

Celebrating the season . . .



Ben Britt came well equipped with his list for a visit with Santa at the Village Tree Lighting hosted by the Seven Lakes West End Area Business Guild Tuesday Night. [See Page 2.]

Colton's Corners is newest West Side neighborhood

Colton's Corner, a 23-acre tract of West Side property commonly called "the old airport property," will be incorporated into the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA], Legal Director Hugh Beckwith announced during the Association's Tuesday, November 28, general meeting.

Ron Myers of Village Properties in Pinehurst will be subdividing the property into conventional one-acre homesites, Beckwith said. An earlier proposal by another developer would have placed higher-density cluster homes on the site.

"These will be the largest lots in the community outside of Morgan Wood," Beckwith said.

Noting that there are already problems associated with rain-

capture run-off from the roofs up to a 25-year storm. "This will have a salutary affect on the homes downstream and, ultimately, on the lake," he added.

"We are very pleased with Mr. Myers' site plan," Beckwith said.

The Association has purchased from Myers an acre on either side of the back gate, which

creates space for an expansion of the gate or addition of a gatehouse in the future. The price for both parcels was \$10,000, which

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water runoff from the airport property, Beckwith said the development design will include a sub-surface drainage infiltration system for each lot that will

SLCC approves driving range

In a vote finalized on Tuesday, December 5, the membership of Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] approved the construction of a new driving range by a 127 to 86 margin, SLCC Board president Dick Weber told *The Times* Wednesday morning.

Of the 298 members eligible to vote, 213 cast ballots, a better than 71% turnout.

Asked about next steps, Weber said a design for the new range has been finalized. "We look forward to working with all the people in the community to make it a satisfactory venture," he added. Weber said the club is looking at a number of options for financing the construction of the new driving range, which is expected to cost \$125,000.

One of the possible sources of cash to finance the new range is the sale of the existing five-acre driving range to a developer. A cover letter that accompanied the SLCC ballot mentioned this option and generated concern in a number of quarters — not the least among the members of the board of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

The SLLA board sent a letter last week to its membership expressing its opposition to the residential development of the existing range — and noting that the board's attorney's believe that the community's covenants prohibit the development of the parcel.

"We sincerely hope that the

(See "Range," p. 30)

McKenzie voted board chairman

Moore County's Board of Commissioners gained three new members Monday afternoon and elected its most senior member to the post of chairman.

Larry Caddell, Jimmy Melton, Cindy Morgan were sworn in as commissioners before a crowd that more than filled the historic Moore County in Carthage. They join veteran commissioners Tim Lea and Colin McKenzie — the panel's new chairman — on the board.

The ceremony was very much a family affair. Morgan's father, Fred Richardson, of Community Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Her mother by her side, Morgan was sworn in by her

husband, State Representative — and former Speaker of the State House — Richard Morgan.

Moore County Clerk of Superior Court Catherine Graham handled the swearing in of Caddell and Melton, who were both surrounded by a crowd of family.

With the three new commissioners seated, the board got down to business; and the first order of business was passing a resolution honoring the lifetime of service of former commissioner Robert Simmon Ewing, who died a few weeks ago.

The resolution, read by Commissioner Tim Lea and written in large part by Seven Lakes' Car-

(See "County," p. 33)

Bust recovers pills from local robbery

An undercover investigation into crack cocaine trafficking has led Moore County Sheriff's officers to a cache of drugs that apparently were stolen from the Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe more than a year ago.

Working with Sanford Police and the Lee County Sheriff, Moore county investigators arrested 26-year-old Bobby Joseph Pusser on a Federal narcotics warrant and searched his resi-

dence at 855 Juniper Lake Road. They found approximately 7,800 prescription pills, 229 grams of liquid oxycodone, 147 grams of marijuana, one gram of powder cocaine, a .380 caliber handgun, \$1,195 in U.S. currency, and items of drug paraphernalia, according to the Sheriff's Office

The prescription medications

were determined to be among those reported stolen to the Moore County Sheriff's Office in November of 2005, from The Prescription Shoppe Pharmacy on Seven Lakes Drive.

The 7,800 pills seized included approximately 3,963 were Methadone pills, 1,582 Morphine pills, and 235 Oxycodone pills.

Total estimated street value of all drugs seized is \$140,000.

London Archie McRae, 41, of 4456 Carthage Road in West End was also arrested on Federal charges for distributing crack cocaine.

The Federal cocaine trafficking charges stemmed from an undercover investigation conducted by the Moore County

Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit. During the investigation approximately 43 grams of crack cocaine was seized with an estimated street value of \$4,000.

Pusser and McRae were transported to Greensboro, North Carolina and placed in the custody of the U.S. Marshall's Service and detained.

Guild hosts annual tree lighting

A happy if chilly crowd turned out Tuesday night for the annual Seven Lakes Village Tree Lighting sponsored by the Seven Lakes West End Area Business Guild.

Susan Marks of Phoenix Fashions served as Master of Ceremonies, introducing the adult choir from West End Presbyterian Church and the youth choir from Seven Lakes Baptist Church.

Seven Lakes Baptist's Assistant Pastor Chris Hrabosky provided some insights into the meaning of Christmas, as well as an invocation, and Bookshop by the Lakes' Greg Hankins read the traditional poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas."

Guild members recognized for the quality of their Christmas displays included Jack's Restaurant, Big Sky Construction, and Short's Electric.

On behalf of Guild President Phil Cook of Carolina Car Care,

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- And all others who contributed.

The evening concluded with the arrival of Santa Claus, who found a large collection of young folks anxious to make their Christmas wishes known.

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Gift Island brings new style to Hardware

For the past eight years, Susan Terrell and her husband Jim have been working to assemble a treasure trove of fine antiques and collectibles, scouring the auctions and estate sales all over East Tennessee, North Georgia, and beyond.

And for even longer than that, John Garner has been working on getting his little sister Susan to move back to Moore County.

This Saturday, all that work will come to fruition when the Terrell's unveil their new antique and gift shop located right in the heart of Garner's Seven Lakes Hardware. They've scheduled a special Christmas Open House from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm to introduce the new shop to the community.

A gift shop in a hardware store? Garner admits it's an

unusual idea, but told *The Times* it's something he's been thinking about for years. He got the idea from a former employee, Ray Balor, who had run hardware stores in Alpina, Michigan, before moving to Moore County.

Seven Lakes Hardware is no stranger to expansions, having added a NAPA Auto Parts store in the past couple of years.

"When wives come in with

their husbands, shopping for hardware, now they'll have something to look at other than hammers and screwdrivers," Garner told *The Times*. He noted that folks in Seven Lakes and West End appreciate being able to shop locally for all sorts of merchandise, rather than having to travel through the Pinehurst traffic circle.

Echoing her big brother, Susan Terrell said, "I remember how I always hated having to go to the hardware store!"

The Terrells have assembled a rich collection of antiques and collectibles to fill the new in-store "Gift Island," including English and American antique tables,

china cabinets, and incidental items.

The glass showcases are filled with a variety of antique glassware, including depression glass, Cambridge glass, and Fenton art glass. There's a delightful collection of tea cups, along with pottery and perfume bottles.

And the antiques are only the beginning of the Gift Island's offerings. There is also a wide variety of collectible dolls and figurines, as well as a selection of paintings, hat boxes, and other decorative items.

Susan Terrell told *The Times* that she has tried to display a wide range of items from her

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Master Kleen celebrates 20th birthday

Eighty-seven years of experience.

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But eighty-seven years of experience is what Jack and Ricky Embler of Master Kleen in Seven Lakes have between them as the dry-cleaning establishment celebrates its twentieth

anniversary this month.

Master Kleen opened its Grant Street shop in 1986 — a month before the street was black-topped.

Mary Edna Lawrence — wife of Seven Lakes developer Fred Lawrence — was a loyal customer from the start. "She told

Fred she was tired of driving down a dirt road to pick up her cleaning," Jack Embler told *The Times*. "Just a few weeks later, the street was paved."

Jack Embler spent 31 years in the dry cleaning business in High Point before moving to Seven Lakes. Why the move?

Embler told *The Times* that he was in the habit of coming down to Seven Lakes to play golf.

He knew local Realtor® Harvey Reed, who was a customer of Embler's High Point cleaning business.

"Harvey said, 'Let me set you up in a house — then you'll have some place to stay when you come down to play golf,'" Embler explained. "That very weekend I bought the log house on Shadywood — where I still live."

That was in 1981. Embler opened Master Kleen in 1986. "And we've been here ever since," he added.

"We were the first business back here," he told *The Times*. "The only other businesses here were up on 211 in the business village area."

He noted that two other Seven Lakes business pioneers —

Kenny Mace and Jimmy Stackhouse — handled the electrical and plumbing work for the MasterKleen building.

Though Master Kleen is very much a Seven Lakes business, owned and operated by Seven Lakers, nearly half of their customers come out from South-

ern Pines and Pinehurst in order to take advantage of the quality service the Emblers provide, Jack Embler told *The Times*. They also serve customers from Carthage and Robbins, as well as from Troy, in Montgomery County.



Ricky and Jack Embler are celebrating Master Kleen's twentieth anniversary in Seven Lakes.

Kiwanis Decoration Contest

The Kiwanis annual Christmas Decoration Contest will award prizes for the best lawn or lakefront displays in the community. A sixty-five dollar winning prize will be given to a home in each Seven Lakes area; North, South, and West.

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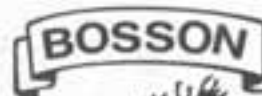
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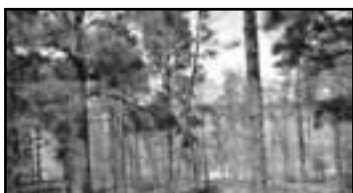


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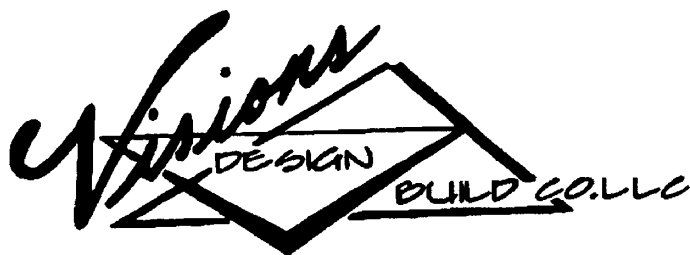


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"This is just so much fun," Lori Ivan tells a reporter. "People come in, sit down, start working and, after a while they'll say 'This is just so relaxing.'"

