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Truesdell will head SLLA Board

Don Truesdell was elected President of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] in a board of directors work session held Monday, March 27. Jeff Herman will serve as Vice President, Steve Hudson as Treasurer, and Michael Florence as Secretary.

Former President Jack Fathauer opened the meeting

with the announcement that he intended to step down as President and then nominated Herman to assume that post. His motion was seconded by Ron Richmond.

Newly seated board member Hudson then nominated Truesdell, who won the votes of each of the three new board members.

Each of the other three officers

were approved unanimously.

With officers elected, the board turned to several other key organizational details called for in the covenants or by-laws:

- Ron Richmond was appointed chair of the Architectural Review Board and that committee retained in its present form.

- They approved a list of Moore

County banks as depositories for Association funds. First Bank serves as the association's primary bank for payroll and accounts payable, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher explained, but the association has funds on deposit with every bank that

(See "Jeff Herman," p. 30)



Michael Florence, SLLA

Three new faces on board

Michael Florence, Steven Hudson, and Ed Nuti will join the Board of Directors of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA], as the top three vote-getters in an election finalized Sunday, March 26, at the association's annual meeting.

Nuti received 348 votes; Hudson, 310; and Florence, 303. The two remaining candidates,

Dee Lombard and incumbent board member Jackie Scotti received 164 and 100, respectively.

Scotti's desire to serve a second term on the board were complicated by questions about her eligibility, despite assurances by SLLA President Jack Fathauer and the board's attorney, Hunter Stovall, that she

was in fact qualified to run for the position.

Fathauer opened the meeting by noting the continued steady growth of Seven Lakes — 4% in the last year, he said. He credited some of the community's growth to the continued fine performance of the SLLA admin-

(See "Savings," p. 31)



Steve Hudson, SLLA



Ed Nuti, SLLA

Four tapped as Seven Lakes West Directors

Mary Anne Fewkes, Ray MacKay, and Blaine Rowland were elected to the Westside board of directors in an election concluded during the annual meeting of the Seven Lake West Landowners Association on Sunday, March 19.

The following Tuesday, board

members appointed Jo Nicholas to fill a board seat vacated by Laud Pitt, who resigned from the board because of health issues. Pitt was unable to attend the annual meeting.

Nicholas had received the fourth largest number of votes in the board elections: 273.

MacKay was the top vote-getter, with 482 of the votes cast; Fewkes was next, with 354 votes; Rowland received 298 votes.

The remaining two candidates, Dave Carter, and Betty Childers, received 266 and 158 votes, respectively.

Technically, voting in association elections is by lot, rather than by person. Each lot is entitled to one vote. Owners of multiple lots are entitled to a vote for each lot.

Of the 1,693 lot owners eligible to vote, 656 submitted bal-

(See "Westside," p. 34)

Officers elected

Jim Meikle was re-elected President of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] in an organizational meeting of the new board on Tuesday, March 28, and Ray MacKay was re-elected to the post of Vice President.

Virgil Reid will replace Lois Rocco in the Treasurer's chair, while Jo Nicholas will serve as Secretary.

Chairs for various board committees were also named at the organizational meeting.

They are:

Architectural Standards — Bill
(See "SLWLA," p. 27)



Mary Anne Fewkes, SLWLA



Ray MacKay, SLWLA



Jo Nicholas, SLWLA



Blaine Rowland, SLWLA

Fellingham named to Wall of Honor

Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Jim Meikle made the following remarks in presenting a Wall of Honor designation to former SLWLA President Joe Fellingham at the Westside annual meeting:

The Wall of Honor is dedicated to those members of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association who have made a significant and enduring contribution to the improvement of the community, of such magnitude as to generate the admiration and respect of the community as a whole. The breadth, depth, and length of Joe Fellingham's service to Seven Lakes West earn him the singular honor of being named the first Wall of Honor designee.

Joe Fellingham was born in 1923 in the Midwest. He grew up in Iowa, earned a B.S. in Military Science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and an Aeronautical Engineering degree at the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterrey, California. He married Fran in June of 1948 and

they had three daughters and a son.

Serving 27 years as a Marine Corps fighter pilot, Joe was on active duty in World War II, the Korean War, and the buildup to Vietnam, retiring as a Colonel in 1969. He then worked as an aeronautical engineer at Gruman Aerospace in Bethpage, New York for fifteen years.

Retiring to Seven Lakes in May of 1983, Joe certainly didn't stop working! When the Fellinghams arrived, the West Side had no lake, no dam, no golf course, no paved roads, no Club House, no gate guard, no governing Board of Directors, and no real Seven Lakes West, but rather a West Side appendage to the Seven Lakes Landowners. Joe and John Fox conceived an advisory committee of interested West Side landowners. It was implemented with Joe as the first chairman. Following the bankruptcy court case that established Seven Lakes West as its own entity, Joe played a key role in the recognition of our own Landowners Association, with the original advisory committee becoming the Board of Directors.

Joe served five years as the first President of the Seven Lakes West Board of Directors. He led development of the first Covenants, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations. He created and chaired the group in charge of Long Range Planning, and he played a significant role in fiscal

planning and reserve funding, all critical elements laying a foundation for the fiscal health and effective governance of today's Association.

The initial infrastructure and recreation activities for Seven Lakes West also benefited from Joe's involvement. He negotiated provisions for road paving and gate guards. Joe organized tennis court maintenance and play, and he created and led golf activities, with the Tuesday couples' play still called the "Fellingham Group." He and Fran were involved in equestrian activities, and Joe cleared equestrian trails throughout Seven Lakes West, but unfortunately the Developer did not preserve them. Joe spearheaded the purchase of property for West Side Park and its beautiful amenities. He has served as an Area Repre-

sentative since the inception of that group, even enlisting Fran to distribute Handbooks to their
(See "Fellingham," p. 3)



Fran Fellingham and her daughter accept the Seven Lakes West Wall of Honor Award for Joe Fellingham.

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Fellingham on Wall of Honor

(Continued from page 2)

neighbors last summer! Joe has served on numerous committees throughout the years and has acted as a trusted advisor to the Board for over 22 years.

Joe Fellingham embodies Seven Lakes West citizenship, and he is the epitome of Wall of Honor standards. He was characterized by a nominator as "the George Washington of Seven

Lakes West," and we can all agree that he has earned that honor. It is entirely fitting that Joe Fellingham inaugurate the Seven Lakes West Wall of Honor, as the breadth, depth, and length of his service are unequalled in our community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present to the community the Wall of Honor display on the rear wall of this room, and to recognize Joe

Fellingham as the first West Side resident to be honored there.

On behalf of the citizens of Seven Lakes West, the Board of Directors is pleased to present to the community the Wall of Honor display, and to recognize Joe Fellingham as the first West Side resident to be honored there.

If Joe were here to speak, we know he would say--as he has

said on several occasions--that he did none of these things alone, and that many others also deserve credit for these accomplishments. Thus, on Joe's behalf, we also say a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of you who have worked with Joe to make Seven Lakes a great place to live.

Congratulations, Joe and Fran.



Joe Fellingham

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Meikle reviews 'exciting' year for SLWLA

In addition to electing board members and recognizing Joe Fellingham's contributions to the community, Westsiders recognized the contributions of outgoing board members and others at their annual meeting held on Sunday, March 19.

SLWLA President Jim Meikle recognized the service of Treasurer Lois Rocco and Secretary Jan Patton.

Patton "served on board for the past three years in various roles, Meikle said. In her first year, she was in charge of community relations and worked closely with the area representatives. In her second year, she added the duties of Vice President to those functions. And in the past year she has served as the board's secretary.

"During her time on the board, Jan served on various committees," Meikle said. "She was instrumental in developing policies for Johnson Point and the West Side Park and Community Center," as well as working on the septic management plan and, this year, a revision and new publication of the rules and regulations. Meikle noted that Patton had this year chaired the nominating committee and the committee that developed the Wall of Honor Recognition program.

