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Wildlife officers write tickets on Lake Auman

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC] paid a visit to Lake Auman on Easter Sunday. Officers spent several afternoon and evening hours enforcing state boating and fishing regulations on the lake.

Quite a few surprised holiday boaters found themselves asked to produce boat registrations or fishing licenses, had their safety equipment examined, or were asked to take sobriety tests. Eleven came away from the encounter with tickets that included fines of \$25 or \$50 plus \$110 in court costs. Nine or ten were somewhat luckier, coming away from the encounter with only a warning.

The rumor mill rapidly escalated the event in a number of directions, alleging, among other things, that 45 tickets were given out and that one boater faced a fine of \$700.

Directors of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] moved quickly to undo the damage, meeting just three days later in Raleigh with Colonel Kenneth Everhart, who heads up the NCWRC's enforcement division. According to a statement released by the association board [and reprinted in full on page 3 of this issue] they contested the Commission's jurisdiction on Lake Auman and asked to have the Easter Sunday tickets rescinded.

Everhart declined to wipe out the tickets, but did agree that the issue of the NCWRC's jurisdiction on the lake is a legal matter. The Association has retained attorney Kurt Olson to make its case, while the Commission is represented by Assistant Attorney General Norman Young. Olson is expected to present the Association's case to the Young and the Commission by mid next week at the latest.

The board's statement expresses optimism that the Association can convince the NCWRC that it lacks jurisdictional authority on Lake Auman, but expresses a willingness to pursue the issue further — presumably through litigation or legislation — if they fail at this level:

"The Board continues to believe that the Association's likelihood of success on the merits is high. In the event that it is unable to persuade the NCWRC, and the

(See "Wildlife," p. 23)



North Carolina Wildlife Resources Officers patrol Lake Auman on Easter Sunday.

Got his goat . . .



Ollie Gossard gets acquainted with his namesake — Ollie the goat — down on Watts Auman's farm. [See Ollie's column on page 26. Thanks to Dudley Crawford for the photo.]

New board takes charge

Fewer than two-dozen landowners were on hand for the first meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] held since balloting at the annual meeting added three new members to the board.

But the sparse turnout didn't prevent association President Don Truesdell from laying out his top agenda items for the coming year: establishing a long-range plan, updating association by-laws, and establishing a Community Watch program.

Truesdell also announced the committee assignments of each of the directors:

- Jeff Herman will serve as Vice President and handle Community Standards.
- Steve Hudson will serve as Treasurer and chair the Finance Committee.
- Michael Florence will serve as Secretary and oversee Security and the Community Watch Program.
- Jack Fathauer will chair the

Recreation Committee.

- Ron Richmond will handle Architectural Review.
- Ed Nuti is responsible for Lakes and Maintenance and a new committee that will revise the association by-laws.
- Truesdell will himself chair

(See "SLLA," p. 37)

New Times Deadlines

Effective with our May 12 issue, *The Times* will be moving its ad and news deadlines from the Monday prior to publication back to Friday. This will enable us to better serve our readers and advertisers. See page 2 for a list of publication dates and dead-

Deputies searching for Seven Lakes man

As The Times went to press Thursday morning, the Moore County Sheriff's Office was still searching for Northsider William Clarence Bost of 105 Thistle Lane, in Seven Lakes North.

Bost was reported missing to the Moore County Sheriff's Office on Sunday, April 23.

Deputies conducted both ground and air searches on Monday and Tuesday looking for the missing man.

Bost is described as a 53 year-old white male, approximately 5'9" in height, weighing approximately 200 pounds, with green eyes and brown hair.

Bost was reported missing by his brother, Wayland Morris Bost, at 7:39 p.m. on Sunday. Bost was last seen at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 16.

The brothers share the residence on Thistle, but, according to Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter, Wayland Morris Bost

said it was not unusual for the brothers to not see each other for several days..

Carter told *TheTimes* that there is no indication of foul play in Bost's disappearance.

He noted that Bost's car was found parked at his residence and all his personal belongings were there as well.

Carter is requesting that anyone with information concerning the location of William Clarence Bost to contact the Moore County Sheriff's Office at 910-947-2931.



William Clarence Bost

Businesses, non-profits can reserve booth for Guild Expo

The Seven Lakes Business Guild's Annual Spring Expo is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 at the Business Plaza at the intersection of Hwy 211 and Seven Lakes Drive.

The event will be 9:00 am until 3:30 pm according to event

coordinator Darrell Marks.

This Spring event gives Seven Lakes and Foxfire's many new residents a chance to see what area businesses and service companies have to offer.

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SLWLA statement on Wildlife enforcement

[The paragraphs that follow are the text of a statement on North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission enforcement activities issued earlier this week by the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board of Directors.]

On Easter Sunday, April 16, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Enforcement Division ("NCWRC"), in the person of Sergeant Mark L. Dutton, detained a number of boats on Lake Auman, and issued 10 (ten) uniform citations and a number of warning tickets. The citations were for alleged violations of North Carolina Statutes as they apply to "Waters of the State" a.k.a "Public Fishing

Waters." Sergeant Dutton also dispersed a gathering on the Association's private property (Johnson Point).

A significant number of Seven Lakes West landowners have

expressed their dismay with respect to these events. Their concerns reflect the perception of being unfairly surprised and the reportedly provocative nature of the officer's enforcement activ-

ity. The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board of Directors shares the community's disappointment over these events, firmly believes that the NCWRC does not have juris-

diction over Lake Auman, and is working to achieve a definitive resolution as quickly as possible.

This dispute concerning the NCWRC's jurisdiction with respect

(See "SLWLA," p. 22)

SLLA advice differs

The issues surrounding North Carolinas Wildlife Resources Commission enforcement of fishing and boating laws on Lake Sequoia in Seven Lakes North are the same as those for Lake Auman: Can fish enter or leave the lake, and does the lake lie upon a single tract of private property?

As is the case with Lake Auman, the property lines of individual lakefront lots around Sequoia and the other northside lakes extend into the lake. And, like on the West Side, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] covenants expressly state that no lot owner owns any part of any of the lakes.

But the SLLA board is offering its association members

(See "SLLA," p. 35)

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NC boating & fishing rules: The basics

Given the Easter Sunday enforcement activity by North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission officers on Lake Auman [see page 1, Seven Lakes who enjoy fishing and boating may want to consider purchasing a fishing license and registering their boats with the state.

Those with internet access will find that the NCWRC has a user-friendly website [www.wildlife.state.nc.us] that explains boating, fishing, and hunting regulations in North Carolina.

A printed magazine with fishing and hunting rules — North Carolina Regulations Digest — is available from retailers who sell

fishing license and boat registrations. You can order a free copy by calling 919-707-0250.

The commission's North Carolina Vessel Operator's Guide spells out boating rules. It's available from the website or by calling 1-800-628-3773.

Here's a quick summary of the basics:

Boating

- All motorized boats must be registered, as well as all sailboats longer than fourteen feet at the waterline. Rowboats and canoes do not need to be registered.
- Boats registered in another state need to be re-registered in North Carolina if they've

been in the state for 90 days.

- Registered boats receive a registration number from the state, and that number has to be displayed on the boat, along with a registration sticker. The registration wallet-card is supposed to be on the boat

whenever it is it use. There are specific rules for number and sticker display that can be found on the website or in the Regulations Digest. The registration number generally goes with the boat if it is sold.

- Registration costs \$25 for

three years.

- The commission also issues titles for boats, at additional cost, but these are not mandatory.
 - Like automobile registration information, the NCWRC's database on boats eventual-
- (See "NC," p. 36)

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Sunday, April 30 is the last day of operation for the Seven Lakes Company Police Department, as a result of a special election held late last year.

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association board voted in its April 20 work session to hire SFI, Inc. to man the North and South gatehouses, while continuing to handle 80 hours per week of roving patrol in-house.

Newly-elected board member Michael Florence, who has been appointed chairman of the Security Committee, sat down with *The Times* earlier this week to discuss the changes and his plans for maintaining security in Seven Lakes.

Gate transition

The transition to having SFI man the gates will begin on May 1 and is expected to take 30 days, Florence said. The company is expected to attempt to hire a number of the existing guards.

"We'll need to ask for the community's cooperation and patience during this transition," Florence told *The Times*.

Call 9-1-1

Noting the imminent disbanding of Seven Lakes Company Police, Florence said it is important that residents remember that "if you see suspicious or illegal activity, your first move should be to call 9-1-1 — not the landowners office, not the gate.

Call 9-1-1."

No more wrist-slaps

The absence of Company Police means a change in the way crime — even what some would consider petty crimes — will be handled, Florence said.

"It's important to understand that criminal activity will no longer be dealt with inside the community — or in-house," Florence said. "The Moore County Sheriff's Office will be involved."

As an example of what this change could mean, Florence noted that "vandalism seems to be on the rise — damage to pool furniture, breaking the pool fence. That's not a prank; that's vandalism and the cost of that

vandalism is going up."

"If we can apprehend or identify the individuals involved," Florence said, "it will no longer be handled within the community. It will be handled by the Sheriff's Office."

"Parents should be aware that they are responsible for the actions of their children," Florence said. "With summer coming and kids have more time on their hands. If someone is apprehended damaging something, we are going to prosecute. Some of this behavior — because of the cost of the damage involved — is turning into felony behavior."

As an example of the way in which what seems like juvenile

mischief can turn into something much more serious, Florence pointed to the recent theft of a master key from the North-side mailhouse.

