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Laura Douglass



Don Truesdell

Board re-elects Truesdell

Southsider Don Truesdell was re-elected President of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] in an Organizational Meeting of the Board held Tuesday morning, March 27.

New board member Donna Stephan was elected Vice President; Michael Florence and Steve Hudson were re-elected to their posts as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

During the meeting the board

also discussed Seven Lakes Country Club's plans for its driving range and a new "Seven Lakes East" subdivision proposed for an area east of Seven Lakes North along Dowd Road.

Officer Elections

Ed Nuti opened the voting by nominating Stephan as President, but she declined the nomination. Florence nominated Truesdell, and new board mem-

ber Randy Zielsdorf nominated Ed Nuti. Truesdell won with votes from Stephan, Florence, Hudson, new board member Laura Douglass, and himself.

Nuti, Hudson, and Stephan were all nominated for Vice President; Stephan won with four votes.

Douglass nominated Florence to return as Secretary, and that motion was approved unani-

(See "Truesdell," p. 31)



Donna Stephan



Randy Zielsdorf

3 new directors for SLLA

Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] President Don Truesdell held onto his board seat by the barest of margins in elections concluded at the Annual Meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 22, finishing just three votes ahead of runner-up Loren Swearingen.

The Association elected four board members from a six-person field. Vote tallies were as follows:

342 - Donna Stephan
330 - Laura Douglass
245 - Randy Zielsdorf
228 - Don Truesdell
225 - Loren Swearingen
173 - Frank McKenna

Zielsdorf ran as a petition candidate; the other names were placed on the ballot by the SLLA nominating committee.

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher told *The Times* that 416 ballots were cast out of a total of

1,090 eligible voters — a turnout of approximately 38 percent. Only a half-dozen voters submitted proxies rather than a marked ballot. Jeff Herman, Jack Fathauer, and Ron Richmond will be leaving the board.

Recognitions

Terry Hunt, who chairs the Seven Lakes Village Beautification Committee, was named
(See "SLLA," p. 30)

Haggard, Kirst, Tuton join Westside Board

President Jim Meikle was soundly defeated by three challengers in a lopsided election finalized at the Annual Meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] held on Sunday afternoon, March 18.

Meikle won only 137 votes — roughly 20 percent of the totals garnered by Kathy Kirst, Jim Haggard, and Ed Tuton, who won seats on the SLWLA Board.

Ballot Totals in the Directors' race broke out as follows:

702 - Kirst
697 - Haggard
667 - Tuton
137 - Meikle

Also on the ballot was the budget proposed by the Board

for FY 07-08 — a budget which included a \$35 increase in landowners dues. It was approved 425 to 311.

Voter turnout was higher than last year, at 46 percent. 796 of the 1,722 eligible lot owners voted in the election. Turnout for the 2006 SLWLA Election was 39 percent, with 656 of the 1,693 eligible lots casting votes. Last year, the FY06-07 budget was approved 532 to 63; there was no dues increase requested in that budget.

Only 16 proxies were voted by the board — too few to have made any difference in the outcome of the Director election or the budget approval. Proxies voted by the board were allo-

cated based on a secret ballot of board members taken during their March 13 work session.

The SLWLA Board of Directors will elect officers and appoint committee chairpersons during

its organizational meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 2.

(See "Westside" p. 33)



Jim Haggard



Kathy Kirst



Ed Tuton

Citizen of the Year



Terry Hunt, named "Citizen of the Year" by the Seven Lakes Landowners Association is congratulated by President Don Truesdell during the Association's Annual Meeting. Hunt was recognized for her work as Chairperson of Seven Lakes Village Beautification.

Taste of Town tickets on sale

by Betsy Oliver Mikula
Women of Seven Lakes

The Women of Seven Lakes will hold its third annual Taste of the Town on Monday, April 16, at the West Side Park Community Center from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Get out of the kitchen on the sixteenth and dine at this fun event. It will be a great time to meet folks you haven't seen in a while.

Tickets are still available but sell quickly so get them early. The ticket price is the same as last year, at \$18.00 each. Tickets will be available at the April 5 Women of Seven Lakes meeting and at the North, South, and West Mail Houses on March 30. Hours at North and South are 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and at the West Side from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Proceeds from Taste of the Town will benefit Moore Regional Hospital Foundation's Child Care Fund.

Participating restaurants this year include Bangkok Cuisine, Brats European Bistro, Beacon Ridge Country Club, Bonefish Grille, Camellia's Coffee House, Elliott's, How You Doin' Pizzeria, Little River Farm Country Club, Moore Delights Personal Chef Service, Seven Lakes

Country Club, Smithfield's BBQ, and Table on the Green. Broad Street Bakery, Max & Moritz, and Panera Bread will supply the desserts. Coffee will be donated by Fresh Market.

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Board builds consensus on driving range

The new driving range that Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] plans to build in Seven Lakes South — and the prospects for a residential development on the existing range — are the most important issues facing the newly constituted Board of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA], President Don Truesdell told

Board members during their Tuesday morning, March 27 organizational meeting.

After a briefing by Truesdell and Secretary Michael Florence on the state of negotiations between the Association and the Club, Board members expressed consensus that Club property should only be developed with the consent of the

SLLA.

Negotiations between the Club and the Association have focused on several key points:

- Whether the club will submit plans for the new driving range — and any future Club building projects — to the SLLA Architectural Review Board [ARB] for approval.
- Whether the SLLA will oppose

the sale of the existing range for residential development.

- Whether development of the property will be in accord with Southside covenants and subject to ARB review.
- Whether residents of any development will be dues-paying members of the SLLA.
- Whether SLCC will deed a 10-foot buffer strip along Seven

Lakes Drive from the gatehouse to the townhouses to the Association, as well as additional property in order to create more parking at the Southside mailhouse.

An SLLA-SLCC negotiating team has met over the past several weeks to hammer out an agreement resolving these questions. (See "Driving range," p. 29)

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Subdivision slow-down proposed for Area A

A rash of proposals for new development in the area around Seven Lakes has prompted Planning Director Andrea Surratt and Planning Board member Dave Kinney to ask the Moore County Board of Commissioners to enact a six-month moratorium on new major subdivisions in that part of the county.

In a joint meeting held on Wednesday, March 28, the county's Planning Board and Subdivision Review Board both endorsed the moratorium.

The proposed moratorium had already been endorsed by the Area A Small Area Plan Steering Committee in a meeting on Tuesday, March 20.

Kinney chairs the Steering Committee for Area A, which centers on Seven Lakes and stretches from the Montgomery County border to Murdocksville Road and from Foxfire to Firetower Road — an area of nearly 100 square miles.

He told Steering Committee members, that Planner Kathy Liles has had conversations with the would-be developers of eight separate subdivisions in Area A.

All the proposals are in the "embryonic, conceptual" stage, Kinney said. But they involve 4,500 acres and a potential of 2,700 homes and more than 6,000 residents.

One is close enough to the eastern edge of Seven Lakes North to have been labeled "Seven Lakes East."

The proposed moratorium — or "interim development policy" — would not affect the availability of building permits for homes or commercial structures

on already-platted lots. Nor would it affect division of land that involves less than five acres. Only major subdivisions would be affected — and only those within the boundaries of Small Area Planning Area A.

Though it is not one of the eight major developments Kinney referred to in his remarks to the Steering Committee, the proposed Gateway II cluster home subdivision near the East Gate of Seven Lakes West would fall under the proposed interim development policy.

Surratt said a six-month moratorium — the longest allowed by state law — would "allow the developers a level playing field to spend time on their projects to make them better. They will have feedback from this [Area A] committee six months down the road to create better projects."

"We're not trying to stop development; we just want good development," she added.

A moratorium will not prevent developers from working with

their engineers to plan and plat their properties during the six-month time-out, Surratt said. But it will prevent the approval of any new major subdivision in Area A.

Surratt told *The Times* that Burke County, in the North Carolina mountains, had used a similar interim development policy to slow the creation of subdivisions around Lake James while a Small Area Plan was developed for the area.

Without a moratorium, some development proposals could move quickly through the county's subdivision approval process. Because of the existing zoning on the Area A parcels targeted for development, each of the proposed large subdivisions could be approved through the Subdivision Review Board — which oversees a technically-oriented review process — without needing any approval by the Planning Board.

On the other hand, developers interested in using special types

of subdivisions, like cluster homes developments or Planned Unit Developments, or looking for greater housing densities, would need Planning Board approval for these strategies.

Surratt told *The Times* that some of the subdivisions could be approved in three to five months unless the moratorium is put in place.

The Board of Commissioners will be asked during their April 2 meeting to call for a public hearing on the moratorium. The plan is for that hearing and any vote on the proposal to be held during the April 16 Commissioners' meeting.



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Lakers play host to state League confab

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Fifty-two delegates representing seventeen chapters of the League of Women Voters met for their state convention at Little River Golf Resort in Carthage, on March 23 to 25. The convention, hosted by the Moore County chapter, attracted over 101 registrants from across the state.

Westsider Jo Nicholas, who is entering the second year of her term as President of the Moore County League of Women Voters, said, "The League of Women Voters works on both the national and county level examining government issues. We are a nonpartisan group that provides information to the public by conducting candidates' forums, compiling voter guides, and publishing a Directory of Public Officials which is updated annually."

The Moore County chapter cosponsored several very successful forums over the previous year including candidates for the Moore County School Board,

the U.S. House of Representatives, and the County Commissioner races. The group also conducted candidates' night forums for the recent Seven Lakes Landowners Association and Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board of Directors elections.

Moore Chapter First Vice Pres-

ident and Westside resident Linda Tableman was a featured panelist at the League convention for a workshop entitled "Innovative Voter Services." Her presentation provided a template and timeline for conducting a candidates' forum, as well as sample questions.

Quoting U.S. Representative

Howard Coble, Tableman said "Our forum was by far the best he's ever been to."

The Moore County Chapter is also currently engaged in a study of immigration in the area and a three-year study of poverty and how it affects children's learning. The chapter offers a Civics 101 course, featuring topics and excursions to various local town governments, the courthouse, county jail facilities, and a meeting with Dr. Susan Purser, Moore County Schools Superintendent.

"Every little municipality has a different style of government,"

said Nicholas. "This past year we visited Robbins as their council has hired their first Town Manager."

In addition to executive officers Nicholas and Tableman, Seven Lakes West is home to the chapter's Second Vice President, Mary Price, and Membership Chair, Ginger Finney. Former Seven Laker Mary Anne Bird, whom now resides at Belle Meade, serves as Treasurer. The Moore County chapter had eighteen members participating in the convention.

State President Judie Burke of

(See "League" p.7)



Linda Tableman and Jo Nicholas of the Moore County League of Women Voters.

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Hatfield son managing key NASA project

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

In 2004, President George W. Bush announced, "As the world enters the second century of powered flight, it is time to articulate a new vision that will define and guide U.S. space exploration activities for the next several decades."

His speech outlined several goals including assembly and completion of the International Space Station, retiring the Space Shuttle program, and "starting no later than 2008, [to] initiate a series of robotic missions to the Moon to prepare for and support future human exploration activities to Mars and other destina-

tions."

NASA is on track to achieve several of the President's goals through the inception of the Orion Program with Program Manager Skip Hatfield at the helm. Skip, son of Philip and Frankie Hatfield of Seven Lakes South, oversees the program from Johnson Space Center, one of the ten NASA centers involved in this project.

The other nine centers include Ames and Dryden Flight Research Centers in California; Glenn Research Center in Ohio; Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland; Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California; Langley Research Center in Virginia;

Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama; Stennis Space Center in Mississippi; and Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Hatfield says, "All of these centers are bringing their expertise. The very best that NASA has to offer is participating in this vision."