Lois Rocco, who has served for three years as the association's treasurer, chaired the finance, insurance, and personal committee, as well as working with the auditor, Meikle said. During Rocco's term, "we have grown our financial reserves, paid bills, and restructured our financial reporting," Meikle said.

Earlier in the meeting, Rocco noted that she was leaving the community with a balanced budget. "My legacy is a wonderful insurance committee," she added, noting that she had recruited "three professionals, Gary Larouch, Bill Price, and Terry Schafer," to serve on that committee.

Praising General Manager Tony Robertson as "a wonderful GM," Rocco noted that the association had hired a new accounting clerk, Holly Foster, "who is doing a wonderful job." "Thank you for having allowed me to serve," Rocco added.

Landowners who attended

the meeting were given a member recognition sheet that listed all those who had served on board committees or otherwise served the community in the past year. During the meeting, Patton asked that all those on the list stand for a round of applause.

President Meikle then reviewed the year's accomplishments. The full text of his remarks follows:

Well, this certainly has been an exciting and challenging year. We have a tendency to get wrapped up in the day-by-day happenings and requirements but, in the process of reviewing the last year for this presentation, I really began to realize the true meaning of that statement. If you can go back in time and look back at the community as it was one year ago at this time and compare it to today you would be amazed at how much it has changed. Let me share with you those changes.

The Community in General

1. Peyton Gentry and Bob VanHouten bought out GS Communities and took over as our new developers. Included in this was the Welcome Center, which was turned into a Remax Office, the gatehouse, the remaining inventory of GS lots with the exception of Morganwood, and of course, the developer rights.

2. Dave Kinney, who is President of the Seven Lakes Civic

Group was appointed to the County Planning Board and has been actively involved with Andrea Surratt (Moore County Planning Director) in working towards establishing a Small Area Planning Group for the Seven Lakes area.

3. We have been working with developers on several building sites within the community, namely Chandler Hills, the airport tract (now known as Coltons Corner) and The Commons at Beacon Ridge.

4. Thanks to two of our residents, the Zebleys and Becks, the platform lot issue was resolved.

5. Our web site had a Breaking News section added to alert the community to important issues of immediate concern.

6. School Buses now come into our community to pick up and return our residents of school age.

7. After much review and debate, the issue of jet boats on Lake Auman was resolved.

8. The Long Range Plan Steering Committee is actively working on issues that will affect us all in the future. They are currently working on such items as the different approaches to Mail Delivery and the need to acquire land for future needs.

9. A Lake Auman Master Plan Committee has been established to research, develop a plan and report to the board on all matters relative to Lake Auman. This includes but is not limited to boating, fishing, water

quality and care of the dam.

10. We have acquired the land to enlarge the boat storage area and are currently in the process of getting it ready for use by this upcoming boating season.

11. In the same vain, this property is also going to be used for a Yard Waste Transfer Station which officially opened last weekend.

12. This was the first full year of the Septic Management Pro-

gram and we achieved a 74% compliance level. Efforts are under way to bring that number higher.

13. The Rules and Regulations for the community were completed reviewed and updated and then published.

14. Handbooks containing applicable covenants, the updated Rules and Regulations, Bylaws and general community

(See "Meikle," p. 34)

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Genevra "Nem" Elizabeth (Roun) Telford, 83, of Geer Village in Canaan, CT, formerly of

Seven Lakes, died Monday, March 20, in her home.

She was born in East Green-

wich, RI, the daughter of Carl and Eva (Tilley) Roun. She now joins her husband of more than 60

years, George Douglas Telford, who passed away in 2004.

She was both an artist and musician; in addition to painting, she played the cello, piano, and performed as a back-up singer on a Ray Marco album.

She and her husband spent 16 years in retirement at Seven Lakes. They were both avid golfers and were members of the Seven Lakes Country Club. They were also members of The Chapel In The Pines congregation.

Surviving are a daughter, Mar-

cia Scattergood of New Hartford; a son, Mark Telford, of Riverton; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 25 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Torrington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Feed the Children, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK, 73101 or Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 611 Granite Springs Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Phalen Funeral Home Torrington was in charge of arrangements.

Hodge is Citizen of the Year

During the Seven Lakes Landowners Association's Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 26, President Jack Fathauer presented the Citizen of the Year award to Kay Hodge, who recently moved with her husband Ken to River Landing near Colfax.

Fathauer praised Hodges dedication to children, noting her

participation in the Public Education Foundation and the Guardian ad Litem program. During her years in Seven Lakes Hodge "served in every office of the Women's Auxiliary and League of Women Voters," Fathauer said.

Hodge has for many years "effectively moderated Candidate's Nights," Fathauer noted, as

well as monitoring county commissioners meetings for the League.

"She has served Seven Lakes well," Fathauer said, "and she has always advocated for positions that served Seven Lakes well."



SLLA President Jack Fathauer presented the "Citizen of the Year" award to Kay Hodge.

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County candidates forum here April 18

The League of Women Voters of Moore County, the Seven Lakes Civic Group and the Moore County Chapter of the NAACP will jointly sponsor a Candidates' Forum for candidates running for the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education.

The forum will be held on

Tuesday evening, April 18 at 7:00 pm in the Seven Lakes West Community Center in Seven Lakes. All 15 candidates have said they will participate.

For the Board of Commissioners, seven candidates are running for three open seats. Incumbent David Cummings (R) is opposed by Larry Caddell (R).

Incumbent Virginia Saunders (R) is opposed by Cindy Morgan (R). Three candidates, Jimmy Melton (R), James Daeke (R) and Teresa Marquez (D), are vying for the seat left vacant by Michael Holden who is not running for reelection.

The Board of Education election is nonpartisan, and eight

candidates are running for four open seats. Incumbent Charles Lambert, District III, is running unopposed. Bobby Allen, Sue McKenzie Black, Judith Borden, Angela Headen Davis, J. Dale Frye (Incumbent), James Koch and Pamela Thompson are running for three at large seats.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet the candidates, hear their views and ask them

questions. The forum will follow the League of Women Voters format.

Candidates will be asked to provide brief background statements, respond to questions that have been previously sent to them, and as time permits, respond to audience questions. For more information, call Nora Moran at 949-2904 or O'Linda Williams at 603-4121.

DOT to reveal plans for NC211

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will offer a presentation on their plans for the widening of NC Highway 211 at West Pine Middle School on Monday, April 10, at 4:00 pm.

From 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, members of the public may study maps showing the project's proposed location, ask questions,

and submit written questions and comments.

A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 pm with explanation of the location, design, and right of way, and relocation process. The public may ask questions and offer comments.

Ray MacKay and Dave Kinney, representatives on the County-wide Transportation Plan Com-

mittee, have been involved with NCDOT on the NC 211 widening project over the past five years and will be offering a statement at the meeting.

This meeting provides a great opportunity for area residents and landowners to have a say in a project that eventually will have an impact on the local community.

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Small Area Planning committee to form

Small-scale land-use planning inched one step closer to reality for the Seven Lakes-West End area last week, as the Moore County Board of Commissioners agreed, during its March 20 regular meeting, to accept applications for seats on a Small Area Plan steering committee.

After Planning Director Andrea Surratt briefed the commissioners on work the Planning Board had been doing to further define the Small Area Planning process, Commissioner Tim Lea asked her what one thing she would like to take away from the meeting to move the process forward.

Surratt said she would like the county to begin taking applications for a twelve-to-nineteen-member steering committee to guide the process in Area A, which is a 100-square mile chunk of the county more or less centered on Seven Lakes. The commissioners then unanimously approved a motion granting that request.

Surratt told *The Times* on Tuesday that the details of the application process are still being worked out.

The current map of Area A, Surratt told the commissioners, corresponds to the boundaries of the West End School District. She explained that Small Area Planning aims to focus on an area that could be considered one community, where most folks attend the same schools, shop for groceries at the same stores, and attend the same churches.

Noting that the 100-square-mile Area A includes both developed and rural land, Surratt said this was intentional, and that the steering committee would ideally include both residents of gated communities and residents of rural areas.

