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Truck parking: 3 options on table

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Three options are now on the table in the on-going debate over the parking of big trucks in Seven Lakes North and South:

A. A ban on overnight parking of trailer tractors that grandfather's current resident owner-operators, while placing new restrictions on the parking of their rigs inside the gates;

B. Allowing restricted parking of the big trucks by any resi-

dent; or

C. A complete ban on overnight parking of trailer tractors.

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Option A and B were proposed by Director Ed Nuti, who chairs the Rules Committee, during a Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board Work Session on Wednesday, July 10.

(See "Trucks," p. 36)

Foxfire's demand for water growing

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Foxfire Village will need more wells or a source of purchased water if it is to meet growing

fire's future water needs. Councilman Ed Lauer briefed his fellow council members and Village residents on the study during the regular Tuesday, July 10, council meeting.

"The bottom line is they made three recommendations; to ban all future private wells in the village, to raise the water rates, and to remediate those village wells which tested high for radium," Lauer reported.

Lauer said the village is currently using 57 percent to 60 percent of the capacity of existing wells. However, he noted,

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demands on the Village's water system.

That was among the conclusions of a recently completed comprehensive study of Fox-

Artist in residence



Ann Campbell of Seven Lakes West will have a Gallery Showing at the Artists League of the Sandhills, 129 Exchange Street, Aberdeen, August 1-29. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday 12:00-3:00 pm. For information call 910-944-3979. [See page 15 for more on Campbell.]

Who will get those barcodes?

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Work is underway on a new barcode-activated gate for Seven Lakes West, but the Board has yet to determine who will get to use it.

Security Director Blaine Rowland told fellow members of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board

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during their Tuesday, July 10, work session that a performance bond had been received

from Maximum Security and work was scheduled to begin the next day. The project is expected to take two to two-and-one-half weeks to complete, Rowland said.

Turning the the issue of who should receive the barcode stick-

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More from the SLLA Board Work Session

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Though the issue of truck parking took center stage at the July 10 Work Session of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board, a variety of other issues were discussed. Here's a rundown on the rest of the meeting.

Skateboarders. Director Laura Douglass said she will be scheduling a skateboarding demonstration for August 16 or 23 in order to open a dialogue with local youth. She asked the Board whether they would approve construction of a set of low steps adjacent to the Northside basketball court, which skateboarders could use as an obstacle for stunts.

"It would give the kids a place to sit and give them something to skate on," Douglass explained.

President Truesdell asked Douglass to work up a sketch of the proposed steps and asked that it be put on the agenda for the July 25 General Session.

Other Board members expressed support for the concept but said they wanted more details on cost and liability issues before committing to support it.

Recreation. Recreation Director Douglass reported that the new pool fence should be in in early August. She said that some participants in the early morning water aerobics classes had complained of debris in the pool, Douglass said recent thunderstorms have blown leaves and twigs into the pool overnight. Lifeguards will be asked to come in a little early to try to clean the worst of it up before class.

Douglass said the lifeguards agree that nine years of age is too young for unsupervised use of the pool and supported raising the minimum age to twelve. "I see this as not something we would enforce by checking everyone's ID," Douglass said, "but more as a tool you can use when you have a younger child not doing what they are supposed to be doing."

Architectural Review. ARB Director Donna Stephan said a rule is needed that will require builders and developers who clear lots for construction to remove the debris within five

Lakes. "He is going to try to flood in two to three cars at various times to do traffic enforcement," Florence said.

Community standards. Director Randy Zielsdorf alerted Board Members to a growing number of complaints concerning mini-motorcycles — or "pocket bikes" — being operated by young people on Seven Lakes streets. [See related article on page 4.] Zielsdorf said the bikes are only 15 to 18 inches tall and are supposed to be limited to 35 miles per hour by a speed governor on the engine. "With some work they can do 60 to 65 miles per hour," he said.

"We see it as a potentially lia-

bility issue," Zielsdorf added. The bikes have been banned in some states and one of the Community Standards committee members is looking at whether there is any more to ban them in North Carolina. "Rather than banning them in Seven Lakes," We may want to require that they be registered and that owners sign a waiver relieving the Association of liability," he said.

Turning to other matters, Zielsdorf said he would like the Board to consider finding a large storage area for landowners boats, so that fewer boats are parked in front of homes in the community. He said he is working on a rule that would limit the time a contractor's or workman's sign could be posted in front of a

(See "SLLA," p. 37)

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days of clearing. The proposal was placed on the agenda for the upcoming General Session. Stephan said her committee is working on a letter to send out to builders letting them know how important the SLLA covenants are and how determined the ARB committee is to enforce them.

Security. Security Director Michael Florence said he had met with Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter shortly before July 4 and briefed the Sheriff on speeding problems in Seven

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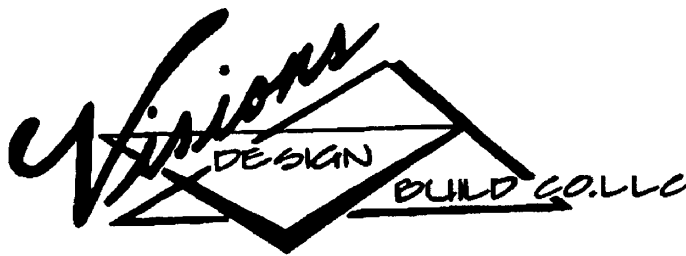
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Water line nearly in, pump upgrade pays off

Work on water lines has been a constant feature in Seven Lakes for the past few weeks, as the backhoes and workmen slowly moved down Seven Lakes Drive, across the front of the Business Village, and then across NC Highway 211. But the bulk of the work should be wrapped up by the end of next week, or about July 27, Moore County Public Works Director Dennis Brobst told *The Times* on Tuesday.

The blue pipes that workmen have been laying will ultimately link the water tanks in Seven Lakes North and Seven Lakes West, as well as providing a missing second link between the North and South Sides.

Once critical piece of the project is still missing, however — a roughly 40-foot pipe that will run under the railroad tracks near the intersection of NC Highway 211 and the road to the truss plant.

Public Utilities has been working since this time last year to secure an easement to lay pipe under the tracks, Brobst told *The Times*. But personnel changes at the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway Company [ACWR] have made it dif-

ficult to finalize the deal. Approval of a contract was on the agenda of the Monday, July 16, Moore County Commissioners meeting, but Brobst was forced to withdraw the item because he had had no response from the railway company.

The current version of the contract involves a payment of \$5,100 from the county to ACWR, but Brobst said the key issues have been legal, not financial. "We believe our latest draft will be acceptable to them," Brobst said. "We're literally down to a couple of words in a thirty-page contract."

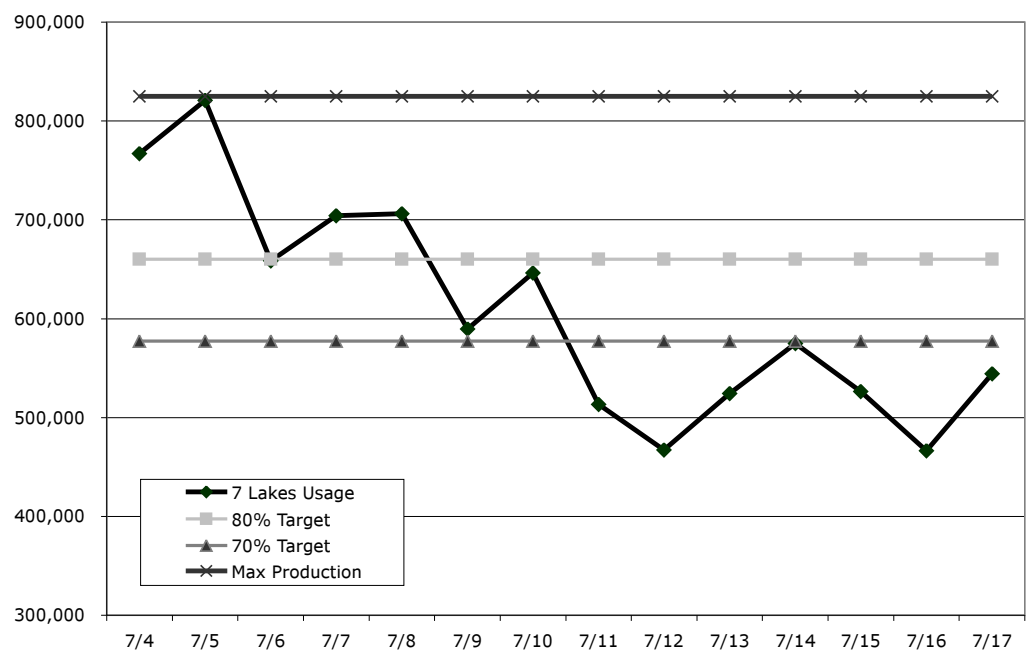
New pumps a success

Brobst told *The Times* that an upgrade to the pumps that supply most of Seven Lakes' water has been "a very successful little improvement," increasing the water available to Seven Lakes by 200,000 gallons per day — or about 25 percent.

Most of Seven Lakes' water is piped in from the county-run system in Pinehurst. That water was piped through the Pinewild system, until the county completed the installation of a more

(See "Water," p. 35)

Seven Lakes Water Usage



With the help of some much-needed rain, Seven Lakes has met or exceeded county water conservation goals for the past seven days. The *Times* website includes a water usage graph that is updated it each weekday. Select the "Water Gauge" link at www.sevenlaketimes.net.

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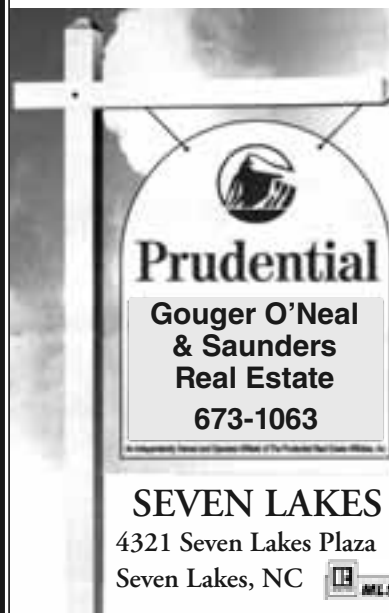
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Pocket bikes not kids' stuff

Those little motorcycles zipping around Seven Lakes may turn out to be a quick ride to the courthouse for some young folks and their parents.

Moore County Sheriff Lane Carter told *The Times* on Wednesday that his office has confirmed that the "pocket bikes" fall into the same category as mopeds in the North Carolina General Statutes. While the bikes do not need a license plate to be operated on Seven Lakes streets — or other roadways subject to state traffic laws — they are subject to a number of restrictions:

- The operator must be 16 years of age or older,
- He or she must wear a helmet, and
- The operator must obey all traffic laws, including speed limits, lane restrictions, and stop signs.

"Pocket bikes" are small two-wheeled bikes that stand just eighteen inches tall. They have gas powered engines with a displacement of less than 50 cubic centimeters, and are normally equipped with governors that limit speeds to under 30 miles per hour. With modifications, they could conceivably go much faster.

Seven Lakes Community Man-

ager Dalton Fulcher told *The Times* that he took plenty of calls about the bikes from Seven Lakes residents late last week, and many of those same residents called the Sheriff's Office to complain.

Responding to those complaints, Sheriff's Deputy Mike Kantorowski found two Seven Lakes youths, aged 12 and 14, riding the bikes without helmets and with little apparent regard for the rules of the road. Kantorowski spoke with the parents of the youngsters, "and the complaints seem to have dropped off," he told *The Times*.

Kantorowski said children under age 16 caught riding the bikes on Seven Lakes roads could wind up in juvenile court — and their parents could be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Licensed drivers caught riding a pocket bike without a helmet or in violation of other traffic laws could be ticketed just like for any other traffic offense — and that ticket could put points on their driving record.