Orion, so named because the constellation is one of the brightest and most easily-identified stars, has a shape reminiscent of the Apollo spacecraft of the past. It will succeed the Space Shuttle as the primary vehicle for future manned space exploration. The conical capsule is safe and reliable for re-entering Earth's atmosphere.

Orion and its service module will be able to orbit the moon and

other planets using disc-shaped solar arrays tracking the sun to generate electricity. This new spacecraft will be capable of carrying both crew and cargo and at about sixteen feet in diameter, Orion has an interior volume two and half times larger than the Apollo capsule.

Unlike the Space Shuttle, which is mounted beside an external fuel tank and boosters for liftoff, Orion will sit on top of its booster, the Ares I rocket. Placement atop the booster protects the capsule from ice, foam, and other launch debris, and allows for an abort system to be placed between the crew and the fuel section which can separate the two in the event of an emergency.

According to NASA, in space, Orion will be capable of rendezvousing with a lunar landing module and an Earth departure stage in low-orbit to carry crews to the moon and Mars-bound vehicles assembled in low-Earth orbit.

A key component of the Orion Program is versatility. According to NASA, Orion is being developed to fly to the moon but will also be used to service the International Space Station and the door is open to other opportunities where it could be used. In its current development, Orion will be able to land on the moon with four astronauts and support them for a six-month mission. For shorter missions to the Inter-

(See "Orion" p. 28)



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the Chatham County chapter said, "If you are new to North Carolina, joining this organization is a great introduction to how it runs. A lot of chapter growth," she continued, "is in locations where retirees move to and where new residents are looking for activities."

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Southsider Alan Shaw's lawsuit against the Seven Lakes Landowners Association for malicious prosecution was settled out of court on Thursday morning, March 15, just after *The Seven Lakes Times* went to press.

The terms of the settlement include a non-disclosure agreement — in other words, the settlement has been sealed, which means neither Shaw or the defendants can reveal the amount of any payment made to Shaw — or anything else, for that matter.

The defendants in the suit included the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA], Community Manager Dalton Fulcher, and former SLLA Com-

pany Police Chief Dennis Lombard.

Shaw was one of the original developers of Seven Lakes and resides in Seven Lakes South. He released the following statement to *The Times* in the wake of the settlement of his lawsuit:

"There is nothing of substance that I can say about the settlement. I can now move forward and put this incident behind me.

"I was a major player in the formative years of Seven Lakes. I own a significant amount of property within Seven Lakes. In today's edition of *The Seven Lakes Times*, Ron Erskine said we deserve what we get if we are not active in community issues. I am going to follow his lead."

"I will not sit back and watch

others make decisions without expressing my opinions and offering my expertise. I have as much knowledge about the community and the requirements to successfully operate it as anyone, more than most. I see good people being criticized for bringing forth honest evaluations that at the very least should be openly debated. I see a manager who has been here for nineteen years and has about five percent of the money we need in reserves for near-term capital expenditure needs."

"I intend to push for answers to questions that seem to have been kept behind closed doors for entirely too long. I intend to be active in community affairs. I owe it to myself and I owe it to

this great community that I helped found."

Though he was instrumental in the creation of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, Shaw had largely retired from public life in Seven Lakes until his arrest. Since then, he has been a persistent critic of the management of the Association — and particularly of Community

Manager Dalton Fulcher.

The case had been before Superior Court Judge V. Bradford Long off and on since Monday, March 12, with attorneys for both sides arguing the preliminaries — what evidence could and could not be introduced — before jury selection. At the same time, the opponents were negotiating behind the scenes.

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Harris spearheading Hillcrest Park project

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Baseball is popular here in Moore County. So popular, in fact, that there are between 120 and 130 registered teams, ranging from children's Little League through adult leagues.

The Moore County Home Builders Association, in cooperation with the Moore County Parks and Recreation Department, has taken the lead in promoting the great American pastime by constructing a new field house at Hillcrest Park.

Local builder and Westside resident Mitchell Harris, of Harris & Son Construction Company, Inc., is chairing this project, a major undertaking begun last year while his father, Steve Harris, was President of the Home Builders Association.

"We'd really like to encourage baseball and the Little League teams," said Harris, "and we'd all love to see the Little League World Series brought here to Moore County. That's the big event."

Designed by Krystle Cummings and Travis Green, the field house is an octagonally-shaped structure with restrooms and concession facilities on the lower level and four distinct score

keeper windows overlooking the baseball diamonds at Hillcrest Park. The second story will also house a separate restroom and shower for referees. Positioned within steps of the fields, the public restrooms and concessionaire will be much more convenient for both players and spectators.

Hillcrest Park, located at the intersection of 15/501 and Rt. 22 in Carthage, is a forty-two acre county park and recre-

ational area with a playground, volleyball court, picnic pavilion, walking trail, and four multi-purpose fields. The existing restroom and concession stand located near the playground will remain.

Harris estimates that the structure, once complete, will be valued at nearly \$300,000. Through the use of donated materials and the manpower of hundreds of volunteers sponsored by the more than 365 businesses that

make up the Moore County Home Builders Association, the new field house is a generous contribution to the citizens of Moore County.

"Former County Commissioner David Cummings was a big help in getting the project off the ground," said Harris. Now Larry Caddell, a County Commissioner and member of the Moore County Parks and Recreation Board is "being instrumental in getting

this through the building process." "It took awhile," continued Harris, "to get everyone together especially since we're using all volunteer labor."

Begun last May, work on the field house will continue through the Summer and is expected to be completed by Fall 2007.

Members of the Moore County Home Builders Association who have contributed signifi-

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Mitchell Harris is heading up Moore County Home Builders Association's construction on a field house at Hillcrest Park.

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Schools encouraged to mind their grass

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Speaking at a recent public hearing on Moore County Schools' [MCS] proposed \$27 million budget for Fiscal Year 07-08, several landscape professionals urged the School Board to adopt an Athletic and Playground Turfgrass Management Program.

On hand at the hearing were Mark Thompson from Sandhills Research Station, Kevin Smith from Maggie's Farm, Inc., Gene Maples of The Turfgrass Counselor, and Michael Thamm of New River Gardens.

According to a presentation they submitted to the Board, "On the various Moore County School campuses, a broad range of ineffective or marginally effective and inconsistent turf grass management . . . the system provides little or no consistent expertise for the outdoor sports turf learning facilities beyond the initial construction phase."

Citing the need for "the application of timely, agronomically correct management the year round — especially during the summer growing season," the report identifies specific problem areas at MCS campuses including extreme wear on the West End Elementary multi-purpose soccer field and rapidly declining turf grass areas, significant washing and soil movement, and an extreme invasion of fire ants at West Pine Middle.

At Pinecrest High School, the "once stellar football game field suffers from a currently inadequate, unsafe playing surface — too much wear . . . too little expert care."

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Harris

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cant efforts to this project include Roger McKenzie of McKenzie Landscaping, Richard Wright with Buddy Robinson Masonry, Ronnie Graham with Central Carolina Surveyors, and Mitchell Harris of Harris & Son Construction.

Harris & Son have been a part of the Seven Lakes community since 1979. Mitchell joined his father in business in 2001.



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Chapel in the Pines reviews a fruitful year

by Rollin Tomberlin

The Chapel in the Pines held their annual meeting on Sunday, March 18. Besides the usual business of electing trustees and adopting a budget, the membership voted to approve the construction of a permanent canopy at the Seven Lakes Drive entrance.

President Bob Jaeger announced the Board's recommendation for the much-needed protection from adverse weather elements for the worshipers as well as wear-and-tear on the church's physical assets at the entrance. The membership voted almost unanimously for this improvement. The newly-elected Board members include Alice Shaughnessy and Cindy Squires. Bob Jaeger, whose term was expiring, was reelected for another three-year term.

Individual informative reports were made by Helen Pardue, Secretary, Bob Patton, Treasurer, Fran Stark, Director of Benevolence, Bob Tourt, Vice President and Director of Cemetery and Columbarium, Doreen Smith, Executive Secretary, and Mike Cummins, Director of Building and Grounds. The latter kept the members laughing with his sharp, but often dry humor.

The Chapel, which celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary last Fall, was founded "to promote interdenominational Christian worship, and to contribute to, and promote benevolent activi-

ties in the community, as well as the world at large." While the Reverends Cecil Callis and Charles Hinson, the earliest ministers, can recall preaching to as few as a handful of worshipers at the onset of the Chapel, there are now 188 members, including eighteen new additions this year. It is not

uncommon for the Sunday attendance to exceed two hundred with a much larger standing-room only crowd on special holidays.

Activities abound at the local church. Besides the usual worship services and Bible-study groups, there were seventeen weddings and eight memorial

services held during the last year. The Benevolence Committee gave contributions totaling approximately \$25,000 to groups including the Food Bank, the Empty Stocking Fund, the Blanket Fund, the Red Cross, and other Moore county charities. Also included in this sum were sizeable contributions to help support three international missionaries.

Last year was one of many changes at the Chapel. Most notable was the appointment of Reverend Don Welch as a full-time pastor. Prior to this, the church was committed to a series of rotating ministers. Welch is also a Chaplain and may be reached at 673-6701. Anyone, member or not who feels in need, is invited to call on him for his pastoral services.

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Train collides with car at Lakeway crossing

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

It was probably bound to happen, sooner or later; but a Friday afternoon, March 16 collision between a train and a car is the first anyone seems to recall at the railroad crossing near the entrance to Seven Lakes West.

Fortunately, no one was injured when a car driven by 18-year-old Westsider Katie Ellen Hankins stopped for a red light on Lakeway Drive too close to the tracks and was struck by a westbound Aberdeen, Carolina, and Western [ACW] train.

"The car was just too close to the tracks and the train couldn't stop," ACW Superintendent Jan Linder told *The Times*. Linder said he has researched the railroad company's files and has not been able to find any record of another car-train collision at the intersection.

According to an accident report filed by State Highway Patrol Trooper B.J. Smith, Hankins' vehicle, a 2001 Honda, was carried 33 feet by the impact. The train connected with the car at about the front tire wells. The train continued another 151 feet after the impact — an indication of the difficulty in trying to stop a train quickly.

Hankins told Trooper Smith that she was "listening to the radio and not paying attention" and, consequently, had not seen the oncoming train.

The engineer, Seth Furr of Albemarle, told Katie Hankins' father, Ken Hankins, that he saw that the car might be too close to the tracks and had sounded his horn and applied the brakes.

Hankins, who is Senior Pastor at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, told *The Times* that his family is grateful that no one was injured in the incident.

He said the accident caused him to realize how dangerous the

Lakeway crossing — which has no gate arms or flashing signals — can be. He said he learned in his conversations with railroad personnel at the scene that the train extends as much as three feet from the rails on either side.

Hankins said he would like to find ways to enhance the safety of the intersection, which is car-

rying increased traffic on both the roadway and the rails as Seven Lakes West grows and the railroad's business expands.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT], which is responsible for railroads as well as roadways in the state, has a plan in the works that would add both flashing signals and a gate to the Lakeway Drive

crossing. That plan is part of a larger safety initiative that would address crossings from Lakeway Drive all the way to Hoffman Road as a single unit. Some crossings would be upgraded, while others would be closed.

The rough outline of the plan was presented to Seven Lakes West Landowners in an Association meeting last July [and


reported in the July 7, 2006 edition of *The Seven Lakes Times*].

Danny Gilbert, a rail safety consultant working with NCDOT on the project, told *The Times* on Tuesday that he hopes a public input session on the proposal can be held sometime this summer.

Katie Hankins was cited for a railway crossing violation as a result of the incident.

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Most every Laker recalls a dark night when it was hard to spot their own street coming home from a late night bridge party or dinner with friends. And it's even tougher to spot the house numbers.

Unfortunately, emergency responders have the same problem. Firefighter, EMS teams, and police all tell the same story — it's tough to find the right house when responding to a 9-1-1 call in Seven Lakes.

