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Dowsing the flames



Open House at the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, October 6, included a dramatic enactment of a traffic accident involving a chemical spill. Here a Seven Lakes firefighter uses water to dilute the spilled chemical. [More photos on page 6.]

Foxfire Council passes on volunteer police force

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Concerns over liability risk led the Foxfire Village Council to reject an ordinance to establish an auxiliary police force in a 3-2 vote held during the regular meeting of the council on Tuesday, October 9.

Councilman Carl Munro presented the proposal as part of his

Public Safety report in response to a request from a former police officer who expressed interest in performing police duties for the village as an unpaid employee.

Tony Evans, who has twenty years experience as a law enforcement officer, approached the village and asked to serve as an auxiliary police officer. Evans, who is now employed in an unre-

lated field, would be able to maintain his police certification through this work.

Describing the duties of an auxiliary police officer as being limited to special events or occasions when the regular police department could use extra assistance, Munro explained that Evans would work under

(See "Police," p. 35)

Lakers honoring water restrictions

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

"The numbers are great!" Moore County Public Works Director Dennis Brobst told *The Times* on Wednesday, reporting on the response of water customers to the implementation of Stage 3 Mandatory Water Conservation on October 1.

The water restrictions call for users to reduce their consumption by 50 percent and eliminate all use of water for irrigation.

Since the restrictions were announced on October 2, Seven Lakes water customers have met or beat the 412,500 gallon

per day target usage on every day but one. Pinehurst customers have met their 1.6 million gallon per day goal on each of the last five days.

"The calls [to Public Utilities] have run the gamut," Brobst said, noting that he talked with one 1,500 gallon per month customer who "was so upset" that she couldn't meet the 50 percent reduction. "We have others who call in and say, 'I just put in \$15,000 worth of landscaping and I'm going to water it.'"

County manager Cary McSwain triggered the move to

(See "Water" p. 41)

Board delays LTL trail decision

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

The Westside Board will wait until December to make a decision on the Loop the Lake [LTL] proposal for a pedestrian trail along Longleaf Drive.

Meeting in a Work Session on Tuesday, September 9, the Directors of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association decided to wait until after their Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget had been nailed down before taking action on the LTL project.

President Jim Haggard proposed allowing the LTL Com-

mittee — a subcommittee of the Association's Long-Range Planning Committee — to construct a one-mile segment of the trail running from the intersection of Smathers Drive and Longleaf Drive to West Side Park — connecting the community's two primary recreation areas. "The idea would be to give them authority to do a one-mile stretch with no association money," Haggard said, giving the LTL committee the opportunity to see whether they could in fact raise money to support the con-

(See "Trail," p. 37)

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Club plans Halloween Dinner & Dance

Seven Lakes Country Club announces a Halloween Dinner and Dance to be held on Saturday, October 27 with entertainment supplied by Glenn Davis. A buffet will be offered featuring chicken, beef, pumpkin

soup, house salad, grilled vegetables, trio roasted potatoes, rolls, topped off with a Halloween-decorated cake.

Halloween costumes are suggested but not required. Prizes will be given for Best Costume

and Best Carved Pumpkin. Show your artistic talent by carving a pumpkin, bringing it to the event, and entering in the contest.

Member's pricing is \$21.00, and non-members is \$26.00, all-inclusive. Call 673-1100 for

reservations. Festivities begin with cocktails at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Music will commence at 7:00 pm.

Hosts are Kathy and Jerry Constantino and their committee; Brenda and Ed Massimo, and Sue and Gordon Zeller.

Pusser's Pumpkins



Todd Pusser

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SLLA work session covers a lot of ground

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association is in desperate need of a five year plan, Northside resident Charlie Oliver told Association Directors at the beginning of their Wednesday night, October 10 Work Session. Oliver had arranged in advance to be placed on the meeting agenda.

Noting that he had served on three separate committees of the Board, Oliver said, "that has convinced me that we need a five-year plan, starting with you folks doing some work immediately." The plan should have sections for each Board member and their respective areas of responsibility, he noted.

"Without a plan we have spent money in a knee-jerk fashion," Oliver said, something that can't continue.

Noting that the Board had recently purchased a barcode system, security cameras, a maintenance building, and a pool fence. "They may be needed by the community, but they have never been planned," Oliver said. "We don't have that kind of money. It's time to get a plan."

The result will be "a more harmonious board and more harmonious community rather than the acrimony that we have had in the community for the past several years," Oliver concluded.

Community standards

Community Standards Director Randy Zielsdorf suggested a change in the process of dealing with rules infraction. Currently the SLLA staff begins the process with a verbal warning, followed by a certified letter if there is no response. If the infraction is not resolved, a second certified letter is sent notifying the violator that the case will be referred to the judicial committee.

Zielsdorf proposed a simplified process in which the initial response to a reported infraction would be a letter to the landowner giving them ten days to correct the infraction. If not remedied in the allotted time, the matter will be referred to the Judicial Committee.

President Don Truesdell suggested reducing the allotted time — the "cure period" — to seven

days from the date the letter is mailed. Other Board members expressed support for the rules change. Ed Nuti's rules committee will add it to the revised rules and regulations, which are expected to be voted on in the October General Session, scheduled for October 26.

Irrigating from the lakes

Board members discussed whether drawing irrigation water from the community lakes should be prohibited during the current drought, revisiting a topic they had discussed in the September General Meeting.

Noting that Moore County Public Utilities had moved to Stage 3 Mandatory Water Conservation, which prohibits any use of the public water supply for irrigation, President Don Truesdell asked Board members whether watering from the lakes should also be eliminated.

A lengthy discussion followed, involving not only Board members but members of the Lakes and Dams Committee and various other landowners.

Northsider Mark Widman asked Board members to consider calculations of the impact of watering on lake levels that had been prepared by Lakes and Dams Committee member George Temple and forwarded to Board members. Temple's data showed that even frequent irrigation by lakefront lots owners would be unlikely to lower the water levels in even the smallest lakes by more than one-half-inch per month. The impact of irrigation from the larger lakes — like Lake Sequoia, would amount to little more than one-tenth of an inch per month. By contrast, the lakes lose four inches per month to evaporation during the warmer

summer months.

In response to a question from Director Laura Douglass, Temple said "I can't imagine on any lake that it [the effect of irrigation] is five percent of the evaporation rate. The lakes are going to go down if it doesn't rain. The irrigation is virtually insignificant. That it the reason the [Lakes and Dams] Committee voted against restrictions on watering from the lakes.

Though Douglass said she had little sympathy for lakefront property owners who had over-seeded their lawns during a drought, there was little appetite for mandatory restrictions among

(See "SLLA,"p. 24)



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Ms. Thomasson installed new president Ed Schroeder.

The "Kiwanian of the Year" award, perhaps the most prestigious award made on an annual basis, was presented to Major Coxhill for his many contributions to the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club. Cox was recognized for his work while acting as club Treasurer and also for his very active involvement in community affairs in Seven Lakes.

At the October 2 meeting, Dr. Darrell Simpkins, Medical Director of the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness, gave a stimulating talk to the Kiwanis on the benefits of exercise.

Simpkins emphasized that every one, regardless of age, can benefit in many ways from a regular regimen of physical exercise for thirty minutes a day. He stated that our children's generation will probably be the first one in history to have a shorter life span than the preceding generation. The reason is the growing problem of obesity and the many problems that

obesity brings with it. The obvious causes of obesity, other than inherited problems, are bad diet and lack of regular exercise.

Simpkins recommended participation in any of the many planned activities in Moore Coun-

ty that are available to its residents, and encouraged everyone to avail themselves of at least one of them.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at the Seven Lakes Country Club at Noon. Everyone is welcome.



Outgoing Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club President Gerry Buelow presents Major Coxhill with Kiwanian of the Year award.



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Fire Chief speaks to Seven Lakes Women



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Lakes area.

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According to Foxfire Village Mayor George Erickson, "Mr. Thomas is quite ill with many medical costs. He has just lost his mother and his mother-in-law is also ill. The family has many expenses and has little help."

A benefit Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on October 27 at the Old West End Elementary School with all proceeds going to Thomas and his family.

Donations of items for the sale are being collected by the West End Fire Department. Deliver items to the trailer located behind the fire station. Cash donations will also be accepted by the station and during the sale.

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al Hospital. "Our Pregnancy Fair is a relaxed, informal and fun way to learn more about pregnancy, childbirth, baby care, and available community services."

The October 18 program will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Fair Barn at the Harness Track located off Highway 5 in Pinehurst. Experts on prenatal care, pediatrics, childbirth, mother-baby care, neonatal services, breastfeeding, and other topics will be available to answer questions.

Numerous vendors from throughout the Sandhills will

also be present with a variety of giveaways to share. There is no cost to attend the Pregnancy Fair, and registration is not necessary.

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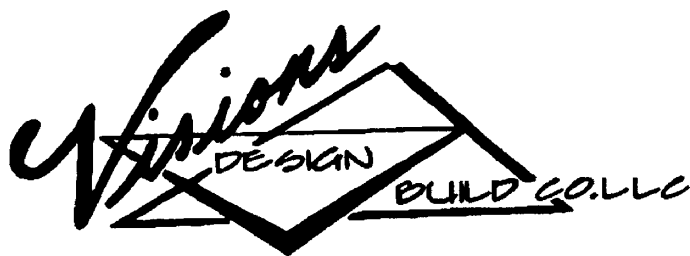
Liam Mann Dutton



Liam Mann Dutton was born September 11, 2007, at 7:15 pm, weighing 7.7 lbs, and measured 20.5".

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The Community Standards Committee is concerned about the locations of the numerous

boats kept at residences and about the condition of the storage lot at the marina. We will be working on this issue over the next month or two, and welcome input from our residents.

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Questions and comments should be referred to the Community Manager at 673-4931, or to me at raz7lakes@mind-spring.com.

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Board Notes

*Randy Zielsdorf
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board*

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Purser 'chats' about school bond referendum

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Describing the upcoming school bond referendum as, "The most important thing now and for the future of Moore County," Vice Chair Dr. Lorna Clack, and other members of the Board of Education, thanked Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser during the Moore County Schools [MCS] Business Meeting held on Monday, October 8.

Dr. Purser has been traveling the county hosting evening chats, including a visit to West End

Elementary on Thursday, October 4, and speaking to various civic groups to present information regarding facilities needs that are included in the \$54 million school bond referendum.

"These chats are an ideal opportunity for me to meet people, answer questions, get input on various topics and hear others' thoughts about educational issues," she said.

Board Member W. Joe Vaughn

said, "Dr. Purser is very patient and good at explaining the bonds so well."

The school bond referendum, if passed, will fund Phase I of the School Facilities Master Plan which includes a new elementary school in Area III [Pinehurst-West End] of the county and a new middle school in Area I [Vass-Carthage], in addition to athletic facilities upgrades and improvements for all county mid-

dle and high schools.

In Area III, Pinehurst Elementary and West End Elementary are facing rapid growth. Pinehurst Elementary is thirty-three percent over capacity. The main structures were built between 1940's and 1990's and the school houses ten mobile units. West End Elementary is nearing one hundred students over capacity. The main structures were built between 1950's and

1980's and the school houses four mobile units.