Some new meditation technique, maybe?

A new kind of exercise?

Guess again.

Ivan is the new manager of the new Seven Lakes location of the 9th of September, a paint your own pottery studio.

The store, which is located in the Central Park Building on Seven Lakes Drive — near Seven Lakes Massage and Body — opened on November 20, owner

Eugenie Wing told *The Times*.

Wing has owned the Southern Pines studio of The 9th of September for 15 years. She told *The Times* that she is pleased with the response the new shop has generated among Seven Lakers.

"What a great community this is," Wing said, noting the warm welcome she has received from both the business community and residents.

The paint your own pottery idea is simple: you pick out a plain white cup or bowl or figurine or holiday ornament. The studio provides the paint and brushes. You supply the creativity. Once your creation has dried, it is dipped in a clear glaze, dried, and the fired in a kiln at over 1800 degrees. You pick it up at the shop a couple of days later.

The idea is simple, but the possibilities are endless, limited only by the customer's talent and imagination.

Ivan is quick to note, however, that you don't have to be an artist to have fun at The 9th of September. "We have idea books, and stencils, and stamps that can help you along," she told

The Times. "No artistic talent is necessary."

It's a relaxing, fun experience for both adults and children, Wing said. So that makes it an ideal outing for grandparents entertaining grandchildren visiting for the holidays. And there's no need to worry about ruining your holiday sweater, because the paints are all water-soluble and wash right out.

"Sometimes children will come with their grandparents and make a special cereal bowl that they can use whenever they visit," Ivan said. Once they are

fired all the 9th of September items are food safe, microwave safe, and dishwasher safe.

Because the items are hand-painted by the giver, they make outstanding holiday gifts for other family members.

Prices range from three dollars for a small holiday ornament or tile to forty dollars for an ornate cookie jar.

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Hale made quite an impression during his three years on campus. He was a key component in RIT's only undefeated basketball

season, in 1955.

An imposing presence on the floor, standing nearly 6'7", Hale's agility allowed him to run the floor on fast breaks and shoot effectively from the outside.

He scored 500 points in a single season, accomplishing this feat in only eighteen games.

And he finished his career at RIT with 1,044 career points, ranking him at seventeenth place on the school's all-time scoring list. Hale was the first basketball player in the Rochester area to break the 1,000-point career mark.

Hale is a native of Rochester — "born, there, grew up there, and lived 62 years there," he told *The Times*. Before moving up to RIT, he was center on the Monroe High School team.

The Rochester area was a real hotbed for basketball in the 1950s, Hale said, and was even home to a professional team — The Rochester Royals — back in the days when there were only eight teams in the whole pro basketball universe.

That meant Hale could spend his summers playing basketball against the pros.

The Royals, after several moves from city to city, are now the Sacramento Kings.

In addition to his success at RIT, Hale also traveled to the National Basketball Congress in Phoenix in 1956 and was named to that organization's All-America squad.

His RIT teammates have had three reunions since their college days, at 10, 30, and 50 years,

Hale said. Ten of the twelve team members are still alive.

At the RIT Hall of Fame induction, the son of their former coach presented Hale with his medal.

Hale moved to Winsford Circle in Seven Lakes South in 1997.



Ken Hale

Annual Holiday Boat Parades

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Red Cross urges heating season caution

As temperatures start to dip across the country, the American Red Cross urges families to be cautious when using space heaters and other heating sources, and to plan ahead for the possibility of a home fire. Home heating fires increase during the late fall and winter months, and portable heating fires are more deadly than others.

A recent Red Cross poll found that nearly half of American families use heating alternatives such as a space heater, fireplace or wood/coal stove to stay warm.

Fires kill more Americans each year than all natural disasters combined, and the Red Cross urges families to develop a fire escape plan and to take steps toward fire prevention and safety.

To prevent heating related fires, the Red Cross recommends keeping all potential fuel sources, including newspapers, matches, bedding and clothing, at least three feet away from heat sources such as a space heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves. In addition, portable heaters and fireplaces should never be left unattended.

Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions on how, when and where to safely use heating equipment, such as space heaters and wood stoves.

"Ever year in Moore County, home fires are the single most common disaster threat," said Buddy Spong, Executive Director. "In fact, the Moore County Chapter responded to more than thirty-five home fires last year here in Moore County, and provided 116 fire victims with immediate emergency assistance."

"The good news is that preparing for a home fire doesn't require a lot of expensive equipment or training," said Spong.

"In addition to functioning smoke alarms, one of the easiest ways to prepare is to develop and practice a home fire escape plan so that every family member, including young children and the elderly, can escape quickly and safely."

Fire escape plans include at least two exit routes for every room in the home, and a convenient meeting place at a safe distance from the fire. Escape lad-

ders should be used and stored near windows in floors above ground level, and all family members should know how to locate and use the ladders safely. Families should practice their escape plan at least twice a year.

Whenever a home fire occurs in our area, the Moore County Chapter provides fire victims with assistance for food, clothing, and temporary shelter. This relief is made possible by generous donations from people throughout Moore County.

For more Red Cross fire safety and preparedness information please visit www.redcross.org/homefires.

Simple Tips to Prevent Home Heating Fires

Keep all potential fuel sources (newspapers, matches, bed-

ding, clothing, carpets and rugs) at least three feet away from heat sources, such as space heaters, fireplaces and stoves.

Provide constant adult supervision in rooms with lit candles or fires.

Keep fire in the fireplace by using glass or metal fire screens.

Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.

Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.

Turn off portable space heaters every time you leave the room or go to sleep.

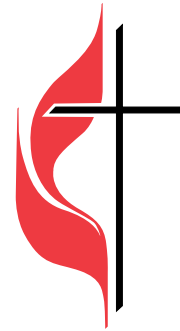
Have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, and chimneys inspected annually by a professional, and cleaned if necessary.

If you must use space heaters, place them on a level, hard and

nonflammable surface such as ceramic tile floor, not on rugs or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.

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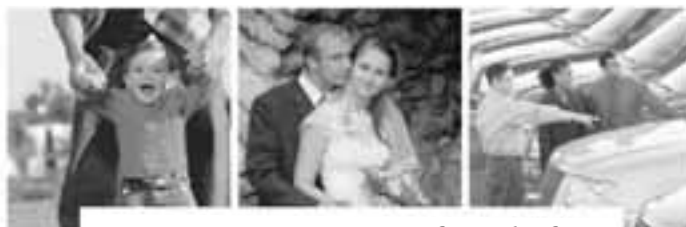
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Bébé competed against the top dogs in the country running the timed agility course, off-leash, striving for a perfect score of 100. Any missed obstacles or other mistakes result in penalty faults which are deducted from the score.

Bébé achieved that perfect score during one round and placed thirty-fourth out of 76 dogs in her class — a great performance for a new mother who recently gave birth to a new litter of pups.

Williams and Bébé competed against former Olympic diver Greg Louganis — and bested the Olympian's score for the event!

The AKC Agility Invitational airs at 8 pm, February 11, on cable television's Animal Planet.

Agility, the AKC's fastest-growing canine sport, allows dogs to demonstrate their agile nature and versatility by maneuvering a challenging course of obstacles, including tunnels, weave poles,

jumps and seesaws.

The top five ranked agility dogs in each of the AKC recognized breeds are invited to attend this prestigious event. In addition, this competition is open to the top international agility competitors in their respective countries.

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Equestrians fill horse trailer for the troops

In September, the Equestrian Riding Team of Saint Andrews College in Laurinberg, under the supervision of Coach Carla Wennberg, started collecting shoe boxes to fill for the troops overseas.

With the assistance of Nancy Wennberg of Seven Lakes West, the group surpassed their goal of two hundred boxes.

Over two hundred fifty boxes have been collected and filled with

items most often requested by troops serving overseas.

People from around the West End area have also joined with their hearts and hands to pack their own shoe boxes to help the young students accomplish their goal.

Boxes were supplied by Belk, Ross's, Rack Room, Peebles, and WalMart. Nancy Wennberg's garage was, at one point, stacked high with the many boxes.

Curves in Seven Lakes Plaza volunteered as a drop-off point and *The Seven Lakes Times* assisted the students by publishing a list of items needed by the troops.

Once collected, the means to transport these shoe boxes overseas in the most economical way became a priority. Bill Carl, Vice President of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Moore County Chapter 966, offered his

help.

After numerous phone calls and leads, he and his wife Sandi were able to coordinate with the Southern Pines VFW Chapter 7318 to assist in the shipment of the filled shoe boxes. The horse trailer filled with shoe boxes was

offloaded at the VFW Clubhouse by the Vietnam Veterans and should reach the troops within the next two weeks.

The students wanted to send our troops a little bit of home in time for the holidays.



Horse Trailer for the Troops — Meredith Fische, Jess Napier, Kate McAlvinn, Cahill Leseman, Carla Wennberg, Larry McCallum, Paul "Nick" Nicholas, Bill Carl holding flag, and Jack Bergquist.

County to recycle Christmas trees

Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. says, "Leave one for the chipper." Bring your Christmas tree for recycling to the corner of Highway 15-501 and Murray Hill Road beside Tripps Restaurant in Southern Pines on Saturday, January 6, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Trees will be chipped into mulch on site. Keep Moore County Beautiful will provide bags for individuals to take free mulch home to use around shrubs, trees, or in flower beds.

For additional information, contact Joan Neal, Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. at 947-3478

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Foxfire Ladies End Season

On Wednesday, November 15, the Foxfire Ladies held their End-of-Season Tournament and Luncheon business meeting. The day was overcast with a few scattered rain drops but the weather held and the Nine-hole Captain's Choice Tournament teed off on schedule.