Riding the bikes off-road on private property could result in a trespassing citation, Kantorowski told *The Times*.

EMS at Day Camp



Police officers, paramedics, and firefighters visited the Seven Lakes Day Camp last week as part of the Careers 101 theme. All cowboys and cowgirls are invited to participate next week for Wild West Adventures week which will include a visit to the Seven Lakes stables. Day Camp runs Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, with a half-day option available. Cost is \$6.00 or \$12.00 per day, and drop-in is available. To pre-register or for information, call Chad Beane at 673-4931.



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Subdivision ordinance rewrite is underway

The Moore County Planning Department has hired Land Design, Inc. to assist in the drafting of new sections of the county Subdivision Ordinance that will improve the Planned Unit Development regulations and add Conservation Subdivision Regulations, Planning Director Andrea Surratt reported during the Monday, July 16 regular meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

"These ordinances changes will be reflective of the land-use plan," Surratt told Commissioners. "Staff has been working all along, so we had a lot of the work done," she noted, indicating that about thirty percent of the work has been completed.

The Commissioners had charged the Planning Department with obtaining the services of a consultant to help with the ordinance rewrite during their June 18 meeting. That decision was taken in lieu of approving a six-month moratorium on new subdivisions in Small Area Planning Area A, to provide the planning staff with a window within which to develop the new ordinances internally.

Instead of imposing a moratorium, the Commissioners continued the matter for sixty days — which in fact halted new sub-

division applications during that time period — and instructed Surratt to find a consultant who could help speed up the process.

Surratt said the consultants — who have offices in Southern Pines, Charlotte, and Washington, DC — will be interviewing a wide range of stakeholders in the county over the next few weeks, including commissioners, county staff, planning board members, small area planning steering committee members, engineers, surveyors, Realtors®, representatives of the Moore County Homebuilders Association, and concerned citizens.

The goal is to get a broad range of input into the ordinance development process.

The draft regulations are expected to be reviewed in a joint meeting of the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners in late September; a public hearing will likely be held during that same meeting and the new ordinances could be approved following that hearing.

Neither Surratt or the Commissioners indicated during Monday's meeting whether the de facto moratorium on new Area A subdivisions will be continued until the new ordinances are in place.

Working on the railroad

The Commissioners tabled an agenda item that would have had them approve a contract with the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway Company to allow Moore County Public Works to lay a waterline under railroad tracks in Seven Lakes.

The waterline in question is part of the new line connecting the two water tanks in Seven Lakes. The contract involves a payment of \$5,100 to the railway company.

Moore County Public Utilities Director Dennis Brobst said personnel changes at the company have made it difficult to get a response from the railway company on a draft agreement.

Crisis Intervention

The Commissioners heard a presentation from Marianne P. Kernan, Vice President of the Moore County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness [NAMI], an organization dedicated to promoting understanding of brain illnesses.

Kernan said NAMI would like to develop a Crisis Intervention Team in Moore County that would provide training and facilities to help law enforcement develop more effective strate-

gies of dealing with individuals with brain illnesses.

Kernan said NAMI would pay for law enforcement training, which could be conducted at Sandhills Community College. But better holding facilities are needed for individuals in crisis — possibly in the Emergency Department at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Kernan was not able to provide cost estimates or funding sources for those facilities.

Other Business

Also during their July 16 meeting, Commissioners:

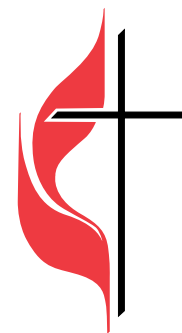
- Held a public hearing on the annual application of Moore County Transportation Services to the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Rural Operating Assistance Program

and passed a resolution in support of the application.

- Heard from Tax Administrator Wayne Vest that just under \$49,000 in 2006 Personal Property Taxes remain uncollected and will be rebilled as delinquent in 2007.

- Heard further from Vest that the collection rate for the 2006-2007 tax year on all county property taxes was 99.6035 percent. County Manager Cary McSwain told commissioners that a collection rate this high was almost unheard of among counties in the state. Vest said the county's property tax collection rate had exceeded 99 percent since 1991.
- Approved performance-based contracts for fire protection with Southern Pines, Robbins, and Pinehurst.

(See "Commissioners," p. 25)



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School Board honors WEE's Mary Hankins

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

In recognition of outstanding service, the Moore County Schools [MCS] Board of Education honored Seven Lakes North resident, Mary Hankins, at their meeting on July 16, as the Support Staff Star Award winner for the month of June.

Hankins has worked in a variety of capacities at West End Elementary since 1992, and previously was awarded as Teacher Assistant of the Year for the school. She has shown exceptional dedication to the students and staff by offering her time and energy to coordinate a conferencing place for school planning retreats, assisting in after-school programs, and serving on the School Improvement Team.

Hankins is also active with her church community through roles as Children's Church Director, AWANA Leader, Youth Leader, Sunday School Teacher, and Director of Vacation Bible School.

"Through all her hard work," said Board Member Joe Vaughn, "she perseveres to make the world a better place for children."

Teacher recruitment and retention

Teacher recruitment and retention are concerns at both the state and national levels, said Cynthia Bell during a human resources presentation to the MCS Board.

In North Carolina, demand for teachers is far greater than the supply of in-state university students pursuing degrees in education, especially in the fields of Exceptional Children, science, math, and middle grade teaching.

The shortage is further aggravated by a percentage of graduates with teaching degrees who pursue other more lucrative careers.

Bell said that Moore County has traditionally looked to hire new teachers at job fairs. However, new information that Bell's team has gathered suggested that putting advertisements in college publications and emphasizing openings by utilizing the Moore County web site are better ways to reach new candidates.

"We need to seriously rethink our recruiting style and drop the

low performing methods for finding teachers," said Bell.

Bell reported that an increasing number of educators are coming South from Northern states, with poor weather, to find employment.

"While we gain the majority of our teachers from neighboring counties and in-house, one of our greatest hiring states is Michigan."

Approximately one-fifth of the county's teachers are from out-of-state.

"However," noted Bell, "the steady supply of Northern state teacher candidates are savvy and will shop around for incentives, such as signing bonus or assistance with moving costs."

Another recruitment method that is not being fully utilized, Bell said, is nurturing and encouraging the county's teacher assistants to complete their education and become teachers.

Moore County Schools offer tuition assistance, and Bell said "the minority recruiting team felt the grow-your-own [method of recruitment] was an untapped resource."

Her committee recommend-

ed that minority students should be encouraged to pursue education grants and scholarships.

Bell also reported on some efforts aimed at helping new teachers feel welcome.

"Retaining teachers involves relationship building," Bell said.

This year, Superintendent Susan Purser met with the new teachers for a breakfast chat. The purpose of the informal meeting was to make her accessible, and she continued to encourage dialogue with the

teachers this Spring with a second meeting.

"It gave us a chance to learn from their experiences," said Purser.

Additionally, Chamber of Commerce members met with the teachers for lunch, a first time venture.

"We want our teachers to have a vested interest in the community," explained Bell.

Dr. Purser said that while Moore County does not have

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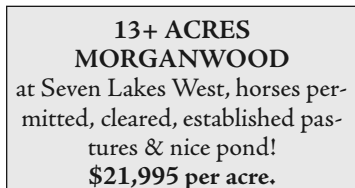
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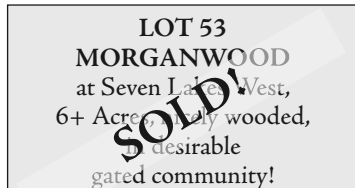
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the excitement that young people are often seeking. "We are trying to branch out and find what kind of support we can provide."

Purser said establishing a sense of community resonates with young people.

"They tell us they are looking for a community where they can feel cared about. By bringing in the hospital, the banks, and other Chamber members, new teachers can make contact outside the school family and put down roots in Moore County."

Board member Susan Black suggested the county could do more to motivate and encourage teacher assistants.

While the Board of Education does not offer classes, Purser said that appropriate teaching courses were available through Sandhills Community College and UNC-Pembroke.

"We are working with SCC on a new initiative to partner with them and establish a stronger opportunity to grow-our-own," said Purser, "and we're also reaching into our own schools before kids graduate to help with career paths."

Bell concluded the presentation saying that while teacher recruitment and retention is a very competitive field of work, that Moore County has the advantage of a highly recommended reputation.

"Good things are happening here and word is getting out to other places," said Bell.

Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Dr. Purser said that county schools, along with other coun-

ty agencies and local municipalities, are eligible to participate in the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement drafted by Moore County.

"We can use this when it is advantageous to us and there is no obligation to participate," said Purser.

Vaughn asked if signing the agreement would cause conflict with the North Carolina state purchasing agreement already in place.

Purser said that it would not. The Board unanimously approved signing the agreement.

Five Year Technology Refresh Plan

Moore County Schools are in the fifth year of the funding stream for the current Five Year PC Replacement Cycle. James Tagliareni, the chief officer for technology services, presented an update of the refresh plan.

"Throughout the five years, we've never been able to achieve our goals, but we have done really well."

According to Tagliareni, there are 6,400 computers in the school district and of those, over 5,900 are instructional computers located in the classrooms

and in the labs where children have direct access to them.

"Good solid business practices have extended our technology dollars in a very cost effective way," said Purser.

With a computer to student ratio of 1.91, the county is not increasing the number of computers, instead the next five years will focus on keeping technology current and replacing machines starting with the most-outdated.

"The next five years are not laid out yet. We will develop a plan this year for next year's budget." He continued, "We've invested a

lot on infrastructure — computers in classrooms and with interactive learning tools such as Smart boards."

Black recalled that when she was a teacher there was a knowledge gap between the teachers and the students, "The kids knew more!"

Tagliareni said he understood, "We don't want a \$2,000 paper-weight sitting around so we build teacher training right into the plan."

The Board of Education next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 13, at the MCS Central Office in Carthage.



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David J. Heerema

Montclair State University
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David is the son of Thomas and Nancy Heerema of Hewitt, NJ. He is the grandson of Jack and Virginia Heerema of Seven Lakes North.

David graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing.

He will be working at Seton Hall University in New Jersey.



Lindsey Hoffmann

Appalachian State University
Boone, NC

Lindsey is the daughter of John and Elaine Hoffmann of Seven Lakes West. She graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Communications Disorders. She will be working in Moore County Schools as a Special Language Pathologist assigned to Cameron Elementary and Vass Preschool.



Aliceann Richards Vogel

St. Andrews Presbyterian College
Laurinburg, NC

Ally is a resident of Seven Lakes North. She moved to North Carolina from Scarsdale, NY in 1993.

Ally graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts Curriculum.

Glenn Davis to entertain at SLCC Hawaiian Luau

Seven Lakes Country Club announces a Hawaiian Luau will be held on Saturday, August 18, with entertainment supplied by Glenn Davis. A fabulous buffet will be offered featuring roast pig with bourbon sauce, Hawaiian noodles, Hawaiian chicken stir fry, rice pilaf, grilled marinated vegetables, salad bar, fruit, and topped off with an ice cream station.

Members pricing is \$22.00 and non-members is \$27.00. Reservations for members will be taken in-person on July 23 at 10:30 am, with call-in reservations taken after 11:30 am. Non-members may call-in for reservations starting July 30. Seven Lakes Country Club may be reached at 673-1100.

Festivities will begin with cocktails at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and music will commence at 7:00 pm. The dress code for the Luau suggests Muu-Muu, Hawaiian shirts, or anything cool and summer casual. Hosts are Alice and Terry McPheeters.

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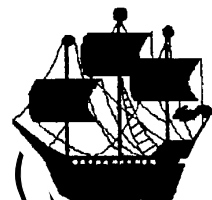
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Correll ready for deployment overseas

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Lance Corporal Andy Correll, son of Lee and Andrea Correll of Seven Lakes North, has spent the past two weeks doing what he loves most — knee boarding and boating on Lake Sequoia and hanging out with friends.

