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President's Cup



The Beacon Ridge Country Club team of Dean Allgeyer, Josh Dahnke and Dick Skobo won the Seven Lakes Business Guild President's Cup on Saturday, August 4. [See story on page 2.]

Hudson keeps job as SLLA Treasurer

Steve Hudson was still the Treasurer of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] as this edition of *The Seven Lakes Times* went to press, despite being one plaintiff in a lawsuit filed against the Association and four of its directors.

Earlier this month, Hudson and his wife Mary joined former Seven Lakes developer Alan Shaw and two other couples in a suit aimed at voiding an agreement signed by the SLLA and Seven Lakes Country Club in an attempt to resolve their conflict over the Club's desire to develop its current driving range.

After two weeks of speculation that the SLLA Board would remove Hudson as Treasurer,

that very item appeared on the agenda for the Wednesday, August 15 Board Work Session, which attracted an unusually large crowd of landowners. But the excitement was over nearly as soon as the gavel dropped to open the meeting. SLLA President Don Truesdell said the Board had been advised by its attorney to refer the matter of Hudson's status to the company that underwrites its liability insurance policy.

Truesdell stated further that Directors had been advised by counsel not to answer questions about the pending litigation.

The revised SLLA by-laws, approved early last Spring, give a majority of Directors the right

to remove any officer from his post, though not from the Board itself. An elected director may be removed only by a majority vote of the membership; the Board may remove a director that it has appointed to fill a vacant seat.

Later in the meeting Hudson said the Board can remove him only after a formal hearing, in which he would be made aware of the charges against him and allowed to mount a defense — including calling witnesses. He made available to the landowners in attendance a letter he had written to his fellow Board members arguing that the hearing process must be used because

(See "SLLA" p. 27)

Water restrictions possible

If Seven Lakers don't act quickly to bring water usage under control, Moore County Public Works Director Dennis Brobst told *The Times* on Wednesday, the county maybe forced to implement Stage 3 Severe Mandatory Water Conservation measures.

Stage 3 would prohibit any watering of lawns, gardens, or landscaping — far stricter measures than the twice-weekly nighttime watering allowed under the current Stage 2 restrictions.

"I called Dalton and Tony this

morning," Brobst said, referring to the Community Managers for either side of Seven Lakes. "I told them, if the usage doesn't drop, we'll have to move to Stage 3.

Stage 2 Mandatory Water Conservation was implemented in Seven Lakes on June 8, and, because of increased water usage elsewhere in the system, was implemented in Pinehurst last week.

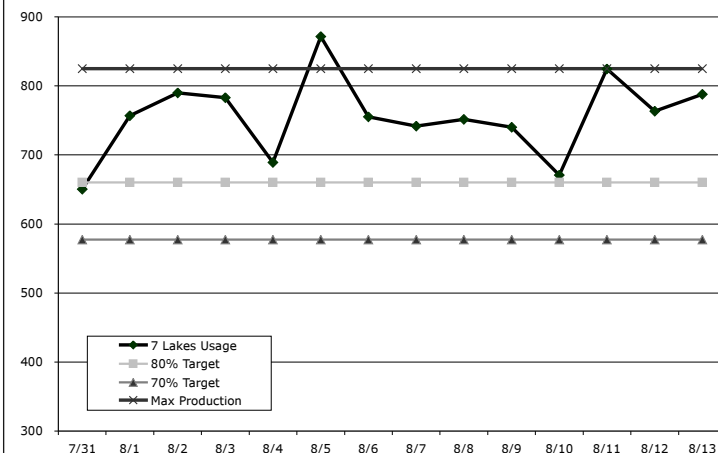
Linked by a pipeline that travels along NC Highway 211 and a pump station near West Pine Middle School, the Seven Lakes

and Pinehurst systems are, in effect, a single large system. That system set a usage record on August 6, with just over 4 million gallons of water used. Brobst told *The Times* that the total capacity of the Pinehurst-Seven Lakes system is just 4.2 million gallons per day.

"The capacity of the booster station at West Pine Middle School is no longer the issue," Brobst told *The Times*. "The system overall is running at the ragged edge of its capacity."

(See "Water," p. 32)

Seven Lakes Water Usage



Water usage in Seven Lakes has exceeded conservation levels requested by the County for the past two weeks.

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County approves driving range — again

The Moore County Planning Board has approved — for a second time — a conditional use permit allowing Seven Lakes Country Club to build a driving range on a 7.5 acre tract of land that lies inside the curve of Devonshire Avenue near its intersection with Sandham Court and Sherwood Road.

The action was taken at a special meeting of the Planning Board on Tuesday, August 14, with the driving range permit the only item on the agenda.

The Board first approved the Club's driving range project back in March; the second approval was necessary because the Army Corps of Engineers and North Carolina Department of

Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR] required a change in the design of the project.

When the county issues a conditional use zoning permit — which is what the March approval authorized — that permit is tied to the specific site plan submitted for the project. If the plan changes, a reapproval

is necessary. Planning Director Andrea Surratt explained to the Board that the county Zoning Ordinance does not give the Planning Staff the power to approve a changed site plan without Planning Board approval.

Planner Chris Armstrong explained that the federal and state agencies found that the design of the Club's new driving

range impacted a creek and a wetlands area. They recommended reducing the size of the tee-box to minimize these impacts and constructing two mounds on either side of the range, as a way of disposing of the extra fill dirt that would be displaced by the redesign.

Armstrong said the size of those mounds had been left

undefined in the new plan and suggested establishing maximums. Club President Dick Weber said he felt they would be no more than four or five feet high. After some back and forth, the Planning Board unanimously approved the new design, with the stipulation that the earthen mounds be no more than ten feet high.

Beacon Ridge wins President's Cup

The third annual Seven Lakes Business Guild President's Cup Tournament was held on Saturday, August 4th at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Seventeen teams vied for the honor of holding the coveted President's Cup for the coming year. The weather was hot but even hotter were the teams from Carolina Brokerage and Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club. The host team from Seven Lakes Country Club, made up of Mike Spayd, Gene Roberts and Scott Letsinger posted a score of 59 and were the early leaders in the Clubhouse.

The defending champions from Carolina Brokerage, the team of Ryan Fox, Charlie Richardson and Bobby Bounds returned with a score of 58 and looked like they would successfully retain the cup for another year until their score was matched by the team of Dean Allgeyer, Josh Dahnke and Dick

Skobo from Beacon Ridge.

A sudden-death playoff began on the 18th hole and ended when the Carolina Brokerage team failed to match the birdie recorded by the Beacon Ridge team when Dick Skobo sunk a lengthy putt from the front of the green.

Teams representing Whelan Realty, BVH Construction, Gorenflo Law Firm and Phoenix Fashions also collected prizes for their efforts. All of the teams enjoyed the competition and the magnificent condition of the Seven Lakes Golf Course.

If you were not able to partic-

ipate in this year's event, please consider putting the tournament on your calendar for next year when it will move to Beacon Ridge, where the defending

champions will enjoy having home court advantage but will have a challenge ahead of them to defend the title and retain the Cup for another year.

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Westside Board briefed on Loop the Lake

The Loop the Lake Committee has asked the Seven Lakes West Landowners [SLWLA] Board of Directors to approve the use of a portion of the Longleaf Drive right-of-way for a crushed granite trail that could be used by walkers, runners, cyclists, and golf carts.

A presentation from Loop the Lake [LTL] was the first order of business at the August 14 work session of the SLWLA Board.

SLWLA Work Session

The last day of mass installation of barcode stickers has been completed, Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] President Jim Haggard told his fellow Board members during the August 14 Board work session, with approximately 1250 barcodes installed. Security Director Blaine Rowland said the system was nearly ready to go live. Once the barcode system is activated, the old transponder system will no longer work.

The Work Session began with an extensive presentation on the Loop the Lakes project [See above] and then turned to a wide ranging discussion of projects underway:

Mail Delivery. Haggard said he and Gus Danielson, a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, had hosted a representative from US Senator Elizabeth Dole's office, who visited to learn more about the Westside's unsuccessful attempts to secure home delivery of mail. The visitor, who is well-versed in Postal Service issues, promised to contact USPS officials in Washington and Greensboro and report back on the potential for home delivery. Haggard said he expected it would be at least a month before any response is received.

Both Directors Mamel and Kirst stressed the need for the Board to quickly decide whether home-delivery is a lost cause, because of the need to plan for

(See "SLWLA,"p. 31)

Westside resident — and professional land use planner — Jeremy Rust briefed directors on LTL's efforts to design, fund, and build a bike/hike trail adjacent to Longleaf Drive. LTL, started by Westsider Sherry Niewald, has become a subcommittee of the SLWLA Long Range Planning Committee. Rust, a committee member, works with the land use consultancy Land Design, which, coincidentally, is helping Moore County in a rewrite of its subdivision ordinance.

Rust said the six-foot-wide

trail, as LTL envisions it, would occupy a portion of the 60-foot right of way the Association owns along Longleaf Drive. The trail would be separated from the roadway pavement by a planted buffer strip ranging from two feet to five feet in width. Ulti-

mately, Rust said, some portions of that strip could be planted with street trees.

In most ares, the trail surface would be composed of finely-ground granite, called "granite fines," a substance used by the National Park Service and currently being used to expand the walking trail systems in Pinehurst and Southern Pines. In steeper areas it may be necessary to use a tar/gravel surface to prevent erosion of the path sur-

face, Rust told Board members.

The granite fines surface is typically maintained with a twice-a-year application of an herbicide like RoundUp®, applied with a tank and sprayer pulled by a golf cart, tractor or ATV. Guards are used to prevent the herbicide from falling on planted areas on either side of the trail.