It is important that the committee include representatives of various "stakeholder" groups, Surratt said, and she provided a list of the types of stakeholders that might be included on the committee.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Lea, Surratt said that most committee members should be drawn from Area A itself, though it might be appropriate to include a few members from outside the area who bring special expertise or knowl-

edge to the process.

Once the steering committee is selected and assembled, its job will be to guide a public process that develops a vision of what development in the area should ideally look like over the next twenty-five years — a small area land-use plan.

That vision, once approved by the commissioners, will become a policy document that guides the work of the planning board and planning staff as they consider rezoning requests, subdivision plats, and proposals for residential, commercial, and industrial development.

It may ultimately lead to revisions to the county's zoning and subdivision ordinances.

In order to develop the plan, the steering committee will work with planning staff to under-

stand the anticipated growth patterns in the area and the realities of geography and infrastructure that will promote or constrain that growth.

The committee will share this information with the public — and develop an understanding of what sort of development the public wants to see in various parts of Area A — through a series of public meetings.

The process is expected to take a minimum of eighteen months — and, in fact, is quite likely to take two or three years from now through to approval by the board of commissioners.

Surratt told the commissioners that the planning staff would expect to start work on the small area planning process in Area B — the Vass-Lobelia area — once the work on Area A is well

underway.

Though the commissioners unanimously approved taking applications for the Area A Steering Committee, there remained

a small note of hesitancy about embarking on a process that could encounter resistance from some residents.

(See "County," p. 9)



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Surratt briefs Guild on Small Area Planning

Moore County Planning Director brought the Small Area Planning message to a meeting of the Seven Lakes West End Area Business Guild Thursday afternoon, March 23.

After a business mixer at Beacon Ridge Country Club sponsored by First Bank, Phoenix Fashions and the Club, Surratt briefed business guild members on the county's interest in developing a Small Area land use plan for the 100-square-mile area of the county served by West End Elementary School. [See the article elsewhere on this page for a discussion of recent county action on Small Area Planning.]

Surratt handed out maps of the area for review by guild members. She noted that the area included five gated communities and the Village of Foxfire. It is part of two major watersheds, which means development throughout the area raises "lots of watershed issues."

Small Area Planning "is a chance for us to figure out where available land is that could be developed," Surratt said, and "if it were developed based on current zoning, how would that affect current infrastructure — water, septic, roads."

She noted that the area includes a major highway that will ultimately be widened: North Carolina Highway 211.

Small Area Planning will help answer the question "How would you want your area to look? What, visibly, from the road do you want your business area to



Moore County Planning Director Andrea Surratt

look like. What kinds of things will help attract more customers to your businesses?"

"It is a public process where you have a chance to vision and think about how this community so going to look in 10 or 25 years," Surratt told Guild members.

"We are going to be needing to plan for growth," she continued. "These are things that don't happen overnight. We need to give the community a blueprint for how you want the area to look . . . how land should be developed . . . how existing properties should be redeveloped."

(See "Guild," p. 10)

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"We need to say that once the information about this is out to the people . . . If we can't convince people that this is going to help them, we need to have a stopping point," Board of Commissioners chairman David Cummings said.

"I want people to understand that we are not trying to put more regulations on them. We are trying to plan for the future."

Dwiggins new owner at 7 Lakes Body Image

Seven Lakes Body Image has a new owner. Seven Lakes West resident Amanda Dwiggins acquired the Seven Lakes Plaza shop from Connie and Dick Voga on March 20.

It's Dwiggins' first time as a business owner and she told *The Times* she is very excited about serving the community and growing a broadening the shop's customer base.

Seven Lakes Body Image offers therapeutic massage, tanning, a wide range of jewelry and accessories, as well as fashions.

To celebrate he purchase of the

shop, Dwiggins is having a big sales with clothing at fifty percent off, as well as jewelry at twenty percent off.

Dwiggins told *The Times* that her vision for the shop is to expand its personal services in order to make it more of a full-service spa. She hopes to add aesthetician services, as well as manicures and pedicures in the near future. Additional tanning beds are also in her plans.

She'll also be broadening the shop's clothing and accessories lines in order to add more younger customers to the clientele. A line of beachwear is one

addition on the near horizon, Dwiggins told *The Times*.

Christina Zaccherio is the shops licensed massage therapist.

A Mocksville-native who has lived in Moore County for the past nine years, Dwiggins is the sister of CCNC's Chris Dwiggins and the sister-in-law of Seven Lakes area realtor Jennifer Dwiggins.

The shop's new hours are Monday-Friday 10 am - 8 pm and Saturday 9 am - 3 pm.

The phone number is 673-8266.



Amanda Dwiggins is the new owner of Seven Lakes Body Image in Seven Lakes Plaza Shopping Center.

Guild briefed on planning

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Darrell Marks asked whether the area in question might be too large to really be considered a "small area." He noted that it appeared to be larger than the Village of Pinehurst's extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction.

"What does anyone in Seven Lakes have in common with Eagle Springs?" Marks asked. Why would anyone in West End want to have anything to do with planning for the area all the way on the other side of Foxfire?" Marks asked.

Surratt said the area selected might indeed be too large. She indicated that its boundaries are subject to revision as the small area planning process gets underway.

"This process represents a a great opporuntiy for you to think about, for example, if you are going to expand or relocate your business, what would you like to see improve about your area," Surratt said. "What are the traffic issues? It's an opportunity to think about how the business community looks, how to put a better face on the community."

The small area planning process will be guided by a twelve to nineteen member steering committee and will involve a variety of public meetings and forums over the eighteen to twenty-four month life of the process, Surratt said.

Area business people and residents interested in the process can provide input at

those public sessions and can also apply to serve as a member of the steering committee — which will be selected by the county board of commissioners.

Surratt told *The Times* on Tuesday that details of the application process are still being worked out.

Once the process is in place, applications will be available from the planning department.

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Troy compared the health and security of a computer to trying to sit comfortable on a three legged stool versus a four legged stool. Considering the quality of Virus, Spyware and Firewall protection, "It's only worth what you pay for it."

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Morganwood burn gets too hot to handle

A Morganwoods homeowner cleaning up his property set fire to a pile of debris last weekend and wound up with a fire that was too hot to handle. North Carolina Forest Rangers ultimately had to be called to extinguish the blaze.

Landowner Joshua Haire called West End Fire and Rescue to the scene at 2:45 pm on Saturday, Fire Chief Wayne Kennedy told *The Times*.

"He was watching the fire and had his garden house deployed," Kennedy said, "but some things were getting a little hotter than he was confident he could handle."

West End firefighters hosed down the area and felt it was under control, but they were called back to the scene at 6:00 pm, when the fire crept into a small wetlands area and ignited some pines.

The fire couldn't be reached in the swampy ground, so the West End squad continued to monitor it every hour or so, Kennedy said.

At 2:45 pm on Sunday, they were once again called to the scene, as the fire had once again sprung to life, this time moving up out of the swamp toward a home. North Carolina Forest Rangers were dispatched to the fire at that time, Ranger Carla Hunt told *The Times*.

"We brought in our dozer, plowed a line around it, and backfired it out," Hunt said. Because Haire had failed to acquire a burn permit before setting the blaze, Hunt issued a warning citation.

"Unfortunately, he called us to ask about a permit on Saturday, when there is no one in the office," Hunt said.

Morganwood is the only area of Seven Lakes West in which open burning is allowed, West-side General manager Tony Robertson told *The Times*. And

Morganwood landowners are supposed to secure burn permits from both the NC Forestry and the Seven Lakes West Landowners office before burning.

"Unfortunately, most people probably don't know that," Robertson said.

Even securing a burn permit doesn't always leave a landowner in the clear, Kennedy and Hunt told *The Times*. The permitting process — which is supervised by the Air Quality Division of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, is actually an attempt to make sure property

owners know the rules for burning before they strike the match. And having a permit does not in any way relieve the property owner of liability for damage caused by a fire.

There are a variety of rules governing burning:

- Only natural debris may be burned — no construction materials may be added to the pile.
- Burn piles must be 1,000 feet from an occupied dwelling.
- They must be 250 feet away from a road when the wind is blowing toward the road.
- Fires must be started after

8:00 am and no material may be added after 6:00 pm.