Later the players gathered in the Foxfire Clubhouse for a superb pre-holiday sit-down luncheon planned by Social Chair Barbara Phillips, and created by Foxfire's Chef Jacki Scotti and her staff.

After the dessert course of pumpkin cheese cake was served, Foxfire's Director of Golf Bill Baker addressed the group. Since his arrival in 2001, Bill has been an excellent coach and an encouraging voice for the Foxfire Ladies.

Before conducting the business meeting Chair Florence LaShomb introduced twelve new FLGA members who have been an asset to the group's fast growing membership.

Awards and trophies for the 2006 golf season were distributed and the winners of the day's Tournament were announced.

First place went to the team of Ginny Siedler, Lucille Cardelle, Kim Spaulding, and Eileen Umland.

Tied for second place was the team of Dianne Cole-Hall, Rhea Boelter, Judy Smith, Barbara Garcia, and the team of Lynn Sickles, Lucky Levin, Elsa Schermerhorn, and Sue Bachelder.

Florence then handed the gavel to the incoming Chair Betty Gregory who introduced her slate of officers for 2007; Jean Brown, Vice Chair; Sue Bachelder, Secretary; and Leslie Frusco, Treasurer.

The Foxfire Ladies will continue playing each Wednesday at 10:30 am, during the winter months as weather permits. Organized Wednesday play-day golf will begin again the first week in March.

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Kiwanis hear about hospital infection rates

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club members sat in rapt attention at their regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, November 28. Speaker Jayne P. Lee, Administrative Director of Clinical Performance for FirstHealth of the Carolinas Moore Regional Hospital, gave an excellent presentation on infection rates in hospitals and the current media attention concerning this issue.

Pennsylvania is the first state to publicly report the number of patients who contracted an infection while in one of its 168 hospitals during the past year. It was hoped this would boost efforts for public reporting of hospital quality data reports nationwide. Currently about sixteen states are covering a variety of infection report requirements, however, none have as yet issued a comprehensive report.

Lee, who oversees case management, quality, and infection control for FirstHealth of the Carolinas Moore Regional Hospital responded that FirstHealth is aware of the need for appropriate and effective reporting of hospital quality data.

Dr. Jeff Engel, NC State Epidemiologist, is prominently involved with input, oversight and comparisons in a study bill currently under review by the North Carolina legislature. FirstHealth is monitoring this bill for methodology, fairness, comparison, implementation, and input.

At the Kiwanis meeting, Lee

stated that the single most important element for preventing infection in the hospital is frequent hand washing. If you are a hospital patient, you must take the initiative and not hesitate to suggest to all medical personnel if they have neglected hand washing protocol to please wash their hands before treating you.

Lee also explained that plain regular soap and water is a

superior vehicle for infection control rather than the antibacterial soap frequently used in homes. Also for household cleaning, bleach is still the best for germicidal action.

If and when the North Carolina legislature enacts a bill to mandate reporting of hospital quality data, an important step in patient well-being will have been taken.



Kiwanian Dave Davies and FirstHealth's Jayne P. Lee

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Santa's Naughty List . . .

Santa's naughty list is a little longer this year as a butterfly bush that was recently added along the new Northside Park fitness trail was stolen!

The three foot tall butterfly bush was one of the larger bushes transplanted this Fall by Northsider Amanda Keller and Seven Lakes Maintenance Supervisor Randy Shepard. The shrub, valued at around eighteen dollars, had been donated by the Arbor Nursery.

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Thank you for your support now and all through the year. Happy Holidays!

Toys for Tots



Bill Carl adds a gift at the West Side Park Community Center Toys for Tots drop-off point.

The annual Toys for Tots drive conducted by the United States Marine Corps has begun. Boxes have been placed in the Seven Lakes West Community Center, Beacon Ridge Country Club, and Curves for individuals wishing to participate in this worthy cause.

This program provides toys for underprivileged children in Moore County, at Christmas. Westsider Bill Carl, a retired Army Officer, is the point of contact for the West End area. Carl offered his help to Ron Base, who is heading up the drive for the Marine Corps League in Moore County.

New unwrapped toys may be dropped off at any of the above locations in the next two weeks. the less fortunate children of Moore County.

First Aid Instructor Trainer Class

The American Red Cross Moore County Chapter will offer an Instructor-Trainer class for those interested in becoming a certified instructor for CPR, First Aid, and AED. The course will be held over three days, January 9, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm, and January 12 and 13, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day.

The course is intended to prepare candidates to teach American Red Cross Health and Safety courses to diverse populations and to introduce the candidates to the policies and procedures of the American Red Cross.

The fee for the three-day course is \$150.00 payable in advance. Participants must hold current Red Cross CPR, First Aid, and AED certification prior to starting the instructor course, and instructor candidates must attend all three days of the course. Registration is limited to ten participants. To register or obtain further information, please call 692-8571.



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I am going to make it again, and I will share the recipe with you.

No-Bake Fruitcake

Ingredients:

- 2 cups chopped dates
- 2 cups marshmallows (I imagine marshmallow cream will work as well)
- 1 cup candied pineapple
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup coconut (if you like)

- 1 cup each of red and green candied cherries
- 3 to 4 cups chopped nuts (your choice)
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs



from Lucy's Kitchen

Lucy Ingram
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Mix dates, fruit, and nuts in a large bowl.


Bring milk to a boil, add marshmallows and stir until melted.

Stir graham cracker crumbs into fruit and nut mixture then add marshmallow mixture.

With wet hands, mix all ingredients. Press mixture into a 9" x 5" loaf pan or two smaller ones lined with waxed

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Martha Gentry's team among 'Top 200'

Martha Gentry's Home Selling Team of Re/Max Prime Properties was named one of America's top real estate teams and is now a member of "The Real Estate Top 200," a new national awards ranking sponsored by The Wall Street Journal, REAL Trends, and LORE Magazine.

The Real Estate Top 200 rankings were announced this month at the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Annual Conference Expo in New Orleans. According to the Real Estate Top 200, Martha Gentry closed three hundred seventy-six transaction sides in 2004, ranking her team forty-third in the nation.

"With more than one million real estate agents nationwide, becoming a member of The Real Estate Top 200 is an incredible accomplishment and this ranking is our way of paying tribute to America's top real estate agents like Martha Gentry," said Anne Murry-Rudolph, Publisher of LORE Magazine.

"Gentry ranks in an elite group of individual agents and teams from markets throughout the nation and she should be quite proud to join the ranks of The Real Estate Top 200," said Marti Gallardo, Vice President of Classified Advertising for The Wall

Street Journal.

Martha Gentry, whose team has consistently placed in the top five for Re/Max Carolinas and in the top fifty for Re/Max International, said that she was nevertheless surprised to make this list.

"Re/Max is the largest and most successful real estate com-

pared real estate agents and teams, franchise and non-franchise, from all over the United States. I had no idea that we would place in the top fifty in transaction sides. My team was thrilled," says Gentry. "There were high fives all around!"

This latest recognition caps a number of achievements for Martha Gentry's Home Selling Team in 2006. Earlier this year, Martha was chosen, along with husband and co broker/owner of Re/Max Prime Properties, Pey-

ton Gentry, to the prestigious Star Power lineup for the highly successful Howard Briton's Star Power Club. Each year the Star Power Club selects twelve real estate professionals and recognizes them for outstanding achievement. The recorded interview featuring Martha and Peyton was sent to thousands of Star Power Club members across the country.

Martha was also featured in the recently published Re/Max Success Stories as one of the out-

standing agents in the Re/Max system.

"This has been a great year for our team," says Gentry. "Most people recognize me because of all of the advertising we do, but the real stars are the unbelievably dedicated and talented members of my team."

"This is the finest group of people that I've had the privilege to work with in the thirty plus years I've been in real estate. We're looking forward to a very successful 2007!"



Martha Gentry

pany in the world in terms of sales volume and units sold per agent. I knew that since we have placed so highly in the Re/Max system, we were bound to be competitive with other teams from around the country, but this is the first survey that I'm aware of that has actually com-

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"Where have all the donors gone?" asks coordinator Jack Lynn. Most welcome this month were seven first-time donors; Mary Berry, Robert Hittepole, Tom Landers, George Mason, Tom McGinnis, Matilda Nestle, and Peggy Olson.

The blood shortage remains at emergency level. Eligible donors must be at least seventeen years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no longer an upper age limit. If you can donate please call 692 8571, to register for a convenient upcoming blood drive in our area. The next drive at Seven Lakes will be on Wednesday, February 21 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the North Clubhouse.

Other December blood drives in Moore County:

Thursday, December 14, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm, Agriculture Building in Carthage.

Friday, December 15, 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Carolina Hotel Exhibit Hall.

Monday, December 18, 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Southern Pines United Methodist Church on Midland Road.

Wednesday, December 27, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, First Health Moore Regional Hospital Conference Center.

Thursday, December 28, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm, First Health Center for Health & Fitness.

Saturday, December 30, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, Acorn Ridge Baptist Church in Robbins.

Prudential celebrates success by giving

Prudential Gouger O'Neal & Saunders is celebrating its 11th anniversary in November with Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc., with a focus on community service programs. Throughout the year they have selected eleven new community groups to make contributions to in honor of their successful and productive affiliation with Prudential.

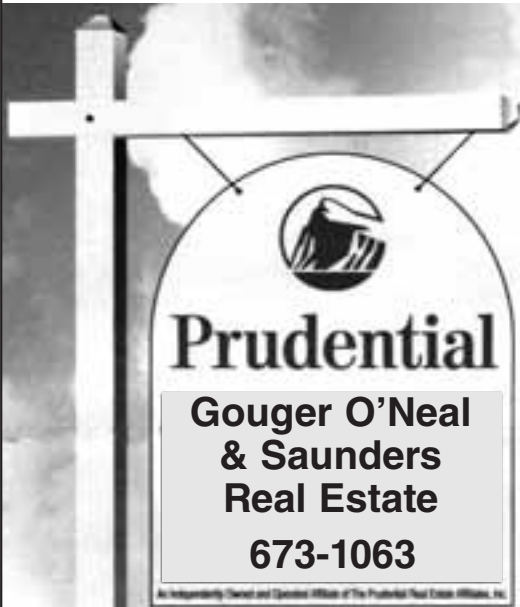
"Each year we will add another recipient to our community support to mark this event," said Kay Beran, president of Prudential Gouger O'Neal & Saunders.