Rust and Niewald have studied the entire Longleaf right-of-way and produced a map showing whether the trail should lie on the inside or outside of the ring-road in a particular area, based

(See "Loop,"p. 33)

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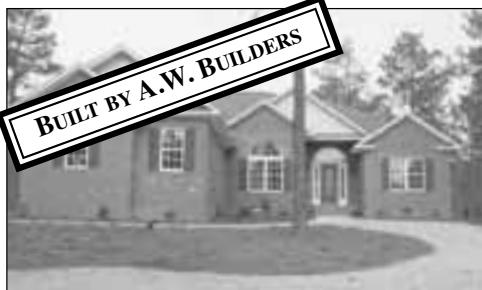
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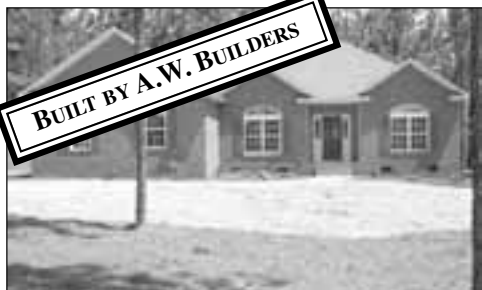


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WEE welcomes Principal Johnnye Waller

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Nine Moore County schools have new principals this year, including West End Elementary, which welcomed Johnnye Waller in July. She is the only new schools administrator hired from outside the district.

"I was very fortunate and found out about the opportunity [at WEE] through a meeting," said Waller. My husband and I fell in love with the community. It was just beautiful."

Her husband, who is semi-retired from banking and works with computers, purchased a home in Seven Lakes West.

"I have a new school, a new home, and a new community," continued Waller. "We're very excited to be here."

Serving the last three years as a principal in Duplin County, North Carolina, located an hour north of Wilmington, Waller has also worked as an assistant principal and a school social worker.

Waller said that throughout the entire interview process, "everyone was super nice, so pleasant, and so supportive. I could tell that Moore [County] was dedicated to children and learning."

Already Waller said she has had the opportunity at her new post to meet with parents, teachers, students, and community leaders that "all obviously care about WEE."

In particular, she has been impressed with the enthusiasm of the teachers who are ready to get going for next year, with the community support from individuals and groups, and the number of retirement-aged volunteers who come in and work with students.

Waller also expressed appreciation for the other county principals who have been very helpful, and to Dr. Brian Phillips, MCS assistant superintendent of Elementary Schools, who provided her with a realtor contact.

Waller said her immediate goal is to focus on strong parent and community relationships. "I want to work on them. To focus on making sure we're open to volunteers, and open to any concern or issue. It's the only way we can make sure every child's need is met."

Her long-term goal, she said, "is to make each year become more effective that we differentiate instruction so that it is effective for every learner - to meet the needs for every child."

Back in Duplin County, Waller was principal at a K-8 Elementary School built for 450 but which had an enrollment of 908. Waller said they had more children in outside mobile classrooms than inside the actual school structure. The student body, she said, was fifty-nine percent Hispanic, and seventy-eight percent of entering Kindergarteners spoke no English.

West End Elementary is a

considerably smaller school with a student body of approximately 500 children, and a smaller percentage of non-English speaking students.

Kristin Blake, the WEE half-time assistant principal, has been hired to assist Waller full-time as part of Moore County's efforts to ensure adequate administrative support in all schools.

Waller and her husband have two adult children; a daughter, 23, who just completed teaching her first year of Kindergarten in Cary; and a recently married son, 26, who is an assistant district attorney. His wife just finished residency in

emergency medicine in Chapel Hill.

Waller said that her children are happy that she has relocated to Seven Lakes and they too are impressed with the com-

munity.

"I'll go home and think, 'How in the world did I get this opportunity?'" said Waller. "I feel very blessed."



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School Board renews Purser's contract

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The Moore County Board of Education voted unanimously to extend Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser's employment contract for another two years during their regular business meeting held on Monday, August 13. The decision was greeted with enthusiastic applause from the large assembly of School Leadership Team representatives present. These teams were comprised of the principal and assistant principals of all Moore County Schools [MCS].

Board Chair Bruce Cunningham, Jr. said, "It has been a pleasure and will continue to be a pleasure to work with Dr. Purser."

The Board also voted to apply for state funds to support construction costs of the new elementary and middle schools to be built during Phase I of the Facilities Master Plan. Currently, Moore County has up to \$700,000 available to be transferred to the Public School Building Capital Fund through the North Carolina State Lottery Fund. Using this money, counties may fund school construction projects and to retire indebtedness for school construction projects incurred on or after January 1, 2003.

The proposed new middle school will serve the Union Pines High School district and has an estimated cost of \$17 million. The school will be an 88,000 square foot, single story building with twenty-one classrooms, and a core capacity of 850 students.

The proposed new elementary school will serve the Pinecrest High School district and has an estimated cost of \$12 million. The school will be a 66,000 square foot, single story building with twenty-two classrooms, and a core capacity of 650 students.

Both of the new school designs are prototype models, a decision made specifically to reduce design fees from an average of four percent to two percent of the total project cost. The Board approved a design contract with LS3P Associates, Ltd. contingent upon the approval of the requested funding through the State Lottery Fund.

Board Vice Chair Dr. Lorna Clack expressed concern that despite using a prototype design, design costs are estimated at

over \$2 million for the two schools.

Dr. Larry Upchurch, MCS assistant superintendent responded, "Even when using the prototype, we'll need to make modifications. With a prototype you don't start from zero." He continued, "By using a prototype, it's not no cost [design], just a reduced cost."

Upchurch said Moore County Schools had a valuable resource in John Hawthorne, the executive supervisor for construction. "We have on staff people who can manage our projects and have expertise that have saved us untold sums of money."

Chair Cunningham agreed, saying, "We are not just cutting costs up front, but are value engineering."

The two new schools are scheduled to open in time for the Fall 2009 school year.

Graduation Project

Moore County High School

English teachers will be incorporating a new program, called the Graduation Project, into their curriculum beginning this year. This year's entering freshman class of students expected to graduate in 2010, will be the first class required to pass this project in order to graduate.

The Graduation Project includes four components, known as the four P's; paper, product, portfolio, and presentation.

The project was designed and developed to provide a real world, authentic learning experience showing cumulative learning. Topics will be chosen by individual students and approved during a one-on-one conference with their English IV teacher, their advisor, and a community mentor. The entire project must be completed during senior year.

Community mentors will be selected for expertise and experience in the topic and must be at least twenty-five years old and not a family member.

Beverlee Beale, executive director for curriculum, said that the graduation project will connect Moore County senior high students with 500 to 600 mentors from the community each year.

"The components are all considered twenty-first century skills related to business and how to communicate effectively," said Beale.

Graduation Project research papers will be a minimum of 1,000 words, the product must show at least a fifteen hour commitment of work, the portfolio must document the entire process, and presentations will be conducted before staff and faculty. Students are expected to present in business attire, for eight to ten minutes, and include a visual element to their project.

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(See "School board," p. 30)



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Foxfire Villagers urged to conserve water

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The Village of Foxfire is one of the few remaining municipalities in Moore County not under mandatory water restrictions. At the regular meeting of the Foxfire Village Council on Tuesday, August 14, Councilman Ed Lauer said, "We will go to mandatory if we have to, but personally I don't want to do that." He continued, "However, as a good neighbor to other communities I'm prepared to do it if necessary."

Lauer and Foxfire Mayor George Erickson recently attended a county-wide water study meeting and said the county's findings were similar to the village's private water study.

"The county problems are larger but we're in the same situation. All our water is ground water except in the northern part of the county," said Lauer. He continued, "Another problem is the state has passed an interbasin transfer decree stating that water exceeding two million gallons cannot be moved from one basin to another."

The Village of Foxfire is in the Lumber River basin while the Seven Lakes area is in two or even possibly three separate

basins.

"This creates a problem for the county if they want to purchase water from Montgomery County," said Lauer. "The basic issue is you are taking fresh water from one river and emptying sewer water into another river basin."

Foxfire Council Meeting 8/14

Lauer said Foxfire will provide the county with a copy of the village water study.

"They need to look at it on a county-wide basis," said Lauer. "We're going to need all water sources in this county and eventually they'll all be tied together in one form or another."

Lauer encouraged Foxfire residents to continue voluntary water conservation and limit outside irrigation to no more than twice a week.

"We're not in horrible straights, but I want to emphasize that everyone should follow voluntary restrictions," said Lauer. "We have some builders that

are not being very good neighbors but that is a separate issue and we will be calling them and telling them to stop over-watering."

Woodland Circle extension

The dry summer and drought did provide the village with some reward as the three wetland areas located within the Woodland Circle road extension project have shrunk and were surveyed in their diminished form on the recently completed Army Corps of Engineers survey.

Project Manager Tom Collins said "This has been helpful for us in our design. Because of the drought area, we've been able to save money."

Collins asked the council to sign a contract with Neal Smith Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$204,000.

Mayor Erickson stated that \$25,000 of the total amount was an estimate for time and materials and the final number could be less depending on those costs.

Collins said that Smith Engineering will draw plans and submit them to the Corps for a permit. Once the permit is secure, the village can then proceed with design.

Councilman Carl Munro asked

what would happen if there was a period of heavy rain, would it change the survey?

Collins responded, "Once the Corps signs off on the design, they're done. The design criteria will meet the 100 year flood requirement."

Finance

Village Clerk Janice Thomas read the financial report prepared by Councilman Wally Peckitt.

"The General Fund cash has gone from \$330,152 on June 30, to \$252,045 as of July 31 — a decrease of \$78,107."

Peckitt's report showed July disbursements included several one-time costs for vehicle, liability,

and public officials insurance. Thomas added that other expenses in July are annual payments due at the beginning of a new fiscal year.

Peckitt's report stated, "Recalling the strict nature of the proposed 2007-2008 budget, it is imperative that expenditures not exceed the line item amounts budgeted."

