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## Backpack Pals



**Backpack Pals Donation** — Moore County Public Schools Volunteer Coordinator Linda Hubbard accepts a \$6,000 check from Women of Seven Lakes President Peggy McCallum, Secretary Jo Nicholas, and Treasurer Ginger Finney. (Story on page 11.)

## Burglars hit 7 Lakes shops

Seven shops and offices in the Seven Lakes Business Village were broken into in the early hours of Monday morning, by a thief or thieves apparently looking for cash. A \$500 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

Four of the shops in Seven Lakes Plaza — Elite Nails, Indigo's, Salon 7, and Peking Wok, — filed reports with the Moore County Sheriff's Office, as did Carolina Virginia Building Consortium, which has an office in the Plaza. Inexplicably, Curves, located between two of the shops that were broken into, was not entered.

The Property Center, located just in front of the shopping plaza, was hit, as was The Gorenflo Law Firm, located on

Seven Lakes Court on the other side of NC Highway 211.

According to reports filed by Sheriff's Deputies Jeffery Myrick and Michael Kantorowski, the perpetrators rifled through cash registers, desks, and file cabinets. In all, \$1,340 in cash was reported stolen from five businesses, and a computer and carrying case — valued at \$3,500 — was taken from the Property Center. In addition, some businesses suffered property damage from the break-ins.

Detective James Threadgill, who is working the case for the Sheriff's Office, told *The Times* the crimes were likely committed very late Sunday night or very early Monday morning, between midnight and 3:00 am. He said a large screwdriver and

(See "Burglaries," p. 41)

## 'Club's mind was made up'

There's yet another volley in the public back-and-forth between Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] and the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] over a new driving range the Club plans to build this summer.

But the two sides also have an appointment to meet with their respective attorneys on May 24, with a goal of moving toward a resolution of the conflict.

During a May 16 SLLA Work Session, Director Michael Florence read a statement rebutting claims made in a letter from SLCC President Dick Weber to SLLA President Don Truesdell that was published in the May 11 edition of *The Seven Lakes Times*. Florence was part of a negotiating group that was attempting to reach an agreement with the club earlier this year, before March elections realigned

the membership of the SLLA Board. [The full text of Florence's statement appears at the end of this article.]

"It was clear to me last year, as it is clear to me now, that the Club is going to try and do whatever the Club wants to," Florence wrote. He says the negotiating group of which he was a member, "never had a official compromise worked out

(See "Florence," p. 40)

## Planning Board to host Area A moratorium hearing

The Moore County Planning Board has scheduled for Thursday, May 31 an information session on developments proposed for Small Area Planning Area A, as well as a public hearing on a proposed six-month development moratorium for the area.

The drop-in session on proposed developments will begin at 5:00 pm; the public hearing starts at 6:00 pm. Both sessions will be held at the Agricultural Center on Pinehurst Avenue in Carthage.

Area A includes nearly 100 square miles of the county centered on Seven Lakes. For more information, see comments from Planning Board Member Dave Kinney on page 2.

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# Your input needed on Area A moratorium

At their April 16 meeting, the Board of Commissioners turned down a request for a six-month moratorium on major subdivision developments in Area A. They did, however, return the issue to the Planning Board for further study. Subsequently, the Planning Board asked the Planning staff to schedule a public hearing on the issue.

This important meeting will be held Thursday, May 31 at the Agricultural Center on Pinehurst Avenue in Carthage. The public is encouraged to drop in at 5:00 pm to study maps and pictures of the proposed developments in Area A. Beginning at 6:00 pm the Planning Board and Planning staff will make brief statements and then listen to comments from the public.

Your comments — whether for or against a moratorium — are very important to the Planning

Board's decision to request the approval of a moratorium by the Board of Commissioners or to abandon the idea.

I believe it's especially important that the residents of Area A participate in this hearing. As you will recall, Area A includes West End, Jackson

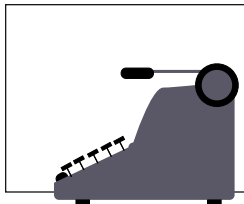
the Planning Board reached a consensus on requesting a six-month moratorium on major subdivisions (those of five or more lots).

The rationale for a moratorium includes

- The three Area A committees

## Your Turn

*Dave Kinney  
Moore County  
Planning Board*



Springs, Eagle Springs, Mclendon Hills, Seven Lakes and much of the county west of Beulah Hill Church Road.

In the minds of most people, the word "moratorium" is right up there with other words they don't like to hear — assessment, strike, tax increase come to mind.

That Realtors®, home builders and their suppliers are against moratoria in principal is understandable. Moratoria delay their income, deferring it to a later time. The "trickle-down" affect may play on the county's overall economy.

Early this year when the significant number of proposed major developments came to light, the Area A Steering Committee was unanimous in wanting to fully consider requesting a moratorium. Subsequently, the Subdivision Review Board and

A. Their proposals will be integrated and prioritized into an Area A plan. Our goal is to complete this work over the next six or seven months.

- Individually and collectively the proposed developments raise a number of critical issues that must be fully addressed in the Area A plan and, in many cases, strongly suggest or even require modifying today's land use plan and a number of zoning ordinances.

- Collectively, these developments represent the greatest challenge the Planning Department has faced since they worked out the 1999 Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinances.

- In the eight years since the Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinances were adopted, Moore County has experienced change and considerable growth. The initiation of Small Area Planning provides a great opportunity for updating both.

In summary, a viable, forward looking plan for Area A needs what a moratorium can provide — the time to focus our attention

on carefully and thoroughly considering proposals that address what is important to preserve, to conserve; the kinds of growth desired, where it's desired; the infrastructure needs to support growth with minimal negative impact on preserving what is important to preserve, and no less important, modify the existing land use plan and supporting zoning ordinances.

We believe a six-month moratorium on major subdivision development in Area A would significantly enhance a viable, forward looking, comprehensive plan — one that balances short term interests and long term goals.

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Dr. Heim's educational background includes a bachelors' degree with honors from Portland State University, Oregon. Her Medical Degree was from the University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. She completed her Family Medicine residency at Andrews Air Force Base and did a Fellowship in faculty development and research at UNC Chapel Hill. She is Board-certified in Family Medicine and is an AAFP Fellow.

Dr. Heim's appointments in the Air Force have included Deputy Medical Group Commander, Staff Physician, Clinic Chief, Residency Director, Assistant Professor, University Health Center Director, Medical Staff Chief, and Squadron Commander. She has also been the recipient of numerous decorations, has lectured world-wide, and has been published in peer-reviewed journals.

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# No easy fix for lightning-damaged back gate

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

A lightning strike that took out the electronics at the back gate to Seven Lakes West on May 13 sparked some additional fireworks at the May 22 General Meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA].

President Jim Haggard, reporting for Blaine Rowland, who was absent, explained that the Board had considered three options for repairing the back gate:

1. repair the existing transponder system at a cost of \$14,000;
2. replace it with a barcode system like that at the gates of Seven Lakes North and South at a cost of \$47,000; and
3. investigate the various entry system options and put the job out for competitive bid.

The board decided on Option 1, but, Haggard said, learned on Tuesday afternoon that the damage to the gate system — and the cost of repair — was more extensive than was originally thought. The cost of repairing the transponder system may now be as high as replacing it with a barcode system. In addition, the Board has learned that the transponder system — which is difficult to maintain — is obsolete.

As a result the board will be meeting again to reconsider its options, Haggard told landowners. At least some of the cost of repairing or replacing the system will be covered by the Association's insurance policy, Haggard said. Insurance committee member Bill Price explained that the Board will need to work with insurance company adjusters as they decide what course of action to take.

As for what to do until the gate is repaired, Haggard said the Board could close the gate or leave it open but had decided on a middle course of action "so that no one will be satisfied." The gate will be left open from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm and closed overnight. Signs announcing the policy will be put into place in the next few days.

Several residents expressed concerns that it was taking too long to repair the gate and that, meanwhile, the community's security is being jeopardized by

the problem.

One resident noted that the security problem was exacerbated by the fact that it would be reported in the newspaper. Haggard said the Board understood that concern but, "on the other

hand, felt it would be inappropriate to keep this information from you people."

Several residents offered suggestions for resolving the issue; chief among them was the idea that the back gate should be

manned during the hours that it is left open. Haggard said the Board had considered, but rejected, that idea because of (See "West side," p. 38)

West Side Landowners  
Meeting

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# SLLA Board will consider ban on big trucks

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

A vote on whether to ban tractor-trailers and other heavy trucks from overnight parking in Seven Lakes North and South is scheduled for the Wednesday, May 30, Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] General Meeting, along with several other proposed changes to Association rules and regulations.

Security Director Michael Florence proposed the truck ban during the Wednesday, May 16 SLLA Board work session. His resolution reads as follows: "Effective upon a vote of the SLLA Board no overnight parking of any kind will be allowed for tractor trailers in Seven Lakes North and South. This includes truck parking without a trailer. It would also include wreckers of any type, commercial dump trucks, flatbed trailers and any type of car, horse, aircraft, boat or truck hauler. Admission within the community is allowed but not for any overnight parking. In the future if land becomes available for overnight parking it may be allowed with restrictions, but not at residential properties."

## Side-entry garages

Architectural Review Board [ARB] Chair Donna Stephan suggested a rules revision aimed at reversing a trend toward garages that face the street in new construction. She said her committee had reviewed a number of homes recently in which the garage door constitutes two-thirds of the facade of the house visible from the street.

She proposed a rules revision for new construction that would stipulate that "as possible, auto garage entrances will be to the side or the rear." Noting that some lots are too narrow for side-entry garages, she said the ARB would need to be able to exercise discretion in granting waivers to the requirement.

Stephan also asked that the name of the \$800 fee that contractors must pay in order to build in Seven Lakes North and South be changed from "Seven Lakes Access Fee" to "Plan Review Fee."

Stephan said she was not confident that the Association could deny a builder access to a landowner's property, as is

implied by the current name of the fee.

## Wastewater line easements

During its April General Meeting, the SLLA Board denied

back up for a vote at the May 30 General Meeting, and Truesdell said he hoped it would be approved at that time.

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher noted that the Moore County Health Department must sign off on all septic systems, which helps ensure the quality of installations.

Campbell's development plans also call for subdividing some previously combined lots — a procedure laid out in the SLLA legal documents. His resubdivision request will appear on the May 30 General Session agenda.

**By-Laws & Rules Committee.** Director Ed Nuti presented a change to the personnel policy manual that makes any misuse of SLLA sick leave policy grounds for immediate dismissal. With that change, he said, the manual is ready for approval by the Board at the May 30 General Meeting.

**Security.** Security Director Florence reminded residents that no vehicle parking is allowed

on Association property after 11:00 pm. He said enforcement activities will be stepped up as the summer season begins and that violators' vehicles are subject to being towed.

Director Laura Douglass said she had heard of several near misses in which walkers or cyclists were almost struck by automobiles on Seven Lakes roadways. She asked that Florence prepare an article for *The Times* that explained the rules governing pedestrians and bicycles.

**Recreation.** Douglass reported that the May Follies had

raised \$3,500 and attracted 25 local businesses as sponsors. Several dozen volunteers helped make the day a success.

The Seven Lakes Stables are finding their feed budget inadequate for two reasons, Douglass said: the price of corn has risen markedly and the Association's horses are older and need special, more expensive feed. Douglass said she will be investigating options but noted that the feed budget may have to be increased.

There is \$32,000 in the SLLA capital budget for replacement of  
(See "SLLA," p. 41)

## Seven Lakes Landowners Work Session

5/16

requests from Grumpy Pumpkin, LLC, for easements that will allow it to pump wastewater from lots that will not perc to drainage fields in other lots.

President Don Truesdell reported that the the Board had met subsequently with Grumpy Pumpkin principal Clark Campbell and reviewed the SLLA rules governing such septic installations, as well as Campbell's specific plans.

Landowners who had objected to the easements were included in that meeting, and both they and board members left the meeting satisfied that the proposed lines posed no public health risk. The request will come

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# County project will link 7 Lakes water tanks

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Seven Lakes Drive between the Business Village and the North and South gates has been invaded by long blue pipes — material for a \$422,000 Moore County Public Utilities project that will provide a direct connection between the two Seven Lakes Water tanks.

The goal is to increase the performance of and increase redundancy within the water system, but it will not, unfortunately, add to the supply of water in Seven Lakes, County Engineer Lex Kelly told *The Times*.