"There is a master key for the 40 parcel lockers," he explained. "That was stolen from the mailroom. Now we have to replace the cylinders in those lockers at a cost of eight dollars per cylinder plus labor. Someone jimmied the lock of the closed portion of the mailroom."

"This is a felony, involving the US Mail, and now the local unit of the US Postal Inspectors service has been involved in the investigation."

(See "Security," p. 35)



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Dave Davies honored for volunteerism

by Ellen Ains
NAMI Publicity

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Moore County (NAMI-MC) honored long-standing volunteer, Dave Davies, with the Bob Best Award during its annual meeting on April 3.

This honorary award originated in 2005 and is presented to a NAMI member who contributes

above and beyond the designated volunteer job descriptions, just as the named person did through the years. Bob Best, the founder of the Moore County affiliate, worked diligently for over 15 years to educate and support the families who have members with mental illness before returning to Michigan in

1998 with his wife Mary, also an active NAMI member.

Dave Davies and his wife Roxana retired and moved to Seven Lakes in 1988, and they joined NAMI soon after. He served on both local and statewide NAMI Boards and was Vice-President on both. He has been Chairman of the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive for several years and was instrumental in coordinating members' participation and thereby gaining funds for local NAMI projects.

Several years ago, Davies approached the local Salvation Army Board to obtain toiletry kits for mentally ill patients at Dorothea Dix Hospital and our area hospitals, 500 of which were distributed around Christmas. When the Salvation Army could no longer supply these kits, Davies requested that the

NAMI Board approve the funds to continue furnishing these kits to those in need. That successful program continues.

In the early 1990's Davies also learned of a program by Wrangler Jeans in Greensboro, whereby jeans and shirts of many sizes would be donated for charitable use. For several years, Dave drove to Greensboro to pick up the jeans and distrib-

ute to those in need at rest homes, group homes, or other facilities that housed the mentally ill. He did this completely on his own. At one time, Dave rented a van and he and Bob Best distributed the jeans. Over 3000 jeans were distributed until the program was discontinued by Wrangler.

Davies has been NAMI's First

(See "Davies," p. 9)



Hazel Elmore, award presenter, with Dave Davies and his wife Roxana.




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Westside to explore curbside mail delivery

While the bulk of the Tuesday, April 24 regular meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association was given over to a discussion of the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Resources Commission on Lake Auman, board members did report on a few other items of interest.

Among them: mail delivery on the West Side, NC Highway 211, and Diquat in Lake Auman.

Mail delivery. SLWLA President Jim Meikle said the question of whether the West Side should attempt to persuade the US Postal Service to begin curbside mail delivery in the community "has been bantered around a lot. This year, the long range planning committee is attempting to settle the issue once and for all."

Meikle said the existing mailhouse is showing its age. In addition, the traffic pattern and limited parking in the area make it difficult for the facility to accommodate more customers, even though the building can physical-

ly hold enough mailboxes to serve the entire community. So curbside delivery or building an additional mailhouse seems to be in the cards.

The long range planning committee will be using the annual

West Side Landowners Meeting

4/25

dues mailing to ask landowners whether they are in favor of mail delivery, Meikle said.

"Just like any other issue we face, this one has various pros and cons," he noted, and then listed several of each:

- There is no guarantee that the SLWLA can convince the Postal Service to provide curbside delivery. Meikle said it has been an "uphill battle."
- Building a new mailhouse will require finding some uncovenanted land outside the community or changing

the covenants to allow construction of a mail facility on a residential lot in the community. Whichever option is chosen, Meikle said, a new mailhouse could be very expensive — and that expense will have to be borne by the association.

- Curbside delivery would require mailboxes at every home — an expense for homeowners. Meikle said the association would probably want to handle the selection and installation of mailboxes in order to assure uniformity of appearance.

- Curbside delivery would involve slow-moving delivery vehicles making frequent stops along busy community streets, potentially creating a traffic hazard.
- Meikle noted that curbside delivery is less secure than delivery to a mailhouse — a particular concern now that identity theft is more com-

mon.

- While packages can be delivered to lockers at a mailhouse, curbside delivery would mean picking up most packages at the West End Post Office.

Meikle encouraged residents to consider all the pros and cons before marking their preference on the poll that will be included in with dues invoices.

Highway 211. Ray MacKay reported that he had attended a public hearing that the North Carolina Department of Transportation held on the widening of NC Highway 211 from West End to Pinehurst.

The \$29 million project will be 80% funded with federal highway dollars, Mac Kay said.

Comments from the public on the project are due to the department in mid-May. The address is available from MacKay or the SLWLA office.

Lake Auman. Newly-elected board member Mary Anne Fewkes, who will have responsibility for the lake and environmental issues told members the association will be trying to limit its use of herbicides to control the growth of aquatic weeds in coves. The goal is to maintain as much

(See "SLWLA," p. 35)

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by Mason Gould

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Partners Kay McCarthy and Marilyn Quintana came out on top, 6-3, 3-6, 10-6 (tie breaker) in the final deciding match, defeating Hilton Head, repre-

senting South Carolina. Other state champions represented in the tournament were Georgia, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, and Kentucky.

The other members of our team played a significant role in enabling the group to reach that final match. As co-captain Barbara Horan put it, "Old age ain't for sissies!"

[The Times misidentified team members in our last issue. We regret the error.]



Southeast Champs! — Front: Joan Carter, Jane Lowe and co-captain Barbara Horan. Middle: Marilyn Quintana, co-captain Kay McCarthy and Vi Everhart. Back: Joyce Charles and Ally Vogel. Not pictured: Judy Streit and JoAn Moses

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In memory of . . .

William Glenn "Bill" Harrington, age 86, died Monday, April 17, at his home in Seven Lakes.

Born in Erie, PA to the late Nathan Owen and Verna McKee Harrington, he worked for many years with Gulf Oil before retiring to Seven Lakes in 1984. An avid golfer and bowler, Mr. Harrington was active in the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club, volunteered at Samarkand Manor, was treasurer of the Chapel in the Pines for three years, and was membership chairman of the Seven Lakes Country Club.

He is survived by his wife of 62

years, Audrey Morris "Echo" Harrington; his brother, Roger Harrington of Florence, MA, and his sister, Janice Perstein of Haddonfield, NJ.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Chapel in the Pines in Seven Lakes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Seven Lakes EMS, 969 Seven Lakes North, Seven Lakes, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

Robert Bernard Doll, 91, of Seven Lakes died at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital on

Monday, April 17.

Mr. Doll was born in Canton, Ohio where he spent most of his life. He was veteran of the US Air Force during W.W.II. He was employed by Stark County for 25 years where he attained the position of Director of Subdivision Development until he retired. He was a member of the "Roll of Honor" of the Old Timers Baseball Association in Canton.

He was married to Jane Richardson in 1956. The family moved to Seven Lakes in 1983.

Survivors include his wife, Jane; and several nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Davies honored

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Health-Moore Regional Hospital Liaison for many years. He meets regularly with the staff at Corporate Education and coordinates the meetings or date changes with the hospital.

For his many initiatives and dedication to NAMI and its goals since the late 80's, the Board felt that Dave Davies was most deserving of the Bob Best Award, which is not necessarily given annually.

NAMI's purpose is to support families and friends of the mentally ill, educate the public, promote helpful legislation, and advocate for those who suffer with

mental illness. NAMI-MC meetings are open to all families and friends of those with a brain disease, who need more information on an illness, and/or who need support in dealing with the infirmity.

Expert speakers discuss medical and therapeutic advances in the field. The chapter has its own library of books and videos on mental illness that members can check out. The meetings are held monthly at 7:00 pm on the first Monday at the Conference Center of Moore Regional Hospital. For more details, call Judith Krall, President NAMI-MC at 235-0303.

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Young Friends Help Animals in Need

by Lou Atkins

Sandhills Animal Rescue League

On a beautiful day in Seven Lakes, five pet loving young ladies convinced their Mother that they needed to have a bake sale to raise money to help Sandhills Animal Rescue League.

Allison Rabstajnek along with her sisters Keelen and Casey, cousin Sarah, and friend Hannah Florence set up shop and sold a total of \$60.11 (I don't know who gave the 11 cents!) to help buy supplies for the rescued pets.

I picked up the money and went straight to the store to buy paper towels, Q-tips to clean ears, a few cans of canned dog food for Beau, an old beagle with few teeth, and gassed up the van to take more pets to the vet for spaying and neutering.

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7 Lakes gardeners get the bluebird story

Members of the Seven Lakes Garden Club were treated to a wonderful program on Bluebirds at their April meeting. Helen Munro, a resident of Foxfire Village and bluebird enthusiast

extraordinaire, presented both slides for identification purposes and habitat discussions and a film of a bluebird nest with hatchlings, from eggs to fledgling.

As a member of the North Carolina Bluebird Society, Munro talked about the decline of bluebirds and ways in which everyone can each help to reverse that process.

If anyone would like to know more about blue birds, contact the society by writing to the NC Bluebird Society, PO Box 4191, Greensboro, NC 27404. Munro graciously donated bluebird pictures to the group's regular door prize drawing.

The May meeting of the Seven Lakes Garden Club will be held in the North Club House on May 11 at 7:30 pm.

