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Singing up a storm



The Links Quartet will be one of the local barbershop quartets featured during this year's Golf Capital Chorus Concert on November 4 at Pinecrest High School. They are Larry Harter, baritone, Wayne Fish, bass, Ron Sickenberger, lead, & Juan Russ, tenor. (Story on page 18.)

SLLA awards contract for Echo Dam repairs

The contract for state-mandated repairs to Echo Dam has been awarded to Sanford Contractors, Inc., which submitted the low bid of \$204,550, Lakes & Maintenance Director Ed Nuti announced during the Wednesday, October 25 meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

Don Thomas Trucking, Harris Trucking, and Hudson Paving also submitted bids, with the high bid coming in at \$244,700.

Work is expected to start in two-to-three weeks, SLLA President Don Truesdell added, and should be completed in no more than 90 days.

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher said the contractor had

not yet determined whether it would be necessary to temporarily close the roadway across the dam during some phases of the project. Fulcher said it might be possible to use flagmen to direct a single lane of traffic across the dam.

Nuti also announced that the board had approved the purchase of a 900 square foot building for the maintenance yard, at a cost of \$15,000.

By-Laws Committee. Nuti reviewed a set of fifteen recommended changes to the Association's by-laws recommended by the By-laws Committee and incorporated into a substantial overhaul of the document currently under consideration by

the board. If the proposed changes are accepted by the board, they will be reviewed by the association's attorney before being finalized, Nuti said.

[The short time between the meeting and The Times' presstime made a thorough review of the fifteen proposed changes impossible in this edition. We plan to provide a complete report on this issue in our November 10 edition.]

Nuti also briefly previewed a new process for formalizing the payment of dues in installments. While most landowners pay their dues in full each year in May, some prefer to make monthly or quarterly payments, Nuti

(See "SLLA," p. 19)

Westside mulls Wildlife compact

Liability. It was the evening's top issue when Westsiders gathered for the Tuesday, October 24 meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA].

Will signing an agreement proposed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC] open the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association to a dangerous new level of liability should someone be injured or killed on Lake Auman?

The consistent answer from Kurt Olson — the top-shelf Raleigh environmental lawyer retained by the SLWLA Board to assist in their negotiations with the NCWRC — was "No."

The agreement in question attempts to resolve a dispute about whether the NCWRC's officers have jurisdiction to enforce state boating and fishing regulations on Lakes — a dispute that began when a new NCWRC Sargeant, Mark Dutton, brought his officers onto the lake to conduct boat safety checks in September of last year.

SLWLA Legal Director Hugh Beckwith provided a step-by-step chronology of the Board's efforts since then to persuade the Commission that it has no jurisdiction on the Lake. [See page 36 for that chronology.] Those efforts kicked into a higher gear when Dutton and his officers returned on Easter Sunday and began writing tickets.

One point in Beckwith's chronology that had not previously been made public was the involvement of former NC Lieutenant Governor Dennis Wicker as an advisor to the SLWLA in the Wildlife issue.

Board Member Betty Milligan asked for the assistance of Wicker, a noted attorney and Westside landowner. Beckwith said Wicker's unparalleled knowledge of the inner workings of the General Assembly and Raleigh bureaucracy was invaluable to the negotiating team.

After month of negotiations between Olson and Assistant Attorney General Norman Young, who represents the NCWRC, the SLWLA Board received the draft agreement on October 10 and decided to delay action on it to allow time for public comment. The board may vote on whether to accept the agreement as early as its November 8 work session.

After Beckwith provided his chronology of the board's response to the NCWRC, he introduced Olson, who provided his perspective on the proposed agreement.

Attorney's Presentation

"I've heard a lot of people comment that the Association is not getting anything out of this deal and that the Wildlife Resources Commission is achieving all its goals," Raleigh

(See "Olson," p. 31)

Vote November 7!

Tuesday, November 7 is Election Day — your chance to participate in the great democratic process that defines the USA. Don't forget to study up on the candidates and make your voice heard at your favorite polling place.

See page 2 for some advice on voting from the League of Women Voters of Moore County.

Advice on voting from the League

From coast to coast, League members are rolling up their sleeves and doing the hands-on work of safeguarding our democracy.

From educating and registering voters to breaking down the barriers to voting that still exist in many states, the League of Women Voters (LWV) has worked for more than 86 years to actively engage voters in building a better nation—and this election season is no different.

“As we approach the November 7th General Election, the LWV of Moore County is work-

ing hard to register, educate, and encourage voters to fulfill their most precious civic responsibility,” said Jo Nicholas, President of LWVMC.

“This year, we have been proud to offer not only our Voter’s Guide but sponsored booths at local events as well as held an outstanding well-attended Candidates’ Forum at Seven Lakes.”

From providing voters with nonpartisan, up-to-date and accurate candidate and issue information in their guides to hosting candidate and issue forums, League members are actively building stronger communities. Leagues are also engaging voters and participating in voter registration drives to ensure that everyone who is eligible has the opportunity to vote on Election Day.

In conjunction with the League’s traditional election activities, the national League of Women Voters is launching an easy-to-use, nonpartisan voter information Web site, www.VOTE411.org.

The site provides a polling place locator and state-specific information related to voter registration, absentee voting, early voting, ID requirements, voting machines and contact information for elections officials.

League members in Moore County and throughout the country have also distributed “Five Things You Need to Know on Election Day” cards to voters.

The “Five Things” voter card is a handy reference—a last minute

checklist—to help voters get ready to vote and participate in this election.

For those who did not receive this card, the FiveThings are the following:

1. Go to the right place to vote.
2. Bring I.D.
3. Get a Ballot.
4. Get help—poll workers are there to help you.
5. Stay and VOTE!

“The League of Women Voters are leaders doing the hands-on work to safeguard democracy and bring civic improvement to Moore County. League members here are committed to maximizing voter participation in 2006,” said LWVMC President Jo Nicholas. For more information or to join, please visit www.lwvmc.org or contact our Hospitality Chairperson, Char-

lotte Gallagher at 944-9611.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month except December, July and August at The Paddock Restaurant in Longleaf Country Club at 11:45 am.

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understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. With more than 86 years of experience and 850 local and state affiliates, the League is one of America’s most trusted grassroots organizations.

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Biologists find fish can escape from Auman

Does the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC] have jurisdiction on Lake Auman?

The answer to that legal question has come down to the answer to a more technical question: Can fish leave Lake Auman and enter inland fishing waters downstream?

According to District 6 Fisheries Biologist Lawrence Dorsey, fish can escape from the lake. That conclusion is contained in a brief memorandum prepared by Dorsey on April 26, after his visit to Lake Auman the day before. Dorsey was accompanied by another Fish Biologist, Chris Nelson, and met with Jim Meikle and Mary Anne Fewkes.

The Times obtained a copy of Dorsey's memorandum from the NCWRC's Division of Inland Fisheries, the Division of which Dorsey is a part.

Under North Carolina General Statutes [NCGS], if Lake Auman is a "private pond," the

NCWRC has no jurisdiction. A private pond is one "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," according to NCGS 113-129(13).

The NCWRC has accepted that Lake Auman lies upon land owned by the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA]. And Dorsey's memo indicates that "there are no tributaries above Lake Auman that would allow fish to move into the lake from inland fishing waters."

Dorsey's next two sentences are the problem: "I also examined the outlet structure at the dam. Based on the configuration of these structures, it is my opinion that fish are able to escape Lake Auman and enter downstream public fishing waters."

The SLWLA board has not accepted Dorsey's opinion,

according to comments made by both Legal Director Hugh Beckwith and the Association's special counsel Kurt Olson.

But the NCWRC has apparently decided to hang its hat on that finding.

The structure of the Lake Auman dam includes two paths for water to exit, Westside resident — and former SLWLA Environmental Director — Paul Kirst told *The Times* earlier this week.

The normal path is through a screened standpipe, positioned just in front of the dam, that carries water down an 85-foot drop into a ten-foot-by-ten-foot concrete box. The water is then carried through another pipe to Willow Creek.

The second outlet is the emergency spillway — a dip in the Lake Auman dam roadway on the northwest end of the dam. Kirst said he doubted that water has ever crossed this emergency outlet, because the standpipe could move water equivalent to

21 inches of rain in a 24 hour period.

Dorsey told *The Times* that he and fellow biologist Nelson recognized that fact and so focused their analysis on the primary outlet, the standpipe.

"When we looked at the emergency spillway, we understood that it had never been used," Dorsey said. "It is certainly possible to get that much rain, but we didn't go that way. The possibilities of that happening seemed pretty remote."

Instead, the biologists looked at the main outflow pipe. Dorsey

noted that that pipe is screened, but that the screen is not so fine as to prevent small fish from passing through it.

Asked about the 85-foot drop, Dorsey said that it is important to understand that, for example, on the lakes of the Yadkin-Pee Dee river, fish have been shown to survive a trip through the turbines used to generate electricity.

"You have mortality, of course," Dorsey said, "but you also have some fish that survive."

Dorsey said, based on their

(See "Biologist," p. 30)

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Community pitches in to help Noah Jones

For a little guy only six months old, Noah Christian Jones has been through a lot — including hours of brain surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Center.

Noah is the son of Chris and Jennifer Jones of Pinehurst and the grandson of Harold and Joanie Jones of Seven Lakes West. Father Chris is a Moore County native who grew up in Seven Lakes. He now works for FirstHealth of the Carolinas.

Noah's brain surgery was necessary because of nearly endless seizures — 63 in a single day, the day before his marathon surgery session, which included eight separate surgeons.

Since the operation on August 24, Noah has been seizure-free — a shock even to his doctors, but a great blessing to his parents and grandparents.

"He was so small, that is was really difficult for the surgeons to

work on him," Grandfather Harold Jones, who is Postmaster at the West End Post Office, told *The Times*. They told us afterwards they were concerned that the operation might not be effective, because they weren't able



Noah Christian Jones

to do all they wanted to."

But the surgery was in fact effective immediately. And, after a two-and-a-half-week stay in Baltimore, Noah and his parents are back at home.

Unfortunately, the extraordinary care Noah received also left a mountain of medical, transportation, and lodging bills. Even after insurance, the total stands at more than \$90,000 — and that doesn't include the costs of the surgeons. Their bills have yet to arrive.

To help defray that cost, members of the local community are pitching in — literally. A Co-Ed Softball Tournament and Home Run Derby to benefit Noah is scheduled for November 3 and 4 (and 5, if necessary) at the West End Elementary School ball park.

The entry fee is \$150 per team or \$10 per individual. There are

two divisions, one for teams already in a league and another for groups that want to form an ad hoc team to participate. More information is available from Matt McNeill at 673-4240. Spectators are welcome both days, and the concession stand will be open.

Folks who would like to make contributions to defray Noah's health costs but can't make the softball tourney can make checks payable to West End Presbyterian Church, indicating that they are for the Noah Jones Fund. The church's address is P.O. Box 13, West End, NC 27376

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Seven Lakes water projects approved

Moore County Commissioners have approved \$1.5 million in water line construction projects designed to improve the flow of water to Seven Lakes. Now the question is whether there will be more water next summer to push through those lines.

During their Monday, October 16 meeting, Commissioners approved \$1,186,000 for a waterline along NC Highway 211 that will connect the Seven Lakes and Pinehurst water systems, and they approved another \$454,000 for a waterline that will connect the two Seven Lakes water tanks.