Public Safety

Councilman Munro said that DNA evidence collected from a robbery committed in March 2006, may lead police to resolving the crime.

"All crimes that occur stay active until they either just grow (See "Foxfire," p. 29)

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Erskine hopes to bridge 'generation gap'

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

"They call us the Greatest Generation," World War II veteran Gil Erskine says. "I want to see if our generation — if we're the greatest one — do something to help these young soldiers who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan so horribly mutilated."



Gil Erskine

Succinct and to the point, that's the rationale for a project Erskine began to develop three months ago. The 86-year-old former glider pilot is a part-year resident of Seven Lakes West, with a home on Butterfly Court. His brother Ron is a Northsider.

When he's not in Seven Lakes, Erskine resides in Scarsdale, and it's at that city's Boniface Circle that his project begins. The Circle is the site of a memorial to WWII veterans — a memorial that bears the name of Erskine's brother Birks, who was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge.

This September, Erskine will set off on foot from that memorial and hike the ten miles from Scarsdale to the Phelps Memorial Hospital in Sleepy Hollow, where he will present to representatives of Fisher House funds he has raised to aid their mission of assisting young veterans wounded in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The ten mile hike over hilly terrain — including "Breakneck Hill" — is likely to be a bit of a challenge for the 86-year-old Erskine — who has had both hips replaced. But he hopes the challenge will attract the attention of the media and of WWII

vets and their families, who he believes will be happy to support Fisher House.

Fisher House is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1990, that builds large guest houses near military and veterans hospitals in order to provide a place for wounded service men and women — and their families — to stay while undergoing physical and occupational therapy.

The guest houses range in size from 5,000 to 16,000 square feet and can host 8 to 21 families. Fisher House builds the guest houses and then turns them over to the US Government, which oversees their use. There are currently 37 Fisher Houses in use; they have accommodated more than 110,000 service families so far.

Erskine told *The Times* that he chose Fisher House because both because of "the wonderful work it does," and because the AIP Charity Rating Guide gives it an A-plus. There's a Fisher House at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg which he hopes to visit later this month.

That trip is likely to have special significance for Erskine — his brother Birks was a member of the 82nd Airborne when he was killed in battle in January 1945.

Gil Erskine himself was captured behind enemy lines after the small squad he transported in his glider was overwhelmed by a much larger enemy force. Fortunately, that captivity lasted only a day. Erskine and his comrades were liberated by Allied forces and he personally accepted the surrender of the German garrison commander.

Erskine's planned hike from Scarsdale to Sleepy Hollow has already attracted the attention of local newspapers in New York — and has won nearly \$5,000 in donations for Fisher House. Most contributors have been WWII vets or the families of those who served in that conflict.

He told *The Times* that he believes Seven Lakes members of "the Greatest Generation" will also want to contribute.

Contributors can make checks payable to "Fisher House Foundation" and mail them to L.G. Erskine at 120 East Hartsdale Avenue, Apt. 6F, Hartsdale, NY 10530.



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Valerie June Northrup, 71, of Mendham, New Jersey, formerly of Seven Lakes, died on August 1, at her home.

Mrs. Northrup was born in Adrian, Missouri, daughter to the late Leslie Alvin and Mattie Janet Stark Durbin. During her life as a homemaker, she was an avid reader, and enjoyed painting, and spending time with her grandchildren.

She retired to Seven Lakes, where she lived for twelve years before moving to Mendham, NJ. She had also resided in Maplewood, NJ, before her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her husband Theodore Northrup.

Mrs. Northrup is survived by a son, Curtis Northrup; a daugh-

ter, Leslie Long; three brothers, Robert Durbin, Donald Durbin, and Ronald Durbin; a sister, Joyce Saathoff; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm Saturday, September 8, at West End Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested in Mrs. Northrup's memory to the Colgate University Camp, 5074 State Route 30, Saranac Lake, NY 12983.

Arrangements were handled by Bailey Funeral Home in Mendham.

Blanche Medlin McQuage, 84, died August 3, at Plantation

Estates in Matthews.

Mrs. McQuage was born in Union County and the daughter of the late Yates and Lorena Medlin. She was a court reporter for the 20th Judicial District for over thirty-four years.

She was a resident at Plantation Estates for the past six years where she enjoyed playing the piano for her many friends.

Mrs. McQuage was preceded in death by her husband and eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Frances Casteen Mitchum and her husband, Dr. Gerald D. Mitchum, of Seven Lakes North; two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, September 8, at Plantation Estates.


Memorials may be sent to Christian Veterinary Mission, V.E.T Net, 19303 Fremont Ave. North, Seattle, WA 98133.

Heritage Funeral Home and

Cremation Service is assisting the family.

Donald L. Harrington, 78, of Foxfire Village, died Sunday, August 5, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

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In memory of . . .

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Mr. Harrington was born in Medina, Ohio and graduated from Medina High School in 1946. He was employed with Elm Farm Dairy as a milkman for twenty-one years, and then served as a foreman at a water treatment plant for another twenty-one years before his retirement to Moore County.

He was a resident of Foxfire Village for the past fourteen years, and was an avid golfer and ballplayer.

Mr. Harrington is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Carol; a son, Kyle Harrington of Seville, Ohio; two daughters, Jackie Owen of Homerville, Ohio, and Sandy Schlauch, of Lodi, Ohio; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Ohio.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

Wallace Edwin Wilson Jr.,

76, of West End, died Monday, August 6, at HCR Manor Care in Pinehurst.

Mr. Wilson was born in Dade County, Florida, to the late Wallace and Adeline Lohman Wilson Sr., and served in both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard in Korea and Vietnam. After retiring in 1977, he worked as a police officer with the Morehead City Police Department, and then began a teaching career in auto mechanics at West Carteret High School in Morehead City and Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and working on automobiles.

He is survived by his wife, Walda "Rene" Wilson; two daughters, Kim Wilson, of Sea Level, and Pam Wilson Hafezi, of West End; three sons, Eddie Wilson of Atlanta, Philip Wilson of Garner, and Kyvan Wilson, of West End; a sister, Sally Wilson of Lake City, Florida; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, September 1, at Boles Funeral Home in Southern Pines with the Rev. Archie P. Stevens officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 3800 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines is serving the family.

Charles Leonard Sedberry, 79, of West End, formerly of Biscoe, died Tuesday, August 7, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Mr. Sedberry was a native of

Montgomery County, a former employee of the Town of Biscoe. He retired from the Montgomery County Water Department, and was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Christina Grey Sedberry, of West End; two stepsons, Jimmy Jenkins, of West End, and Fred Jenkins, of Lillington; a stepdaughter, Patricia Frye, of High Point; seven stepgrandchildren and twelve step great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Friday, August 10, at Southside Baptist Church. The Rev. Michael Lynn and Dr. Bruce Dickerson officiated. Burial followed at West

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The Young's business has welcomed customers to a location on US 15/501 in Eastwood for the past three and one-half years, but on June 1 they moved into the old BB&T bank building — more

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It's easy to find — from Seven Lakes, you just hang a right at the West End stop light. Eastwood Florist and Monument is on the right, just before the tracks.

"We took a look at our business and found that most of our customers were in Pinehurst, Seven Lakes, and Foxfire," Dwight Young told *The Times*. "So when we

found out that Booby Edwards had this location for sale. We jumped at the chance."

Young said he hopes to expand his customer base on this side of the county — and hopes to attract some business from Candor and Eastern Montgomery County.

The roomy shop houses a full-service florist, a gift shop, and monument sales.

"We have both silk flowers and fresh cut flowers," Young told *The Times*. "We do weddings, funerals, and fresh flower arrangements for any occasion."

Eastwood does weekly arrangements for the sanctuaries of a number of local churches, including Culdee Presbyterian Church.

Young said delivery to patients at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital is always free, as is delivery to local funeral homes. Delivery to residences is available for a modest fee. Utilizing both the FTD and Teleflora systems, they can have flowers delivered all over the United States — and can accept nationwide orders as well.

And, if flowers aren't your cup of tea, they also offer fruit baskets, balloons, and a variety of gifts.

The other side of the business is monuments; the Youngs offer a wide range of memorial markers, including headstones, tomb rocks, and monuments. They also offer corner posts, granite, benches, and bronze markers. They can do a custom design if one of their many traditional offerings are not exactly what a family is looking for.

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Dwight Young told *The Times* that most families opt for a "Georgia Blue" stone — which is the soft gray color that probably comes first to mind when you think of a headstone. But a wide range of colors are available, including blacks, pinks, and other shades of gray.

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tion since the move," Dwight Young told *The Times*. "I'm surprised that we have done as well as quickly as we have."

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1/2 cup red wine vinegar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
1/2 tsp. onion powder
1/2 tsp. dry mustard
1/2 cup canola oil
1 Tbsp. Poppy seed

In a blender, combine all ingredients except poppy seed and oil. Add poppy seeds. Then gradually add oil. Dressing may be used with other salads.
Delicious!

Chicken Salad:

1-2 cups strawberries
3 cups chopped cooked chicken (baked is best)

3 kiwi, chopped
1/2 cup toasted almonds (whole, sliced or slivered)

6 cups spinach leaves, salad mix, or a mixture of both

Combine strawberries, chick-

en, kiwi, and almonds.

Arrange greens on a platter or in a large wide bowl. Spoon chicken mixture on top.



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Drizzle dressing on top. Serve immediately or it will get sloppy.

Stingrays host meet



The Moore County Summer Swim League held the Championship Meet at the Seven Lakes North swimming pool on July 31.

There were three meets during this season, with 217 swimmers aged five to fifteen years competing in the events. The Sandhills Sandsharks won the

Championship. Second place went to our own Seven Lakes Sting Rays. Pinehurst Parks and Recreation took Third and CCNC took Fourth place honors.