The new elementary school proposed for Area III is estimated to cost \$12 million. The proposed middle school is estimated to cost \$17 million, and athletic facilities improvements to cost \$6 million. The remaining funds in the school bond will be used for multiple capital improvement projects throughout the county.

MCS Plans Energy Saving Committee

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

In anticipation of new school construction in Moore County, the Board of Education recommended an Energy Conservation Committee be formed. At the MCS Business Meeting on Monday, October 8, John Hawthorne, executive supervisor for construction, presented conservation guidelines developed by the committee for projects scheduled during implementation of Phase I of the Capital Improvement Plan-Facilities Master Plan.

Hawthorne said the two new schools will be prototype models and that site selection and building orientation will be extremely important to take advantage of solar energy by reducing heat gain in the summer months and heat loss in the winter months.

Prospective school sites are evaluated based upon size, shape, location, topography, drainage, accessibility, traffic, security, safety, soil conditions, plant life, noise levels, utilities, zoning, and

(See "Energy" p. 12)

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Beth Goodwin is new WEE PTA President

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The West End Elementary [WEE] School PTA elected a new president, Beth Goodwin, during their meeting held on Tuesday, September 18. Goodwin had previously served as vice president of the organization.

Goodwin invites all interested community members to join the PTA and WEE has issued a challenge to the students to have at least one person join in their name. Currently the WEE PTA has a membership of 175, with a goal of 300. Dues are \$5.00 per year.

A national organization, the Parent Teachers Association

[PTA] mission is to promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, and community. The organization also brings a closer relation between the school and home allowing teachers and parents to cooperate in training and educating the children.

Fundraising is a primary focus of the WEE PTA, according to Goodwin, including raising monies for several projects including construction of an awning to shelter children from the weather while they wait in the car-rider line.

"Many kids stand there for twenty to thirty minutes waiting for their rides," said Goodwin.

Estimates to build the awning are approximately \$12,000, and the PTA currently has \$1,500 set aside in a savings account for this awning.

Other funding projects at WEE include purchasing new walkie-talkies for teachers to carry when outside and wall-mounted televisions with DVD players for classrooms.

"Our current inventory includes many old televisions on carts," said Goodwin. "Wall-mounted televisions will free up valuable floor space and we have programming from county and state

for recreational and educational uses."

Goodwin also said that she is interested in starting training courses for working parents to assist them with homework concerns.

"Many parents struggle with new math concepts. I'd like to see a workshop scenario where parents, teachers if need be, could work together," said Goodwin. "I want to help them [parents] have the right tools."



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Department of Aging Workshop

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The new Department of Aging Resources Guide will be available. The meeting is open to all Seven Lakes residents. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Stark at 673-5493.



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Purser, Dempsey will address League

The League of Women Voters will host Dr. Susan Purser and Dr. John Dempsey on Tuesday, October 16 at the Paddock Restaurant at the Club at Longleaf. Purser and Dempsey will address issues concerning the education bonds that will be included on the Moore County ballot in November. All registered Moore County residents will get to vote on this financial issue.

Dr. Purser assumed the Superintendent position of the Moore County Schools in July 2004. Previously she served as Superintendent of Pontotoc City Schools in Mississippi. Before

that, Purser was Assistant Superintendent in Newport News, Virginia, and later Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. John Dempsey has been President of Sandhills Community College since 1989. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and holds a Masters in government from the College of William and Mary and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Massachusetts. He is a Vietnam veteran and served in the Executive Office of the President during the administration of Jimmy Carter.

Active in community affairs,

Dr. Dempsey has chaired or served on the Boards of the Boys and Girls Club, the United Way, First Health, and numerous other organizations. He has been named Man of the Year by the Moore County Community Foun-

dation, has received the Distinguished Service Award of the Pinehurst Civic Group, and in 2004 was the inaugural recipient of the United Way of Moore County's Cornerstone Award.

The public is welcome to

attend. To register, contact Charlotte Gallagher, phone number 944-7611.

Registration is required; the total cost for the luncheon is \$12, payable by check to 'LWVMC'.

Energy

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cost.

Energy management systems will be installed on all heating and air conditioning equipment, maximum insulation to reduce energy consumption, interior shades, sufficient building overhangs, insulating glass, and use of light colors and reflecting materials will be incorporated in construction specifications.

Landscape design will include minimal landscaping while maintaining existing vegetation when possible. Sites will be supplemented with pines or other deciduous trees that will, over time, provide shade during the warmer months. Grassed areas will be a hybrid Bermuda sod which is very hardy and needs little water once established.

Hawthorne said that while the county may not seek LEED certification, a point system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, many of the six components identified on their checklist would be included in new school construction. LEED-certified projects are evaluated for sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy & atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, innovation in design process.

Board Member Kathy Farren remarked, "We have to be care-

ful not to spend too much money on conservation and recycling. We need to be conservative when spending public money." She continued, "I am impressed with work you [Hawthorne] are doing here balancing between them."

Bruce Cunningham, Jr. Chair of Board of Education, agreed saying, "We must be responsible and save taxpayer money and also be environmentally responsible."

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Responsibility at WPMS

by *Eddie Crabtree*
WPMS Counselor

Six West Pine Middle School students were recently honored for exemplifying the character education trait – responsibility.

All students are encouraged to be responsible at school, at home, and in the community.

Responsibility is shown by bringing required materials to class, turning in their homework on time, and following school rules, just to name a few. The honorees were recognized by their teachers because they give their very best every day.

Their names and pictures will

be placed on the Character Education bulletin board so they can be recognized by their peers and each received a T-shirt as reward for their hard work and dedication. As each received their award, teachers provided examples of how each had demonstrated responsibility.



Responsibility award winners: [back row] Tyranny Moyer, Andre Caldwell, and Christopher Monroe. [front row] Elaine Kearney, Zoe Harrison, and Jennie Eastman.

Forgotten cookies

I received this recipe last week. Unfortunately, it is too late to get in the recipe book that Project Linus is publishing, with many of my recipes and some of theirs. It will be available around the first of November. Therefore I am giving it to you here. It is most unusual, and makes a delicious cookie.



from *Lucy's Kitchen*

Lucy Ingram
Seven Lakes South

2/3 cup finely chopped pecans
1 cup mini chocolate chips

ed oven. **Turn oven off.** Leave overnight. Enjoy!

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line cookie sheet with aluminum foil. Beat egg whites very stiff. Add sugar slowly, while continuing to beat. Also add vanilla. Gently fold in pecans and chocolate chips. Place dough, one teaspoonful at a time, on foil. Place cookie sheet in preheat-

Forgotten Cookies

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Linda Smith Atkins, 60, of West End, died Friday, September 28, at her home.

Mrs. Atkins was born in Richmond County, and was a daughter of the late William and Virginia King Smith. She was a long-time member of Red Branch Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of forty years, Jim Atkins; son, Steven Mark Atkins; daughter, Rhonda A. Taylor both of West End; two brothers, Howard Smith of Rockingham, and Walter Smith of Salisbury; a sister, Lema Penney of Rockingham; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, September 30, at Red Branch Baptist Church. The Rev. Bob Morrison and the Rev. Chris Dickerson officiated. Burial followed at Pinelawn Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

Janet Mitchell Forsling, 78, of West End, passed away on Saturday, September 29.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, the daughter of Jacob West Mitchell, MD and Blanche Marie Smith Mitchell of Sewickley, PA.

Mrs. Forsling attended Sewickley Academy, Stuart Hall Academy, and Pennsylvania College for Women [Chatham College]. She worked in various retail positions in and around the Sewickley Valley until 1969 when she founded the Bird in the Hand

ArtGallery with Katherine Amsler. The family moved to West End, in 1986.

Survivors include two sons, Philip T. Forsling, Jr. of Cincinnati, OH and Peter West Forsling of Orange Park, FL.

Services were held at Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes on Saturday, October 6.

Memorials may be made to Community Home Care & Hospice, 685 South Bennett Street, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Margaret "Peg" Lane, died Saturday, September 29, at Cedar Community in West Bend, WI.

Mrs. Lane was born and grew up in the Detroit area and was a graduate of Mackenzie High School. She and her late husband, Harold C. Lane, were long-time residents of Seven Lakes and members of West End United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Ed Charles Lane of Austin, Texas, and Harold "Bud" Carl Lane Jr. of Richfield, WI and three grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, October 3, at West End United Methodist Church. The Rev. Bruce Allen officiated. Burial followed in Seven Lakes Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to West End Methodist Church, P.O. Box 276, West End, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

James C. "Jim" Jensen, 81, of Seven Lakes, died Wednesday, October 3, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital

Mr. Jensen was born in Covert, MI, son of the late James and Lucy Jensen. In 1944, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served as a C-47 radio operator in the European Theater.

He attended Western Michigan University and became co-owner of the Hardy-Jensen Shoe Company, in Mt. Clemens, from 1956-1961. He and his family then moved to Naperville, Ill., where he became a sales representative.

The family moved to Seven Lakes in 1981. Mr. Jensen worked

part-time at The Pit Golf Links in Aberdeen, from 1985 to 2005. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and friends in the Seven Lakes community.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-nine years, Nita Jensen; daughter, Mary Beth Jensen Ebert of Greensboro; son,

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Memorial contributions may be made to FirstHealth Hospice, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst NC 27374.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

Donnie Garland Jordan, 63, of Albemarle, died Thursday, October 4, at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Jordan was born in Moore County, son of the late H. Graham and Myrtle Simmons Jordan. Before becoming disabled, Mr. Jordan worked in road construction.

He is survived by his children, Donnie "Don" Jordan, of Eagle Springs, Lynn E. Jordan, of Saxaphaw, Brian W. Jordan of Seagrove; Gregory W. Jordan of Albemarle, and Donna K. Jordan of New London; one brother, Floyd Jordan; two sisters, Sally Jordan of West End and Carolyn Brown, of Robbins; nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 7, at the First Baptist Church in West End. Burial followed in West End Cemetery.

Boles Funeral Home Seven Lakes served the family.

Leora May Dailey Thomas, 83, of Archie Road in West End,

died on Saturday, October 6, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Oceanside, CA, daughter of the late Gay and Margaret Foust Thomas. She was a homemaker and a lifelong member of the Middle Cross Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one sister; Josephine Pelton.

She is survived by one daughter; Betty Graves of West End; four sons; Tommy Thomas of West End, Floyd Thomas of Bosie, ID, Garry Thomas of West End, and Jimmy Thomas of Hoffman; ten grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 10, at Middle Cross Baptist Church in West End. The Rev. David Reynolds and Rev. Jim Strickland officiated. Burial followed in the West End Cemetery.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Ercie Caddell Harris, 87, of West End, died Saturday, October 6, at Manor Care of Pinehurst.

Mrs. Harris was a native of Moore County, and worked as a switchboard operator at Moore Regional Hospital for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Franklin Harris; a son, S. Wayne Harris; and a grandson, James Harris.

Mrs. Harris is survived by two daughters, Betty H. Childers, of Seven Lakes, and Virginia Dale Kidd, of Nephi, UT; nine grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, October 7, at Fairview Baptist Church. The Rev. Donnie Gillis and the Rev. Fred Richardson officiated. Burial followed in the Harris family cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Fairview Baptist Church Building Fund, 1580 Carthage Rd., West End, NC 27376.

Fry and Prickett Funeral Home in Carthage served the Harris family.