Penalties for unauthorized burning can quickly mount into hundreds of dollars and beyond, if the Division of Air Quality gets involved.

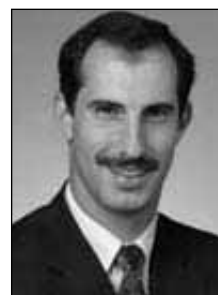
Hunt and Kennedy both said the Morganwood landowner was

apparently trying to do the right thing, but both cautioned that fire can be dangerous — and can quickly get out of control.

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A special thanks goes to all of the models: Nita Carter, Jane Hodge, Mary Price, Myra Taylor, Jan Thomas, Cyndi Widman and Barbara Williams. We would also like to thank Beacon Ridge Country Club, Seven Lakes Eye Care, Medlyanna's, Betty Parker of Mary Kay Products, Southern Grace Florist and Phoenix Fashions for the gifts and prizes they contributed.



Spring models — Barbara Williams, Jan Thomas, Cyndi Widman, Myra Taylor, Nita Carter, Jane Hodge and Mary Price.

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Seven Lakes gears up for tennis tourney

by Mason Gould

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Barbara Horan and Kay McCarthy are co-captains of the Seven Lakers.

In the photo below: Representing Seven Lakes are: back row: Marilyn Quintana, Judy Streit, Ally Vogel, Joyce Charles, and Kay McCarthy. Front row: JoAn Moses, Vi Everhart, Barbara Horan, Jane Lowe, and Joan Carter.

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Christiansen wins photograph contest



Chris Christiansen shows off his prize-winning photos.

by Jill Margeson

Chris Christiansen of Seven Lakes won First and Third place ribbons for his photos in the Sandhills Photography Club still life competition in "A" division on March 13. The photo winning First Place is titled "Breakfast in Red" and is an arrangement of breakfast items with some

Photoshop enhancement for coloring. "Flowers and Shadows" is the title of the third place photo. Second place winner in "A" division was John Witkowski from Southern Pines for "Table Settings."

The next Photography club meeting will be held on April 10 at 7:30 at Christ Fellowship

Church in Southern Pines. The program will be a presentation on "Portrait Photography" by Cynthia Newman, professional photographer and owner of Pinehurst Photography.

The club invites those interested in photography to attend a meeting or visit the website www.sandhillsphtoclub.org.

West End Contra Dance April 8

Join in the fun on Saturday, April 8 at the Contra Dance at West End Gym, 137 Old West End School Road off Hwy 211. Lessons at 7:00, dance from 7:30 to 10:30 pm.

The Band is Carolina Cut-ups. Caller is Tom O'Dwyer. Sponsored by William Daigle, the Chairman. Beginners welcome. No partner necessary. Admission — \$6 adult members, \$8 adult non-members, \$5 student members 13 — 22 w/ID, \$6 for student non-members, \$1 for ages 12 and under.

Please bring in a clean pair of shoes to protect the floor. This is our first anniversary dance. Come celebrate with us. For information, call 910.947.2086.



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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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **North Carolina Clay: Past and Present** – on going exhibit. 10:00 to 4:00 pm daily. Seagrove, NC Pottery Center. 336-873-8430.

David Ring of Franklin, TN will speak. The community is invited to attend. The church is located at 1015 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-4656.

- **West End Presbyterian Church Concert** – 7:30 pm the church will present the



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THURSDAY, APRIL 6

- **Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary** – 2:00 pm, North Clubhouse, Dick Lenike will be the guest speaker. Lenike will speak of his experiences while employed in the U.S. Secret Service. Please bring a personal item such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, deodorant or socks for Coalition for Human Care.
- **Seven Lakes Lion's Club** – Jake Bell, Director of Health Services with St. Joseph of the Pines Health System, will be the guest speaker, 6:00 pm at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Bell oversees the operations of

the Health Center which includes the Rehabilitation Unit. Buffet dinner served at 6:30 pm before the speaker's presentation and the cost is \$8 per person. Call Ray Lambert (673-3006) or Howie Pierce (673-2087).

The public is welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

- **Senior Health Insurance Information**

Program (SHIIP) – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, a division of the NC Department of Insurance, holding one-on-one counseling sessions on Medicare D at the Department of Aging, 302 Monroe Street, Carthage. Call 947-2881 for an appointment.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

- **Women of the Pines Rummage Sale** – 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, at the West End Fire and Rescue Building, located on Hwy 211. Breakfast and lunch available. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the West End Fire and Rescue Squad, Pinehurst Fire and Rescue Squad, and many area charities.
- **Pet Adoptathon** – 10:00

am - 6:00 pm. At PetsMart in Aberdeen. Animals from local shelters will be available for adoption. For information call, 949-9953 or 949-2457.

- **Contra Dance** – at West End Gym. 137 Old West End School Road off HWY 211. Lesson at 7:00, dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Band - Carolina Cut-ups. Caller - Tom O'Dwyer. Admission - \$6 adult members, \$8 adult non-members, \$5 student members 13 - 22 w/ID, \$6 student nonmembers, \$1 ages 12 and under. Bring in a clean pair of shoes to protect the floor. Call 910.947.2086

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- **Pinehurst Covenant Church** – 6:00 pm, Gospel Sing-a-long with friends. Followed by an ice cream social. Come join in for an

Easter Celebration.

- **Pet Adoptathon** – 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. At PetsMart in Aberdeen. Animals from local shelters will be available for adoption. For information call, 949-9953 or 949-2457.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

- **A Stellar Day in Chapel Hill** – Join the Moore County Department of Aging for a day trip to Chapel Hill and the Morehead Planetarium on the UNC Campus. "Carolina Skies" is one of the oldest shows at the Planetarium. After the show, enjoy lunch at A Southern Season, ("on your own") and shopping at the marketplace. Bus will leave from behind Lowe's Food, Olmstead Village, at 9:00 am. Return about 5:00 pm. Cost is \$30/person, includes transportation and admission to Carolina

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

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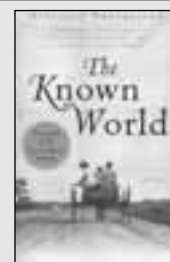
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- **Sandhills Photography Club** – 7:30 pm, at Christ Fellowship, Southern Pines. Cynthia Newman will present a program on Portrait Photography. All interested in photography are welcome to attend.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

- **Seven Lakes Computer Club** – 3:00 pm, “Open Forum.” Members should send in questions about problems that they have encountered with programs or tasks. A group of experienced members will research the problems, and give answers during the meeting. Send questions to Al Nichols at (canichols@earthlink.net) or Melva Johnston (Johnston@pinehurst.net) by April 1.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

- **Project Linus Workshop** – 11:00 am to 4:00 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 if you have any questions.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

- **Project Linus Workshop** –

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- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 7:30 pm, North Clubhouse. The featured speaker is Helen Munro, a member of the North Carolina Bluebird Society. This program is informative for those wishing to attract blue birds to their yard.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 18

- **Seven Lakes Civic Group** – 7:00 pm, with the Moore County League of Women Voters, candidates night at the Seven Lakes West Community Center. Candidates for the School Board and County Commissioners will attend.


WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

- **Sandhills Food Bank Wine Gala** – The Fresh Market, 155 Beverly Lane, Southern Pines – host a Wine Gala 7:00 to 9:00 pm as a benefit for the Sandhills Food Bank, a branch of the Food Bank

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Pinewood Derby results

Scout Troop 98 has about 40 boys participating. They meet at and are chartered by West End United Methodist Church. Their Cub master is Mac Clark.

Pack 98 held their Annual Derby Race on March 11 at the Presbyterian Church Activity Center.

Forty cars were entered into the competition: 34 by Cubs and some by the family members.

Derby Winners

Beauty Car:
1st place – Matthew Miller

2nd place – Keiran Shahan
3rd place – David McInnis

Unique Car:
1st place – David Miller
2nd place – Andrew Scrodt
3rd place – Dylan Mabe

Speed Car:
1st place – Zach Smith
2nd place – Grayson Hull
3rd place – Hunter Hardy

This year, the family members also had a category of their own.