Sting Ray Coach Melissa Sanders and assistant Tanya Goodwin organized the Championship Meet and team sponsor, The Seven Lakes Lions

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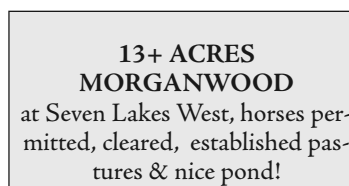
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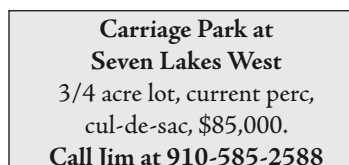


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Water sparingly, and use plenty of mulch

Dry, hot weather continues to be the primary gardening subject here in our Sandhills communities. Temperature indexes last week reached the one hundred degree mark on several occasions.

Therefore, it becomes very important that we water during this drought period to keep our plants surviving. Established plants, including trees, will maintain growth for extended periods without supplementary watering. Although I like to thoroughly water these plants once a week if they show signs of leaf loss or wilting, when there is little or no rainfall.

When watering do it thoroughly, drenching the plant and distributing the water throughout the root zone area. Newly planted or non-established shrubs, bedding plants, and perennials should be watered thoroughly twice a week.

After living more than thirty years in the Sandhills, I don't recall summer lawns of Bermuda grass, Zoysia, and Centipede, looking dryer. Generally if they are well-established and maintained, recovery can be expected with abundant rainfall.

If using an irrigation system, a weekly one hour water applica-

tion during the drought period will allow the lawn to survive. Save water from your vegetable and fruit washings and use it on your container-grown house and budding plants. Catch rainwater during infrequent showers and reuse it. One method for conserving



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

moisture and controlling grass and weeds is to keep your plants well-mulched with hardwood bark, pine bark, or pine straw.

As a reminder, our lake levels are low and we are still under water restrictions. Let's conserve it.... Use it wisely and sparingly. Keep our water clean from contamination and follow its use according to the recommendations of the Landowner Associations.

Dry, hot weather has done nothing to control insects and bugs. Attacks of mealy bugs, lace bugs, spider mites, grass hoppers, scaled insects, and ants have been on the rampage

in search of food. Many of these pests feed on the underside of plant leaves and stems, suck the plant juices and foliage, often turning them yellow, bronze, or grayish in color. Light to moderate infestations may be controlled by one or more applications of horticultural oil plus an insecticidal soap mixture, but heavier populations must be controlled by rec-

ommended chemical applications such as orthene, pytheriums, merit, cygon, thiodan, and malathion. Sevin will control the larvae and beetles, but has little or no effect on mealy bugs, scales, or spider types. As recommended before, fire ants control is supposedly obtained by Amdro. Use all chemical controls according to precautional directions and do not spary when temperatures exceed eighty-five degrees.

August reminders

August is the recommended time to sow seeds of hardy

perennial flowers such as English daisies, cove flowers, Forget-me-nots in pots, trays, and flower beds. Water them when needed and protect the seedlings from the hot sunlight.

Separate and transplant daylilies and irises. Be sure to water as needed. Planting now will allow new plants to become established before cold weather.

If you are interested in Fall vegetable gardening, it's time to plant beets, cucumbers, kale, lettuce, mustard, radish, spinach, (See "Garden," p. 15)

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Women of Seven Lakes meet September 6

The first Women of Seven Lakes meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6, at 1:00 pm, at the West Side Park Community Center. The women are poised to begin a new year of engaging in charitable enterprises and community outreach within Seven Lakes and Moore County. Monthly meetings will alternate between the North Clubhouse and the West Side Park Community Center at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month.

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

During the 2006-2007 year, the Women of Seven Lakes assisted many organizations by sharing over \$18,521.67 for their programs. Recipients were Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Troop #641, Seven Lakes Fire Department, Seven Lakes EMS, West

End Fire Department, Chapel in the Pines Christmas Fund, West Side Children's Christmas Party, SLLA Children's Christmas Party, Friend to Friend, coats for children at West End, Sandhills Animal Rescue League,

Seven Lakes Beautification Committee, Diversicare, Moore County Shrine Club Children's Hospital, Sand T's of Moore County, ARC of Moore County, and Books for Robbins Elementary School.

The Women of Seven Lakes

also provided large contributions to the following: \$4,000 to Children's Care Fund, \$3,500 to SLLA for playground equipment, and \$6,000 to Moore County Public Schools Backpack Pals Program.

All women are invited to join the Women of Seven Lakes for an exciting year of guest speakers and activities. For more information, please call membership chairs Sue Sikes at 673-3050, or Carmela Chase at 673-2635.

Garden

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turnip seeds, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and collard plants.

Master Gardeners in the making

The Moore County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Services will hold Extension Master Gardener training at the Agricultural Center in Carthage, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon beginning Tuesday, September 11, through November 6.

The forty hours of class will cover practical aspects of gardening and landscaping in the Sandhills. Emphasis will be placed on sustainable and organic methods.

Individuals who take the class are expected to donate forty hours of service. The fee for class materials will be \$55 per student.

For additional information, please contact the Cooperative Extension office at 947-3188, or call Eli Arroyo-Allen at the Public Information Office at 947-6363.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

- **Seven Lakes Country Club Hawaiian Luau** – 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner. Entertainment by Glenn Davis. Members \$22, non-member \$27. Dress code Muu-Muu, Hawaiian shirts, or anything cool & summer casual. Hosts Alice & Terry McPheeters. Reservations 673-1100.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

- **Sandhills Squirrels: Nature's Nutcrackers, Weymouth Woods Hike** – 3:00 pm. Weymouth Woods auditorium. Flying, fox, and gray squirrel's are all found in the Sandhills. However, they have distinctly different life styles. A short slide show and program will focus on the adaptations and life histories of these animals. Join the ranger for a short half-mile hike to look for fox squirrel's.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

- **Sandhills Quilters Guild Meeting** – 9:30 am – Noon, Senior Enrichment Center located at 8040 Hwy.15-501. Judy Peterson will present a machine applique workshop.
- **Moore County School Back to School Night** – 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, all county High Schools. 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, all county Middle Schools

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

- **Bookshop by the Lakes** – 7:00 pm. Join the Book group for discussion of *Mockingbird A Portrait of Harper Lee* by Charles Shields. Meeting held in the Coffee Scene. Open to all.
- **Moore County School**

Back to School Night – 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, all county Primary Schools K - 2. 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, all county Elementary Schools Grade 3 -5, K – 5 Schools, and K - 8 Schools.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

- **Book Lover's Masquerade** – 6:30 pm, Weymouth Center. Elliott's on Linden joins the Moore County Literacy Council in celebrating twenty years of Teaching Moore People to Read. Elegant hors d'oeuvres and wines, strolling musicians, parade of literary characters, prizes for Best Costumes. Cost \$75/person for a fun-filled evening to benefit MCLC. 692-5954.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- **Tarheels and Turpentine, Weymouth Woods Lecture** – 3:00 pm, Weymouth Woods auditorium. In 1880 North Carolina was producing one-third of the world's supply of turpentine. Join the park ranger for a closer

look at the history of this industry, the products produced from pine resin, and the origin of our state's nickname, the Tarheel State.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – 7:00 p.m. Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern

What's When Calendar



Pines. John Connors from the Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh will present a program on Chimney Swifts. Visitors welcome! Call 692-2167 for more info or visit our website at www.sandhillsnature.org

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association General Meeting** – 7:30 pm, West Side Community Park. Open to the public.
- **Ms. North Carolina Senior America Pageant** – 1:30 pm, Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, located at 8040 US Hwy 15-501,

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association General**

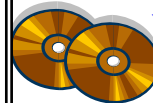
Meeting – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Open to the public.

- **Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament** – Foxfire Golf Club. Foxfire Ladies Golf Association hosts an open play day golf tournament in support of Rally for the Cure. Participants receive a one year subscription to Golf for Women magazine, goodie bag, and symbolic pink ribbon pin. Cost \$20 contribution to the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation plus \$20 cart fee. Call Ginny Siedler at 673-3240.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 1:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Please join the group to learn how you can become involved in all the activities that have been planned for a new and exciting year. Marjorie Nurnberg will be speaking on "Yoga, Pilates, and Tai Chi: Incorporating Flexibility into your Exercise Routine." Please bring any of the following items to support the men and women of Seven Lakes Assisted Living: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, after shave, body wash, powder.
- **Divorce Recovery Class – West End United Methodist Church.** Class participants will meet once a week for ten weeks. Open to the community, no charge for the class, 673-1371.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- **Cooking with Carmela & Marjorie: Dishes from the Mediterranean** – 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Class will feature the use of fresh herbs in the local dishes of the French and Italian regions bordering the Mediterranean Sea. Participants will get to sample all the dishes, and will receive copies of all the recipes featured. Cost is \$10.00. For information and to register for the program, please call 673-5314 beginning Friday, August 31.
- **Mixed Paper Recycling** – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Kangaroo Station at Fresh Market in Southern Pines. Sponsored by Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. Call 947-3478.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- **Weymouth Woods: Tree Trek** – 3:00 pm, Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve, Southern Pines. The park ranger will help identify different tree species during a hike on the trails. Bring bug spray. Meet at the Visitor Center. For more information call 692-2167.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- **Master Gardener Training** – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Agricultural Center, Carthage. The Moore County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Services will hold Extension Master Gardener training on Tuesday and Thursdays, through November 6. The forty hours of class will cover practical

aspects of gardening and landscaping in the Sandhills with an emphasis on sustainable and organic methods of gardening. Class materials cost \$55 per student and volunteer service hours are required upon completion. For additional information, contact the Cooperative Extension office 947-3188, or call Eli Arroyo-Allen at 947-6363.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Open to the public.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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School starts August 27. Are you ready?