On Sunday, Correll returns to Camp Lejeune and the last week of July he'll be headed overseas on his first deployment.

"I went to boot camp for thirteen weeks at Parris Island and at that point in your life, it's the hardest thing you've ever done," said Correll.

"Then I went to Infantry school which was very challenging." He continued, "After that, I went to a Reconnaissance training platoon which was three months long and was absolutely the hardest thing I've ever done with intense physical training and swimming."

Correll's father Lee agreed, "No doubt about it. He is well-trained and in the best physical condition of his life."

In January of this year, Andy was assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, Battalion Landing Team 3-8, Kilo Company, Ground Combat Element. The primary function of the unit is to perform as a rapid response team.

"I expect it will be a seven to twelve month deployment, but it depends on where we go," said

Andy. "We don't know where we're going but it will be wherever we're needed most."

The unit travels on a dock-landing ship that carries amphibious vehicles. Lee Correll said the ship is staffed with a combination of Navy personnel and Marines.

"It's not a cruise ship and, at 609 feet, it is not spacious," said Lee.

Preparing for rapid response missions in a variety of envi-

ronments, said Andy, involved instruction in woodland patrolling and platoon attacks at Ft. AP Hill in Virginia, working with a Special Operations training group, and urban training at Ft. Pickett, also in Virginia.

"The urban training involved forty Iraqis working as role players and included language classes," said Correll. "I've learned so much, from combat raids to humanitarian missions."



Lance Corporal Andy Correll



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Lee Correll said that he's not sure where Andy's interest in a military career came from but that it was evident at Pinecrest High School where he was involved with JROTC all four years. Correll graduated in 2006.

"He selected the direction he

wanted to go," said Lee, "so it's not a surprise [that he is being deployed overseas]."

Andy simply said, "I'm excited, definitely, but right now I'm just glad to be home and talking to my friends. I'm spending as much time with them as I can."



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The Foxfire Ladies Golf Association will host a golf tournament at the Foxfire Golf Club in support of Rally for the Cure on Wednesday, August 29.

This is an Open play day. Participants will receive a one year subscription to Golf for Women magazine, a goodie bag, and a symbolic pink ribbon pin. There will also be a closest to the pin contest. The event cost is a \$20.00 contribution to the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation plus a \$20.00 cart fee. For more information or sign up, please call Ginny Siedler at 673-3240.

Foxfire women host Dodson

The Foxfire Women's Association [FWA] closed its 2006-2007 year on May 4, filling Foxfire's dining room to capacity.

Following a Spring luncheon, members, guests, and new mem-

bers were entertained by the popular writer, Jim Dodson. The ladies were pleased to learn that he has put his home in Maine on the market, to return to his native North Carolina, and

will live in Southern Pines.

The well-known author has written about his travels to some of the most remote and dangerous spots on earth in his quest for rare and exotic plant material; and he has written extensively as well about his experiences with the world's leading golfers on the world's most famous courses. Dodson described some of those adventures for his fascinated audience, patiently answered questions, and autographed copies of his books.

At an installation ceremony, FWA President Pepper Bahr introduced and installed the officers for the 2007-2008 season: President, Jordan Johnson; Vice President, Page Coker; Secretary-Historian, Gladys Knight; Treasurer, Carolyn Gilbert; Assistant Treasurer, Betty Drescher.

Founded twenty-six years ago, the Foxfire Women's Association includes ladies from the nine and eighteen hole golf groups, the Book Club, the Garden Club, and the afternoon and evening bridge clubs. Membership is open to all Foxfire Village women, especially new residents. Information may be obtained by telephoning 944-3582, or 673-6533.



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115 Dartmoor, Seven Lakes South
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Engineer maps course for dam maintenance

As you know over the last two years Echo Dam underwent a State mandated repair that cost approximately \$265,000. The Professional Engineer who wrote the specifications for this repair was John Eddy.

In Seven Lakes we have five high hazard dams. They are Sequoia, Echo, Big J, Little J and Longleaf. The definition of a high hazard dam is very simple. If the dam should fail resulting in property damage and the possible loss of life then the dam is classified as high hazard. The height of the dam is not relevant to the State's definition.

Mr. Eddy also has been retained by Pinehurst, Whispering Pines and Woodlake for the same services as we require.

On July 2 and 3, 2007, Mr. Eddy visited Seven Lakes to perform the following functions.

1. He answered questions from the Lakes and Dams committee concerning the integrity of our dams; ongoing preventive maintenance; and general questions.

2. He inspected the NCDENR reports from 2007 to review the

suggestions made by the State concerning ongoing maintenance.

3. We are required by the State to maintain a separate file for each high hazard dam. At a minimum this file should contain the following documents: a) An action plan that will allow for an orderly evacuation in the event of an emergency. This action plan does not exist for any of our dams; b) A survey of each dam. This survey is very important because it will provide for the location of all of the grates, spillways, open well access sensors, and other pertinent features of the dam. At this point the only dam that has a survey is Echo as a result of our State mandated repairs; c) Pictures of the concerns listed in the States annual inspection report; d) Records of any maintenance performed on the dam. At this point we do not have a separate

file for any of our dams and the only information that exists is the annual NCDENR inspection reports. This item should be implemented immediately.

MEMO:

Board Notes

Don Truesdell
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board

4. He inspected the following dams: Sequoia, Longleaf, Echo, Ramapo, Little J, Big J, Dogwood and Timber.

Sequoia

Mr. Eddy found an area of seepage approximately 8 to 10 feet into the underbrush that will require ongoing scrutiny. At this point it does not appear to be a problem but we should document this area with pictures for the file and follow up inspections every three months.

The issue of the speed bumps does not represent a problem to this dam when compared to the Lake Auman dam for the following reasons; 1) The height of this dam is 55 feet compared to the Lake Auman dam which is 94 feet high. The slope of our dam is much less severe than

Lake Auman and therefore we have a much greater mass of dirt to absorb any shock from vehicles traveling across our dam. Also, any apparent negative affects from the speed bumps would be apparent in the deterioration of the road surface immediately adjacent to the speed bumps.

The face of this dam requires additional rip-rap to prevent further erosion.

Little J

Water was observed coming from the spillway into Big J even though the water level in Little

(See "Dams" p. 12)

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Dams

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J was below the elevation of the spillway. We will need to have pictures taken of the pipe from the spillway to Big J to determine where the problem is. This problem may have to be corrected as determined where the water is coming from.

Also there is erosion on the slope of Little J facing the lake. This may be a very difficult problem to correct because of the steep slope of this dam.

Timber

This dam has significant erosion on the downstream side however this dam has not been classified as high hazard because there are no houses downstream of this dam. However there are four lots that have been sold with the expectation that houses will be built on these properties. Therefore it is imperative that we correct this dam before the houses are built and the State re-classifies this dam as a high hazard dam.

Longleaf. This dam does not appear to have any problems.

Big J. This dam does not appear to have any problems.

Ramapo. This dam does not appear to have any problems.

Dogwood. This dam does not appear to have any problems.

Why should we be proactive in maintaining our dams?

One of the costs we incurred on the State mandated repair

of Echo Dam was a Professional Engineer's reports either confirming or contesting the State's finding. We hired S&ME to produce this report for Echo Dam. This report cost almost \$20,000.

Also if we can be proactive in identifying and correct problems then a stitch in time might be able to save nine. It will be less expensive to correct a small problem rather than wait for the State to mandate repairs.

Over the next few years we are facing repairs to both Sequoia and Timber. We will be much better served rather than spend this money in State mandated reports but to invest this money in certified plans that we can submit to the State for the repairs that will need to be done.

There are also ongoing maintenance items that should be performed that are not being done at this time such as but not limited to: cleaning of all grates and drains; replacing rip-rap on the face of Sequoia and other dams; take regular pictures of suspect areas; taking pressure measurements of the existing open well receptacles that are already installed. Mr. Eddy also recommended that for all high hazard dams that the underbrush at the foot of the dam less than 6" in diameter should be cleared for a depth of 6 to 8 feet from the toe of the dam.

Therefore I am requesting that we establish a separate expense item in our budget for ongoing

preventive maintenance of our dams. The items that should be included in the budget are the surveying of our dams, estimated cost of \$5,000, seeding with appropriate ground cover to retard erosion, provide additional rip-rap (stone) to the face of several dams such as Sequoia, picture inspection of the Little J overflow to determine where the leak is and periodic visits by Mr. Eddy. My best guess is that we are looking between \$25,000 and \$40,000 in the first year.

I am also requesting that we establish a separate capital account where the money deposited can only be used for capital repairs to our dams. Whatever is spent in this fiscal year in the dam maintenance account should represent the amount of money that will be deposited in our dam capital account.

If you have any questions please contact me.

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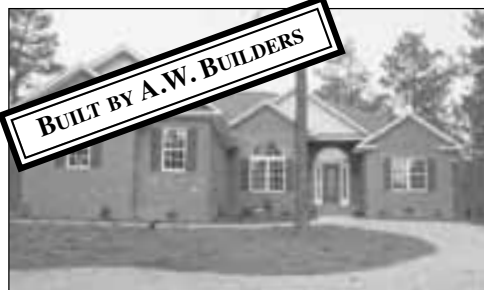
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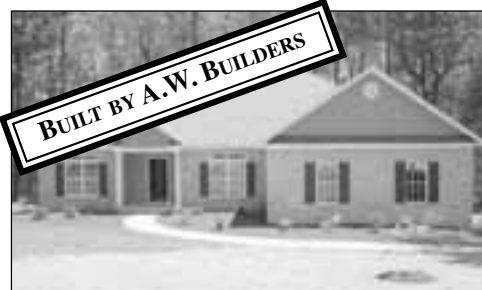
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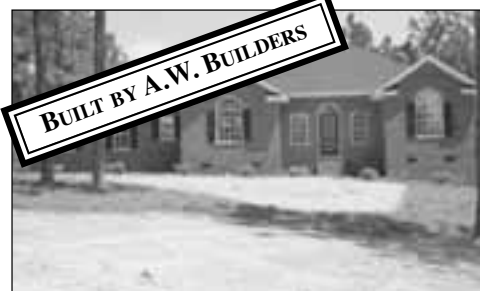
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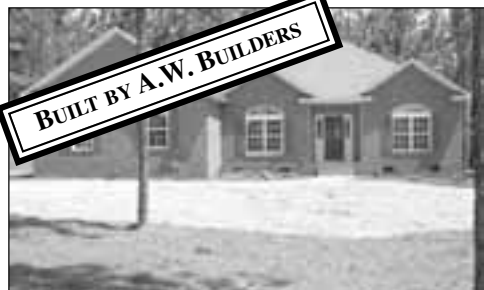
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The hot dry weather continues in most instances throughout the Sandhills. Mark Twain once said, "Everyone talks about the weather but nothing can be done about it."

Our daily temperatures of 90 degrees in June and July have set a record. In most areas of our communities of Seven Lakes and Foxfire, 2007 has been one of the driest. Rainfall amounts have been rather spotty, but the normal amounts are running far short of average. Thank goodness our lake levels, down somewhat, have allowed supplementary water. However, our county supply of water has been restricted. We should use it according to regulations.

The question often arises of how much water is needed to keep my landscape, vegetable garden, etc, growing and maintained in reasonable condition? It really depends on plant type, size, root structure, and other physical factors.

Generally here in Seven Lakes, with our light sandy soils, it requires about one to one and a half inches of moisture to maintain growth. Moisture, as you know, is supplied by rainfall, ice, snow, frost, soil moisture, and artificial methods of irrigation or hand-watering.

Some methods of drought management are keeping your plants well mulched to conserve moisture and control weeds. Water the mulch thoroughly when irrigating or hand-watering during daylight hours, allowing them to dry. Watering at night, although evaporation is less, often promotes the activity of disease spores, infestations, and insect feeding.