Family Winners

Ugliest car – Karen Smith
Lightest Car – David Miller
Slowest Car – Henry Harvey

Thanks to all who worked on the event and to the sponsors who helped fund the event: Steve Jones Chevrolet, Food Lion, Lowe's Foods, Galaxy Foods, Johnny O's Awards and Pizza Cafe.

A good time was had by the scouts and family members.



Dragon Car — Cub Scout Russell Harvey's fierce-looking entry.



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17 <div>CLOSED</div>	18 Split Pea with Ham Soup Lemon Chicken with Rosemary Orzo	19 Vegetable Soup Beer-Braised Brisket Dinner	20 Mushroom Bisque Shrimp Stroganoff Dinner	21 Manhattan Clam Chowder Chinese Pepper Steak Dinner
24 Broccoli Cheese Soup Chicken Parmesan Dinner	25 Tuscan White Bean Soup Beef Enchilada Dinner	26 Chicken Dumpling Soup Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	27 Beef Barley Soup Pecan-Crusted Tilapia Dinner	28 Shrimp & Corn Soup Pork with Apples Dinner
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2. Structure: Plants, roots, stumps and other objects that are present either below or at the surface of the water in which you are fishing. We need structure.
3. Water quality: We know that pesticide and fertilizer run offs can be harmful to aquatic life. Okay, a little fertilizer will feed plankton on which fish feed, but just a little bit more is bad news. Thank goodness fish don't smoke.
4. Food: Who among us can live without food. Fish need plant life where they can find plankton, insects and small fish to feed upon. Did you know that fish are carnivorous?
5. Okay, so far I've omitted a bit of the limnology thing. Surely it is beneficial to have changes in water levels and temperatures in our waters. But, we have talked about the thermocline and such before. I just realized that I started this article to explain the factors which affect a fish's weight, not just his health. Perhaps I should include no.6 which is a new revelation to me.

FISHING TIPS

Bud Ruddle



It seems that my daughter and her husband, Perry McLean went fishing on Jordan Lake last weekend. You

may remember my tales of Perry as we fished in Mexico. Well, daughter Susan called to say that Perry caught a 14 pound striper and she an 11 pound striper on Jordan Lake on the one day trip. You can imagine how excited I was with the news. The next day I called her to find

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Aux plans bridge luncheon

by Lucy Ingram

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Pinecrest students to stage 'Forum'

It's only the second day the cast has been "off book" — working without scripts — so the action on stage lurches forward in fits and starts between calls for "Line!"

Then three of six courtesans from the house of Marcus Lycus miss their entrance, grabbing a quick after-school snack someplace in the back of the theater.

"The next entrance that gets missed because of food, there will be no more food at rehearsal!" Adam Faw bellows, filling the theater with righteous indignation, proving the Pinecrest Theater Arts Director knows a little something about projection, about delivering a line for maximum effect, and about the key motivations of older adolescents.

Faw, who lives in Seven Lakes North, knew things would be a little rough at this second scriptless rehearsal of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* on this Tuesday afternoon — and warned his young performers as much before rehearsal began, urging them to keep their scripts backstage and run their lines repeatedly while not on stage.

He knew today would be rocky, and knows that it will work out by the end of next week, when the Pinecrest High School production of *Forum* opens on April 8.

Just a few more days of aching hard work and the cast and director can feel the accomplishment of pulling it all together, the pride as the audience erupts in laughter, the astonishment that with a little plywood, a few bedsheets, and

some greasepaint, you can make magic happen.

Faw was bitten by the theater bug just after he graduated from high school, when he played a Shark in a Mt. Airy community theater production.

"It changed my life," Faw told *The Times*. He wound up a theater major at Appalachian State and then worked in professional theater with Blowing Rock Stage and Tweetsie Railroad.



Adam Faw

Faw has both acted and directed, but he also has a strong background in the technical side of theater: costuming, set design, and stage carpentry. Among the Theater Arts offering in his program a Pinecrest is a technical theater class, whose two-dozen students are building the set and running the show backstage in this production of *Forum*. Once the show opens, it's all in the hands of the students, Faw told *The Times*. "I'll be a member of the audience."

He's been at Pinecrest for two-and-one-half years and says

the Theater Arts program is in a building stage. They just competed in the North Carolina Theater Conference, taking a challenging piece called *Six Characters in Search of an Author*.

"We didn't make the finals, but I'm proud of the work my students did," Faw told *The Times*.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum is also challenging. "Comedy is one of the most difficult things to do," Faw told *The Times*.

And *Forum* is comedy, both high and low. Set on a street in ancient Rome, it follows the action in three neighboring households with a classic comedic mix of mistaken identity, gender reversals and reversals, and plenty of slapstick. Stephen Sondheim wrote the score, and many will remember the Hollywood version with Zero Mostel, Phil Silvers, and Buster Keaton in one of his final roles. Those masters of comedy turned it into a fine romp and Faw's young comedians promise to deliver a production every bit as engaging.

The Pinecrest production is scheduled for three performances, Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 pm. Tick-

ets are \$10 at the door — \$8 for students.

The cast is selling raffle tick-

ets for a weekend at Chetola Resort in The North Carolina

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Editorial

Congrats, Westside!

Outgoing Seven Lakes West Secretary Jan Patton, the nominating committee she assembled this year, and the board of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] deserve a round of applause and the thanks of the community for conducting the most informative, most democratic, and entertaining Westside election in recent memory.

Those who read the rare editorial we place in this spot will perhaps recall that we have from time to time taken the Westside board to task for, with rare exception, nominating only as many candidates as there were open seats on the board. We once ventured so far as to suggest that practice was less than completely democratic — a transgression which earned us a visit from a cadre of unhappy board members and twelve months of brief but informative lectures on the difference between a democracy and a republic.

In any case, those days may well be behind us now, thanks to Patton and her crew of nominators — Ron Sickenberger and Charlie Merial. They offered up six candidates for the three seats open this year, and the board wisely approved all six for inclusion on the ballot (though not without some dissension).

Through interviews with those six in this newspaper and their comments in a well-attended, and well-organized candidates night, we all learned that, while all six were eminently qualified to serve, each of the six had different training and life experiences to bring to the job, different priorities for the community, and different understandings of how a board of directors should go about its business.

There were clear choices to be made among the six candidates, and the voters made those choices. They rewarded those candidates who had lived here the longest and had been most active in the governance of Seven Lakes West — Ray MacKay and Mary Anne Fewkes — with clear majorities. Three other candidates finished within thirty-two votes of each other.

Among the advantages of having more candidates than seats and a clear choice among candidates is the fact that those of us who followed the campaign carefully probably know more about Seven Lakes West and the challenges and opportunities that lay before it than we did before the election season began.

A side benefit of the competitive race is that the board, forced to deal with the resignation of a board member right after the annual meeting, had waiting in the wings Jo Nicholas, who received the fourth highest number of votes.

We need only one more thing for the results of this competitive election to be completely positive: for candidates Dave Carter and Betty Childers to continue to involve themselves in the affairs of the community, serve on SLWLA committees, and, if the spirit moves them, to run again for the board in the futures. Having had the pleasure of interviewing both of them, we have no doubt that they will do just that.

Congratulations to Jan Patton, the nominating committee, the board, and the community, for demonstrating that voters can successfully be given a choice of candidates in Seven Lakes West.

Enough already!

Dear Editor:

After reading months of articles and editorials, I am very concerned with the direction that Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] is headed.

There is dissension among the Directors on our board, also among many of our landowners. We have board members with their special interests when they have been elected to the board to look after all the interests of all the landowners. Personal agendas are to be put aside when you take a position to represent a large community like Seven Lakes.

I think it is appalling that anyone would say that someone in the SLLA staff would reveal information that is confidential. Debbie Caulk and Vicki Strider have been loyal and dedicated employees of the association for nearly 20 years. I don't think they would disclose confidential information to anyone.