Ronald Morgan Dutton, 60, of Eagle Springs, died Sunday, October 7, at the VA Hospital in

Fayetteville.

Mr. Dutton was a native of Ohio, and was employed with Mansion homes in Robbins.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Beane Dutton of the home; a son, Chris Dutton of Carthage; a daughter, Kim Maxwell of Hoffman; a brother, Bobby Dutton; and a sister, Mary Russell, both of Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, October 10, at Big Oak Christian Church. The Rev. Bill Maness officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Kennedy Funeral Home in Robbins served the family.

June Wittenberg Owens, 82, of Seven Lakes North, died Sunday, October 7, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Owens was born in Cof-

feyville, Kansas, the daughter of the late Muriel and Erma Kahn Wittenberg. She grew up in San Antonio. She enjoyed art, golf, and bridge, as well as traveling with her friends and volunteered at the Emmanuel Episcopal Thrift Shop in Southern Pines.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Barnes "J.B." Owens Jr.; and a daughter, Nancy Owens Mclean.

Survivors include her son, Mark Owens of Pittsboro and five grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2:30 pm Saturday, October 13, at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines in West End, with the Rev. Donald J. Welch officiating.

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The Lions invite all Seven Lakesers to join in and would appreciate your help in making this event a success.

Anyone who would like to suggest a worthy candidate may

do so by calling one of the following club members; Barbara Lambert at 673-3006, Howie Pierce at 673-2087, or Dan Flint at 673-4282.

Happy Trick-or-Treating from the Seven Lakes Lions Club!

Crafters Wanted for Sale

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Copper-Black exchange vows in West End

Teresa Jo Copper of Foxfire married Joseph Mark Black of Vass in a candlelight ceremony on Saturday, July 21, at 5:30 pm at the West End Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Dudley Crawford and the Rev. Don Welch of Seven Lakes officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William G. Kenny of Seven Lakes, and the late Samuel A. Copper. The bride is a graduate of Pinecrest High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She is employed as the Special Events Coordinator of Sandhills Children's Center in Southern Pines.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Elsie Black of Pinehurst

and the late Mr. Lacy Black. The bridegroom is a graduate of Pinecrest High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management and Information Systems from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg. He is a Network Administrator for the Village of Pinehurst.

Lt. Colonel Monica Midgette, of Ft. Meade, Maryland, was her maid of honor. The bridesmaids were: Robin Duff of Sanford, and Jean Morrison of Southern Pines, friends of the bride; Lori Copper of Seven Lakes and Faye Elkins of Round Rock, Texas; sisters-in-law of the bride.

Michael Huff of Carthage served as best man. Groomsmen were Gary Mabe of Pinebluff and Tracy Weston of Holden Beach, friends of the groom;

Tim Copper of Seven Lakes and Glenn Elkins of Round Rock, Texas; brothers-in-law of the groom.

The niece of the bride and groom, Keeley Copper of Seven Lakes, served as the flower girl. Dereck Elkins of Round Rock, Texas, nephew of the bride and groom, served as the ring bearer. Zac Copper of Tampa, Florida, served as the acolyte. Austyn Copper of Seven Lakes and

Nathan Elkins of Round Rock, Texas, both nephews of the bride and groom, served as squires and escorted the mothers of the bride and groom.

Mrs. Susan McVay of Pinehurst served as wedding director and Mrs. MaryAnn Halstead of Southern Pines registered the guests. Pages, Katie Huffman of Tallahassee, Florida, and Lindsay Waters of Pinehurst, passed programs to the guests.

Mrs. Norma Walter, music director and organist, of Ferguson, presented a program of nuptial music and her husband; George - organist, Dr. Timothy Altman - trumpeter, of Laurinburg, and Wayne Osborne - percussionist, of Southern Pines, accompanied. Mrs. Walter.

After a trip to the Western Caribbean, the couple will reside in Foxfire.



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BRCC Ladies host benefit

On September 24 the Ladies Golf Associations of Beacon Ridge held their third annual

golf event to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. This year all donations

went to the Komen NC Triangle affiliate in Durham, for use in their local outreach programs and initiatives.

The tournament format was two best balls of the foursome with eleven teams competing. In first place, by a match of cards, were Marlyn MacDonald, Karen Milligan, Donna Fellows, and Judy Kuhlberg. In second place were Dawn Shapiro, Sandi Keyser, Linda Dunning, and Marianne Foley. In third place, also by a match of cards, were Easter Cassidy, Lois Dole, Ann Doster, and Mary Lois Teyssier.



BRCC Komen Tourney attracted a crowd.

Golf to support arts students

On Monday, November 5 athletics and the arts will mingle as many local golfers gather at the National Golf Club to tee off in support of Carolina Performing Arts Center [CPAC], a non-profit organization committed to instilling an appreciation for the arts in students in Moore County. CPAC's focus at this point is on dance and drama.

Plans are well underway for the first annual Carolina Performing Arts "Support the Arts" Golf Tournament, which, in addition to National, is sponsored by the Arts Council of Moore County, Hobbs-Upchurch and Associates, Subway, Sandhills Cycle, and Pinehurst Toyota and Auto Mall. The tee off time for the tournament, a scramble format, is 12:00 Noon with the course

opening for practice at 10:30 am. Prior to the tee-off, lunch will be provided by Subway, and an awards ceremony and social will follow play.

Two fabulous prizes await any two people lucky enough to shoot a hole-in-one during tournament play: a Harley Davidson 2008 Fat Boy and a new 2008 Toyota Camry. Members of winning teams will also take home wonderful prizes. For a foursome the entry fee for the day is \$600 or \$200 for an individual sign-up.

Contributions of any size will be used to fund scholarships for aspiring students of dance, unable to participate otherwise, and to fund programs that enhance excellence in arts education of children throughout Moore County.

For an entry form or information, contact Jim Byrd, Chairman, at 693-3336; Alison Manning at 690-5874; or call the CPAC office at 695-7898.

CPAC's mailing address is PO Box 604, Pinehurst, NC 28370.

BRCC Team places at NCGWA Tourney



The 3rd Annual Net Team Tournament was held September 8 & 9 at Littler River Farm in Carthage. Twenty-seven teams participated from as far away as Elizabeth City to West Jefferson. The weather was perfect. The format was two net best balls of the foursome. Beacon Ridge team of Joyce Loney, Mary Lois Teyssier, Sonja White, and LaVonne Hurd came in second in the event.

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The Golf Capital Chorus will present "Back to Barbershop" for their annual concert to be held in the Lee Auditorium at Pinecrest High School on Saturday, November 3 at 7:00 pm.

According to Show Chairman Bob Tweed, "This year's show is taking us back to singing old-time barbershop classics which our audience has been asking for when we've surveyed their opinions on what they would like to hear in future concerts."

Favorites included in the show are 'My Melancholy Baby,' 'Lida Rose,' 'Alexander's Ragtime Band,' 'White Cliffs of Dover,' 'School Days,' and many more, all sung in the traditional four-part harmony barbershop style.

Featured performers will be the 2003 Barbershop Harmony Society International Gold Medal-winning barbershop quartet Power Play. Also five of the Chorus' own quartets; The Links, Out Of Bounds, Four Under Par, Down the Middle, and The Sandbaggers will be featured, as well as an appearance by a quartet from the local chapter of Sweet Adelines, The Close Chords.

This concert represents the Chorus' major fund raising activ-

ity. For several years the Golf Capital Chorus has been honored to be one of the world's leading chapters for charitable giving. Charities supported are all local and focus on helping children in need.

"We are extremely fortunate to have the support of businesses in the Sandhills," said Neil Mac-

Donald, President of the Golf Capital Chorus. "They continue to stand with us in our efforts to help members of our community who are in need. Their ads in our program are instrumental in giving us the funds that we pass on to our charities. We have raised over \$220,000 since our Chorus began and this year

we plan to give over \$20,000 to charities in the Sandhills – almost all of them related to children. This is all due to those who buy our ads and the people of the community who attend our concerts as well as those who ask us to sing at events in the area throughout the year. We also raise money each year for char-

ity through our 'Singing Valentines' program and our 'Singing Garage Sale'.

To purchase tickets for the show, see any member of the Chorus or call Alan Langley at 215-0247. For more information about the Golf Capital Chorus, visit its website at www.thegolf-capitalchorus.org.



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Let your creativity run wild – turn your trunk into a bat cave, a giant spider web, or goblin hideout. Come out and help make this year's event as successful as last year's.

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- **Yard Sale & Bake Sale** – 8 am, First Bank of Seven Lakes. Sponsored by Harmony Baptist Youth, many great items at this multifamily yard sale and bake sale.
- **Uwharrie Mountain Festival** – 9 am, King's Mountain Point, Uwharrie National Forest and Festival Village at Eldorado Outpost, Troy. Lumberjack competition, 5-mile trail run, nature walk, orienteering, bike ride, paddling, geocaching, gold panning, archaeology, pottery making, pony rides, pumpkin patch, storytelling, artists, artisans, music, and food. Shuttle service available all day.
- **Photography Sale** – 10:00 until 4:00 pm. 251 West Devonshire Avenue, Seven Lakes South. Acclaimed local photographer, Roy

Kita, hosts a gigantic photo sale. Framed and matted photos of Seven Lakes golf course and other beautiful photos from around the world, priced to sell.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

- **County Commissioners and Planning Board Joint Meeting** – 4 pm, Historic Courthouse in Carthage. Open to



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the public.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- **Moore County Schools Early Release Day** – 11:30 am
- **NC Department of Aging** – 3 pm – 4:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Terri Prots, Director of Dept of Aging, and Peggy Kennedy, Family Care Giver Advisor, will make presentations on the resources that are available in Moore County. New Department of Aging Resource Guide will be available. Open to all

Seven Lakes residents. Fran Stark 673-5493.

- **League of Women Voters Luncheon** – 11:30 am, Paddock Restaurant at The Club at Longleaf. Dr. Susan Purser of MCS and Dr. John Dempsey of Sandhills Community College will discuss school needs and education bonds. Luncheon \$12. Send check

payable to LWVMC. Charlotte Gallagher 944-7611.
* **Ruth Pauley Lecture Series: Frances**

Hesselbein – 7:30 pm, Owens Auditorium, Sandhills Community College, Pinehurst. Former chief executive of the Girl Scouts USA, Chairman of the Leader to Leader Institute, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom will present "Leaders of the Future: Imperatives to Leadership." Admission is free and open to the public with no tickets required.