Currently, the water tanks in Seven Lakes West and Seven Lakes North — both of which hold 150,000 gallons — are fed from separate connections to

the county water system. The water level in the tanks rises and falls at different rates. The new interconnection will even that out and may cause some improvement in flow pressure in the system.

The project will also add another connection, running under Seven Lakes Drive, between Seven Lakes North and South. Currently all of Seven Lakes North is fed by a single water main that begins at the golf ball water tank. A secondary connection with the South Side will ensure water continues to flow if something goes wrong with the existing line.

Kelly could not provide a firm schedule for the completion of the project. He noted that the County is still working on obtaining an

easement from the Aberdeen, Carolina, and Western Railroad to allow the water pipe to pass under their tracks.

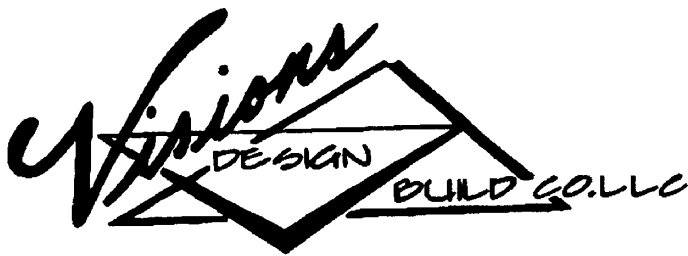
The county recently completed a complete rehabilitation of the Seven Lakes West Water tank, sandblasting both the inside and

outside to the bare metal and then recoating them. The exterior paint job includes a repro-  
(See "Water" p. 6)



**Shiny as new** — The recently refurbished Westside water tank boasts a replica of the Seven Lakes West logo.

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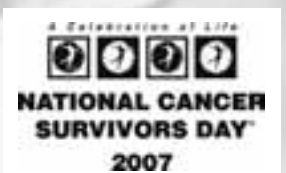
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# County tax rate may fall, but tax bill will not

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

County taxpayers will be looking at a lower tax rate, but, in many cases, higher taxes, if Commissioners approve the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget proposed by Interim County Man-

ager Cary McSwain during the Board of Commissioners meeting Monday night, May 21.

Commissioners also approved a bond referendum, set for November, that will ask voters to approve \$69 million in borrowing for construction projects for

Moore County Public Schools and Sandhills Community College

McSwain presented a proposed county budget totaling just over \$71 million for fiscal year 2007-2008, representing a five percent, \$3.4 million increase

over the current year's General Fund budget.

While the budget will increase, the overall county tax rate is expected to actually drop by three cents overall, from the current 49.5 cents per hundred dollars of property valuation to a requested 46.5 cents.

The decrease shaves two cents off the 45.5 cent levy that flows to the General Fund and a penny off the four cents allocated to support Emergency Medical Services. (Property owners pay a third levy, for fire protection services, which varies depending on the fire district in

which they live.)

This decline in the rate is possible because the county just undertook a revaluation of real property that has increased the tax base.

McSwain's presentation said he had attempted to assemble a revenue-neutral budget — one that would have lowered the tax rate proportionate to the increase in the tax base. That revenue-neutral General Fund tax rate would have been 38.5 cents per hundred, versus the current 45.5 cents and the proposed 43.5 cents.

(See "County budget," p. 37)

## Water

(Continued from page 5)

duction of the Seven Lakes West logo, designed by Betsy Mikula, that was painted on the tank freehand by artist Dennis Parker.

Residents may have noticed a large shroud that covered the tank while the sandblasting was underway. The cover was necessary because the old exterior paint was lead-based. Utility Operation Manager Ben Vaughn told *The Times* that the cost of the tank painting was covered as part of the County's on-going tank maintenance program.

A third county water project — a new interconnection between

the Pinehurst and Seven Lakes systems that has been installed along NC Highway 211 — is a few weeks from completion, County Engineer Kelly told *The Times*.

Leak testing and repair is nearly complete, and, as the leaks are sealed, portions of the line are being filled with superchlorinated water to sanitize them. Once that solution is flushed from the lines they are filled with drinking water and samples of that water are sent to Raleigh for state approval. Once the approvals are in place, the new connection can be brought into service.

Though both Kelly and Vaughn suggested the new pipe will increase the supply of water to Seven Lakes, neither would hazard a guess as to the size of that increase. Ultimately, the County will install a new booster station in the system, which is expected to increase the Seven Lakes water supply from 825,000 gallons per day to as much as 1.2 million gallons per day.

That project, however, still not be completed until next year, which means water conservation — and avoiding excess irrigation — is likely to be important in Seven Lakes this summer.



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# Schools ask for \$53.5 million bond issue

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The Moore County Board of Education unanimously resolved, during their regular meeting on May 14, to petition the County Commissioners to approve a \$53,537,177 million school bond referendum, to be called concurrently with elections in November. [The Commissioners approved the School Board's request during their May 21 meeting; see story on page 6.]

Citing current and anticipated facility needs and capital construction costs which exceed \$158 million, Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser said that it was "fiscally prudent at this time to request that citizens approve a bond referendum to fund a portion of the schools facility needs."

Dr. Purser noted that full details would be presented to the public in August and that an additional bond referendum would need to be considered again in several years.

Also approved during the meeting was \$9 million in increased costs associated with the Facilities Master Plan that were identified during the recent budget proposal process and an additional \$6 million in estimated costs for the revised athletic facility standards.

These revised standards require each county high school to construct or upgrade their athletic facilities to include a field house, a practice field, public restrooms, fencing, sports field lighting, a storage facility, and a water source.

School Board Chair Bruce Cunningham, Jr. said this measure "will ensure fairness across the county and across the schools. It will help us get a handle on treating everyone in an equitable manner."

## Public Education Foundation

The Public Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to raise money which is then awarded to Moore County teachers for special classroom projects or needs. While no specific grant guidelines are established, the foundation recognizes three broad categories: very special needs, very creative awards, and potentially valuable test sites.

Since its inception six years ago, the Public Education Foundation has awarded over \$145,000 in funds. This year, fifteen teachers received grants

totaling \$20,828; with individual awards ranging from \$294 to \$6,000 dollars.

## SMART Board Presentation

Funding to construct ninety-four SMART Board classrooms, to be phased-in and divided among the three current county high schools, at a cost of \$255,680,

was included in the 2007-2008 Budget. Each updated classroom will feature a SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard, LCD pro-

(See "Schools," p. 36)

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# 'Tuesday Tutors' help Hispanic kids keep up

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The Moore County School Board recently honored West End Presbyterian Church as its Volunteer of the Month, in recognition of their Tuesday Tutoring program.

Each week, twenty Kindergarten through Seventh-grade students from local, Spanish-speaking homes meet for one-on-one tutoring and mentoring with volunteers at the church. Arriving immediately after school either in the church van or by school bus, the children are first provided a snack and then get to work. The sessions last one and half hours, after which the children are escorted home.

The Tuesday Tutoring program is now in its third year of service to the Moore County Hispanic community. Initiated through the efforts of Anna Stevens and former Westside resident Norma Walter, the program is now coordinated by Judy Kuhlberg of Seven Lakes West and Northsider Noreen Sawyer.

Assisting with both homework assignments and special projects or areas of need identified by their regular school teachers, volunteer tutors are able to provide the type of substantial educational assistance often not available in a home where English is not the primary language.

"Our volunteers form relationships and really care about their student," says Sawyer, "because each volunteer will

work each session with the same child all year."

West End Presbyterian also houses a modern computer lab that is used to teach the children valuable skills and also for playing educational software games.

"This ministry came about from working with our sister church in Chetamal, Mexico. We were doing an outreach for them and decided we also wanted to concentrate a mission project close to home too," states Sawyer.

Last year Tuesday Tutoring students participated in swimming lessons donated by Wayne and Marjorie Nurnberg of Seven Lakes Fitness & Health. Special activities this year include an upcoming field trip to the NC Zoo in Asheboro.

Volunteer tutors do not have to be members of West End Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in participating, please call the church office at 673-4341.



**Noreen Sawyer and Judy Kuhlberg do Tuesday Tutoring at West End Presbyterian Church.**

## Foxfire gardeners

by Beth Schettler

Members of the Foxfire Garden Club enjoyed a program by Master Gardeners Larry and Barbara Cohen on Monday, May 14.

The Cohens spoke about the propagation and care of houseplants, and demonstrated the proper methods of producing new plants. They gave the members pots of newly planted cuttings of many plants, and answered ques-

tions about their care.

After the program, Betty Worst, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of officers for 2006-2007: Chairwoman, Sharon Thingstad; Vice Chair, Page Coker; Secretary, Barbara Arnold; and Treasurer, Pamela Koos. They were unanimously elected.

The next meeting of the club will be held at 2:30 pm in the Town Hall on Monday, September 10.



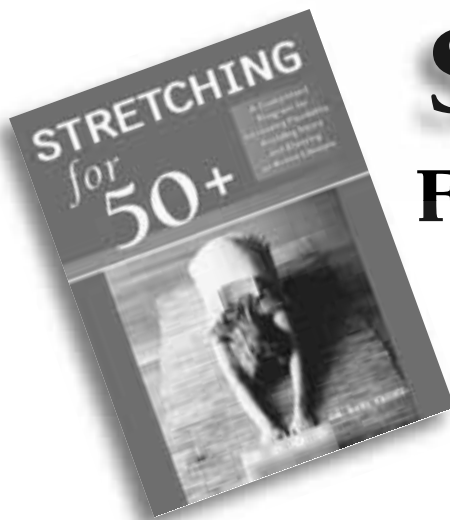
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MANNA! In Motion 5K Race will be held Saturday, June 2, starting at 9:00 am at the corner of Ridge Avenue and New York Street in Southern Pines. A one mile fun run will start at 8:30 am.

MANNA! is a non-profit free lunch program serving the hungry in Moore County.

Pre-Registration: Friday, June 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 340 S. Ridge St. in Southern Pines, or on-line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Race day registration opens at 7 am. The 5 K fee is \$18.00 through May 25 and \$25 through June 2. Walkers are welcome.




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# It's paint your own pottery time at Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn

Eugenie Wing, owner of the 9th of September, was the featured speaker for the Seven Lakes Kiwanis April 24 meeting. A paint-your-own pottery store with locations in the Seven Lakes Business Village and Southern Pines, the 9th of September offers individuals' the opportunity to exercise their imagination in decorating various pieces of pottery.

Once the pottery is painted and decorated, Eugenie fires it

in her kiln, heated to about 1800 degrees, which creates a permanent, hard surface which will withstand every day use and is also microwave and dishwasher safe.

There are a myriad of pottery pieces from which to choose, from small ornaments for the Christmas tree to large platters.

The 9th of September was originally opened by the sister and mother of a lovely high school Senior who was tragically

killed in an automobile accident just prior to her graduation several years ago. In her memory, they named the store after the girl's birthday.

The store offers a wonderful way for all ages to express themselves while making a nice gift or other ornamental or practical piece of real pottery.

The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Visitors are always welcome.



**Eugenie Wing** is shown in front of a table holding many of the types of pottery available, and holding a finished plate.

## SLLC Summer Beach Party

Everyone's invited to the Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] summer Beach Party to be held Saturday, June 16.

This gala event will feature a fabulous menu along with beach music for dancing and nostalgic memories. Award-winning DJ Chad Sain will provide the music.

The buffet menu includes chicken kabobs, barbeque pulled pork, baked beans, green beans, rice pilaf, coleslaw, potato salad, fresh fruit tray, sea breeze cake, and an iced tea and lemonade station.

Member's pricing, including tip, tax, and entertainment is \$21.00. Reservations for members will be taken in person on May 21 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Call in reservations will be accepted after 11:30 am.

Non-members pricing will be charged \$26.00, and reservations may be made starting May 28, by calling the SLCC at 673-1100.

Festivities will begin with cock-

tails at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and music will commence at 7:00 pm.

Casual and cool dress is recommended. Come one – come all for this start of the summer

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# WSL Tourney raises \$6,000 for Backpack Pals

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

With over three hundred members and organizational roots going back at least as far as 1987, the Women of Seven Lakes is one of the largest and most successful social groups in Seven Lakes. In the last month alone, they have contributed over \$10,000 to various charities.

On Friday, May 18, the Women of Seven Lakes hosted their first annual golf tournament to raise money for Backpack Pals. The well-attended event, held at Beacon Ridge Country Club, attracted two major sponsors; Lee Electrical and North Carolina Electric Cooperatives; twenty-two hole sponsors; and eighty-four players in four-man teams.