Moore County Schools open doors to over 12,500 students

The new school year will kick off Monday, August 27, with an estimated 12,520 students entering the doors of Moore County's twenty-two schools, an increase of over 300 students over last

year.

Back to School Nights will be hosted at all schools on the traditional nine-month schedule as follows:

Tuesday, August 21 –

High Schools, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Middle Schools, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Thursday, August 23 –

K - 2 Primary Schools 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, and Elementary Schools Grade 3 -5, K - 5 Schools, and K - 8 Schools, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Moore County also has three schools that offer students a year-round schedule.

These schools are Southern Pines Primary with grades K-2, Southern Pines Elementary with grades 3-6, and Academy Heights Elementary with grades K-5.

The year-round programs opened their doors for students July 16 and operate on a schedule of four nine-week blocks with three-weeks off between each block.

Schools will be sending out, or

have already sent out, information which varies according to grade levels such as bus schedules, free and reduced lunch application forms, instructions for reporting to school on the first day, PTA information, fees lists, and more.

Parents may also view a fees schedule, lunch prices, dress code, and other information of interest to them on the "Student and Parent Resources" page of the school district's website at <http://www.mcs.k12.nc.us>.

Thanks for supporting Dails

by Ada Loy

& Dawn Bouchelle

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the July 2 raffle at Mac's Restaurant to benefit Whitney Amber Dail's family. Ninety-six prizes were awarded and the benefit raised

\$2,275 which was presented to Whitney's mother, Tammy Hussey, on July 11.

A big thank you to the following merchants who so graciously donated to the raffle; Don Thomas Construction, First Bank, Salon 7, Seven Lakes Hardware,

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Kiwanis get 'Patriot Pride'

by Frank Krohn
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Harry Webb, a local businessman who is helping to head up the Patriot Pride Campaign, a football booster program for Pinecrest High School, spoke to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club at their July 31 meeting held at Beacon Ridge Country Club.

Webb discussed the status of the Pinecrest High School

football program and programs instituted by the new coach, Mr. Metzger. He also shared some of the off-the-field activities of the Patriot Pride Campaign. Two major subjects covered were the fund raising efforts and the future plans of the Patriot Pride organization.

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



Harry Webb & Kiwanian Bruce Donaldson

Need for blood is critical

The Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross reports critical shortages of blood.

As of August 13:

Four blood types were at Emergency status, including:

O positive

O negative

B positive

B negative

and two 2 blood types were Critical status:

A positive

A negative

The Red Cross has scheduled the following blood drives in the remainder of August:

Friday, August 17 – 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Pinehurst. For appointment, call 245-7022.

Monday, August 20 – 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Our Savior Lutheran Church in Southern Pines. For appointment, call 692-

8571.

Tuesday, August 21 – 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. For appointment, call 692-8571.

Wednesday, August 22 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, First Health Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst. For appointment, call 715-1478.

Thursday, August 23 – 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, May Street Market in Southern Pines. For appointment, call 692-8571.

Tuesday, August 28 – 12:30 pm

to 5:00 pm, sponsored by Moore County Chamber of Commerce at Days Inn in Southern Pines. For appointment, call 692-3926.

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OPINION

How best to pop the cork with the corn?

Does popcorn go with wine, and, if so, should it be served with white or red?

This is but one of the many deep thoughts I'm prone to ponder while suffering frequent bouts of insomnia. For some reason, motherhood and sleeping do not seem to be complimentary forces in my life.

And at risk of stumbling out of my closet, I find myself yet again discussing alcohol in my column. Either I can't think of anything else worth writing about or perhaps it's as Ben Franklin said that "Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

As for the popcorn incident, two friends were recently captured in a rival rag – in a full-color pho-

tograph for posterity, no less — in this culinary conundrum.

Certainly, I am at no risk of being considered a connoisseur of anything — much less wine. My selections between red or white fall pretty much in line with matching the hue of the meat, or whether it's Sunday morning or Saturday night.

And I would never dare expose myself to ridicule by participating in that madness called "wine tasting."

Taste, shmaste — I want to drink it! Not share in its fruity effusive aroma, or languish in its oak undertones, zip through its zesty acidity, bramble along its brilliant notes, or savor in its crisp yet creamy finish. I mean, really, who actually wants to

taste wood?

Once while visiting the popcorn place, actually my one and only visit, I gave up on the wine



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

reviews and instead perused their lengthy ale offerings. The server inflated my ego by commending me on making such a gourmet selection, only to squash my ballooning pride by shamelessly applauding the utterly random wine choices made by my

four girlfriends.

I've worked in the service industry and have personally witnessed snotty servers ridicule customers — in the privacy of the kitchen — for making poor beverage choices or opting out with cheap drinks. I'm

sure the odds that all five of us made "excellent," fabulous," or "superb" choices that day is remote, but to his credit, our server's unbridled flattery sounded sincere.

Never to be outdone in my own quest for fun, while planning

my upcoming Disney vacation I have discovered an on-line discussion forum called Lushes of the World [LOTW]. The entire purpose of this motley string of internet chatter is to share tips and strategies for enjoying distilled spirits while in the company of The Mouse.

The very popular Monorail bar crawl looks promising: Though I'm not sure if I'll make it past the suggested second stop of drinks in a beachfront hammock at the Polynesian-style resort.

I can see myself in vivid detail — darling Hubby, white sand, bright white moonlight, white wine. And, who knows? Maybe I'll even order some popcorn.

It's time for an SLLA cooling off period

Dear Editor:

Before the different groups become so deeply entrenched that there is no retreat to normalcy, they need to step back and cool down. The possible cost to us the landowners should dictate that.

Do I, or anyone, for that mat-

ter, want fourteen patio homes placed at the entrance to our community?

I don't think so!

What also bothers me is the decorum of one of our directors. To sue the group of which you are a part, when you don't get your way is ludicrous. And to

ambush fellow directors with whom you disagree, as was done at the last general meeting is deplorable. Have the professional integrity to step down first. Then go for it if you must.

However, there is a solution to the problem. If one of the four who voted in favor of the agree-

ment with the Seven Lakes Country Club was to rescind their vote, then a referendum vote would be called for — placing the problem clearly on the plates of the property owners. Should that happen, all of us would then have the responsibility to know what we are voting on. Yes, it may cost \$2,000 but that's cheaper than

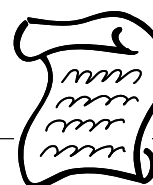
a lawsuit and better for all concerned.

As I see it, it all comes down to what N.C. General Statute 47B has to say. Please look it

up on your computer. You must read it all, including and especially the exceptions. Then decide for yourself.

Phil Thingstad
Seven Lakes North

Letters to the Editor



Try carrot instead of stick

Dear Editor:

My wife and I enjoyed our visit recently to our daughter's new house in Seven Lakes. What a lovely community, marred only, I thought, by the squabble over truck parking.

Concerns over property rights, individual freedoms, and property values are certainly understandable. The temptation to make laws to restrict behavior is also understandable but, I think, counter to the American spirit of community.

It must be difficult to maintain a friendly community when rules seem to target certain professions unfairly. We like, for example, the convenience of having fruits and vegetables available

year-round, but it is unfair to spurn the trucker who delivers the goods.

I propose that Seven Lakes develop instead incentives for beautification. The garden club could award prizes. It could publish articles in *The Seven Lakes Times* showing how to make properties beautiful. Competing for prizes could be more fun

than policing the misbehaviors of neighbors.

Positive forces, it seems to me, might be more effective than the unfriendly and bothersome problems inherent in passing and enforcing so many rules and regulations.

Eric Christenson
Arlington, Virginia

Discord has a cost

Dear Editor:

My husband has not been able to include an issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* in his requests for real estate infor-

mation packages about Seven Lakes in over a year and a half. Y'all figure it out! Duh!

Bunny Whelan
Seven Lakes South

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Letter from Holland

[The following is the second half of a copy of a letter that I wrote seventeen years ago to my friends in the Lewis County (NY) Hospice office describing my experiences on a trip to the Netherlands to visit my daughter, Jeanne.

I am sure there are people who have visited the Netherlands since I did. I would appreciate being brought up to date regarding any information that is outdated. I can be reached by phone, or my email address is Nona102@earthlink.net]

Jeanne takes astrology lessons and has become quite involved. For a Christmas gift, she paid to have my chart done by

Each town appears to have a Central Station plus, of course, numerous stops. Joe takes the bus everyday.

We walk many places, drive to others, and occasionally take the bus or tram. Taxis here are Mercedes and the drivers wear business suits. Mercedes and BMW autos are everywhere along with a lot of Mazda's, VW's, and others. The only American car that I've seen any number of is Ford's and everything is mid-size or smaller. I have seen only one full-sized car.

Amazingly, in a country of dairy products, I have not yet seen a cow. I've seen fields of sheep, pigs, and even one of llamas. Joe can't believe that I haven't seen a cow but it is true.

Nona's Notes

Nona Wiley

(Jan and Carol, they have a delicious milk product here; it is called Vla and is a creamy pudding sold in

her teacher. I told the woman that I could not believe that the position of the stars when I was born determines my life. However, I was amazed at the accuracy of her information. I do mean amazed, and I do mean accurate. She says I might better stay home and work rather than go to Myrtle Beach in February. Puzzling to me, I felt more as though I were talking to a psychiatrist than astrologer, as she explained how events in my past shaped my life.

Earlier this week we took the train to Gouda one evening. On that one evening, all lights are turned off downtown – candles are lit in all windows (usually in an inverted V-shape). There is a short speech, translated into several languages, then the Christmas tree is lit. It came from Gouda's sister city in Norway. After that a choir sang.