Sanford Contractors, Inc. was awarded the contract for both jobs (and, coincidentally, was just awarded the contract for repairs to Echo Dam in Seven Lakes North).

The Pinehurst and Seven Lakes systems are already connected — in fact, the bulk of Seven Lakes water comes through that connection. But that water must take a detour through the water system which serves Pinewild — a system not designed for that purpose.

The new connector, and a new pump station that is part of the project, will provide a more direct link between Pinehurst and Seven Lakes.

Ideally, the county would wait to build that connection until after the planned widening of NC Highway 211 to four lanes between Seven Lakes and Pinehurst. But water demand in rapidly growing Seven Lakes is too strong to wait.

So the county is being forced to anticipate the path that the new roadway will take and obtain easements from property owners along the route before the North Carolina Department of transportation has acquired its road right-of-way from the same property owners.

County Engineer Lex Kelly told *The Times* on Wednesday that the county has obtained easement agreements on about half of the sixteen properties involved. He said he has contacted the others with additional information and feels the process is moving along smoothly.

Various complications caused by having to lay the water line

before the roadway is widening — along with spiraling construction costs — have nearly doubled the \$589,528 cost anticipated for the project in March of 2005.

Kelly said that portions of the line must be laid deeper than was originally expected, because construction of the new Highway 211 roadway will smooth out some hills along the way. In addition, costs of casing the line where it will pass under the roadway are higher than anticipated.

A few easements from private property owners will also be required for the project to connect

the two Seven Lakes water tanks.

That project is designed to equalize the demand on the two tanks, which could improve water pressure in areas near the tanks and is expected to even out the cycle time of the pumps that still supply some water to the Seven Lakes system.

The cost of this project also increased markedly from March of 2005, jumping more than \$100,000 from the \$350,000 originally budgeted.

The new line from Pinehurst and the new water tank interconnect will improve water flow in the system, but will not, in and of

themselves, bring more water to Seven Lakes ahead of next Summer's dry season.

Hopes for that are pinned to a new well the county plans to drill in Pinehurst, replacing a well that was shut down because of radium contamination.

Kelly told *The Times* the well contractor is not expected to take the first step in that process — drilling a test well — for another six weeks. However, if the test well proves successful, Kelly said, it should still be possible to bring the new well on line before Summer.

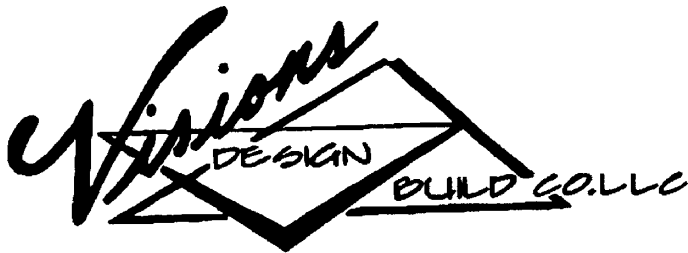
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Artist N.C. Wyeth is focus of presentation

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on "The Art of N.C. Wyeth."

The presentation is free and open to the public.

In 1927, the famous painter and illustrator, N.C. Wyeth visited Southern Pines to meet with James Boyd in preparation for his

illustrations to the Revolutionary War novel, *Drums*. This relationship not only left us with delightful correspondence between the two, but also three enchanting oil paintings, which now hang in the Old Library

Building in Southern Pines.

Nearly 80 years later, N.C. Wyeth returns to the Sandhills as the subject of an illustrated lecture by David Michaelis, who spent six years researching the life of this artist.

David Michaelis is the author of *N.C. Wyeth: A Biography* and a contributor to *Wondrous Strange: The Wyeth Tradition*, and *One Nation: Patriots and Pirates Portrayed by N. C. Wyeth and James Wyeth*.

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Quality Care Pharmacy breaks ground

On Sunday, October 22, Quality Care Pharmacy held a groundbreaking ceremony at their building site near Food Lion in Seven Lakes. The new pharmacy will open next Spring.

Jason Joyce welcomed a crowd of about forty family members and well-wishers who attended the ceremony. His wife Tamela Joyce then read scripture and Mr. Joyce offered a brief message.

Jason, Tamela, and Vann Joyce will be the owners of the new independent pharmacy.

Jason, and his brother Vann Joyce are Moore County natives, raised in the Jackson Springs area. Both attended West End School and graduated from Pinecrest High school.

Tamela Joyce was born and raised in the foothills of North Carolina.

Jason and Tamela Joyce are both pharmacists and both graduated from Campbell University School of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Vann Joyce is a graduate of UNC Wilmington with a degree in Accounting. The Joyces and their children live in the Roseland area of Jackson Springs.

The ceremony concluded with Nancy Willard, Pastor of Rose-



Quality Care Pharmacy's groundbreaking included Darrell Caddell & Dean Fogelman, of Myrick Construction; Jason and Tamela Joyce with their children Joshua, Justin, & Joanna; and Jesse Joyce and Vann Joyce.

land United Methodist Church, giving a blessing and prayer. The ceremonial first dig was made by Jason and Tamela Joyce, their children, Justin, Joshua, and Joanna, and Vann Joyce. The event ended with refreshments served afterwards.

Joyce said, "Along with pharmacy services, Quality Care Pharmacy will offer Durable Medical Equipment and a range of other products."

Quality Care Pharmacy has been a long time dream of the Joyce Family, Joyce told *The Times*.

He said the partners would like to thank the support they have received from BB&T, Myrick

Construction, and Mutual Drug Company.

The goal of Quality Care Pharmacy will be to provide quality and efficient services to customers in a caring and family oriented environment, Joyce said.

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7 Lakes Baptists host 'Children of the World'

by Jenny Rose
& Lorie Funderburk

Seven Lakes Baptist Church just hosted Children of the World International Children's Choir for the sixth year. This is a very special group of 14 – 18 children, ranging in ages from 5 – 12 from countries all around the world. Children of the World is sponsored by World Help which is an organization existing to

fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment through partnering, training, helping and serving, especially in the undeveloped areas of the world.

There are 2.2 billion children in the world. One billion of those children live in poverty without the basic necessities that everyone sometimes take for granted. Many of the children are orphans, so beyond being desperately

poor, they live their young lives void of the comfort, security, and love of parents or family.

Seven Lakes Baptist Church supports World Help in an effort to provide Christmas gift boxes for as many of these children as we can. The contents of the boxes are not elaborate. The gifts are trifle things to many such as — pencils, paper, a toothbrush, toothpaste, medicine that they need and a small toy. It costs approximately \$15 per box plus \$5.00 in shipping. Many American children would be insulted to receive such a gift . . . but not these children.

You should see their eyes when they receive these boxes.

It is as if some one had given them the world.

Pastor, Ken Hankins and his wife Mary, visited India where these gift boxes were distributed. There were so many children in need. More than the workers had anticipated. The volunteers asked children to line up in order of youngest to oldest to receive the boxes. They began distributing the boxes to the youngest children first. About half way through the line they ran out of boxes. In desperation, the workers scampered around to decide what to do. They didn't have to make a decision after all. Realizing that the all gift boxes had been handed out,

each of the younger children spontaneously began seeking out the older children who had not received a box. They began

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Children International Choir members with Seven Lakes Baptist Church Pastor Ken Hankins

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Baptists

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sharing the contents of their box with those older children. These little orphans, who have nothing, were voluntarily sharing what little they had been given so that no one would be empty handed.

The gift boxes mean so much to these children. They are more than just a Christmas present they are evidence to a suffering child that someone in the world cares.

Seven Lakes Baptist Church's goal this year is to send 1,000 boxes to World Help by November. We are well on our way to meet that goal. The community can help out in two ways. You can come up to the church and pick up as many boxes as you want to fill up and/or come to the Church's World Help Auction on Saturday, November 4, starting at 6:00 p.m., with a pre-auction

viewing at 5:00 pm. The Church is having the auction to raise money for the shipping cost of all the boxes to be sent to the children. The auction will be held in the Family Life Center.

There will be many great items to auction generously donated from area businesses such as; a tandem airplane jump with video, furniture, several golf packages, a massage certificate and many more, plus baked good items.

Please come out to the World Help Auction at Seven Lakes Baptist Church on Saturday, November 4 and help make a special child smile for Christmas. Seven Lakes Baptist Church is located on Seven Lakes Drive. If you have any questions you may call the church office on Tuesday – Fridays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Chapel in the Pines Rummage Sale was a Great Success

The Chapel in the Pines "New to You" Rummage Sale was a huge success.

The volunteers from the Chapel and the community worked extremely hard to make it a great event.

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Clint Ingram named to Sports Hall of Fame

Clint Ingram of Seven Lakes South was inducted into the Davidson County Sport Hall of Fame in a ceremony in Lexington on Saturday night, October 14.

Ingram, who moved with wife Lucy to Seven Lakes in 1985, spent his entire career as a coach and recreation director — including eight years as Seven Lakes Recreation Director.

As a student at Thomasville High School during World War II, Ingram played varsity football, basketball, and baseball. He made the All-Conference basketball team in 1945 and won an Athletic Scholarship to Guilford College.

After a single semester at Guilford, Ingram signed up for a three-year hitch in the US Navy. But he didn't leave sports behind. In fact, when his carrier, the USS Randolph, docked at Plymouth, England, he and shipmates commandeered a cricket field to play what some believe to be the first game of American baseball played in England. They even played a game against a girls' baseball team during one stop along their Goodwill Tour of the Mediterranean.

Back at Guilford from 1948 to 1951, Ingram played baseball, basketball, and football every year. Among the highlights? He ran the very first touchdown ever scored against famous Alabama coach Bear Bryant during Bryant's College career. Bryant was coaching the University of Maryland against Guilford. Unfortunately, Ingrams was the only Guilford touchdown in the 60-6 rout by Maryland.

After graduating from Guilford, Ingram coached both boys and girls in basketball and baseball at Richfield, in Stanly County. His girls posted an undefeated 21-0 season one year

Moving to Hasty High School and coaching three sports he saw his team take the Davidson County championship one year.

Ingram coached at Thomasville High School from 1955 to 1965, winning a conference championship in basketball in 1962-63.

He then accepted a position as



Clint Ingram

Recreation Director for the City of Thomasville, overseeing major building projects, including the construction of a sport complex boasting five softball fields.

He served the city as Recreation Director for 20 years before retiring to Seven Lakes.

During that time, Ingram refereed high school basketball for a dozen years and coached American Legion baseball in Thomasville for six years.

Ingram picked up many hon-

ors along the way, including Woodmen of the World Citizen of the Year in Thomasville, and meritorious service awards from both the Bulldog Booster Club and the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Society.

And now Davidson County has named him to its Sports Hall of Fame.

Ingram and wife Lucy were married in 1951. They have two sons, Mike and Tony.

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In memory of . . .

Norman M. Lapkin, 87, of Foxfire Village, died Thursday October 19, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Mr. Lapkin was born in New York City and lived in northern New Jersey prior to his retirement in 1985. While living in New Jersey, he was instrumental in the development of the Bergen County Open Golf Championship and the caddie scholarship program.

He finished his professional career as vice-president with Thomson McKinnon Securities.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Army. During his service to his country, he spent four and one-half years in Europe and earned several decorations including for campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. He was recently awarded a certificate of appreciation by the government of France for his part in their liberation during the war.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, October 21, at the family grave site in Bethesda Cemetery in Aberdeen.