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ing for house numbers — they can spot the flashing light and drive right to your door.

"Residents really need something like this," Van Houten told *The Times*. "We have no street lights. I know if I'm looking for someone's house I practically have to come to a complete stop. I liked the 911Light® as soon as I saw it."

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Carolyn Jane Martin, 87, of Seven Lakes, died Monday, March 12, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Ms. Martin was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a daughter of the late Louis C. and Mary McCracken Martin. She served as secretary for Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, and after moving to Asheville, she worked as a secretary for Warren Wilson College. While living in Seven Lakes, she worked for several attorneys in the area, and also for Crouch Machine Co, and Midland Crafters.

Ms. Martin is survived by two nephews, James Oliver Martin of Washington, DC, and George Louis Martin of Greensboro; and two great nieces.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 24, at the Community Presbyterian Church in Pinehurst. Reverend Rod Stone officiated. Burial will be at Mount Holly Springs, PA.

Memorials contributions may be made to Community Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1449, Pinehurst, NC 28370.

James "Bug" Whisenant, 71, of West End, died Wednesday, March 14, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

A native of Avery County, Mr. Whisenant was the son of Tillman and Addell Navy Whisenant.

Mr. Whisenant is survived by four sisters, Junie Gadd of Star, Mabel Williamson of Asheboro, Adell Gwyn of VA, and Opal Davis of TN; two brothers, Danny Whisenant of Aberdeen, and Joseph Whisenant of TX.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, March 17, at West End Cemetery. The Rev. Fran Stark officiated.

Briggs-Candor Funeral Home of Candor served the family.

Ruby B. Augustine, 84, of Seven Lakes, died March 19, at Lakeview Assisted Living in Doylestown, PA.

Mrs. Augustine was born in Coburg, Ontario, Canada. She graduated from Mount Vernon Hospital School of Nursing in Mount Vernon, NY in 1943, and

worked in various nursing specialties, her favorite being visiting nurses. She was a forty-year volunteer with the American Red Cross and also volunteered at various PGA events in Pinehurst.

She enjoyed travel and golf with her husband.

Mrs. Augustine was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-three years, Paul Augustine.

She is survived by her children, Steve and Lee Baggett of Doylestown, PA, Paul and Lou Augustine of Durango, Colorado, John and Vicki Augustine of Montvale, NJ, and Liz and Scott Clark of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren, and eight great-granddaughters.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 24, at Reed and Steinbach Funeral Home in Doylestown.

Memorials may be made to the Doylestown Hospital-Nursing Scholarship, Development Office, 595 W. State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Reed and Steinbach Funeral Home, Doylestown, assisted the family.

Flossie F. Frye, 90, formerly of West End, died Tuesday, March 20, at Brandywine Nursing Home in Briarcliff Manor, NY.

A native of Moore County, Ms. Frye she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Margaret Ross-

er Frye. She worked for many years as a hostess at the Country Club of North Carolina in Pinehurst. She moved to New York three years ago to be close to her daughter.


Ms. Frye was preceded in death by her parents and eleven siblings; a son, Richard Medford, and two grandchildren, Michael Beauchamp and Billy Medford.

Survivors include a daughter, Elsie Beauchamp of New Windsor, NY; three grandchildren,

Donna Lewis, Teri Kincade, and Richard Medford; and several great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 24, at Eagle Springs Baptist Church. The Rev. Charles Hinson, Dr. Zeb Moss, and a nephew, the Rev. James Humphrey, officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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The Heart Program at Moore Regional is no exception, gar-

nering recognition as a 2006 CareScience Select Practice Quality Leader in cardiac bypass surgery and being named as a BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina Cardiac Center of Excellence.

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It's spring! And time for *serious* gardening

The weather old adage for March, "In like a lion, out like a lamb," has thus far been true; however, rainfall has been less than many expected. We are always hopeful of favorable weather but climatologists tell us that March is normally one of the driest Winter-Spring months. A true to form fact was windy weather. The weather for the past few days has been highly favorable for gardening.

Questions continue to arise about older shrubs and foundation plantings that were made more than twenty years ago, during the early days of Seven Lakes development.

These inquiries are relevant because many plantings in communities of older homes fall within this time category. Inspections around several locations suggest a number of problems and situations.

The plantings most noticeably affected were Japanese hollies, often referred to as small leaf boxwood hollies. Some were dwarf types, others were larger. Some plants were dead or almost dead. Plants contained a number of dead spots within individual shrubs. There were indications of dehydration from the lack of watering and fertilization, also root restriction caused by gravel driveways, beds of wood or masonry borders, scaled insects, white flies, and in a few instances nematodes. Also a few minor disease problems were evident.

There are two primary methods for control such as digging up and replanting with new and some different shrubs. Most would like to salvage and try to save the existing shrubs and replant as a last resort. Here are a few suggestions: Cut back and prune affected plants being sure to remove all dead and diseased plant parts. Feed each plant with a hand full of granular starter plant food or liquid

A frequently asked question every year is when and how much fertilizer do I use on my Bermuda, Centipede, Fescue or Zoysia lawn?

Fescue lawns are considered to be cool season lawns and should be fertilized in November and February. The amount of each lawn plant food need is determined by a soil test recommendation. Information and material kits may be obtained free

from the Cooperative Extension service office in Carthage.

In the absence of a soil test analysis, a general recommendation for Fescue lawns is to

use five to ten pounds per 1,000 square feet of a premium slow-release 10-10-10 during November and the same amount during March. Twenty-five pounds of Dolomitic limestone should be applied annually.

When fertilizing Bermuda and Zoysia lawns, here again decisions should be based on soil test analysis results for accuracy, but in the absence of tests and as a general recommendation on use is five to ten pounds per 1,000 square feet of premium slow-release 10-10-10 when grasses show signs of green. Twenty to twenty-five pounds of Dolomitic limestone should be used per 1,000 square feet annually.

Established Centipede stands require very little lime and fertil-

izer, but soil tests should be made every three to five years to monitor their needs. If stands become chlorotic or appear starved, a low analysis nitrogen such as a premium 5-10-30 fertilizer with added iron as a general recommendation. Use it at the rate of five pounds per 1,000 square feet. This recommendation should solve the problem.

Timely suggestions for March:

It isn't too late for planting new shrubs, ground covers, trees, (See "Gardening," p. 17)



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

fertilizer. Spray plants with an insecticidal mixture of malathion plus a horticultural oil. Apply a nematicide and fungicide at recommended rates, and water plants weekly throughout the season until healthy plants are established.



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Gardening

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and perennials, but don't forget to water all plants weekly until established.

During warm, sunny days put your houseplants outside. Bring them in at night until temperature levels are above fifty degrees.

Inspect window boxes and other containers. Wash and clean them up and use new, fresh potting soil. Add limestone if needed.

Repair and service your lawn mower and other tools, as needed.

Apply pre-emergence crabgrass prevention on your lawn by the time the dogwoods reach full bloom. Several brands are available including Weed & Feed, Weed Out, etc. Contact your garden supplier for more information.

Apply post-emergence broadleaf control for dandelions, wild garlic and onions, chickweed, henbit, oxalis commonly known as wood sorrel, and others.

Moles and voles are on the rampage again this year. Ask your garden center representative for the latest control recommendations.

Suggested vegetable plantings for March are asparagus crowns, beet, carrot, kale, kohlrabi, mustard, edible podded and garden peas, radish, rutabaga, spinach, Swiss chard, cabbage, cauliflower, leaf and head lettuce, onion sets and plants, and Irish potato seed cuttings. Some successful gardeners plant an early crop of sweet corn to miss the emergence of the early flight of the corn earworm moth which severely damages the ears. If dry weather exists during the seed germination, apply water to insure a good stand.

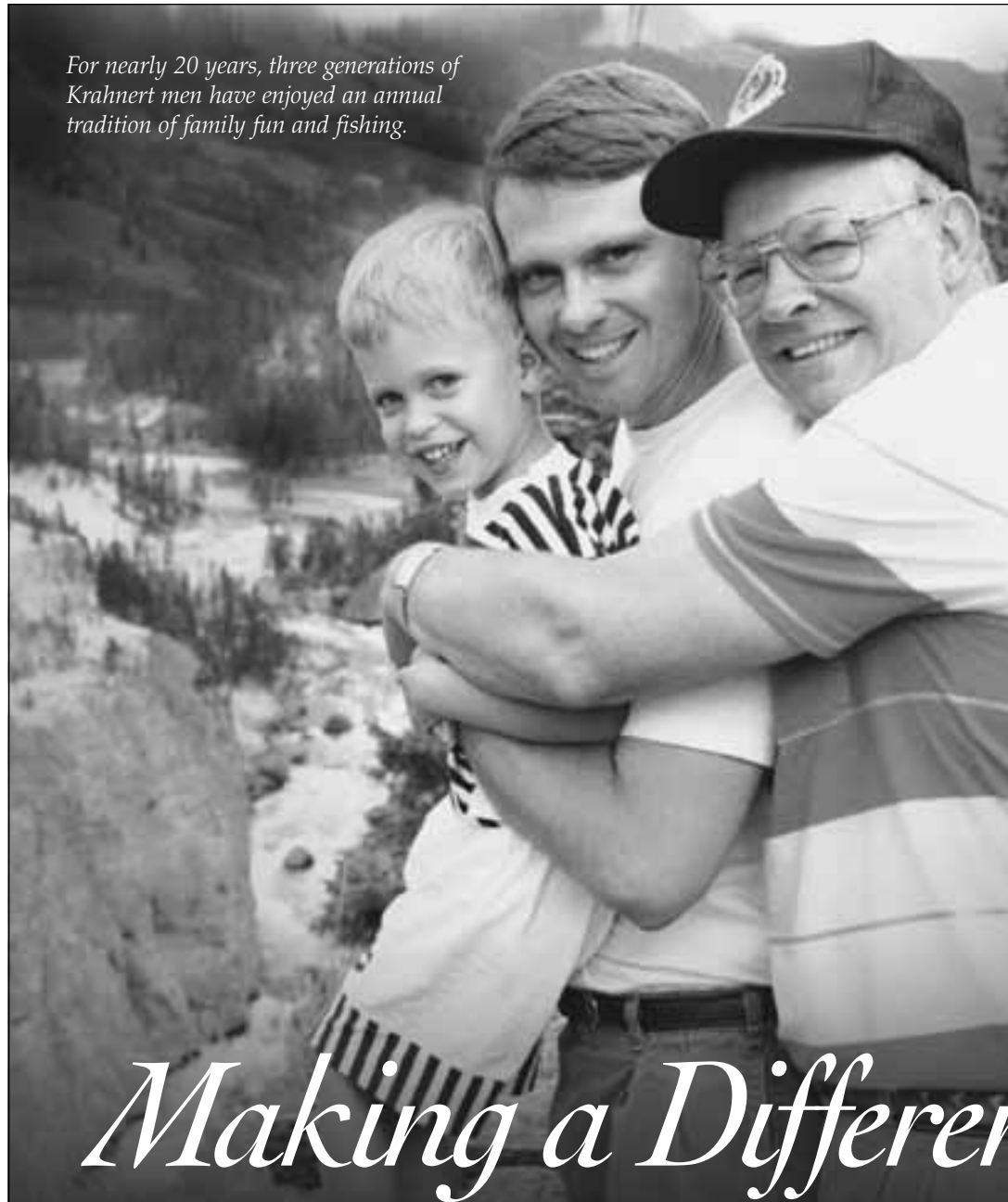
Some traditionalists like to make a planting of snap or pole

beans during the last Friday of March, or on Good Friday.

March is still too early to plant tender vegetables; tomatoes,

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SLLA working to assist older residents

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents who re-elected me as a Director of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association and I would like to thank the Directors of the Association for re-electing me as their President for the upcoming year. It is a privilege for me to have this opportunity.