The town square was mobbed, so we went into a pool hall to get hot chocolate and cappuccino. There I saw Dutch youth in their own environs – I could hear remarks about the English at our table.

The public transportation is wonderful with buses, trams, and trains running frequently.

cartons like milk. It's only 3 percent fat and ninety-four calories per serving, and it is so good. We've had caramel but they also have butterscotch, vanilla, strawberry, and citrus. It's a wonderful change from whipped cream which is served on everything. I drink hot chocolate without it but really need it in cappuccino.)

We went to Delft last week. I bought a few things but was tempted far less than I expected. I can't bear to pay the exorbitant prices for things that are no prettier than many I already have.

On Saturday evening, we attended a Christmas party at a friend of Joe's and Jeanne's. The most interesting people were a school inspector from Scotland and a trash man originally from the U.S. He played football at West Point when they had really good teams. What he does in the trash line I'm not sure but he was in Buenos Aires last week, in Panama for seven years, and now is here. I was interested in his comments regarding trash from one country to another.

Amanda and I are making Christmas cookies, so I must run. See you in January.

Love, Nona



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We look forward to the time when we can become residents of Seven Lakes West and enjoy the daily events in the area. We

also look forward to meeting you face to face and congratulating you on your hard work on behalf of the community.

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Jack & Lori Lattin
Dimondale, Michigan

Letters to the Editor



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What is a greater stimulus on

our path than to open the door to living and loving, and welcome the reflection the rising sun creates upon those gorgeous little flowers we assisted

into thriving.

Bullets fly. Soldiers and children die. Mosques are shattered. Hatred persists between and within nations. Vitriol becomes a habit.

Peace so often seems just beyond the fingertips. But that fledgling little petal is once again emerging.

Yes, flowers continue to bloom. They're all named Hope.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

August

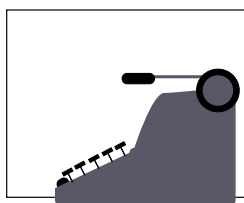
Please slow your pace as calendar pages just seem to pick up speed as they turn, dear August. We are not in a hurry to say "good bye," just yet.

Your fruits and veggies are so luscious in mid summer. The long walks and children skipping in the park. Ice cream cones melting down our arms, sudden rain appears from who knows where – but how refreshing it is. Will we think of all this in chilly November? Probably not, we still be looking to the holidays and be all tied up in radiant ribbons – at least in our minds.

Dear August, you are so content and satisfied with your endeavors and floras in full bloom that you just fall into place in your rightful futuristic march.

As faces, small and grown, radiate with the glow of health and sunshine, they must settle in and think of education and futures unknown at this time. As in the past, and time well

spent, let us all think of our parents with gratitude, and always, with love.



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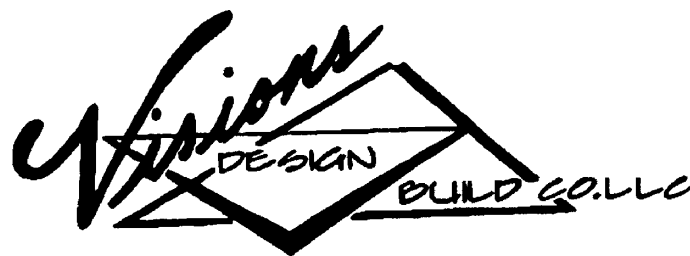
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Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes – August 30 to September 30. By Jason Petty. Petty has won critical acclaim all over the country for his surreal performance of the country music legend Hank Williams in the off-Broadway hit Hank Williams' "Lost Highway."

Annie – October 19 to November 11. Written by Thomas Meehan, music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin. This classic tale of Little Orphan Annie is brought to life on the Temple stage.

A Carolina Country Christmas – November 29 to December 16. By Michael Lilly. This holiday season, Temple Theatre will continue its tradition of presenting a new work written and directed by esteemed theatre artist Michael Lilly of Asheville, North Carolina.

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ship, grown-up romances, and the twists and turns that their lives take both separately and together.

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Godspell – April 10 to 27. By John-Michael Tebelak. Godspell is a jubilant musical celebration of the Gospel as told by St. Matthew. In brief, it is the belief that the passion of Jesus Christ was to teach love and joy in the hearts of people.

Ain't Misbehavin' – May 29 to June 22. By Murray Horwitz and

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Lisa is the daughter of Kenny & Gayle Mace of Seven Lakes West. She the granddaughter of Janet Bender and the late Dale W. Bender of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and the late K.G. Mace and Delta Mace of Holden Beach, NC. Lisa was a member of Phi Eta Sigma and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BFA in Dance Performance.

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SLLA work session

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of a state law that requires homeowners association board to follow Roberts' Rules of order. [A copy of that letter is reprinted on page 28.]

No other Board member spoke to the issue of removing Hudson from his post during the meeting. However, the Board did enter a closed session after the meeting. No reason was given for the closed session, but SLLA Attorney Hunter Stovall was seen chatting with Board members as the open meeting broke up.

Work Session Schedule

The Board spent ten or fifteen minutes trying to come to some agreement about changing the time or the format of their work sessions, but the discussion came to naught. At the July Work Session, Director Michael Florence had raised the possibility of scheduling the meeting earlier in the evening — or even moving back to the Thursday afternoon time slot the Work Session occupied for a number of years.

Again Wednesday night, Florence argued that the Board had operated more efficiently working around the conference room table than it does sitting facing a crowd of landowners in the current format. Though Florence won support for the idea from Hudson, other directors could not accommodate the afternoon meeting.

Picking up on a proposal that Director Donna Stephan had floated prior to the meeting, President Truesdell pushed for a once a month closed work session "so that we can let our hair down and debate some of these issues."

Florence resisted the idea of a regular closed session, noted that the new by-laws restrict closed meetings to five narrowly defined topic areas.

With no agreement in sight, Truesdell threw in the towel and said the schedule would remain as is.

Rules Changes Proposed

Donna Stephan proposed four amendments to the rules and regulations during Wednesday nights meeting. They will be placed on the agenda of the August 29 open session for a vote.

- Compliance bond. The first would require builders to post a \$1,500 refundable deposit before beginning a project in Seven Lakes North or South, as well as signing a form acknowledging their responsibility to work according to the community's covenants, rules and regulations, and architectural standards. Builders who fail to live up to that commitment could lose a portion of the money. Stephan said Seven Lakes West and Pinewild require a similar fee.
- Stephan's second proposal

would require that motion, minutes, or other items to be voted on at a Board meeting be available to Directors at least two days prior to the meeting.

- Her third proposal would require visitors entering the community to attend a garage sale, a real estate open house, or to play golf to obtain a visitors pass at the gate.
- Finally, Stephan asked for a rule that would allow the clearing of underbrush for maintenance — but not lot clearing prior to building — without approval of the Architectural Review Board [ARB]. The cutting of any tree more than four inches in diameter would require ARB approval, and the cutting of a tree more than ten inches in diameter would be forbidden except when it falls within the footprint of the home to be built on the lot.

(See "SLLA" p. 28)

Benefit bike ride



Seven Lakes Dentist Dr. Pete McKay will mark his fourteenth year riding in the 90-mile Tour to Tanglewood on September 15 and 16. The goal of the event is to raise funds to help fight Multiple Sclerosis. To contribute to the effort, send your check made out to the "National Multiple Sclerosis Society" to PO Box 628, West End, NC 27376.

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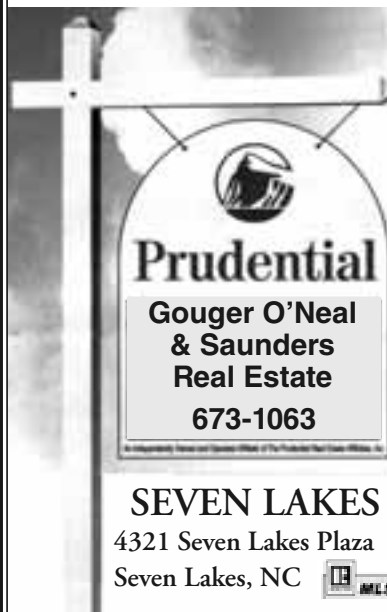


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SLLA work session

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Committee reports

Directors offered brief updates on their areas of responsibility:

Recreation. Director Laura

Douglass reminded landowners that school resumes on August 27, which means buses will be picking up and dropping off children at the firestation and

North Clubhouse area.

The swimming pool will remain open until the week after Labor Day, Douglass said. The Seven Lakes Stingrays swimming team took second place in their league and the Seven Lakes Dance team won a gold overall in a recent competition.

Community Standards. Director Randy Zielsdorf said Assistant Manager Chad Beane is continuing to work through a long list of violations assembled by members of the Community Standards team. The committee is considering developing a public relations campaign to encourage homeowners to pay attention to the curb appeal of their properties. Any volunteer with advertising, PR, or other wordsmithing abilities would be welcome to join in the effort.

Rules and regulations. Director Ed Nuti passed out copies of the newly revised rules and regulations, which the Board will need to digest and approve in the coming weeks. He expects to present a powerpoint presentation on the major changes at the August 29 open session.

Maintenance. Nuti said the yard debris site will be manned during open hours in the months of October, November and December. A new wall is being

built at the site. The next major project in that area will be the erection of a new maintenance building.

ARB. Director Stephan said her committee had approved four new homes on the South Side and considered seven proposed alterations and additions, three of which were denied.

Security. Director Florence reminded landowners that the speed limit throughout the community is 25 miles per hour. The 11:00 pm curfew is still in effect

on Association property once the school year begins.

Finance. Treasurer Hudson reported year to date income of \$1,180,000 and expenses of \$353,000.

Hudson corrected a statement he made in the July General Meeting, when he said legal fees for the year were already at \$9,500.

That figure included some other professional fees, he said. Legal fees for the year are actually \$5,600 to date.