Information 245-3132, call after 6 pm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Project Linus Workshop – 10 am – 3 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. We need a lot of volunteers to help us meet the Fall demand for blankets. Bring your favorite pair of sharp scissors and use our supplies. We have fleece available and 'blanketeers' to assist you with your first blanket. Quilt kits and flannel blanket kits will be available for check out. There are always completed blankets ready for inspection and labeling. Please join us for a couple of hours or pack a lunch and spend the entire day. Pat Weber 673-1457.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 9 am, West Side Park Community Center. Dr. William E. Smith, a retired educator and pastor, will present, "The Muslim Challenge." Participants should plan for about a two-hour session. All women and men from Seven Lakes, and their guests, are invited to attend. Bill Mamel 673-8970, or Don Welch 673-6701.
- **Seven Lakes Lions Club** – 6 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Terry Hunt will present a proposal to establish a Community Services Committee, which would act as an interface with the Moore County Planning Department to

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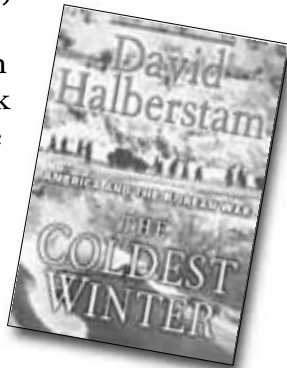
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

- **Our Saviour Lutheran Church Benefit Bazaar** – 9 am – 3 pm. 1517 Luther Way, Southern Pines. bazaar includes a big yard sale, café with breakfast and lunch menu, handmade crafts, and bake sale. All proceeds are donated to local programs that aid the needy in Moore County: the Sandhills /Moore Coalition for Human Care, Inc, the Sandhills Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Our Saviour's Discretionary Fund. Sale continues Saturday, October 20, 9 am - 1pm.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

- **Seven Lakes Community and Chapel Rummage Sale** – 8 am – 2 pm, Old West End Gym. Proceeds benefit the Community Christmas Fund to purchase gifts for needy families in Moore County. Donations accepted on Friday, October 19, before Noon. Jean Keating 673-2778.
- **Holly Arts & Crafts Festival** – 10 am – 4 pm, Historic Old Town Pinehurst. Nearly 200 artisans, crafters, and more will participate. Event is free and open to the public.
- **Project Linus at Holly Arts & Crafts Fair: Booth #227** – 10 am – 4 pm, Market Square near Dugan's Pub in Pinehurst. Come visit 'Linus Cottage' during the fair. All items are handmade by the Seven Lakes workshop volunteers; stuffed animals, baby afghans with matching hats, keepsake afghans and quilts, fleece blankets and pillows, aprons, pot holders, coasters, wine bags, table runners, wall hangings and a very special Christmas Corner. Proceeds benefit the Moore County–Seven Lakes Project Linus Chapter.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

- **Seven Lakes Massage and Body Therapies** – 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Celebrate Massage Therapy Week. Come by for a FREE chair massage and register to win a 60 minute massage, plus receive a coupon for 10% off for services. 673-2000. 980 Seven Lakes Drive (next to stables).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

- **Red Blends: Wine Tasting** – Kitchen Essence, 905 Linden Road in Pinehurst. A free event with delicious

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- **SLCC Halloween Dinner & Dance** – 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner, 7 pm music. Entertainment by Glenn Davis, with buffet dinner. Costumes suggested but not required. Best Costume and Best Carved Pumpkin prizes. Member's pricing \$21, non-members \$26. Hosts: Kathy and Jerry Constantino, Brenda and Ed Massimo, with Sue and Gordon Zeller. Reservations 673-1100.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

- **Dust and Ashes at WEUM** – 8:30 am and 11 am, West

End United Methodist Church. Dust and Ashes, the musical ministry of Mary Lou Troutman and Tom Page, will perform at both morning services.

- **6th Annual Fall BYOB Mixer** – 4:30 pm, West Side Park Community Center. A popular get together sponsored by the Women of Seven Lakes, tickets \$5/ person include an array of sumptuous hors d'oeuvres. Tickets available at mail houses October 12, and October 17-19; North 1:30 pm to 3:30pm; South 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm; West 3 pm to 5 pm. Ginny Long 673-3890, or Peggy McCallum 673-1506.

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Board members. Donna Stephan said "It hurts my body" to see lakefront property owners watering while her plants are dying from lack of water.

"I have a problem trying to regulate what people are trying to do on the lakes," Treasurer Steve Hudson said. "Given the data on evaporation rates, I don't think it needs to be mandatory. I would think that people would try to be neighborly about it. I would think that people who live on the lake would use some control."

It was not clear at the end of the lengthy discussion exactly where the Board stood on the issue. Summing up his position, President Truesdell said, "We should start with voluntary restrictions as imposed by Moore County — which in Stage III means no outside watering at all. If there are violators, we should take it further. We are looking for voluntary compliance to the Moore County restrictions."

Pumping from lake to lake

Truesdell opened a discussion about pumping water from one community lake to another by establishing which lakes are connected to allow pumping. Water can be moved from Big Juniper or Longleaf to Little Juniper, from Sequoia to Dogwood, and from Echo to both Ramapo and Timber. In addition, water can be moved from Seven Lakes Country Club's [SLCC] Lake Windermere to Little Juniper.

Truesdell said the Lakes and Dams Committee had decided in its last meeting to ask the Club to allow three hours per day of pumping from Windermere to Little Juniper, in exchange for the three hours a day of pumping from Lake Echo that SLCC is allowed for maintenance of its tennis courts on the North Side.

Lakes and Dams Committee member Ron Erskine argued against the plan, expressing

concerns about the quality of the water in Windermere. Windermere's only purpose is golf course irrigation, Erskine said, so the club is not overly concerned about the quality of water in the lake. In contrast, residents fish and swim in Little Juniper. Erskine urged the Board to pump water from Longleaf instead.

Truesdell, referring to water quality reports from May of this year, said nitrate levels in Windermere, Longleaf, Little Juniper and Big Juniper were all reported to be less than half the "stream standard" level set by the state. Erskine argued in turn that nitrates were not the only pollutants of concern.

Truesdell said he would attempt to negotiate the pumping deal arrangement with Club President Dick Weber, but it appeared he would wait until new water quality studies are done later this month before actually turning on the pumps.

Employee sick leave

Treasurer Steve Hudson provided the Board with data on the Association's sick leave and Christmas bonus policies, generating a discussion on the advisability of changing either policy. Employees earn ten sick days per year and can carry over unused days from one year to the next until they accumulate a maximum of thirty days. Hudson said there was a wide variation among employees in the number of days used and accumulated.

Hudson asked for each Director's thoughts on the issue but elicited little interest in changing the existing policy. Randy Ziels-

dorf said he was currently working under the state system, which is more generous than the SLLA policies, and said he did not see the 30 day maximum accumulation as excessive.

Donna Stephan said "I have trouble taking anything away that we felt was worth giving to them [the employees] in the past. The only thing I can see is changing the cap [on accumulated sick days]."

Hudson said he felt that 30 day cap was fine as is but objected to the use of sick days to care for an ailing parent, spouse, or child. "The companies I have

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Grads



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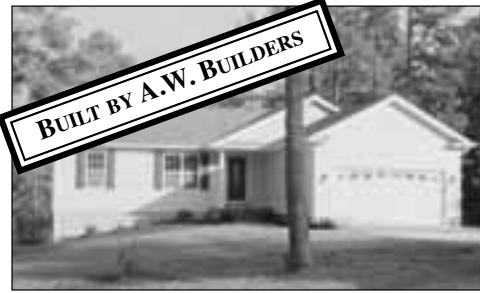
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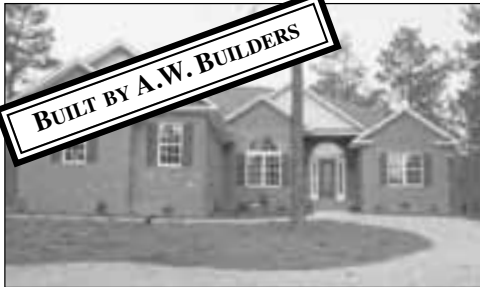
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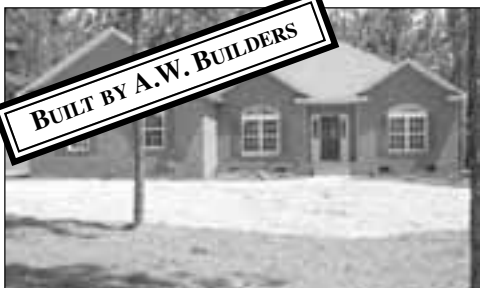
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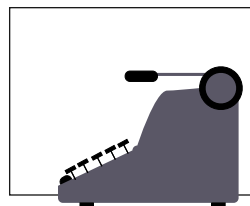
So we are gonna give this thing a go here, though I think it has finally reached a point to where no one really cares. I was asked a long time ago to answer what my three wishes would be if I had the opportunity to have them granted, and for all those reading this I was denied the wish to be home with my gorgeous wife and children because that was too easy and obvious. So don't think I wasn't thinking of them, because not a moment goes by that I am not thinking of them, and wishing that I was home to hold them and enjoy just being in their presence.

Wish One: I wish ignorance wasn't as contagious and stubborn as it is. Now I don't mean stupidity. Stupidity is very unorganized and nothing comes from it, but ignorance is cold and calculating, and always excepting new members. It is the root of every major conflict in history, and the very reason I am not at home right now.

Why is it so easy to make an entire population of people believe something so ludicrous and wrong, and not only believe it, but believe it for thousands of years and believe so strongly that they are willing to give up their own lives to follow it? Why does the urge to be a part of something more than ourselves

usually cause us to blindly join any cause that will accept us into it? It's not just the poor Third World countries, our own high and mighty country has equally ignorant groups in abundance.

Our gangs and racist cults, secret societies, overzealous religious groups, even the people who righteously oppose this war with acts of violence and anger, why do they



Your Turn

Phillip "Jamie" Kieser,
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oppose this war?: to be part of something, to make their lives complete in some way. Who are you to sit in the safety of your home and your country, being protected by the very people you scream baby-killer to and spit on? Who are you to think you have earned any right to speak to the people willing to give their lives for your freedom, your freedom to act on the ignorance you proudly display when you oppose them?

A paradox in itself actually. But now I am ranting. Moving on.

Wish Two: I wish I could ensure that my family would never suf-

fer or feel hurt of sadness or loss. That the only tears ever cried were tears of joy and happiness and, with a wave of my hand, I could remove any pain from their lives.

That my children would never know what it feels like to fail and that they never have to worry about a thing because I will always be there to make every-

thing okay. They would never know what it feels like to want or need, no matter what it is — I have it covered. That I could answer every question

they have in life and it would be the right answer.

And that I wouldn't have to to see the look in Shelia's eyes I saw the day I left that broke my heart — again. I wish that I could be perfect for them, so that they could go through life without having to experience the kinds of hardships I have faced in my own life.

Wish Three: You may call this a breach of terms of this task, but I don't think it is...I wish I could get back the time I have lost. I wish that doing what was necessary to provide for my family didn't mean that I didn't get to

have them as one. In seven years, I have missed countless holidays, fourteen birthdays, four anniversaries, two first-steps, and a first word.

I have had to explain to my oldest son that I am his daddy. I have a one-year old that thinks his father is a computer screen. I leave when they are babies and I come back to children, and nothing can give me back the time I lose in between.

I have a woman that has spent more time as a single mother than she has as a wife, and I can never make up the hardship she has had to endure raising my children alone.

I watch my family grow in pictures that I am never in, and reach milestones in their lives that I get to read about in e-mails.

I do it to give them everything they need, I do it because it is my responsibility, I do it because I love them. I love them, and I love them knowing that when I come home, they are not going to be the people I left. I love my wife knowing that when I come home, we will be strangers falling in love again, with personalities that will clash from so much time apart.

I love my children knowing that when they see me, that it will not be excitement and love, but awkwardness and fear of me that they will feel. Knowing they will not mean to, but they will break my heart with the look in their eyes because children are honest by nature. I wish that I had

not done this so many times that I know this is what will happen.