The speaker will be Shawna Smith from the Moore County Extension Master Gardener Speaker's Bureau. She will be discussing gardening and cooking with herbs. This is a great way to end the spring meetings. In addition to the regular program, on May 11 the annual plant exchange will also take place.

Anyone from Seven Lakes who wishes to bring plants or get plants is invited — you do not need to be a member of the garden club.

If you bring plants, please label them. Come join the fun.



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Mark Smith to Speak at Emmanuel Episcopal

Mark Smith, well known local pharmacist will speak at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (350 E. Massachusetts Ave.) on Friday, May 5, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Mr. Smith is a native of North Carolina, born in Burlington. He is the owner and pharmacist at Town Center Pharmacy, in Southern Pines.

Smith will address topics such as certain drug interactions and potential side-effects of commonly prescribed medications. He will also include his observations on the new Prescription Drug Plan. A question and answer session will follow the program. The event is open to the public.



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15 Tomato Basil Soup Meatloaf Dinner	16 Black Bean Soup Tarragon Chicken Dinner	17 Potato Leek Soup Two-Bean Enchilada Dinner	18 Crab & Shrimp Bisque Herb Parmesan Tilapia Dinner	19 Manhattan Clam Chowder Beef Stroganoff Dinner
22 Corn Chowder Soup Penne Primavera Dinner	23 Chilled Cucumber Soup BBQ Chicken Dinner	24 Chicken & Orzo Soup Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	25 Cabbage, Bean, & Sausage Soup Lemon Shrimp Oriental Dinner	26 Asparagus Vichyssoise Pork Dijonaise Dinner
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Moore OnStage stages 'Salute to Broadway'

Moore OnStage Production in collaboration with Taylor Dance get ready to find out what has really been playing on the Great White Way in the past few years when Moore OnStage brings you its last production of the season, "Salute to Broadway."

Sing along with Frankie Valley and the Four Seasons, better

known on Broadway as "Jersey Boys," as the dancers of Taylor Dance bring to life some of their greatest hits. And isn't the epitome of Broadway "42nd Street" Melvin Tunstall, III from "Swing" fame has choreographed two tap pieces from this show and yes, your toes will be tapping, too.

The signature dancing style of

Bob Fosse will be apparent when you see the dances from "Fosse" and "Chicago."

And throughout all of these shows, wonderful singers such as Rebecca and Michael Jones, Melvin Tunstall, III, Kacin Menendez and Andy Nelson will be singing familiar Broadway tunes that will definitely have you humming along.

And in case you missed the phenomenal production of "Swing," here is your chance to see some of the fabulous numbers such as "Throw That Girl Around." But it doesn't end there. Gary and Rita Taylor always like to have a grand finale, but you'll have to come see the show to find out what it is. Also you will be able to enjoy the original artwork of Wendy Kowalski, the artist who graced the lobby at our first show, "Cirque – Dreams and Illusions."

So come to Owens Auditorium

at Sandhills Community College on Friday or Saturday nights, May 19 and 20 at 7:30 pm or Sunday, May 21 at 2:00 pm for Moore OnStage's final production of the season, "Salute to Broadway!"

All seats are reserved and reservations may be made by calling 255-0667 between 2 and

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County church women to meet May 5

Church Women of Moore County will celebrate May Friendship Day on Friday, May 5 at 10:00 am at the West End Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 324 Knox Lane, West End.

Celebrating the inter-generational bonds between women, this year's theme explores the mentoring relationship between Naomi and Ruth as depicted in the Bible. Interpretive dancers will depict the Biblical story. Mothers

and Daughters will participate. Lunch will follow the program.

The group will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the "Fellowship of the Least Coin", a world wide movement. Please, bring a few coins for Least Coin

collection.

Church Women United was founded in 1941 as an ecumenical movement involving all Christian Women. CWU is recognized as a non-governmental organization by the United Nations.

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Project Linus' Pat Weber with Seven Lakes Kiwanis President Ginny Richmond

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Seven Lakes cemetery is open to all



The gazebo at the Seven Lakes cemetery.

by Rollin Tomberlin

The Chapel in the Pines is pleased to note the beginning of the 28th year of their ownership of the Seven Lakes cemetery and columbarium located on MacDougall Drive, just north of the Diversicare home.

Recognizing their obligations to the Seven Lakes community, the Chapel established the perpetual-care cemetery in 1978.

Originally designed by Raleigh landscape architect, Charles Burkhead, the facility was modified in the summer of 1996 to

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Attractively proportioned, professionally designed, and nestled among a throng of pines, the cemetery includes a gazebo for meditation.

"It's really a very quiet and picturesque area," said Bob Tourt, Chapel board member. "The entire cemetery is irrigated by an in-ground sprinkler system supplied by its own well. The watering facilities have just

been refurbished, including state-of-the-art controls and sprinkler heads."

Surprisingly, many Seven Lakes are not aware that a cemetery even exists here in our village.

Many who are aware of it are not informed that it is open for burial to the public and is not just a place reserved for Chapel members.

Anyone seeking more information is invited to contact Robert Tourt at 673-8156.

Foxfire women plan luncheon

The Foxfire Women's Association's Spring Luncheon will take place on Monday, May 8th at Beacon Ridge Country Club. The social hour will begin at 11:30 am, and luncheon will be served at noon. During lunch, Foxfire women will be modeling spring and summer fashions from Fifi's.

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This first seminar will be held on Tuesday, May 16, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Also on hand will be, Pam

Gantt, Owner of Key Mortgage, LLC to assist sellers with financing questions and Debbie Miriello, Broker/Realtor, from Whelan Realty, LLC for those questions related to selling and listing your home.

Look for other upcoming seminars including such topics as: Outdoor Living Spaces, Home Gyms, and Decorating for the Holidays. Refreshments will be provided by Whelan Realty LLC of Seven Lakes. Seating is limited and preregistration is required. For more information, please call Whelan Realty, LLC (910)673-1818.



Amy Ewing

Getting started with orchids

A Day For The Beginner Orchid Lover is Saturday, April 29, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The International Phalaenopsis Alliance Meeting will be held at Seagrove Orchids in conjunction with the Seagrove Orchid Festival.

Speakers and vendors for the day include HP Norton of Orchidview, Tom Harper of Stones River Orchids and Keith Clayton, a seasoned Phalaenopsis grow-

er.

Mark your calendars for a day of orchid fun in Seagrove. The day of education is free, lunch is \$8.00.

Please call if you will be joining the group for lunch, so the group will have enough food on hand. Call 336-879-6677 or email

Linda (orchidlinda@rtmc.net). Bring a lawn chair.

Not a member of the Inter-

national Phalaenopsis Alliance? No problem. Joining your local chapter is free. Everyone is welcome!

Need directions to Seagrove Orchids or more details for the day?

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7 Lakes Prospectors win portfolio contest

The Seven Lakes Prospectors recently won first prize in a virtual stock portfolio contest. This contest was open to all

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was allotted an imaginary \$100,000 to invest in a portfolio of up to 10 stocks. The contest lasted 10 months and the clubs

had two opportunities to trade their choices during that time. The Prospectors ended up with a portfolio worth \$146,700 or an increase of 46.7%. Discussion is still underway as to how they will spend the \$300 prize.

The committee which chose the winning portfolio was headed by Marilyn Dumbleton. Other members involved were Anabel

Lisle and Nancy Enright. It was Marilyn who was in frequent contact with the contest organizer and placed the trades.

Members are eager to participate in the second virtual portfolio contest, which begins May 1. The committee will be Marilyn Dumbleton, Connie Loy

(See "Club," p. 18)



Seven Lakes Prospectors — Front: Marilyn Hoffman, Lillian Schaefer, Marilyn Dumbleton, Nancy Enright, Connie Loy Back: Liliane Partain, Joan Anderson, Jane Keckeissen, Joan Eberly, Lois Moore. Not available for photo: Kathleen Deignan

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First Bank praised for community service

As part of Community Banking Month held annually in April, the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) recognized First Bank for its exemplary community service programs. First Bank is one of 33 community banks recognized with an Honorable Mention out of nearly 5,000 eligible for ICBA's National Community Bank Service Awards.

"First Bank's volunteer efforts convey the true meaning of community spirit," said Camden R. Fine, ICBA president and CEO. "The dedication and commitment of the volunteers in this program strengthen the communities they serve and exemplify how community banks nationwide are working to make their communities a better place to live and work."

Receiving the ICBA's award is certainly an honor for First Bank," said Jerry Ocheltree, First Bank President. "Community service

is really what First Bank is all about. It's about giving back to the community and it's an extension of our banking 'One-on-One' philosophy. We are glad to be able to assist our customers by keeping them informed on timely issues that may affect them."

In addition to generous corporate giving across the North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia communities it serves, and First Bank employees who generously donate their time, in 1997 First Bank started the "FUNanciers" program.

Although originally created for senior citizens, the "FUNanciers" program, which provides travel opportunities, social gatherings, and fun informative seminars, is available to all who are interested.

First Bank's "FUNanciers" program topics for 2005 included seminars about the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, includ-

ing a hands-on computer sign-up session, and "Scam Jam" which was designed to educate people about theft and scams. "First Bank continually goes that extra mile for our customers and their friends. We truly believe in One-on-One banking," said Judy Estridge, Senior Vice President.

ICBA founded the National Community Bank Service Awards program five years ago as part of Community Banking Month to recognize the many outstanding volunteer service efforts of community banks across the country. Every April is Community Banking Month, a

time when ICBA, community bank state associations, and banks across the country celebrate the things that make community banking great and the unique spirit that makes inde-

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For more information on Community Banking Month and the National Community Bank Service Awards, visit www.icba.org.