The tournament raised \$6,000 in funding for Backpack Pals, a program that provides nutritious food for children who have been identified as having little food over the weekend. Schools are provided with nondescript backpacks, filled at the Sandhills Food Bank, which can be sent home with children, identified as needy, on Friday afternoons or prior to holiday breaks.

In accepting the proceeds on behalf of Backpack Pals, Moore County Schools Deputy Superintendent Dr. Larry Upchurch said, "I'd like to thank the Women of Seven Lakes for the over 2,000 kids in Moore County who participate in the program." He encouraged the golfers to "Hit 'em straight, hit 'em long, and have a good time."

Linda Hubbard, volunteer coordinator for Moore County Schools, also in attendance, presented the women with a plaque recognizing their efforts.

Event co-chair Ginger Finney said, "The public has been so supportive. We have all just kind of worked together and Beacon Ridge has been very cooperative." She continued, "Our work-

ing committee included a lot of Women of Seven Lakes members' husbands – and they did most of the work!"

Northsider Pat Weber, a member of the working committee,

said, "The community has been very generous in supporting the Women of Seven Lakes and our golf tournament for Backpack Pals. And we appreciate it."

Many members of the Women

of Seven Lakes joined the player roster, including Westsider Sandi Carl.

"This is my first time playing eighteen holes but it's a good

(See "Tourney" p. 36)

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by T. Ray Jackson  
Seven Lakes EMS

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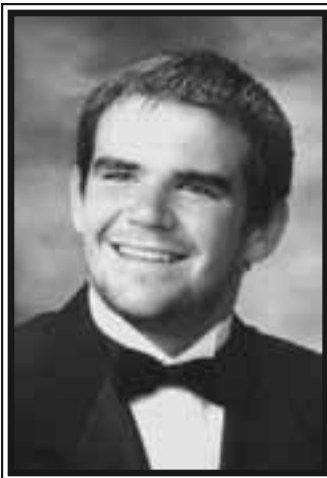


**Kevin W. Bounds**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Kevin is the son of Lora and Brian Bounds of Foxfire.

His grandparents are James & Karen Readinger of Chandler, AZ and Charles & Phyllis Bound of Marmaduke, AR. He was a member of the wrestling and track team and worked part-time for Goshin Dojo. Kevin will be attending UNC Chapel Hill in the fall.



**Gregory William Coyle**

Croatan High School  
Morehead City, NC

Greg is the son of Mike & Kathy Coyle of Morehead City, NC, the grandson of Frank and Mary Ellen Krohn of Seven Lakes West. An honors graduate, a member of the Varsity football team & Captain for one year, Senior Class President. He will attend NC State University.



**Zachary Steven Harris**

Sturgis High School  
Sturgis, Michigan

Zachary is the son of Jodee Zeller and Jeff Harris of Sturgis, Michigan. He is the grandson of Gordon and Sue Zeller of Seven Lakes South.

He will be attending Glen Oaks Community College majoring in engineering.



**Mary Hanna Humphrey**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Hanna is the daughter of Mary Susan and Victor Humphrey of Seven Lakes North, and the granddaughter of Mary Wilkinson of Norfolk, VA and Kitty & Ezra Humphrey of Lynchburg, VA. Hanna is an honors graduate, Beta Club member, and Senior Class President. She will attend UNC Chapel Hill.



**Hannah Kate Partin**

Victory Christian School  
Henderson, NC

Hannah is the daughter of James and Claudia Partin of Henderson, NC and the granddaughter of Jean and "Leftee" Scholl of Seven Lakes North. She will be attending Martin Community College in Williamston, NC and participating in the equestrian program at the college.



**Lauryn Marie Steelman**

Atlantic City High School  
Atlantic City, NJ

Lauryn is the daughter of Mark Steelman of Long Port, NJ, and Victoria Vartanian of Brigantine, NJ and the granddaughter of Nancy & Ed Steelman of Seven Lakes West. She was a member of the Crew team. She will attend the University of Central Florida majoring in Business.



**Kathryn Paige Thompson**

Parkwood High School  
Monroe, NC

Kathryn is the daughter of Mike Thompson of Wingate, NC & Kathy Thompson of Waxhaw, NC, and the granddaughter of Gordon & Sue Zeller of Seven Lakes South. She was a National Honors student, Captain Varsity Cheerleading, Key Club. She will attend UNC Wilmington.



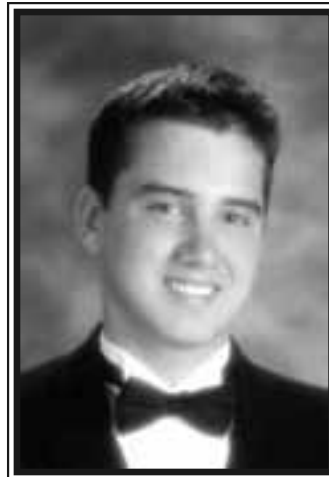
**Nicole Williams**

Pittsford Sutherland High School  
Pittsford, NY

Nicole is the daughter of Rich and Tracy Williams of Pittsford, NY.

She is the granddaughter of Ray and Dodie Maier of Seven Lakes North.

Nicole will be attending Northeastern University in Boston, MA.



**Steven Franklin Worsham**

North Buncombe High School  
Asheville, NC

Steven is the son of Sylvia and Cliff Worsham of Asheville, NC. He is the grandson of Bill and Pauline O'Dell of Seven Lakes North.

He was an honors student, and a member of the baseball team.

Steven will be attending UNC Chapel Hill in the fall.

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*If we missed your favorite grad, please get us a picture and information about your grad and we'll make sure that he or she receives due recognition in a future issue. [See Page 2 for our contact information.]*

# College Grads – The Class of 2007



**Kathryn Marie  
Humphrey**  
UNC-Wilmington

Katy is the daughter of Mary Susan and Victor Humphrey of Seven Lakes North. The granddaughter of Mary Wilkinson of Norfolk, VA and Kitty & Ezra Humphrey of Lynchburg, VA. Katy graduated with a BA degree in Arts with honors in Communications Studies. She will live and work in Wilmington.



**Christian Garrett  
Jones**  
Sandhills Community College

Christian Garrett Jones is the son of Harold and Joanie Jones of Seven Lakes West. He received an Associate Degree in Applied Science/Information Systems/Network Administration & Support working. He graduated magna cum laude and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. His family resides in Pinehurst.



**Nicole Blair Jones**  
East Carolina University  
Greenville, NC

Nicole Blair Jones is the daughter of Harold and Joanie Jones of Seven Lakes West. She received her BS degree in Health Services Management from East Carolina University. Nikki will remain in Greenville and enter graduate school at East Carolina in the fall. She is a member of Alpha Phi Sorority.



**Hilary Leigh Miller**  
Alma College  
Alma, Michigan

Hilary is the granddaughter of DeWitt and Tinkie Petterson. She graduated cum laude with a BS degree in Exercise, Health Science and will enter Elon University School of Physical Therapy in January 2008.

She will be working at Seven Lakes North Pool for the summer.



**Tarah M. Newsham**  
University of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma

Tarah is the daughter of Kent and Helen Newsham of Woodlands, TX. She is the granddaughter of Lois and the late Dick Newsham of Seven Lakes South.

She graduated with Bachelors of Arts degree. Tarah will attend Texas A&M in the fall to pursue a Masters degree in Counseling.



**PFC Thomas J.  
Paulson**  
USMC  
Paris Island, SC

Thomas is the son John & Nancy Paulson Seven Lakes North. A graduate of Pinecrest High School in January 2007. He is attending Marine Combat Training in Camp Geiger, NC and is scheduled to attend Artillery Scout Observer Schools at Fort Sill, OK & San Diego, CA.



**Ryan David  
Saunders**  
East Carolina University  
Greenville, NC

Ryan is the son of Michael and Shelby Grata of Seven Lakes West.

Ryan graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography.

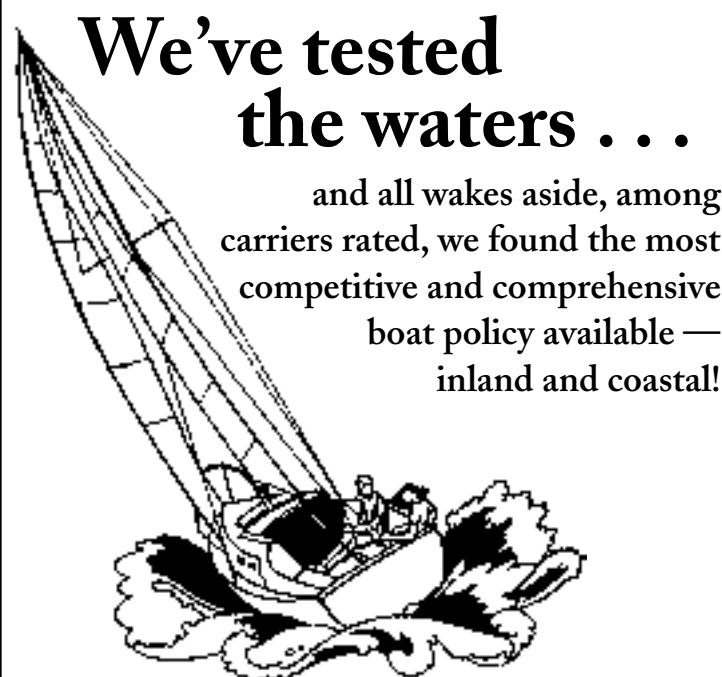
He will live in Greenville to continue studies at ECU.



**Daniel Paul  
Westcott**  
UNC Wilmington  
Wilmington, NC

Daniel is the son of Chris and Joan Van Der Meulen of Seven Lakes West.

Daniel received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Marketing.



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# Geologist Doe built a career on solid rock

by Mason Gould

Bruce Doe of Seven Lakes West was well prepared for his thirty-four years of service with the US Geological Survey [USGS], as well as his time spent on projects for NASA and the National Park Service.

A native of Saint Paul, Minnesota, Bruce earned a B.S. and a Bachelor of Geological Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota, an M.S. degree from the Missouri School of Mines, and a Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology. He also completed a Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Geophysical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institute of Washington.

His experiences included both research and administrative positions. He has to his credit one hundred sixty published papers and abstracts. These included his major studies of the volcanic rocks of Yellowstone National Park and the San Juan Mountains, nicknamed the American Alps, of Colorado. His administrative tours with the USGS included Chief of the Branch of Isotope Geology, Assistant Chief Geologist of the Eastern Region, and Assistant Director of Research, among others.

He was the president of the

Geochemistry Society in 1982, a recipient of the Vernadsky Memorial Lectureship at the Vernadsky Institute in Moscow of the Soviet Union in 1976, during détente, and received an honorary Doctor of Science from the University of Missouri in 1989.

In the latter part of his career he was drawn into environmental concerns, and gave papers on "The Past is the Key to the Future," a presidential address for the Geochemical Society, "The Challenge of Global House-keeping," a graduation address at the University of Missouri, and "What if Temperature's Don't Rise?," a keynote speech at the International Conference on European Technology and Trade in Sunderland, United Kingdom.

In 1965, Bruce went to Japan for the USGS to study volcanic lavas with emphasis on their "chemical fingerprints," as part of the US-Japan Scientific Cooperation Program. Later, Bruce was loaned out to NASA to help set up a lunar sample program as a means of determining the makeup of the moon and helped assign lunar samples for scientists to perform studies.

For his doctoral thesis, he went down into a zinc mine in

upper New York State to study how an ore deposit formed. There was stored-up stress in the marble. Occasionally, a piece of marble would shoot off in various directions with a loud bang, fortunately missing Bruce and his colleagues but making them nervous.

Another research project was



Bruce Doe

a bit scary, too. That involved measuring damage to building stone due to acid rain and other pollution. In this study, he once had to climb about thirty feet up a swaying, free-standing scaffolding to examine a ceiling while a hurricane warning was expected at any time. The damage was severe enough that, eventually, the Jefferson Monument in Washington, DC, had to be closed for repairs.

Bruce and his wife Marjorie moved here from Springfield,

Virginia, in 2005. Like lots of the rest of Seven Lakers in retirement, he likes to keep both mind and legs exercised. Hence, his activity as a tennis and bridge player, and forays into writing poetry and prose.