We had an unfortunate incident with one of our residents in December 2006. As a result of this incident I thought our community could benefit from an outreach program. I contacted Don Welch and Fran Stark, ministers of the Chapel in the Pines, and we are now working to make

an outreach program a reality. This program will be under the supervision and direction of the Chapel in the Pines.

On January 24, Fran Stark

and I met with Teri Prots, Director of the Moore County Department of Aging and two of her assistants, Jill Sherman and Ruth Ann Murphy.

The Department of Aging publishes a Resource Guide for Older Adults. This document was published in September 2002 and is currently being revised.

The current edition is 66 pages long and is a very valuable resource because it contains anything any senior citizen needs

to know about the services currently available.

The revisions are expected to be completed by the end of April. As soon as the new Resource Guide is available we will invite Ms. Prots to chair a meeting in Seven Lakes.

This meeting will be announced in *The Seven Lakes Times*, the Interlake, we will post notices in the North and South mail rooms and it will be posted on the North and South bulletin boards.

Holy Week at WUMC

West End Methodist Church, located at 4015 Hwy 73 in West End, has several events scheduled to celebrate Holy Week, the period of time between Palm Sunday and Easter.

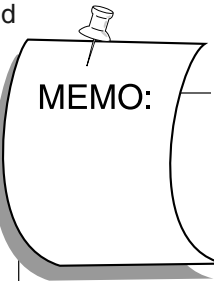
On Palm Sunday, April 1, the church choir will present a cantata entitled "Shadows of Sacrifice," at the 11:00 am service.

In remembrance of Maundy Thursday, April 5, an informal service will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall at 7:30 pm which will combine music, scripture, and a devotional message with the service of Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 6, will be celebrated at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary with hymns and a dramatic reading, "It is finished: the passion of Christ according to the gospel of John."

On Easter Sunday, April 8, a Sunrise Service will be held in conjunction with the West End Baptist Church at the West End Cemetery. There will only be a 11:00 am worship service at West End Methodist Church on Easter Sunday.

The congregation of West End Methodist Church invites you to join them to celebrate and remember this special week in the church year.



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Club hosts Spring Tennis Carnival for Kids

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center together with the Moore Tennis Association is holding a Children's Spring Tennis Carnival on Saturday, April 14, from 12:30 pm to 2:30

pm. Rain date is Saturday, April 21.

The program is free and open to students in grades one through eight. Each child will receive pizza and soda pop, face painting, tennis lessons taught by area certified pros, playing fun tennis games, and a can of goodies and more!! There are only forty openings so sign-up as soon as possible.

The Summer Program will consist of two sessions. The first session runs from June 18 thru 21, with a rain date of June 22. The second session runs from July 23 thru 26, with a rain date of July 27.

There is space for thirty-two campers to participate in the summer program which will fea-

ture both tennis lessons and swimming fun. Each camper will receive a T-shirt and snacks. The program will be well supervised, and the cost is \$60 for each session. It's not too early to reserve a spot in this fun camp!

All programs are supervised by Tennis Instructor Bruce Adams. Additional information about the new Tennis Access Card Membership program and lessons are available at the Tennis Center.

To sign-up or obtain further information about the Children's Spring Tennis Carnival, the Summer Program, or lessons, please call the Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center at 673-1096.

Tennis Clinic takes off!



Seven Lakes' World-Class Octogenarian Tennis Instructors Charlie Oliver and Ron Erskine take time for a photo op with members of their class of twenty-six 5-to-14 year-old novices who meet at the newly-resurfaced Seven Lakes North courts Mondays and Wednesday after school. The program is a rousing success — enough so that the instructors could use some help. Anyone with a fundamental knowledge of tennis and an interest in helping out can contact Erskine at 673-2125. The program continues until school is out for the summer. [Patrick Dye was unavailable for the photo because he was out practicing his serves.]

Lion Vision Van to Visit

The Lions Vision Van will be in the Seven Lakes Food Lion parking lot from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Wednesday April 4, to provide free vision screening service to the residents of Seven Lakes and the surrounding community.

Dr. Keith Poindexter, his eye care professionals, and Seven Lakes Lions Club volunteers, will man the \$250,000 state-of-the-art mobile screening unit.

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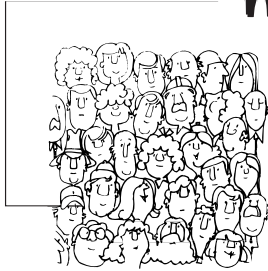
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- **Safety Last – “a silent movie at Sunrise Theater”** – 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm, Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street in Southern Pines. Harold Lloyd's most famous comedy “Safety Last” with Chicago's Dave Drazin providing dazzling accompaniment for the film. Adult tickets for the afternoon performance are \$10, and \$15 for the evening performance. The evening performance includes a wine and cheese reception and an opportunity to meet and speak with Drazin. Admission \$8 for children 12 and under for both performances. Tickets are available at the Country Book Store, Givens Memorial Library in Pinehurst, and Nature's Own in Southern Pines or can be purchased at the Sunrise Theater Box office during operating hours. Call 692-3611.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

- **Seven Lakes West Easter Egg Hunt** – 3:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center. The Easter Bunny will hide lots and lots of

eggs for the second annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please join the fun as there will be games, activities, and refreshments to be enjoyed by all. The rain date will be Monday, April 2 at 5:00 pm. For further infor-



mation, please call Janet Baker at 673-1644.

- **Weymouth Woods program Our State Symbols** – 3:00 pm, Weymouth Woods auditorium. Join a ranger to learn about state symbols, including the state bird, state insect, state reptile and other symbols, as well as our state's toast, motto and nicknames. Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve is located at 1024 Fort Bragg Road in Southern Pines. For more information, please call 692-2167.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

- **Seven Lakes Network of FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Foundation Program** – 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, at the West Side Park Community Center. The dynamic program will feature advances in heart care services at FirstHealth

What's When Calendar

Moore Regional Hospital. Speakers for the program: John F. Krahnert, Jr., MD, Cardiothoracic Surgeon; David Christaldi Chief Perfusionist, and a Foundation Board member. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served following the program.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

- **Project Linus Workshop** - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The volunteers will be making single and double fleece blankets; inspecting & labeling blankets made by children of the O'Neal School; sewing labels on

completed blankets. Quilt, flannel, and yarn kits will be available to checkout. Bring your sewing machine, knitting needles, or crochet hooks if you would like to work on a kit during the workshop. Call Pat Weber at 673-1457 for questions.

- **Lion Club Vision Van** – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, in the Seven Lakes Food Lion

parking lot. Dr. Keith Poindexter, his eye care professionals, and Seven Lakes Lion volunteers, will provide free vision screening service to the residents of Seven Lakes and surrounding area.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 2:00 pm, West

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- **Seven Lakes Lions Club Meeting** – 6:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Guest speaker Ron Maness, Airport Manager for the Moore County Airport will present The Moore County Airport - Past, Present, and Future. Public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 pm, a buffet dinner available at 6:30 pm, before speaker's presentation. Dinner cost is \$8/person. To make a reservation, call Ray Lambert at 673-3006, or First Vice President Howie Pierce at 673-2087.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

- **Church Women United Meeting** – 10:00 am, Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Southern Pines. All who wish to join are welcome.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

- **Northside Easter Egg Hunt** – 11:00 am, Northside Park and North Clubhouse. The Easter Bunny will be attending and will hide lots of eggs. All children are welcome to participate.
- **Pinehurst Easter Egg Hunt** – 10:30 am, Cannon Park in Pinehurst. A free program co-sponsored with the Village of Pinehurst Business Guild. Activities include a special visit from the Easter Bunny along with face painting and lots of eggs, candy, and fun!

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

- **Weymouth Woods program Pollen Poppin' Plants** – 3:00 pm. Early spring brings forth yellow-green clouds of pollen. Join the ranger for a presentation about flower pollen. Weather permitting; there will be a short walk to find the pollen poppin' plants. Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Road in Southern Pines. For more information 692-2167.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

- **Seven Lakes Computer Club** – 3:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game Room. Guest speaker Jules Skalski will discuss the use of MS Publisher. All members are asked to print out their March newsletter and bring it to the meeting as it will be used for his presentation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

- **English Speaking Union Dinner Program** – 6:00 pm, Country Club of North Carolina. Presentation by Dr. Theodore H. Leinbaugh, UNC faculty member and distinguished scholar of medieval English literature,

will recognize the Marshall Scholar Program. For information, contact Linda McVay 295-7474, or Dr. Phillip Hinesley, 295-8808.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

- **Foxfire Festival and Dedication Ceremony** – 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Foxfire Village Green Park. Dedication of the new fifty-acre park followed by festival featuring artisans from the area, a Car Expo of classic cars, live entertainment, Foxfire Garden Club Bake Sale, Talbert's Catering, and a Bluebird Run through Foxfire Village. Admission is free.
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Editorial

Get your news while it's hot!

If you're reading this, you're probably a newshound. Only folks with a real interest in local goings-on take the time to read the Opinion page — let alone the editorials that appear in this space.

If you have a strong interest in local news, then we have a deal for you.

Take a look at our front page. The three stories that you find there report on events that took place on March 18, March 25, and March 27. Here it is March 30, and you're just now getting that news (unless, of course, you're such a newshound that you made the effort to pick up a freshly-minted copy of *The Times* on Thursday afternoon.)

Here's the deal: If you had registered on the new *Seven Lakes Times* website, you'd have gotten that news the day it happened.

We reported the results of both Landowners Association elections right after the Annual Meetings adjourned.

As soon as the stories were written, we placed them on the website. Then we emailed the first few paragraphs of each story to every registered website user to alert them to the news.

We reported the proposed

moratorium on new subdivision in Area A the same night it was made public. And one of our registered readers commented on it the very next day.

That's right. Registering on *The Times* website not only gets you news as it happens, it also gives you the opportunity to post comments on our stories. We have also started user forums that allow registered readers to discuss the events of the day — or the future of Seven Lakes — with other interested newshounds.

It's an extension of our Opinion section available 24 hours a day. There are already a couple of interesting posts by Westsider Jim Haggard and by *The Times* Editor.

You can also download and search a couple of years of back issues of *The Times* on the website.

If you're a newshound, we hope you'll take our new website for a spin. You'll find it at www.sevenlaketimes.net.

Look for the "Register" link in the Login section of the main menu. It's free, and, by registering, you'll get our email news alerts and be able to participate in the discussion.

Once you've taken a look, let us know what you think.

Finding the 'inner warrior'

Some days it's disco, other days it's rock. It really makes no difference to me as long as the music is played loud enough to drown out the sound of my galloping heartbeat. Three mornings a week, in exercise class, this is the tempo of my life . . . well, add a splash of whining and much laughter too.

There's usually about twelve of us — mostly women, as the morning offering is listed as ladies-only. A few men have snuck into the ranks over time and have proved to be exceptionally good sports as the jokes, heckling, and razzing is often at their expense.

One thing was immediately clear to me upon joining; I had found my inner warrior. As a mild-mannered, average woman I certainly had not spent a lot of time contemplating proper technique for punches, kicks, push-ups, and that sort of thing. In fact, I can safely say I had never donned a pair of boxing gloves nor ever hit an object with any force, animate or inanimate.

So there I stood, my first day, with a retired Green Beret instructor as my new teacher encouraging me to just "Hit the thing, Knock his block off, Tear him up!" Right, luckily the "he" in question is an armless, legless

torso affectionately named "Bob."

My apologies to all of you real-life Bobs; and, ladies, please don't use them as practice targets. The "Bob" in question here is an acronym for "Body Opponent Bag." There are actually several identical Bobs loitering around the gym; one even sports

as "Toe Tappers," "Squat Benders," the never-popular "Zoomy Divebombers," the much-maligned "Frankie," and the dreaded "Mountain Climber."