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Photo Club May 8

The May meeting of the Sandhills Photography club will be held on Monday, May 8 at 7:30 pm at Christ Fellowship Church on the corner of Pee Dee Road and Midland Road in Southern Pines. The program will be a competition of digital photographs submitted by members that demonstrate the theme, "Chilling Out or Getting Active." Cynthia Newman from Pine-

hurst Photography will judge and critique each photo.

Club

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and Nancy Enright.

The Prospectors was started nine years ago by a group of women who wanted to learn the basics of investing in the stock market. Each member is required to attend the monthly general meeting, be an active part of one of the research groups and contribute \$50 a month to the treasury. A new member is only required to pay the normal dues plus an initiation fee to join. Any woman interested in joining can call Nancy Enright at 673-8055 for more information.

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Moore Regional cancer center wins award

The Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Center at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital is one of only 39 programs in the United States—just four of them in North Carolina—to receive an Outstanding Recognition Award from the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) Commission on Cancer.

The number represents about 9 percent of the cancer programs surveyed by the CoC during 2005 and includes community-based facilities (such as Moore Regional) as well as teaching hospitals, National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers and network cancer programs.

"This CoC recognition validates the effectiveness of the hard work of many different individuals and departments aimed at providing the best cancer care possible here in Moore County," says Jeffrey C. Acker, M.D., medical director of Moore Regional's Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Center. "The CoC standards require multidisciplinary excellence to be recognized in this fashion. Everyone involved has much to be proud of as we continue to monitor and improve the care of our cancer patients."

The CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients. Its Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes excellence in each of seven standards that represent the full range of cancer care: cancer committee lead-

ership, cancer data management, clinical management, research, community outreach, professional education and staff support, and quality improvement.

Following an extensive documentation process and an on-site CoC review, the program at Moore Regional also received a compliance rating, which covers an additional 29 standards.

According to Tom Smith, Moore Regional's administrative director of Pharmacy and Oncology, the hospital's cancer care team decided early on to adopt the CoC standards for quality.

"Our core purpose, 'to care for people', was at the basis of our desire to provide the highest level of care possible," Smith says. "Meeting the standards of

a nationally recognized organization was the best way to ensure that we kept that promise to our patients. Moore Regional's cancer care team—from the physicians who lead to the staff that provides the services—is totally committed not only to meeting but also exceeding our community's expectations."

The CoC sets quality-of-care standards for cancer programs and reviews the programs to ensure that they conform to those standards. Receiving care at a CoC-approved cancer program ensures that a patient will have access to:

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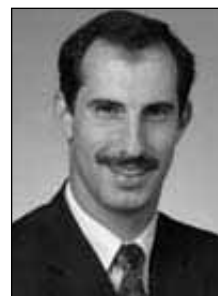
- Information about ongoing clinical trials and new treatment options
- Access to cancer-related information, education and support
- A cancer registry that collects data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results, and offers lifelong patient follow-up
- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care
- Quality care close to home

Smith calls Moore Regional's Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Center "a true multidisciplinary effort to ensure the best level of care for our cancer patients."

"The team at Moore Regional has done an excellent job of providing our cancer patients the best opportunity to beat this disease," he says. "We are very proud of this accomplishment and want our patients to celebrate this award with the team."

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MONDAY, MAY 1

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – May 1 - May 7
- **Barbershop Quartet Competition** – 7:00 pm, Five barbershop quartets compete for featured positions during The Golf Capital Chorus Concert this fall. Competition will be held at the Community Presbyterian Church, 125 Everett Road in Pinehurst. Program is free and refreshments served.

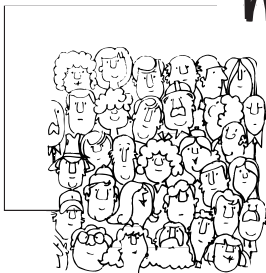
THURSDAY, MAY 4

- **Seven Lakes Women's Auxiliary** – 2:00 pm, West Side Community Center. Master Gardner, Marisa Back will speak on "The Water Cycle/You and

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FRIDAY, MAY 5

- **Cinco de Mayo**
- **Church Women United of Moore County** – 10:00 am, celebrate May Friendship Day at the West End Presbyterian Church. Located at 324 Knox Lane, West End. If you need baby

sitting service or other information, call Jacque Klimack at 281-0129.

- **Richmond County Hospice** – 20th Annual Barbecue at Browder Park in Rockingham. 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Five or more plates can be

What's When Calendar

delivered for lunch, between 11-2. Bake sale throughout the day. Local entertainment starting at 11:00 am. Call Michelle Parrish for questions at 997-4464 or 1-888-997-4402.

- **West End Methodist Church Women Salad Supper** – 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 children under the age of 12. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Kitty Slazas at 673-3827 or Trudi Vaughn at 255-6158 for tickets. No tickets will sold at the door. Take out will be available.
- **Emmanuel Episcopal Church** – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. (350 E. Massachusetts Ave.) Southern Pines. Mark Smith, local pharmacist will speak. Smith is the owner

and pharmacist at Town Center Pharmacy, in Southern Pines. He will address topics such as drug interactions and potential side-effects of commonly prescribed medications.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

- **Attic Sale to Help Rescue Pets** – 8:00 am to noon, sponsored by Sandhills Animal Rescue League in front of Phoenix Fashions near the grass area. If anyone would like to donate items (no clothing please), please call 947-4468 and leave a message.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

- **Lions Club 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament** – 1:30 shotgun start, Captain's Choice. Entry fee \$55, includes, golf, cart, prizes, buffet dinner. Call Gene Roberts 673-1092.
- **The Hobbit** – J.R.R. Tolkien's production by the Sandhills Youth Theatre. Join Moore County's finest young actors in the memorable journey. Shows: May 7 and 8 at 7:30 pm or on May 9 at 2:30 pm, Aberdeen Elementary School. Call now for your reservations at 690-9069.

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• **Sandhills Photography Club** — 7:30 pm at Christ Fellowship Church, corner of Pee Dee Rd & Midland Rd, Southern Pines. Cynthia Newman from Pinehurst Photography will judge and critique photos.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

• **National Teacher Day**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

• **Project Linus Workshop** — in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Fleece and crochet groups will continue. We will also have simple quilt kits to check out for completion at home. Make a quilt top, attach batting and back to completed quilt tops or make the entire quilt. Drop by to visit us and find a way to help Project Linus give comfort to the children in need in Moore County. Call Pat Weber 673-1457.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

• **Keep Moore County Beautiful Marge Owings**

Memorial Golf Tournament — 18-Hole Captain's Choice Charity Golf Tournament, 8:00 am & 2:00 pm Shotgun start. Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club, 1010 Midland Rd., Southern Pines, Entry Fee: \$125 includes green & cart fees, lunch, on course beverages and snacks, and an Owings Memorial Gift Packet which includes four complimentary Green Fees at Mid Pines for every golfer. Prizes, Raffle and Silent Auction. Call 947-3478 for an entry form.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

• **Mother's Day**
• **Reading is Fun Week** — May 14 — May 20
• **Keep Moore County Beautiful Marge Owings Memorial Golf Tournament** — 18-Hole Captain's Choice Charity Golf Tournament, 8:00 am (only) Shotgun start. Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club, 1010 Midland Rd., Southern Pines, Entry Fee: \$125 includes green & cart fees, lunch, on course beverages and snacks, and an Owings Memorial Gift

Packet which includes four complimentary Green Fees at Mid Pines for every golfer. Prizes, Raffle and Silent Auction.


FRIDAY, MAY 19

• **Moore OnStage Salute to Broadway** — 7:30 pm, (tonight and Saturday, May 20) Sandhills Community College in the Owens Auditorium. Enjoy a night of music, song and dance. Reserved seats. Call 255-0667 between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Tickets \$18 adults; seniors & \$10 for students. Mastercard & Visa accepted.
• **Seven Lakes Country Club Hosts 30th Anniversary** — Entertainment and dancing music supplied by Glenn Davis. Member's pricing, including tip, tax, and entertainment is \$28. Nonmember's \$33. Cocktails 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Reservations 673-1100. Nonmembers reservations starting May 1. Hosts: Lillian & Bill Schafer and Dodie & Jack Lynn.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

• **Seven Lakes Business**

Guild's Annual Spring Expo — 9:00 am — 3:30 pm in the Business Plaza.




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SLWLA statement on Wildlife enforcement

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to Lake Auman began last fall. The Lake Auman Sports Club reported the NCWRC's presence and enforcement activities (warnings) on the lake in August. Although this was the first time in the nearly twenty years of Lake Auman's existence that the NCWRC had attempted to exercise jurisdiction, Sergeant Dutton appeared on Lake Auman without notice of any kind.

On August 26, Stephen Later of Robbins May & Rich, LLP, counsel to the Association, confirmed that the NCWRC did not have jurisdiction over "Private Ponds" as defined by North Carolina General Statute, and that it had been the Association's historical understanding that Lake Auman met the Private Pond tests. On that basis, Tony Robertson called Sergeant Dutton and requested an explanation. At a September 7 meeting, Sergeant Dutton claimed authority but stated that for the first year he would issue only warning tickets, not citations. Sergeant Dutton followed up with a letter dated September 12 that cited the provisions of the General Statutes, but did not compare Lake Auman's specific facts to the tests contained in the General Statutes. [Note: In the simplest terms, Lake Auman is a Private Pond if fish cannot escape from or enter into the lake from Public Fishing Waters and if the lake arises within and lies wholly upon a single tract of privately owned land.]