His favorite couplet of all-time is from his poem, "How About an Asteroid?" "Who can possibly be annoyed/ About the study of an asteroid."

The poetry, he notes, has had "the curious history of being" (See "Doe," p. 17)

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# Computer Club gets picture on digital photos

by Betsy Oliver Mikula

Brady Smith, president of the Sandhills Photography Club, was the featured speaker at the May 8 meeting of the Computer Club of Seven Lakes.

Smith described himself as a husband, father of three, an independent financial advisor, president of the photography club, and as having worked with computers for twenty-five years. His topic was Electronically Sharing of Photos and the presentation included the use of Adobe Photoshop Elements and included instruction on how to send pictures via e-mail, CD, DVD, and especially via the internet.

He described how using the Adobe Photoshop Elements program can help you make your photos look their best, show photos in creative and entertaining ways, easily find and view your photos and video clips, instantly fix common flaws.

Adobe can also give you greater control over color and lighting, allow user to perform advanced editing, to create composites and artistically enhance photos, get started quickly with flexible layout options, and share with family and friends using built-in photo services on the web.

An important part of Smith's presentation included the uploading of photos to the internet for

storing, sharing, and printing. He demonstrated this using the website [www.shutterfly.com](http://www.shutterfly.com). Friends and relatives may view photos and order directly. There are many other websites that offer similar service including [snapfish.com](http://snapfish.com), [kodak.com](http://kodak.com), [photos.walmart.com/home/](http://photos.walmart.com/home/).

Of interest to many in the audience was an explanation of why photos are distorted with the infamous red eye effect. You may have noticed that red eye only appears in pictures taken using a flash. The reason for this is simple — the flash causes red eye. The red-eye in your images is caused by light reflecting off the retina, which is a fine network of nerves in the back of the eye, an area rich in blood. Although the retina is not normally visible, if the flash is on the same plane as the lens, the light bounces directly back into the lens and the retina becomes visible in the photo, causing red-eye. This has become more common with smaller compact digital cameras where the flash is very close to the lens. Professional photographer's flash is mounted high on the camera or sometimes a pro will even take it off the camera to avoid this problem.

Smith invites photography devotees to visit [www.sandhill-sphotoclub.org](http://www.sandhill-sphotoclub.org), the home page

of the Sandhills Photography Club. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, at Christ Fellowship Church on Midland Road at Pee Dee Road in Southern Pines.

Jules Skalski provided the newly introduced Five Minute Tip which is presented at the beginning of each meeting. Skalski introduced the fact that in Outlook Express 6.0, the Microsoft E-Mail software, most incoming e-mails with attachments are automatically stopped from getting to the user because it is assumed that the attach-

ments may contain a virus. In many cases, the user would like to disable this feature. Skalski demonstrated how this can be done temporarily without affecting the computer operation.

Skalski also demonstrated a second tip using Outlook Express: how to disable the "Preview Pane" temporarily in order to decrease a computer's vulnerability to virus attacks. Both these tips will be thoroughly

explained in the Computer Club's June newsletter.

The June 12 meeting will be a Forum of questions and answers by the membership. Please submit questions to Al Nichols, [canichols@earthlink.net](mailto:canichols@earthlink.net). Include your email address, your operating system, and your question succinctly stated.

No meetings will be held in July and August.



Brady Smith

## Ice Cream & Gospel

by Bob Haan

The people of the West End United Methodist Church invite you to enjoy an evening of gospel music and ice cream. The West End United Methodist Church Choir will sing a selection of gospel songs on Sunday, June 10, at 6:30 pm. Ice cream will be served after the concert in the fellowship hall.

Selections by the choir will include "I Must Tell Jesus," "Just

a Little Talk with Jesus," "Sweet Beulah Land," and "Hallelujah, By and By." Guest musicians joining Kristen Webb will be friends from Gospel Winds and The Drowning Creek Bluegrass Band.

The West End United Methodist Church is located on NC Highway 73 just east of West End. This event is free of charge.

## Doe

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reviewed in English departments and published in scientific journals."

An inquisitive and exploring mind for truth, scientifically, is

what has consumed Bruce Doe all those years in government service. He still has a voracious appetite for penetrating the unknown.



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# Stormy's a natural for Luther & Friends

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Last year, after reading an article in *The Seven Lakes Times* describing the Luther and Friends Canine Assisted Reading Education volunteer program with Moore County Schools, Northsider Debbie Fleece knew her twelve-year old dog Stormy was a perfect candidate.

"This is the first thing like this Stormy and I have ever done," said Fleece. "It sounded like it would be fun and I knew she would be a good fit for it."

Adopted from The Haven, an animal rescue shelter located near Raeford when she was about two years old, Stormy is a mixed breed of shepherd and corgi lineage.

"First, I had to get clearance from my boss because school hours coincide with my regular workday," said Fleece, a former fourth grade and adult ESL teacher now employed with the Plumbing Knight, Inc. Once her request was approved, Fleece and Stormy began taking ther-

apy dog training classes, graduating last November.

"Stormy has been assigned to help four, third grade students

at West End Elementary," said Fleece. "We meet with the student's individually for fifteen minutes and each week they come

with a different book selected by their teacher."

Fleece praised Linda Hubbard, volunteer coordinator for Moore County Schools with "being so instrumental in get-

ting this great program started."

"By the second session, the kids knew Stormy by name," said Fleece, "and really responded to her. You like to think you can make a difference."



**Noah Allen**, a third grader in Ms. Coxen's class at WEE, enjoys Stormy's weekly visit.



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# FirstHealth hosts Cancer Survivors event

National Cancer Survivors Day program scheduled for June 3

On Sunday, June 3, more than 700 communities throughout the United States, Canada and other participating countries will observe National Cancer Survivors Day by hosting celebrations of life.

In Moore County, the nineteenth annual Cancer Survivors Day program is hosted by FirstHealth of the Carolinas and will be held at The Fair Barn off Highway 5 in Pinehurst. The program is free to all cancer survivors, their families and friends, and to the health-care professionals who work with cancer patients.

"Cancer survivors will be honored for their strength and courage, and the contributions of their families, friends and health-care providers will be recognized," says Kerry Husted, administrative director of Oncology Service Line/Pharmacy at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Registration for the event begins at 3:00 pm and will be followed at 4:00 pm by a program highlighting advances in cancer diagnosis, treatment and care at Moore Regional Hospital.

A highlight will center on information about the services offered by the recently opened FirstHealth Outpatient Cancer Center, a collaboration between FirstHealth of the Carolinas and Pinehurst Medical Clinic.

A catered dinner by Jordan's BBQ will follow the program, and the Al Simmons Band will

provide entertainment.

A "survivor" is defined as anyone living with a history of cancer—from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life, according to the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, which reports that about 10.5 million Americans are cancer survivors. This year, Nation-

al Cancer Survivors Day will begin with greetings from President George W. Bush as well as from the director of the National Cancer Institute.

"National Cancer Survivors Day affords each community the opportunity to demonstrate that it has an active, productive population of cancer survivors,"

Husted says. "FirstHealth's mission, in hosting the annual event, is to improve the quality of life for cancer survivors by calling public attention to survivorship issues."

For more information on the local National Cancer Survivors Day program, please call (910) 715-1478.



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The twenty page Tour Brochure which will serve as the entry ticket and will be available at any of the gardens on the day of the tour for \$20.00. Brochures can be purchased in advance for \$15.00 at The Country Book Shop, Aberdeen Florist and Garden Center, Post Box Plus, Inc., Given Bookstore, The Faded Rose, and Weymouth Center.



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# Seven Lakes Dancers win big at meet

by Marcie Miller

Local dancers from Seven Lakes Dance competed in the Star Systems Talent Competition, Applause Talent Competition, and Showstopper Talent Competition during this 2006-2007 competition season.

Three competition troupes — Beginner, Junior, and Senior — a total of 24 girls, competed with tap dances.

The Beginner Troupe members, Kirsten Alvarez, Carly Baker, Autumn Barnes, Victoria Edwards, Amanda Felix, Amy Felix, Samantha Laurita, Allison Rabstajnek, Casey Rabstajnek, Mary Kathryn Hurst, and Katie Sayce, competed in the recreational division with their tap dance, “Surfin USA.” The Beginner Troupe was awarded three gold recognitions for their per-

formances as well as a third place overall in the recreational small group category at Showstoppers. The Junior Troupe members, Roxanne Batson, Emily Dean, Erin Dean, Brianna Goodwin, Katie Kearns, Brittany Keyser, Samantha Matthews, and Sidney Turner, competed in the competitive division with their tap dance, “Jazz Machine.”

The Junior Troupe was awarded three high gold recognitions and received fifth place overall within all Junior small groups at Star Systems and a first place overall finish within all Junior small groups at Applause.

The Senior Troupe members, Brittni Adams, Brittany Cullifer, Stephanie Guminey, Katie O’hara, Katie Ritter, and Lauren Seawell, competed in the competitive division with their

tap dance, “Hit Me Up!” The Senior Troupe was awarded three high gold recognitions and received third place overall within all Senior small groups at Star Systems. Senior Troupe members and instructors were also invited to Los Angeles to participate in the Choreographer’s Carnival as a result of receiving the third highest score in all


Senior small groups.

The Junior and Senior Troupe members competed in the competitive division with their large group tap dance, “I’ve Got Rhythm.” The large group was awarded with two high gold recognitions and a fifth place overall at Applause. They also received the Fun, Fun, Fun Award at Applause.

All dancers are students at Seven Lakes Dance under the direction of co-instructors Marcie Miller, LeAnn Garrison, and Lauren Tierney. For information on classes, call Marcie Miller at 673-1263. Seven Lakes Dance will hold their annual dance recital on Saturday, June 2, at 7:00 pm, at Aberdeen Elementary School. Admission is free.



The Seven Lakes Dance Team




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**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

- **NC Open Water Swim Competition** – 7:00 am - 3:30 pm. Lake Echo at

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- **Seven Lakes Dance Recital** – 7:00 pm, Aberdeen Elementary School auditorium. A

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**

- **Weymouth Woods: Lizards**

**Lecture** – 3:00 pm, Weymouth Woods SNP auditorium. From the quick color change

ability of the anole to the ability of this group of reptiles to grow their tails back, lizards are fascinating animals to observe. The

evolution of these animals as well as the natural history and identifications of the Sandhill's species will be the main theme.

- **Lion's Club Golf Tournament** – 1:30 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club. Entry fee of \$60 includes golf, cart, prizes, dinner and beverages served after the tournament. Entry deadline is May 30. For information, call Gene Roberts at 673-1092, or Lion Elmer Parker at 673-2739.

**MONDAY, JUNE 4**

- **Learn to Sail Course** – 9:00 am – Noon, Monday through Friday, Lake Auman. Offered by the Seven Lakes

Sailing Club, boats are provided and students must be a member of the sailing club and sixteen years or older to take the course. All land owners on North, South, and West sides are eligible to join the Sailing Club. Annual family membership is available for \$20. Cost of the course is \$25, plus the purchase of an instructional book that will be available at The Bookshop by the Lakes. Call or email Paul Kirst at 673-8998 or [boathouse@nc.rr.com](mailto:boathouse@nc.rr.com) Course is limited to ten students.

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**Council Triple Play Golf Tournament** – Shotgun start at 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, Longleaf Country Club. Entry fees of \$100 per person include green and cart fees, lunch, beverages, and four complimentary green fees for future use. For more information or registration forms, call 692-5954, or stop by the MCLC office at Ice House Square, 575 SE Broad Street, Suite 11, Southern Pines.

- **Weymouth Woods: Bird Walk** – 8:00 am, meet at the Visitor Center parking area for a two-mile hike to look for newly arrived summer and transient visitors from the tropics. Bring your binoculars, and learn more about these winged wonders.
- **Weymouth Garden Tour** – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Pinehurst and Southern Pines. Featured gardens in the Pinehurst and Southern Pines area along with extra attractions to include statuary by Windridge Gardens at the home of Dr. Robert and Mary Morris; Courtney Herndon will showcase her paintings at the Deleot property; and refreshments will be offered at the home of Leo and Char Magiera. Master Gardeners and landscape designers are present at each of the gardens to answer ques-

tions and offer advice. The twenty page Tour Brochure serves as the entry ticket and will be available at any of the gardens on the day of the tour for \$20.00. Brochures can be purchased in advance for \$15.00 at The Country Book Shop, Aberdeen Florist and Garden Center, Post Box Plus, Inc., Given Bookstore, The Faded Rose, and Weymouth Center.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 10

- **Gospel Concert and Ice Cream Social** – 6:30 pm, West End United Methodist Church. Musicians Kristen Webb, Gospel Winds, and The Drowning Creek Bluegrass Band will accompany the West End United Methodist Church Choir. Ice cream will be served after the concert in the fellowship hall. There is no charge for this event.
- **Weymouth Woods: Winged Gems** - Butterflies – 3:00 pm, meet at the Weymouth Woods auditorium. Nearly ninety-eight species of butterflies may be found in the Sandhills. Many have incredible colors and markings, and have fascinating life histories. Join the staff for short half-mile hike to focus on identifying butterflies using binoculars. Bring binoculars, field guides and tick/bug spray.