I know that one day soon this will all be over and I will have my family, my loving wife and my two boys, and that things will be the way they are meant to be, but knowing this does not fill the void made by the loss of so much time apart.

I was not a fortunate child growing up. I did not have a lot of the luxuries that some people had. I missed out on my own childhood and had to become mature and adult at a very young age, so I understand responsibility and I would do everything I have done all over again for them, but at what consequence?

Is my oldest son going to one day throw back at me in a fit that I wasn't there [for him] growing up? Will he understand that daddy was gone because daddy had to do what was best for him? Will my wonderful wife one day realize that she loved me so much that she didn't spend enough time with me to think otherwise? Will my being at home become the reason my family falls apart?

Maybe foolish fears, but fears all the same. I wish I didn't have to ask these questions. I wish I could have been there, and that is the one wish that can never come true.

Sergeant Kieser is the son of Debra Brigman of Seven Lakes, who asked that The Times publish this letter.

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Support for Loop the Lakes trail

Dear Editor:

As a 12-year resident of Seven Lakes West, I enthusiastically endorse the proposed walking trail and ask the board of directors to vote in favor of the plan as outlined by Sherry Niewald and other resident supporters.

Not only do I view a walking trail as a means to insure safety, I welcome it as another ameni-

ty that would improve the value of our community as a whole.

I applaud the efforts of Mrs. Niewald as a visionary for this project and place her in the company of those whose foresight have brought us Johnson's Point and the West Side Park.

*Dr. Kathy Essick
Seven Lakes West*

Rock and roll — It's all in the family now

If you listen to a classic rock radio station long enough, eventually the live version of Lynrd Skynrd's monster-hit "Freebird" will spin. Just in case you've missed out on this gem of pop culture, the singer calls out "What song do y'all want to hear?"

The raucous reply has been oft imitated ever since at various inappropriate venues and is one stellar reason not to offer an open-bar at your wedding.

It's easy to envision the joyous, and probably inebriated, audience he addressed that night cheering, whistling, and holding aloft their cigarette lighters: a standard arena rock salute.

Flash forward thirty years or so to last week in Greensboro where

shows of the year — Van Halen.

As the first chords fell and the crowd roared its approval, I watched several sputters of flame burst to life only to be overshadowed by the cast of thousands of eerie blue lights.

I couldn't figure it out: at least immediately. I wondered if these were some new type of souvenir sold to a healthier, older concert crowd of non-smokers.

Nope, on closer inspection it turned out to merely be glowing evidence of a swarm of camera-ready cell phones held aloft: their little photo screens like so many fireflies on a summer night.

Here on the modern frontier, with Marlboro Man and Camel condemned to loiter outside the entrance gates, this Carolina cellular — "don't call me yuppie" — crowd welcomed the band onstage to thunderous ovation captured forever in tiny

pixel glory.

Of interest to all present, and probably the reason the tour has sold-out each night, is the inclusion of the original lead singer, invited after a decade long feud with the guitarist, balanced by the exclusion of the original-and-only bassist in favor of said guitarist's own son.

I went expecting to witness a Spinal Tap inspired conflagration of chaos versus ego, but left feeling more like I had just finished reading a fairy tale at my children's bedside, complete with a happily ever after ending.

Named after his father's favorite composer, teenaged Wolfgang strode the stage living out every rock-n-roll fantasy held by the plus forty-year old guys in the crowd while capturing the heart of every gal in the room by decorating his bass guitar in the icon-

ic style of his father's axe and sporting the dimples and cuteness of his celebrity mom. [You know her, the one on the diet commercials — "She just lost thirty pounds!"]

On a stage populated with three out of four sharing the same last name, Van Halen had traveled leap years from their gritty LA-based hard rock roots to become a clean cut, albeit loud, family business.

It seems fitting that Skynrd too has continued on — touring in Western North Carolina also this week — as another dynastic enterprise with a little brother singing the songs made famous by his big brother. It's said the band closes every show with Freebird — and I'd be willing to bet it's to a well-seasoned crowd warmed with age, flame, and plenty of flickering blue twilight.

Petition against Loop the Lakes

Dear Editor:

After reading Greg Hankins' article, "Westsiders debate trail," from the September 28 issue of *The Times*, I could no longer keep my thoughts to myself.

My husband and I moved to this beautiful spot, called Seven Lakes West, for a warmer climate in a rural setting. If we wanted sidewalks and street lights, we would have move to New Jersey.

Why are these people on the "Loop the Lake" committee so adamant about sidewalks? It's because "that" sidewalk will not be in front of their homes. It will be in front of mine! The noise from bikers and skateboarders will just be the beginning. Next, they will want streetlights, so they can walk and ride bikes at night.

So there goes my peace and tranquility, right? *Wrong!*

I have started a petition opposing the "Loop the Lake" proposal.

My husband, Ron, and I will be calling on all Longleaf Drive residents and asking for their signatures since the sidewalks are to be placed in front of their homes.

We would be happy to have them contact us at 673-3615, if they would like to help with the petition.

Think back, can you remember why you moved to Seven Lakes West?

I bet it wasn't because it had great sidewalks!

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LTL trail is too disruptive, too expensive

Dear Editor:

I have just read the September 28 issue of *The Times* and have to take issue with a few of the comments made by the proponents of this project. I also find it interesting that most, if not all, of these individuals do not live on Longleaf Drive.

As I understand it, the path is projected to be six feet wide with a five foot wide planting strip. This equates to an eleven foot wide strip from the curb to the inside border of the path.

Have any of these individuals taken the time to measure eleven feet from the curb around Longleaf Drive to determine what may be in the way, and will have to be moved, or circumvented, such as; street signs, cable boxes, electric boxes, water mains, fences, and fire hydrants? I have just driven around Longleaf Drive and found fire hydrants that were six and eight feet from the curb, water meters, that were seven feet from the curb, and power boxes that were seven to ten feet from the curb.

These don't even take into consideration the numerous improvements that property owners have put in, such as lamp pole lights, lawns, plantings, etc, that are also an issue.

I'm sure everyone was informed when they moved here that the association had a right-of-way, but can you imagine what our properties would look like if the owners only began their landscaping seventeen feet or so back from the road and left the rest to nature? As you drive around Longleaf Drive, look at what some homeowners have done to enhance their property, thereby improving their value and the overall value of Seven Lakes West as a whole.

We have been informed that the cost of installing the path would be \$9 to \$19 per foot depending on the composition of the path. Let's use a mean of \$15 per foot. For the seven miles around Longleaf Drive, that equates to 36,960 linear feet, or \$554,400.

When Longleaf Drive was constructed it was cut out of a hilly topography, leaving steep banks, and in some cases, severe drop-offs, on a major portion of it. Therefore there would be an

additional expense for the prep work involved to make the proposed path horizontally level, regardless of which side of the road the proposed trail takes. In addition, there is the cost of relocating some of the obstacles previously mentioned. I have been involved in many projects and have yet to see one come in

plish this much better. I ride my bike seven to ten miles up and down Longleaf and into surrounding neighborhoods every day, and, at most, come across six to eight people. Granted, there may be more out and about throughout the day but I don't see that that justifies an expense in excess of a half million dollars.

There are forty-one roads that access Longleaf Drive, from the right and left, from one end of the dam around to the other end. Most of the roads lead into a myriad of other roads and neighborhoods and are no more than a quarter of a mile from each other, making it very easy to utilize low traffic areas for the purpose of walking or riding.

I would also like to point out that a walking trail already exists. It is on the left-hand side of Fawnwood Drive and extends for a distance of .3 of a mile. I urge you to take a look at it. It is in deplorable condition. If that small distance cannot be main-

tained, how do we expect one can be maintained that would be about seven miles long?

The article also mentioned that the trail would vary from one side of the road to the other, depending on topography. This would necessitate crossing Longleaf Drive at various points to stay on the trail. This is definitely a safety issue. For those of you with children, would you want them going back and forth over a busy road?

I would like the board to consider two alternatives:

1. I have been told that the dam may never be used again for vehicular traffic. For a few thousand dollars, small parking areas could be established at each end of the dam. People could park their vehicles and take a nice one mile walk

on "Lake Auman Boulevard." Add some benches on each side about one hundred yards apart so people could sit and

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Letters to the Editor

on budget. My guess is that this proposed trail would cost in excess of \$750,000.

One proponent of the project indicated it would, "promote a cohesive sense of community and help bring people together." I beg to differ. Walking in adjacent neighborhoods would accom-

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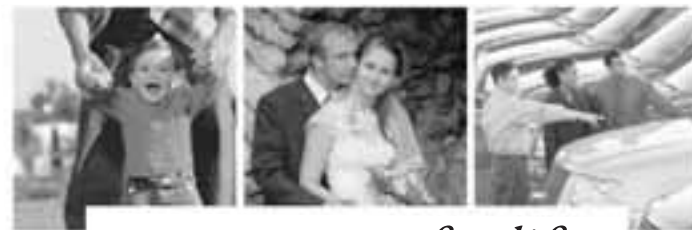
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A trail in the back yard is no picnic

Dear Editor:

I am writing in reference to the proposal of creating a continuous pedestrian/bike path around the perimeter of Longleaf Drive. I can speak knowledgeably on this subject because I own a house in Southern Pines with a public pedestrian/bike trail running across the back of my yard.

When I first purchased my home in 1993, I had a wonderful hammock hanging between the trees and would often read the paper back there and take turns swinging in the hammock with my two children. Since the path was established a few years ago, there has been such a steady stream of strangers going across my backyard that I have no desire to spend leisure time in my yard because of the extreme lack of privacy.

To make matters worse, most of the pedestrians also have a dog or two in tow and they walk their pets in my backyard with no thought of cleaning up the mess. I have had to get a current survey done to mark the bound-

aries of my yard and I am in the process of planting heavily along the property line so that, hopefully, I can reclaim some sense of ownership of my backyard [At considerable personal expense and considerable sweat equity of myself and my family in putting in all the new shrubs and trees.] If you can believe it, I have even had strangers walking their dog in my backyard as I am out there myself raking or watering the plants! They have total disregard for the boundary of the path and encourage their pets to relieve themselves among my plants so that they don't soil the public walkway. Hopefully once my plantings grow in heavily enough, these people will quit trespassing and ruining my property.

I can't believe anyone would have the audacity to think it is their right to create a public walking or biking path along the property line of a private landowner in an area such as Seven Lakes with lots averaging only one half

acre in size.

Since living in Seven Lakes, I have taken hundreds of walks from Swaringen Drive to Morris Drive to Longleaf Drive and across the dam and around Andrews Drive or Callis Circle, and I have never encountered more than four or five cars on that entire walk. Now that the dam is closed to motorized vehicles I predict that I would not encounter more than one or two vehicles on the same walk.

If the LTL committee is so determined to create specific walking trails, I would suggest that they purchase several of the inexpensive non-build able lots [those that won't perk] out in Seven Lakes West and make those into parking areas and then just take whichever route suits you best along the established roadways. You should purchase lots within closest proximity to the dam since chances are good that it will only be allowing golf carts, bikes, and pedestrians across it in order to preserve

the integrity of the structure and traffic should be practically nonexistent within three quarters of a mile on either side of the dam. Map out various routes that all cross over the dam but that go varying distances before "looping" around and returning to your parking space. You could even paint blue or yellow or red dots on the pavement to repre-

sent different trails.