Robert Simmons Ewing, 86, a longtime resident of Moore County, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital of complications following heart surgery.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines, with Dr. Grady Perryman officiating. The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall following the service.

Mr. Ewing was born in 1919 in Wilmington, Del., and was educated in England, Switzerland and the United States. He graduated from Princeton University in 1941 and received training as a naval intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy, serving in a PT boat squadron in the South Pacific until 1945. He was awarded a Bronze Star.

Upon his discharge from the Navy, Mr. Ewing went to work for the DuPont Company in New York in the textile fiber division, resulting in a new job with Robbins Mills, American Woolen, and Textron, and a move to North Carolina in 1955.

Following the end of his

employment with Amerotron Corporation, Mr. Ewing, always a Republican, headed up the "Citizens for Ike" committee in 1956, and subsequently took over operations of the weekly Moore County News as publisher, providing a forum for social and political discussion in a column headed "As One Editor Sees It." In that same year, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Southern Pines City Council and was appointed mayor in 1957.

In 1966, Mr. Ewing served on the Board of Commissioners for Moore County. In 1973, he joined the administration of Gov. Jim Holshouser as the director of the Division of Community Assistance. Mr. Ewing also worked under Governors Terry Sanford and James Martin, serving on the Advisory Budget Committee for the latter. In 1977, he returned to Moore County as economic development director and then as Moore County manager from 1980-1983.

From 1984 to 2004, Mr. Ewing served as a Moore County com-

missioner.

He was instrumental in getting the land donated and laying the groundwork for Sandhills Community College, becoming one of its charter trustees.

Mr. Ewing became director of Moore Memorial Hospital in 1958. He served on the hospital board for 30 years, including stints as board president and vice president.

Mr. Ewing served at the state and national level as a director of the Carolinas Hospital and Health Services, a trustee delegate of the American Hospital Association, and one of nine trustees in the American Hospital Association House of Delegates. In 1982, he received the NC Hospital Association's distinguished service award.

For several years, he was president of the National Association of Hospital Trustees.

Mr. Ewing was a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines, where he served as an elder and a member of the Chancel Choir. He was a member of the

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Mr. Ewing was preceded in
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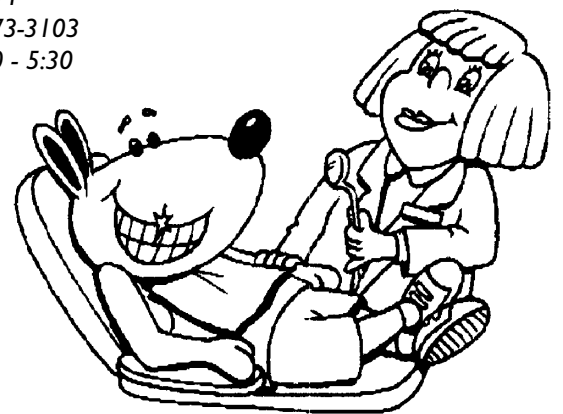
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death by his first wife, Ann Lauritsen Mason in 1971. The couple were parents of six daughters.

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ine "Kit" Mayor and her husband, Edward, of Las Vegas, Nev.; Marguerite "Feeka" Ewing of Hartsville, S.C.; Robert Dellert and his wife, Patti, of Greer, S.C.; Katherine "Katchy" Whitlow and her husband, Stratton, of Oxford; and Jennifer Cameron and her husband, Stuart of Apex; grandchildren, Jonathan Shabica and his wife, Pamela, of Northfield, Ill.; Andrew Shabica and his

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This year there will be a Silent Auction held at the luncheon for the benefit of Project Linus.

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- First, it is their mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by

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Written and directed by Sally Kindsvatter, the show concerns an imaginary feud between the residents of South side Dartmoor Lane and Winsford Circle.

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Fifteen men and women attended the first in a series of cooking demonstrations held at the North Clubhouse on Saturday, October 7.

Mediterranean Cuisine was the theme for this first demonstration presented by Carmela Chase

and Marjorie Nurnberg. The menu included Turkish Zucchini Pancakes, Chicken with Preserved Lemons and Olives and a Pear and Plum Canfonti from the Provence region of France. Carmela Chase, food enthusiast and gourmet cook, took courses

from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY during 1992 to 2005.

Chase has given cooking demonstrations for over 13 years in public libraries, gourmet markets, wine stores and various senior citizen groups in New York until her recent retirement. Nurnberg, a Certified Nutrition and Wellness Consultant and Owner of Seven Lakes Health & Fitness Center for 20 years, acted as sous-chef for Carmela and presented health information about the benefits of eating a Mediterranean style diet.

After the preparations, samples of each dish were tasted. Audience members enjoyed the samples and the demonstration.

The next demonstration will be held Saturday, November 4 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the North Clubhouse.

The menu will include Roquefort & Walnut Icebox Crackers, Root Cellar Soup with Smoked Ham, Orecchiette con Sugo di Salsiccie (Orecchiette with

Sausage Sauce & Rosemary) and Pears in Wine with Cinnamon Cream. Registration fee of \$7.00 is charged to cover expenses. Preregistration is required, size limited to 20 guests.

Call 673-1180 to sign up for a great afternoon of learning to eat healthy.

Sylvia at the Sunrise

Moore OnStage has begun rehearsals for its November production "Sylvia," the story of a dog.

The playwright, A.R. Gurney, seems to find humour in throwing a wrench into personal relationships and this time the wrench is a stray dog.

This is the story of Kate and Greg. Greg's career is winding down just as his wife Kate's is building. So, when Greg brings home a stray dog named Sylvia, the dog becomes a major bone of contention in the middle-aged couple's relationship. The marriage is put in serious jeopardy until, after a series of hilarious and touching complications, Greg and Kate learn to compromise.

"This is a show that all dog-lovers will adore," says co-director Lisa Bridge. "Everyone who has ever had a dog will recognize themselves in this story."

Lisa Bridge will also be play-

ing the role of Kate, the wife who sees the new canine addition to the family as a potential rival for her affection and attention. Ms. Bridge's real life husband and co-director, Don Bridge plays the role of Greg.

The gimmick of the show is that the role of the canine Sylvia is portrayed by Kimberly Corrigan, familiar to Moore County audiences for her role as "Maggie" in last year's Neil Simon comedy, "Jake's Women."

Rounding out the cast of "Sylvia" is Michael Jones who plays three different roles in the show.

"Sylvia" will be playing at the Sunrise Theatre in Southern Pines, November 10 through 19.

For specific dates and times and for reservations, please call 255-0667.

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Students enjoy meeting Hanna, animals

Liz Hartsell a seventh grade student at West Pine Middle School, visited with Jack Hanna along her friend Samantha Patterson a fourth grader at West End Elementary School.

Mr. Hanna's handlers showed the crowd several wild animals but many of them could not be petted or touched.

However, Mango the albino snake was one of the reptiles that the girls and others were able to touch.

A dingo dog from Australia was brought out. She was cautious and very shy, however, she did sniff the girls.

Jack Hanna was sponsored by the Ruth Pauley Series at Sand-

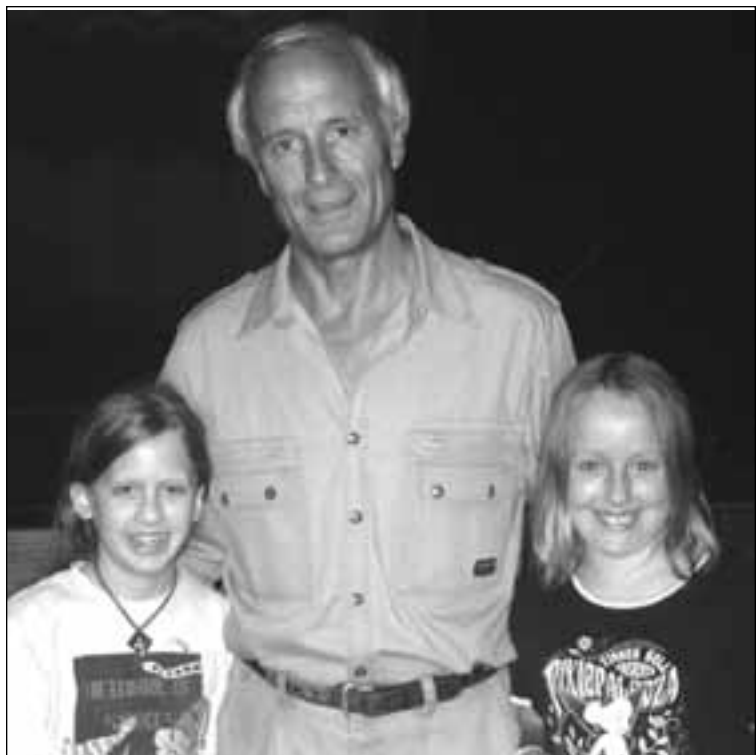
hills Community College.

The next lectures series will be presented on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:30 pm, Sandhills Community College, Owens Auditorium.

The guest speaker will be Jeb Magruder, President Richard Nixon's Deputy Campaign Director.

He will discuss "Ethics in a Secular Society." A high official

in the Committee for the Re-election of the President (CREEP). Magruder is the author of *An American Life*; *One Man's Road to Watergate*.



Liz Hartsell and Samantha Patterson enjoy meeting Jack Hanna.



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He had attended Pinecrest for his freshman year before moving to Florida.

He graduated with high honors, and with special recognition for community service.

He will attend LeTourneau University in Texas as an engineering major.

The Seven Lakes Emergency Medical Service Telephone Directory was started several years ago by volunteers in the community as a fund raising program to support the EMS.

It is produced each year and all the profits from the yellow page revenues and from the sale of the directories go directly to the EMS.

Businesses serving our community are increasing in numbers. Every year each business is contacted by a volunteer about their ad renewal. New business is canvassed as prospective advertisers.

Our population is very mobile and the white pages require significant revisions with each issue.

The directory is not the responsibility of either of the Landowners Offices however they help by allowing a box to be placed in their offices to receive any input to the white pages.

It is the responsibility of each member of the community to inform the Directory of any changes to their listing.

Volunteers this year are: Gail Cummins, Carol Mezaros, Arlene Perry, Ginnye Powers, Marilyn Holzerland, Bob Tourt, Ray Tourt, Jane Westlake, Jean Keating and Ken Keating.

Doreen Smith is the volunteer coordinator.

If you have any questions or if you would like to advertise in the directory please contact Doreen Smith at 673-0945.

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Golf Capital Chorus Concert is Nov. 4

Golf Capital Chorus will present its annual concert in the Pinecrest High School's Lee Auditorium On Saturday, November 4, at 7:30 pm.

According to Dick Curl, this year's show chairman, "Our 2006 show promises to be very entertaining with a mixture of old favorites and more modern songs sung in traditional 4-part male "barbershop" style. The songs will all feature either "wild" or "wonderful" in their titles as the Chorus presents lively skits and interpretations."

Featured performers will be

the two winners of this year's Chorus Quartet competition: The Links and Out Of Bounds, as well as an appearance by the local chapter of Sweet Adelines (female barbershoppers), and the Dixie District Champion and International Medal-Winning quartet: Riptide.