Without question, a room full of mostly middle-aged women, and a few men, pounding out a military-inspired workout is a comedy in itself.

Of course, half the group has to modify some aspect of the kicks or bends to accommo-

Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass



an ominously written "Ow" on his cheek.

Now for some reason, despite my surely pathetic performance, Sergeant Tough-Guy let me come back again, and again. I quickly discovered that pummeling this somewhat squishy, rather absurd-looking mannequin was liberating. Shedding my tame, daily, Mommy-stance, I now find myself, within the confines of the three hours per week class, locked, loaded, and ready for battle.

My vocabulary of words to define suffering has increased considerably and now includes descriptive key phrases such

date knee injuries of varying degree. And that loud music serves to muffle the popping of joints and indelicate grunts of exertion.

I am grateful that I blend right in — leaving my own sweat angels on the mats and chugging water between reps as if it were my very last drink. I am even more thankful for the post-workout coffee break where we regale each other with tall tales of our impressive strength and endurance, or at the very least commiserate over aching muscles.

Indeed, I have a new favorite quote, "Fat doesn't get sore."

Dogs polluting West Side

Dear Editor:

I had the good fortune to have been able to visit Paris, France a few years ago. I found the city lovely and felt fortunate to visit there.

All appeared special until it became very noticeable that the people of Paris do not pick up after their cherished pets. The owners leave behind on the sidewalks, streets, etc. everything their pets do.

You cannot enjoy a walk among the lovely areas there without watching where you step.

I refer to this because Seven

Lakes feels this way now.

My issue? Seven Lakes is fast becoming what Paris was.

Letters to the Editor



Paris is now on a campaign to rectify this problem. People here are walking their dogs on our streets and not picking up after their animals.

A few do by carrying a bag and taking it home to the trash. The rest think:

- (1) It is a vacant lot,
- (2) It is biodegradable, or
- (3) They throw it into the woods.

Well, I differ with this entire irresponsible attitude.

Pick up what your pet leaves behind or let them go in your own yard.

It is ugly and unpleasant for the rest of us and very unhealthy.

Gloria Williams
Seven Lakes West

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A little forgiveness can go a long way

Have you ever stopped to reflect upon what contributes to the formation of the fabric of a society?

In some respects, much of it goes back to the simplest but often purest aspects of life, like a pat on the back or a cheerful wave or the gentle lifting of an ailing friend or the calm pride of a job well done.

It's these and other actions, and traits, that can combine to help form the moral fabric of not only individuals but entire societies of all sizes and shapes.

We try. We may fail. We try again. That urge, and the successes that follow, "come with the territory" along the path of life.

Especially when success benefits not only self but can overflow into and benefit, in due time, other aspects of the society in which we partake.

A case in point: As I began to back out of the market parking lot, I heard a somewhat abnor-

mal sound like the grinding of a huge chunk of iron into individual ingots in a steel mill. Actually, it was my right rear fender scraping a bit of paint off the adjacent car.

Did I learn something? Yes, but it wasn't about me that time. It was about the returning driver. He looked things over and immediately said, "These things happen. Don't worry. Just a scratch. Easy to fix. Have a good day!"

Sometimes it's relieving to remind ourselves from

time to time that though we may

all be at least somewhat similar – legs, eyes, brains set in the proper place – we all do have an imperfection or two. Quite a

relief, actually, not to be perfect. That adjacent shopper must have felt the same: a little forgiveness can go a long way.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

Nuti expresses regrets

Dear Editor:

Regrets . . . I would like to apologize to the community and to the outgoing and newly elected Board members, for my inappropriate and untimely comments at the annual meeting on Sunday.

I overreacted to articles in the *Times* about public comments made at the March 14 Board meeting while I was on vacation.

I did not expect, nor did I want to create, the somber mood that

ensued.

I promise to be more tolerant of expressed opinions and will continue to work diligently on behalf on the community in the future.

Edward Nuti

SLLA Board Member
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CCC should be least of Paulson's worries

Dear Editor:

John Paulson in his Letter to the Editor in *The Times* dated March 16 has researched in some depth, my comments as well as those of others printed in this same newspaper over the past couple of years. However, the conclusion he draws, namely that the "CCC's Ascendancy is a Disaster for SLLA" is completely illogical.

First, the CCC is not ascending. It is no longer in existence and hasn't even met as a group since the Company Police issue was resolved two years ago. It has given up its PO Box at the West End post office and has closed its meager checking account. Just how Mr. Paulson

can claim that its ascendancy is such a disaster is beyond comprehension.

He referenced specific issues of *The Times* as his source. Thanks to *The Times'* new web site, I was also able to check his references with some ease and after doing so, would like to respond to each of his statements in the order in which he made them.

Don Truesdell was indeed a member of the CCC and said as much at the board work session in September of 2005. We were happy to have had his input.

Mary Hudson was misidentified as a member of the CCC [Seven Lakes Times, September

30, 2005, pg. 29]. She was however, one of our many most welcome volunteers. But who cares? And, how does this have "disaster written all over it?"

Michael Florence was never a member of the CCC. And, the CCC did not publicly support any individual candidate. So why even raise this as an issue?

Paulson then went on to say that "Ron Erskine has stated this group [CCC] now has representation running for the Board of Directors who have openly admitted they would like to see the stables cut or sold to an outsider" [Seven Lakes Times, February 17, 2006]. I never made such a statement. If he had read a little further he would have

noted that I was referring to Jeff Herman's statement made in an earlier issue of *The Times* and that I merely repeated it in order to contradict it with the response that "The CCC has taken no position on the stables."

Mr. Paulson, in his eagerness to find fault and to make his case, expended great effort in his research and reached the wrong conclusion, a huge stretch and a waste of time!

In exasperation, he closed with the comment that "Jim Gunderson, President of the CCC, thanked Swearingen for his service on the board" [Seven Lakes Times, March 31, 2006]. This was simply giving a well-deserved recognition to a gen-

tleman who had served as a board member for two years. Now I ask you, just how does this statement threaten the SLLA?

Mr. Paulson might better be chastising Jeff Herman, a former crony and fellow board member with whom he served, who on March 14, stated that "I do not have a barcode on my car and I do routinely follow cars through the right gate. I do not tailgate and it is not against the law to do what I do." He simply ignores the sign "Bar Codes Only."

I hope that our new board will unanimously chastise Herman for such reckless behavior and, if it doesn't cease, refer him to the Judicial Committee whose purpose [By-Laws pg. 40] includes providing "for the safety of the residents of the Seven Lakes Subdivision."

Ron Erskine
Seven Lakes North

Hudson: 'Consider the source'

Dear Editor:

Ed Nuti, Bud Shaver, and John Paulson all had articles in the past issue of *The Times*.

They criticized me and the finance committee for our findings and my reporting them to the

landowners. I felt it was time to let the landowners know what had been and what was going on now.

I did not want the information kept hidden in committee nor buried in the minutes as had

been done before.

Rather than respond to these three in kind, I will simply lump their unfounded criticisms into one pile of trash and as one caller said to me "just consider the source."

I hope all of you will consider the source.

I will continue to keep things out in the open for you to know about. I will also continue to provide information that should be available to each landowner.

Thank you.
Steve Hudson
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board
Seven Lakes North

Maness to speak at Lions

Guest speaker Ron Maness, Airport Manager for the Moore County Airport will present The Moore County Airport — Past, Present, and Future, at the Seven Lakes Lions Club Meeting on Thursday, April 5.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting, to be held in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Doors open at 6:00 pm and for those who desire, a buffet dinner will be available at 6:30 pm, before the speaker's presentation.

The buffet dinner cost is \$8.00 per person.

In addition to a ten-year Air Force career, where he flew for the USAF Thunderbirds, Ron Maness has more than twenty-five years in the airline business.

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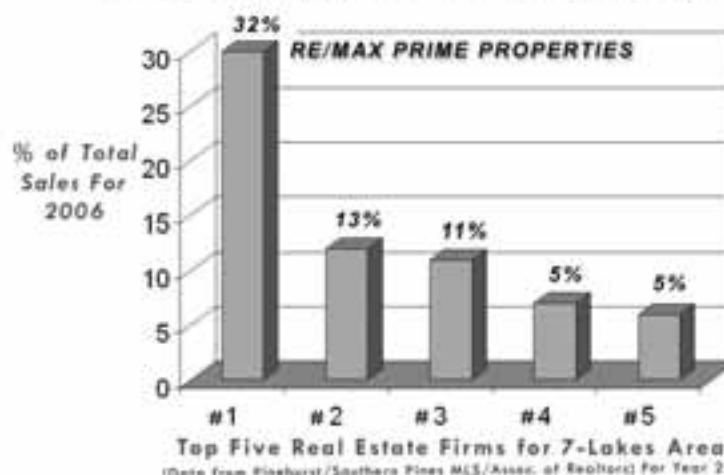
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Easter morn

by Jonathan Karrer

The night before; we colored and dyed hard-boiled eggs. I remember the odor of the solution. It made me sick – good thing I had long legs.

Easter morn, we put on our best clothes; It was off to church we go. On returning, we paused for pics – We never did say no.

Then we changed and searched the house for fake grass filled with eggs and jelly beans. We each got a chocolate rabbit, and started chewing off the ears. Those were the best of years.

When I was seven, Dad bought me a real rabbit I named "Hoppy." In a week he died, and I cried and cried and cried.

Also, when I was seven in Connecticut, a family member told me there was no Easter Bunny, and once again I cried.

Mr. Karrer is the son of Ken and Rhoda Karrer of Seven Lakes South

March On

by Betty Stemmer

Winds escort you, bubbling with life, and we are blown away, for all of your thirty-one days. Every morning a surprise – maybe wear a coat today, or possibly just a shawl.

On the eleventh, at eventide, we are granted the gracious gift of light. Azaleas, lilies of the valley, daffodils, and perhaps tulips are donning the exciting shades of Spring.

If all of this were put to music, the lighthearted title might be, "The song is you." March on! Dear March, you make us proud.

Pet Day

The Town of Robbins will host a "Pet Responsibility Celebration" on Saturday, April 14, 10 am – 4 pm. This celebration marks the end of a six-month campaign in the Robbins area focusing on the joy and responsibilities of pet ownership and creating awareness of the pet overpopulation crisis in Moore County, and included education in the schools, low-cost spay and neuter days, and finding homes for shelter animals.

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Those Westside gates are for what, exactly?

Dear Editor:

As a new resident at Seven Lakes West, I'm confused by the use of manned and automated front and rear security gates, while back areas of the community are open to public

access.

I understand that some residents recently reported burglaries to their homes and or vehicles. It's easy to see how non-residents might gain entry by simply driving or walking

across the land strip that divides the community from public roads. At the automated back gate, a vehicle path through the trees simply bypasses the gate altogether.

Why am I paying for vehicle

registration and gate transponders when I can enter from a public area? This type of access surely makes community security a weak point for Seven Lakes West. Though fencing can be expensive, other communities

seem to have solved their perimeter security.

I hope this security issue becomes a priority for the newly elected association officials.

Tom Wittel

Seven Lakes West

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national Space Station, Orion has the capacity to carry six astronauts.

Managing such a vast, future-based program within the space technology field is a dream come true for Skip, says his mother, Southsider Frankie Hatfield. "Even as a young boy he would read everything he could find about space. In his very young years he wanted to be an astronaut, but his hopes for that goal were given up when he had to wear glasses, which during the early years of space exploration was not allowed."

"He continued to read and

learn all he could find on space and related activities. Of course, he was and is a great fan of Star Wars and Star Trek."

Hatfield concurs: "I was a child of the early space age. I was really enthralled with it very early." He remembers a childhood spent reading everything he could get his hands on with regards to space exploration.

An Army veteran, Skip completed a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University while working full-time and is married with three children. He has been employed with NASA for fifteen years. Prior to managing the Orion Program, he was the Program Integration Manager for the International Space Station and worked to develop the robotic arm which was attached to the station last summer.