At this point a committee consisting of Jim Meikle, Tony Robertson, Hugh Beckwith, and Laud Pitt was formed to address the NCWRC's assertion of jurisdiction. Coordination was also established with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association ("SLLA") through Jack Fathauer and Dalton Fulcher as they had also received a visit from Sergeant Dutton. The committee decided to pursue a non-public, non-adversarial, follow the chain of command strategy to resolve the dispute, based on the high likelihood of success on the merits, advice of counsel and former NCWRC officials, and Sergeant Dutton's pledge not to issue tickets for the first year.

On September 27, Jim Meikle, as President of SLWLA and

on behalf of the committee, wrote Sergeant Dutton a letter requesting that Lake Auman's specific circumstances be compared to the statutory tests as the sole basis for determining jurisdiction and that the NCWRC refrain from enforcement activity until the question was resolved. A similar letter was written by the SLLA under Jack Fathauer's signature. The Sergeant and Jim Meikle had a telephone conversation and email exchange on October 6. Sergeant Dutton reiterated his opinion that Lake Auman was subject to NCWRC jurisdiction but again pledged not to issue citations for the first year (the "education period"). He also requested time at an Association general session to explain the NCWRC's enforcement program. Jim Meikle explained that the Association emphatically disputed the NCWRC's jurisdiction and that such a presentation would be inappropriate unless the Commission's jurisdiction were to be

established.

On February 6, Jim Meikle, on behalf of the committee, wrote to Captain C.M. Lambert, (Sergeant Dutton's superior) repeating the Association's request for a determination of Lake Auman's status based on a comparison of its circumstances to the statutory tests. The letter and a follow up email on March 8 went unanswered. Jim Meikle reached Captain Lambert by phone on March 21. According to Captain Lambert, the number of landowners in the Association determines that Lake Auman is public, even though there is no such statutory language.


Following this conversation, the committee determined that a hearing of the facts and the applicable law would not be attainable from the officers contacted. Upon authority of the Board and recommendation of Stephen Later, Association counsel, SLWLA retained Kurt Olson of Maupin Taylor as special counsel on March 26. After consider-

ation of all political, legislative, executive, and administrative remedies, the committee decided to request a meeting with Colonel Kenneth W. Everhart,


the senior officer of the Enforcement Division.

On April 16, Sergeant Dutton

(See "Board," p. 23)



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Wildlife issue: Is Auman a private pond?

(Continued from front page)

Association's legal position remains persuasive, it is prepared to pursue succeeding alternatives and strategies to preserve Lake Auman as a private lake, not subject to NCWRC regulations and enforcement activities."

Is Lake Auman a Private Pond?

The NCWRC is charged with enforcing state fishing regulations, as well as boating regulations on "waters of the state." "Waters of the state" includes all inland waters that are not private ponds. so, at issue in the question of the Commission's jurisdiction over Lake Auman is whether Lake Auman qualifies as a "private pond." The definition is found in Chapter 113 of the North Carolina General Statutes and reads as follows:

Private Pond. – A body of water arising within and lying wholly upon a single tract of privately owned land, from which fish cannot escape and into which fish cannot enter from public fishing waters at any time . . . [NCGS 113-123 (13)]

There's an exception for private ponds of under ten acres or less, but that doesn't apply to

Lake Auman.

If Lake Auman is a private pond, the NCWRC has no jurisdiction on the lake.

Director Hugh Beckwith, who handles legal matter for the SLWLA board, told members attending the regular April 25 general meeting of the Association that both attorneys have stipulated that the jurisdictional issue comes down to a three-part test:

- Can fish enter the lake from public fishing waters?
- Can fish leave the lake and enter public fishing waters?
- Does the lake arise within and lie wholly upon a single tract of privately owned land?

According to both Beckwith and NCWRC's Colonel Everhart, everyone is agreed that Lake Auman is spring-fed, so no fish will be swimming into the lake from feeder streams.

A NCWRC fish biologist visited Lake Auman on Tuesday to determine whether fish could escape the lake. SLWLA President Jim Meikle said the scientist examined the spillway, Willow Creek below the dam, and the swamp that Willow Creek

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appeared on Lake Auman unannounced, as described above.

On April 19, Jim Meikle, Hugh Beckwith, Mary Anne Fewkes (successor to Laud Pitt), Don Truesdell (SLLA President), and Kurt Olson met with Colonel Everhart and Norman Young, Assistant Attorney General and counsel to the NCWRC. After describing the events of April 16 and the history of the dispute, the group requested that the citations be rescinded, NCWRC enforcement action be suspended pending resolution of the dispute, and that the question of jurisdiction be determined solely by the facts and the applicable law. Colonel Everhart made no commitments with respect to enforcement activities or the citations (unless the Association prevails), but did agree with the Association's assessment of the legal basis for determin-

ing jurisdiction. Both parties agreed to present legal analyses in support of their positions and to seek a resolution in the near term.

The Board continues to believe that the Association's likelihood of success on the merits is high. In the event that it is unable to persuade the NCWRC, and the Association's legal position remains persuasive, it is prepared to pursue succeeding alternatives and strategies to preserve Lake Auman as a private lake, not subject to NCWRC regulations and enforcement activities. We appreciate the concerns of our Association members, particularly those who were cited and startled on Easter Sunday, and will continue to work with diligence and resolve to achieve an appropriate resolution of this matter.

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North Carolina House



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Auman's private status not threatened

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runs into. As of press time on Thursday morning, the opinion of the biologist had yet to be delivered.

The stickiest of the three wickets in this "private pond" test would appear to be the third — does Lake Auman lie only up a single tract of privately owned land. The boundaries of many lakefront lots extend into the lake — the lots were platted before the lake was full.

At the same time, the SLWLA covenants hold that "the purpose of any lot or property adjacent to or bordering upon any of the man-made lakes situated within the Subdivision shall not convey any right, title or interest in any property lying beneath the high water mark of such lake or to the surface waters thereover . . ."

And the Association holds a deed to the lake.

Sorting out these competing documents that speak to the ownership of the lake may become the key to determining whether Lake Auman is or is not a private pond,

But Beckwith is not ready to show all the Association's cards just yet. He told landowners in attendance at Tuesday night's meeting that he would not be discussing the details of the SLWLA legal strategy, and told *The Times* the same thing in a interview on Monday.

Beckwith said the Association's attorney is preparing a brief — presumably addressing these issues — to be delivered to the Commissioner by the middle of next week at the latest.

Private lake, public waters

One of the concerns expressed by some landowners who spoke at the April 25 meeting of the SLWLA was that a finding that the NCWRC has jurisdiction on Lake Auman could be the camel's nose under the tent that eventually leads to the lake being open to public use.

The NCWRC's Colonel Everhart told *The Times* that Commission officers patrol several private lakes located within gated communities, including Woodlake and Lake Royale. Both communities control access to those lakes, Everhart said, even though they are patrolled by the NCWRC.

Everhart said that most of the gated community lakes he is familiar with fail the private pond test because they are stream fed. "You have a situation that is somewhat unique there in Seven Lakes," he told *The Times*.

"There is no question as to who owns the lake," Beckwith said during Tuesday's association meeting. The commission says this has no impact on our ability to control access to the lake."

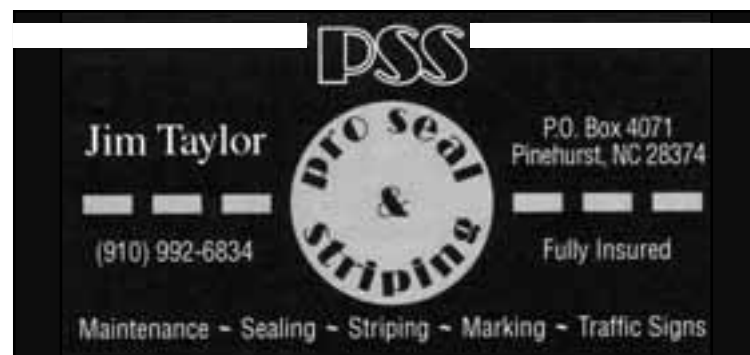
Sneak attack or fair warning?

The SLWLA board first began meeting with NCWRC officers after an initial enforcement foray

onto Lake Auman in August of last year. SLWLA representatives pressed the case that the Commission had no jurisdiction on the private lake.

According to the SLWLA board's statement released this week, board members were told on two separate occasions by the NCWRC's Sergeant Dutton that his officers would not be issuing citations for the first year of

(See "Hope," p. 25)



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Hope is for speedy resolution on NCWRC

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enforcement activity — an “education period.”

Because of these assurances, “we felt we were not putting anyone at risk” of receiving citations while the board pursued the jurisdiction issue up the chain of command, Beckwith told members at Tuesday night’s meeting.

Interviewed by *The Times* on Tuesday, Dutton had a slightly different memory of his promise: “I never told them that,” he said. “I told them that we wouldn’t be issuing any citations until the next boating season — you will have all winter to get your act together. They’ve had eight or nine months. It’s obvious that they weren’t trying to get the information out to residents.”