This concert represents the Chorus' major fund raising activity. For several years the Golf Capital Chorus has been honored to be one of the world's leading chapters for charitable giving. Charities supported are all local and focus on helping children in

need.

"We are blessed with businesses and organizations in the Sandhills who appreciate how our Chorus supports charities with funds acquired through the advertisements in our show program. They are extremely generous to us and truly deserve the support of the Sandhills community in return," said John James,

chair of the advertising committee for the Chorus.

John Moulds, president of the Chorus echoes those sentiments and adds, "Our Chorus is composed of Sandhills men who live and work here. We are neighbors who truly love to sing and give back to the community at the same time. Our concert usually sells out and I think that reflects

that the people of our area feel that we provide both great entertainment and that we are doing something good for the people in this part of the state who need our help."

To purchase tickets for the show see any member of the Chorus or call Alan Langley at 215-0247.

Literacy Council seeks volunteers

Several volunteers are needed at the Moore County Literacy Council to provide tutoring and educational mentoring to adult learners.

Opportunities are available to work with English as a Second Language

(ESL) and Adult Basic Education learners and only require 1-2 hours of your time per week. Locations include, but are not limited to Southern Pines, West End, Pinehurst, Taylortown and Eastwood. For more information contact Pam Giambelluca or Stephanie Wheeler at (910)692-

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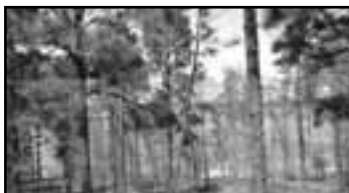


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SLLA

(Continued from front page)

said. Next year, landowners will be offered to option of selecting to pay monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually. Paying dues in this fashion will result in interest charges on top of the dues owed.

President's Report. Truesdell opened the meeting with an apology for failing to rein in public comment in the the last monthly meeting of the association. He reminded landowners that the public comment section of the meeting is at the end, that anyone who desires to speak will be allowed to do so. Speakers are limited to three minutes and to one trip to the microphone.

Community Standards. Vice President Jeff Herman said that 17 of the 34 complaints received in the past month had been cleared up with a single contact by SLLA staff. Eleven others have generated warning letters, and two were referred to the Judicial Committee for action, which ultimately resulted in compliance by the landowners.

Herman thanked the Judicial Committee for their service. "I hope that we won't have to use them all that much," Herman said, "but we are glad that they are there and that they were able to assist in these cases."

Recreation. Director Jack Fathauer highlighted the upcoming Children's Halloween party at the North Clubhouse on October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Flu Shots that will be available at the Community Activity Center on Thursday, November 9 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

After the meeting Fathauer asked *The Times* to remind residents to make Stables reservations early for the Thanksgiving Holiday Season.

Fathauer said the vendor for the new Flexcourt surface has promised that it will be available for installation during the first week of November. He apologized to tennis players for the delay.

Because of concerns expressed about possible drug use and other afterschool misbehavior in the area near the North Clubhouse and Landowners office, volunteers are being sought to supervise the Community Activity Center from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm each weekday.

Security. Michael Florence said 1,900 barcode stickers have been sold thus far and the board would like to all residents making use of the barcode system at the gates.

He said both gate guards and motorists are getting used to the new system. a persistent problem is that residents without barcodes are zipping through the North Gate's left entrance lane without stopping — even though there is a stop sign at the gate.

Florence said he is considering asking for Sheriff's Deputies to be on hand for a few days to ticket those who fail to stop at the sign before proceeding through the gate.

He warned residents who have purchased barcodes not to remove their red stickers from their windshields.

Noting that Halloween night is likely to attract numerous visitors and place large number of trick-or-treaters on the streets of the

community. He urged residents — and visitors — to drive slowly and carefully that evening.

There will be two guards manning the North gate that evening to help handle the large number

of visitors expected.

Finance. Community Manager Fulcher reported that year-to-date revenues as off September 30 were \$1,155,000, which is 96.89% of the expect-

ed total. Operating expenses for the first five months totalled \$425,000, while capital expenditures were \$166,000.

President Truesdell compli-

(See "SLLA," p. 22)

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

- **Bookshop by the Lakes** – 10:00 am until noon. Seven Lakes Massage and Body Therapies will be visiting in the Bookshop offering free 10 minutes chair massages to customers as part of Massage Therapy Awareness Week.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- **Daylight Savings Time begins**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

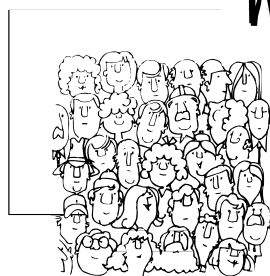
- **Americans for FairTax Presentation** – 7:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Jim Underwood, Community Coordinator, from Fayetteville, will be the guest speaker. Come to the meeting and learn more about FairTax and how to encourage your legislative government to work for a better tax plan.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- **Halloween**
- **Trunk or Treat** – 5:30 to 7:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Volunteers have decorated their car trunks for the holiday. Treats, costumes, and marshmallows. Children and parents are invited to attend.
- **Children’s Halloween Carnival**– 6:00 -8:00 pm, at the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. All Trick-or-Treaters are encouraged to come and enjoy carnival games and refreshments.
- **Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – 6:30pm – 8:30pm, HOLY-WEEN for ages – Preschool through 6th grade. Wear your costume to the party and enjoy a great night of outside fun, games and of course lots and lots of Candy!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- **Sandhills Council of Garden Clubs** will host Pam Beck, gardener, writer, lecturer, and photographer to Weymouth



What’s When Calendar

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ter, at 10:00 am. Ms. Beck writes gardening, articles for Carolina Gardener magazine, Raleigh News and Observer and is the co-author of Best Gardening Plants for North Carolina. She is also an advisor for the J.C. Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh. You will not want to miss this free opportunity to hear a terrific speaker.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2,

- **Women of Seven Lakes** - 2:00 pm at the North Club

House John James from Heavenly Pines Jewelers will be speaking on the history of precious stones and which are more valuable. He will also do complimentary verbal appraisals, so if you have a piece of jewelry that you

would like to have appraised, bring it with you. All are invited. Please bring any of the following items to be donated to “Friend to Friend” - paper towels, toilet tissue, light bulbs, kitchen size trash bags, dishwasher detergent, dish washing liquid or school supplies.

- **Church Women United of Moore County** – 10:00 am, celebrating World Community Day at the Emmanuel Episcopal Parish Hall, 350 E. Massachusetts and S. Ridge Street, Southern Pines. The theme will be “Signs of Healing.” Peace,

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- **Election Day**
- **Ruth Pauley Lecture Series** – 7:30 pm, Sandhills Community College, Owens Auditorium. Guest speaker–Jeb Magruder, President Richard Nixon's Deputy Campaign Director. He will discuss "Ethics in a Secular Society."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- **Women of Seven Lakes – Annual Fall Luncheon/Fashion Show/Card Party.** 11:00 am Silent Auction begins, lunch at noon. All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit Project Linus. Cost for event is \$25. Jo Nicholas and Sandi Carl are co-chairing.
- **FirstHealth of the Carolinas** – 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

FirstFlu Vaccination Program, at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Free for Medicare Part B participants or \$25 for all other participants in the program. Call 888-534-5333 for more information.

- **Sandhills at a Crossroads – "The Art of N.C. Wyeth"** 7:00-8:00 pm, Southern Pines Elementary School Auditorium, 255 South May Street, Southern Pines. Admission is free and open to the public. David Michaelis, biographer, will speak on "The Art of N.C. Wyeth." Abigail Dowd (910) 783-5359 or (910) 638-3982.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- **Kidnap Kaper at Seven Lakes Country Club – a first ever Mystery Dinner Theater** – cocktails 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Written and directed by Sally Kindsvatter. Will the feud at Winsford Circle and Dartmoor Lane every get settled with one of the neighbors missing? Call 673-1100 for reservations.
- **"Sylvia"** – at the Sunrise Theatre in Southern Pines, November 10 through 19. Playwright, A.R. Gurney, finds humour in throwing a wrench into personal relationships and this time

the wrench is a stray dog between a husband and wife. Sponsored by Moore OnStage, For reservations, please call 255-0667. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for students.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- **Veteran's Day**
- **Kidnap Kaper at Seven Lakes Country Club – a first ever Mystery Dinner Theater** – cocktails 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Written and directed by Sally Kindsvatter. Will the feud at Winsford Circle and Dartmoor Lane every get settled with one of the neighbors missing? Call 673-1100 for reservations.

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SLLA

(Continued from page 19)

mented the office on its collection efforts, noting that \$1,044,000 of an expected \$1,077,000 in dues had been collected.

Architectural Review. Director Ron Richmond said his committee had received requests for two new homes and had approved one of them. Approval of the other was tabled because the builder failed to attend the committee meeting. Of five requests for alterations and additions, three were approved.

Manager's Report. Fulcher said that four streets on the South Side will be paved based on obtaining the agreement of two-thirds of the property owners on each street. The Association will cover half the cost of these paving projects. The contract was awarded to Riley Paving.

The board appointed Steve Hudson Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Fulcher said. He encouraged any one interested in serving on the board to contact Hudson or the Landowners Office.

The community's lakes were all tested in September and the results showed that all met state Stream Quality standards, Fulcher said. Lake testing will be performed twice each year.

Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane thanked Seven Lakes EMS, which purchased glow sticks for the SLLA to distribute to children for use on Halloween night.

He also thanked Laura Douglas, chair of the Playground Advisory committee, acknowledging the work that the committee has done recently in developing a plan for equipment to be installed along the walking trail. The plan will soon be presented to the board for action.

Public Comment.

Ron Erskine objected to the presence of large tractor trailer trucks in the community. [See Erskine's letter on page 28.]

Jim Lott asked for clarification on the board's collection policies.

Tim Klein and Lucille Leeman encouraged the board to find a solution to traffic hazards created since the barcode gates went into operation.

Bob Cook said his barcode was removed by a detailing crew (See "SLLA" p. 35)



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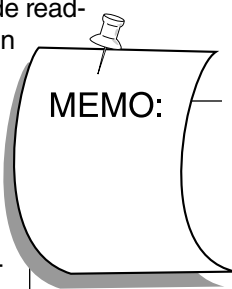
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Board Notes

*Don Truesdell
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board*

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Hudson asks for input

Seven Lakers:

In keeping with my feeling that everything should be open, above board, and out on the table, I feel that you should know what is occurring with the board of directors.

In our work session on Thursday October 19, payment schedules for our dues were discussed.

1. One portion of the board favors allowing semi-annual, quarterly, and monthly payments, and allowing those making payments to have full use of stickers, bar codes, landowner cards, etc. as do those of you who pay their dues in full.

2. The other portion of the board favors the payment schedules but only allowing the stickers, bar codes, landowner cards, etc. when the dues are paid in full.

How do you feel about these choices?

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*Thank you,
Steve Hudson
SLLA Treasurer*

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OPINION

Editorial

Vote!

Tuesday, November 7, is Election Day; and it is your privilege, your right, and your duty to turn out at the polls and mark your ballot for the candidates of your choice.

There is no Presidential election in this "off-year," so turnout is expected to be low. That is unfortunate, because Moore Countians have the privilege of selecting a number of key officeholders.

Congressman Howard Coble is doing his part to preserve the Republican majority in the US House of Representatives, while a victory by challenger Rory Blake could be one of the fifteen seats the Democrats need to take charge.

