises, Inc. Depending on Sackman's interest in having the street paved, Arnold said, the project might be limited to paving only a portion of the roadway at first.

If sufficient property owner support could be obtained to move forward, the village would borrow the money to have the street paved and then pass those costs along to property owners in the form of a special assessment.

Though council members appeared unwilling to commit to supporting the project without a firmer estimate of its potential cost to the village, they did vote to explore the project further, working with Arnold and McConnell to flesh out the details. Current Mayor George Erickson noted that he will be meeting with representatives of Sackman Enterprises before the end of the month and would discuss the paving project with them.

Erickson began the meeting by presenting certificates of appreciation to three villagers who have resigned posts on village committees: Rita Lapkin, from the Appearance Committee; Wayne Stepnoski, as Zoning Administrator; and Dan Boelter, as Chairman of the Board of Adjustment. Boelter will stay on as a member of that board.

Later in the meeting, the coun-

cil appointed Frank Holloway Zoning Administrator and Jean Brown, Chairperson of the Appearance Committee. Councilman Carl Munro was appointed to serve as the village's representative to the new Moore County Summitt, a group aimed at fostering intergovernmental cooperation.

Public Safety. Munro reported on several public safety initiatives during the meeting:

- A plan is in place to have police and EMS on hand to handle any needs that arise during the Foxfire Village Festival on March 25.
- Munro asked the council to approve a \$6,000 expenditure to upgrade the fire resistance of the office in the Foxfire firehouse — needed so that fire and/or EMS personnel could be stationed in the village on a twenty-four hour per day, seven day per week basis. Council agreed to consider the upgrade during the upcoming budget planning for Fiscal Year 2006/2007.
- Munro said he has been investigating the possibility of establishing a community watch in the village and has received positive feedback from residents on the idea.
- Of the eleven undeveloped village lots targeted for cleanup, only two still need work, Munro reported.
- Munro asked the council to approve a Hazard Emergency Operational Plan that he has been working on for some months. The plan lays out in

detail the village's response to an emergency — like a severe tornado or ice storm. Major first-year expenses involved in the place are a telephone notification system, at \$5,000, and \$2,500 for the removal of large pine trees around the village hall that could fall and render it unusable as the emergency command center. The council approved the plan, with Councilman Wally Peckitt voting in opposition. Peckitt, who serves as Foxfire's finance director, expressed concern that a proliferation of projects is over-stretching the village budget.

- Munro asked the council to approve a request from Joy Patterson, a property owner in the equestrian area, to rent parking space for trailers to village residents — a proposal opposed by Planning Board Chairman Nick Xanders. Munro said he was trying to identify a place close to the village for trailer storage, since ordinances prohibit parking them in driveways or on lawns. Munro's motion died for a lack of a second.

Streets & Bridges. Councilman Gene Petrie said that the Hayter Firm has redesigned the

Village Green park project in order to produce a design that met the project budget. Petrie had reported in last month's council meeting that bids on the project were coming in over budget. Once an affordable compromise is found, the village will have the modification approved by the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [NCPARTF], which is paying half the cost of the project.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Erickson said the village had sent letters to the members of the NCPARTF board inviting them to visit the village to learn more about renovation to the pool and tennis courts — the subject of the village's pending PARTF application.

Erickson asked for approval to sell a village-owned lot on Green

Valley Lane for \$11,000. Wayne Arnold noted that there are drainage problems on the Green Valley cul-de-sac — problems that are currently addressed by diverting water onto the lot in question. At his recommendation, council approved working with the prospective buyer to arrange for a drainage easement on the property before closing the deal.

Finance. Councilman Peckitt reported that the village currently has a \$371,000 cash surplus in its general fund and is expected to end the year with a \$274,000 surplus. He asked council members to meet at 3:00 pm on April 19 "to start the budge process in earnest."

Water. Councilman Joe Harsany reported that the village has successfully drilled a new,

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County approves Westside neighborhood

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said. Price points will start at \$325,000.