"It's a great feeling to continue to associate our company with the Prudential Real Estate Brand. We have more than 38 sales professionals representing the Prudential Network, all of whom exemplify the best in sales and customer service," said William P. Saunders, Jr, owner, Prudential Gouger O'Neal & Saunders.

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In memory of . . .

Duncan Calvin "Dunk" McKenzie, 83, of West End, died Monday, November 20, at Pinelake Health and Rehabilitation Center in Carthage.

A native of Moore County's Eastwood community, Mr. McKenzie was the youngest son of the late Daniel Kenneth McKenzie and Callie Lee McKenzie. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He worked with Moore County government as a heavy equipment technician and operator in his later years.

Mr. McKenzie was a life member of American Legion Post No. 350, Pinehurst, life member of DAV Chapter 83, Carthage, and also a lifelong member of Culdee Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by brothers Maurice and Charles H. McKenzie.

Mr. McKenzie is survived by his two sisters, Esther McKenzie Bosworth of Pinehurst and Helen McKenzie Garrison Wright of West End; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service with military honors was held at on November 22, at Culdee Presbyterian Church Cemetery. The Rev. Chris Bobo officiated.

Fry and Prickett Funeral Home served the family.

Jackson Springs, NC 27281.

Jean Talley Miller, 73, of Sanford died Monday November 27, at UNC Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Miller was born in Chatham County on March 8, 1933, to the late Russell and Lillie Vaughn Talley. She graduated from Goldston High School and received her nursing degree from Central Carolina Community College. She was an active member at St. Luke UMC and the United Methodist Women's Group. She was an avid bridge player and a member of the Shanghai Club.

She was preceded in death by a daughter Sheila Miller, brother Tracy Talley, sister Ruth Caudle, and a grandson Alan Martin.

She is survived by her husband whom she married on June 20, 1952, Harry S. Miller, a son Harry S. Miller, II and his wife Pam, daughters Sandra M. Gallagher and her husband Keith of Ft. Campbell, KY, Harriet M. Martin and her husband Jimmy of Sanford, and Jeannie Spivey of Sanford. She is also survived by her brother Bill Talley and his wife Jane of Carbonton, sis-

ter Helen T. Ellis and her husband Rob of Greenville, SC; and eleven grandchildren Dianne Gallagher, Susan Gallagher, William Gallagher, Elizabeth Martin, Maggie Martin, Scott Miller, Samantha Miller, Thomas Miller, Trey Spivey, Dalton Spivey, and Bailey Spivey.

Funeral services were held at St. Luke United United Methodist Church. Rev. Carl Frazier and Rev. Suzanne Cobb officiated. Burial followed in Buffalo Cemetery. Miller-Boles Funeral Home assisted the family.

Memorials may be made to St. Luke UMC 2916 Wicker St. Sanford, NC 27330.

Carl Jewett Lemle, 80, of Seven Lakes died Wednesday, November 29.

He was a member of the Chapel in the Pines and Seven Lakes Country Club, having moved from Troy, Michigan, where he was a coach, teacher, assistant principal and athletic director for forty years.

In 2005, his love for and commitment to developing young athletes earned him an induction into the state of Michigan Coaching Hall of Fame.

Lemle is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years Jane Lemle;

three children Pam Truex, Spike, and Jim Lemle; and six grandchildren Brooke, Lindsay, Paige Henderson, and Jason, Corey, and Grace Lemle.

Funeral services were held at The Chapel in the Pines on Saturday, December 2. The Reverends Don Welch and Charles Hinson officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Seven Lakes EMS 969 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376 or Chapel in the Pines 2125 Seven Lakes South, West End, NC 27376.

John Timpson Moody, 68, of Eagle Springs, died Friday, December 1, at his home.

Mr. Moody was born in Jersey City, NJ, to the late Howard H. and Hazel Timpson Moody. He was

a veteran with the U.S. Army. Mr. Moody rode bareback broncs, bulls, and competed in calf roping. He was a retired farrier and moved to Moore County in 1987 from Florida, NY.

He is survived by his wife of forty-five years, Ulla T. Moody; daughter, Jessie H. Moody of Eagle Springs; a brother, James P. Moody of Rochester, NY; and a sister, Sara Torspensson of Chestertown, MD.


In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice, 5 Avimore Dr., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Funeral services will be private.

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Jackson Steele Joyce, newborn son of Jason and Tamela Joyce of Jackson Springs, died Monday, November 27, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

In addition to his parents, Jackson is survived by two brothers, Justin Joyce and Joshua Joyce, both of the home; a sister, Joanna Joyce, also of the home; maternal grandparents, Steve and Lorraine Rhoney of Hickory; paternal grandparents, Jesse and Carol Deane Joyce of Jackson Springs, and his maternal great-grandparents, Alvin and Betty Seitz of Newton and Mildred Rhoney of Hickory.

The funeral service was held Tuesday at Roseland United Methodist Church. The Rev. Nancy Willard officiated. Burial followed at Taylor Memorial Baptist Church Cemetery.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines served the family.

Memorials may be made to Roseland United Methodist Church, 181 Rose Ridge Road,

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Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

Robert “Beefy” Dean Swain, 71, of Eastwood, died Saturday, December 2, at his home. Mr. Swain was born in Copley, Ohio, to the late Clyde Swain and Matilda Cline Swain. He was a veteran and served his country in the United States Marines. He was an estate manager. Mr. Swain was also a member of the Masons.

Mr. Swain is survived by his wife of twenty-two years, Sue Swain; his two sons, Thomas Swain and wife Cindi of Ohio; and Steve Swain and his wife, Margaret, of Dalton, Ohio; his daughter, Rebecca Lynch of Parsons, W.Va.; two step-daughters, Linda Shipley of Parma, Ohio, and Carol Albert of Eastwood.

He is also survived by one sister, Barbara Thompson of Daytona Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, December 7, at Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is assisted the family.

Leora Williams Luck, 87, of Eagle Springs, died Sunday, December 3, at her residence.

Mrs. Luck was born in Moore County to the late Doc Williams and Florence Morgan Williams. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sherman Paul Luck, and two sons, James Luck and Michael Williams Luck.

Surviving are a daughter, Paulette Luck Chisesi of West End; two sons, Randy Luck of Aberdeen and Dwayne Luck of Eagle Springs; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Eagle Springs Baptist Church and conducted by the Revs. Kenneth McNeill and Charles Hinson. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Community HomeCare and Hospice, 185 W. Illinois Ave., Southern Pines, NC 28387, or to the Children’s Home Society of NC,

P.O. Box 14608, Greensboro, NC 27415, or to a charity of one’s choice.

Fred Dover Lance, 73, of Jackson Springs, died at his home Sunday, December 3.

Mr. Lance was born in Anderson, SC, to Mary Lance. He was a veteran and served his country in the United States Army. He retired from Proctor-Silex Inc.

Besides his mother, he was preceded in death by his daughter,

Marcia Frye-Lopez. Mr. Lance is survived by his wife of ten years, Cauline Martin Lance of Jackson Springs; two sons, Mike Lance and wife Millie of Whispering Pines; and Christian Lance of Jackson

Spring; one daughter, Annie Stephens of Addor; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held

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Chapel in the Pines celebrates 30 years

by Rolin Tomberlin.

The Chapel in the Pines celebrated its thirtieth anniversary on Sunday, November 19, with a special guest on hand, Carolyn McManus of Hartville, Ohio. She and her husband Roger conceived the idea of founding the Chapel and dedicated it in honor of their teenaged son, Brian.

Other special guests at the service included Rev. Glen Stanick, the builder of the first addition during the expansion in 1984, and Fred Lawrence, the original developer of Seven Lakes, who in conjunction with Peter Tufts contributed one and a half acres of property for the initial construction.

Longtime resident Rev. Charles Hinson, an original member of the rotating ministers at the Chapel, recalled his first service in 1977 when he preached to a grand total of thirty worshipers. Reverend Hinson was commended for his twenty-nine plus years of service including serving as Chaplain until 2005.

The Rev. Cecil Callis, the Chapel's original minister, was unable to attend but his dedication and many years of wholehearted service were acknowledged.

It was recalled that The Chapel in the Pines, an interdenominational institution, also held services of other faiths in past years. Catholic Masses were held at 5:00 pm on Sundays, and an Episcopal service was held on Tuesday evenings.

The Seven Lakes community has long been grateful for the

many contributions from The Chapel in the Pines and recognizes its thirty year anniversary with pleasure.

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on Wednesday, December 6, at Boles Funeral Home chapel in Seven Lakes. The Rev. Florence Baker officiated.

Burial with military honors followed at Pinelawn Memorial Park in Southern Pines.

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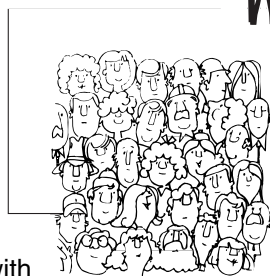
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

- **Foxfire Women's Association Holiday Luncheon** – 11:30 am, Foxfire Resort and Golf Club. A delicious lunch and seasonal musical program for the holidays. Tickets \$15, plus annual dues if not already paid. Contact Pepper Bahr at 673-5812 for membership information.
- **"The Grinch Who Stole Christmas"** – 7:00 pm, Southern Middle School, Aberdeen. Dance production. Dori's Studio of Dance and Music will conduct its annual holiday dance recital with an adaptation of the classic Grinch tale with a twist. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5, children not requiring a seat do not need a ticket. Two additional shows will take place at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 9. For information, call 295-9009.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

- **Lake Sequoia Boat Parade** – 5:30 pm. Contact George and Deb Temple 673-9299, for information and boat rides. Refreshments at Sequoia Point following the parade.
- **Cooking School Workshop** – 2:00 pm, Elliott's on Linden. A free workshop, "Aioli & Emulsion Sauces," For information, call 295-3663.
- **Pet Pictures with Santa** – 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Pets-

Mart on Hwy 15/501 in Aberdeen. A Sandhills Animal Rescue League [SARL] fundraiser, the cost is \$9.95 for two Polaroid pictures, or \$8.95



with a Pet

Perk card. Five dollars of each package will go to SARL to help with cost of care and feeding of dogs and cats to be adopted.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

- **Pet Pictures with Santa** – 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Pets-Mart on Hwy 15/501 in Aberdeen. A Sandhills Animal Rescue League [SARL] fundraiser, the cost is \$9.95 for two Polaroid pictures, or \$8.95 with a Pet Perk card. Five dollars of each package will go to SARL to help with cost of care and feeding of dogs and cats to be adopted.
- **Annual Holiday Concert with The Carolina Brass** – 3:00 in the Grand Ballroom, Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst.