Philip and Frankie Hatfield accompanied Skip to the launch of the robotic arm. "It was fantastic, we were able to be up close and see personally many things that other tourists wouldn't have the opportunity to see," said Frankie. "We have been to two launches at Cape Kennedy with him and have toured the facilities at Houston Space Center including the swimming pool which is used to train astronauts to work in weightless environments."

Skip told *The Times* that he spends a lot of his time traveling between the ten centers involved in the program as his management team is spread across the whole country, not to mention the civilian contractors that take part in the project. Launching the robotic arm to the International Space Station was a "triumphant

day for me but it has been even more an honor and thrill to named Program Manager to Orion."

President Bush has challenged NASA to "extend human presence across the solar system, starting with a human return to the Moon by the year 2020."

Hatfield states, "We are trying to achieve that goal at an earlier date and expect to put men in space aboard Orion before 2014." Though he will never be the actual space explorer of his youthful dreams, Hatfield is excited to be leading teams that will.

Schools

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The Turfgrass Management plan is not included in the proposed budget; however, Maples noted, "The growing season does not coincide with the MCS budget year. If you wait until next year's budget, you won't see any results until Spring 2009."

Landscaper Mark Thompson agreed: "Money is tight but this is a timely issue. We need to look forward into the growing season before it is too late."

Moore County resident and parent, Enola Lineberger, took the opportunity presented by the public hearing to address the MCS Board on several issues including the inadequate Pinecrest High School telephone system, which lacks voice mail — a necessary feature, she suggested, for a school with a population of 2,200 student and staff.

Lineberger praised the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP) at Southern Middle School and encouraged its continued funding as the classes are both challenging and enriching. In particular, she applauded the Foreign Language component as a useful and necessary skill for today's world.

The MCS Board is scheduled to adopt the proposed budget during their next Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend open meetings, which are conducted at the MCS administrative building in Carthage.



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Holocaust remembrance


The entire community is invited to join the Sandhills Jewish Congregation, which meets at Temple Beth Shalom in Foxfire, in their observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day on Sunday afternoon, April 15 at 3:00 pm.

The event will begin with a brief memorial service, followed by guest speakers Dr.

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Driving range

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tions. But, Truesdell, told Board members, it is time to bring Association members into the debate — in fact, it may be imperative to do so under the recently revised bylaws of the Association, which require that Board decisions be made in open meetings.

Truesdell said he plans to place the matter on the agenda of the Wednesday, April 11 work session of the SLLA Board, which is open to the public.

The project

The Club has received necessary approvals from Moore County to build a new driving range on a 7.5 acre parcel that lies inside the curve of East Devonshire Drive as it crosses Sandham Court and Sherwood Road. Golfers will drive their shots uphill, screened behind a 50-foot-high net which will in turned be screened from view by a wooded buffer.

Income to cover the cost of the \$125,000 project is expected to come from the sale of the existing five-acre driving range to a developer who could place as many as 16 patio homes on the tract.

The SLLA Board has insisted that the construction of the new range must be approved by the Association's Architectural Review Board [ARB] and that the Association also has jurisdiction over development of the existing range and over all SLCC property. The club has resisted on both points, arguing that Club property is not subject to Southside covenants. Both Boards cite advice of counsel that supports their argument.

The negotiations

In an attempt to reach an mutually acceptable compromise on the matter, the Association and the Club appointed negotiating teams, which have met several times in recent weeks, SLLA Secretary Michael Florence told his fellow Board members during Tuesday's organizational meeting.

The Association was represented by Florence, Ron Richmond, and Jeff Herman, as well as Community Manager Dalton Fulcher. Richmond's and Herman's terms on the board expired at the Annual Meeting last Sun-

day. The Club has been represented by Randy Randolph, Ken Collins, and Denny Galford, as well as SLCC General Manager Mike Spayd.

Florence briefed Board Members on the results of the negotiations thus far. Printed agreements and counter-agreements have apparently been passing back and forth between the Club and the Association. Florence provided board members and *The Times* with a copy of the Club's most recent counter-offer.

On the key issues, here's where the negotiations appear to stand:

- SLCC agreed to present plans for the new range to ARB "under protest," evidently with an understanding that the plans would be approved. New board member Donna Stephan, who has been a member of ARB, told the Board that the plans had been submitted but were not approved by ARB because they were incomplete. Florence said the club had a permit that would allow them to resolve wetlands issues on the site of the new range, but that permit had expired. The club has been assured that a new permit would be issued in May, Florence said.
- The Association will not oppose residential development on the existing range, provided the parcel is sold to a single developer. There has been some debate about the number of units; the latest proposal from the Club calls for sixteen. Those units will meet square footage requirements in the Southside covenants and builders will pay for SLLA access permits.
- The Club is apparently willing to submit future club building projects to ARB, after they have first been reviewed by a three-three joint SLCC-SLLA committee.
- SLCC appears willing to grant SLLA the 10-foot buffer strip along Seven Lakes Drive, though, in its most recent proposal, the Club commits only to allowing the membership to vote on this. SLLA wants the buffer in order to prevent the creation of a separate access to the five-acre existing driving range parcel.

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SLLA

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SLLA Citizen of the Year.

Truesdell presented plaques to each of the retiring Board members — Fathauer, Herman, and Richmond — recognizing their service.

Year-End Reports

The Annual Meeting agenda included Board Members' year-end reports on the work of their committees during the past year.

President. Noting recent debates about SLLA finances in the pages of *The Times*, Truesdell said landowners should be

aware that the Association's books are audited annually by the accounting firm Dixon Hughes, PLLC. The auditor's statements are on file at the Landowners Office and open for review by any landowner.

The board has successfully reduced Association expenses over the past year and has reduced the expense budget for the upcoming fiscal year, Truesdell said. Operating expenses for FY06-07 were budgeted at \$1.027 million but are expected to finish at under \$1 million, producing a savings against

budget of more than \$60,000. Operating expenses for the coming year are budgeted at under \$995,000, a reduction of \$32,000 against this year's budget.

Truesdell said Association reserves are expected to increase by more than \$123,000 by the end of FY 07-08, which he said would be the largest increase in reserves in SLLA history.

Truesdell said he is exploring the possibility of retaining an employee leasing company — a strategy that could "reduce cost without reducing services

and have a better benefits package for our employees."

Bylaws. Ed Nuti reported that a committee that included George Stahl, Ray Pardue, and himself had finished a rewrite of the SLLA bylaws that was approved by the Board of Directors. Definitions were clarified, a standing personnel committee was created, a collection policy was developed, and a section defining the role of the Community Manager was added.

Nuti said his committee has now turned its attention to reformatting the community rules and regulations. Also underway is an update to the employee policies and procedures manual.

Maintenance. Nuti, who is also responsible for lakes and maintenance, said work has been done to bring the SLLA maintenance yard into compliance with federal and state regulations. An additional maintenance building has been received and will be erected soon, and plans are in the works to overhaul the yard debris collection site to improve its appearance and make it easier for both landowners and the debris removal contractor to use.

After presenting his committee reports, Nuti attempted to respond to statements made

about the Board vote in executive session to approve the FY07-08 budget, as well as to respond to criticism directed at him during the March 14 SLLA Work Session and in recent letters to the editor in *The Times*.

As the minutes ticked away, the Annual Meeting crowd grew restless, increasingly noisy, and then openly antagonistic. Several members walked out, others called for Nuti to "wrap it up," and ultimately, a group started slow clapping to drown out the end of his remarks. [See Nuti's apology on page 23.]

Architectural Review. Ron Richmond said he was leaving after eight years of service on the board "with mixed emotions." He thanked the members of the Architectural Review Board [ARB]: Chad Beane, JoAn Moses, Jim Kilpatrick, Donna Stephan, and Lucy Ingram.

Richmond reported that ARB had approved twenty-eight new homes in the past year: fourteen on each side of the community. Average square footage on the North Side was 1,747; on the South Side, 1,965. Twenty-three were spec homes, but about one-third were sold before they were finished, Richmond said.

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Driving range

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- The Club also appears willing to deed SLLA enough land to create a parking lot on the back side of the Southside Mailhouse, though reserving the right to take that property back should it ever cease to be used for that purpose.
 - Finally, there appears to be agreement between the parties that the residents of any development on the existing driving range will be full dues-paying members of the SLLA and subject to SLLA covenants, bylaws, and rules and regulations.
- After Florence's presentation, Truesdell polled the Board in

order to develop a consensus opinion on what the SLLA's position should be.

There appeared to be little opposition among Board members to the development of the existing range for residential purposes. However, there was a strong sentiment among Board members that any agreement with the club must guarantee that the SLCC golf course can never be converted into residential lots or used for any purpose other than as a golf course or open space. This could be accomplished with an agreement that Southside covenants apply to Club property.

While there is no proposal

that at present envisions any other use for the golf course, other communities have faced the conversion of their golf courses to residential uses.

"I want this Board to do its best to avoid a lawsuit," Truesdell told his fellow Directors, while noting that he believes the SLLA has a very strong case that the Club is subject to Southside covenants. "We need to look at a lawsuit as the last resort."

Truesdell said he expected discussion of the matter in the April 11 Work Session would lead to a motion, to be voted at the April 25 General Meeting, that would lay out the Association's position.

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Truesdell

(Continued from front page) mously. Douglass nominated Zielsdorf as Treasurer; Florence nominated Hudson; and Hudson was elected with votes from Truesdell, Florence, Stephan, and himself.

SLLA

(Continued from page 30) **Recreation.** "It was an outstanding year for recreation in Seven Lakes," Jack Fathauer told Annual Meeting attendees. He noted that new ADA-compliant restrooms had been installed at Sequoia Point and a new FlexCourt surface had been installed on the SLLA Tennis Courts.

Statistics on the usage of Association facilities demonstrate the large number of recreational opportunities available to Seven Lakers, Fathauer said. The North Clubhouse hosted 447 events; the Community Activity Center, 347; the Game Room, 540; and the Conference Room, 259. The stables served 2,581 riders, and the pool hosted 8,680 swimmers. Fathauer thanked Recreation Committee members Chad Beane, Laura Douglass, and Jackie Scotti, as well as the Playground Advisory Committee, which included Douglass, Amanda Keller, Sandi Burrell, Tammy Smith, and Doug Sagewich.

Organizational Items In other organizational business, the board approved a list of local banks that can be used for deposits of Association funds. In order to take advantage of the \$100,000 FDIC insurance on deposits, the SLLA has funds

on deposit with all of the banks in the county. Donna Stephan was elected Chairman of the Architectural Review Committee and existing committee members were approved as interim members until Stephan can assemble her

own team. The board approved the current membership of the Judicial Committee to continue to serve on an interim basis until they can be contacted to gauge their interest in continuing to serve for the coming year. President Truesdell appoint-

ed Douglass chair of the Recreation Committee and will make additional appointments at a later date. Truesdell and Community Manager Dalton Fulcher briefed the board concerning their on-going exploration of employee leasing — a strategy for enhancing Association employee benefits without increasing personnel costs. **Seven Lakes East** Truesdell briefed Board members on a conversation he and Fulcher had with the developers of a new 300-home subdivision proposed for an area on the east side of Dowd Road behind Seven Lakes North. Truesdell said the developers of "Seven Lakes East" are interested in becoming part of Seven Lakes. He suggested that any decision the Association made on such a proposal would have to weigh the potential for increased dues revenue against the potential impact on the amenities. [See related story on page 4.]