We have a State Senator to elect, choosing either challenger Abraham Oudeh, a Democrat, or incumbent Harris Blake, a Republican.

Perhaps the most interesting race is for the District 52 North Carolina House seat. Richard Morgan held the seat for years, built a substantial power base in the House, and responded consistently when Seven Lakes needed his help, whether to win traffic enforcement on community roads or to stop the creation of a new hog farm next door.

Morgan was defeated in the Republican primary by newcomer Joe Boylan, who was expected to have an easy time in December with no challenger on the Democratic side of the ticket.

Then Seven Lakes' own Bud Shaver threw his hat into the ring, entering the race as an unaffiliated petition candidate. He was shortly joined by Gerald Galloway, a former Southern Pines police chief also running as an independent.

That set up a three-way race for a legislative post that is critical for the county and for Seven Lakes.

While two races for Moore County Commissioner were decided in the primary, one remains undecided: the District 5 race, pitting Republican Jimmy Melton against Democrat Teresa Marquez. Commissioners from each district are elected by voters across the county, so residents in our end of the county will have an opportunity to choose the winner in this race.

There are three at-large seats on the Moore County Board of Education at stake in this race; several contested judicial races; and a number of uncontested candidates for county and judicial posts.

There's plenty of time to educate yourself about the merits and positions of the various candidates before election day; if you take the time, you'll have the privilege of participating in decisions that will impact our nation, state, county, courts, and schools for years to come.

Voting is more than a privilege. It is a right.

As Americans, we are blessed with rights and freedoms that are the envy of the world. We are free to worship as we please, associate with who we will, and say what we think. We are protected from unreasonable demands by the government and guaranteed our day in court.

The most important of our freedoms — the cornerstone on which the others rest — is our freedom to vote. The best way to preserve that right is to use it.

Finally, citizens have a duty to vote.

Scandals in Washington and Raleigh often tempt voters to opt out of the process — to call down a pox on all their houses and stay home on election day. It's a tempting course, but wrongheaded. If government is a mess, the only way to fix it is for smart, informed citizens to elect smart, hard-working candidates.

Beyond our shores, there are young Americans risking their lives daily to bring some taste of the freedoms we enjoy to citizens in Iraq and Afghanistan who for too long have suffered under totalitarian regimes. Whether you think we should be there or not, no American can look at the sacrifices of our service men and women without a sense of pride and admiration for their hard work, professionalism, and patriotism.

Honoring their service — and that of all those who have defended our freedoms in the past — creates an obligation for each of us to exercise our privilege, claim our right, and fulfill our duty to vote on November 7.

News from around town

Pardon me if I just pass on some social notes about life in and about Seven Lakes in this issue.

First, did you know about the blessed event at Adam and Ray Halstead house on the North Side. Yes, on September 15 their daughter Lily Anah Marie entered this world. Adam, barber at Nardo's Barber Shop, tells me that his daughter made her entrance at nine pounds one ounce with jet black hair.

The parents are overjoyed, but all of you remember how those first few months are not all admiration and joy. If I remember correctly, it

seems that there are a lot of diapers to change and cries in the middle of the night. But congratulations to the Halsteads. What a wonderful event.

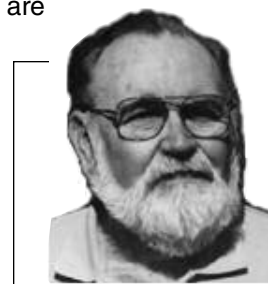
Did you know that Peggy and Dudley Crawford are suffering the flip side of the joy of home ownership. Prior to their departure for the Greek Islands this Spring they took off for a three day trip to see relatives. Upon their return they discovered that there had been a serious leak in an upstairs water pipe. Serious damage to walls, floors, and possessions had occurred. They are still waiting for serious repair and new possessions like carpet, cabinets, clothing to be bought and delivered. Ah, the joy of home ownership.

Now I must report on the

behavior of my dog, Georgia. I should say misbehavior! Georgia always likes to go with me in my pickup truck, no matter where we are headed.

And if I am attending church, seeing my doctor, grocery shopping or the like, she waits patiently for me. Of course she always hopes that I am returning with a dog cookie. She loves banks.

I must report however that last Sunday she was bad, very bad. After church services Sun-



Ollie's Thoughts
Oliver Gossard

day when I opened the door to my pickup, Georgia dashed outside and happily roamed about grass and trees. Only with the help of Hilda Conrad and another kind parishioner was she returned to this angry dog owner.

For most of the afternoon Georgia was instructed about proper dog manners by her owner. Alas, friend Tom Currie reminded me that Georgia understood my angry instructions as "blah, blah, blah, Georgia! Blah, blah, blah, Georgia!" Well, we will see how she acts this Sunday.

And finally I must thank all of my friends and strangers for their help and kindness this past week. A medical problem developed and they helped.

Friends are a wonderful group of people.

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'Contract' with state carries obligations

Dear Editor:

I arrived quite late for the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] meeting on the Lake Auman dispute because I had been participating in a Negotiating Skills seminar at Sandhills Community College.

After the rather raucous SLWLA meeting finally adjourned I was told the protagonists of the plan had repeatedly said that we should agree to the deal with the State because it was "no worse" than what we already have from a liability point of view.

While I don't find it too reassuring to be told the new plan is merely no worse than what we now have I would like to take issue with the main premise of their argument.

Right now we could unilaterally choose to change our rules and virtually eliminate our liability

altogether by simply posting signs warning that lake use is at ones own risk because there is no active supervision of the lake or we could choose to undertake some minimal prophylactic regulation like the Lake Patrol by having our rules reflect that such weekend/holiday only volunteer effort is the extent of our regulation.

Once we enter into the compact with the State, however, we are required, in good faith, to diligently enforce the safety rules of the State in a reasonable and prudent manner at our own expense. As a result, we become fully liable for any lax enforcement on our part. We must spend whatever it takes to provide ade-

quate professional enforcement. We cannot change the deal once we sign it – we are stuck with the onerous enforcement obligation and must meet recognized standards.

We now have flexibility to make changes in how we manage the lake and enforce our rules but once we contract with the State we lose that flexibility.

You decide which is the lesser of two evils. I for one would prefer to negotiate a more reasonable deal without the liability and added cost!

The State is getting our money for registration and a license and we get the bill!

*Ed Silberhorn, Esq.
Seven Lakes West*

Agreement is best option

Dear Editor:

I attended the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association meeting Tuesday where the pending agreement with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC] was the sole topic.

After hearing a lot of back and forth, and at times emotional arguments, I came away with a different conclusion than when I entered.

I see only three simple choices.

1. We maintain control of our lake and enforce the rules and regulations by hiring a compliance officer. The downside of course is the additional payroll expense, and possibly the fact that this person would be patrolling the lake on a daily basis. But hopefully that person would not be as vigorous as the NCWRC. With this option we keep NCWRC off of our lake.
2. We cede to them that the lake is not a private pond, (which we believe it is) and let the NCWRC enforce the rules and regulations. The up side to this would be the payroll savings and the probability that NCWRC would only show up 4-5 times per year. A downside would be possibly more vigorous enforcement. Also accepting that we are public waters may bring on future unforeseen challenges.
3. We pursue the litigation course and attempt to prove the private pond case (originally this was what I was in favor of). The downside to this now appears to be large. Not only would we incur substantial expense, but from what we were told last night, we would immediately have to allow NCWRC on the lake to enforce the laws. Since challenging them in court

would probably tick them off, I believe they would do that enforcement with a vengeance while the court case drags out possibly for years. And there is no guarantee that we would prevail.

The board has a big decision to make.

In my opinion, signing the agreement is our best option.

*Sam Demme
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‘Small stuff’ may be worth some sweat

Dear Editor:

I was quite surprised to read Ed Nuti's "Board Notes" in the last edition of *The Times*. I am sure that he and all other members of the Board of Seven Lakes have a primary agenda to work to maintain, if not increase, the value of the community and our individual investments.

The statement "From little acorns oak trees grow," has some significance to me.

If we, as longtime owners, care for our individual investments the entire Seven Lakes community will benefit. In regard to the Rules and Regulations I agree that most residents are well-intentioned. However, potential homeowners should have been informed of the covenants and rules and regulations. If not, where does the blame lie.

Yes, we should all enjoy our community and the amenities. We should also be concerned about any violation that detracts or diminishes our investment. We need to be proud of our homes and also the community as a whole.

How many of us have had guests ask, "Do you allow trucks in homeowners driveways?" "Do you allow parked cars on green or pine straw lawns?" It seems to me that some of the Rules and Regulations are nothing more than common sense and courtesy.

Should we be free to do anything we want? Yes, but with freedom come laws. And so, with ours, come rules and regulations.

The Community Standards Committee, on which I have served for many years, appears to me to be very patient and understanding — to the point where some of the violations

have been cleared up with help from the community.

Should we "sweat the small stuff?"

Yes, when it detracts from the overall appearance of our community and/or a specific area of the community. Protecting our investment is part of the deal of owning a home.

When you add up all the small stuff, it amounts to the tenor of the neighborhood.

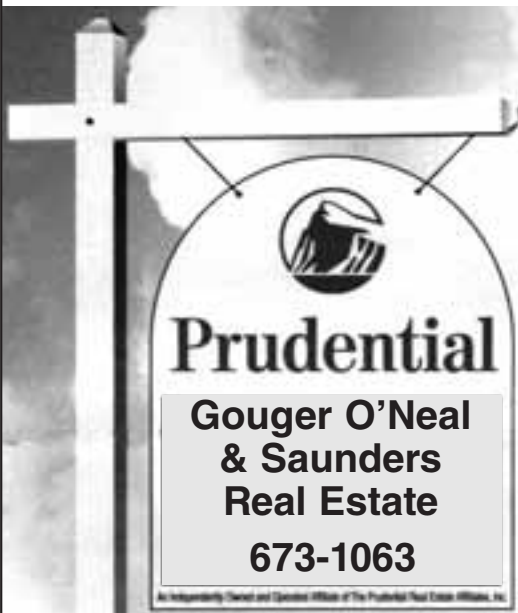
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Donna Stephan
Seven Lakes South

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To sweat, or not to sweat, the small stuff

T'was Saturday morn, and
while eating my oats
I considered the contents of
that section, Board Notes.
Yes, I pondered the content
and what I read at first sight
Seemed really quite sane in
the dawn's early light.

For I do think that children be
allowed to play
After school in our streets by
the light of day,
I did it myself in those bygone
years
And survived fairly well
despite everyone's fears.

But as I read further and
pondered our rules

There were some adopted
quite simply by fools,
And rather than bend them as
our author suggests
I think it quite timely to lay
them to rest.

Then we'll not have to listen to
our dear author chide
That these minor infractions
we all should abide.
And we won't have to read or
be further astonished
By the advice he gives us
when we're simply admon-
ished.

"Let's not sweat the small
stuff," don't let it annoy ya
You're suffering my friend from

severe paranoia.
Some rules as written, are just
made to be bent
And I fear my friend you're a
malcontent.

I think tractors are lovely and
their trailers are too
So if one's on your doorstep,
you needn't feel blue
Simply go to your neighbor
and ask if you dare
Just how long he plans to
park it there.