Presented by the Friends of Given Memorial Library and Tufts Archives. Cost: \$20, for children ten and under \$10. Tickets Available at Given

Memorial Library, Given Book Shop in Olmsted Village, The Country Book

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

- **NARFE Sandhills Chapter Meeting** – 11:00 am, Days Inn on Highway 1 and Morganton Road in Southern Pines. The National Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Sandhills Chapter 1895 will hold their quarterly "Eating Meeting," with holiday entertainment. All Federal active employees (including USPS), retiree's, and spouses are welcome to the monthly meetings. Additional information about NARFE is available by contacting George and Julina LeVander 895-9657; Peter Feeney 695-1554; or Henry Seufert 692-6466.
- **Sunrise Theater** – Sunflix

What's When Calendar

movie – *Changing Times* 7:30 pm. Foreign film, PG-13. Starring: Catherine Deneuve, Gerard Depardieu, Gilbert Melki, Lubna Azabal, Malik Zidi. Thirty years after their romance ended, a man tries to win back the first love of his life. When he finds her again, he discovers she has changed much more than he could have imagined. *Changing Times* will show again on Tuesday, December 12 and Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 pm each night. 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. 692-3611.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- **Children's Christmas**

Party – 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Enjoy refreshments, gifts and a visit from Santa. Call 673-4931 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Meeting** – 7:30 pm, monthly meeting at the North Clubhouse.

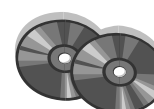
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **"Sandhills at a Crossroads: Development & Why Design Matters"** – Lecture, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Sunrise Theater, Southern Pines. Sponsored by The Classical Design Foundation, featured speaker Ed

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

- **Hanukkah**
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- **Children's Christmas Party** – 1:00 pm, Seven Lakes West Community Center. Come make gingerbread houses and enjoy this special Christmas party. This event requires pre-registration. Please call the community center at 673-5314 and leave the child's name and a telephone number.
- **Cooking School Workshop** – 2:00 pm, Elliott's on Linden. A free workshop, "Chocolate Truffles," it's not just about the finest chocolates, but what luxurious flavors and textures are hiding inside. Come early; we cannot reserve seats. For information, call 295-3663.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

- **Lake Auman Boat Parade** – 6:00 pm. Contact Paul and Kathy Kirst 673-8998, for further information.
- **Sunrise Theater** – Sunflix movie – George Balanchine's *Nutcracker* today at 2:00 and 4:00 pm. \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. This is a Musical/Performing Arts, Science Fiction/Fantasy adaptation. Presented By Carolina Performing Arts Center. For more information call 910-695-7898 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. 692-3611.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

- **First Day of Winter**
- **Christmas Vacation Day Camp** – Dec. 22, 27 & 29. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Seven Lakes Community Activity Center. Ages 5-14. Cost is \$10 per child per day. Games, crafts, sports and fun. To register call Chad at 673-4931.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- **Christmas Eve**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

- **Christmas Day**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

- **New Year's Eve**
- **New Year's Celebration** – Captain's Dinner on the "SS Seven Lakes" at Seven Lakes Country Club. Commanders of the event Nancy Sabo & Charlie Peterson their Mates Judy & Keith Wood and Sue & Gordon Zeller. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails (cash bar) served at 7:00 pm, dinner at 8:00

pm. Viennese dessert table at 10:00 pm. Bob Bennett and Band will provide music for dancing 9:00 pm to 12:30 am. Champagne toast at midnight. All-inclusive for members \$45 and non members \$50. Reservations for members may be made by calling 673-1100. Non-members eligible to call on December 11.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

- **New Year's Day**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

- **Women of Seven Lakes** – 2:00 pm, North Clubhouse. Dr. Jeffrey White of Carolina Eye Associates will speak on diseases of the eye and Oculoplastic surgery. 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.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

- **Christmas Tree Recycling** – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm,

corner of Hwy 15-501 and Murray Hill Road beside Tripp's Restaurant. Trees will be chipped into mulch on site. Keep Moore County Beautiful organization will provide bags for individuals to take free mulch home to use around shrubs, trees, or in flower beds. For more information, contact Joan Neal, Executive Director, Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. at 947-3478 or jneal@moorecountync.gov

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- **Newcomers Open House** – 7:30 pm, North Clubhouse. Sponsored by Women of Seven Lakes. Area business organizations and civic groups will be on hand to share information about their activities and

volunteer opportunities in the area. To participate as an organization, call Diane at 673-8624 or Laurie at 673-5892. All residents are invited to attend. Refreshments served.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 9:00 – 11:00 am, West Side Park Community Center. Refreshments available. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend. Mohsin Ali O.B.E., the presenter at the April 2006 Forum, will return and present the topic entitled "Oil, Uranium and Windmills... the Big Fight for Oil, Nuclear Power and Alternative Energy Resources."



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ber 31. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails (cash bar) served at 7:00 pm with dinner at 8:00 pm.

A Viennese dessert table will be set at 10:00 pm. Bob Bennett and Band will provide music for dancing from 9:00 pm to 12:30

am. A champagne toast at midnight.

Dinner menu includes choice of a delicious 6 oz. Filet or 8 oz. Jack Daniels Salmon, smashed potatoes, oven roasted asparagus, salad and Rolls.

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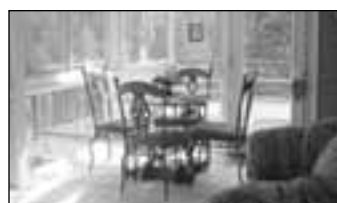
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The Redskins, in the final minute of the game, came from behind with a 16-14 win clinching the title on November 4 at the Union Pines High School field.

The two-year old league of five teams involves more than one hundred twenty-five players from Moore County.

In addition, the Optimists offered a flag football program to over one hundred six, seven and eight-year olds, including two teams from the Seven Lakes and West End area.



The Seven Lakes - West End Redskins

Dance studio offers up 'Grinch' for holiday

Dori's Studio of Dance and Music conducts its annual holiday dance recital on December 8 and 9 at Southern Middle School in Aberdeen. The theme for this year's show is "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" - delivered with a twist.

"Our talented dancers have put a lot of effort and enthusiasm into their rehearsals," says Dori Wales, owner and artistic director of the studio. "I'm confident the show will get viewers into the spirit of the season quickly."

The pieces to be performed were choreographed by Dori Wales and Raquel Berry.

In all, twenty-four members of the studio ranging in age from six to seventeen will participate in the recital. Dance songs include

"You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Better Do It Right." There will be a brief intermission midway through the show.

This adaptation of "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" will premiere in the Southern Middle School activity room at 7:00 pm

on Friday, December 8. Two additional shows will take place at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 9. Tickets can

be purchased at the door for \$5.00. Children not requiring a seat do not need a ticket. For more information, call 295-9009.



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SLCC offers new tennis access card

by Barbara Horan

Seven Lakes Country Club

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Program is actively seeking to increase their tennis with a new program consisting of an Access Card. There will be three different types of Access cards.

A family Access Card will allow members of one family to have unlimited use of the courts. The cost is \$660 per year and \$350 for six months.

A single Access Card will allow an individual unlimited use of the courts. The cost is \$480 per year and \$250 for six months.

An Access Card for USTA

(competitive players) members is for team use. The cost is \$35 per player per season and will allow unlimited use of the courts during that season. There are at least three competitive seasons during a calendar year.

The Seven Lakes facility will also be offering additional programs in the near future. Plans are being formed to introduce evening tennis. We are fortunate to have two lighted courts available for evening play. The possibility of a "Tennis Ladder" structured program and a Ladies League are also in the future plans.

With a very successful Fall

season for children's teaching clinic's and also a competitive structured program, we are looking forward to expanding both programs. A summer camp will also be offered.

All programs will be under the direction of the club's new tennis pro, Bruce Adams. He has been well received in the tennis community.

Coach Adams has been involved in Moore County for several years and has expanded many programs. He is also former President of the Moore Tennis Association.

The residents of the Seven Lakes communities were

extremely surprised how affordable Coach Adams has made his programs. Tennis has always been known to come with a high price tag. Private lessons now at The Seven Lakes facility are \$35 per hour for a private lesson.

A semi-private lessons is \$18. Group lessons can vary, for a group of 4 would cost \$45 for six week's and for a group of 6 it would cost \$30 for six week's of

tennis. Each session is one hour. As you can see, the rate structure is now very affordable, in fact for about the price of a movie you can get lot's of exercise, meet new friend's and have a lot of fun!

If you would like additional information you can call The Tennis Facility at 673-1096 or you can stop by and take a look for your self.

Doctors get new 'eyes'

Two new angiography machines at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital are allowing physicians to diagnose blocked arteries and other problems in non-cardiac blood vessels with much greater precision.

The new equipment also enables physicians to treat some of those problems more effectively and with less risk to the patient.

The hospital has opened a new suite exclusively for angiography procedures. Both of the suite's new angiography machines have state-of-the-art digital-image intensifiers, which give physicians extremely clear, detailed views inside arteries and veins.