### MONDAY, JUNE 11

- **Seven Lakes Summer Camp** – 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. North Clubhouse. New hours for day camp include a 9:00 to Noon option or all day. Cost is \$6.00 for half-day and \$12.00 for all day. Swimming, games, crafts, and special events. For more information, call Chad Beane at 673-4931.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 12

- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes** – 3:00 pm, Game Room adjacent to SLLA Office. This meeting will be a Forum of questions and answers by the membership. Please submit questions to Al Nichols, canichols@earthlink.net. Include your email address, your operating system, and your question succinctly stated. There will be no meetings scheduled in July and August.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 14

- **Sandhills Sandsharks Charity Golf Tournament** – 2:00 pm, Southern Pines Elks Golf Club. All proceeds will fund swim scholarships for Sandhills Sandsharks swimmers. \$55 entry includes golf, cart, fees, and food. To sign up, go online [www.tournevents.com/sss](http://www.tournevents.com/sss) or call Gwen Ward at 295-3920.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 16

- **SLCC Summer Beach Party** – 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner, 7:00 pm music. Fabulous menu along with beach music for dancing and nostalgic memories provided by award-winning DJ Chad Sain. Buffet menu includes chicken kabobs, barbeque pulled pork, baked beans, green beans, rice pilaf, coleslaw, potato salad, fresh

fruit tray, sea breeze cake, and an iced tea and lemonade station. Member's pricing is \$21.00. Non-members pricing will be charged \$26.00, and reservations may be made starting May 28, by calling the SLCC at 673-1100.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 17

- **Weymouth Woods: Spiders and Ticks and Chiggers Lecture** – 3:00 pm, Weymouth Woods auditorium. Spiders, ticks and chiggers are very prevalent in the Sandhills. Poisonous spiders and disease-carrying ticks will be identified as well as others that are not harmful, but actually are a benefit to mankind. The program is designed to dispel the myths and tell the true story about the lives of one of nature's unique groups of animals.

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# Different plants have different water needs

The weather trends in 2007 have been rather variable which is very important to gardening. Again this year temperatures and soil moisture levels have generally been below normal. Some meteorologists are predicting another dry growing season for gardening.

A few years ago tips were given on the effectiveness of watering. It is necessary to repeat a portion of it. The need for watering varies among plants, because of type, size, location, soil type, physiology, and stages of growth. To briefly explain, cacti require less water for growth and development than ferns. A tree is able to obtain its moisture more readily than a tomato plant

soil moisture, rainfall, or supplementary waterings for plant survival. An additional one half to one inch supplementary water is needed for optimum plant growth and development.

Here are a few watering suggestions:

It is more effective to water thoroughly once or twice a week rather than splash or light watering daily.

The practice of thorough or deep watering allows plants roots to penetrate deeper in the soil in search of additional moisture.

Irrigation or manual watering should be done during the mornings or later during the day so that the plants become completely dry

before night because many insects and disease spores are more prevalent at night.

Use your irrigation system only

because of the trees deep and more extensive root system. Plants located growing in the shade require less water than those growing in full sun.

Some of the broad-leaf plants such as the leaves of lettuce become wilted when moisture-stressed, because of shallow rooting; whereas leaf wilting isn't noticeable on Bermuda grass which has a narrow leaf and a deep root system. A newly planted plant requires more water to survive than an older one with an established root system. This contrasts the physiological affects of moisture.

Our Sandhills soils are basically low organic, porous, and sandy; therefore, plants grown in them require more frequent and larger amounts of water than colloidal clay-based soils of Northeast Moore, Chatham, and Northern Montgomery counties. Water and moisture to plants are available from four sources: rainfall; mechanical applications such as irrigation and manual hand waterings; other atmospheric, natural sources such as snow, ice, fog, and dew; and from the soil.

In summary, the average moisture requirement is about one inch per week basically from

when needed for conservation purposes.

Our lakes and water are valuable assets. Don't contaminate and help keep them clean. Use water wisely according to your needs and let's conserve it.

## A few gardening tips:

If you have fertilized your azaleas or rhododendrons do it as soon as possible. Use a slow-release premium granular fertilizer at the recommended rate of a soil test analysis. In its absence, use a tablespoon per foot of plant height. Broadcast the material uniformly under and around the canopy spread of the plant.

If your desire to prune or cut back your azaleas or rhododendrons or other Spring flowering shrubs, do it following blooming. Always cut out all dead or diseased plant parts and branches.

Spring plant growth was rather slow this season; however broadleaf weeds in lawns appear to be right on schedule. Several products are available to the homeowner which will help control these pests.

Cardinal Chemical Company of Aberdeen has a complete line of broadleaf weed and grass (See "Gardening," p. 25)



## Gardening in the Sandhills

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# 7 Lakes & Foxfire Gardeners team up for trip



Seven Lakes & Foxfire Garden Club members

## Gardening

(Continued from page 24)

killers and your local garden center dealer perhaps will have an adequate supply of weed controls. Here are a few trade names, Lawn Weed Control with Trimac, Southern Speed Zone, Trimac Southern, Weed and Feed, Weed Out, Weed-B-Gon, and other phenoxys will keep after and control the grasses and weeds in your lawn. Follow all labeled directions carefully and select the best product for your needs.

If you have neglected fertilizing your Bermuda or Zoysia lawn, as I have, do it now. If your Centipede lawn needs a boost, a light application of special Centipede plant food will do the job.

Pinch back chrysanthemums when they reach four to five inches tall, and prune them once a month until July 15. The result will be shaped and symmetrical formed plants that will produce beautiful flowers next Fall.

### Suggested vegetable plantings for May:

Pumpkin, cantaloupe, watermelons, Sweet corn, cucumbers, Summer squash, Southern field peas, all types of beans — both bush and pole and limas or butter beans.

If you haven't planted tomato and pepper plants, do it as soon as possible, and it is time to set out sweet potato plants

by Dale Schmidt  
Seven Lakes West

The Seven Lakes Garden Club sponsored a recent bus trip to the JC Raulston Arboretum. About forty Seven Lakes and Foxfire gardeners were treated to a guided tour of the arboretum at NC State University.

Participants characterized the day trip as delightful, very educational, totally worthwhile, and wonderfully planned and executed.

Club President Magda Sonderfan thanked the group for their interest that made the trip possible and on behalf of all expressed gratitude to club board member Marge Lambert for organizing the day's events.

The JC Raulston Arboretum is famous for its diverse and unique woody ornamental plants included in over 6,000 different kinds of plants from around the world.

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## Cooking with gas – Glad it's a guy thing

I have a confession to make: despite coming of age during a rather enlightened and liberated period in human history, I have allowed many traditional gender roles to creep into my life. You know, he earns the bacon and I fry it up in the pan, that sort of thing. However, it's not the frying pan that I'm afraid of – it's the gas grill.

Yes, that hulking chunk of stainless steel with its menacing propane tank, various dials, extra burners, and spider web-laced rain cover is what strikes fear in my heart. There is something quite sinister and flammable about the whole affair.

I'm not sure when this grill-phobia began; I expect early in life with repeated harsh admon-

ishments at cook-outs to give the hot coals a wide berth. Perhaps it stems from watching male relatives saturate stacked charcoal briquettes with enough



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

lighter fluid to send flames shooting skyward like fireworks, blackening the leafy canopy of less fortunately positioned trees.

Or maybe it's because despite the many safety features installed on our own silver monster, my

dear husband still managed to singe our son's eyebrows off one day as our erstwhile tot stood too close while Daddy used the self-ignite button.

No doubt about it, grilling falls within the masculine sphere of household chores.

On many a fine summer day, we ladies watch in wonder and alarm as members of the Y-chromosome persuasion take to the deck or patio to incinerate the family meal: the meaty portion anyway.

My husband exudes confi-

dence no matter the challenge; fish, chicken, or steak.

Of course, his self-empowerment is fortified by cracking open a bottle of frosty courage and only then daring to scrape the charred remains off the grate – evidence of past culinary crimes.

I expect I am not the only member of the smarter, oops, I meant softer sex who finds one pressing reason or another to cower behind the fridge door while hubby fires up the coals or, worse, flips open the fuel tank. My throat tightens when I hear that 'tick, tick, tick' sound as gas floods the belly of the beast. I know that it will be soon followed by the terrifying 'Whump!' of combustion.

Once I'm reasonably sure that

the yard and/or the children have not been set ablaze, only then do I emerge from the kitchen bearing a platter piled high with some variety of raw carnivorous delight. As if enacting an idyllic scene conjured by Rockwell, I lovingly hand over the plate and thus the task of preparing dinner.

Perhaps, to appeal to modern sensibilities it would be better to frame this transition of nutritional servitude to the context of television, say CSI.

Only this program's acronym would stand for Cuisine Sparks Indigestion - Special Vittles Unit.

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## Talk about a diatribe! Mann scores a 10.0

In response to Mr. Mann,

You sir have great temerity to dare to tell us how to run our lives from an hour or better away, and we take umbrage with it. What qualifies you to tell us what to do? Have you experience or have you taken courses in Club Management, Government Management, or Journalism? We doubt it.

You might condescend to play golf here? Don't bother on our account. I imagine the club could exist without you as well but we won't put words into their mouths.

It appears to us that you are a frustrated, angry man who decid-

ed to vent on Seven Lakes. You mention other issues, national issues that seem to bother you. Write to the President, Vice-President or Congress to get your frustration out - leave us alone.

We are not at war with each other, sir. We are having a disagreement and not all that hostile a disagreement at that. What's wrong with a few club members letting people know where they stand? The easiest way a group can communicate with each other and the community is an ad such as that: Nothing wrong with it at all. Actu-

ally yours is the most strident and divisive tone we've heard since we moved here.

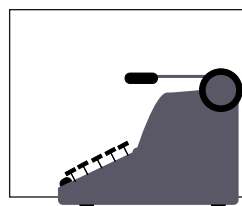
Disagreements can be solved in many ways and that issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* spelled out several of them from discussion to mediation to court. While residents may come down on different sides of the issues for personal or legal reasons none of us is going to be angry at the other side whatever the outcome, because we're all Seven Lakers. We may not like the outcome but we've learned we may not get the outcome we want in many things in life so

why be bitter against our neighbor? You could learn from that.

By the way I think

### Your Turn

Ann & Elliott Frank  
Seven Lakes South



*The Seven Lakes Times* is an excellent small town paper. The ads keep us informed about our merchants who can afford the advertising there better than in *The Pilot*, and it's more directed too. We wouldn't know a tenth as much about the issues that concern us if we had to rely on *The Pilot*. That's pretty much a Southern Pines, Pinehurst newspa-

per with some of Aberdeen thrown in. Certainly our civic organizations are thankful for the coverage especially when they have fundraisers.

A "rag"? You sir know nothing of what

you speak and in addition to your temerity we can add insulting to your resume. You should apologize to everyone at *The Seven Lakes Times* for your ignorance.

So you are running away from Seven Lakes. Good! Even better you are telling your friends to do the same. There is a God and we have been blessed again.

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# Below the surface

We've all met persons who, at first glance, are mildly affable and obviously well-trained in saying the right thing at the right time, like at a party.

Or maybe a few others whose bearing is of a somewhat with-

held variety. quick judgments can turn out to be a bit "off the mark." Certainly I've been guilty of it.

How many times has it turned out that the person who didn't turn you on for some reason was doing something in the community that he or she simply didn't

talk about?

Like that woman at the party.

Neatly groomed. A pleasant smile. Attractive. Not at all assertive. A

person who, as you mentioned as you drove home, "seemed like a nice person."