The SLWLA statement notes that Dutton asked to make a presentation on boating and fishing regulations to Seven Lakes residents, but was turned down by SLWLA President Jim Meikle on the grounds that such a presentation would be inappropriate until the jurisdictional issue is resolved.

Speedy resolution?

Beckwith told landowners the board and its attorney were moving with all possible speed to bring the matter of NCWRC jurisdiction to a resolution.

Interviewed by *The Times* on Monday, the Commission’s Colonel Everhart expressed a complementary desire to get the matter settled. “They called me on Monday and I told them I’d meet with them on Tuesday,” he told *The Times*.

“This isn’t something that needs to sit around,” Everhart said. “This is something we need to get resolved.”

Everhart told *The Times* he is well-acquainted with the kind of pressure a community-wide

concern like this can bring on board members. “I’m on a homeowners’ board in my own community,” he said. “I know what it’s like when something like this comes up in the community — even if it’s just the color of a roof or a door, let alone a thousand acre lake sitting in your

backyard.”

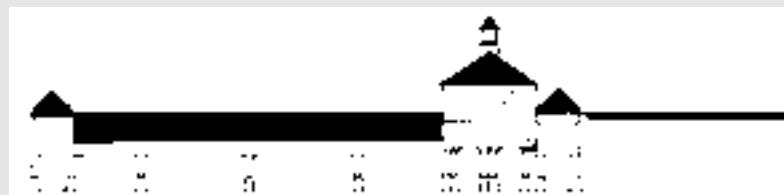
“I don’t want all those landowners up there questioning what they should do, what they’re required to do and being in a state of uncertainty. We need to get this issue resolved.”

A legal issue

Both Beckwith, addressing the landowners association meeting, and Everhart, in a *Times* interview, agreed that the issue of NCWRC jurisdiction on Lake Auman is a legal issue — not a matter of personal or community preference.

Noting that some in the com-

munity have asked whether Commissioner enforcement might be a good thing, Beckwith said, “This is a question of law. Colonel Everhart told us when we met with him, ‘If I don’t have jurisdiction, I have no business on that lake.’”



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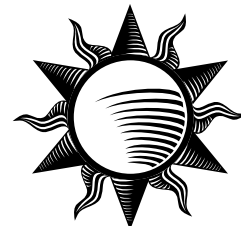
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OPINION

There's a lot to see down at Watts Auman's orchard

On the front page of this newspaper page is a photo of an old goat holding a very young goat. The interesting thing is that they are both named Ollie.

Yes, it seems that Tom Currie, the chief Goat Ranger, at Watts Auman's new goat herd named this kid Ollie when it was born three weeks ago. Two days before this birth another new kid was named Watts, known now as Junior.

Tom, now one of the Barnyard Boys, whom I have written about before, is a retired Presbyterian pastor, who was

born and raised in Carthage, NC. He spent most of his pastoral duties in Kentucky where he raised a herd of goats as a sideline interest. Once he retired, he and his wife returned to Carthage where

they built a home on a hill just inside the town limits. Tom brought his goats with him and established the herd near his home in a fenced area.

Unfortunately the Village of Carthage had an ordinance that prohibited any livestock within its borders. And so Tom Currie prevailed upon his friend Watts Auman to fence a portion of Watts' nearby acreage and establish a goat herd as a joint venture.

You have to see these wonderful animals when you come to the Auman orchard this summer to purchase peaches. They are wonderful. I love to go down to see them every morning. They are friendly and come up to see you, and the kids play like puppies. Junior and Ollie are able to be picked up and petted,

but they are male kids and are growing fast.

Along with the goats are two donkeys, Rose and Petal, who defend the goat herd from any wild dogs or coyote's. I take them carrots every morning and feed them by hand. They recognize me as a friend and quickly move to greet me and nuzzle me looking for carrots.

This summer bring your children or grandchildren to see the goats and donkeys. They would love to see them.

The photo of the two Ollie's was taken by Dudley Crawford, retired pastor of the West End Presbyterian Church.

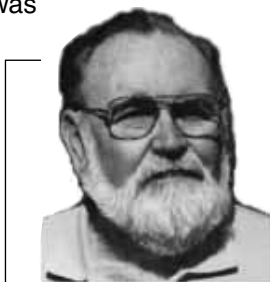
Dudley is a professional photographer, who has had two of his photos printed on magazine covers. He also has professionally taken photos of weddings, birthday

parties, and other events.

We have prevailed on Dudley Crawford to put up a display of his photographs of farm life at one end of the peach shed this summer. Plan on stopping by to see these photos when you are visiting the orchard this summer.

The peaches have survived the perils of late spring frosts. They are marble sized now. The early varieties will be ready to eat in early June. They will be delicious. I had never experienced the taste of ripe peaches picked from trees the day before until I retired from Ohio twenty some years ago.

Plan to visit the peach sheds this summer to purchase delicious peaches, and to see the goats, and the wonderful photos of farm life.



Ollie's Thoughts

Oliver Gossard

Apologies from Easter Bunny

Dear Editor:

I sincerely apologize to any children who did not find any eggs at the West Side Easter Egg Hunt.

With the help of the Recreation Committee 700 eggs were filled for the event.

I left 1000 eggs on the North Side for their event and they have a lot more children.

I felt the 700 egg amount to be

adequate as this was the first year and did not know how many children would attend the West Side event. I hope your children were of the many who came and shook my hand and received a little token.

Sincerely,

The Easter Bunny

[Claire Simon of Seven Lakes West delivered this letter from Mr. Bunny to The Times.]

Easter egggers welcome help

Dear Editor:

As a member of the West Side Recreation Committee I would like to respond to the recent letter to the editor, "West-side Event Needed More Eggs."

Our first annual Easter Egg Hunt and fun activities were a huge success with well attended children, parents, and grandparents. However, not knowing how many children would attend the Easter Egg Hunt at the West Side Park, the committee felt that hiding over seven hundred eggs would be enough.

In addition to the 700 eggs, the "Easter Bunny" saved several dozens, for children whose baskets could use an few extra eggs. We tried very hard to

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make everyone happy.

In the future, we hope to depend on mothers like Christina Van Der Veer, to volunteer time and assistance by helping us with a more accurate account of the number of children in our community.

Thanks to all who came and supported the fun event.

Betsy Brezinski
Seven Lakes West

Yard sale was great success!

Dear Editor:

St. Mary Magdalene Yard Sale . . . Success!

Thanks to all who came to the St. Mary Magdalene Annual Yard Sale last Saturday. It was a complete success despite the storms. Actually the storms enabled us to exceed our goal. People came "storming" in from

all over the county.

Our "wee ones" Jack and Big Sister Lindsay were involved with a lemonade stand. This was quite an experience for adults and children. Thanks to the community for your support!

Paula Hill
Seven Lakes West

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Sample these words worth pondering

For many years, it has been a habit of mine to clip interesting or provocative quotations as I run across them in my reading.

The first few quotes in this article deal with the limits we place upon our mental functioning.

I always made it a point to inform my students that ignorance and stupidity are not at all synonymous.

Ignorance is simply lack of knowledge; whereas; stupidity refers to a lack of intellectual capacity. We all suffer massive areas of ignorance, and it is so true that the more we learn, the more we are aware of our own shortcomings in the knowledge arena.

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious

stupidity

– Martin Luther King

The greatest deception men suffer is from their own opinions. – Leonardo da Vinci



Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley

The man who never alters his opinion is like standing water, and breeds reptiles of the mind.

– William Blake

Much learning does not teach understanding. – Heraclitus

I choose to put in order my thoughts and hang the walls of my mind with pictures of whatsoever things are lovely and of

good report.

– Joseph Murphy

The truth shall make you free.

– The Bible: John

It is our perceptions that color our world. The way that we see things creates our reality. It is interesting to consider the attitudes and opinions of some of the great thinkers.

The fault finder will find faults even in Paradise.

– Henry David Thoreau

To be nobody but myself in a world which is doing its best night and day to make me everybody else, means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight and never stop fighting. – E.E. Cummings

Don't let life discourage you. Everyone who got where he is had to begin where he was.

– Richard L. Evans

Wishing to be friends is quick work, but friendship is a slow ripening fruit. – Aristotle

To err is human: to forgive divine.

– William Shakespeare

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.

– Helen Kellor

You find in solitude only what you take to it.

– Juan Ramon Jimenez

What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?

– Jean Jacques Rousseau

One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life: that word is love. – Sophocles

Would that we could all be so eloquent, but actually actions speak louder than words. Each time any of us turns to another in kindness, love, friendship or peace our acts shout volumes. God bless you all.

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Richard Morgan is good for Seven Lakes

Dear Editor:

Seven Lakes is known for getting a good turnout for elections. Well, May 2nd is primary Day, and before that there will be much politicking. You will get very tired of it all, but I hope you'll vote to keep Richard Morgan in office. The attackers in Raleigh have a vendetta which is not in the best interest of Moore County, or North Carolina for that matter.

Much has been made of the fact that Mr. Morgan was "kicked off" the Executive Committee. This sounds like an exclusive group when, in fact, it's over 500 people who have a variety of titles in the State. For \$50 even I could be on the Executive Committee. The infamous meeting was attended by about 175 members, well picked to be present. Anyone who wanted to

speak on Mr. Morgan's behalf was not allowed to speak at all.