Myers, who owns Village Properties in Pinehurst, played a key role in marketing the Pinewild development and in the initial start-up of Lamplighter at Pinehurst Number 6. Most recently, he has been involved in the development of the Arboretum, a 174-home development in Southern Pines.

Myers told *The Times* that he typically works with a number of local builders, but the Arboretum lots were sold largely to a regional builder, leaving a shortage of properties for the local firms. "That lead directly to my decision to develop Colton's Corner," Myers told *The Times*.

Westside Community Manager Tony Robertson was on hand for the March 7 Subdivision Review Board meeting. "We are totally in support of this project," Robertson told the board. "We have one concern: drainage."

He noted that one street across from the proposed development "runs right down to the lakes."

County planner Katherine Liles told the board that Colton's Corner lies in a WS-II protected

watershed area, which imposes greater responsibility on the developer to control runoff.

Liles also expressed the planning staff's concern about the placement of driveways on the

lots near the intersection of Longleaf and Gateway, noting that Gateway is one of two entrance roads into the community. Placement of street trees in this area was also noted as a concern.

Myers pledged to have his engineering firm address all these issues, as well as the drainage question.

With that pledge, the board gave conditional approval to the plat. The planning staff will be charged with ensuring that the various concerns are handled before the development can

move forward.

Two of the lots, numbered 24 and 25, sit on opposite sides of Seven Lakes West's back gate. Myers said he did not plan to build on these lots and would consider sale of them to the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association for use in expanding the back gate.

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well on the Carter property that appears likely to produce 30 to 36 gallons per minute. Village wells are currently pumped about ten hours per day, Harsany said. Adding this new well to the system should drop that to eight hours per day.

"I am a firm believer in new wells," Harsany said, "because we control the quality of the water. Tying into a county system ... I wouldn't recommend."

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CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

FULL AND PART TIME POSITIONS – in the Seven Lakes area, all shifts available. Competitive wages. Prior Security, Military or Law enforcement experience a plus. Clean criminal record, drug test, driver's license and telephone required. Job starts May 1. For additional information on how to apply contact John Walters at 704-983-5444.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS

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FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS

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FOR RENT REAL ESTATE

NOW LEASING – Office and Retail space, 500 to 5000 sq. ft. Call Seven Lakes Plaza Shopping Center at 910-673-0830.

SEVEN LAKES WEST

Short Term rental - 3BR/2BA
Overlooking pond. Call
Wayne 910-295-2288 or Pat
910-673-5183.

LOOKING FOR AN UNFURNISHED RENTAL – in Seven Lakes West? Call Jennifer Dwiggins, Broker @ 910-673-3344.

ONE ROOM OFFICE – in Executive Center. Call Fred at 910-315-4135.

HOUSE FOR RENT - 4BD, 2BA, SLW, w/lake view, skylights, screened porch, fireplace, jacuzzi tube, 2 car garage, many extras. \$1200/month. Will consider lease with option to purchase or direct purchase. Ref. & deposit required. Call 828-443-4376. 3tp 2/17

OFFICE SPACE – chose 120 sq. ft or 300 sq. ft. \$150 utilities included in rent. Located in Seven Lakes. 910-215-0688.

FOR RENT REAL ESTATE

SHORT TERM RENTALS – fully furnished. Two lakefront on Sequoia and one brand new on the South Side near clubhouse. Call Whelan Realty, LLC at 910-673-1818.

NOW LEASING – Office and Retail space, 500 to 5000 sq. ft. Call Seven Lakes Plaza Shopping Center at 910-673-0830.

LAKEFRONT HOME ON LAKE AUMAN – furnished, well decorated. Beautiful view, watch sunrise and set. Long term or monthly lease. Deposit and references required. No pets/no smoking. Call 913-908-9892 for information. *tfn 11/22*

OFFICE SPACE – available in South Park Townhouse. Available now. Two large rooms w/bathroom and storage. Call Whelan Realty, LLC at 910-673-1818.