"Let's not sweat the small
stuff," he'll retort with a smile
That tractor and trailer will
stay quite a while
For the rules are written so

that they can be bent
And only their author knows
just what they meant

Now we don't want a "police
state" so we'll use all our
tools
To ignore or deplore, even

bend certain rules.
Life has its pitfalls, and it's
fearsome enough
So please "lets not sweat the
really small stuff"

Ron Erskine
Seven Lakes North

Seven Lakes Forum

The next Forum is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, on the upper level of the West Side Park Community Center. Refreshments will be available at 9:00 am, with the formal session beginning at 9:15 am. Participants should plan for about a

two-hour session. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend. Ed Silberhorn, a retired attorney and resident of Seven Lakes, will present the topic entitled Inverse Condemnation. The topic relates to over-regulation of

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Dear Editor:

Recently, I discovered that during this past year, our previous Board of Directors adopted a regulation, yet to be mailed to the landowners, which specifically addresses Tractors and Tractor-Trailers. In my opinion it was written and adopted without any thought, consultation with, or consideration given our residents as a whole.

The regulation reads in part,

"A resident owned or operated tractor-trailer will be allowed to enter Seven Lakes for a period not to exceed 12 hours. The above procedure is only allowed twice in any seven day period." Wow, is that all? This means that a tractor-trailer can enter our gates 104 times per year and park for twelve hours each time. Just where I ask can one conform to our other rules and legally park a tractor hooked to its trailer for

as long as 12 hours? The thought is ludicrous!

This same regulation goes on to state in part "A resident-owned or operated tractor of a tractor-trailer can be parked on the resident's property for a period not exceeding 48 hours. The above practice is allowed twice in any 30 day period." This means that twenty four times each year, a huge tractor can be parked in your next-door neigh-

bor's driveway for the weekend. How convenient? Actually, there is nothing written to prohibit the same owner/operator from taking advantage of both opportunities. How horrific if you were unfortunate enough to live adjacent to or across the street from that party.

This regulation was written to accommodate three owner/operators residing in Seven Lakes without any consideration given the rest of us. It is difficult to enforce and will be far more difficult to control when we have three or four times that number to deal with. Also for a community concerned about the costs of maintaining our roads, the weight of these rigs might well

be considered. They are not allowed to cross the West Side Lake Auman dam for a very good reason. They are too darn heavy!

I have no desire to question the various occupations of our residents; our friends and neighbors. But all of us should have a huge interest in our community and the image it projects to fellow residents, to potential residents and to visitors. Seven Lakes West simply denies tractors entry and so should we!

I welcome your comments, all of which will be passed on to our board of directors..

Ron Erskine
Seven Lakes North
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Look closer at SLLA costs

Dear Editor:

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association routinely emails the minutes of each meeting to the members who have supplied their email address.

I read with interest in the most recent minutes the following: "Fulcher presented a comparison of administrative cost in 1980 to current figures. When comparing percentages, administration does not cost more now than in 1980."

In the same minutes, it is noted that the new phone system is in place. We are not told that we rented a phone system and paid approximately \$2500 per year for ten years before we spent \$6,500 making the purchase. That's \$25,000 wasted before we purchased the system.

I have never seen a report on the amount of money we spent on Company Police while they actually were breaking jurisdictional laws. This could get into the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on something that was illegal.

Perhaps Mr. Fulcher should also give us an efficiency accounting for the \$80,000 we spent dumping our yard waste, most of it in an illegal dump?

To get an idea of what our real cost has been for management, we must evaluate the actual direct cost and add the silent killer, which is the amount of waste and questionable expen-

ditures.

We have twenty percent of what we need in our reserves and we have wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars. Yet, what

we hear from Fulcher is a fluff piece on how management does not cost us more now than in 1980.

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Reflection

In today's fast moving society, it seems that over scheduling one's life can often block out the need for reflection.

To take stock of where we are, not just checking the condition of our long-neglected carpeting, but honest and objec-

long neglected items on our journey through life.

We're all the same in at least one respect: putting off today what can be done tomorrow. In the vast majority of cases, no harm ensues. But a handful could enter the festering stage.

That's when we need to retire our silent household time-pieces and install a persistently aural grandfather's clock, possibly in the breakfast nook.

On the other hand, we

tive self analysis.

There are so many "make life easy" contraptions that make us believe that that's all we need. Not enough time to listen to our own unique souls. To reflect, review, evaluate.

The pendulum of life swings back and forth with predictable persistency.

Each tick is a near silent reminder that now is the time to bring back consideration of

shouldn't be too hard on ourselves.

How many of us have completed our income tax returns a full month before the deadline? Or arrived for a meeting exactly on time?

I know a little about that. Recently, when I arrived late for a tennis match, did I hear about it?

You better believe it! (Were they just kidding?)



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

FairTax worth a look

This FairTax thing is worth a look.

What's FairTax?

It's a plan to replace all current federal taxes with a national sales tax — and there's a forum exploring it scheduled for this coming Monday night, October 30, at 7:30 pm in the West Side Park Community Center.

You should go.

Because the FairTax movement is starting to pick up a head of steam, and it could radically change the way we pay for government in this country.

A couple of weeks ago, when Congressman Howard Coble was asked about tax reform at the Seven Lakes Candidates Forum,

he brought up two ideas: the flat tax and the FairTax. He said both

It's a plan to do away with the federal income tax, payroll taxes, capital gains taxes, estate taxes, and the Internal Revenue Service [IRS], replacing the whole kit and caboodle with a national

sales tax — a double-digit sales tax.

Because sales taxes are inherently regressive — that is, they tend to burden lower income folks more than higher income folks — the FairTax proposal includes a "prebate" system that

(See "FairTax," p. 30)

Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins



were getting a hearing in the halls of Congress.

What is the FairTax — aside from being another one of those brand names that has lost a space and sprouted an extra capital letter?



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Biologist

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knowledge of fish biology and fish passage through various structures, he and Nelson agreed that some fish would survive the trip through the Lake Auman outflow structure. "When you look at the dams on the Yadkin river that have turbines, you still get survival — you have fish that survive something more

dramatic than that 85 foot drop," Dorsey told *The Times*.

Finally, in explaining his conclusions, Dorsey called attention to the language of the statute, which reads "from which fish cannot escape . . . at any time."

"It asks 'can a fish escape the lake?' — Can a fish — any fish — any type of fish," Dorsey said. "There is no specification of

size, species, or time — just 'Can fish pass out of the lake?'"

"There's going to be some fish that from time to time get through that structure and survive," Dorsey said.

Asked whether other biologists would disagree that fish could survive the trip through the Lake Auman outflow structure, Dorsey said he had brought biologist Chris Nelson with him on the visit to Lake Auman in order to have a second opinion. He said he included with his memo photos of the Lake Auman outflow structures so that other professionals in the department would have an opportunity to review them and ask for clarification or raise objections to his conclusions.

The Times also spoke with Bob Curry, Chief of the Division of Inland Fisheries at NCWRC. Though noting he had not visited the lake himself, Curry said he accepted Dorsey's conclusion that the screen over the top of the main outflow pipe at Lake Auman could allow the passage of small fish.

Curry said that the passage of

fish below the dam envisioned in the statute does "not have to occur on a daily basis."

Both Curry and Dorsey told *The Times* that Dorsey was not asked to trace the potential flow of fish downstream to establish that fish escaping into Willow Creek can pass through the marsh that connects it with Drowning Creek.

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FairTax

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would write a government check every month to every American family in order to help defray the basic costs of living.

The FairTax plan also eliminates pretty much all taxes on business, based on the notion that businesses don't pay taxes anyway — they just pass them along to consumers in the costs of goods and services.

Proponents of the plan claim this will make the US a business paradise and reverse the trend of US businesses moving their headquarters and operations offshore. The result will be more jobs and higher wages for Americans and a better trade balance for the country as a whole.

The FairTax scheme was developed by a bunch of Texas businessfolk who hired a number of top-drawer economists to come up with a plan for overhauling the US Tax system. Its chief proponents are Congressman John Linder (R-GA) and radio talkshow host Neal Boortz, who co-authored a book on the subject.

Linder looked a little like Don Quixote tilting a windmills when he first introduced the legislation establishing the FairTax (HR25) in Congress. But, in the current session, he was able to attract nearly 60 Representatives and three Senators as co-sponsors of the bill.

So far, all but one of those co-sponsors are Republicans, but it could be Linder will better be able to recruit folks on the other side of the aisle once the mid-term elections are over.

The FairTax forum at the West Side Park Community Center on Monday night will feature Jim Underwood, a community coordinator for Americans for

Fair Taxation. The event is free and open to all Seven Lakers and their guests.

Personally, I haven't decided whether I am "fer it or agin it," but I have decided I had darned well better understand it. The fact is, the idea is gaining momentum in Washington.

So, if you're interested in how the government uses your money — or in how much of your money the government uses — you would be well advised to learn more about the FairTax.

Next Monday's meeting would be a great place to start.

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Olson

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Attorney Kurt Olson said in his opening remarks to Westside landowners gathered for the Tuesday, October 24 meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA].

"My own personal view of that is quite different. I view it as just the opposite," Olson continued.

Olson was retained as special counsel by the association to deal with the incursions of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC] Enforcement Division onto Lake Auman. He was retained shortly before the infamous Easter Sunday raid by Wildlife officers.

Legal Director Hugh Beckwith introduced Olson as someone with extensive experience in negotiating and litigating issues related to environmental law in both Washington and Raleigh.

A member of the prestigious Maupin Taylor law firm, Olson also has a Seven Lakes connection. His parents reside on Gordon Point in Seven Lakes West.

Olson: Pact achieves goals

Explaining the virtues of the proposed agreement between the NCWRC and SLWLA that he helped negotiate, Olson said, "First and foremost, the agreement keeps the Wildlife Resources Commission [WRC] off the lake. They've agreed not to come on the lake; they will not be involved in any kind of enforcement activities on the lake; you will not see a wildlife resources officer on the lake as a result of this agreement if it's entered into."

"Second . . . what this agreement does is allow us, allows the landowners association, to manage the lake. We're not taking on a state role . . . We're not even conceding that state laws apply or that the state has jurisdiction. What we are doing is agreeing to implement our rules in a way that we want to implement them and then to enforce our rules in the way we want to enforce them. . . . The Association has a set of rules already. It has a means of adopting rules and it has a means of enforcing rules. So this is not a large change in any respect."

"This is our program and it is not the state's program. We are not any part of the state. What we are doing is adopting our rules. The rules will have certain minimum requirements, but can adopt them and craft them the way we want them to look and then we can enforce them in the way that we would want to enforce them. I think that is very important."

Litigation and Legislation

Moving on to the central point in the conflict between the parties to the agreement, Olson

said, "We do believe Lake Auman meets the statutory tests [as a private pond]. I can tell you that the WRC does not. That why we ended up where we are today. You can litigate the matter and get an answer that way. That's a process that would take two to three years to resolve, maybe longer."

Even a judicial finding in the Association's favor might not end the matter, Olson said. "It would not be difficult for the Commission to go and request somebody from the General Assembly to just change the definition of a private pond by putting some kind of limit on the number of acres that are required."

"By the same token the Association could have tried that route as well and gone in and argued that we want the statute to be clarified so that Lake Auman is clearly non-jurisdictional and clearly is a private pond. . . ."

"We discussed that with [former Lt. Governor] Dennis Wicker. And we thought that that option, at this particular stage, was not viable."