Forcing your neighbors to give up the privacy of their own yard for you to create a new path is not an option from my point of view and personal experience. We need to respect the rights of individuals and see things from all points of view.

LeAnne Purvis
Seven Lakes West

Trail

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watch the sun set, or rise, and communicate with their neighbors. Now THAT would bring people together in a positive way.

2. Add handrails to both entrances to the mail house for the convenience and safety of some of our elder residents.

Use the monies saved to repave Longleaf Drive and Gateway Drive.

For those who want to promote a "sense of community," I would suggest that there are better ways of doing it than destroying a portion of one's yard whose owner has worked hard to improve their property. I also feel there is no need for prolonged studies and "statistical analyses." I believe we still live in a democratic society....so, put it to a simple vote....yes or no.

I would hope that the board would respond to the wishes of the majority before more dollars, and time, are wasted.

Bob MacGregor



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More information needed on dam plan

Dear Editor:

After attending the last two [SLWLA] public meetings, I am not sure that either side of the dispute over the dam closing is really hearing each other. I would first like to make clear that neither myself, nor anyone else I've heard nor talked with, feels that the dam shouldn't be closed for repairs. Everyone agrees on that point.

I would like to understand the plan going forward. I do understand the Board's standpoint that they do not know what the plan will be until they receive it from the engineering firm. However, I think there is plenty to discuss in absence of the plan.

If the decision to close the dam to vehicles has truly not

been made, then I feel it was a poor choice of words to use "closed indefinitely," which is defined as closed "without fixed or specified limit; unlimited." Due to this wording as well as com-



ments made by the board that they enjoy the dam being closed and that they can "see one day having benches all along it," I feel that the decision has already

been made to keep the dam closed despite not having the remediation plan.

I would like to understand all the options that are being considered, the pros and the cons to each, have a meaningful discussion on them, and then a vote [as a community] on the direction to proceed.

Very seldom does a problem only have one solution, and yet as I understand from the meetings, the engineering firm is creating a plan for remediation, which will be reviewed by government agencies and then given to us to execute. As a community member who has been directly impacted by the closing of the dam I would like to understand what the Board is

doing to overcome the burden placed on the community as a whole.

If the plan is that after the remediation, the dam will be reopened to vehicles then I am done and happy to wait. If that is not the plan, then I don't understand. The definition of remediation is "to correct a fault or deficiency." So if the fault is being corrected, then why won't vehicles be allowed back on the dam? If the current plan is to really only patch the dam and not repair it, then why was that choice decided on rather than a full repair?

It has been said that it would cost \$8 million dollars to rebuild

the dam today. I would think that there are several intermediate possibilities between a patch and a whole new dam.

If vehicles cannot be allowed back on the dam regardless of the remediation and regular future maintenance, I accept that. However, I do not think it is too much to expect that an alternate route be implemented so that there is an end to the daily hindrance of extra mileage and travel time for residents who can no longer use the dam for passage.

Jeff Snell
Seven Lakes West

Lions thank doctor for educational program

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the members and guests of the Seven Lakes Lions Club, I would like to thank Dr. Simpkins for the great overview of fitness issues and CPR application that he presented at our Lions meeting on Thursday evening, October 4.

The statistics that he presented on health issues and their causes were truly informative. Hopefully it will help us all to focus on avoiding those situations which could lead to earlier health problems and a reduced lifespan.

We received much positive feedback about his presentation which kept the audience interested and active. The "hands on" demonstration and audience participation with the CPR mannequins was especially instructive. The technology advances which have led to the "portable" defibrillation equipment are also amazing and encouraging.

I think all those present came away a little better prepared to handle an emergency situation and, if out of this, we can sometime save one life, his contribution has been priceless.

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More information needed on dam liability

Dear Editor:

As a resident of Seven Lakes West, we received a three page copy of a dam report placed in our door where, in one paragraph, it was stated that the landowners in Seven Lakes West could be faced with a "mega million dollar lawsuit" should the dam give way and threaten lives and property downstream; that the Association could not obtain insurance for this "liability;" and, even if they could, the Association would not be able to afford the coverage as they had been told by insurance agents.

In the most recent edition of *The Seven Lakes Times*, it was mentioned in an article that the association did in fact have liability protection from the general liability policy and excess being provided in an umbrella. I have a concern that our Board,

who represents us, the landowners, wasn't abreast of the policies they have secured for the association, as evidenced by contradictory statements being made. It seems like the dam is a pret-

Letters to the Editor



ty important liability issue to have been so vague.

With it being established now that we do indeed have coverage [which again contradicts the three page report delivered to our house], I question the limits purchased for the primary coverage;

whether the umbrella is a following form and at what limits and whether measures were taken to obtain multiple quotes for increased limits having been presented with the suggestion of a "mega million dollar lawsuit?"

Given the urgency demonstrated by the immediate closing of the dam roadway, one would assume, given the choice, the residents of Seven Lakes West may favor a moderate increase in premium to elevate limits of liability to protect them over a pro-rated share of a "mega million dollar lawsuit."

I just ask for better representation of the facts before the Board reports to the public they represent.

Ann Wooten Kunce
Seven Lakes West

Welcome, October!

by Betty Stemmer

Welcome October, we have much to do to lead you into our homes and our hearts. This is Libra month and, of course, Libras strive for balance in all directions, especially if they are carrying peace with them. Therefore the sign of Libra is the scales.

Your colors are showing everywhere and are browns, oranges, yellows, gold, and of course vibrant reds. Leaves are falling, and we know there isn't any stopping them. They cover the green grass and put on a show all of their own. Actually, the grass is taking a long winter's nap, so as to appear rested and youthful in Springtime. We dare not be sad about that!

You however, bright eyes, have Halloween with all of its mystery. Blinking lights and funny faces. So please enjoy the children as they brave the dark and spooky characters, and most of all, they love you a whole big bunch.

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SLLA needs strong, professional leadership

Dear Editor:

Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board member, Laura Douglass, is quoted in the last issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* as saying: "I will not sit idly by and allow our children to pay the penalty of playing on outdated and overcrowded recreation areas because long-term planning failed to provide this community with adequate dam and road reserve funds?"

Congratulations are in order for her recognizing part of the problem. Many times I have written over the last four years that volunteer boards simply do not have the professional backgrounds to be micro-managing the operation of our community. Some boards are more qualified than others but at best we will not have sufficient levels of professional competence from our volunteer boards to lead us.

The answer to the problem is to have a paid professional manager who will lead the board through the difficult maze of problems.

One may think that I am being critical of individuals that have served on the SLLA Boards. I am not, but I am being realistic. Boards should have quality professional leadership from paid management to guide them and we have missed that for 20 years. I will use Mrs. Douglass's point made above to make my point.

She is concerned about a solution to a short-term issue that as she recognized was caused by long-term deficiencies. Why was she not equally outraged and vocal about the root cause of the problem — failure to establish reserves? Why does she not look to the common denominator to the failure of establishing these reserves?

The current manager, Dalton

Fulcher, should either have lead previous boards on a path that would have funded the solution to our current problems or he should have published and spoken publicly about the problems that would result from the lack of

planning if previous boards were not listening to him.

His failure to lead the Boards or inform the community has magnified our problems.

It is admirable that Douglass will not sit by and allow our chil-

dren to suffer from poor planning in the past. It is disgraceful that she will sit by and not address the real problem. Too many boards have either ignored the real problem or simply not known what it was. This board, by its continu-

ation of existing policy regarding management, is increasing the probability that our problems will only get more unmanageable.

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Dear Editor:

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sizes and ages of dogs are just waiting to find themselves good human families to belong to. After all, they are man's best friend, and what better way to save a dog's life than by adopting one from Moore Humane Society.

For people who already enjoy the daily rewards of dog companionship, there are still ways to celebrate Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month, such as:

Making a donation to Moore Humane Society to help provide daily care for the many dogs awaiting adoption at the shelter.

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go around. Each year, approximately 8-12 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide and approximately 5-9 million are euthanized.

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*Elizabeth Siebenhar
Moore Humane Society,
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SLLA

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dealt with, if I'm sick I get the benefit, if my wife is sick I don't get paid for that," he said. "I feel like the use of the sick time should only be for the employee."

"What if I have a sick two-year-old child?" Community Manager Dalton Fulcher responded. "You're not going to give me sick leave to go to the doctor?"

"If you look at the pay scale, the higher the salary the less use of sick leave," Michael Florence said. "The lower the pay scale the more it is being used. maybe we need to remind employees that sick time is for when you are sick."

Both Laura Douglass and Ed Nuti argued that the only change needed was some tougher language developed by Nuti and Fulcher that make abuse of the sick time benefit grounds for immediate dismissal

Christmas bonuses

Hudson also provided Board Members with data on Christmas bonuses, which are currently set at 1.5 percent of salary and paid to every employee. Fulcher explained that the rate was originally three percent, but that was lowered eight or ten years ago.

Zielsdorf and Douglass both suggested that the bonuses should be tied in some way to performance — perhaps through goal-setting in January against which progress in measured throughout the year.

Nuti encouraged Board members to use employee evaluation sheets he developed.

Multi-Use Court

Douglass told her fellow Directors that the cost of an additional basketball half-court — or "multi-use court" — that her committee had recommended was expected to be \$4,000. It would be placed between the existing volleyball court and tennis courts and make us of a light pole and lights the Association already owns.

Though President Don Truesdell had identified funds in the capital budget that could be allocated for the project, the proposal ran into some unexpected opposition from Stephan, Hudson, and Florence, who appeared to have concluded the "multi-use court" was a skateboarding area in disguise. During the

September SLLA General Meeting, all three helped defeat a motion by Douglass that would have allowed skateboarding on community streets.

"I am very worried about liability," Stephan said, saying she had "a question about something that we should look up."

"It seems to me, if it's ours and we paid for it, we are liable. But what if the parents of the children who would be using this court raised the money to pay for it? Would we no longer be liable?"

"You can dress it up and call it what you want, but it's still a place for skateboarding," Hudson said, noting that he had passed out a letter from the Association's insurer that advised against building the court if it would be used for skateboarding. "If skateboarding and inline skating is so great, why don't they allow it at the schools?" he asked.

Hudson said the community faced a number of unknown expenses in the coming year, including potential repairs to one or more dams. "I don't want to spend any more money right now. Let's hold off and wait on

[Dam Engineer] John Eddy's report."

"I'm kind of with Steve on this," Florence said. "At this time I am going to reserve judgement until we get a number back on the dams."

Douglass said the question facing the Board was not a rules change regarding skateboards but rather the funding of another half court that the Recreation Committee had decided two years ago was something the community needed.

Addressing the concerns expressed about liability, Douglass said skateboarders were limited to the basketball court two years ago and there has been no reported injury in that period. Prior to that, she added, there was skateboarding throughout the community for 30 years, again with no reported injuries resulting in liability for the Association.

Douglass expressed a concern that the opposition to the proposed half court was "petty retribution for bringing up street skating."

"It feels like a personality quar-

rel on the Board," she added.

Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane said the existing basketball court may be the single most used amenity in the community. "On a given evening, that court is packed," he said. "I would encourage building a new court just for the amount of play."

Board members agreed to put the proposed court on the agenda of the October 26 meeting for a vote. Neither Douglass nor Hudson will be at that meeting; so they will vote via email.