Community Standards. Jeff Herman thanked Chad Beane for his work on Community Standards enforcement over the past year and recognized the work of his committee members: Nancy Burgoon, Joan Dye, Dee Mathis, Holly Murphy, Donna Stephan, and Judy Wood. The committee reviewed 370 complaints over the course of the past twelve months, Herman said. Only sixteen of those had to be referred to the Judicial Committee, and twelve of those were resolved before the Judicial Committee met to consider them. Nineteen complaints are currently pending. **Security.** Michael Florence noted that the Association had upped roving patrol hours to 80 per week at the beginning of the fiscal year and said he had received many positive comments about the visibility of security officers. The transition to the guards provided by Security Forces, Inc. was also undertaken in the last year. New barcode activated gates were installed and have been

working well, Florence said. Westsiders may purchase barcodes for \$20 in order to speed their access to the community. Florence reminded residents that there is an 11:00 pm curfew on Association property. **Finance.** Treasurer Steve Hudson said that total year-to-date expenses through February 28 totaled \$1,189, which was \$3,000 over budget, but includes the more than \$200,000 spent on state-mandated repairs to Echo Dam. No dues increase was requested for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and none is anticipated for 2008-2009, Hudson said.

Public Comment. Only a few members offered comments or asked questions after the committee reports were presented. Sharon Russell objected to comments concerning the need for better record-keeping at the stables that Treasurer Hudson made in a finance committee report delivered during the February 28 SLLA General Meeting. Russell said stable employees do a wonderful job and were offended by Hudson's remarks. She said he owed them an apology and asked that he produce one that would appear in *The Times*.

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Meikle's Seven Lakes West Year in Review

by Jim Meikle,
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[Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] President Jim Meikle offered a review of the past year's activities during the Association's Annual Meeting on Sunday Afternoon, March 18. He kindly provided The Times with a copy of his notes, which are reproduced in full below.]

Again, this has been an exciting, busy and challenging year. Doing a recap of the year, one can see how much has transpired during the year. Let me share with you the highlights of what has happened since last March.

Community General

1. We had meetings with the Pinnacle owners and as a result we changed the contractor who was providing maintenance to that area with good results.
2. We hired a Compliance Officer (Lynn Edwards) to replace the Roving Security that had been previously supplied by the SLLA security force. This Officer routinely patrols the community for security, compliance with the covenants and R&Rs and works with the ARC on visual control of construction sites.
3. Finalized negotiations with Ron Myers that brought the Airport Strip property into our SLWLA as Colton's Corner with quality homes to be built on approximately one acre lots with drainage to the back of the property instead of cluster homes on cul-de-sacs. As part of these negotiations, we acquired two acres of property by the back (east) gate for future use in building a manned back gate and/or mail house.
4. Finalized negotiations with James Kirkpatrick that brought Carriage Park/First Fairway into the SLWLA.
5. Created an "Adopt a Road" program under the guidance of Jo Kinney that improves the appearance of our road-sides.
6. After much negotiation, we signed an agreement with the NCWRC that keeps Lake Auman within our control and

maintains our status as a Private Lake.

7. A new water line is in the process of being built which will bring 50% more water into our area from Pinehurst. This is a very important step as this area is right on the fringe of using all of the daily available capacity.
8. The Developers gave our existing Gate House a facelift.
9. Outside of the community the "Small Area A" planning group was approved by the county and has started with regular meetings.
10. Our lower Lakeway Pond sprung a leak around Thanksgiving and was repaired and refilled by the New Year.
11. We are in the process of acquiring additional land behind the boat storage area from McDonald for possible use as a maintenance area.
12. Pee Dee Electric is in the process of burying their power lines between Teague Drive and Fox Den Drive.
13. Adopted a "Vision Statement" for Seven Lakes West.

West Side Park and Community Center

1. Our Great Room was updated with some acoustics control by sound proving the ceiling.

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2. Picnic tables are now available at the playground area.
3. Holly Foster was hired as the Communities' Financial Assistant.
4. A privacy screening consisting of a berm topped with trees was installed to shield the pool area from the Truss Plant.
5. A library of donated books was established that can be borrowed by residents of the community.
6. The land surrounding WP was cleared of small brush and fallen trees as the first step towards creation of the walking trail.

The Lake & Johnson Point

1. An additional \$2000.00 worth of fish were added to the lake.
2. The Sports Club has been building Fish Habitats that are placed in the lake so that small fish can hide to grow into large fish and reproduce.
3. A new swim float for JP was put into place along with new picnic tables.
4. A new and larger launch dock was installed at the launch ramp.
5. Some updated boating rules are in the process of being implemented.

ARC

1. The ARC committee has been reorganized and is working with the developer to keep up with the ever-changing demands of monitoring the construction within the community.

Security

1. SFI was hired to provide the gate guards that were formally supplied by the SLLA. This service is now provided 24/7. They also provide security at JP on the weekends.
2. New cameras were installed at the gates to better record the passing of vehicles through the gates.

Finance

1. Our financial tracking and reporting was changed from an accrual system to a cash flow system.
2. Our budget reporting process was changed to a 12-month spread in order to better track our spending on a month-to-month basis.

Infrastructure

1. A rock drainage system was installed in the Lakeway Mall to eliminate the drainage problems that always existed. Then, the second phase of the plantings as well as an access bridge was completed.

(See "Meikle," p.33)

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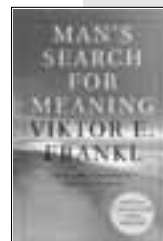
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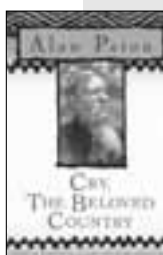
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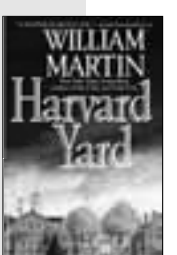
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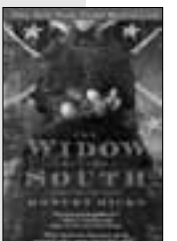
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SLWLA Board names MacKay Chairman

Ray MacKay was elected Chairman of the Seven Lakes West Board of Directors in a special meeting of the board held Wednesday, March 21.

MacKay is the Association's Vice President and Infrastructure Director

Normally, SLWLA officers include a President, Vice Pres-

ident, Secretary, and Treasurer. The post of Chairman is a temporary position with the responsibility of presiding over Board meetings until a President can be

elected.

SLWLA currently finds itself without a President because of the defeat of President Jim Meikle in elections concluded at the

Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 18.

MacKay is in his fifth year of service on the SLWLA Board; prior to the merger of the West-side Associations, he served for three years on the Board of the Beacon Ridge Landowners Association.

The new board will elect its officers during its Organizational Retreat, scheduled for April 2.

Meikle

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2. The yard waste site is now being fully utilized and our attendant (Mike Ellison) is very helpful to all of the users.

3. The new expanded boat storage area by the water tower was completed and is being utilized by many of our residents.

4. The first quarter of the Lake-way Drive paving project was completed.

5. Three new fire hydrants were acquired and are waiting installation by the county.

6. James Drive paving was completed and the final paving of White Drive is in process.

Recreation

1. Some new annual events have been added to the schedule, which include an Easter Egg

Hunt for the children, a Truck or Treat at Halloween and a Gingerbread House decorating at Xmas.

2. Some other events were held that may or may not become annual events. They include a Youth Sailing Course, a Rubber Stamping Workshop, a Back-to-School Swimming & Ice Cream Social, a Margaritaville Night at the pool and Shag Lessons.

As I said in the beginning, these were the highlights and do not include all of the items, actions and events that occurred during the year nor those projects that are the works.

I would like to compliment and extend my appreciation to the board and all of our community volunteers for all of their time and efforts towards achieving these accomplishments.

Westside

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Meikle offered a review of SLWLA activities and accomplishments at the meeting and recognized the service of West-side volunteers. There were no comments from the public.

Election Trivia

Bob and Jan Patton, two of the "tellers" responsible for counting the Westside ballots, provided

The Times with some additional election "trivia."

Of 893 residential lots — those with homes already in place — 521 voted in the election, a turnout of 58 percent. By contrast, only 33 percent, or 275, of the undeveloped lots voted. So, residents accounted for just under two-thirds of those who participated in the election.

WEST END FIRE DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

THE WEST END FIRE DISTRICT WILL
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Proposed Changes to Westside Boat Rules

by Mary Anne Fewkes
Seven Lakes West
Landowners Board

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] is in the process of changing some boating rules as required by the signing of our agreement with North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission. The *Proposed Changes* to our boating rules as required by our agreement with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission are displayed in italics below. They will be discussed at the April General Meeting before being voted by the SLWLA Board.

Landowners with questions or comments should feel free to email Mary Anne Fewkes at sail7lakes@hotmail.com, or contact any other board member.

CHAPTER SEVEN BOATING AND FISHING

All people who boat or fish in Seven Lakes West shall comply with applicable SLWLA policies and procedures, rules and regulations. Members should ensure that their family members, guests, and associates know and follow these requirements. Failure to comply with any rules and regulations presented in the annual SLWLA boating and fishing publication may result in suspension of privileges to fish or operate a boat in Lake Auman. The Board, its representatives, and the Lake Patrol enforce boating and fishing rules and regulations.

An annual publication about boating and fishing is available to all members. It may be obtained at the SL WLA office on the lower level of the Community Center. This publication is provided when annual boat and fishing permits are purchased. It details permit requirements and fees, boating restrictions, fee schedules for all permits required, speed limits, fish limits, and other information. Printed below is a summary of the boating and fishing regulations.

7.1 Boating permits

7.1.1 Only members of SLWLA may register a boat.

- Boats registered must belong to the member.
- Proof of ownership is required to register a boat.

- Proof of liability insurance (minimum \$100,000) is required on all powerboats and sailboats more than fourteen (14) feet at the water line.
- The maximum allowable length of a boat is 22 feet, 6 inches LOA. The maximum power of the boat is not to exceed the manufacturer's rating.
- Boat permits may be purchased at the SLWLA offices on the lower level of the Community Center. The permit year begins May 1 and ends April 30.
- All boats and trailers stored in SLWLA storage lots must show current registration stickers.

7.1.2 All members applying for permits must be in good standing. (Dues must be paid up for all properties owned by the member.)

7.1.3 All boats must be registered before use on Lake Auman, with the Lake Auman numbered sticker affixed to the port side near the stern (left rear side).

7.1.4 No more than two (2) motorboats may be registered per lot.

7.1.5 Boats belonging to guests are not permitted on Lake Auman.

7.1.6 The following persons are eligible to operate registered boats: permit holders, their families, and occasional guests over 16 years of age. Guests must be accompanied by the permit holder, and the permit holder is responsible for all actions.

7.1.7 No motorized personal watercraft (e.g., Jet Skis, Sea Doos, etc.), water jet propulsion boats (i.e., jet boats), motorized air powered craft or racing boats* will be allowed on any Seven Lakes West lake or pond.

* Boats modified for racing or built primarily for racing purposes (e.g., hydroplanes with outboards, ski boats with exposed performance engines, drag boats, etc.)

7.1.8 All vessels operated on Lake Auman that are required to be registered with the State of North Carolina shall, when being operated on the Lake, display a current and

valid North Carolina State registration in a manner as required by the State.

7.2 Restrictions on boat operations

7.2.1 Boat access to Lake Auman is from the registered boat owner's lot, from a member's lot where the boat is moored, or from the launching ramp at Johnson Point only.

7.2.2 Normal operations for powerboats, skiing, etc. are between 7 a.m. and sunset.

7.2.3 Speed limitations:
Maximum speed within 150' of shore: 5 MPH AND NO WAKE
Maximum speed in ski area: 40 MPH
Maximum speed elsewhere: 25 MPH

7.2.4 Restricted operations for powerboats are in effect between sunset and 7 a.m., limiting speed to a maximum of 10 mph. All boats operating between sunset and sunrise must show running lights.

7.2.5 No boats other than

those used for maintenance are allowed on the two perimeter ponds off Longleaf Road in the area of Patman Court, or on the ponds on Lakeway Drive (entrance). Boats are not allowed in the swim area at Johnson Point, and there is no mooring of boats allowed between the signs at Johnson Point or the signs at Pine Island.