Hudson's letter to SLLA Board Members

[SLLA Treasurer Steve Hudson emailed the following letter to his fellow SLLA Directors on Sunday, August 12, in anticipation of a move to remove him from the Treasurer's office. He asked that The Times Reprint it for our readers.]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The rumor mill is rolling here in Seven Lakes and rumor has it that there will be a move to oust me as treasurer. In our By Laws, section 6.11.2, it states that this can be done.

I've stated in the past, that things should be above board, out on the table, and in the open. I must tell you that the State of North Carolina's law H1541 requires us to be under Roberts Rules of Order. There is a set procedure to be followed to vote someone out of office under these state man-

dated rules.

There must be a trial or hearing and the accused has a right to due process. There must be a resolution stating what the charges are against the accused. Also, setting the date, time, and place of the hearing. The accused has the right to speak to the charges and present witnesses in his or her behalf. Basically, questioning is followed by closing arguments and then a vote.

If you wish to vote me out as treasurer, then I will require an open meeting hearing or trial and a standing roll call vote. I suggest you look over these procedures before moving forward with any voting, since I know you do not want to commit another illegal act.

*Thank you,
Steve Hudson*



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Foxfire

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old or we solve them," said Munro. "It looks like we may solve this one."

Munro also reported that the village has received two new applications for the patrolman position.

PARTF Grant

Mayor Erickson reported that he and Park Committee Chair Jack Olsen attended the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] meeting where the final recipients for 2007 grants were announced. The village grant request was not awarded.

PARTF awarded forty-one grants in May, and fourteen more at this meeting, including four with scores lower than Foxfire's. Erickson said that one grant recipient community ranked eighty-one out of eighty-one for points and was awarded.

Erickson, Olsen, Mimi Ainsworth, and the grant consultant hired by the village, met with the PARTF regional representative for a two-hour meeting to review the valuation of the grant and to determine what specifically the village will need to do to resubmit next January and raise the point score.

Of particular concern is how the lack of PARTF funding will affect the swimming pool.

Mayor Erickson said the county health department stated this year that Foxfire must make repairs to the pool facing, resolve the flaking paint, and provide better ventilation in the pump house prior to next year's inspection, or the department will not grant a permit.

Erickson said Pool Manager Lisa Kivett will ask the health department inspector to reassess the pool once it closes after Labor Day and to provide the village with specific information on any improvements necessary.

"We can then get repair estimates. Any improvements will not be part of next year's [PARTF] grant because they will have been done," said Erickson.

Zoning and Streets

Councilman Gene Petrie presented the zoning report that thirty-seven homes are under construction in Foxfire, seventeen newer homes are for sale, and

ten older homes are for sale.

In July, the Foxfire Village Council held a Public Hearing to discuss a zoning ordinance change to clarify language stipulating that newly constructed homes must have side-entry garages except when located at the end of a cul-de-sac. The council unanimously approved the revised language.

A subdivision request to divide the ten-acre Edwards tract into two five-acre lots was received approximately four to six weeks ago, according to Petrie, and was still not approved by the planning and zoning committee. After some discussion, it was agreed that the plan would be reviewed next week by the committee and the council would schedule a special meeting later that week allowing them the opportunity to make any action required in a timely manner.

The new Foxfire Village Zoning Administrator is Miriam "Mimi" Ainsworth and she will be attending all planning and zoning committee meetings.

USPS Mailbox

Two potential mailbox sites were reviewed; Town Hall or the General Store. The final decision will position the new USPS regulation mailbox close to Richmond Road, in front of the General Store.

Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

The Village of Foxfire was invited, along with other municipalities, Moore County Schools, and the Seven Lakes communities, to participate in the county's Cooperative Purchasing Agreement program. The village has already used the service to purchase two new police computers, with a cost savings estimated at over a \$1,000 dollars, but had not formally signed the agreement.

Reiterating that the agreement is voluntary with no obligation, Munro encouraged the council to accept the proposal.

"If it's to your benefit, you use it, and if not, you don't," said Munro.

Mayor Erickson called a vote and the council unanimously approved entering into the agreement.

Public comment

A resident suggested that when the council is considering a zoning change, that they make a public announcement for the meeting via email in addition to posting and publishing the notice in the newspaper.

A resident asked if the village has any control whether a builder encroaches upon the street right-of-way when laying irrigation

lines. He expressed concern that a builder had recently placed an irrigation pipe within three inches of the roadway.

Lauer responded that the builder is supposed to submit a plan and that the village right-of-way extends thirty feet from the center of the road.

A resident asked Mayor Erickson if there was anything new

that could be reported on the future major development mentioned in July.

Mayor Erickson responded that there was nothing to report.

A resident said she was very pleased to hear the frequent police sirens on village roads signaling more people being cited for speeding.

(See "Foxfire," p. 30)

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School board

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ponents, to be completed piece-by-piece during the school year allowing them the support needed to complete the process successfully.

Summer Academy

A summer academy for teachers that offered staff training in two four-day sessions in August "exceeded all of our expectations," said Beale.

Teachers had the opportunity to earn one-half of a Continuing Education Credit [CEU] for each full-day session and could earn up to four CEU reading credits. All of the summer academy courses were offered on a voluntary basis and were also open to staff administrators.

"We are proud of our efforts and proud of our teachers," said

Beale. "We had over 783 unduplicated registrations [out of a county teaching staff of 900]."

Beale said there were a total of 2,586 registrations within the more than 100 sessions offered over the eight day academy.

"Many teachers enrolled for three or more classes. And we allowed teachers to sit in on classes they had not registered for and were able to give them credit," said Beale.

The purpose of the Summer Academy was to provide necessary staff training while protecting instructional time and keeping teachers in the classrooms during the school year.

"Next year," Purser said, "we'll offer one week in June and one week in August to support teachers on both traditional and year-round teaching schedules."

Foxfire

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A resident asked how the proposed county Western Connector road proposal would affect Foxfire and whether the council was monitoring this action.

Munro said that there were four plans proposed and one of those came through Foxfire, along Hoffman Road.

"We will fight tooth and nail to

prevent a four-lane divided highway [through Foxfire]," said Munro.

Lauer said such a road "would divide the community and would be very hard to justify doing that to a community."

Munro said the council has been monitoring this issue for the last ten years and "We will fight it."

Weymouth Woods

Plan to take advantage of the great September events at Weymouth Woods:

Caterpillar Hunt – Sunday, September 2 at 3:00 pm. Join a park ranger as we go for a mile and a half hike in search of caterpillars of all kinds. Learn about their life cycles and some of the neat adaptations that they have evolved to survive.

Tree Trek – Sunday, September 9 at 3:00 pm. A park ranger will help identify different tree species during a hike on the trails. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Bird Walk – Saturday, September 15 at 8:00 am. Join a park ranger for a two miles hike to look for southbound Fall migrant birds. Bring binoculars and bug spray. Meet at the park office.

Discovery Walk – Sunday, September 16 at 3:00 pm. While it may be hot and sticky outside there are still some very cool plants and animals that may be seen here in the Sandhills. Join a park ranger for a leisurely two miles hike to discover a few of them. Meet at the park office.

Snakes in the Sandhills – Sunday, September 23 at 3:00 pm. Throughout history the snake has been a symbol of evil. This program is designed to dispel the myths and tell the true story about the lives of one of nature's unique groups of animals. The program will begin in the auditorium.

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SLWLA work session

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the considerable expense involved in building additional mailhouses — as well as dismantling the existing mailhouse.

Security. Tony Robertson asked Directors to consider allowing the SLWLA Security Officer to use a handheld radar unit to identify and ticket speeders. Noting that Pinewild already has a similar program in place, Robertson said the proceeds from any fines would go to the Association rather than to the county. Haggard asked Robertson, Rowland, and Legal Director Hugh Beckwith to investigate the pros and cons of implementing such a system.

Lake & Dam. Mary Anne Fewkes said the Board may want to consider adding a night time roving patrol, given the level of vandalism in the Johnson Point area and elsewhere.

Library. Kathy Kirst reported that the newly reorganized library committee is hard at work and has determined that the library needs a couple of carts, a chair, a stool,, and a few other miscellaneous furnishings. Charlie Flinchum has volunteered to build an additional bookcase for the room. Total cost of the needed furnishings and bookcase raw materials is not expected to exceed \$400.

Finance. Treasurer Kirst said she met with a small group of a dozen landowners for a two hour session to discuss the budget and other issues. Based on that meeting, she suggested that the Board develop an organizational chart that can help illustrate the large number of committees that provide input to the Board, as well as the path through which that input travels.

Recreation. Director Jo Nicholas reported that Debbie Castro-Giovanni has volunteered to be the parent resource person for the community and is working on several possible projects to suggest to the community.

ARB. Director Bill Mamel told the Board that there is a glut of homes in the \$350,000 range on the market in Moore County. "The question comes up," Mamel said, "at what point do we want to say that we don't want to approve any more spec houses in that price range?" He noted that unsold houses can some-

times sit empty for a year and that maintenance can often become a problem.

Long Range Planning. President Haggard asked Board member to submit to the Long Range Planning Committee the specifications for any databases they currently maintain, so that the appropriate fields can be incorporated into the design of a new community-wide database.

Open Burning. Blaine Rowland told he fellow directors that he was continuing to gather information from the US Forest Service and others in order to develop a policy on the use of burning in the community. Landowners in the Morganwoods section — where burning is more likely to be used for clearing purposes — will be polled to get their perspective on a possible burning ban or restrictions.

Rules Revision. Haggard encouraged Board Members to

review the SLWLA rules and regulations, as well as other legal documents, and submit any needed changes to Secretary Ed Tuton, who is working on

an update of the legal documents.

Board objectives. Haggard led the Board through a check of progress against the goals and

objectives Directors set for themselves in their organizational meeting this past Spring. Work is underway on each of the objectives on the list.