Our water is a valuable resource. Use it wisely and apply the proper amount. Do not over water.

Reminders for July

If you haven't done it, it's time to fertilize your Bermuda or Zoysia lawn for the final time this year. In the absence of a soil test analysis report, use a premium slow-release granular fertilizer such as; 16-4-8, 15-0-14, 18-13-11, 14-14-14, or 10-10-10. As a guide, each bag should cover 8,000 to 10,000 square feet. Some of us still desire to use 34% nitrogen [ammonium nitrate]

at the rate of four to five pounds per 1,000 square feet, to keep the lawn green and growing.

Fertilize your azaleas, rhododendrons, and other permanent evergreen shrubs with a premium slow-release 10-10-10 or another available fertilizer at the

your succulent plants because of plant burn or injury.

Fire ant control has been asked about this year. The recommendation is Andro. According to its literature, ant workers in the colony carry the granular chemical product back to the queen, thereby eliminating her and her colony.

Weed and grass control is a continuous problem this time of year. A cer-

tain amount of hand-weeding is needed in and around plants. In many instances if care is exercised, several herbicides can be used around the outside

perimeter of most plants. Post-emergence broadleaf herbicides are available and sold under various trade names.

Several glyphosate [Round Up® types] dual grass and weed control formulations and strengths are available on the market. Post and Vantage are effective post-emergence, grass-only killers that can be used overtop of

many plants to kill crabgrass, Bermuda, or other grasses with little damage to the primary plant. Specific recommendations are to follow instructions contained on the label.

Handle all chemicals carefully, safely, and keep them out of the lakes.

(See "Gardening," p. 15)



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

rate of two to four tablespoons per foot of plant height. Broadcast and spread it uniformly under the canopy of the plant by the end of July.

Give your flower beds a boost with a midsummer dose of liquid or granular fertilizer at the rate of the recommended rate on the container package.

Check your flowering plants, shrubs, vegetable garden, and other plants for insects. If damaged, it warrants treatment with a safe recommended insecticide. I have found a mixture of malathion at the rate of two teaspoons soluble horticultural oil in a few drops of insecticidal soap spray will give control of insects and bugs in most shrubs. It may take a second application to complete the control.

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7 Lakes' Ann Campbell: Artist to the core

by Mason Gould

It seems like Ann Campbell of Seven Lakes West might have been born with an artist's brush in her tiny hand. She was into the profession early on and today, at a sprightly 79, still very active and productive.

Her long resume renders one exhausted, but very much impressed. It's exciting, and well earned, that she will shortly stage a solo exhibition of forty-six of her works, all completed in the last three years.

She's a graduate of Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and took art courses at the University of Vermont, Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, Oregon State University, Syra-

cuse University, as well as other locations.

A native of New York City, she has been an artist and teacher in drawing, watercolor, oil, pastel, and mixed media for the last thirty years. This Fall, she will be teaching a class in drawing and painting for the Sandhills Community College Continuing Education Department.

She has shown her work in both group and solo exhibits at various locations, not to mention other forms of participation in the field such as conducting a group art critique, instructing art groups at the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department, being interviewed on local television about art, teaching art

on behalf of Sandhills Community College at West End Methodist Church in drawing and painting, and taught painting on rice paper at the Artists League of the Sandhills, and served as juror for art competition for Third graders in Moore County.

Campbell is a member of Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities, Watercolor Society of North Carolina, North Carolina Museum of Art, Gallery 110 in Southern Pines, Northern Vermont Artists Association as an honorary member, Arts Council of Moore County, and Artists

League of the Sandhills as a charter member.

Lectures and slide demonstrations have been a frequent part of her career in Moore County, as well as earlier in Vermont.

Since 1993, she has been attending the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, a retreat for artists. She has received several grants from the Center.

As to her dominant technique, she says, "I tend to have an impressionistic style. It's a feeling that I'm trying to convey. Not so much detail. I love to create a painting with a flair for the freedom of expression and orig-

inality."

Her favorite subjects are landscapes, florals, and life figures and, she says, "Watercolor seems to be my most successful medium."

"There's great satisfaction in giving of my knowledge to others. It's my goal to never stop experimenting, never become complacent, but continue to learn."

"Prolific," the dictionary defines as "characterized by abundant production." That's Ann Campbell — a matriarch of Seven Lakes artists.

Gardening

(Continued from page 14)

Suggested vegetable plantings for July;

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Oliver James "Ollie" Gosard, 84, of Seven Lakes West, died Thursday, July 5, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska to the late Philip and Belle Capron Gossard, he spent most of his life in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He received his education in the Cincinnati Public Schools, Ohio Wesleyan University and Miami, University of Ohio. During WWII, he served in the US Navy in the Pacific and the occupation of Japan. He later was a public school teacher at the Mariemont, Ohio Schools for thirty-two years.

In North Carolina, he was active for many years with the Sandhills Little Theatre where his most enjoyable play was "The Man Who Came to Dinner." He gave of his time also to West End Presbyterian Church, serving on various committees, and with the Moore County Democratic Party.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Joan Johnston Gossard.

He is survived by his sons: Jeffrey J. Gossard and his wife, Robin, and Gregory C. Gossard and his wife, Barbara, both of Cincinnati, OH, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held July 9, at West End Presbyterian Church. The Dr. Larry Lyon and Rev. Dudley Crawford officiated. Memorials may be made to the West End Presbyterian Church, PO Box 13, West End, NC 27376 or the American Heart Association, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.

Aileen Ingram, 101, of Eagle Springs, died Thursday, July 5, at her home.

Surviving Ms. Ingram are her daughters, Lucy Bell Stallion of Landover, MD, Louise Ingram of Boston, MA, and Sue Bailey, of the home; one son, James R. Ingram and his wife, Clariece, of Candor; forty-five grandchildren; and seventy-nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, July 8, at Pleasant Hill A.M.E. Zion Church in Candor. Internment followed at Oak Hill Cemetery in Candor.

Bostic Funeral Services in Candor served the family.

Sylvia Irene White Orrison, 81, of Seven Lakes North, died July 8, at the John F. Keever Jr. Hospice Home in Asheville.

She was married to Jack L. Orrison. Mrs. Orrison is survived by her daughter Vicky; two sisters; two brothers; and eight grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Thursday, July 12, at West End Presbyterian Church. The Rev.

Larry Lyon officiated. Burial followed at Seven Lakes Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice, for the Hospice House, 150 Applecross Rd. Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is assisted the family.


Gelemia Victoria B. Walker, 59, of Jackson Springs, died Wednesday, July 11, at

FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Mrs. Walker was a school teacher. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Gladys Brower.

Mrs. Walker is survived by her husband, Jerry Walker of the home; two sons, Garrett Wayne Walker of High Point, and Jerry Walker Jr. of the home; one daughter, Susan Kristina Walker of Durham; one brother,

George Brower of Rockingham; four sisters, Barbara Williams, Betty Chambers, Flora Mathereson, and Eva Dockery, all of Jackson Springs; and one grandchild.

A funeral service was held Sunday, July 15, at Holly Way Church in Eagle Springs. The Rev. Lorenzo Purcell officiated. Burial followed in Brower Cemetery at Jackson Springs.



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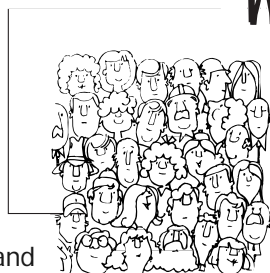
SUNDAY, JULY 22

• **SLCC Divorce Open** – 5:00 pm cocktails, 6:00 pm dinner, at Seven Lakes Country Club. Chapman Format includes golf, prizes, and dinner, Cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Dinner only cost is \$16 per person. Menu features BBQ pulled pork, lemon chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, green salad, red beans and rice, dessert.

MONDAY, JULY 23

• **Wild West Adventures Day**

Camp at Seven Lakes – 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Learn the ropes of being a cowboy or cowgirl. From attire, to foods



and daily activities, explore the Wild West. The week will include a trip to the Seven Lakes stables for horse and pony rides. Half-day option is \$6.00/person, full day \$12. Drop-in space available or campers may pre-register by calling 673-4931.

• **Sandhills Natural History Society** – 7:00 pm, Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Road, Southern Pines. Local Ornithologist Susan Campbell will present a program on her research and banding of hummingbirds in the Carolinas. Visitors are welcome! Call 692-2167 for more information or visit our website at www.sandhillsnature.org.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

• **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association General Meeting** – 7:30 pm, West Side Community Park Building. Open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

• **Project Linus Workshop** – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

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What's When Calendar

tioning, or bring your lunch and spend the day. Call Pat Weber at 673-1457, if you have questions or need a gate pass.

• **Seven Lakes Landowners Association General Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Open to the public.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

• **Renovar Regional Conference** – 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, at Pinehurst United Methodist Church, 4111 Airport Road near Sandhills Community College. Open to all people, Renovar will benefit those seeking a balanced approach to

spirituality. Featured speakers are authors Jim Smith and Glandion Carney. Your registration fee of \$30 includes lunch, handout materials, a copy of *A Spiritual Formation Workbook*, and a day full of fun and fellowship as we grow in Christ. For information on attending, contact the Pinehurst United Methodist Church office 215-4559.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

- **Winged Gems: Butterflies, Weymouth Woods Hike** – 3:00 pm, 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 a short half-mile hike to focus on identifying butterflies using binoculars. Bring binoculars, field guides, and tick/bug spray.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

- **Aloha Summer Day Camp at Seven Lakes** – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. A Hawaiian-themed week with games and crafts will conclude with a luau celebration of food, dancing, and fun. Half-day option is \$6 per person, full day is \$12. Drop-in space is available or campers may pre-register by calling Chad Beane at 673-4931.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

- **Project Linus Workshop** – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. We need a lot of volunteers to help us meet the Fall demand for blankets. Bring

scissors, masking tape, and a ruler or use our supplies. We will have fleece and lots of instructors. Quilt kits and flannel blanket kits will be available for check out. Join us for a couple of hours, or pack a lunch and spend the day. Call Pat Weber at 673-1457, if you have questions.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

- **Luther and Friends Canine Visitors Bureau Graduation and meeting** – 8:30 am, Ag. Center, Carthage. Graduation ceremony for fifteen new TDI and AKC certified teams at 8:30 am. Meeting for future recruits

for the CARE Luther & Friends Canine Visitors Bureau held at 9:30 am. For information about Luther and Friends Canine Visitors Bureau call Linda Hubbard, Volunteer Coordinator, Moore County Schools, 947-2342, or Beverly Lashley, at 947-2976.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

- **Seven Lakes Business Guild President's Cup Golf Tournament** – Seven Lakes Country Club. Three-man teams representing Guild member businesses will compete in a Captain's Choice format. Entry fee \$60/player includes range balls, golf, on-course refreshments, dinner, and prizes. Proceeds from tournament will be applied to ongoing business village roadway project. Register

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during peak times, such as right now, during a summer drought, the village is far exceeding that — forcing the wells to run over the recommended pumping time period of twelve hours.

"We do stress our water system," said Lauer.

Prior to receiving the final report, Lauer proposed a well moratorium. He said that he is now recommending that a permanent ban be placed on all future wells within the village.

"Simply put," said Lauer, "this will mean that you can't drill a well unless you are in the extra-territorial jurisdiction [ETJ] and we don't provide municipal water."

The hydrostructure report also recommended the village raise

water rates to encourage conservation.

Currently, the village currently uses ground water, an inexpensive source of water. The estimated cost is \$1.10 for 10,000 gallons. In contrast, said Lauer, purchased water would cost an estimated \$3.10 for 10,000 gallons.

"A significant difference," said Lauer. "We're trying to preserve and protect our ground water for as long as we can."

Lauer said that he has been in contact with Moore County to ascertain where or how the county will meet its future water needs. In particular, Lauer said, he is looking into the possibility that the county will link up with Montgomery County water resources

and build a water line along NC Highway 211.