"One of the thoughts on that is that the General Assembly

would be giving a lot of deference to the WRC, that is an organization that is in charge of safety, boating safety, environmental issues, and things of that nature. And when you're talking about a water body that is 800 acres it's not too hard to conceive that [the WRC] might be able to make an argument that they might need access to that and that they might find that the General Assembly would be willing to agree with them. So we thought it best not to follow that route."

Lake still private

Turning to the impact of the proposed agreement on the community, Olson said, "The agreement does not in any way affect who has access to the lake. This is a gated community, it is a pri-

vate community, it is a private lake. You can keep it that way. This agreement doesn't do anything in that respect . . . it has no affect on that whatsoever."

"There's been a lot of discussion on how to enforce it," Olson said. "This is not a difficult issue. It's really a question of how do we enforce the rules that exist already. We have a number of rules and regulations that regulate conduct here at the Association and there's a means for enforcing that already and there would be no change no difference in this context."

"The by-laws of the Association give it the authority to adopt rules. We have done that. Part of those rules set out a judicial process that allows the Association to enforce a various of

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Liability

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requirements — limits on speeding, open burning, things of that nature. It would be no different in this instance. You would be adopting rules and the enforcement process would be the same."

Olson said that concerns had been raised that the agreement requires the Association to assume state power. He said no delegation of state power is involved.

"You have full authority right now to go out and adopt all the rules you need to do to adopt a program that will satisfy the agreement that we're considering with the Wildlife Resources Commission. So there's no need for state power, there's no delegation of state power, there's no quasi-state entity. It's your program, they are your rules, they are your by-laws that allow you to do it. You can craft the rules the way you want to and then you can carry them out in the way you want to."

"What kind of liability would we be taking on by entering into this agreement," Olson asked rhetorically. "We already have regulations. These regulations already regulate conduct, we already have an obligation to enforce those regulations. I don't

see that the agreement with the WRC changes that dynamic in any way."

Ultimate issue unresolved

"One of the other issues that seems to pop up is the question about the ultimate issue not being resolved — and that is a fact. This agreement does not reach the ultimate issue. That was the one reason that the WRC wanted this agreement — because they didn't want to reach the ultimate issues. They didn't want the precedent so they wanted to work out an agreement with us."

"Although we believe we have a strong legal case there are always strong legal arguments on the other side. And so I do not look at this case as a slam dunk by any stretch of the imagination. There is always a lot of deference given to an agency by a court when they are interpreting the statute that they are charged with implementing."

"When you say the that the ultimate issue is not resolved that's right. The ultimate issue is not resolved. But then, it could have been resolved against us."

"We think we did a good job in getting what we have here," Olson concluded. It does accomplish the main goal of keeping the

WRC off the lake. It basically allows us to manage the lake in the manner that we see fit. It allows us to adopt the rules, it allots us to interpret the rules, it allow us to enforce the rules. We have a mechanism that exists already for doing that."

Questions about Liability

After Olson completed his presentation, he and members of the board began to field questions from the membership, and the liability issue came rapidly to the fore.

The argument posed by a number of speakers went like this: The agreement calls for the SLWLA to change its rules and regulations to require state fishing licenses, state boat registrations, and boating safety rules in line with state regulations. The SLWLA is taking on the role of the state in doing this. The

association must enforce these new rules adequately, with trained personnel. A weekend volunteer boat patrol is inadequate to that task. If the association fails to adequately enforce the rules, and someone is hurt or killed on the lake, the association could be subject to a massive lawsuit. In addition, if it fails to adequately enforce the rules, the NCWRC could use that as an excuse to "take over the lake."

The popularity of this particular line of thought may have been aided by a handout, headed "Concerned Citizens," distributed to members as the meeting began.

No author or authors were listed on the handout, but a number of attendees were helping to distribute them before the meeting.

Attorney Olson had already (See "Enforcement" p. 33)

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Enforcement

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pushed back against this particular line of reason in his opening remarks, arguing that the association already has rules that regulate conduct, an obligation to enforce those rules, and the potential liability that arises from any failures in enforcement.

Those existing rules already open the association to the same liability it would bear under any new rules required under the agreement, Olson contended.

Former SLWLA Legal Director Linda Tableman pressed Olson on the issue: "This is a legal document in which you promise to enforce these rules. It's a legal document."

If current rules are not being adequately enforced by a volunteer boat patrol, she said, how will the association enforce the additional rules required by the agreement. Referring to sections of the state boating safety rules that forbid operating a boat under the influence of intoxicants, she asked whether boat patrol volunteers would be administering Breath-a-lyzer sobriety tests.

"There's nothing in here about degree of enforcement," Olson responded. "That is discretionary. We can adopt rules on what our enforcement program is

going to look like." He said it would be up to the association to determine, for example, whether a first violation of some rule resulted in a warning or a citation. The agreement sets out "no minimum standards in that regard," Olson said.

Olson explained that the language of the agreement does not require the SLWLA to adopt state regulations, but rather to use those regulations as a guide in crafting its own rules that are "no less stringent" than state rules. He argued that existing SLWLA boating safety regulations — which refer to the same Coast Guard rules referenced by NC Statutes — may already meet the terms of the agreement.

Good faith effort required

Later in the meeting, Ed Silberhorn pressed Olson on enforcement, arguing that good faith adherence to the agreement meant that the SLWLA must adopt some minimum level of enforcement activity to ensure the rules are being followed. Silberhorn said the idea was floating around the community — reportedly furthered by comments of at least one board member — that the agreement was a "bottom door agreement," to be signed and then forgotten. He called that immoral and unethical.

He asked the board to work with the NCWRC to determine required enforcement standards in advance.

Olson assured Silberhorn that the agreement requires good faith efforts at compliance from both sides, but insisted that it allowed the Association to set the standards and the regime for enforcement. Speaking of enforcement standards, Olson said, only partly in jest, "If you want to use the NCWRC as a standard, they might be on a lake like Lake Auman once or twice a year."

Olson insisted that the agreement allows the Association to make its own decisions about the allocation of limited enforcement resources. For example, the association may feel that check-

ing boats for required safety equipment is more important than checking for fishing licenses.

SLWLA President Jim Meikle told the crowd that the board has been considering "for a couple of years" hiring a compliance officer to focus on lake rules enforcement. He suggested that signing the NCWRC agreement might make that more likely. Any officer hired would be properly trained, Meikle said.

Other issues raised

While the evening's two-and-one-half hour conversation returned again and again to issues surrounding enforcement and any resulting liability, a number of residents raised other questions about the agreement.

• Ron McGaughey said a poll of

the Lake Auman Sports Club's 130 members had generated responses from about half of the membership, 87 percent of who were opposed to signing the agreement.

• Terry Card asked for a show of hands of those in the room who were opposed to the agreement and those who were in favor. A large majority were opposed.

• McGaughey asked whether Sergeant Dutton's visits to Lake Auman did not violate the Fourth Amendment rights of the Association or its membership. Olson explained that Dutton was acting under "the color of state law," during those visits, since the NCWRC con-

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More issues

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- tends that Lake Auman is not a private pond and thus is subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- McGaughey argues that the enforcement regime required by the agreement will inevitably increase association costs. Since the by-laws require an approval of the membership for any special assessment, he asked for a referendum on the agreement. President Meikle explained that any additional costs — for a compliance officer, for example — would be handled as part of the normal budgeting process.
 - Gerhard Hergenbahn noted that the agreement will require the association to modify its rules and regulations. Several years ago, the board adopted a process for rules changes that requires a proposed change to be passed by the board, submitted to the public for comment over a 60-day period, and then finalized by a vote of the board. This same process should be followed in the case of the agreement with the NCWRC, he suggested. Olson said that signing the agreement itself would not require taking the agreement through any rule-making procedure. But Meikle told Hergenbahn the board would take his suggestion under advisement.
 - Another resident echoed Hergenbahn's suggestion, noting "I don't understand why we are in such a big hurry to decide one way or the other."
- Arguing that the agreement "compromises" the SLWLA in a number of ways, she urged the board to lay out the pros and cons of the various courses available to the community for all to see before making any final decision.
- Former SLWLA Treasurer Lois Rocco asked if the board faced any deadline for making a decision. Olson said there was no deadline, but that "we have agreed that this is not going to be an open-ended process."
 - Charlie Flinchum asked whether future events — perhaps a complaint from a resident to the NCWRC about rules enforcement — could result in the Commission backing out of the agreement. Olson replied that "it is not binding in perpetuity" but is rather "depended upon the good faith of both parties." If the agreement were voided at some point in the future, he added, the Commission and the Association "would be at the same point you are at now."
 - Expressing what appeared to be a minority position — but one echoed by a few other speakers — Dave Carter said he believed the association would be better served by allowing Commission officers to patrol the lake, relieving the association of the duty of enforcement and any associated liability. Legal Director Beckwith said "the fundamental assumption from the beginning [of the board's interaction

with the NCWRC] is that there is a preference in the community that we be able to enjoy the lake peacefully" without the threat of intrusions by NCWRC officers. "My vote is to have them on the lake," Carter replied. "I don't have an issue with being pulled over." Later, SLWLA Community Advocate Bud Sales said having Commission officers on the lake three or four times a year might be better than opening up the association to "limitless liability."

- Jerry Constantino asked about

the Association's options, trying to focus the conversation of real decision points. Olson said the board could sign the agreement, do nothing, take the matter to court in order to fight the commissions claim of jurisdiction, or pursue the same result legislatively. While the association believes it has the better case, "there is a strong argument on the other side," Olson said. One disadvantage of pursuing the matter in the courts or the General Assembly is that the Commission would immediate-

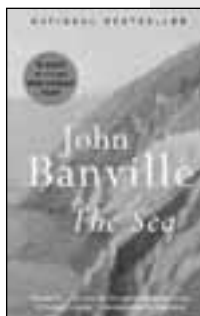
ly begin enforcement activity on the lake. Olson added. He said the chance of the SLWLA could obtain an injunction to prevent that was very slim.

- Dale Erickson, who noted that he has spoken on the NCWRC issue at almost every SLWLA meeting for the past year urged the board to fight a finding by a NCWRC biologist that fish can exit Lake Auman into public waters. NC Statutes lay out three tests for whether Lake Auman is a private pond

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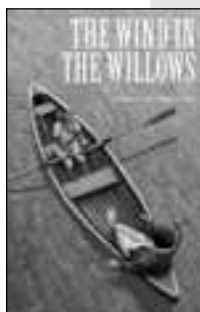
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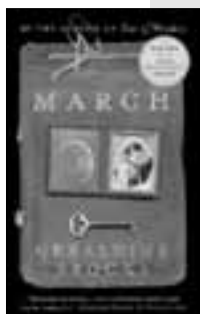
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and thus not subject to NCWRC jurisdiction. The commission agrees that Lake Auman passes two of those tests. The potential for fish to exit the lake is the sticking point.

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at an auto repair shop, apparently because they mistook it for a product barcode. He suggested anyone having their car serviced or cleaned alert the service provider to the barcode.

Frank Hayes asked whether the association had any liability for the use of illegal aliens on contractor work crews. Truesdell said he would speak with the Association attorney about the matter.

Jay Kensell suggested having the tennis court light towers painted before the new Flex-court surface is installed.