FOR RENT STORAGE BUILDINGS

HILLCREST MINI WAREHOUSE, LLC – Affordable storage in Seven Lakes. Units are located at 20 Grant Street, across from K.R. Mace Electric. Unit sizes – 10x10, 10x20 and 20x20 available. Units have lighting for those who need to drop off or pick items after dark. Hillcrest is now offering outside storage space available for – boats, trailers, vehicles or campers. Pick-up and delivery to your unit can be arranged. Call 910-673-7320 for rental information. Urgent calls may be directed to 910-690-6491.

FOR RENT STORAGE BUILDINGS

7 LAKES SELF-STORAGE – security fence, lighted, automated gates. Call Art at 673-1663. *fn*

FOR SALE REAL ESTATE

LAKE AUMAN – FSBO, 5 BR/3.5BA, gorgeous point view, dock and bulkhead, mature landscaping, Carolina Rm. Very large lot. Huge screened porch, wrap-around deck, wood-burning fpl, hdwd flrs, all brick. Yates Hussey Built Home. Multiple storage areas, huge downstairs video room. Too much to list. Call 910-603-4746.

SEQUOIA LAKE FRONT – 3 BR/2BA, Dollhouse, updated, fresh paint, picture carpet, new roof, new heat pump, 700 sq. ft. deck, retractable awnings, dock in place, must see to appreciate. Call 910-603-4746.

SEQUOIA LAKE VIEW – 3 BR/2BA, rocking chair front porch, rear deck off master bedroom, retractable awnings on deck, enclosed Carolina room, 3 acre pond at back of home, adjacent lot available. Next to marina. Call 910-603-4746.

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FOR SALE LOTS

LAKE AUMAN – waterfront point lot on quiet cul-de-sac, w/180 ft. bulkhead, perc test and panoramic views. Call 910-695-1101.

FOR SALE LOTS

LAKE AUMAN BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT – point lot on Callis Circle, .6 ac., \$400,000. Call 910-949-3365. *6tp 3/17*

CHECK OUT MY LISTINGS – in Seven Lakes West Homes/Lots for Sale AND surrounding area properties www.jenniferdwiggins.com. Contact Jennifer Dwiggins, Broker at 910-992-6133.

BOATS FOR SALE

1997 21 FT HURRICANE – deck boat, 200 hp Evinrude OceanPro. Call Art 673-1663.

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HOUSE CLEANING — Experienced, free estimates, reasonable rates. Call Tina Boone at 910-464-5650. *tfn*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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C&A SCREENS — Spruce up your rusty or torn porch screens. We refit your porch with an easy care vinyl & fiberglass screen system. Call Chip at 910-783-6387 for a free estimate. *2tp 3/17*

HOUSE CLEANING — Experienced, professional. References available. Other services include: Laundry, ironing, sewing and housekeeping. Call Kathy at 428-2332.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES — serving Seven Lakes, Foxfire, and Pinehurst w/lawn maintenance & more for residential and commercial customers. Year round service. Mowing, weed eating, picking up debris, blowing. Shrub pruning, limb & tree removal and hauling away. Seeding/sod lawns. Leaf & straw removal. Haul and spread pine straw, bark, soil, gravel and mulch. Aerate, de-thatch, and edge lawns. Weeding of flower beds, planting shrubs. Re-surface gravel driveways. Blow roofs and clean gutters. Pressure washing homes, decks, concrete walks, driveways, & boats. Install driveway curbing and sprinkler systems. Tractor work including, light brush clearing, bush hogging, scraping, disk-ing, loading and hauling along with garden tilling. Other odd jobs around the house? You need it done! We will do it! Call John 673-7320 or mobile telephone 910-690-6491.

PETS FOR ADOPTION

SANDHILLS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE — Cats and dogs available to adopt. If you are looking for a special dog or cat to add to your family, contact Lou Atkins at 974-4468. Please be cautious during the next months while putting anti-freeze in your radiator for cooling. If you spill it on the ground, put down cat litter or sand or wash the area with lots of water and bleach to dilute and destroy the killing properties in the chemical. Dogs and cats are attracted to the sweet smell and taste of the anti-freeze. Anti-freeze is deadly for all pets. On the cool mornings here in the Spring, cats tend to crawl up on tires under your wheel wells or under your hood. Please check for your pets before starting your engine.

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