Chad Beane and Dalton Fulcher know that their jobs would be in jeopardy if they disclosed confidential information. Directors of the Association Board also have access to confidential information. Possibly, we have a director with loose lips conveying the information so their interests could be served.

I am very concerned with the direction we will be traveling if certain candidates for the board positions are elected. I am not willing to pay to have studies done to see what the communi-

ty needs in 10 to 20 years. These studies are not going to be free.

Where is the money going to come from to pay for these studies and continue to build up our reserves to the two million dollar mark? In addition to all that, we aren't going to ask for a dues increase? Does someone have a fairy godmother that is going to shower Seven Lakes with funds? The demographics are constantly changing within Seven

Lakes. There will be changing priorities as the community grows.

I have read Charlie Oliver's letter to the editor in this past issue

dated March 17th. Mr. Oliver has omitted some items that have contributed to additional costs in his over view of the budget from April 1999 to April 2005.

One item that was not mentioned was that in 2000. we were hit with the storm of the century. With this storm alone between clearing the roads; so everyone could get out to go to work or to the grocery store for supplies or to get to loved ones; and the extra yard waste disposal, the association spent at least \$80,000. As of the new budget starting in May 1, 2006, all employees will be paying 20% of their health care premium costs, which in the past have been paid by the association. Raises that are earned will be on merit alone and not automatic. The IRA accounts that the associa-

(See "Enough," p. 25)

Letters to the Editor



Thanks for support

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me while running for election to the board.

It was an exciting experience. Even though I didn't get elected

I will give my support and assistance in any way possible.

Thanks again for your support and your votes.

Betty Childers
Seven Lakes West

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It's a dog's life ... and what could be finer?

Did you watch the Westminster Dog Show a month or so ago. Great show. It is always fun to see those dogs, big and small, walking fast around the ring of show space. It's almost as much fun to see those overweight middle

aged handlers, leash in hand, trot around the ring with their dogs. But I have a question about a few of the canine entries. A few of them don't seem to me to be real dogs. They look like an artificial dog created by someone's

knitting needle. They don't have the appearance of a dog that you could get down on the floor and play with. And they don't look to be a dog that you could go outside with and throw a ball or a stick, and command "fetch."

I have a serious question about French Poodles. Somewhere under all of that creative hair-do is a dog. A dog that, I am told, was originally a working dog – a rat catcher or sheep herder, or something useful. Now they are trotted out with that ridiculous, puffy look as, they had just emerged from Madam Froufrou's Beauty Salon.

I think that all French Poodles on display are terribly embarrassed. If I were a French Poodle, I would be blushing too.

I have just read a wonderful book, *Marley and Me*, by John Grogan. The subtitle is "The Worst Dog in the World."

Marley was a big yellow Lab. He was not the worst dog in the world, just rambunctious, undisciplined, and lovable.

she had a habit of getting away from me and getting into mischief. One day she turned up in Jack Dumbleton's garden doing damage.

age. She loved to pluck tomatoes off of the vine. She loved to run around Nancy Stein's house. She got up to the truss factory

Ollie's Thoughts

Oliver Gossard



Marley reminded me of Katie, my yellow Lab, whom I had for thirteen years. Back in those years there were few homes on the West Side. Everyone over here knew Katie.

I walked with her a lot, but

one day and played with the workers.

One morning she wandered off, and I didn't find her until I received a telephone call from The West End Elementary School. She

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Enough already!

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tion is matching are only available to the sixteen full time employees.

Not all of those eligible employees take advantage of this benefit. You must remember that the proposed budget is just that, you can never anticipate snowstorms, hurricanes, or intense rains. That's what the reserves are for.

The issue of Jackie Scotti's member standing has been blown out of proportion. This would not be an issue if certain organizations didn't feel threatened by her possible reelection. Jackie Scotti filed for bankruptcy sometime in May. If Mary Hudson paid attention to the paperwork that is sent to her each year when she pays her dues, she would know that not until June 1st are landowners considered delinquent. I don't pay my dues on May 1, but do pay them in full by June 1. I have never appeared on any delinquent list.

Once Ms. Scotti filed for bankruptcy, she was relieved of the financial obligation to pay her dues. She now has lifetime rights to the property she lives on and is paid up. The reason that this issue was discussed behind closed doors was that if some aspects of this issue became public, Ms. Scotti could take legal action against the Association. That's not an expense the Association wants to deal with.

Now that the elections are concluded, I hope that the new board can see their way through to be concerned with the community as a whole. I know each board member has a responsibility for a committee. I'm looking for those decisions to be made for the benefit of the majority and not a small amount that speak the loudest. I'm not asking that the board always see eye

to eye on every issue. I'm just looking for a united front on the issues and keep the bickering out of the headlines.

I've lived in Seven Lakes for many years and believe it is a great place to live and raise children. I hope it stays a community that I can enjoy and be proud of.

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The Golden Rule never goes out of style

I've had difficulty coming up with a subject for this week's column. I've been in Florida for two weeks where I had a pleasant but not exciting time, nothing worth writing about.

On my flight back, I sat next to an interesting young man who is a detective in the Raleigh police. He used to investigate computer crime for the FBI but now trains police officers. Interesting man, but I don't know enough to write much about him.

Then, today, I attended a meeting where I became aware of what I consider to be a nasty approach to a defeated opponent. "Why does one do that?" I asked myself.

Nothing was gained except to cause embarrassment to a defeated opponent and to display

a far less than class act on the part of the speaker. Sometimes people don't realize that they damage their own image far more than others when they cast aspersions.

Have we as a nation forgotten the golden rule — "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you?" I understand that this attitude is expressed in every major religion. I believe that for Jews it is worded in the reverse — "Do not do to others what you don't want them to do to you."

I cannot imagine that anyone living today could possibly not have had such advice repeated to them many times from childhood on up by countless persons involved in their upbringing. Surely, even non-church-

goers have heard those words over and over.

Throughout the twenty-two years that I taught teenagers, we conformed to a basic rule within my classroom. Unkindness



Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley

simply was never tolerated within my domain. Wrong answers were not to elicit laughter as a means of embarrassment.

Even the sharpest kid "goofs" occasionally, and some of us more than occasionally. Kindness is contagious, but unfortunately, so is nastiness. There is a song within the musical *South Pacific* that claims you have to teach children to hate. They don't know how until prejudiced and unkind adults teach them by example.

Likewise children need to be taught love and kindness by the people they emulate. Teaching

kindness is an easy task for a loving person.

I used to tell "kids" that if they had to try to feel better about themselves by "putting down" others then I would recommend a good talk with a counselor.

People who know that they are "okay" have no desire to kick anyone else.

Today, I am concerned for the nasty gossip who seems to get a kick out of maligning others. What is the source of this person's personal lack of self esteem?

It astounds me when I leave church with the "holier than thou" and then hear the unloving attitudes expressed by some and I learn of some of the ungodly

words and deeds espoused by a few fellow church members. Why attend church if you don't make a sincere effort after you leave. God forgive me for sounding more pious than I really am, or at least, help me to become the person I'd like to be.

In our society there will always be differences of opinions and different ways of doing things, but I would think a lot more of our politicians (local and national) if they could just function on a level playing field. State your case and then, go for it on the merits of your agenda, not on the basis of who can get farther "down and dirty" regarding his opponent. No wonder people don't trust politicians.

If I'm sounding negative, I'm really not. In the long run, I have to agree with Anne Frank: "... because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."

Ollie Gossard

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was there. I quickly drove up to the school only to find Katie delighting everyone, students, teachers, janitors, by racing around the halls running in and out of classrooms. You always knew where she was when she ran into a classroom there would be shrieks of joy from the kids.

I loved Katie. Whatever mischief she got into she always had a smile on her face. A fine companion.

If you love dogs, read *Marley and Me*. But don't read the last ten pages if you don't want to weep.

I love to talk to real dog lovers, Nancy Appen, Pat Allan, Harrell Johnson, for instance.

Dorothy Nathan and I even whispered news about our dogs during quiet moments in church in February.

I better go see what my dog Georgia is doing. She is terribly spoiled and is neurotic, but she is my friend.