School bus stops

Fulcher told the Directors that Moore County Schools has asked for four additional school bus stops at point throughout the community. Currently the bus stops only at the Landowners Office and on Seven Lakes Drive in front of the fire station. The matter was put on the agenda of the October 26 meeting for approval.

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Police

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Police Chief Campbell and be covered by the village insurance policy and receive benefits entitled under the North Carolina Workers Compensation Act.

Munro said the village lawyer had reviewed and approved the

ordinance establishing the auxiliary police department, however, after much discussion among the council and residents present at the meeting regarding liability risks incurred by the village, the motion failed in a 3-2 vote with Erickson and Munro

supporting.

Noting that Foxfire has recently added a third member to the Foxfire Police Department, Mayor Erickson suggested the ordinance could warrant further review and input in the future if the village determined that an

auxiliary force was needed.

Councilman Munro thanked members of the Public Safety Committee for their hard work.

“Over the last year they have revamped and reworked the police department and it has been a real joy working with this

committee,” said Munro.

Munro announced that Patrolman Gregory Rhyner began work on Monday, October 8 and would be riding along with Chief Campbell for the next few weeks. Rhyner was formerly employed

(See “Foxfire,”p. 36)



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Foxfire

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with the Pinehurst Police Department.

Munro also said he has been working to resolve several key public safety issues including speeding, overweight trucks, and barking dogs.

"The county gave us guidelines that recommend over fifteen minutes of barking is considered a nuisance and action can be taken," said Munro. A new barking dog ordinance will be presented to the council for review and vote in November.

Mayor Erickson also addressed speeding concerns during his report and said that Hoffman and Richmond Roads will be included in a traffic study to commence in the next sixty to ninety days.

"If traffic is heavy enough, we may be able to lower the speed limit to 35 mph from the current 45 mph," said Erickson.

Munro said that a special police unit will convene at the end of the month to discuss options regarding overweight trucks using village roads.

Finance

Councilman Wally Peckitt presented the Finance Report: General Fund at \$307,000; Water Fund at \$99,000; Water Capital Reserve Fund at \$133,000; Police Supplemental Fund at \$14,000.

"We are in the black," reported Peckitt and he encouraged all interested residents to familiarize themselves with the ten-

page finance report produced each month and available for review at the village offices. Peckitt said the independent audit recently completed would also be available for review.

Planning and Zoning

Foxfire Village currently has thirty-three homes for sale within the town limits, according to a report presented by Mimi Ainsworth, planning and zoning administrator.

There are sixteen new homes under construction and an additional four duplexes under construction on Foxtail Lane.

In September, there were no new applications for residential construction.

Woodland Circle Extension

Project Manager Tom Collins reported that he met with the soils engineer to review preliminary documentation that will be presented to the Army Corps of Engineers on Monday, October 15.

Expressing appreciation for his valuable expertise and, thus far, unpaid volunteer work overseeing this project, Councilman Peckitt presented a resolution to approve hiring Collins as a paid consultant until completion of this project.

Councilman Munro approved saying, "Collins has given us a tremendous benefit from his expertise and this resolution is long overdue."

Mayor Erickson said the council decided to draft this resolution without Collins input.

"He has a vast background and experience working on these things [civil engineering projects], and we felt it was important that the village have an agent to protect our interests on this project – which will cost over a million dollars. Collins will make sure the specifications of the contract are met."

The council unanimously approved payment to Collins Consulting at a rate not to exceed \$75 per hour.

Grande Pines Water Assessment

A public hearing will be held on November 13 at 7:30 pm, on a resolution to extend a water main to homes in the Grande Pines subdivision that are within the village municipal limits.

Four bids were received for the work and a contract was accepted for Sandhills Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$144,761.25.

Affected homes in the Grande Pines subdivision will be

assessed the full amount payable in cash or in five equal installments bearing an interest rate of eight percent per annum.

Streets

Responding to concerns over clear cutting of lots during new construction, Councilman Gene Petrie reported he had received documents from the state suggesting that municipalities can draft ordinances for tree protection.

Tom Collins asserted that a state law is already in place that forbids clear cutting.

Councilman Ed Lauer said that the Appearance Committee should have more authority and be able to enforce both the village ordinance and state law

forbidding this practice.

"If you take down fifteen trees then you should replant with fifteen other trees," said Laurer.

Unfortunately, much of the clear cutting work is completed prior to construction plans being submitted to the village.

A member of the Appearance Committee said, "Clear cutting is occurring and the Appearance Committee would like to see more enforcement."

Park and Club Relations

Councilman Munro reported the Foxfire Country Club restaurant received a health department score of 92.5. "We will monitor this in the future to see whether the restaurant is maintaining the

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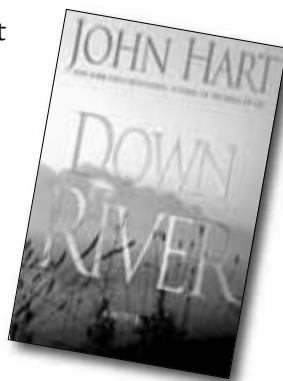
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Trail

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struction of the trail.

More importantly, it would give the community a firsthand opportunity to evaluate the trail and its impact, he added. Noting that Directors had received a good bit of input both for and against the proposed trail, Haggard said,

"There are strong feelings on both sides of this issue. Some of the strong feelings are about something that nobody has seen."

The stretch of Longleaf in question has only two homes, Haggard said, so the impact on residents' front yards — one of

the key objections to the trail — would be minimal. "Right now everybody is up in arms of something that they can't see, feel, or touch," he added.

Infrastructure Director Ray MacKay suggested tabling Haggard's proposal "until we see the budget. Let's table until we

have had our financial health review for next year."

MacKay provided Board members an estimate of maintenance costs associated with the proposed granite fines trail, putting the annual tab at \$3,000 to \$4,000 per mile each year, "assuming only minor maintenance problems occur." Among the more significant components of that cost is spraying the trail with an herbicide — like Round-Up® — two or three times per year to prevent plants from growing in the crush granite surface of the trail. A special spray guard would be used to confine the herbicide to the trail and avoid damage to vegetation on either side.

Directors Blaine Rowland, Kathy Kirst, and Jo Nicholas all agreed with MacKay's suggestion that the issue be tabled until

after the budget is nailed down. Director Mary Anne Fewkes said Secretary Ed Tuton, who was not present for the meeting, had told her he wouldn't support funding the trail at this point because of other demands on community finances.

"If we are going to put it on the back burner we need to give a timeframe about when we will be getting back to Loop the Lake," Fewkes said, noting that, at her request, the LTL committee has agreed to construct a granite fines trail from the Johnson Point Parking lot to the playground.

"So we'll table it until the December work session," Haggard concluded. "At that time we'll have an up or down vote on something."

(See "Dam," p. 38)

Association owns right-of-way

Exactly how much of my front yard do I own?

That was the essence of a question raised by Westsider Joe Gavala during the Tuesday, October 9 Work Session of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors.

Noting that he had read about a proposal to put the Loop the Lake [LTL] trail in Association-owned right of way along Longleaf Drive, Gavala told Board members during the public comment portion of the meeting: "My survey shows I own to the street. The Association has a right to come in for utilities. I would like that to be clarified."

The Times spoke with SLWLA Infrastructure Director Ray MacKay after the meeting to better understand the issue.

MacKay said the initial subdivision plats filed with Moore County when the West Side was developed show 60 feet of road right of way — 30 feet on each side of the center line — along most of the private roads in the community, including Longleaf Drive. This right of way is the property of the Association, not individual lot owners.

Longleaf and most other streets are currently 23 feet wide, McKay said, 12.5 feet on either side of the center line, which means the association owns another 17.5 feet on each side of the road — land that is currently unpaved and is being used by the owners of developed lots as though it were part of their front yard.

This right of way is not an easement, MacKay told The

Times; is is, in fact, Association property. It is within this right-of-way that the LTL committee has proposed building a six-foot wide trail.

In addition to the right of way owned by the Association, there is also a 15-foot utility easement running across the front of most lots, MacKay said. This easement — which lies on property that belongs to the lot owner — begins where the road right-of-way ends and extends another 15 feet into the front yard of the landowner.

MacKay said a ride around Longleaf will reveal that most cable and telephone boxes and other utility hardware is located right on the front edge of the property line, just inside this easement.

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Dam

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Public Comment on the trail

Before the Board took up its discussion of the Loop the Lake trail proposal, three residents spoke on the issue during the Work Session's public comment period.

Grace Behrens, a Longleaf

Drive resident, said she had in four days collected the signatures of 204 Westsiders opposed to the LTL trail, including 60 from Longleaf Drive residents, who she said were not willing to maintain the trail where it passes in front of their property, would not be willing to pick up dog droppings deposited along the trail, and were not willing to accept the liability of any accidents that occur on the trail.

"I will be contacting these 60-some people to see if we can get a notarized statement saying you [the Association] are solely responsible for that path," Behrens said. "Shotgun lawsuits mean that anyone in the area gets sued. We're all going to be sued. I'm going to be sued because it is in front of my property."

"I have a lot of bitter opposition to this," Longleaf Resident Betty Parker told the Board. "I think it is going to be a hazard." She questioned whether anyone would really use the trail, noting that she only sees nearby neighbors walking on her section of Longleaf Drive currently. "If I don't sell my house for the asking price, perhaps I can come back to the Association for compensation," she added.

Joe Gavala questioned whether the Board has the authority to place the trail across the front of his property. "My survey says I own to the street," he said. "I would like that to be clarified." Director MacKay said he would meet with Gavala. MacKay told *The Times* after the meeting that the Association

owns a 60 foot right of way along most of its streets including Longleaf Drive. [See box on page 37 for more detail.]

Tim Niewald, who, with his wife Sherry, is spearheading the LTL effort told the Board that their informal survey of 178 residents had found only three opposed to the trail. "This is a new concept and a new idea," Niewald said. "The LTLT Committee appreciates the comments of those who oppose the trail, because it helps clarify the concept."

He asked Board members and interested residents to visit the website of American Trails and the National Trails Training Partnership at www.americantrails.org, which offers a large amount of information on trail

construction, maintenance, and liability issues.

Dam repair planning

Lake Director Fewkes told the Board that several committees had been or were being formed to develop plans for various aspects of lake management during the planned repairs to Lake Auman dam next fall. The lake level is expected to be lowered five feet during the repairs.

A Johnson Point Committee has already taken measurements around the boat slips and found that only four slips will be rendered unusable by a five-foot drawdown. Arrangements will be made for the renters of those slips. The committee is also working on a plan for the

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Village

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score that they should."

Munro also reported that the club finances were close to break-even this year.

The Parks and Recreation Committee for the village developed and recently distributed a survey to all residents of Foxfire. Results of this survey are a required component in the grant application process to The N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF].

The village has contracted to work again this year with professional grant writer David Hartigan. The contract provides a \$5,000 fee to be paid only if the PARTF grant is awarded.

Mayor Erickson and the committee encourage all residents to complete the survey and return it by mail or in person to the village offices.

Suggestions for placement of a flagpole and permanent benches at Village Park are also welcome and may be included in the survey.

Erickson reported that the walking trail would be repaired by the original construction contractor at a cost of \$3,500.

Public Comment

A resident expressed concern over abandoned basement foundations left by a building contractor.