"It would behoove us to hook in at Rt. 211. The infrastructure is cheaper, but I'm talking five plus years out."

Lauer continued, "In the near term, we're starting to run into same problems as Seven Lakes. They once had approximately fifteen wells but are now down to about three."

Lauer explained that the third recommendation by the report addressed remediation of existing problems.

"The most recent tests discovered radium. One of our six wells shows high levels and two others are close," said Lauer.

The remediation will take six months to complete and the vil-

lage is undertaking a contract to mitigate the radium problem.

Radium is a natural product in clay, explained Lauer. "With radon you must ventilate your basement. This is the same type of thing -- it's in the clay."

Lauer said the remediation will include a gamma study of the well. If the radium is entering at

an identifiable location, that area can be screened off. Another way to mitigate, said Lauer, is to mix one well's water with another well's water.

In addition, over the next year Foxfire Village will make aggressive attempts to find new wells said Lauer.

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"We will have at least four new test sites this year." Lauer continued, "Well water is still cheaper than purchased water and all water in the Sandhills is ground water."

Lauer said that while the village water supply is in no immediate danger, unanticipated rapid growth in the area is a problem and the village should take action now to ensure residents will have decent drinking water in the future.

"Our best wells produce thirty gallons a minute. Wells in other parts of North Carolina produce 795 gallons a minute," said Lauer.

Mayor Erickson agreed saying, "Foxfire is at the end of the aquifer which results in slower production."

Zoning public hearing

Councilman Gene Petrie opened a public hearing to discuss a revision to the building ordinance regarding side or rear-entry garages. The reworded document will clarify that new homes may only have a side or rear-entry garage unless the lot is located on a cul-de-sac or is less than 150' wide.

Petrie said the current ordinance, which states that side and rear-entry garages should be constructed "when feasible," is not clear enough for enforcement.

Mayor Erickson noted that this ordinance will only apply to single-family dwellings and not to multi-family homes or duplexes.

Citizens will have the right to

appeal to the Board of Variances for a front entry garage.

The matter will be voted on at the next regular meeting, to be held on Tuesday, August 14.

Woodland Circle extension

A five-phase proposal for engineering services on the Woodland Circle Extension was received from Neal Smith Engineering, reported Tom Collins.

He continued, "The only problem is with wetlands permitting. I asked for a time and material best estimate of what we propose to the Army Corps of Engineers, but we do not know what the requirements will be at this time."

A meeting that would include Mayor Erickson, Collins, Smith Engineering, soil professionals, and representatives from the Corps of Engineers was scheduled for July 17.

Collins explained that before civil engineers can design a crossing of the wetlands, the affected area must be delineated by a soils engineer and again by the Corps, who will come out and make their own decision.

"We're hoping we'll be able to put together one design that the Corps will accept," said Collins. "So far, our record with getting them to cooperate or respond to our questions has been zero." He continued, "We've spent a lot of time trying to get them to respond to our numerous letters and phone calls."

The wetlands areas in question include two existing areas that are predominantly fed by water run-off from the golf course. The third wetland area affected

by the Woodland Road Extension is considered a dry creek, with run-off from lots only after rain. This type of wetland is easily identified by the vegetation present.

Finance

Councilman Wally Peckitt reported the General Fund at \$330,000, and the Water Fund at \$119,000.

Peckitt said the village was undergoing an audit. And they he expected "a clean sheet again."

Public Safety

The Council approved a motion by Councilman Munro to hire a landscaping contractor to remove the large dead trees located on the village-owned lot next to Town Hall. The contract, which includes the removal of all seven trees, will not exceed \$1,200.

Munro said that the village was addressing the Kirby property located across the street from Town Hall.

"Originally Kirby refused to clean it up; but he changed that opinion and started, but quit again half way through," said Munro. "He will be cited on July

11."

An addition to the ordinance is needed, according to Munro, in Section 21-1, to distinguish yard waste from garbage. The revised ordinance will provide maximum diameter guidelines for yard waste tree trunks and roots. The motion was approved.

Recent emphasis on community standards and ordinance enforcement prompted Munro to develop a brochure-length overview of ordinances commonly violated. The "Foxfire Village Guidelines" flyer will be dis-

(See "Foxfire," p. 24)



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tributed to new homeowners, residents, and potential residents.

Munro said the brochure is intended to be a quick reference and is not meant to replace or substitute the complete book of ordinances, which is located at the Village offices.

The Village received a formal request from the West End Fire Department petitioning for use of the community pool for ten firefighters and twenty-two immediate family members.

Munro said none of the members live in Foxfire and the normal family membership cost for non-residents is \$300 per year.

Councilman Peckitt recommended the village send a response letter outlining the pool fee structure.

Mayor Erickson said that village costs for fire protection have increased dramatically in recent years. "I have sympathy for folks making this request but we charge others from outside our area and this is hard to justify," said Erickson.

Mayor's Report

David Hardigan, a professional writer assisting the Village with their Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] grant proposal, Jack Olsen, and Mayor Erickson drafted a letter to PARTF board members outlining how the Village has improved in the areas of deficiency which had been identified in round one of the request process.

A specific concern addressed in the letter was a warning received this year from the Moore County Health Department. Approval to open the pool next summer will not be granted unless major repair work is completed on the floor of the pool, the facing is replaced around the pool, and the pool storage area is ventilated.

Erickson said of the letter to PARTF board members, "Last year, we grumped at them when we didn't get it. This year we're begging them! We'll see if begging helps more than grumping."

PARTF requests will be reconsidered on July 20. Erickson said they have \$4 million in fund-

ing left to distribute this year.

Village Green Park rules

Park rules will be posted on the bulletin board at the Village Green Park, including forms that will be used for pavilion reservations. The rules cover hours of use, alcohol, bathrooms, cleaning facilities after use, dog walking, emergency phone information, game equipment, and walking trails use.

A resident asked if there is a penalty for non-compliance of rules, and what would be the penalty.

Munro suggested an ordinance should be written that addressed those issues and suggested a meeting in September to review ordinances.

The council approved a motion presented by Mayor Erickson to place a full-size regulation post office mailbox in the Village.

Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Moore County drafted a voluntary cooperative purchasing agreement between and among municipalities and private communities in the county. The purpose of the agreement is allow the parties to purchase goods and services collectively, more quickly, and less expensively than if they were procured independently.

Mayor Erickson said the Village will have their attorney review the document.

"We need them to be more specific about what kind of cooperative purchasing we are getting into," said Erickson.

Councilman Peckitt expressed concern over the lack of control, "How much do you give up?"

Erickson responded that the Village would only join to save

money. "If we don't see that happening we don't have to sign. There is no obligation."

Councilman Munro supported signing the cooperative purchasing agreement explaining that the agreement recently saved the village considerable money when purchasing new computers for the police cars.

Munro said that the car radios in police vehicles were not functioning. To repair them would cost approximately \$5,000.

"However, through the county we can order two new Dell computers at a cost over the next year of a little over \$1000. This is a three-year lease with the option to end the lease after each year."

By accepted a three year lease, Munro said the two Dells will cost \$84.13 per month, plus some incidental installation costs of around \$200 to \$300, and a

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• Authorized the County Manager to sign a cooperative purchasing agreement that will allow the counties, its municipalities, and the landowners associations in Seven Lakes to pool their purchasing power in order to receive more favorable prices for supplies and services. The agreement was an idea hatched by the Moore County Summit, an informal committee that brings together officials from across the county.

• Approved a contract amendment with K&S Underground, LLC, the company the county uses to install water taps when Public Works staff cannot keep up with demand. The amendment adds \$20,000 to the \$49,000 original contract.

• Authorized a letter to the North Carolina Rural Center, which is providing a \$400,000

grant for improvements to the County's wastewater treatment plant, informing the center that the overall cost of the improvements is now projected to be just over \$2 million rather than the \$1.2 million originally projected.

• Approved renewal contracts with physicians Ronald J. Milewski and Jonathan Brower of Sandhills Emergency Physicians, P.A. to serve as Medical Director and Associate Medical Director for Moore County Emergency Medical Services. State law requires that Advanced Level EMS

providers practice under the supervision of a physician. The annual fee for the doctors' services is \$30,000, a third less than the previous contract.

• Approved the acceptance of a grant of \$116,000 to the Moore County Sheriff's Office from the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program. Chief Deputy Neil Godfrey told Commissioners the funds would cover 75 percent of the cost of salaries and benefits for two traffic enforcement deputies; the county funds the other 25 percent.

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one-time \$75 dollar documentation fee.

"Buying it outright would cost \$3,300 to \$3,500, placing too much pressure on this year's budget," said Munro. "It's better to lease this year and we wouldn't have gotten this price break without the purchasing agreement."

The motion to sign the cooperative purchasing agreement was approved.

Development in the works

Councilman Munro reported that another major development near Foxfire is in the planning stages — this one a project of Robert Edwards of Edwards Real Estate.

Apparently Foxfire officials have been aware of the project for some time, but rumors about it recently began circulating in the Village.

"Edwards asked for secrecy, which the law allows in the beginning," said Munro. "I am only mentioning it now because there was a [information] leak at the county."

Munro also reported that that Edwards will be taking over the Village real estate office currently owned by Lynn Williams.

Mayor Erickson confirmed Munro's report: "I can only tell you it's a major development."

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Remembering Ollie . . .

Ollie Gossard — lover of theatre and movies and life; collector of quotes and license plates and people; teacher, raconteur, and wise, gentle friend — died July 5.

A longtime resident of Seven Lakes West, Ollie was also a loyal contributor to *The Seven Lakes Times*.

His "Ollie's Thoughts" column shared memories of his boyhood and, occasionally, of his time in the Navy. We caught glimpses of his day-to-day joys and struggles — his half-hearted attempts to garden, his bemused frustration at a world

designed for much shorter people, and his great love for that unruly pooch he called "Georgia."

Sometimes his column would take us on a stroll around town — or down to Watts Auman's farm in West End — reminding us of the many great individuals who make this sandy burg a true community.

He was the chronicler of exotic excursions led by Peggy and Dudley Crawford, our guide to the best in cinema, and a witness to the boundless human creativity hidden in the humble license plate.

Ollie's column disappeared

from *The Times* in March. He let us know that he'd be retiring from these pages — and that he planned a farewell column to let you know as well.

He never submitted that column, most likely because of his declining health. We like to think he found his biweekly ruminations as hard to give up as our readers found them hard to lose.

In lieu of that farewell, these two pages contain a few reminders of the joy that Ollie brought to our readers, issue after issue.

Bon voyage, Ollie.

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

[Editor's note: Ollie wrote this column last spring, which means the last few paragraphs apply to last year, not this year.]

At right is a photo of an old goat holding a very young goat. The interesting thing is that they are both named Ollie.

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

Tom, now one of the Barnyard Boys, whom I have written about before, is a retired Presbyterian pastor, who was born and raised in Carthage, NC. He spent most of his pastoral duties in Kentucky where he raised a herd of goats as a sideline interest. Once he retired, he and his wife returned to Carthage where they built a home on a hill just inside the town limits. Tom brought his goats with him and established the herd near his home in a fenced area.

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

You have to see these won-

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

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

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

The photo of the two Ollie's was taken by Dudley Crawford, retired pastor of the West End Presbyterian Church. Dudley is a professional photographer, who has had two of his photos printed on magazine covers. He also has professionally taken photos of weddings, birthday parties, and other events.

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

The peaches have survived the perils of late spring frosts. They are marble sized now. They will be delicious. I had never experienced the taste of ripe peaches picked from trees the day before until I retired from Ohio 20-some years ago.

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



Ollie's Thoughts
Oliver Gossard



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

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Memorial Day prompts memories of another war

by Ollie Gossard

Recently on Memorial Day, I was asked by local friends to talk to their two grandsons about my service in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Golly, it pleased my ego to be asked to talk about those three years of my youth.