For those of you who haven't heard of the events that started all this, several years ago the State House was divided 60/60 when a Republican switched parties. With a Democrat Governor and Lieutenant Governor a 60/60 House would get little done. Speaker Morgan worked out an arrangement for a Co-speakership. This did not mean they agreed on everything, but it was the year that the budget

and other legislation were done on time. You will hear that he raised taxes and gerrymandered the redistricting. This is not true.

I have personally heard Republican State leaders who are very sincere in their praise of Mr. Morgan. Rep. Brubaker said "The right man for the job was already there." State Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry praised his honesty, integrity and intelligence. State Rep. Justice said he was true to his word. "You can take it to the bank."

The group in Pinewild that is so angry with him is directing its anger in the wrong direction. Pinewild was developed with the plan that they would be annexed when they got to a certain population. They have now surpassed that number. Newcomers should have known this. They want the Pinehurst address without helping to support the Pinehurst amenities. This is a

Pinehurst problem.

Richard Morgan, who lives in Eagle Springs, has a sincere interest in Seven Lakes. For those of you who are fairly new here, he stopped a pig farm and its nasty odors from being just west of us. I'm not sure his opponent knows anything about us. His base is Pinehurst.

Pud Kent
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SLLA Board, officers ignored problems

Dear Editor:

In your last edition of *The Seven Lakes Times*, Ed Chapman praised Mary Garrett for her letter and took the opportunity to voice his opinions about previous letters that I have written. As Mr. Chapman normally does when he has the floor, he reminded us of his vast experience.

As an original developer of Seven Lakes and a founder of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, I certainly qualify as having experience.

Mr. Chapman neglects to remind us that he served on our Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board and was in fact President during part of his term. With all of the experience that Mr. Chapman reminds us that he has, I ask a simple question. Why did he not set in place during his term as President of the SLLA policies and procedures that would have served us better?

Is Mr. Chapman suggesting we should ignore problems such as Company Police breaking jurisdictional laws? Does he think we should ignore spending over \$80,000 of our money hauling debris to an illegal dump while having very questionable financial controls? Or maybe he feels we should provide a

security contract to the West Side when we are not legally licensed to do so?

Mr. Chapman, I am afraid that I remained silent for too long. I should have been asking questions when you were the President of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association and



were not building ample reserves to meet what are now our current capital expenditure needs.

This is not a social club. Most of us have our single largest financial investment in our home. So, I will continue to fight to see that our community gets solid management and procedures in place for the good of all property owners. Ignoring problems and "getting along" has proven to not be a recipe for solving the problems that all thoughtful people know exist in our community.

Perhaps, I should remind Mr. Chapman, that I previously tried to resolve problems behind

closed doors with our current community manager and boards that Mr. Fathauer and Mr. Richmond were members. From my view, I found them perfectly willing to ignore facts and support positions that were proven to be unsupportable. This community deserves better and now, perhaps in part because of my efforts, is demanding better.

I am hopeful that our current Board will recognize that their single most important obligation to this community is to make sure that we have a strong organizational chart and competent management to implement it. The board needs to macro-manage not be forced to

micromanage because of a weak community manager and a poor organizational chart.

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human race at one and the same time – releasing in one

majestic surge all of the potential for good that is in every human product of God's creation. Impossible? Very likely, to be a bit realistic. But if we just think hopefully and with thirst, that is in itself a step in the right direction. It brings us all a little closer. Let us emphasize our commonalities, with lesser heed to our differences. That could help open the door for that one, elusive, all-encompassing idea to emerge.



Mason's Musings
Mason Gould

Thanks to church family

Dear Editor:
We give thanks to our Faith Baptist Family. I can't begin to express my family's appreciation for the support that my preacher Tony Connor, his wife Jan, and my entire church family has given to us. What a blessing they all have been to us. It is so nice to belong to such a loving and caring church. Thank you all for being there for us. May God Bless you all.
Dawn Bouchelle
Seven Lakes

Thanks to teacher-angels

Dear Editor:
I would like to thank the Two Angels at West End Elementary. I would like recognize two teachers, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Lancaster. These two extraordinary teachers went above and beyond the call of duty. My family can not begin to express our appreciation for their support and kindness. They have been such a blessing to us. We will never forget the measure that they went to to assist my family.
May God bless you both.
Dawn Bouchelle
Seven Lakes

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Sandhills Animal Rescue League will have an Attic Sale on Saturday, May 6, 8:00 am to noon in front of Phoenix Fashions near the grass area. If anyone would like to donate items (no clothing please), please call 947-4468 and leave a message.

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CAC working to fund spay/neuter clinic

Companion Animal Clinic (CAC) of the Sandhills will be participating in Spring Fest on April 29, in downtown Southern Pines. CAC and the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State will have the Mobile Veterinary Hospital from the Veterinary School on hand for the day and it will be located in the courtyard at Opulence on Broad Street and Connecticut Avenue. CAC will be located under the awning of the Mobile Veterinary Hospital.

Companion Animal Clinic (CAC) of the Sandhills is currently in the midst of a capital campaign to raise money for a regional low cost spay/neuter clinic that will include both fixed and mobile units in an attempt to

reduce the number of unwanted domestic animals in our area. The mobile unit will be on display at Spring Fest is similar to the mobile unit that CAC will operate in Moore and surrounding counties.

CAC and the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine are working together to raise public awareness for the need to spay and neuter companion animals as a solution to the tremendous cat and dog overpopulation problem in Moore County and Central North Carolina.

CAC is dedicated to eliminating the euthanasia of abandoned and unwanted animals in our community through a proactive low cost spay/neuter program, community education and volun-

teer involvement. CAC is also working closely with the NC State Veterinary College to help plan and implement a community education program.

The public is invited to stop by and find out more about CAC at Spring Fest. CAC will hold a raffle for a dog bed donated by Carrie Larsen of The Cared-for

Canine and Cat, 1150 Old US #1, Cam Square in Southern Pines.

CAC is one of the recipients of the 2006 "The Dog Days of Summer It's the Cat's Meow" fundraising event sponsored by the Pinehurst Business Guild. (The two other recipients are the Moore Free Clinic and Tufts Archives.) One of the artistically created

dogs/cats (see photograph) will be on display at the CAC booth. CAC will also have information on the preview party which is the first presentation of the artist's dogs/cats. The party will be held at the Pinehurst Fair Barn on May 18, 2006 between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$30 per
(See "CAC," p. 34)



Two entries from "The Dog Days of Summer It's the Cat's Meow," sponsored by the Pinehurst Business Guild.



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The tournament is scheduled for a 1:30 pm Shotgun Start.

The format is a four person team (men, women, or couples) Captain's Choice – flighted according to handicaps.

Hole in Ones prizes on the par 3 Holes will be a new GM Automobile, \$10,000 cash, Airline tickets to Europe, & Golf Equipment (courtesy of Lee Moore Insurance and Toby Wells Buick).

There will also be Team prizes in each flight, closest to the pin on a par 3 Hole, and Raffle Prizes – donated by local merchants, golf courses, and restaurants.

The entry fee of \$55 per player includes golf, cart, prizes, a buffet chicken & barbeque dinner, and free beer. Dinner will be served after the tournament.

Entry forms are available at the Seven Lakes Country Club Pro Shop or request one by telephone from the following: Gene Roberts, Seven Lakes CC Golf Professional (673-1092), Lion Don Truesdell (673-1509), and Lion Hal Hudson (673-3810)

Chorus hosts quartet competition

The Golf Capital Chorus will present an evening of barbershop singing on May 1 at 7:00 pm at the Community Presbyterian Church at 125 Everett Road in

Pinehurst. The program is free and refreshments will be served.

Barbershop quartets from the Chorus will compete to determine which will be featured during

the November 4 annual concert. Each quartet will sing two songs arranged in the "a cappella" barbershop style and will be judged on music presentation, singing and expression.

The judges for the event are made up of quartet competition experienced members of the Dixie District of the Barbershop

Harmony Society.

The competition should make for a fun and music-filled evening of barbershop singing. It's a unique experience and a great opportunity to learn more about barbershop and cheer on favorite quartets.



One of the quartets which will be competing for a featured slot in the Golf Capital Chorus Concert this November is the Sandbaggers: Neil MacDonald, tenor, David Yoder, lead, Monroe Diefendorf, bass, and Bill Settles, baritone.

Chuch offers Wee Worship

St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church has expanded it's 9:30 am Sunday Worship service to include their "Wee Ones" program.

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SLWLA meeting notes

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cover as possible for the breeding and growth of bluegills.

Residents who are having trouble with weeds impeding traffic in their coves should contact Fewkes so that board members can assess the situation. She noted that no individuals should be putting chemicals into the lake on their own.

Fewkes said the association has hired Charlie Flinchum to monitor boats using the ramp at Johnson Point this summer, in order to prevent unauthorized use of the lake. "We are going to be very careful about stickers this year," Fewkes said.

She noted that a new swim

float had been installed at Johnson Point with the assistance of the Lake Auman Sports Club.

The boat patrol is getting underway and will operate with a "captain of the month." More volunteers are still needed for the patrol; which meets next at 7:00 pm on May 11.

Security in transition

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Florence noted that the association will have to cover the cost of replacing the locks. "Any information leading to the apprehension of the person or persons involved would be helpful," Florence said, "so that the cost can be recouped from them."

Community Watch

Another measure Florence is exploring to help deal with security issues is establishing a community watch program. He told *The Times* that he will be meeting with the Moore County Sheriff's Office in the next couple of weeks to work out the details of a program.

More information will be available once those details are worked out.