When I referred to this same person in between sets of tennis when local, national, and worldwide events are discussed

in between gulps of water, I was treated to a heart-warming report of who this woman really was by someone who knows her well.

The point is that there's lots of substance below the surface in just about all of us.

As a life-long writer trained to at least try to get to the bottom of things, it's fascinating to discover what makes people tick. Each person over the years, is more or less unknowingly forming a distinctive mode of living, hopefully serving well for the balance of a lifetime.

Often, that mode may not be distinct and perpetually obvious. But it's there, and within it there is often a person of great depth, compassion, and spirituality.

Like many who live right here among us.



## Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

held variety.

Or a handful who seem to be inherently vocal about anything and everything.

It's nothing new to be exposed to these outward signs of personality. But sometimes our

# More jeers for Mr. Mann

## A Phantom letter writer?

Dear Editor:

Hey — guess what? I do not believe there is an Avery Mann from Cary, NC. I think this letter is from a disgruntled resident of Seven Lakes who wants to keep his identity a secret.

So what do you think readers, am I correct?

Marilyn Quintana  
Seven Lakes South

## Professional help a possibility?

Dear Editor:

I read the rambling letter by Mr. Mann of Cary, NC.

This man needs help and soon. I suggest the Duke Psychiatric Ward as it is close to his home.

Dr. Paul Pressler  
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Dear Editor:

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This team serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors who make the major decisions

on budget, programs and activities that are important to all of us.

I would encourage those with individual negative issues about the operation of our community to deal directly with our elected board of directors, instead of using our local newspaper to air their gripes.

Let's all do all we can to keep the image of Seven Lakes a positive great place to live — because it is.

Ed Chapman  
Seven Lakes North



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Some of the most important rules are:

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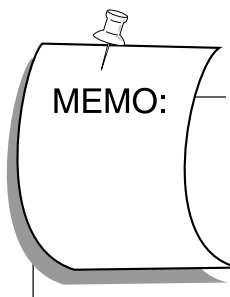
2. No more than six power and/or pontoon boats pulling water skiers, kneeboards, or other floatation devices at any one time on Lake Sequoia and a maximum of two on Lake Echo;

3. Ski boats on Lake Sequoia must stay within the designated ski buoy area;

4. Skiers must stay at least seventy-five feet from shorelines or any other stationary or floating objects.

Please review all of our Rules and Regulations to insure your safety and those of other residents using our lakes.

We have formed a Lakes and Dams committee with five sub-committees. These sub-com-



## Board Notes

*Don Truesdell  
Seven Lakes  
Landowners Board*

The water quality of our lakes was tested on Monday, May 7.

The results of those tests will be posted to the SLLA web-

mittees are Water Quality, Dams, Rules and Regulations, Shoreline, and Wildlife. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact Ron Erskine at 673-2124 or e-mail to: rerskine@nc.rr.com.

site at: <http://sevenlakesnc.org>, and will be available in the office.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer and enjoy our lakes.

They are great!

## Mothers

Mothers: they rise above all others,  
even fathers, sisters, and brothers.

They gave us birth, fed us,  
prayed for us, taught us,  
and caught us (when we were bad).

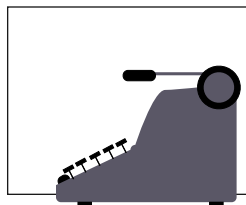
They strolled us; on our trikes  
they rolled us,  
and over our ABC's they taught us.

Mothers are a breed apart –  
they gave us our start.

While dads were at work, they took charge.

Responsibility was large to do the right thing –  
while we wanted to engage in sin, mothers instilled the discipline.

When we said naughty words,  
mothers washed out  
our mouths with soap;  
we loved them anyway, what dopes.



## Your Turn

*by  
Jonathan Karrer*

*[This poem was printed in the May 11 edition of The Seven Lakes Times and incorrectly attributed to Betty Stemmer. Our*

*apologies to both Mr. Karrer and Ms. Stemmer.]*

They gave us spankings when we needed it,  
and rewarded us when we heeded it.

Mothers are the greatest, they never try to berate us.

They build us up, together we walk my pup.

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# Looking for a fish? Try finding its nest!

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"Lib, we must wait until the water warms to sixty to sixty-five degrees, perhaps to mid April. Then we can..."

Very politely she interrupted stating that she was already late for her bowling league tournament and must be excused.

Though hardened via similar past rebuffs, I shall continue addressing the issue with you patient and captive readers' permission.

It is now time to throw the quilts aside, pry oneself out of the rocking chair and begin to make your fishing equipment and your-

self ready for the coming season. For Spring is here and the grass is rizz. Plan to scout around the water's edge and locate likely spawning areas.

When the water warms, one should walk around the water's edge



while looking for areas one to three feet in depth with preferable sand or gravel bottoms. Here is where one may see rounded areas where the male bass has

swept the area smooth and clean. This nest is to be the temporary home for his offspring, born of his mate yet to be named. (Who of us has constructed a perfect home for a wife yet to be found?)

The next move for Mr. Bass is to go find a likely mate and coerce her to visit his newly constructed nest, deposit perhaps a few hundred

eggs and leave as Mr. Bass fertilizes the eggs. The egg sacs are adhesive and attach to the bottom of the nest.

Evidently bass live in an ultra-

liberal society as Mrs. Bass may return to the nest to deposit more eggs and or visit in other nests to procreate. Not to be outdone, Mr. Bass will entice other females to decorate his nest. His nest may ultimately hold over 2000 eggs.

Now that the fun is over, the male bass guards the nest during the ten-day or less incubation: perhaps a short time longer.

Please don't feel that I rec-

ommend the above as a way of life for us of human kind. But having viewed the spawn activities, you will have proof that bass are and will be in the neighborhood.

Should fishermen attempt to catch a nesting fish? That answer deserves a great deal of discussion. Perhaps we can talk about that at another time.

## Summer Tennis for kids!

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Program is gearing up for two summer programs for the local children.

The first session will be from June 18 thru June 21 (Rain date June 22). The second session will be from July 23 thru July 26 (Rain date July 27).

The program is under the direction of Professional Tennis Instructor Bruce Adams and assisted by Seven Lakes Country Club members.

Tennis Campers will be treat-

ed to 1 1/2 hours of tennis per day, followed by swimming for one hour.

Daily instruction will begin at 12:30 pm and finish at the Seven Lakes pool at 3:30 pm.

The cost for each session is \$60. 32 campers will be accepted in each group.

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# Kiwanis get story on St. Joseph's

by Frank Krohn

Samantha Knight, Human Resources Manager for St. Joseph's of the Pines in Southern Pines was the speaker at the Kiwanis Club's regular meeting on May 15.

St. Joseph's offers full services for independent living, assisted living, and medical or nursing care, and is the largest facility of its kind in central North Carolina.

Knight said that staff is vitally

important to an organization of this kind, and her office provides service for about 300 dedicated employees.

St. Joseph's of the Pines keeps a waiting list for facility areas that are fully occupied, while other services and areas of the complex may have space available said Knight.

The Kiwanis Club of Seven Lakes meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club.



Kiwanis program coordinator Chad Beane with St. Joseph's of the Pines Human Resource Manager, Samantha Knight.



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## Two super salads for summer

Summer is a good time for salads. Here are a couple which I think you will enjoy. Neither of these sound particularly good, but, I promise you will love both of them.

### Broccoli Salad

Ingredients:

1 bunch broccoli or about two crowns, chopped. Don't use the

stems.

1 chopped onion  
1/4 cup raisins  
6 slices bacon, cooked  
drained and crumbled  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup sugar or Splenda  
1 Tablespoon vinegar

Mix broccoli, onions, bacon, and raisins together and toss. Mix remaining ingredients

together for dressing.

Pour over broccoli and toss again.

### Buttermilk Congealed Salad

Ingredients:

1 large package of Jello, any flavor  
8 oz. Cool Whip  
20 oz. can crushed pineapple with juice  
1 cup chopped nuts  
2 cups buttermilk

Pour undrained can of pineapple in a small saucepan and heat to boiling. Add Jello and stir until completely dissolved. Put in a bowl and place in the refrigerator until it is as thick as mayonnaise. Add nuts and buttermilk and stir well. Fold in Cool Whip. Cover and refrigerate. I swear it's delicious!



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# CAC spay-neuter clinic gets \$50,000 gift

Companion Animal Clinic of the Sandhills [CAC] has received a gift of \$50,000.00 from Animal Advocates of Moore County, Incorporated to be used to help outfit the new Companion Animal spay/neuter clinic located on Highway U.S. 1 North in Vass.

The donation marks a joint commitment by the Board of Directors of Animal Advocates and the Companion Animal Clinic Board of Directors to meet the challenge of controlling the animal overpopulation problem in the Sandhills.

"CAC's sole mission is to provide low-cost spay and neuter services in a nine county area as a means to control animal overpopulation. We are striking at the root of the problem," said Deborah Wilson, President of CAC.

"We are excited to join forces with Animal Advocates to work towards a common goal of prevention of unwanted animals. The gift from Animal Advocates will help us reach our goal of opening the first low-cost spay/neuter clinic in the area."

"Our board is very happy to present the Companion Animal Clinic with a check for \$50,000 to speed up the clinic's opening date. We also want our many loyal members to understand that the money we are donating was a gift to Animal Advocates of Moore County [AAMC] from the estate of Mrs. Francis K. Trees," said Maureen Burke-Horansky, President of Animal Advocates, a local animal-welfare organization.

"Francis was an animal lover extraordinaire, and we were blessed to meet her when someone stole her dog. Little did we know that the act of helping reunite Francis with her dog would lead her to donate a large amount of money to AAMC upon her death for the purpose of furthering our spay/neuter initiative," said Burke-Horansky.

"Animal Advocates has been doing spays and neuters for the pets of low income and disabled residents for four years. We charge the residents a small fee, which we know they can afford and AAMC subsidizes the remainder."

"We have sterilized over 3,000 dogs and cats to date. We have always believed that the only



*Animal Advocates of Moore County has contributed \$50,000 to Companion Animal Clinic.*

way to stop the pet overpopulation problem is through spaying and neutering," said Burke-Horansky. "We are delighted and excited to help CAC accomplish the goal of opening a spay/neuter clinic."

Companion Animal Clinic will charge \$35.00 for male cats and \$45.00 for all others. "Based on research, we need to do twenty-five spay/neuters a day, five days a week to insure that CAC is cost effective."

Animal welfare groups and animal control centers in the nine counties have an on-going need for low-cost spay/neuter," said Deborah Wilson, President of CAC.

"Because animal welfare groups and public shelters are overwhelmed with animals, we anticipate that we will be at capacity quickly. CAC will enable animal shelters to concentrate on adoption by providing low-cost spay/neuter."

"Eventually we will be able to

significantly reduce the numbers of animals coming into shelters by these proactive measures," said Wilson.

CAC will serve a nine-county region including Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Chatham, Richmond, Randolph, Moore, Montgomery, and Lee. CAC will have a vehicle to provide pick-up and delivery of animals for groups.

Renovations to the CAC building are now underway to convert it into a state-of-the-art spay/neuter clinic. Companion Animal Clinic will only offer spay/neuter services. It is not a shelter and it is not a boarding facility.

CAC will have its own staff of veterinarians and veterinary technicians and is currently in the process of hiring for these positions.

For more information, go to the CAC web site at [www.companionanimalclinic.org](http://www.companionanimalclinic.org) or call the clinic at 692-FIXX (3499).

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# Trying to quit smoking? Listen up!

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Did you make any resolutions? Maybe a resolution to quit smoking?

Quitting smoking traditionally ranks fourth on America's top ten New Year's resolution list.

Have you done anything about that resolution yet?

We can help.

According to the Centers of Disease Control [CDC] nearly thirty-five

of Heart Disease, Respiratory Disease, and obviously every cancer known. You may find it interesting to learn that second hand smoke contains over 4000 chemicals in it, 250 of which are toxic to human healthy, and over fifty of these chemicals are known carcinogens (cancer causing agents). Again, you know the health risks and you are aware of the social and economical ramifications that parallel the habit. The meat and potatoes of this article, then, will deal with how to go about quitting.

Number one on the list is to believe you can quit. My calculus teacher once said "whether you believe you can or that you can't, you're correct." She was correct. How you believe

triggers cause you to want to smoke. Being aware of what triggers your habit will allow you to prepare yourself to fight cravings.

Step three is to take action. You have decided that you can quit, you've developed a plan, now "just do it."