It always pleases me to be seen as one of Tom Brokaw's "Greatest Generation." But that embarrasses me because in those years I didn't do anything heroic. I served those years being shipped across the Pacific Ocean doing tasks that didn't involve being shot at.

My two years of college were interrupted by joining the U.S. Navy and being sent to Chicago to attend Midshipman's School. After many months there I was commissioned as an Ensign. Then, I was sent for small boat training at Coronado and Ocean-side, California. Then, I traveled to Pearl Harbor where I was offered more training on Waipio Peninsula, a base recently cre-

ated on what had been sugar cane fields. Big mosquitoes is my fondest memory of that place.

I was flown to Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Islands where we were building a base for repair and relaxation for ships needing

light repair so that a long voyage to Pearl Harbor was not needed. I remember Eniwetok as a place of hot sun, no rain, beautiful sky, blue water, and endless days of dull work.

Shortly after the surrender of

Japan, I was shipped to the U.S. Argonne in Tokyo Bay to serve as communications officer.

On that ship, I spent many nights on the quarterdeck as Officer of the Deck. On the morning watch (4:00 am to 8:00 am)

I remember beautiful views of Mt. Fuji-hama at sunrise. One sunrise in particular was stunning because the snow covered Mt. Fuji was hit in sunrise in such a way as to look golden.

(See "Memorial Day," p. 29)

Memories of the third grade . . .

by Ollie Gossard

I am not certain why I have been thinking recently about being in the third grade.

But I have. Perhaps, it's because I thought that Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade were just something that was organized to occupy most of my week day time, to keep me out of trouble.

But Third Grade was School! Miss Wright was our teacher for that year. We thought that she was old, really old, as old as anyone was allowed to be. But one Saturday my buddies and I caught sight of her driving her mother around in her new 1931

Oldsmobile. Imagine, she had a mother!

Bobby Stemler, my class mate, who claimed to be an expert on automobiles, disgustingly allowed as how Miss Wright was probably "riding the clutch." I was impressed. I agreed although I hadn't the foggiest idea what "riding the clutch" meant. I still don't.

Kilgour Grade School in suburban Cincinnati was my school. It was a rather new school, and Miss Wright for some reason had a class room that was larger than all of the others. She

had a glider in that room. The glider was more or less surrounded by piles of rocks and a variety of house plants. She sat there holding up the various flash cards as we learned to read and listened to us recite the multiplication tables.

I liked the flash cards, but I couldn't understand why we had to fill our heads with the multiplication tables. I mean, almost all of us could count up to one hundred, so why bother with other useless number facts.

Miss Wright was not a warm, motherly person. She more regal

than motherly. And all of us boys knew from the first day of school that you couldn't mess with Miss Wright. Any talk that was too loud or any preparation to launch a spit ball, and Miss Wright stopped talking and fixed you with a glance that withered your attempt to cause trouble.

I think that Miss Wright would have been a lot happier being a geologist than teaching third grade. One spring afternoon she took us boys on a hike at a near by woods. She wore ankle high hiking boots and carried a geol-

(See "Third grade," p. 28)

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Loop the Lake seeks volunteers, input

On June 28, the Seven Lakes West Long Range Planning subcommittee for the Loop the Lake [LTL] project had their first meeting.

The first thing we did was come up with a name for the trail to have a quick and easy reference to which trail we are working on. The LTL will hopefully encompass all of Longleaf Drive with the purpose of providing bikers and walkers a safe place to be on Longleaf and to connect our neighborhoods.

The SLWLA, however, is working on a separate trail that is a closed loop around the West Side Community Center Park

through the woods. It does not connect neighborhoods and certainly will not help the safety issue for children who want to ride bikes to the park or walkers who use Longleaf Drive. This plan also includes fitness stations to be built along this trail.

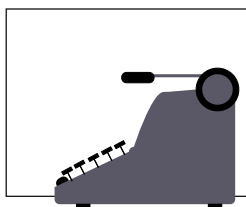
Personally, I am concerned about the secluded atmosphere in those woods where the fitness stations may be.

The LTL subcommittee chose a starting point for the LTL which is Phase One. We would like to

immediately start at Smathers Drive and work our way to the Community Center. This area was chosen because of a high volume of traffic and walkers that already exists.

Your Turn

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Also Phase One includes access to many of our major amenities.

The subcommittee is in the

process of making T-shirts to raise money and awareness, however, we felt that a formal proposal letter to the board is necessary before we actually collect funds. We are seeking approval to start Phase One as soon as possible. There are several local businesses who have shown interest in using our T-shirts for advertising, such as Seven Lakes NAPA Auto Care, Gentry Curb-ing and Paving, Visions Design, and several more are interested pending more details of where the funds are going.

The LTL subcommittee is not exclusive. We would like to invite

all Seven Lakers to get involved. We need help with getting flyers posted and information spread throughout the community. We urge all Westsiders who would rather have the LTL trail than the fitness stations in the woods to let your board members know or our community manager Tony Robertson.

Of course our subcommittee would like to see those funds go towards the LTL first. To have your name added to a list of more than 500 people who want to see the success of the Loop the Lake trail leave a message on my cell 639-2929.

Third grade

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ogist's hammer as she led us down a shallow "creek." She picked up rocks, hit them with the hammer, and talked to the few boys who stayed with her.

The rest of us happily ran around throwing rocks in the water trying to soak our fellow third graders or moving rocks around in the creek trying to surprise the "craw dads" who streaked to the protection of other rocks.

I remember the names of a lot of my fellow third graders. Lee Redmond was the most athletic. He played baseball better than the rest of us. Ruby Berg was the smartest kid (man, could she reel off those multiplication tables!) Jean Best, Simon Nielson, Jean Schoener, were others. I lost track of them after the sixth grade. I do know that two of the little boys were killed in World War II.

I paid a visit to Kilgour Grade

School over twenty years ago. Something had happened to that school. It was a lot smaller than the school I remember. And something had happened to the maple and oak saplings that stood outside in the front lawn. In their place were huge trees giving much shade.

It was a good third grade, many years ago. Many years.



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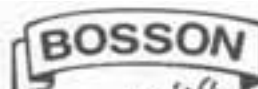
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What's more fun than watching paint dry?

Last week, I tried and failed miserably — again. Thrice now I have envisioned the master bedroom of my dreams is simply a turn of the bed away: diagonal, to be specific.

For some reason, I see opulence in that space-hogging slant.

Unfortunately after moving, yet again, every single piece of furniture every which way, I had to accept defeat. There is simply not enough square footage, no

pun intended, to make it work.

Darling hubby, who thinks our bed looks just fine perpendicular to the wall, will tell you that I waste too much energy getting inspired by marathon sessions of home and garden television programming, "The Paint Channel," as he calls it. And he would be right.

I'm sure the designers would gush over my bedroom furnishings and call them eclectic. That's their nice way of saying your

hand-me-down garage sale furniture pieces match nothing else in the room. This is but one, I've learned, of the many code terms decorators use.

Hubby and I decided we could invent a drinking game and get quickly inebriated if we took a shot of liquor every time someone on The Paint Channel described a space as "cozy and inviting." Jim continues to hold out hope for that lone rebel client who prefers his home cold and inhospitable.

pitable.

It seems the decorator dictionary is a close familial relative to the real estate thesaurus, where "Cozy" means "small;" "Charming" means "small and

firmly positioned against the wall. Its rustic lines artfully complement our eclectic assortment of dressers; his, mine, and mine.

This unbalanced proportion of drawer space between genders coordi-

nates nicely with our closet allotment of his, mine, and mine.

Aha! I think I've discovered the

Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass



old;" "Well-Maintained" means "old but at least it still looks pretty good;" and "Great Neighborhood" means, "well... at least the neighbor's home is really nice."

Back in the Douglass master, our cedar log bed — a wedding gift to ourselves —remains

root of my interior design woes: too many clothes! Perhaps it's not an acute angle that is the obstacle between me and bliss, it's actually the Everest-scale mountain of garments.

And, yes, The Paint Channel has a program for that problem as well.

Memorial Day

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I will never forget that brief view of golden nature.

On board the Argonne, I was ordered to serve as temporary shore Patrol Officer in Tokyo from time to time. That is a memory of the devastation of war for me. The stench of wet mortar, burnt wood, and bombed city is a smell I will never forget.

The sailing of the Argonne from Tokyo Harbor to Pearl Harbor was memorable in that the Argonne was a Hog Islander, built at the end of World War I. It was certainly the slowest ship that existed in anyone's navy. Once in the middle of the voyage we were passed by a LST, supposedly the slowest ship in exis-

tence. Humiliating!

The boredom of the trip was relieved by our passing through the edge of a typhoon for the better part of a week.

It was a young man's excitement. The possibility of capsizing was not out of the question.

This can go on and on, but it was an interesting time for a young guy.

I was lucky. Some of my boyhood friends didn't make it. I think of them often.

They were of the greatest generation in their short lives. We all served in a necessary war, a war that stopped Nazi philosophy of life and militarism spawned by the Japanese.

I hope that all wars that take the

lives of brave young people of the world are necessary.

I would hope that the decision makers of our country are wise and not subject of big power bravado. I hope.

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Just a few precious memories to share

We all have them. Yes, memories are a precious part of life. For someone of this advanced stage of existence, it's a massive task to pick out a few that stand out, without absentmindedness marring the exercise. But here are a few:

"You're a good boy," said my mom to her seven-year old with no father. He died when I was two.

"Keep doing what you're doing

well," my uncle told me.

When the nurse appeared and I asked, "Does it have ten fingers and ten toes?" referring to the birth of my first child.

That day on our University of Michigan auto trek to South Bend to play Notre Dame's baseball team, when our coach turned from his front seat and said to me, "Lefty, you're my starting pitcher." We won, 8-3.

The young waiter in that hotel

in Innsbruck, Austria, who greeted my fourteen-year old daughter,

Cindy, in two languages on her birthday.

The unruly herd of sheep milling about in the center of the highway in Wales, as we waited ten minutes in our tour bus for them to disperse. Actually, it was an amusing and welcome break from the

constant drone of the engine for the previous hundred miles.

A too-short period of happiness and emotional depth shared with a dear friend, who moved westward.

A feeling of awe as I shared the driving with my cousin through the Swiss and Austrian Alps.

The many summers on Cape Cod. I still can't swim backwards, but clamming was fun and so was riding in my cousin's power boat and sailing in his sloop.

My three children, with heads bowed and choked with sadness, standing by their mother's bed as she took her last breath.

And finally, this: three phone calls last week, one from each "child." Just to say hello.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

Trapping feral cats in the Village

Dear Editor:

Sandhills Animal Rescue League (SARL) would like to thank the folks who have donated funds to the League in the last few months. Of course, as always Sandhills Animal Rescue League needs more of these kinds of supporters to come forward to help pay for food, veterinarian care and general needs bills for the rescued dogs and cats.

Sandhills Animal Rescue League has trapped eight kittens and two adult cats (but not the moms yet) in the last few months in the Seven Lakes Village and Shopping areas.

One of the feral adults was very pregnant and so the League has five more kittens to find "forever homes" for in about six weeks. The kittens are Maine Coon mix.

From the eight trapped kittens, we have adopted out three

kittens through Petfinder on the web (one to Raleigh and two to Hillsborough, NC) and one was adopted through PetsMart in Aberdeen.

There are four more up for adoption, and all are Russian Blue mix breed.

Sandhills Animal Rescue League is trying to trap the feral mom cats in the area to be tested for leukemia and FIV, give them rabies shots, spay them and then release them with ears tipped so people know they are sterile and someone is feeding them in the area.

Funds are desperately needed to help with this ongoing project.

Sandhills Animal Rescue League welcomes volunteers to help with fostering, fund raising, and adoptathons.