"It's like going from a television with a picture tube to a digital, flat-screen television," says Lawrence Martin, M.D., an interventional radiologist at Moore Regional. "The difference in clarity is that great."

Angiograms are electronic images of blood vessels that can show the location and severity of blockages, which are usually caused by the build-up of plaque. Angiography is used most often to diagnose obstructions in arteries in the legs and in the renal arteries and carotid arteries, which supply blood to the brain.

By injecting a contrast material into the vessels they want to study, physicians can see where blood flow is normal and where there is a problem. They can

then use minimally invasive techniques to open the vessel and restore blood flow.

"Because of the greater clarity, we can now do all this faster, more efficiently and with greater patient safety," Dr. Martin says.

According to Robert Albrecht, M.D., a vascular surgeon, the new equipment has greatly improved the ability to diagnose and treat obstructions, aneurysms and other problems in vessels that are far below the surface of the skin.

"It particularly helps with the deeper blood vessels, such as those in the chest and abdomen," he says. "The images we get now are superb."

When physicians find a blocked or narrowed vessel, they often use a balloon catheter to push the plaque out of the way or a cutting device to shave plaque off the inside walls of the vessel. Sometimes, stents are inserted to keep the vessels open.

Placing stents in carotid arteries has always been done by surgeons in an operating room. But for some patients, it now requires only a minimally invasive procedure in the angiography suite.

According to Dr. Atkinson, Moore Regional's new angiography equipment symbolizes the hospital's commitment to invest in the newest and most advanced technology.

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Children's author visits O'Neal School

In celebration of National Young Readers Day, children's author and adventurer, Bernie Harberts, visited the O'Neal School on Tuesday, November 14.

Along with his trusty friends, Woody, the mule, and Maggie,

the pony, he talked to second, third, and fourth graders describing his 3,200 mile journey from Oriental, North Carolina to San Diego, California, which is also the subject of his latest children's book, "Woody and Maggie Walk Across America."

Mr. Harberts talked to the students with a slide presentation of his journey as he described episodes such as traveling

through the desert for three days and how he provided water for Woody and Maggie, and his challenges trudging through several feet of snow in the Rockies.

During his presentation he had a unique way of having the students participate such as calculating the amount of water needed for each animal in gallons and pounds.

After the presentation, the stu-

dents and Mr. Harberts visited Maggie and Woody outside. Mr. Harberts explained where mules come from and how the height of a horse, pony, or mule is measured by "hands." The students were allowed to go inside the tent that Mr. Harberts used to sleep in during his journey and they were also able to sit on his saddle.

"The O'Neal School has at least one guest author to visit each year," said Librarian Lynn Bowness.

"The students were focused on Mr. Harberts' presentation. He was very creative in putting the stu-

dents in his shoes as he traveled across the country. They will remember his visit for a long time."

Bernie Harberts traveled the world on a thirty-five foot steel sailboat from 1998-2003. Then he traveled across the nation with a mule and pony in 2004-2005.

Now he is planning a 2007 trip with a mule team and mule wagon, beginning in Mexico and ending in Canada. Mr. Harberts currently resides in Southern Pines.

More information on Mr. Harberts and his journeys is available at www.riverearth.com.

Local authors celebrate cat love

One Can Never Have Too Many Cats! is a delightful children's book about a little old woman and her forty cats.

This is the first of a five book series about the little old woman and her love for animals written by Beverly Lasher and Sandy DePolo, both currently employed by the Moore County School system.

The story's text is done in rhyme and repetition which delights children of all ages, even adults.

The illustrations are bold, colorful, and so explicit that even non-readers can retell the story.

Author, Beverly Lashley has twenty-nine years in public education. She is currently Administrator for Federal Programs for Moore County Schools in North Carolina.

Sandy DePolo, developer of the reading activities, holds a master's degree in reading and is certified in elementary education.

She has taught grades three through five, served as a Lead English Language Arts Teacher, and is currently a reading specialist for Moore County Schools.

Jason Morrow, Beverly's son, has been creating art since he was two years old. He lives in Valley, Alabama and has used his talent to create comic books, business and band logos, signs, and T-shirts. This is his first children's book.

One Can Never Have Too Many Cats will be available at Bookshop by the Lakes in Seven Lakes Village beginning on December 14.



Ethan Schneiderman and Cayleigh Ana Kruse (background) – in Suzie McAuliffe's First Grade Class pet Woody, the mule who walked across the nation with Bernie Harberts and Maggie, the pony.

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agent's knowledge of the house in question and the market. The depth of that knowledge will help protect the seller against the natural reluctance to accept the first offer and against regretting a decision that was not based on sound judgement. Remember, most good offers come early in the selling game. If it's a fair one why pass it up?

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Seven Lakers are winners at photo club

The Sandhills Photography Club held their final judged photographic competition of the year on November 13, with a display of seventy-nine images depicting sunrises and sunsets.

Winning first place in the A Class was Bill Matthews with "Toronto Skyline," second place was Linda Piechota with "Charleston Bound," and third

place went to Southsider Chris Christiansen for "Sunrise at Seven Lakes."

Honorable mentions were awarded to Brady Smith, Betty Hendrix, Roy Kita from Seven Lakes South, and Linda Piechota.

Southsider Len Barnard was the first place winner in Class B for "Morning Delight," and Seven

Laker Jill Margeson won both second and third place with "A Mount Pisgah Sunset" and "Early Morning Calm."

Honorable mention winners were Bob Brown for two of his pictures, Janice Reagan, and Patricia Engelking.

The three competition judges were Cynthia Newman, George Butt of Seven Lakes West, and Ron Sutton.

The Sandhills Photography Club meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. Prospective members, regardless of background or skill, who are interested in photography are invited to attend the meetings.

The next meeting will be held January 8 at Christ Fellowship Church on Midland Road at Pee Dee Road in Southern Pines. Additional information may be found at the Club website www.sandhillsphtoclub.org.



Len Barnard (First Place winner) and Jill Margeson (Second and Third Place winner).



Len Barnard's First Place winner Class B "Morning Delight."

St. Mary Magdalene Art Gallery

The Saint Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church Village Gallery is still open and awaiting a visit from you and your friends. Hours are Wednesday, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, and Saturday, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The Gallery will be closed Christmas week. Local artists Alice Ridenour, Barbara Sickenburger, and members of the Monday Art Group are showing holiday paintings as well as Winter scenes, plus two photographs by Joan Herrmann. Women photographers will be featured in early January for six weeks and all local "clickers" are encouraged to quickly obtain application forms at the Gallery, as it is a first come format.

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OPINION

Editorial

Decently and in order

Things got a mite testy at last Tuesday night's meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association.

Questions were hurled at the board from unidentified speakers in the back of the room. A few comments that could be characterized as accusations were hurled, as well.

The tempers of more than one member of the board began to fray. Board members shooting from the hip in response to questions provided seemingly contradictory information. And, yet again, someone accused the board of using "scare tactics."

For those with some history in the community, it harkened back to some of the more acrimonious West Side Landowners Association meetings in the late-90s, when you couldn't hear over the fans in the Beacon Ridge clubhouse, the summertime temperature rose apace with the tempers, and general shouting matches were too often the order of the day.

It's understandable that folks on the West Side are wary. They've just been through a divisive debate on the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Many wanted more information as negotiations progressed and more involvement in the decision-making. The SLWLA board, though gathering plenty of public input, negotiated and decided the issue largely out of the public view.

That process was certainly the Board's to define, but it may have made folks a bit concerned that they are being left out of decisions. That suspicion is likely to fade in time, as the board continues to evidence its openness to input.

But the relationship between the board and the landowners they serve will not benefit from many more acrimonious meetings like last Tuesday's.

Fortunately, there's an easy fix: Make sure every speaker uses the microphone.

Tony Robertson has been working on this for some time, with more or less success, depending on the meeting. As he often notes, he's hard of hearing, and so needs the amplification if he's to catch what's going on in the meeting. Many other residents are in the same boat.

Other folks, including the press, would like to know the identity of those who are offering comments or asking questions.

But, beyond that, when speakers are forced to walk ten or twenty feet from the back of the room to the mic and then give their names and their addresses, that process has the salutary effect of giving them time to think about what they are going to say and how they are going to say it — before they start speaking.

It's a public meeting implementation of the old rule about counting to ten before you say something in anger.

And it's a rule that should apply to board members as well. A board member who wants to respond to a landowner's comment or question should signal the moderator and proceed to the lectern to make that comment — not engage in debate from his or her seat.

That way, everyone will be able to hear the board member's response, and the board member, by going through the process, will benefit from the same helpful "count-to-ten" principle.

This is such a simple idea, we're almost embarrassed to be writing a whole editorial about it. In fact, it's pretty much a matter of common courtesy.

On the other hand, it is amazingly hard to get folks on either side of the table to actually do it.

The only way to make it happen is to brook no exceptions and to insist that speakers play by the rules.

And the responsibility for taking that hard line rests with whomever is moderating the public input session — usually the board President.

If folks on both sides of the table would play by these rules, the level of acrimony in SLWLA general meetings could be reduced substantially.

Folks will still disagree, and still get upset, of course, but those disagreements and concerns will have a better chance of being effectively articulated and answered if everyone takes the time and makes the effort to ensure that all things are "done decently and in order."

Mooch on the yellow brick road

This past September one of the senior high school classes where I taught for thirty years or so had a reunion. It was the class of 1956 and they were having their 50th reunion.

I already keep up an email correspondence with six of them and exchange Christmas cards with two more of these "youngsters." After the reunion I heard from a number of them about who was present and what was said.

They were all impressed by the appearance of one of the graduates who had entered that class in his junior year. He came to our suburban high school because he had been expelled from one of the largest parochial schools in Cincinnati.

Apparently, the Brothers had unanimously voted him out. His first name (or what he said was his first name) was Mooch. I won't give his last name in that if this column ever reached him it might embarrass him.