7.2.6 Boats may not be tied to any buoys or spillway plat-
(See "Boat," p. 35)



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Boat Rules

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form. Mooring buoys are not permitted.

7.2.7 Covers or boat houses on boat slips or lifts are prohibited

7.2.8 The boat slips at Johnson Point are the private property of SL WLA and are leased to Association members. Sub-leasing is prohibited. Unauthorized use of the slips may result in loss of boating privileges.

7.2.9 Hours of operation for the boat launch ramp at Johnson Point are sunrise to 10 p.m. It is not to be used outside these hours.

7.3 Safe operation of boats

7.3.1 No person under 16 years of age will be allowed to operate a motorboat of more than 10 horse power without adult supervision.

7.3.2 Rowboats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, and sailboats not under power have the right of way over motorboats.

7.3.3 Sailboats (with or without sails), when operating under power, shall operate under the powerboat right-of-way rules.

7.3 A The ski area is designated by cylindrical white buoys with orange stripes. Boats pulling skiers, tubers, hydro-slides, or other similar equipment are restricted to this area only. Such boats must proceed in a counter-clockwise direction only. No skiing or tubing is permitted outside of the ski area, including into or out of any coves or in the restricted area between the island and shore. ALL POWER BOATS TRAVELING WITHIN THE SKI AREA MUST TRAVEL IN A COUNTERCLOCKWISE DIRECTION WHEN THERE IS ANY SKI OR TUBING TRAFFIC.

7.3.5 All boats pulling skiers, hydro-slides, etc., must have an operator watching forward and an observer watching the person in the water. Skiers, tubers, towable toy riders, and persons on any equipment being pulled behind a boat must wear a flotation device. Dropping a water ski is prohibited. Tubes that become airborne are not permitted on Lake Auman.

7.3.6 No boats are allowed in the swim area of Johnson Point. Boats mooring at Johnson Point or at Pine Island must comply with mooring signage in each area.

7.3.7 Scuba divers are required to place flags in the lake at their dive site. All other boats must remain a minimum of 50' outside a dive area.

7.3.8 ~~All other boating safety rules of the U.S. Coast Guard regarding right of ways, safety equipment, flotation devices, navigation lights, etc., shall be followed.~~ Except as otherwise provided herein, all persons operating vessels of any size on Lake Auman are required to have knowledge of and comply with all applicable navigational rules and regulations, including rules promulgated by the U.S. Coast Guard or its successor in function. Without limiting the foregoing in any way, all persons operating vessels on Lake Auman for any purpose are required to conduct that activity in a safe manner and to have knowl-

edge of and comply with all applicable rules and regulations regarding safety including, but not limited to, rules and regulations on navigational lighting, personal floatation devices, sound signaling devices and vessel ventilation.

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(1) Information on rules and regulations applicable to the operation of vessels on Lake Auman can be obtained at the West Side Park and Community Center. The SLWLA routinely makes this information available as a courtesy to its members and in doing so, does not assume any responsibility or otherwise relieve any individual operating a vessel on Lake Auman from having knowledge of or complying with the rules and regulations that apply to such activity. In the enforcement of these rules and regulations, failing to know an applicable requirement shall not be a defense.

7.3.9 No person shall operate

any vessel on Lake Auman while under the influence of an impairing substance or after having consumed sufficient alcohol that he/she has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more, regardless of whether such person is entitled to use alcohol or an impairing drug.

7.4 Fishing

7.4.1 SLWLA members possessing a valid Lake Auman Boating permit, their families, and guests may fish in Lake Auman. Guests are the responsibility of the SLWLA member and may fish from the member's property at any time. When guests wish to fish from a boat, either the member or an adult member of the member's immediate family must accompany the

guest. Guests are permitted on an occasional basis only.

7.4.2 Fishing is not permitted in the ponds between the roadways on Lakeway Drive (entrance), or in any golf course ponds. Only residents living on other ponds and their guests may fish in those ponds. Fishing is not permitted in any golf course pond.

7.4.3 Fishing is not permitted from the boat docks or slips at Johnson Point.

7.4.4 Fish are only to be taken only by hook and line. The use of seines, nets, trotlines or unattended lines are prohibited.

7.4.5 Use of live fish of any kind for bait is prohibited.

7.4.6 Fish injured during catch should not be returned to the lake.

(See "Boat,"p. 36)

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7.4.7 Annual fish limits must be strictly observed. Limits are published each year in the boating regulations received when boat stickers are purchased. This publication is available to any SLWLA member at the Community Center offices. It is the responsibility of every registered boat owner, lakefront property owner, or any SLWLA member to ensure that these limits are followed by anyone fishing from his/her boat, property, or any other location.

7.4.8 Persons possessing fish in excess of published limits, or possessing undersized or prohibited fish will be fined \$50 per fish and have their fishing privileges revoked for one year.

7.4.9 Any person fishing in Lake Auman who is required to have a valid North Carolina fishing license for the fishing activity they are engaged in, must have and possess the appropriate fishing license.

7.5 Lake Patrol Enforcement

~~Boating and fishing regulations are enforced by the Lake Patrol, and violations are subject to referral to the Judicial Committee. The regulations in Chapter Seven of the Rules and Regulations are enforced by the Board and its authorized designee. Violations are subject to referral to the Judicial Committee.~~

7.6 Reporting of Accidents

7.6.1 The following reporting requirements apply in the event of an accident or other occurrence on Lake Auman that results in (a) the death,

injury or the disappearance of any person indicating the possible death or injury of that person, (b) property damage, including damage to the vessel(s) involved, in excess of \$2,000 or (c) the total loss of one or more vessels. For the purposes of this Section 7.6, the events described in (a), (b), and (c) above trigger reporting requirements and shall be referred to as "triggering events."

7.6.2 If the triggering event involves a single vessel, the person operating the vessel (the "operator") shall provide his name, address and vessel identification to any person(s) injured and to the owner of any property damaged in the collision, accident or other occurrence. The operator also shall file a written report, including a full description of the event, with the Community Manager within twenty-four (24) hours of the event and within forty-eight (48) hours of the event, shall file a report with the North Carolina Wildlife Commission ("WRC") providing the WRC such information as the WRC may require. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the triggering event involves property damage only, the operator shall file all

required report(s) within 10 days of the event.

7.6.3 If the triggering event involves more than one vessel, the vessel operators shall provide each other and all persons sustaining any bodily injury or property damage, the information required to be provided to any injured person or person sustaining property damage in Subsection 7.6.2 above. The operators shall designate from among themselves, a representative to prepare and file the written reports required by Subsection 7.6.2, including the reports to the Community Manager and WRC. The designated representative shall file such reports within the timeframes set forth in Subsection 7.6.2.

7.6.4 Nothing herein shall relieve any operator of the duties and obligations imposed hereunder and all operators involved in a triggering event shall be required to exchange all required information and assure that all required reports are filed. When an operator is unavailable to provide the information or file the reports required in Subsection 7.6.2 or 7.6.3 above, the owner of the vessel involved in the occurrence

shall perform the duties of the operator of his or her vessel.

7.6.5 It is the intent of the SLWLA that no report required by this Section 7.6 be admissible in evidence at any hearing held to determine the fault of the parties to an occurrence.

7.7 Depositing or Discharging of Litter

No person may place, throw, deposit or discharge into Lake Auman (or cause it to be done), any litter, raw sewage, bottles,

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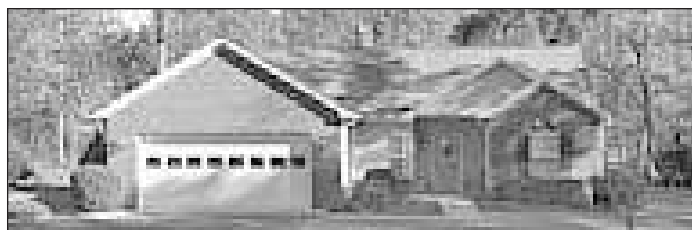
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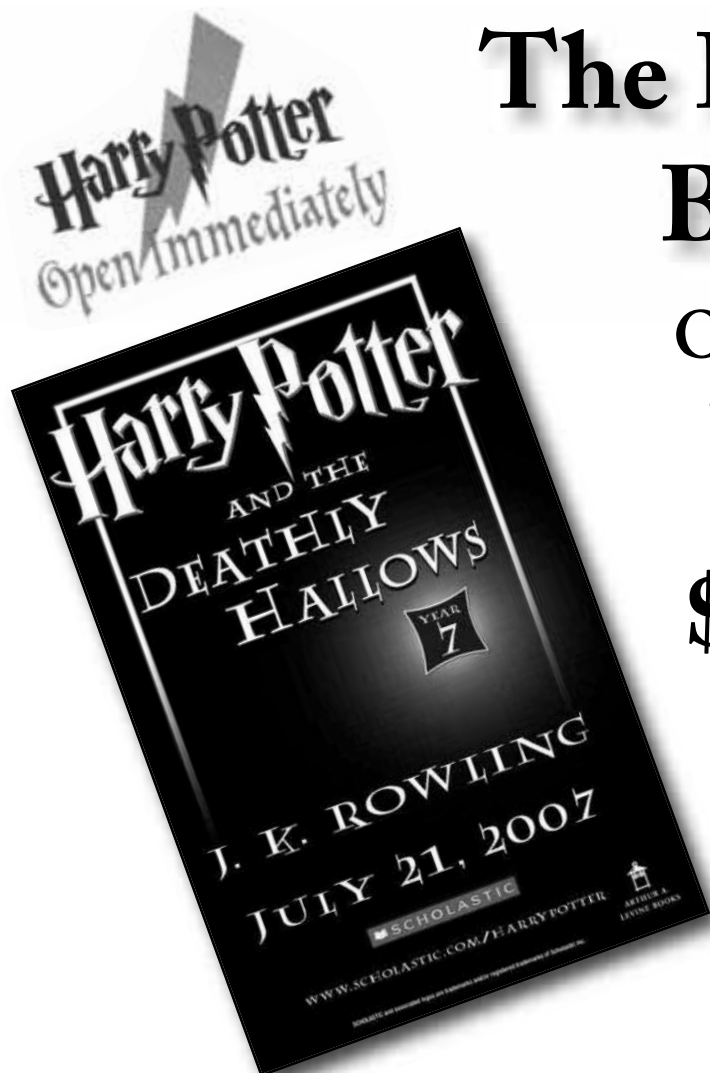
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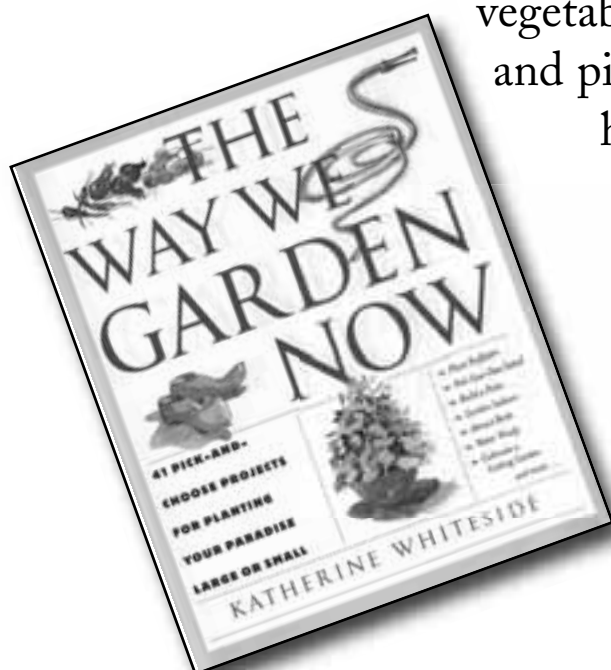
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