- A member of the SLWLA insurance committee expressed concern that the agreement constituted a contract that would open the Association to additional liability — evidently something that is not allowed by its liability insurance policy. While insisting that the agreement opens the SLWLA to no more liability than is created by its current rules and regulations, Olson said it would be “a good idea” to speak with the insurers about the agreement.
- Noting that board members had indicated fighting the NCWRC in the courts could cost the association “hundreds of thousands of dollars,” Schaefer asked Olson for his estimate. The attorney said taking the case all the way through the appeals process could rack up a legal tab “approaching \$100,000.”
- Sales noted that community attempts to obtain advice on fish stocking and other lake management practices from the Commission had been

rebuffed because Lake Auman is a private lake. He asked whether the agreement would clear the way for the association to obtain such assistance. “We could go to the state and say we are not a private pond,” Olson replied, “but I don’t think you want to do that.”

- Lake Director Mary Ann Fewkes said she had not been involved in all of the negotiation with the state. “As Lake Director, I don’t feel I have been kept sufficiently informed.” She expressed concern that requiring fishing license and boat registration — which are required on “public waters” — was a dangerous concession to the state.
- Another speaker, who identified himself as a 27-year resident of Seven Lakes and therefore very well acquainted with the growth of the community, said the lake will become more crowded as that growth continues. “This agreement gives to us every-

thing that we want . . . but gives us opportunities to avail ourselves of state help,” he said. “It’s exactly what we want.” “The state wants to assure us that we have safety on our lakes,” Keiser added. “We should want that as well. Safety is a primary motivator for what we want on these waters. I would move forward with whatever thought we could to signing this agreement.”

- Bob Kielsing urged the board to stay in the fight. “I believe we can fight City Hall.” He noted that the association had managed the lake adequately for sixteen years without help from the commission. “We should get our own biologist to refute the state,” Kielsing continued. “It will take some money. Sometimes proving yourself is right is more important than saving yourself some money.”

President Meikle concluded the meeting with thanks to those who attended and an assurance

that the board would carefully consider their comments. The board recorded the session for use in its deliberations.

Board meets November 8

Meikle told *The Times* on Wednesday morning that he had not yet spoken to all of his fellow board members about the meeting or conclusions that they had taken away from it. He said he was confident the board would take up the issue in its November 8 work session. The board will decide at that time whether to delay a vote on the agreement.

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Chronology of Westside Wildlife Issue

by Hugh Beckwith
SLWLA Legal Director

[At Tuesday night's meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, Hugh Beckwith presented a timeline of the Westside's interactions with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission over the past year. At The Times' request, he provided this copy for publication.]

August, 2005 - First reports of the WRC on Lake Auman.

September 7 - Upon request, Sergeant Mark Dutton visits Tony Robertson. He claims to have thoroughly researched the matter and confirmed with the Attorney General that the WRC has jurisdiction on Lake Auman.

September 12 - After being challenged by the Association, Sergeant Dutton writes a letter that cites the applicable General Statutes, but makes no attempt to apply the facts and circumstances of Lake Auman.

September 27 - Jim Meikle writes to Sergeant Dutton explaining how Lake Auman meets the statutory tests of a Private Pond and is thus excluded from WRC jurisdiction and politely insists that the WRC cease and desist.

October 6 - Sergeant Dutton responds by phone and email. The Sergeant insists that the act of damming Jackson Creek created jurisdiction for the WRC and claims knowledge of legislative intent. In any case, he continues his refusal to acknowledge the three statutory tests for WRC jurisdiction.

Nov. - Dec. - Over the course of the next several months, a joint committee is formed with

the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, to include Jim Meikle, Laud Pitt, Hugh Beckwith, Tony Robertson, Jack Fathauer, Dalton Fulcher, and Stephen Later (as Association counsel). At a January 16 meeting, and upon the advice of Gary Caulk, a retired WRC officer who lives in Seven Lakes, the committee begins work on a letter to Captain C.M. Lambert, Sergeant Dutton's superior.

February 6, 2006 - Jim Meikle mails the letter to Captain Lambert. It reiterates our case that Lake Auman is exempt from WRC jurisdiction and attaches the deed to the lake as further evidence of this claim.

March 21 - Upon receiving no response from Captain Lambert either to the letter or a follow up email, Jim Meikle reaches the Captain by telephone. Captain Lambert does not address the statutory tests for jurisdiction.

March 30 - Maupin Taylor is retained by the Association as special counsel upon the conclusion that the WRC chain of command is non-responsive to the issues that should determine WRC jurisdiction.

April 11 - At a Board work session, it is decided to seek a meeting with the head of the WRC Enforcement Division in an attempt to resolve the matter.

April 16 - The infamous Easter Sunday raid by Sergeant Dutton results in roughly one dozen tickets and another dozen warnings, and numerous startled and angry landowners.

April 19 - A committee of the board consisting of Jim Meikle, Mary Anne Fewkes, Hugh Beckwith, and Kurt Olson of Maupin Taylor, meets with Colonel Kenneth Everhart and Assistant Attorney General Norman Young. Don Truesdell of Seven Lakes attends as an observer. Tony

Robertson is unable to attend. At the meeting, the WRC acknowledges that it is unfamiliar with Lake Auman's facts and circumstances, but agrees that the three statutory tests will determine jurisdiction and

agrees to investigate expeditiously.

May 1 - Kurt Olson writes Colonel Everhart to provide evidence that Lake Auman lies wholly upon a single tract of private-

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ly owned land, one of the three statutory tests. The other two tests await the findings of a WRC biologist – whether or not fish can enter and exit the lake from public fishing waters.

May 8 - The WRC acknowledges that the single tract of land and the fish cannot enter tests are not at issue, but states that the fish being able to exit from the lake to Public Fishing Waters is a close call.

May 18 - Norman Young speaks to Kurt Olson, having heard from the WRC biologist, who was accompanied by Mary Anne and Jim during his visit to Lake Auman. It is the Commission's position that the fish exiting the lake test is inconclusive, and that a conclusive determination will require the pursuit of administrative and judicial procedures. In the meantime, the Commission would consider Lake Auman to be Pubic Fishing Waters and subject to jurisdiction. In the event that SLWLA prevailed in court, the WRC would consider requesting a change in the legislation that resulted in the lake being subject to jurisdiction. Mr. Young instead proposes a compromise.

May 23 - Following a committee meeting of Jim, Mary Anne, Hugh, and Kurt, the committee issues a report to the board that says: 1. The WRC will be advised that SLWLA will consider a reasonable compromise and requests a draft of such compromise for review. 2. The Board should be prepared at its next meeting to consider the prospect of a compromise, and specifically whether vessel registration

and fishing licenses could be accepted as concessions

May 24 - Colonel Everhart agrees that the WRC will stay off the lake until the issue is resolved

June 23 - While waiting for the commission's draft compromise, through a referral from Betty Milligan, the committee of Jim, Mary Anne, Hugh, and Tony meet with Dennis Wicker, a Seven Lakes West landowner, partner in Helms, Mullis & Wicker, and former Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina. Dennis has several suggestions for the anticipated document and advises that a compromise should be explored before taking any other action.

July 20 - The draft compromise from the WRC arrives.

July 26 - A committee meeting of Jim, Mary Anne, Hugh and Tony is held to review the draft.

August 2 - Kurt delivers a heavily revised draft to the WRC.

August 3 - The WRC refuses to eliminate the fishing license and registration requirements and points out that if the Private Pond question is resolved as the Association requests, then there is no need for a compromise. The prospect of a legislative change to clarify their jurisdiction is mentioned again.

August 7 - Dennis provides extensive suggestions for draft revisions, which are incorporated. He supports trading vessel registrations for the exclusive power to manage Lake Auman.

August 8 - Board authorizes the committee to seek a compromise that concedes vessel registration in return for sole enforcement by SLWLA and

provisions that bind the parties to the greatest extent possible.

August 15 - Kurt submits a further revised draft to the WRC.

August 18 - The WRC responds to the draft. It is evident that there is stalemate on fishing licenses. Over the next week, the committee decides to seek a face-to-face meeting to determine whether or not a compromise is possible.

August 29 - Dennis, Kurt, and Hugh discuss the agreement. Further refinements are made and alternative strategies are discussed.

September 13 - After weeks of scheduling attempts, the WRC calls on September 12 and offers a meeting on the 13th. It further requests a small delegation. Jim, Kurt, and Hugh meet with Colonel Everhart and Norman Young. It becomes evident that there will be no movement on vessel registration and fishing licenses by the WRC. After private deliberations, the parties agreed that Kurt and Norman will work to draft an agreement that the WRC would sign with certainty so that it can be considered by SLWLA for an up or down vote.

September 25 - Dennis advises that he supports accepting the compromise available from the WRC because it accomplishes the goals of not conceding any authority to the WRC and keeping it off the lake. In return, the concessions would have a minimal effect on the way SLWLA members enjoy the lake. He gauges the other actions available to the Association as risky.

October 10 - After a number of exchanges, the proposed agreement is completed

October 11 - The board meets

and agrees to defer a vote on the agreement until its November meeting.

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NC House of Representatives District 52

Candidate 1: *(Selected from Candidates Web Site as of 10/08/06)*

- 1946-1955 Graduated with BS in Chemical Engineering, Michigan Technology University. In 2006 MTU inducted him into their Distinguished Academy of Chemical Engineers.
- 1950-1953 Draftee, US Army, Airborne
- 1961-1990 Sales, Marketing, Managerial career with 3M, a global diversified Technology Company. 3M wrote: "More than one billion dollars in sales would be needed to produce the pretax income 3M's US divisions have realized the past seven years from Shaver's Resource Recovery Department's activities."
- 1955-1990 Served 33-years, both active and reserve duty. Ended service career as Major General 88th ARCOM Commander of 16,000 troops in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.
- Distinguished Graduate of US Army's Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
 - Graduate of US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
- 1990-2006 Co-Originator Moore County Empty Stocking Fund
Past-President Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care
Executive Member, 4th Branch of Government (The Peoples Branch)
Board of Directors, Moore County Welfare Reform Committee
Board of Directors, Julia Ellen Crump Foundation that assists children in need
Past-President Military Officers of America (MOAA)
MOAA presented Chairman's Award for leadership and service
National Guard Association awarded the Patrick Henry Citation
\$6,000,000 created the Smith/Shaver NC Law College Scholarship Fund

Candidate 2: *(Selected from Candidates Web Site as of 10/08/06)*

- 1975-1979 Studied Political Science and International Business at two locations
- 1980 Graduated with BS in Finance from University of Southern California
- 1980-1988 ** ? ** (Married Linda in 1985)
- 1988-1997 VP and Branch Manager, Union Bank of California
- 1992-1995 University of Washington, Pacific Coast Banking School
(From CBA Web Site: Designed to help bank employees develop advanced management decision-making abilities. CBA, along with 12 other western states and the University of Washington, co-sponsors this graduate school of banking, which runs two-week sessions over three years.)
- 1997 Moved from California to North Carolina; lives near parents
- 1997-2006 Owner, Hair Salons
- 1997-2006 Family man, Assistant Scoutmaster, High School Debate Coach

Candidate 3: *(Selected from Candidates Web Site as of 10/08/06)*

- Graduated with Bachelor Degree, Campbell College, NC
- 1975-2005 Police Officer, Southern Pines, NC
- 1988-2005 Chief of Police, Southern Pines, NC
- 2004-2006 Moore Cnty United Way Board of Directors Chair; Board Development Chair
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