Anyway Mooch lived in the poorest socio-economic section of our school district. He lived with his aunt. His parents were not around for some reason. Mooch came into our school with a negative, sullen disposition. He grad-

uated with his class having participated only with the football team and his scorn for his senior English teacher. After graduation I heard that he had joined the army. That was the last con-



Ollie's Thoughts

Oliver Gossard

tact I had with him until the reunion took place.

One of his classmates at the reunion told me of the conversation that he had with Mooch. It seems that after his U.S. Army tour of duty, the army had put him through college at the University of Cincinnati. Then Mooch told of finding a job in Connecticut where he continued to read and developed an interest in writing.

As a matter of fact he was in Cincinnati at his high school reunion because he had a book signing scheduled at one of Cincinnati's largest book stores. His third novel had been published!

"Mooch" is gone now. His first name is now accurately printed as Richard. He gave his classmates one of the finest endorsements of our high school as I

(See "Ollie," p. 27)

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True friendship's sparkle is unmistakable

The tried and true friend displays lots of these attributes; kindness, respect, compassion, acceptance and appreciation, spiritual depth, enthusiasm, generosity, and humor. Some of these traits are always in full view, others linger just below the surface ready to be called into action should the situation warrant.

This type of friendship involves a level of commitment beyond the "just friends" category.

The impact of true friends on each other is permeating. What-

ever actions are taken toward each other is etched forever in the recesses of their minds, never to be taken for granted.

A deep friendship requires steadfast cultivation. The divi-

ing, a willingness to bend with the wind and return the friendship with an equal, or even stronger, bond? There's as much room for creativity in this type of relationship as there is in any other aspect of living.

Instinctive traits, supplemented by the beneficial effects of a value-oriented upbringing, well-assimilated schooling, and a multiplicity of experiences both interpersonal and privately spiritual would seem to

constitute a sound base from which to fashion a strong fabric of close friendship. Though, it's certainly true that some strong friendships have also been spawned in the absence of one or more of the afore-mentioned factors.

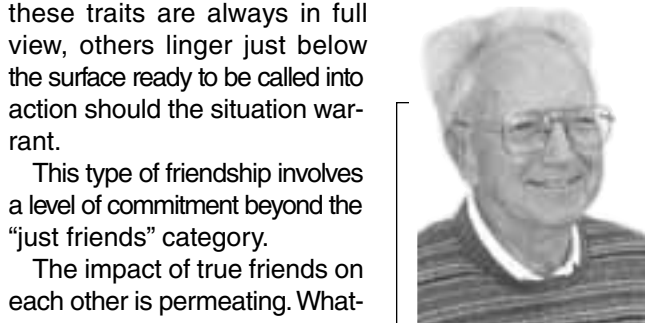
Then there are those infrequent friendships that trace their origin to something akin to being struck by lightning: they simply happened, and grew, without

the parties having much in common.

When the relaxed rapport of a strong friendship becomes an innate part of the relationship, it's often the result of instinctive out-reaching initiatives, propelled by both the practical and spiritual foundations of our lives. When

that optimum level is reached, it's a signal that vigilance must remain a prominent word in each party's day-to-day relationships.

A true friend is like a jewel perched on the kitchen counter among the pots and pans. Its sparkle lifts the soul, no matter where it may be found.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

Ollie

(Continued from page 26)

have ever heard. He said that entering our school was something close to what happened in the movie of The Wizard of Oz. When Dorothy and her dog, Toto, were living in Kansas, the film was in black and white. After the hurricane when Dorothy and Toto landed on the yellow brick road, the film was in glorious color.

Mooch said that that was what happened to him. He suddenly saw that life could be in color. He said that one of the first experiences he had in our school was when he was about to enter the study hall one day. The teacher was talking to several girls about the movie *Picnic* that they had seen. The teacher told about the song *Moonglow* that was important to the movie. Mooch related how the teacher told about how that song was important to his wife and him. It was their favorite song when they first started dating and how it always reminded him of the love they shared.

Mooch was struck by this thought. It was the first time he had thought about real love between a man and woman. He said that like Dorothy and Toto real color started to come into his life.

I purchased Mooch's last two books from the Bookshop by the Lakes. I am reading them now. It reminds me how we all should be careful of judging the young too soon.

We don't always know if they have had a chance to glimpse the yellow brick road yet.

dends are among the most gratifying of all of life's experiences. Any friendship is a blessing, but the deepest of all of our friendships has a uniqueness of its own. We've all heard someone say, "She's my best friend." There is something that sets such a relationship apart which is difficult to adequately describe, but definitely there.

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Dear Editor:
 The "Mystery Dinner" play held at Seven Lakes Country Club in November makes it readily apparent that Winsford Circle residents are envied by the poor souls living on Dartmoor Lane.
 It seems these Dartmoorians simply cannot tolerate the fact that Winsford Circle is a physically distinct area within Seven Lakes, made up of members who enjoy each other; like to party with one another and regard their group as a large, close, and closed family. Outsiders cannot be included in Circle activities due to limited space.
 But the Dartmoorians don't seem to understand this concept and loudly criticize the Circle as being too exclusive.
 It brings to mind Hamlet's question, "Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune or to take arms against a sea of troubles and by opposing end them?"
 So, dear Winsford Circle friends, let us try to ignore the epithets and innuendo hurled so shamefully during the play. Let us not heed the implication that Winsford neighbors who were trading keys for safety reasons, were

actually "partner swapping," or that eating Eggs Benedict is traitorous because the name Arnold is associated somehow.
 Even the newspaper called "The Loop" that used to be published for and by Winsford Circle residents was looked down on and seen as snobbish. However, there was no mention that the main column of the paper —

harden Winsford Circle's resolve never to be involved with Dartmoor Lane!
 In conclusion, let them have their pitiful little Compost Festival. It is much better to keep your own compost in your own yard.
 However, if and when the occasion arises, you might consider stuffing a bunch of animal compost in theirs!

*Jane and Jack Arnold
 Jefferson, GA
 formerly of Winsford Circle*



“Winsford Wins Again” — was consistently filled with golf and tennis winners, the preponderance of whom were residents of Winsford Circle.
 Would that they could appreciate that Winsford Circle (an apt name) is indeed an elite group!
 Let them throw their darts, the denizens of Dartmoor (another apt name), their slings and arrows with envy.
 Let it also be noted, dear Editor, that you too are guilty of willfully and purposefully aiding and abetting these misguided souls in their jihad against Winsford Circle by publishing the unkind advertisements that were aimed at manipulating sentiment against the Circle. This will be remembered in our Black Book. (Yes! We have one. . .)
 Although the opposite effect was undoubtedly intended, all these attacks should serve to

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On Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 pm, the Classical Design Foundation will present the last in a four-part lecture series at the Sunrise theater in Southern Pines.
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Club should collaborate on driving range

Dear Editor:

I have attended all three open meetings conducted by the Seven Lakes Country Club to further explain the proposed new practice range as well as the anticipated development of the existing practice range into high density housing.

At all three meetings Mr. Weber, President of the Seven Lakes Country Club Board of Direc-

tors, elaborated on liability for the continued operation of the existing practice range.

Further, he stated if the new practice range is voted down then the membership will have to assume all liability for any accidents that may occur.

In my opinion, the Seven Lakes Country Club and the lakes on the North side are the two most important amenities within our

gates. If the Seven Lakes Country Club were to fail or our lakes became fouled then all landowners property values would suffer. Mr. Weber has an obligation to the members of the Seven Lakes Country Club and to the non-member residents of Seven Lakes to eliminate any liabilities that could adversely affect our community.

If the vote for the proposed

driving range fails, then Mr. Weber and the Seven Lakes Country Club Board of Directors have an obligation to offer alternative suggestions to eliminate the liability. Placing blame on the membership, because their plan is voted down, is not responsible leadership.

Many positive suggestions have been offered at these three meetings including Mr. Weber's

new position that the membership be offered a chance to vote on whether or not the existing practice range should be sold.

Hopefully a collaborative effort can result in a plan that will make a significant positive difference for the Seven Lakes Country Club and the Seven Lakes community.

Chuck Leach
Seven Lakes South

Dam repairs are done

I am pleased to confirm that the State mandated repairs for Echo Dam have been completed and came in under the estimate.

Since we had the equipment and manpower on-site we used a small portion of the savings to complete State recommended repairs to Longleaf and Sequoia Dams.

Hopefully the completion of the State recommended re-pairs to Longleaf and Sequoia dams will prevent State mandated repairs in the future.

A stitch in time saves nine!

The tennis courts have been completed and are now available for use to all residents and their guests.

We will be working on our budget for the upcoming FY07/08 (beginning May 1, 2007) in the coming weeks. Steve Hudson's finance committee has been

hard at work to make suggestions for maintaining and reducing our costs.

Comments from all residents are welcome.



Church hosts Christmas concert

A Candlelight Christmas Concert will be held at Our Lady of the Americas Roman Catholic Church, 298 Farmer's Market Road, off Hwy 211 just east of Hwy 220, near Candor on Friday, December 8, at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$12.50 each.

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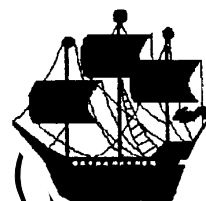
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West Side

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Beckwith called "a very fair price."

SLWLA President Jim Meikle said the deal is the result of several months of negotiating by Beckwith and Community Manager Tony Robertson.

President's Report. Meikle began the meeting by asking for a moment of silence in honor for service men and women who must spend this holiday season overseas in harm's way.

On behalf of the SLWLA Board, he wished all landowners "a very happy holiday season, filled with delights of the season."

Lakeway Pond. Meikle reported that the lower pond in the Lakeway Boulevard mall had sprung a leak and emptied out on Thanksgiving morning.

The cause was much the same as the problem that emptied out one of the Lakeview ponds two years ago. He explained that the spillway that carries water from the pond under Longleaf Drive is constructed of a standard corrugated steel pipe. Over time, the pipe has rusted out, allowing the pond to drain.

Based on the Board's experience with Lakeview Pond — which took longer than expected to repair — Meikle said the new leak should be repaired in a couple of weeks. The same contractor who handled the repairs two years ago is handling the job.