The above three steps are

steps three out of eleven steps used to successfully quit smoking. This method has been used by millions of smokers who have kicked the habit. Read the full article at <http://www.quitsmoking.com/shorttips.htm> to gain further ammunition to fight your smoking habit.

If you do see your doctor and

he or she recommends using pharmaceuticals to help ease the cravings and/or taper your body off of nicotine we can provide you with additional information concerning the proper use of nicotine supplements such as nicotine gum or patches.

(See "Kicking," p. 34)



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## To Your Health

million people in the United States want to quit smoking. This year it is estimated that only 1.5 million people will quit successfully. In this article, we will detail some of the techniques a person should use to optimize success rates.

We assume that since you have resolved to quit smoking you are well aware of the health risks of smoking. You are well aware that cigarette smoking substantially increases the risk



shapes everything you do and how you go about everything you do. You must believe in your heart that you are able and that you can quit smoking. This is step one.



Step two involves creating a plan. A plan will allow you to follow a structured strategy. Write this plan on paper and use it as a reference guide in your times of struggle. Write down the times that you smoke most often during the day and what

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# Sunglasses are essential to eye health

by Terry Paszko

## Seven Lakes Eyecare

The news is full of talk about global warming? Should we be worried about the affect on our eyes?

The answer is absolutely yes. Ultraviolet radiation which will increase as a result of depletion of the stratospheric ozone layer has a number of adverse effects on human health including increased risk of eye disorders such as cataract.

Acute effects of UV radiation on the eye include photokeratitis, an inflammation of the cornea and iris, and photoconjunctivitis, an inflammation of the conjunctiva (the membrane that lines the inside of the eyelids).

Long-term effects of UV radiation exposure of the eye may

include the development of pterygium (white or creamy opaque growth attached to the cornea), and squamous cell cancer of the conjunctiva.

Some 16 million people worldwide are currently blind as a result of cataracts. Of these, WHO (World Health Organization) estimates that as many as 20 percent may be due to UV radiation exposure.

Given the facts, are we protecting our eyes enough?

My conclusion is no.

What can we do to protect the precious health of our vision?

The simplest answer is sunglasses. No one wants to avoid the sun completely, so take full advantage and still be safe.

As important as sunscreen is to your skin, sunglasses are to

your eyes. Putting on prescription or non prescription sunglasses needs to become as second nature as putting on shoes when going outside.

All eye glass prescriptions can be made into sunglasses and there are many options to custom build them for your particular needs. August is Cataract Awareness Month.

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Terry Paszko is a NCLE Certified North Carolina Licensed Optician with Seven Lakes Eye Care & Optical. Contact her at 673-3937.

## Kicking the habit

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Various doses of the nicotine patch are available. Generally, the maximum dose which is around 21mg/day is recommended for smokers who smoke fifteen or more cigarettes per day. This dose is usually tapered down at two or three week intervals or as tolerated by the patient.

Concerning nicotine gum, generally 2mg should be considered the optimal dose for patients unless they smoke greater than twenty cigarettes per day or have previously failed therapy on the 2mg. If either of these cases exists, then the 4mg gum is recommended. The 2mg users should not use more than thirty pieces of gum per day, and 4mg users should use no more

than twenty pieces of gum per day.

In conclusion, the risks involved with smoking are ever present and the desire to quit smoking is right in front of our faces. We wish you the best as you prepare to make this health-smart decision and start your New Year

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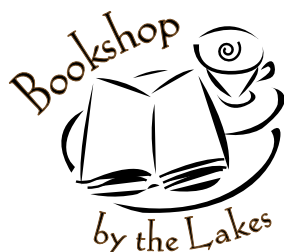


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by Joe Kristek  
Seven Lakes West

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The quilts were made by ladies who attend classes at RoseMary's Quilting Room in Pinehurst. For Christmas this same group made over one hundred Christmas stockings which were sent to our service personnel serving in Iraq.

They also participate in making quilts for Habitat for Humanity, Hospice, and Moore Free Clinic.

## Lions Golf Tournament is June 3

Don't forget to sign up for the annual Lion's Club Golf Tournament held on June Sunday, June 3.

All the fun begins at 1:30 pm, at the Seven Lakes Country Club.

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# Schools

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jector, and network-ready, multimedia computer system to include a DVD player, speakers, media reader, and USB data key.

The capabilities and applications of SMART Board use, both

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"It brings learning to life — changing it from passive to active learning," said Dr. Purser.

## Leadership Academy

During the past school year, fifteen teachers and all nineteen assistant principals employed with Moore County participated in a brand-new program, the Leadership Academy.

The academy provided participants with an opportunity to "get a sneak peek at adminis-

tration and the chance to network with other assistant principals in the county," said Dr. Brian Phillips, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools.

Meeting on a monthly basis, in the mornings — "when the group was fresh, not after school when they were tired from work" — Dr. Phillips said they heard presentations on a variety of relevant subjects including human resources news, updates on facilities plans, Exceptional Children laws, overview of testing and accountability models, and budget updates. Guest speakers were drawn mostly from county experts and staff. Required reading of two leadership books was also included in the curriculum and the group met to discuss these books and what it means to be a leader.

"The Leadership Academy provided us an opportunity to interview potential new assistant principals," said Dr. Phillips. "We will be offering it again next year."

# Tourney

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cause and that's what brought me out: Anything for the kids," said Carl.

Janet Baker said, "This is the first time I've entered a tournament but I'm here to have fun for a good cause."

The player ranks also included more experienced golfers including former school principal and event co-chair, Jo Nicholas, who said, "This is a worthy cause — we're feeding children in Moore County. When you come out for children that means you are truly devoted to them."

## Tournament winners:

**First Place** — Dr. Canoy Alderman's team; Candy Alderman, Paul Sowell, Pat Mark, Jim Mark.

**Second Place** — Seven Lakes Chiropractic Center team; Dr. Richard Pasko, George Shadwick, Wayne Mantalano, Jim Fitch.

**Third Place** — North Carolina

Electric Cooperatives team; Bruce Simmons, Todd Moore, Morris McClellion.

## Other winners

**Closest to the Pin** — Dr. Richard Pasko on Hole 5, and Barbara Card on Hole 7, Todd Moore on Hole 12, Jennifer Maples on Hole 15.

**Straightest Drive on Hole 10** — Gary Baker.

**Longest Drive on Hole 18** — Women, Betsy Brezinski; Men, Jason Lee.

## Members wanted

The next meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes will be held in September. All Seven Lakes women are welcome to attend and join. Membership dues are \$7.00 annually.

In an effort to encourage a larger number of younger women of the community to join, monthly meetings have been rescheduled to begin at 1:00 pm.

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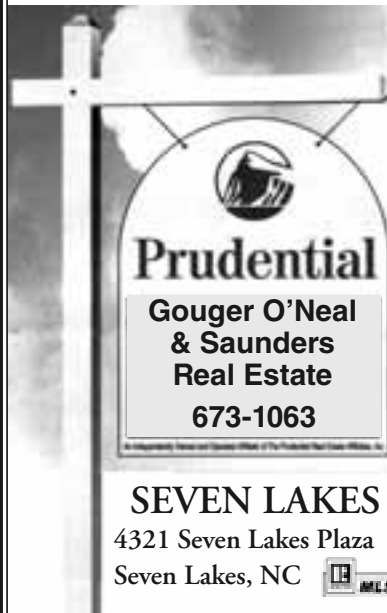
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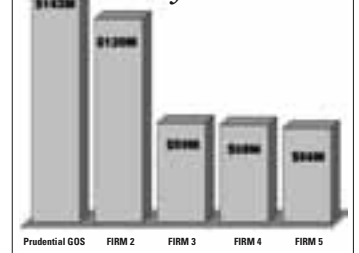
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# County budget

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But achieving that goal was impossible "without laying waste to departments or programs already too lean," McSwain told Commissioners.

Among the key goals of the 2007-2008 budget, according to McSwain's presentation, was to stop the practice of appropriating money from the undesignated fund balance — the county's reserves — to fund the current year operating budget. That appropriation could have totaled more than \$8 million in the current fiscal year, according to McSwain, though a combination of higher than projected revenues and expense control prevented any actual appropriation of the fund balance.

Eschewing the use of the fund balance in the coming year means taxpayers will have to make up the difference — to the tune of \$10.6 million. [Check the end of this article for an explanation.]

Here are some highlights of McSwain's budget presentation:

- County departments requested a total of 33 new staff positions; McSwain's budget asks for 13 (Five of these positions are in public works, information technology, and property management, areas funded outside the General Fund.)
- The county is expected to have a \$3.8 million Medicaid bill in the coming year, but

McSwain's budget counts on a proposal in the North Carolina General Assembly that would cap county Medicaid contributions at their 2006 level — \$3.3 million — though it's not certain what the General Assembly will actually do to provide Medicaid relief to the counties.

- McSwain's budget proposes an 11.9 percent increase in operating funds for Moore County Schools, but gives the school system about \$900,000 less than the school board requested.

## School bonds

Commissioners approved requests from both Moore County Schools [MCS] and Sandhills Community College [SCC] to have voters consider bond referendums on election day in November to fund major school construction projects.

The \$53.5 million MCS request includes the construction of a

new elementary school in the southern portion of the county, which includes Seven Lakes, Foxfire, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and Aberdeen; a new middle school in the central portion of the county; renovations at seven other schools, and improvements at several MCS athletic facilities.

This is only the first phase of MCS's three phase Facilities Master Plan, which extends through 2018 and is likely to cost well in excess of \$150 million.

The \$15.5 million SCC request includes a new 35,000 square foot classroom to replace Blue Hall; an EMS training facility that will include both residential and commercial burn buildings; a second entrance to the SCC campus, a 10,000 square foot maintenance and warehouse facility; a conservatory for the landscape gardening program; and \$2.9 million in repairs and renovations.

The commissioners' approval of the referendum request means that voters will have a chance to decide in November whether the county should borrow the money to pay for the projects. No estimates of the impact of the bond issues on property taxes were presented during the meeting.

## Other Business

During Monday night's meeting the Board of Commissioners also:

- Approved a rezoning request for Accelerated Technologies Laboratories, Inc. of Seven Lakes that will allow the company to continue to expand its software business located on Holly Grove School Road.
- Approved several budget amendments, including one that forgives a \$240,000 debt owed the county by the Moore

County Airport. Commissioners Tim Lea and Cindy Morgan voted against that amendment.

- Proclaimed May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Moore County.
- Approved the minutes from the May 7 regular meeting and approved nearly \$58,000 in tax releases.
- Approved resolutions that allow the county to continue to participate in statewide Worker's Compensation and Property Insurance pools.
- Asked for an extension of the completion date for water projects funded by a \$400,000 US Department of Agriculture Rural Center Grant.
- Approved some changes to the county's Sewer Use Ordinance that were mandated by the North Carolina Division (See "Commissioners," p. 38)

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## West Side

a concern for the safety of the person tasked with that job, given the configuration of the gate.

### Board activities

Haggard began the meeting with a review of some of the activities the Board has been involved in over the past several weeks:

- SLWLA officers attended a conference of the Homeowners Association of North Carolina and discovered that the SLWLA, with approximately 1,800 members, is among the largest in the state. Haggard said the conference moderator was surprised to discover that such a large association was not administered by a community management company — and also surprised at the level of professionalism with which the Westside is managed. That is to the credit of the many, many residents who have volunteered their time to keep the SLWLA operating effectively, Haggard said.
- At the last General Meeting, a member of the Association asked the board to consider holding a referendum on voiding the SLWLA agreement with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission [NCWRC] regarding jurisdiction over Lake Auman. After a Board member met with the member to discuss the agreement, he withdrew the request for the referendum.
- At the April General Meeting, a concern was raised about a real estate ad in *The Seven Lakes Times* that advertised a

Morganwoods property with a private entrance off Provost Road. The language about a private entrance has been removed from the ad and the Board's legal and security directors are working to make sure there is no authority for such an entrance.