The League would greatly appreciate donations of old towels,

sheets, pillow cases and bed coverings no longer needed at your home.

Please call 638-1921 and and leave a message and someone will call to pick up the donated items.

Again, we appreciate all donations to Sandhills Animal Rescue League.

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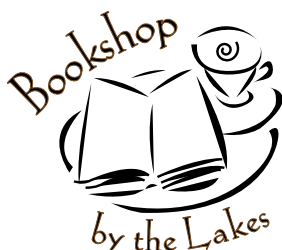
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The Road
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Trucks the issue?

Dear Editor:

When my wife and I moved to Seven Lakes from Alaska, we were under the conception that the people already living here were similar to those we left behind. And so it had been for the first nine years we lived here. Neighbors caring for each other and always being friendly and helpful.

Within the last two years or so things have seemed to have gradually begun to change. I don't know why but a selfish, greedy side of a few of the people of Seven Lakes began to surface. It was no longer neighbor helping neighbor, but it is becoming me, me, me.

The trucks are just the latest

issue and, sadly, the trucker being picked on is one of the finest neighbors one could have, a true giver and not a taker.

This past Sunday, I was informed by someone I greatly respect, the true meaning of a good neighbor. I'm sure I have fallen short and will attempt to do better. I will also pray that some of my neighbors are able to do the same.

For we are all not cast in the same mold and all have had to earn a living in different ways. As long as it is honest and we are good neighbors, we should all be able to get along.

Phil Thingstad
Seven Lakes North

Board responsible to all landowners

Open letter to the seven SLLA Board Members:

While I may be "whistling in the dark," I would remind you that you represent some twelve hundred property owners – not just one or two. Remember as well that it is your responsibility to protect the interests of those twelve hundred – not just one or two.

I doubt that any of you will argue that the realtors are wrong when they state that the presence of over the road tractors in residential driveways have a negative impact on property values. The only question then is to what extent this is true and by how much our property values are, or indeed, have been impacted.

The average asking price for the twenty-five homes advertised as being For Sale in Seven Lakes North and South appears to be about \$237,600 [Information gathered from SLT 7/6/07 issue]. Let us assume that by disregarding the interests of twelve hundred in deference to one or two tractor owner-operators, the average cost to each member of the community and the community itself may be expressed in one of the three following percentages:

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Put yet another way, wouldn't our properties be worth this much more if this issue had never arisen and our rules and regulations had been enforced from the outset?

I hope that when you vote on July 25 on the three options to be offered, you will be mindful of the interests of the entire community as well as those of the owner-operators to whom several of you appear to defer. You are asking far too much of the individual homeowner and his/her estate when you ask that they swallow even the least of these figures.

While as a board, you have refused to survey your constituents on this subject, it is my strong belief that the vast majority of the landowners feel that tractors should not be parked on any residential properties within our gates at any time of the day or night.

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Dam maintenance needs attention now

At an open session of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board I asked a series of questions about our Lakes and Dams. Subsequently, I along with other residents requested the Board to establish a separate Lakes and Dams Committee that would be responsible to the Board. This has been done.

Immediately after the committee was formed, I went to the office and reviewed all the State Dam Inspection Reports that were in our files. The first was dated 1993 and the last 2007, only the 2003 report was not in the file. I have asked the Board to ask the State to send us a copy of the 2003 report. This report is still not in our files.

Upon completing my review, I

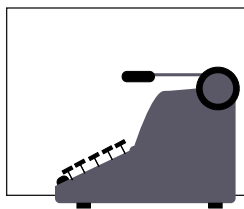
reported in writing about my findings and recommendations. I was very concerned that we probably had some problems with both Lakes Sequoia and Little Juniper.

The committee met with a professional engineer — an expert on dams. He spent one full afternoon and the next morning with the committee. We learned after his inspection that we do need work on both Sequoia and Little Juniper. He further discovered we have a problem with the dam on Timber Lake.

Here are some of my concerns which I wish to share with all landowners:

1. We had all the reports in one large file. I felt there should be a file for each dam.

2. I could not find in the file what action we had taken to correct the deficiencies reported in each report.
3. There was evidence that the State was concerned by our not responding to follow up letters that they had



Your Turn

Charlie Oliver
Seven Lakes North

- sent to us.
4. I could not determine what if any preventive maintenance our staff had performed on any of the dams. Nor did I find any policies or procedures for preventive maintenance for our staff to follow in this file.
5. The State Manual on Dams, dated 2007, states one of the factors that cause dam failure is lack of preventive maintenance.
6. I could not determine if we had any employees trained in preventive maintenance for dams. This troubled me as we have some employees that have worked here for twenty years. Our number one asset, in

Seven Lakes, I believe are our lakes and dams.

7. From the 2007 report there were two problems that were a concern.

- a. Lake Sequoia had a grate that been removed from an outlet on the downstream slope of the dam. This was a safety issue with the State as a person or persons could fall into this

opening and be injured. It also posed a threat to an animal falling into the opening. The State wanted this grate replaced by February 28, 2007. On or about April 23, two residents went to this opening and found the grate

on the ground and covered the opening immediately.

- b. The report stated that Big Juniper had the outlet on the down slope seventy-five percent clogged with roots and debris. On or about April 24, we found the outlet had been cleaned. We did not ascertain the date of this cleaning.

I have more material information about our dams that I may report in a future article. I know the committee will keep a close look at all dams from now on. Further the committee will insure all future State Dam Reports will be handled in a professional manner.

My final comment to all landowners is you can expect a substantial expense to correct current problems and prevent future problems.

No dues for trails

Dear Editor:

I have been reading that the SLWLA is considering a walking and biking path. I have been here almost fifteen years and have both walked and biked on a number of streets including Longleaf Drive.

I have never had a problem with traffic. Using a little common sense by walking against the

flow of traffic and riding with the flow on the edge of the street eliminates any of these problems.

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ers that activate the gates, he suggested that any current landowner who purchased a transponder for the old entry system be given a replacement barcode for each transponder purchased at no charge. "If you have two vehicles with transponders, you get two barcodes," Rowland said. "If you want another barcode, you pay for it." No price has been set for the barcode stickers; residents in Seven Lakes North and South pay \$15 for their barcodes.

Moving beyond the issue of replacing transponders, Board members discussed how widely to distribute barcodes. Rowland advocated limiting them to landowners — that is, not allowing an SLWLA member to purchase a barcode for a family member who lives, for example, in Pinehurst. Director Bill Mamel asked whether barcodes should be limited to resident landowners. "I'm not sure that we can fairly refuse to a landowner what we give to a resident," President Jim Haggard said.

Haggard noted that one resident contractor has 26 vehicles registered, presumably not all for personal use. He asked whether the number of barcodes available to such folks should be limited — and if so, whether the Association might be in the

position of having to buy back transponders.

Though there appeared to be general agreement that some sort of limited distribution is necessary, Director Ray MacKay pointed out the downside of too harsh a restriction. Noting that the purpose of an automated gate system is to increase the efficiency of entry into the community, he said restricting the distribution of barcodes nibbles away at that efficiency.

After more discussion, Haggard appointed an ad hoc committee that included himself, Rowland, Treasurer Kathy Kirst, and Community Manager Tony Robertson to work out the details and circulate a draft proposal to Board members via email.

Vandalism

Environment Director Mary Anne Fewkes said she had noticed a significant increase in vandalism this summer, a comment that was echoed by Robertson. "It's really getting to be a problem," he said. "We can't put up a sign anymore; our signs are gone 24 hours after we put them up. We can't put out a porta-jon without someone turning it over."

Board members discussed a number of strategies for dealing with the problem:

- President Haggard said he

has begun to track reports of vandalism and other offenses in a database, in order to better understand where and when the problems are occurring.

- Fewkes said she is asking folks who find articles missing from their boats at Johnson Point to report the thefts to the Moore County Sheriff's office, "so that creates a paper trail."
- Fewkes said she is also working on obtaining an estimated cost for security cameras for Johnson Point.
- Rowland suggested exploring the idea of establishing a community watch that would rely on volunteers to patrol

the neighborhood at night, reporting any suspicious activity to police.

After more discussion, Haggard asked Rowland to develop a plan to address the problem and bring it back to the Board for consideration.

Walking Path

Board members decided they need more information before giving their unqualified support to an effort to building walking and bike paths along Longleaf Drive.

The "Loop the Lake Committee" is planning to raise money through the sale of T-Shirts and through donations from local businesses, President Haggard told Board members. The com-

mittee asked whether the Board supported the concept of the proposed trails.

That request raised a variety of questions for Board members. "Supporting walking trails and paths — I have no problem with that," Ray MacKay said. "But where they go and how they are designed is another thing."

"Who's going to pay for on-going maintenance," Recreation Director Jo Nicholas asked. "Will the Landowners Association take it over once the trail is built?" Long-term maintenance was also a concern for Director Fewkes.

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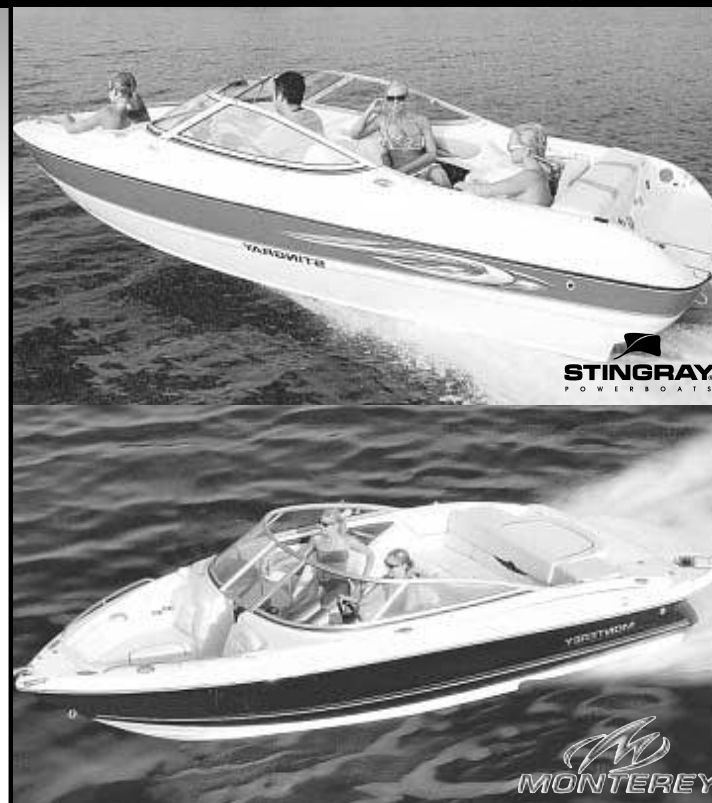
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sider the liability factor," Community Manager Robertson said. "It's going to be on the street. Will it cause an increase in our insurance?"

"I think it is a good thing for the community, but I have a lot of

questions," MacKay concluded.

President Haggard said he would communicate the Board's questions to the Loop the Lake committee and see whether they could provide a more detailed description of the project.

Open burning

The SLWLA Board returned to a topic raised by Director Mamel at an earlier meeting, when he proposed a ban on open air burning in the community — a response to a Morganwood burn that got out of

hand earlier this Spring.

Director Rowland suggested making an exception for Morganwood, where burning can be useful in keeping larger acreages clear. Even burning in Morganwood would require the presence of a North Caroli-

na-licensed burn contractor and a burn map signed off on by the Forestry Division and the affected Fire Department, under the scheme Rowland suggested.

A poll of the board by President Haggard revealed a diversity of
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Water

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direct connection this Spring. That alone, however, did not substantially increase the water supply to Seven Lakes, which was limited by the capacity of a

pump station located near West Pine Middle School on NC Highway 211.

The pump station is slated for replacement with a higher capacity facility next Spring. In order to

increase the flow in the meantime, new impellers were installed in the existing pumps at the end of last month.