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Celebrate National Tartan Day, April 6

by Steve Hudson

With Moore County being heavily settled by Scots, I would like to pass on a reminder to everyone. In 1997, Congress passed a bill proclaiming April 6 as National Tartan Day. This is the day that is recognized and celebrated as Scottish Independence Day.

The reason is that on this day in 1320, the Declaration of Arbroath was signed by Scottish nobles and sent to the Pope in

Rome. It was a united stand against King Edward of England and it declared Scottish independence.

It states in part: "It is not for glory, nor riches, nor honor that we are fighting, but only for freedom, which no good man surrenders but with his life."

From this Scottish declaration came our own Declaration of Independence hundreds of years later. It is said that over half of the signers of our Declaration

of Independence were of Scottish descent.

So, on April 6, remember the Declaration of Arbroath and the many contributions that Scots have made to our country and display your tartan!

For all the Irish folks, when you celebrate Saint Patrick's day, remember that Patrick was Scottish. He was born outside of Glasgow, Scotland. But that's another story.

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The temperature was cool, and rain threatened all day, but that didn't seem to matter to the visitors who made their way from the crafts area to the Scottish Jumble, stopping along the way for some barbecue at Talbert's catering trailer, at Town Hall to pick up a brownie or cookie from the Bake Sale.

Then it was back through the craft area on the way to the great display of antique cars, maybe stopping along the way to listen to a little music.

It was a great start to what may be a great annual event.



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Jeff Herman elected SLLA Vice President

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does business in the county, in order to avoid having more than \$100,000 in any one bank. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will only insure deposits up to \$100,000, Fulkcher said.

- Jeff Herman was commissioned to consult with Judiciary Committee chairman Dave Kinney about the future role of his committee, which is currently short two members and will be called on to meet every other week in the future. A new bill that has passed the state legislature requires that any fine for rules infractions be

levied only after a Judiciary Committee finds that an infraction has occurred, so the committee will need to meet more often to facilitate this aspect of rules enforcement.

- Truesdell said that he and Herman, who has had responsibility for Community Standards, had worked out two other enhancements to rules enforcement:
- Withholding 2006-2007 vehicle stickers to landowners with outstanding fines — a proposal that will be cleared with the association's attorney before being implemented.
- Issuing a form to roving security patrol that will allow them to report, on a shift-by-shift basis, a variety of rules infractions: illegal parking, the presence of RVS or large trucks on resident property, loose dogs, etc. These will be submitted to Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane and allow him to expedite the process of notifying violators. Herman explained that violators would be given one verbal and two written warnings, after which the problem would be referred to the judicial committee.

Truesdell asked that directors speak with him individually about their interests in heading up the various SLLA committees: recreation, security, lakes and maintenance, and so on. He said he will make those appointments at the board's next working session, on April 20. A new committee will examine the association's by-laws and determine whether they need to be revised in light of state legislation or other factors.

Truesdell said finding ways to cut association expenses without cutting services was high on his priority list. He suggested the board consider adding a line to its annual budget that will set aside a specific amount for reserves every year.

When Truesdell asked for comments from board members, Steve Hudson said he had heard from a number of landowners who are uncomfortable with the board's new procedure for managing public comment at the monthly general sessions. He said people feel their input is being limited.

Fathauer responded "We needed something. Some of our members have a tendency to make speeches. Comments

need to be addressed to the board."

Truesdell agreed, saying, "The thing I want to avoid at open meetings is residents having a debate."

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher said he saw the primary problem with the current procedure being that, if a landowner wants to respond to or question something that comes up in a committee report, he or she can do so only if they have signed up in advance — before the report was given.

Though no vote was taken,

board members seemed inclined to modify the process so that, if time remains in the 30-minute public comment period after those who signed up in advance have spoken, the presiding officer will ask whether anyone else has comments or questions. Additional speakers will be allowed up to the 30-minute time limit.

After the meeting, President Truesdell told *The Times* the board would make a firm decision on that modification at their next work session, prior to the April open meeting.

Forum

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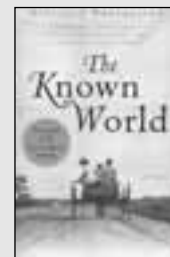
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Savings found in maintenance, insurance

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istrative and maintenance staff.

"The association has 17 permanent full time employees, and their service record speaks for itself," Fathauer said.

Lakes & Maintenance. The annual meeting then turned to committee reports, with Don Truesdell the first to speak. He noted that maintenance expenses are responsible for 40.6% of the operating and capital budget of the SLLA. Truesdell said he was able to spend \$40,000 less than had been budgeted for maintenance this year.

"We have 26 miles of roads (16 on the North Side and 10 on the South Side), 9 dams, 8 lakes, 300 acres of grass to mow and numerous buildings and public areas to maintain," Truesdell said.

He said that he had begun his work on maintenance issues exploring the outsourcing of various maintenance functions, but then found that it was less expensive to do the work in-house.

Truesdell said he was confronted with two major issues in the past year: state-mandated repairs to Echo Dam and a revision of state flood plain maps that may place some lakefront homes in Seven Lakes North in the flood plain.

The repairs to Echo Dam are still in the engineering phase, Truesdell said. Engineering fees are likely to total \$58,000; the repairs, another \$100,000. He said he plans to "take a more proactive position regarding routine maintenance as suggested by North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the hopes that we can avoid state mandated repairs."

Engineers from Hobbs Upchurch determined that there was little the association could do to contest the new flood plain maps; lakefront residents will have to deal with that issue on a property-by-property basis.

"The challenge we face going forward is to develop a long range plan to fund the maintenance of our infrastructure," Truesdell said.

Community Standards. Jeff Herman thanked the members of the Community Standards committee for the past year: Nancy Burgoon, Joann Guy,

Steve Hudson, Dee Mathes, Holli Murphy, Donna Stephan and Judy Wood.

He said the committee has put in place a standardized, trackable method of handling complaints about rules violations. 62 complaints were received over the course of the past year, and 50 have been resolved.

Herman said the committee and board have initiated fines from some rules offenses but will have to revise that process as a result of new state legislation.

Insurance. Noting that he had also worked on employee health insurance issues over the past year, Herman said that the association had implemented changes to its policy which will save \$15,000 in annual premium. Additional revisions to the benefit structure that has employees sharing more of the cost will save the association another \$19,000.

The SLLA will be implemented a health care savings account

for employees that will allow them to set aside pre-tax dollars for health-related expenditures, Herman said.

Company Police. Noting that he had taken on responsibility for Seven Lakes Company Police on July 9, Herman said officers had issued approximately 65 citations and 100 verbal and written warning during the months since. Recently Company Police officers were able to apprehend juveniles responsible for setting small fires and committing other acts of vandalism on association property.

"It has been a privilege working with the company police this year," Herman added. "Thank you for your service. Your service will be missed."

Architectural Review. Ron Richmond thanked those who had served on his Architectural Review Committee during the past year: JoAn Moses, Lucy Ingram, Dick Weber, and Jim Kilpatrick. The committee approved 22 new homes in the past year, and considered 48

proposed alterations or additions, Richmond said.

Security. Loren Swearingen, who is leaving the board, said "It's been a great personal experience for me to serve in this capacity. I know of no other position that allows one to witness up close and personal the inner workings of our fine community."

"It gives one a real opportunity to appreciate the things that are going right and at the same time try to do your best to improve upon things that are going wrong,"

he added.

Swearingen detailed a number of security initiatives undertaken over the past year, including the installation of security lighting at Sequoia Point and behind the pool area, placing an 11:00 pm curfew on SLLA parking areas, and installing speed bumps on the Sequoia Dam roadway.