"We have two six-year old boys living near there and those basements have a fifteen foot drop plus pipes and steel rods sticking out," the resident said.

Mayor Erickson responded that this matter had been brought to his attention by Mimi Ainsworth and that he had spoken to the developer on the phone followed by a letter as well.

Calling the developer in question "a menace," the resident admonished the mayor and council saying, "We don't want this contractor in our village."



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Management

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Another committee is being formed to look at the impact of the drawdown on coves and develop plans for owners of cove front lots. Former Directors Bud Sales and Paul Kirst will be reviewing the SLWLA Rules and Regulations to see what adjustments should be made to lake rules to allow the lake to continue to be used for recreation during the repair period.

Fewkes said the lake level will not be lowered suddenly, but that the drawdown will be extended over a period of two to three months, in order to allow residents time to make any needed adjustments.

She noted that work will soon begin on a long-planned dam maintenance project that is not related to the repair of the dam core. The Association's dam engineer is beginning to gather bids on that project.

Turning to other lake-related matters, Fewkes said she has been working to identify folks who are subletting their Johnson Point boat slips to others — which is not allowed under community rules and short-circuits the waiting list process for renting a slip. As a result, the size of the waiting list has been brought down to twenty-one names and the wait has been reduced from three years to two years.

Noting that the current drought conditions have resulted in a lower lake level, Fewkes said she has relaxed some rules enforcement to allow those who can't tie up to their bulkhead to tie up at another resident's property, even if that exceeds the normal two boats per lot restriction.

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Irrigation from lake

During the public comment segment of the meeting, Gene Lenz, noting that Moore County has imposed Stage 3 Water Conservation, asked the Board to restrict watering from the lake. "The golf course is watering every day," Lenz said. "They don't need to water the lawn every day."

Community Management

Former Director Ron Sickenberger, a member of the SLWLA Personnel Committee, reported to the board on the results of his investigation into the possibility of hiring a community management company to handle the Association's administrative functions — as opposed to hiring a manager and other staff directly.

He noted that the Board had asked the Personnel Committee to explore the option in part because current Community Manager Tony Robertson has expressed a desire to retire by the end of next year.

Sickenberger said he had explored the option with John Stone, President of Community Association Services [CAS], a management company with

offices in Pinehurst.

For an estimated fee of "\$1.50 per door per month," in other words, per lot per month, CAS will handle all accounting and back-room services for the association, Sickenberger said. That represents a discount off the company's regular \$2.00 per door price due to the size of the West Side Association. These functions would be handled at CAS headquarters.

CAS will provide a full-time, on-site Community Manager for an estimated annual fee of \$70,000, of which \$14,000 is CAS's management fee — "basically, that's their profit," Sickenberger said. Additional staff could be added essentially at CAS's cost. The company provides full medical benefits and workman's comp coverage. CAS estimates they would save twenty percent over what SLWLA currently spends on insurance.

CAS serves about 240 associations and has North Carolina offices in the Greensboro, Raleigh, and Charlotte areas, Sickenberger said. All the Community Managers they employ are certified. They have "pretty significant information systems capability," he added. The company could provide additional

fill-in staff in periods of heavier workload — for instance, during the spring registration period.

"The bottom line is a little bit foggy," Sickenberger said. "It might be close to being a wash. We would have to look at what the efficiencies created would be."

"The personnel committee is not making any recommendation at this point," he added.

"The Board does a lot of volunteer stuff — infrastructure, lake management, landscaping, and so on," Treasurer Kathy Kirst said in response to Sickenberger's presentation. "Do they have ways to address these things?"

"We realize that Board members have historically and continue to do too much work in the physical sense," Sickenberger said. "We hope this would help address that. Something needs to be done in that regard."

"The idea that CAS is going to bring in one person and replace what is done by everyone around this table is not going to happen," President Haggard argued. "We are all going to continue to do what we are doing. Otherwise, we would be looking at hiring more employees through that company. They could, for example, hire a compliance officer," Haggard said, noting that "the

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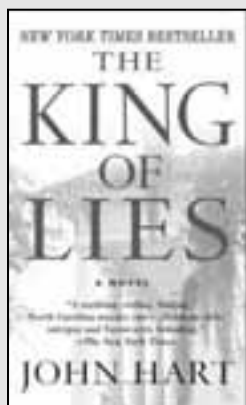
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Board

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\$14,000 fee is going to be the same no matter how many employees are added on.”

“After the budget process is finished, we need to lay out what we have and what we need,” Director Ray MacKay said, having the final word on the subject. “It’s interesting, but it has more questions than answers at this point.”

Other Business

In other business the SLWA Directors:

- Asked Recreation Director Jo Nicholas to work with Betsy Mikula on improving the billboard situation at the mailhouse. Mikula had sent the Board a letter proposing changes to better organize the display of information.
- Heard from Community Manager Tony Robertson that an unauthorized entry point in the Morgan Wood area had been closed off.
- Discussed a complaint of excessive noise at Johnson Point during a recent wedding. Board members who had responded to complaints had slightly differing perceptions of how much of a problem the noise was. The Board

asked Security Director Blaine Rowland to develop some language requesting noise control that could be added to the Johnson Point rental agreement.

- Heard from Treasurer Kathy Kirst that the outside audit of the Association’s books is proceeding apace and is expected to generate some suggestions for modifying SLWLA procedures.
- Heard that the Lake Auman Sports Club would like to pay for half the cost of stocking forage fish in Lake Auman. Sports Club President Charlie Flinchum said the lake has a good bass population but that food for the bass is scarce. The club would like to stock disease-free shiners that could reproduce in the lake and provide food for the bass. Lake Director Mary Anne Fewkes was scheduled to meet with the club Tuesday evening.
- Heard from the Community Manager that front gate guards, as instructed, are not allowing vehicles with West side stickers but no barcodes to enter through the barcode-only gate. Unfortunately some landowners have not been happy with the restriction and have been using some “Sunday School

words” when speaking with the guards, Robertson said.

- Heard from Robertson that some residents are not obeying new county prohibitions against irrigation. The county has asked the Association to report infractions. SLWLA staff is warning offenders once before reporting them to the county.
- Heard from Robertson that the Association has cut back its own irrigation at West Side Park — which utilizing lake water — from five days a week to one day a week. The sprinklers will soon be cut off completely, Robertson said, because the grass is going dormant.
- Heard from Recreation Director Jo Nicholas that the recent beer tasting event was sold out. She encouraged Board members to participate in the October 31 Trunk or Treat event.
- Heard from Patti Cleary that the Area Reps’ emergency phone tree is in place. She asked for Board volunteers to serve as the first-tier callers.
- Heard from Legal Director Hugh Beckwith that local developer Ron Myers is interested in reviving a proposed cluster home development — the Gateway II project — which

would place a number of attached homes on a twelve-acre parcel on one side of Gateway Drive near the back gate. Myers had presented the concept at a General Meeting of the Association a year or so ago. The Board discussed having him represent the idea in order to gather community input. A change in the SLWLA covenants would likely be necessary for the

project to move forward.

- Received from Treasurer Kirst a historical financial summary and an eight-year projection of proposed capital projects to be used in their development of the FY 2008-2009 budget. The Board will hammer out the budget during a retreat at the Inn at Eagle Springs on Tuesday, November 13.

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Water

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Stage 3 Mandatory Conservation, which prohibits the watering or sprinkling of "any lawn, grass, trees, shrubbery, flowers, golf greens, or vegetable gardens," after the regular Monday, October 1 meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

The restrictions apply to county water customers in Seven Lakes, McLendon Hills, Love Grove, West End, Pinewild, and Pinehurst.

Briefing the Commissioners on the issue, Public Works Director Dennis Brobst said he had rather be accused of pulling the trigger too early than coming back to the Commissioners in a few weeks to report "we're out of water."

Brobst told the Commissioners that the water level in the Mid-dendorf Aquifer — the natural underground reservoir that the County's wells tap into — has dropped 3.23 feet since March. Brobst told *The Times* last month that a three foot decline is one of the "triggers" that could result in the implementation of Stage

3 Water Conservation. The County implemented Stage 1 Voluntary Conservation in Seven Lakes on May 30 and moved to Stage 2 Mandatory Conservation on June 8.

Brobst told Commissioners that the drought afflicting the county continues to deepen. Public Works' month-end data for September shows rainfall in Seven Lakes 9.45 inches below normal and Pinehurst rainfall down 11.74 inches. The US Department of Agriculture reports the that entire state of North Carolina is in drought, with more than 80 of the 100 counties in one of the two most severe categories — extreme or exceptional drought.

Under Stage 3 Mandatory Conservation all irrigation of lawns, gardens, and landscaping is prohibited. Also prohibited are:

- Filling or replenishing any wading pool or swimming pool.
- Making non-essential use of water for commercial or public use.
- Operating water-cooled air

conditioners or other equipment that does not recycle cooling water.

All industrial, manufacturing, and commercial enterprises are required to reduce consumption with a goal of at least 50 percent. Businesses are required to document their efforts to conserve water.

Stage 3 also incorporates the conservation measures of Stage 1 and 2, which include no washing of automobiles using county water, no use of water to clean driveways and sidewalks, and no use of water for any unnecessary purpose.

Brobst said the county has yet to issue any fines under the water ordinance, but he explained the process so that *The Times* could share it with our readers.

With the first offense, public utilities staffers deliver a warning, either by leaving a door tag, or, if the homeowner is at home, presenting them with a written warning, along with a copy of the ordinance and press release announcing the restrictions.

A second offense results in a

\$50 fine, delivered by the Sheriff's Office. A third offense results in a \$500 fine and involves a criminal citation.

After that, if the violation doesn't stop after 48 hours, Public Works has the right to disconnect

the offender from the water system. Brobst said this provision is, in part, to deal with someone who, for example, has left town for an extended trip and left their sprinkler system on.

October Festival

Celebrate Mother Nature's bounty by having some good old-fashioned fun with the entire family.

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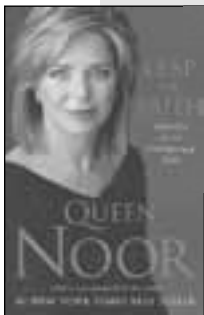
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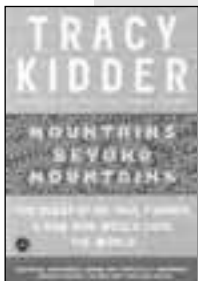
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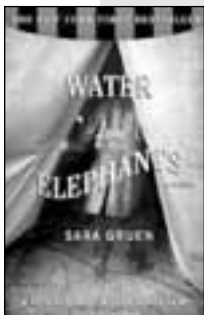
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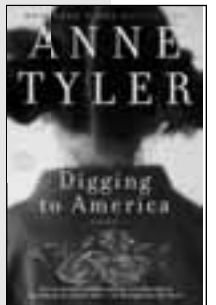
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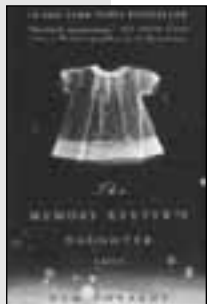
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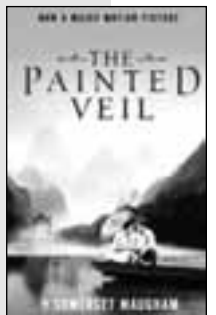
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