The result is a 200,000 gallon per day increase in the water the system can move to Seven Lakes — an increase that, Brobst was quick to add, "that we don't want to be spreading on yards."

"We're not yet in a position to pull back on conservation measures," Brobst told *The Times*. The county implemented Stage 2 Mandatory Water Conservation in the Seven Lakes system in early June, targeting a 30 percent reduction in water usage.

Over the past couple of weeks, Seven Lakes has had some rain every two or three days, which,

along with conservation, has significantly reduced water consumption. The community has met or exceeded the 30 percent reduction goal in each of the past seven days.

"If this weather pattern continues," Brobst said, "we may be able to consider reducing the conservation requirements."

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opinion on the subject. He asked Rowland to formalize his proposal and bring it back for a vote at the August work session.

Speeding

Director Fewkes reported that the SLWLA had paid for a Sheriff's deputy to check for speeding on the Lake Auman dam on four separate occasions. The first time, he was asked to issue tickets to anyone doing more than 15 miles per hour over the speed limit. Three tickets were issued. The second time, a 10 MPH margin yielded ten tickets. On the third and fourth occasions, the same margin produced no citations.

Fewkes said she felt the enforcement activity — as well as the speed bumps at the entrance to the dam — are helping to reduce speeding.

Other Business

In other business during the July 10 work session:

- Director Mamel said work is still underway on the drainage and erosion control sections of the new Architectural Standards being developed by the Architectural Review Committee, which will delay submission of the standards to the Board until August or September.
- Director MacKay noted that bids on road paving projects were due in on Friday, July, 14, and said he would provide Board members with his assessment of the bids via email.
- There was general agreement that the Fourth of July fireworks display was a great success — and lasted a third longer than last year for the same price. Rowland expressed concern that transporting the heavy fireworks



cannons and other equipment to and from the island on private boats is a safety hazard. He suggested moving the display to another location, but other Board members expressed little interest in that idea.



- President Haggard said new signs alerting residents to breaking new and emergency situations were ready for use at the front gate. The signs will alert residents to the need to check the mailhouse, office, or website for additional information.
- Secretary Ed Tuton said he has now identified 36 area reps to fill 39 available slots; only 3 more are needed.
- Haggard said he had asked Tuton to begin the process of incorporating needed changes and revisions into the SLWLA by-laws and rules and regulations — one of the objectives the Board set for itself for this fiscal year. He asked all Board members to take a close look at the SLWLA documents and forward suggested changes to Tuton.
- The Board heard from Judy Pendleton that the Westside Library is in need of more bookcases and more support from the Board. Pendleton, who has already been helping sort and shelve books, volunteered to take over management of the library. Community Manager Robertson said Bill Carl is in the process of building more shelves.
- The Board unanimously approved entering into a cooperative purchasing agreement with Moore County and municipalities within the county, with the goal of using bulk purchasing power to lower costs of supplies and equipment.

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Trucks

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The proposals apparently resulted in part from discussion that Nuti and SLLA President Don Truesdell had with at least one of the resident owner-operators. There are thought to be two currently residing in the community.

Option C, the complete ban, was proposed by Treasurer Steve Hudson, and followed language suggested by resident Ron Erskine, who has spearheaded the drive to eliminate the trucks from the community.

Erskine addressed the board at the beginning of the meeting, arguing that tractors should never have been allowed to park overnight in the community, because they are "commercial vehicles" and therefore banned by a long-standing section of the SLLA Rules and Regulations. He asked that the board modify that section (Chapter 5, Section A.) to explicitly ban trailer tractors and repeal an addition to the rules (Chapter 11, Section J.) that permitted limited overnight parking of the rigs.

Options A and B are practically identical in their restrictions on when and where tractors may be parked — they differ only in whether the parking of big trucks inside the gates will be limited to existing resident owner-operators (Option A) or made available to any resident (Option B).

Both options impose the following restrictions on the overnight parking of tractors at resident homes:

- Only the tractor portion of the truck may enter and park — not the trailer.
- Entry and parking is limited to two 12-hour periods, between dawn and dusk, per month.

- At dusk, the truck may be moved to the SLLA maintenance yard, where it may be kept for up to seven days. The SLLA is not responsible for any damages to the truck when parked there.
- Violators are subject to a \$50 fine for their first offense and a \$100 fine for subsequent offenses.
- The trucker in question must be a member of the Association in good standing.

During the July 10 work session, Director Randy Zielsdorf expressed support for Option B, which would allow additional big rigs to park in resident driveways. "Not that I want to see a tractor in every other driveway," he added.

Zielsdorf explained that Seven Lakes North has a number of very small, and therefore inex-

pensive, homes that were built as weekend retreats before Seven Lakes evolved into a retirement destination. Noting that families occasionally qualify for mortgages on those homes and then find they cannot afford SLLA dues, Zielsdorf said, "I don't want to exclude anyone who might want to come in and fix up these places." The fact that someone has been able to purchase a big rig suggests they have some financial means, Zielsdorf suggested.

Making his motion to include Option C — an outright ban on big trucks with no provision for grandfathering existing owner-operators — Treasurer Hudson said, "This is a vehicle issue only. It's not about how someone fixes up their home. It's not about their family. As board member, you have to ask yourself, honestly,

would you like to see a big rig across the street or in a driveway next door?" Board members are charged with doing what's best for all 1,200 landowners, Hudson added, not what is best for just a few residents.

Security Director Michael Florence, who made the original motion to ban overnight parking of big trucks several weeks ago, said he supported Option C. He expressed concern about the Association's liability exposure if residents' trucks are parked in the maintenance yard.

Director Laura Douglass said she preferred Option A, protecting property values by excluding future parking of big trucks, while not imposing a hardship on the owner/operators currently residing in the community. "We don't need this to be any uglier than it already has been," Douglass said, adding that she looked forward to a final vote on the matter in two weeks.

The issue is scheduled for a vote during the SLLA General Meeting on Wednesday, July 25..

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SLLA Work Session

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home to thirty days.

Zielsdorf said he was exploring the idea of getting a group of volunteers to paint the metal posts on street signs throughout the community, as well as the fire hydrants.

Security cameras. Zielsdorf said he had determined that the Association is paying \$735 per month for networking services that transmit images from SLLA security cameras to the Landowners Office. "If we can't get cameras to work properly," he said, "we could maybe do something better with the money. I encourage board to take a look at it." Zielsdorf said the cameras are very low resolution and do not produce usable images. "I'd be interested in any ideas to make them more effective."

Rules and regulations. Director Ed Nuti said his committee had finished its rewrite and reformatting of the SLLA rules and regulations. He asked for guidance from the board on how they would like to go about working through the update before approving it.

Lakes & Dams. President Truesdell reported for the Lakes and Dams committee on a recent visit by engineer John Eddy, who examined each of the community's high hazard dams and made recommendations for maintenance. Eddy also recommended overhauling the current system of record keeping on the dams. [See page 11 for the text of Truesdell's report.]

Other Business. In other business,

- The board agreed to moving the Work Session meeting time up to 6:00 pm and to explore the cost of providing each board member with a microphone.
- Board members agreed to vote during the July 25 General Meeting on joining Moore County and its municipalities in a cooperative purchasing agreement designed to reduce the costs of supplies and equipment.

Public Comment

During the public comment section that began the July 11 work sessions, Northsider Charlie Oliver asked the Board a series of questions, among which were the following:

- "When will the new building be

erected in the maintenance yard?"

- "Who's responsible for maintenance on our high hazard dams?" Oliver said a review of SLLA records on the dams "makes me question whether we have an effective maintenance program." Noting that information is missing from the dam records, he asked, "Who's in charge of maintaining them?"
- Noting that the Association last year spent \$40,000 for a new tennis courts surface, Oliver said it is not being properly maintained. "Who's responsible for maintaining the tennis courts?" he asked.

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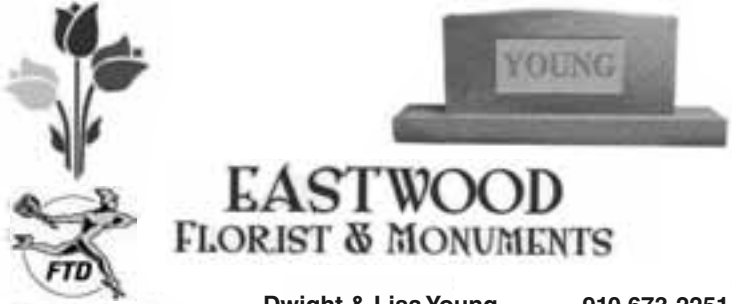
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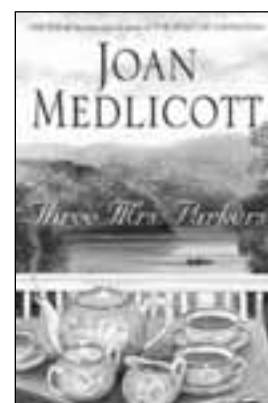
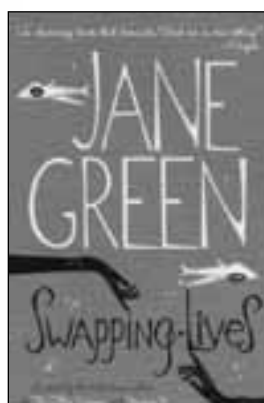
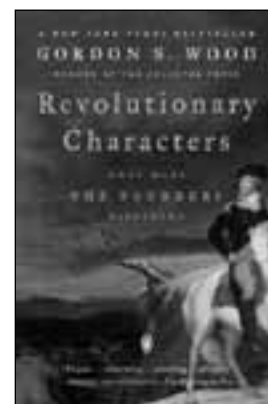
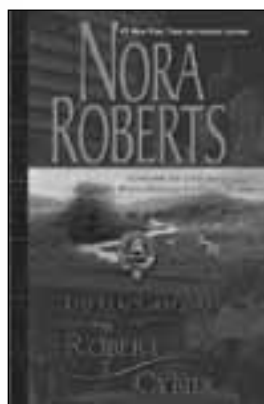
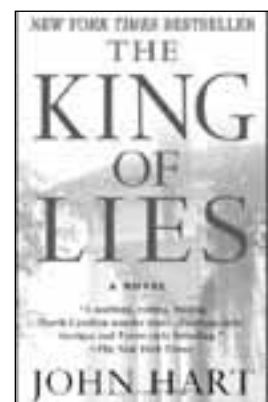
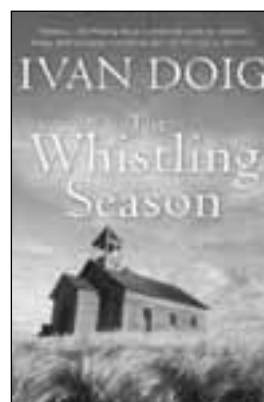
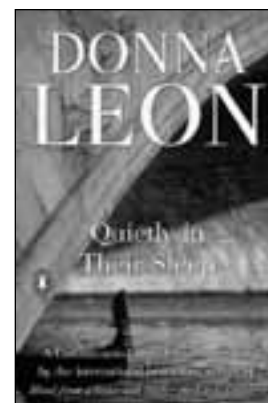
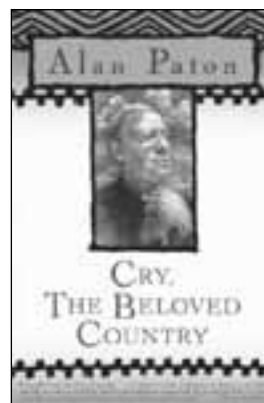
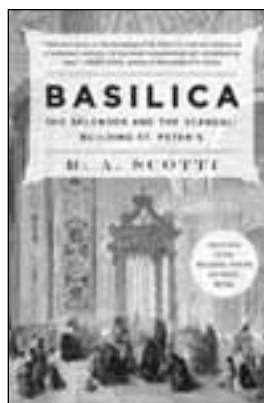
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