- Haggard said he received a response to a inquiry about home mail delivery in Seven Lakes West from Senator Elizabeth Dole's (R-NC) office. Dole had forwarded the community's request to the US Postal Service and will notify the SLWLA when she receives a response.
- A new fee schedule for the use of West Side Park, included in the annual dues mailing, had created the perception that Seven Lakes clubs would now be charged for use of the Community Center. "That is simply not the case," Haggard said, explaining that a revised fee schedule had been drafted and is being thoroughly reviewed before being published again. "Hopefully that will put to rest the issue of fees and deposits," he added.
- Haggard said he had signed a Letter of Understanding with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA], identical to that signed last year, that provides for reciprocal use of amenities and participation in recreational programs.
- Haggard said the Board intends to use the SLWLA website as a primary medium for communicating important and timely information to Westside residents. He encouraged landowners to make a habit of

visiting the website — at [www.sevenlakeswest.org](http://www.sevenlakeswest.org) — on a daily basis.

### Manager's report

Community Manager Tony Robertson, as well as several board members, praised the work of Ronnie and Betty Milligan to beautify the traffic island at the entrance to Seven Lakes West. Robertson christened in "Milligan's Island."

Robertson noted that the West Side Park pool opens this Saturday, May 26, and said the pool schedule is posted on the website and in the SLWLA Landowners Office.

Robertson said he is working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT] to secure a protected left turn into Seven Lakes West for traffic traveling Westbound on NC Highway 211. "It looks good," Robert-

son said, "but only time will tell."

### Finance

Treasurer Kathy Kirst said the Association has retained Busby and Company of Southern Pines to perform an audit of association finances. In response to a question, she said the by-laws currently leave the frequency of audits at the discretion of the Treasurer, adding that she feels (See "West Side," p. 39)

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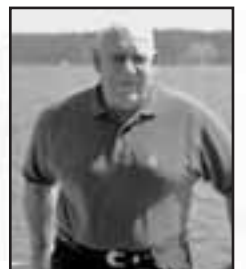


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## Commissioners

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- sion of Water Quality. Among the changes will be the possibility of imposing a new \$53 fee on restaurants for county inspection of their grease traps.
- Approved an extension of the county's financial audit contract with Dixon-Hughes for two years at a cost of \$87,000.
- Approved a funding plan for the county's Juvenile Crime Prevention Council that will allow it to receive \$185,000 in state funding from the North

Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

- Reappointed the fifteen members of the Board of Directors of the Moore County Transportation Advisory Board for a three-year term.
- Reappointed former Moore County Sheriff James Wise and Sam Riddle III to the Moore County ABC Board.
- Reappointed Jack Barron to the Sandhills Mental Health Board.



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# Florence

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with the Club as stated by Mr. Weber in *The Times*."

"The Club has tried to state that they are willing to work out this situation, but their mind was made up long ago."

Perhaps the most significant paragraph in Florence's statement raises for the first time in a public forum a key concern of the Landowners Association: the prospect that the Club could be sold to an outside group. Florence noted that membership in the Club is in decline, threatening the Club's finances. "The Club's financial situation scares us," Florence wrote.

Ensuring that the SLLA has some control over the use of the golf course property after any sale is a key concern, Florence said, and is among the chief reasons the SLLA Board has insisted that Southside covenants apply to Club property.

"If the Club is sold to a private developer, and this issue of the covenants is not settled, then anything goes with that land, anything can be done to it and the SLLA will not be able to do anything about it," Florence wrote.

"What the SLLA Board is doing is protecting every homeowner's investment in this community," he continued. "Legal fights

may be coming, but the Board has an obligation to its homeowners."

Florence says the Club must agree that the covenants apply to SLCC property — something that Weber's letter said the Club could not and would not do — and submit plans for the new driving range to the SLLA's Architectural Review Board.

Comparing Florence's letter to Weber's suggests there is little room for compromise on the matter, but the two parties had scheduled a meeting for this week.

SLLA President Don Truesdell said he and Director Ed Nuti, along with Association attorney Hunter Stovall, would meet with SLCC General Manager Mike Spayd, Board member Denny Galford, and Club attorney Penny Hayes on Thursday, May 24 at 2:00 pm [after this edition of *The Times* went to press].

"Keep your fingers crossed," Truesdell told those who attended the May 16 work session.

Here is the complete text of Florence's statement:

*From Michael Florence,  
SLLA Board Member*

In the May 11, 2007 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* there

was a front page article written by Dick Weber, President of the Seven Lakes Country Club. In the article he details how the club has tried to deal with the SLLA on the issue of moving and building a new driving range. Since last year this issue is one the Landowner's Board has been dealing with and spending in my opinion too much time talking about. It was clear to me last year, as it is clear to me now that the Club is going to try and do whatever the Club wants to. The Club has tried to get the Landowner's Board to try and rubberstamp and approve this issue before it even allows its members to even vote on the sale of the old driving range.

Let me state that since last year the SLLA has been unanimous in its approval of having the Club build the new driving range. All we have asked is that the Club present its plans to the Architectural Review Board, have the ARB sign off on it, and move on. The Club, only after intense negotiations, said they would present the plan under protest. This has not happened.

The Club has stated that they are not under any form of restrictive covenants, and they can do whatever they want. In one meeting they used the example of

the daily placements of their fairway pins to argue against the covenants. They said they would have to submit the locations of these pins for Landowner approval. Not so.

Yes, the previous Board did start negotiations with the Club concerning this issue. One of these discussions dealt with the submission of the range plans to the ARB, another was that the club fell under the Southside restated restrictive covenants. We never had a official compromise worked out with the Club as stated by Mr. Weber in *The Times*.

The Club has tried to state that they are willing to work out this situation, but their mind was made up long ago.

The SLLA has sought out legal opinions on if the Club falls under the Southside Restated Restricted Covenants. Their opinions are they do.

The Club's financial situation scares us. Membership is down, and the Club has obligations it may find hard pressed to meet. If the Club is sold to a private developer, and this issue of the covenants is not settled, then anything goes with that land, anything can be done to it and the SLLA will not be able to do anything about it.

What the SLLA Board is doing is protecting every homeowners investment in this community. Legal fights may be coming, but the Board has an obligation to its

(See "Florence," p. 41)

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# SLLA

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the pool fence, Douglass said, but it has been suggested that the existing fence could be power washed and left in place for a few more years. After discussion, the Board decided to pull together costs on the alternatives and make a decision at the May 30 general session.

**Maintenance.** Director Nuti said he has been frustrated by a lack of responsiveness from the company currently under contract

# Burglaries

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hammer were apparently used to pry open the rear entrances of the businesses.

"We have a couple of suspects," Threadgill told *The Times*, noting that fingerprints had been lifted from several of the crime scenes. He said the Fayetteville police lab is currently processing that evidence. The Fayetteville lab handles fingerprint analysis for the Moore County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the break-in. Threadgill encouraged anyone with information that might be useful to the investigation to contact him at the Sheriff's office in Carthage at 947-2931.

# Florence

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homeowners.

To solve this problem is easy:

1. the Club must agree that the Southside Restated Restrictive Covenants do apply to all its property;
2. the Club must submit to the SLLA ARB plans for its new driving range before any construction takes place for approval.

As for the old driving range and what to do with it, that is an issue that can be worked out later.

I ask that the membership of the Club (many of them who are residents of the North and South side), support the SLLA in this matter.

Thank you,  
Michael Florence

to haul away debris, as well as the lack of progress in getting a new maintenance shed assembled.

Nuti said he is investigating alternatives to the current arrangement for debris disposal, including the possibility of handling the job in-house.

New road repair estimates that utilize a different repaving technique are coming in at \$55,000 per mile rather than \$75,000 per mile. Nuti said his committee will be working up a schedule for repaving priority areas.

President Truesdell again raised the possibility of having an engineering firm conduct a review of

Seven Lakes roads in order to assist in planning for repairs. Board members had been given an opportunity to review an example of the firm's work — a study done for Foxfire Village. Polling Board members, Truesdell got mixed reviews on whether the \$7,000 cost of the study would be money well spent.

Nuti suggested having Frank Horan, a member of his maintenance committee with some expertise in road maintenance, take a look at the proposed study and provide input on its value. The Board is expected to hear from Horan at the May 30 General Meeting.

**Finance.** Treasurer Steve Hud-

son said Fiscal year 2006-2007 ended with \$1,279,000 in revenue, \$954,000 in operating expenses, and \$436,000 in capital expenses. State-mandated repairs to Echo Dam were responsible for the unusually high level of capital expenditures, Hudson said.

The year ended with a \$111,000 decrease in cash reserves. Of the \$303,000 in reserves remaining, \$125,000 are restricted reserves for road paving.

Hudson said thirteen problem accounts owning \$43,000 in back dues have been turned over the the Association attorney to have liens placed against the properties involved.

**President's report.** SLLA President Don Truesdell said the Association's employee group has been accepted by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina for health insurance purposes and negotiations with a second company are also in process. "I am confident that we will have a better policy for our employees and maybe even a reduction in cost," Truesdell said.

Truesdell said he had formed a new Lakes and Dams committee with fourteen members assigned to five subcommittees covering, dams, shoreline, wildlife, water quality, and rules and regulations.



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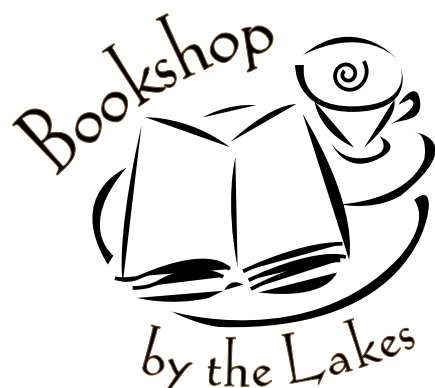
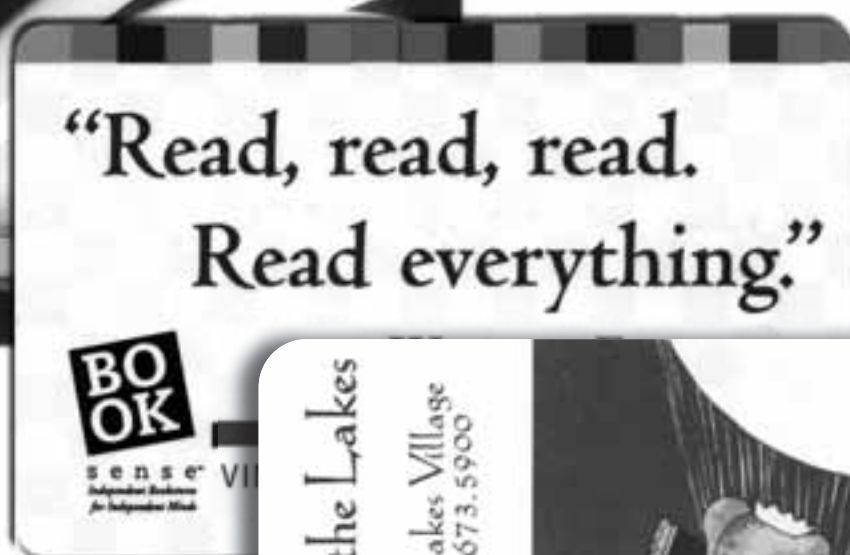
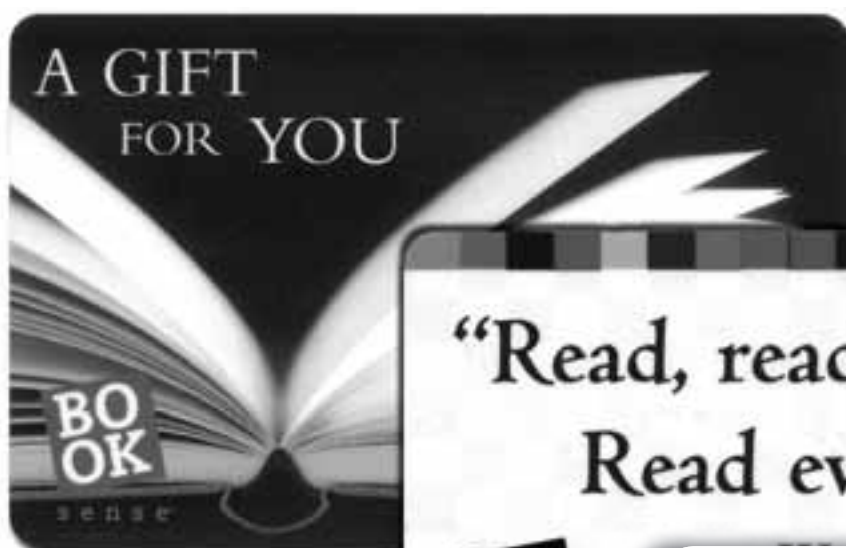
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