Book lovers masquerade

On Friday evening, August 24, Elliott's on Linden and Moore County Literacy Council [MCLC] are hosting a party at Weymouth Center to celebrate twenty years of Teaching Moore People to Read.

Elegant hors d'oeuvres and wines, strolling musicians, and the beauty of Weymouth's late summer gardens promise to make this a magical evening.

Guests are invited to dress in costume and participate in a parade of literary characters.

The Book Lover's Masquerade party promises to be a fun-filled evening, but participants will

also be supporting the vital work of the Literacy Council. Twenty-two percent of adults in this county are functionally illiterate. MCLC volunteers have been tutoring children, teens, and adults in classrooms, libraries, churches, prisons, and workplaces across the county, since 1987.

Programs have varied but the goal has remained unchanged:

to eradicate illiteracy in Moore County, at no cost to the learner. Donor support is essential to sustain this effort.

Tickets for the Masquerade are \$75 per person, and advance reservations are required. There are also 20th Anniversary sponsorship opportunities, which include sets of tickets. Please call the Literacy Council at 692-5954 for additional information.

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Water

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At the root of the problem is weeks without rain — Moore County last recorded rain in Seven Lakes on July 30. The lack of rainfall encourages more use of water for irrigation. But it also begins to impact water supplies.

The US Geological Survey maintains a streamflow moni-

toring station on Drowning Creek just downstream of the drinking water reservoir for the town of Southern Pines — one of the sources of Moore County water, as well. The average streamflow at that station is 175 cubic feet of water per second. On Wednesday morning, August 15, it recorded only 2.5 cubic feet per second — less than

two percent of the normal flow.

In other words, Southern Pines and the county water users it supplies are using nearly every drop of water that Drowning Creek can provide.

A USGS map of streamflow data for the past week shows the entire state below normal, with the majority of counties experiencing either moderate or severe

hydrologic drought.

That data, combined with no rain in the forecast has Brobst and other public utilities managers worried that we could be facing a repeat of the 2002 drought. The strategy to encourage conservation now and conserve the resource, in order to avoid emergency measures later.

"We're actively considering moving to Stage 3," Brobst said.

"Our next step is going to be to put out a mailing to our customers to try to put a dent in usage."

Brobst said he is concerned that water users aren't getting the message about the severity of the problem.

"Yesterday morning, when I was leaving Seven Lakes," Brobst, a Westsider, told *The Times*, "I passed a big truckload of brand new sod coming in."

USGS Drought Watch Map



This USGS map compares the past week's streamflow data to the historic average. The darkest areas are in severe hydrologic drought, while the medium shade represents moderate drought streamflows are below normal in the entire state. Southwestern Moore County is in the extreme drought category.

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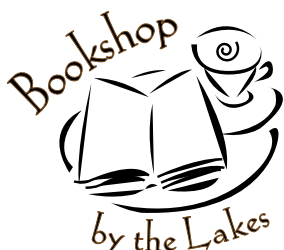
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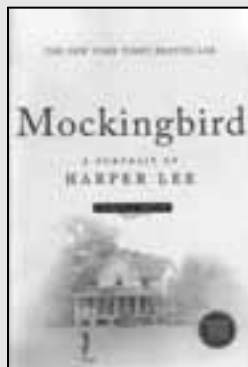
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Loop the Lake

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on topographic considerations. Where the path does cross the road, striped crosswalks and signage will alert motorists to the possibility of pedestrian traffic, Rust said — much like the approach Pinehurst is taking as its extends its trail system down Linden Road.

Why build the trail? Rust said speeding is a constant problem on Longleaf Drive — and one not easily solved. That makes walking and biking on the roadway dangerous. “You need to take something out of that mix,” Rust told the Board. “You need to separate the users of the road.”
A path will give children the opportunity to safely ride their bikes from one part of the community to another he added and give all residents a way to travel from their homes to amenities like West Side Park and Johnson Point without having to drive.
Finally, walking/biking trails are increasingly in demand as amenities in new developments. Rust pointed to a March 2007 Golf Digest feature on golf and

resort developments: “The number one amenity is walking and exercise trails,” he said.
Over 500 Westside landowners have signed a petition in favor of the proposed trail circulated by the LTL Committee, Rust told Board members.
Rust said the trail will take several years to build, but added that it is important to start soon, because construction costs are always rising. The cost of the

granite fines portions of the trail are expected to range from \$9.00 to \$14.00 per linear foot, depending on the amount of grading and prep work required. The tar-gravel surface on steeper section would cost approximately \$19.00 per linear foot.
The total cost of ringing the 7.2 miles of Longleaf Drive with the trail is expected to be \$500,000 to \$750,000, Rust told SLWLA Directors.

The LTL Committee is willing to raise funds in a variety of ways to help defray trail costs, but needs the go-ahead from the Board before beginning fundraising efforts, he said.
“I am really asking for a decision,” Rust said. “My goal is to walk away with a task for you or an answer for me. Do we have the opportunity to use the right of way on Longleaf Drive for this use and will you allow us to

move forward with our fundraising and design?”
SLWLA President Jim Haggard told Rust the Board would need to discuss the issue further before giving the group the authorization it seeks.
[Westsiders or others interested in learning more about the project or helping move it forward can contact Sherry Niewald via email at tjniewald@hotmail.com.]

Cooking with Carmela returns

Carmela Chase and Marjorie Nurnberg kick-off a new season of cooking demonstrations with a class featuring the use of fresh herbs in the local dishes of the French and Italian regions bordering the Mediterranean Sea, to be held on Saturday, September 8, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
Chase will demonstrate the use of herbs in various dishes of this bountiful area with the assistance of Marjorie, who will discuss the nutritional aspects of this cuisine.
This is the first in a series of five demonstrations that will be held at West Side Park Community Center in Seven Lakes West, sponsored by the West Side Recreation Committee.
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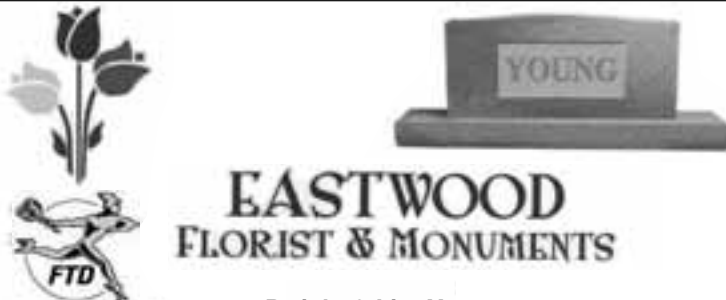
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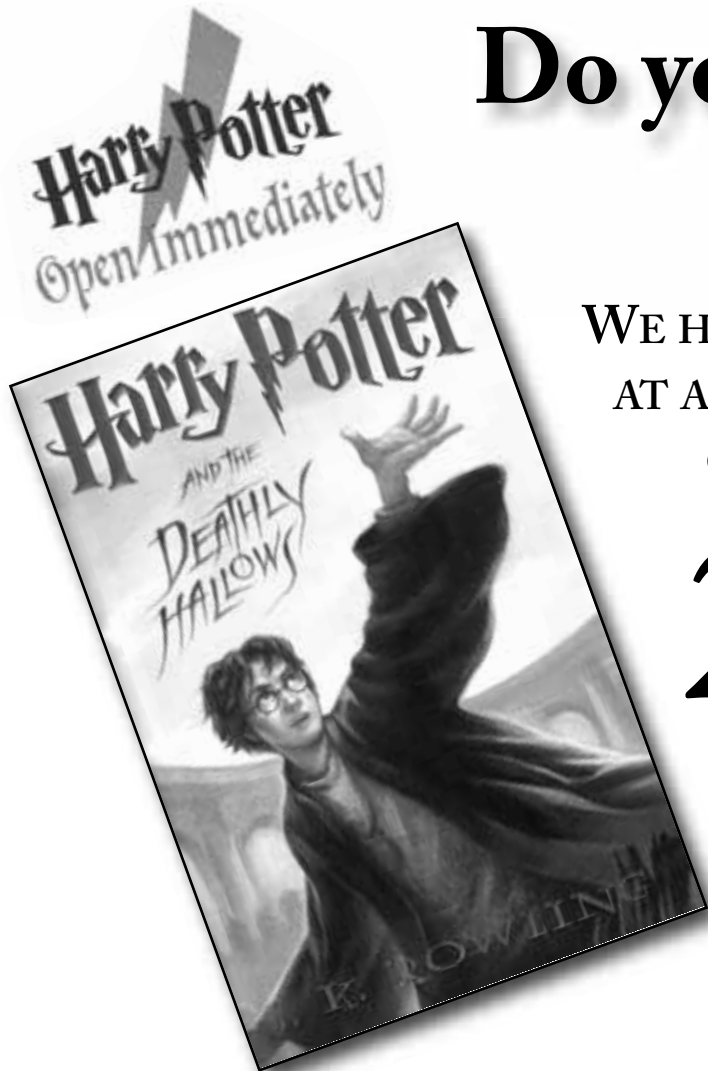
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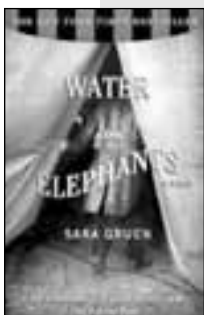
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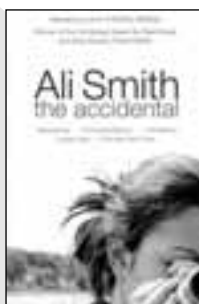
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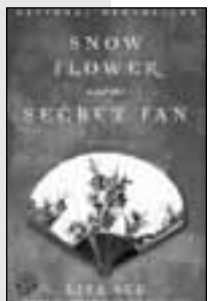
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