Swearingen encouraged the incoming board to work closely with the Moore County Sher-

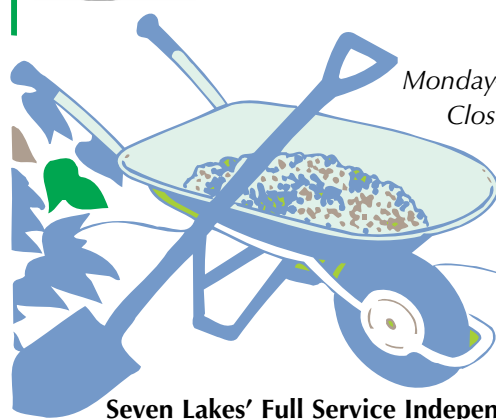
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iff's Office, as well as developing an community watch program. He also encouraged the board to investigate outsourcing security services, noting that he had already obtained quotes from security vendors.

Recreation. Outgoing Director Jackie Scotti said the community has an excellent recreation program — thanks in part to the hard work of Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane. She said participation in youth programs is growing by twenty percent per year.

Activities for adults are also growing in number and participation, and the relationship with Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] recreation committee is creating new opportunities for residents on both sides of town.

Scotti said she spent most of

the first year of her two-year term investigating needs in the recreation area. Analysis done, work has proceeded on new horseshoe pits, a new one-quarter-mile walking trail in the clubhouse area, new restrooms under construction at Sequoia Point, and improvements to the pool area.

"It's been a learning experience been on the board," Scotti concluded. "Despite some unusual circumstances and some stone throwing, I have enjoyed time on the board. It's good to be in service to community. Whatever the results of the election, I will continue to be involved."

Finance. Treasurer John Paulson, who is also leaving the board, reported that year-to-date revenues total \$1,254,700, compared to \$1,147,600 at this time last year.

Year-to-date expenses are

\$940,600, versus \$931,000 last year. Paulson said that the association's reserves at the end of the current fiscal year are expected to total \$360,000.

Paulson said that he would "caution future boards to be prudent where they spend that money," noting that storm damage and other unanticipated events can put unexpected pressure on association finances.

Public Comment. Landowners were asked to sign up in advance for the public comment segment of the meeting.

Jim Gunderson of the Concerned Citizens Council thanked the CCC steering committee for their work. "We have accomplished quite a bit," he said. He also thanked Swearingen for his service on the board.

Gordon Ferren asked why the SLLA budget continued to carry a line that included both securi-

ty and police. Director Paulson explained that the inclusion of police was a typographical error.

Ferren said the budget made it hard to determine what the association was actually paying for its administrative staff, though it appeared to be "\$243,000 for four people. That seems high to me," he said.

"It doesn't add up. I feel we are shafted," Ferron said. "We don't know what the numbers stand for."

Mary Hudson asked whether the association was paying for its Company Police officers to attend radar school. President Fathauer responded "The county pays for the school; we only pay for the time."

Noting that Fathauer had, in the last open meeting, promised that landowners would be provided the facts about Director Scotti's eligibility to run for the

board once they were available. But, once the association's attorney had rendered opinion, the details were not shared with the community.

Noting that the rationale for not releasing the information is that it would jeopardize attorney-client privilege, Hudson asked if association members are not in fact the client.

Fathauer replied that the board is the client, not association members. "He is a board attorney, not the association's attorney," Fathauer said.

Martin Hoagland asked why lot owners — as opposed to resident landowners — can't vote in board elections. Director Paulson replied that the covenants lay out voting rights. After the meeting, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher told Hoagland that it is actually the SLLA by-laws that specify who can vote for what.

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by Jerry Farley,
Publicity Chairman

The Sandhills Lions Club of Seven Lakes “fielded” a team of twelve members on the morning of March 8 for a quarterly highway cleanup of trash along a two mile stretch of Highway 211.

The Lions Club has adopted this stretch of Highway 211 which runs through Seven Lakes from just west of the Dollar General Store and ending just east of the West End Post Office. A total of 16 bags of trash and debris were picked up and bagged for removal during this quarters’ cleanup.

Members participating in this worthwhile community service activity are from left to right, Howie Pierce, Elmer and Jean Parker, Barbara and Ray Lambert (Club President), John Slazas, Jerry Genaw, Dan Flint (Event Chairman), Mike Macias, and Bill Leeman. Not available for photo were Lions Keith Woods and Jerry Farley who were also



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information were hand delivered to every resident.

15. We, as a community were able to have the original Flood Plain Maps, which showed all of our lake front properties being included within the flood plain, changed to show no properties within the flood plain. This saved our lake front property owners the expense of Flood Plain Insurance.

West Side Park

1. We were able to add to the community's amenities this year a swimming pool, children's playground and Tennis Courts, which have been enjoyed by many of our residents.

2. We have adopted a new Community Logo, which is proudly displayed on our new flag flying in front of the Community Center.

3. Today we are recognizing the first recipient of a place on our new Wall of Honor here at the

Community Center.

4. The Community Center continues to receive increased usage by various organizations, clubs and private individuals. It has been used for weddings, dances, parties, meetings, classes, shows and banquets.

5. An engineering study has been completed on the acoustics of the great room and options are currently being reviewed.

The Lake

1. The restrooms at Johnson Point have been painted with some new partitions installed.

2. The float at Johnson Point is in the process of being replaced for this year's swimming season.

3. Approximately 8000 bluegill feeder fish have been added to the lake.

4. Weekend security at Johnson Point greatly reduced the occurrences of unregistered boats in the lake.

Architectural Review

1. Up-dated and revised standards for the building and renovation of homes in Seven Lakes West were created and were presented to all of the contractors working in our community.

2. The ARC committee has been very active in vigorously pursuing the enforcement of the new standards.

Security

1. After reviewing all of the available data presented, we are changing our Main Gate security force over to SFI (Security Forces, Inc.) effective May 1st. We feel that this will represent a significant upgrade over our current existing security. This will be a 24/7-gate security.

2. We will be hiring a new Compliance Officer. This position will replace the Roving Patrol that we currently have in place. This person's function will include the monitoring of compliance

to our Rules and Regulations, Covenants and ARC Standards as well as performing the duties previously handled by the Roving Patrol.

3. The updating and revision to our existing Disaster Management Plan is currently underway.

Infrastructure

1. One additional fire hydrant was installed during the last year with six planned for next year.

2. Upgrades to the east gate were completed with the addition of a split rail fence and additional shrubbery.

3. The first step in the up grading of Lakeway Drive and Mall was completed by the installation of a dry creek drainage bed. Flowerbeds and plantings will follow.

4. We are currently investigating the possibility of creating our own in-house maintenance capability.

Recreation

1. This was the first year of our

reciprocal recreation agreement with the SLLA. Everything went very well and we look forward to continuing this relationship. There were many great attractions during the last year, which included dances, our first annual Christmas Tree Lighting Party, fireworks, Taste of the Town, Wine Tasting, picnics and parties at Johnson Point as well as other events. Speaking of the fireworks, the board has just voted to have a fireworks display here on the West Side every year.

2. A regular stop by the Bookmobile at the Community Center and a new Seven Lakes Forum has been offered to stimulate the brain cells.

As I said in the beginning, this certainly has been an eventful year. I would like to compliment and extend my appreciation to the board and all of our community volunteers for all of their time and efforts devoted towards achieving these accomplishments.

Westside election results

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lots or proxies, Secretary Jan Patton reported at the meeting. Patton later told *The Times* that sixteen members had submitted proxies, fourteen designating the board secretary as proxy; two designating another person.

Owners of undeveloped lots, as well as homeowners, are eligible to vote in the elections. Of the 656 total ballots and proxies received, 420 were from homeowners' lots and 236 were from undeveloped lots.

Board members vote by secret ballot to determine how proxies should be voted. Those 42 votes (14 proxies times 3 board seats) were distributed among the candidates among the in the same percentages as board member's votes.

"I'd like to personally thank all the candidates for their participation and vigorous efforts," SLWLA President Jim Meikle said once the results were announced. "For those who didn't make it, I want to encourage you to keep going forward and working with us on various committees in the community."

In addition to electing board members, members of the association approved the Fiscal Year

2006-2007 SLWLA budget by a vote of 532 to 63.

Director Hugh Beckwith was named chairman of the nominat-

ing committee for next year. Lori Copper, Phil Treit, and Ron Sickenger will serve on the committee.

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