SLLA on Wildlife

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slightly different advice than the SLWLA board is offering Westsiders: President Don Truesdell, during the regular association meeting Wednesday night, advised residents to register their boats and purchase fishing licenses. The Westside board has stopped short of making those recommendations.

Truesdell noted that the cost of registering a boat is only \$25 for three years, versus a \$145 fine for having an unregistered boat.

A fishing license is \$15 per year, versus the same \$145 fine.

Truesdell noted that enforcement activity by the NCWRC on Lake Sequoia "does not mean that the public has the right to enter our gates and use this lake or any other amenity."

He said sorting out the issues surrounding NCWRC jurisdiction "may require a legal interpretation rendered by a judge in a court of law."

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Linda Tableman to speak at Lions Club

The Seven Lakes Lion's Club is pleased to announce, Attorney Linda Tableman, as their guest speaker Thursday, May 4, at 6:00 pm in the Seven Lakes North Club House.

She will talk on the subject of "Eminent Domain" which is very much a current topic of interest across the nation and our state.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines eminent domain as: 'noun: a right of a government to take private property for public use by virtue of the superior dominion of the sovereign power over all lands within its jurisdiction.'

Tableman's presentation on this extremely relevant topic is expected to be a very enlightening and informative. The public are welcome to attend.

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NC boating & fishing rules: The basics

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ly finds its way the Moore County tax office, which uses it to assess personal property taxes on boats.

- The commission enforces regulations about the sort of safety equipment that boaters need to carry, including life jackets, life preservers, fire extinguishers, horns and whistles. These rules are spelled out in the North Carolina Vessel Operators Guide.

Fishing

- Kids under age 16 don't need a license to fish; most everyone else does, with a few exceptions.
- There is currently a "natural bait exemption" for folks fishing in their home county, but it will be eliminated in January of 2007. The current rules says: "A resident may fish with natural bait in his county of residence without a basic fishing license in inland public waters. 'Natural bait' is any bait which may be beneficially digested by fish. An individual must carry a form of identification that indicates the name and current address." This exemption has been repealed by the General Assembly and will end on January 1, 2007.
- July 4 of every year is "Free Fishing Day" and no licenses are required.
- You can fish from a private pond on your property without a license.
- You, your spouse, and any of your children under the age of

18 living at your home can fish from your own dock without a license, Colonel Kenneth Everhart, head of the NCWRC Enforcement Division, told *The Times*. But this exemption does not apply to visitors or even children over the age of 18 visiting from out of town.

- A basic fishing license costs \$15 per year for residents; \$10 if you only plan to fish in your county of residence. Shorter and longer-term licenses are available, as well as licenses that combine fishing and hunting privileges.

- Non-residents who want to fish in the state will also need licenses. The basic non-resident fishing license is \$30 per year; there are less expensive licenses for short-term visitors.
- The commission sets creel limits on a number of species, including crappie and largemouth bass, and there are size limits for some species as well. These limits are in effect even on private ponds, the NCWRC told *The Times*. All of these regulations can be found in the Regulations Digest.
- Effective in January of next

year, there will be a new salt-water fishing license for those who fish in coastal waters.

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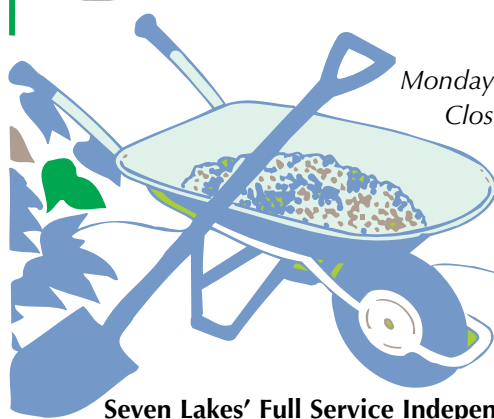
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SLLA hires company to provide gate guards

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the long-range planning committee.

Wildlife enforcement. Taking note of recent enforcement activity on Lake Auman by officers of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, Truesdell said the board does not believe the Commission has jurisdiction on any of the lakes in Seven Lakes. However, he advised residents to register their boats and purchase fishing licenses as a form of “cheap insurance” against what can be substantial fines.

Public comment rules. Truesdell reported that the board had voted in its April 20 work session to modify the rules governing public comment at association meetings. Speakers will still be asked to sign up in advance, but, once all those who have signed up have spoken, the presiding officer will ask if there are any other questions or comments.

Speakers will be given six minutes to speak, an increase from three minutes. But the length of the public comment portion of the meeting overall will still be limited to 30 minutes.

Recreation. Jack Fathauer reported that the members of the

Recreation Committee will be Chad Beane, Jackie Scotti, and Jeff Herman. He reported:

- Handicapped accessible restrooms are under construction at Sequoia Point.
- The annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday April 15 was an outstanding success and attracted approximately 150 kids.
- Senior Games are now underway in the county. Seven Lakes will host billiards and golf tournaments on Tuesday, May 2
- Seven Lakes Country Club is sponsoring a Junior Golf Clinic to be held June 6, 13, 20, and 27. Participants must register in advance by calling 673-1092.
- The community pool will open on May 27. Work is now underway to make sure it is up to standards. A member or guest card must be presented to use the pool.

Chad Beane added a few items to the Recreation report:

- The youth dance group will have a recital on May 20 at Aberdeen Elementary. Sixty-four young ladies aged 3-18 participate in the program.
- Seven Lakes will host the NC Open water swim competition on June 3 on Lake Echo. Some rerouting of traffic may be necessary.

- Maintenance crews are putting the finishing touches on a new quarter-mile walking trail around the playground.

Beane said a playground advisory committee is being formed and asked anyone who would like to volunteer to contact the office..

He said the board is still debating what to do about resurfacing the community’s tennis courts, and thanked tennis players for their patience. Truesdell said the board would be meeting with a representative from a company that markets a new surface said to be easier on the knees than the traditional asphalt.

Lakes & Maintenance. Ed Nuti said he was still in the process of forming both the Lakes and Maintenance and By-laws committees but hoped to

have both assembled by next week. George Stahl has already agreed to serve on the by-laws committee.

Security. Michael Florence announced that the association has signed a contract with Security Forces International [SFI] to supply guards to man the North and South gatehouses. This company is currently supplying gate guards for Seven Lakes West.

The hours of operation will not change: 24 hours per day on the North Side and 16 hours per day on the South Side.

After a transitional period, the new company will take over on June 1. Florence said the board hopes most of the existing guards will remain as employees of the new company.

The association will continue to employ roving security guards providing eighty hours of coverage per week. The weekend boat patrol will also be staffed with association employees.

Florence noted the need for residents — and particularly parents — to be more vigilant regarding security matters, since Company Police will be disbanded on April 30. [See separate story on page 5.]

Florence said the board in its work session approved a change in the rule and regulations that will have stray dogs picked up by association employees transported immediately to the Moore

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Resident asks board to revive boat patrol

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County Humane Society. Retrieving pets will be the responsibility of the owner. The SLLA will charge a transportation fee of \$50 the first time a loose dog is picked up; \$100 for subsequent occurrences.

The board also approved a rules revision that will deny vehicle stickers to anyone who has fines outstanding with the association.

Florence noted that he would be meeting on Thursday, April 27 with a Moore County Sheriff's Deputy to begin work on establishing a community watch program.

Architectural Review. Ron Richmond said his committee had approved four new homes and fifteen alterations and additions in the past month.

Finance. Steve Hudson reported associations revenues of \$1,293,000 as of March 31, versus expenditures of \$1,044,000. He said he is looking for volunteers for the Finance Committee.

Public comment.

George Stahl, who lives on Lake Sequoia and was active in the volunteer boat patrol before it was disbanded, asked board members to consider reinstating the patrol.

He noted that he has seen numerous instances of unsafe boating behavior in the past few weeks — much of it on weekday evenings, when paid boat patrol officers would not be on duty.

"Someone is going to get killed on Sequoia," Stahl said, asking board members why they want to pay for a patrol when there are volunteers willing to serve. Truesdell said he would look into the issue and get Stahl an answer.

Helen Simpson reported an instance from last summer in which young people apparently spent the whole night out on a

boat on the lake. She asked whether this was permitted.

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher said, in his opinion, the 11:00 pm curfew on Association public areas applied to the lakes as well, but it was not clear that all board members shared that view.

Former director **JoAn Moses** expressed strong support for the newly-constituted board. "I am thoroughly impressed with this board tonight," she said. "I feel you are a group of men who have the best interests of Seven Lakes in mind. I feel you will do your dead level best . . . help keep Seven Lakes one of the best places in the whole wide world to live."

Lucille Leeman asked "What authority do we know have to enforce our rules and regulations, now that we don't have company police?"

"We have the same authority we always have," Truesdell answered. He noted that new state legislation makes it more difficult for communities like Seven Lakes to enforce rules and regulations. But the board has put in place a system that will have roving patrols look for and report many common rules violations. Truesdell said the new process should help speed up the enforcement process.

Jackie Scotti asked for clarification on when a fishing license is needed to fish in community lakes, a question that generated a more general discussion that revealed a good bit of confusion among residents on the issue.

Charlie Oliver suggested having NCWRC Sergeant Mark Dutton make a presentation to landowners on boating and fishing regulations. Truesdell said he would rather hold off on that until the jurisdictional issue is resolved — or Dutton and his offi-

cers begin enforcement activities in the community.

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