"We have one remaining pond," Meikle added. "Sooner or late the Carriage Pond will drain itself. We now know what to do and how to go about doing it."

Later in the meeting, during Infrastructure Ray MacKay's report. Ronnie Milligan asked whether bids had been taken on the pond repair.

MacKay said no bids were solicited because the bidding process itself would take two months. "We invited the contractor that we used before — who knew what to do — to come in and do it," MacKay said. "In emergencies, taking bids doesn't really get the job done if you know what you want."

He estimated the repairs would cost roughly \$5,000.

The lower pond is spring-fed from the upper pond, MacKay said, and the water from the pond is used to irrigate the Lakeway mall. MacKay said he felt it would refill relatively quickly.

Adopt-A-Road. Meikle thanked Jo Kinney for her efforts on the Adopt-a-Road program and noted that there is still an opportunity for volunteers to sign up to look after particular stretches of roadway, particularly along Longleaf Drive. Kinney can be contacted at 673-0091 or 673-2571.

Meikle also thanked Roger and Ruth Brooke and the decorating committee for "the great West Side Park Community Center decorations."

Manager's Report. Tony Robertson announced that donations boxes for the US Marine Corps' Toys for Tots campaign have been placed at the Community Center and in the mailhouse. Noting that the response had been somewhat disappointing thus far, he encouraged residents to contribute a toy.

Finance. Treasurer Virgil Reid provided printed reports of the status of Association funds and performance against the Association budget. The SLWLA currently has roughly \$1.5 million in the bank.

Reid noted that landowner Pete Staaf had asked a question during the October General Meeting about the use of an audit of the Association's books versus an accountant's review, which is the current practice. Staaf later expressed his concerns in a Letter to the Editor published in the November 22 edition of *The Times*, in which he noted a lack of accounting experience on the SLWLA board.

"I told him at the time that I had experience in accounting," Reid said. "I said that I had experience in accounting before entering general management."

Reid noted that he had majored in business administration with a concentration in finance and had in fact worked in finance from his graduation in 1969 to 1991.

He also said that Hugh Beckwith is the Chief Financial Officer for a group of companies.

"Don't let this letter lead anyone to believe that we don't have accounting experience on this board," Reid concluded. "It's not true."

Later in the meeting a landowner asked whether the board had decided whether to move to a full-fledged audit of the Association's books.

"The board has not had a

chance to sit down and review the pros and cons," Meikle replied.

Recreation. Recreation Director Betty Milligan noted that the Community Center will host a Holiday Event for children on December 16, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Children will be decorating gingerbread houses. Reservations and a fee are required.

Infrastructure. Director Ray MacKay said there will be a Christmas tree drop outside the boat and trailer storage area. Only Christmas trees may be dropped off, beginning January 1. Residents who need help can call MacKay or the office after January 1.

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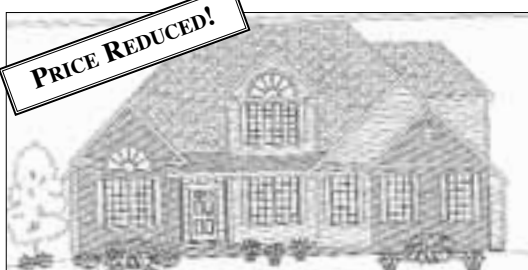
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West Side

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The Yard Waste transfer site will be closed on Saturday, December 23. Depending on demand, the site's hours may be reduced by during the winter months.

MacKay noted that he is serving on the fourteen-member county Small Area Planning Steering Committee for Area A. "We will meet monthly for at least a year," MacKay said. "As the committee develops discussion topics I would welcome input in writing or by email."

MacKay noted that he had served on a similar committee in New York State. "It was very successful," he said.

Public Comment. A question from John Hoffman on anticipated repairs to the Lakeway Drive mailhouse generated a

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olyn Mealing, noted Ewing's twenty-four years on the Board of Commissioners, his service on the Southern Pines Town Council and as its Mayor, his leadership in the building of Moore County's three high schools, his role as a founder of Sandhills Community College, and his service for over thirty years on the board of FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Ewing's wife, Catherine, accepting a copy of the proclamation, said "I had Bob for thirty-two years. I never worried about him having an affair — he didn't have time. Moore County was his affair. Thank you so much for loving him, because he sure did love you."

County Clerk Carol Thomas then conducted the election for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Lea nominated McKenzie; Melton seconded the motion; and it was passed unanimously.

"I'm honored to have been chosen to be named chairman of this board," McKenzie said, promising to "do my best to keep Moore County the kind of place we all want to live in."

McKenzie then opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Cindy Morgan nominated Caddell; Melton again seconded; and once again, the vote was unanimous.

more general discussion of the board's exploration of home mail delivery.

Mike Finney explained that the board had formed a committee to investigate the pros, cons, and potential costs of home delivery last year. "That committee discovered a whole host of problems and questions," Finney said.

To gauge public interest, the committee inserted a question concerning the interest in home delivery into the mailing of Association dues statements this Spring. Finney said that only about ten percent of landowners responded to the survey, and the opinion was evenly divided.

"We are now in the process of regathering ourselves, with a plan to go back and look at the question with a more finite pen," Finney said. "We are trying to identify the costs, the pros and cons. Sometime in 2007 you will get the opportunity to decide if you want it or not with all the facts provided."

Hoffman asked whether the US

Postal Service had not refused to move to home delivery in the past.

"That is totally correct," Finney said. "What is required is a two-stage effort. Number one — What is the desire of people? Number two — Can it be achieved?"

"We have gotten a flat no from the post office in the past," he added. "Some folks think it could be achieved."

Finney said the committee felt it would be important to standardize mailboxes, if curbside delivery were implemented. The projected cost, were the association to purchase and maintain them, was estimated to be \$230,000, Finney said.

Several residents objected to this estimate, arguing that it was inflated. One accused Finney of using "scare tactics."

"I have no dog in this fight whatsoever," Finney replied. "I could care less whether we have mailboxes."

He indicated the committee considering home delivery would

be revived early next year to take another look at the issue.

Wildlife. Dr. Lionel Kuhn asked if there were any news on the situation with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

"Only what you read in the last issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*," SLWLA President Meikle replied.

Kuhn said he was concerned about the question of whether the

Association would subject itself to additional liability by signing an agreement with the NCWRC. he asked whether the decision should be a matter for a referendum.

Meikle said that the SLWA will incur no more liability than it currently has by creating and enforcing rules.

"The Board has already made the decision," Meikle added.

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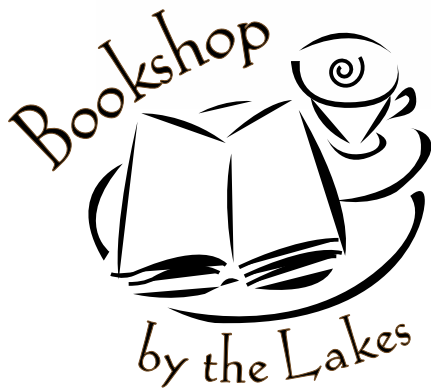
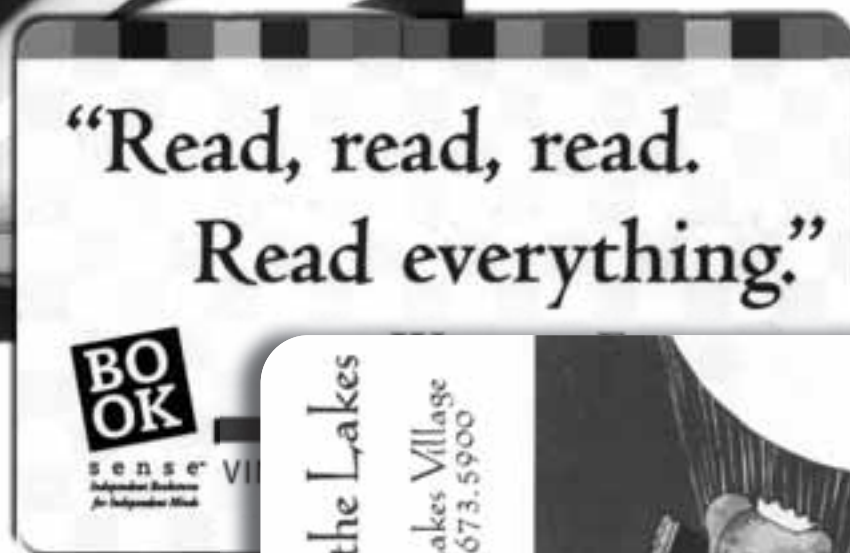
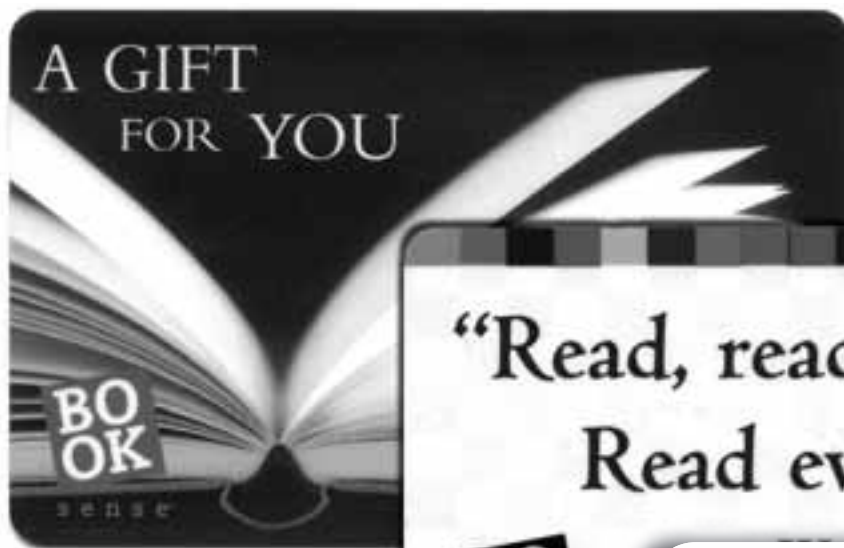
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