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## 7 Lakes North, South cast vote for change

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Residents of Seven Lakes North and South cast a clear vote for change on Sunday, March 16, unseating three incumbent Directors in the Board elections finalized at the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Annual Meeting.

Bud Shaver, Sally Kindsvatter, Gary Caulk, and Denny Galford won seats on the SLLA Board, while Treasurer Steve Hudson, Secretary Michael Florence, and Director Ed Nuti were turned away in their bids for re-election. None of the incumbents received as much as twenty percent of the 457 votes cast.

Well under half of the 1,084 eligible resident landowners cast votes in the election, though voter participation was stronger than last year, when 419 landowners submitted ballots.

Shaver, Kindsvatter, and Caulk were the top three vote getters, in that order. Galford, the fourth-

highest vote-getter, won his seat by virtue of Director Laura Douglass' resignation, which was effective just before midnight Saturday night, March 15.

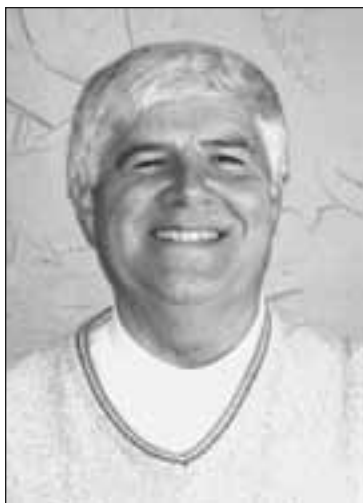
Douglass announced her intention to resign in January, and the SLLA Board voted to replace her with the fourth-highest-vote-

getter in the Directors' election. Directors Florence, Hudson, and Donna Stephan objected that the decision violated the SLLA Bylaws — and Hudson reiterated his objection during the Treasurer's report in the Annual Meeting, telling the new Board

(See "SLLA Annual," p. 40)



SLLA: Gary Caulk



SLLA: Denny Galford

## Three join Westside Board

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Ed Silberhorn's professional background in community legal affairs, coupled with his desire to serve the community, clearly impressed Westsiders who cast votes in the 2008 Board of Directors elections. Receiving 628 votes, Silberhorn garnered approval from eighty-six percent of voters.

Joining Silberhorn as incoming Seven Lakes West Landown-

ers Association [SLWLA] directors are Ron Shepard, with 518 votes, and Karen Milligan, with 479. Results of the election were announced by Nominating Committee Chair Jo Nicholas during the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, March 16.

Of 1,714 eligible lot owners, 726 submitted ballots, Nicholas reported, including 47 ballots received immediately prior to commencement of the Annual Meeting. Other candidates in

the election were Jim Johnson, who received 222 votes, and Dr. Lionel Kuhn, with 206 votes.

Nicholas confirmed that a quorum was met and that Election Inspectors met several times in the past few weeks to verify the membership list of lot owners and to count ballots and proxies. Eligible votes include 780 member undeveloped lots and 934 member homeowner lots. Twelve proxy votes were assigned to

(See "Westside Annual," p. 39)



SLLA: Sally Kindsvatter



SLLA: Bud Shaver



SLWLA: Karen Milligan



SLWLA: Ron Shepard



SLWLA: Ed Silberhorn

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# Still time to get cookin' on that chili recipe

Plans for the First Annual Seven Lakes Area Business Guild Chili Cook-off and Street Fair are sizzling and off to an excellent start. You still have two weeks to perfect your chili recipe and get it entered but booth spaces are going fast and there are a limited number with electricity available.

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Many of our local vendors will be bringing their goods and services to you. Medleyannas, Eastwood Flower and Gifts, and Indigo's are just a few of the merchants that will be offered. JuBilee Screen Print is going to have a variety of t-shirts and miscellaneous inventory clearance items for sale and Mary Puppins Pet Palace will be offer-

ing pet sitting for the duration of the event.

This event is continuously growing and taking shape as more vendors and chili teams enter.

Please check the next issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* and the website, [www.7lakesbusinessguild.org](http://www.7lakesbusinessguild.org) for more information. If you are interested in entering a chili team or booth, please contact 910-673-4240 or [jubileeads@earthlink.net](mailto:jubileeads@earthlink.net) for more information. We hope to see you all there.

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# Randy Zielsdorf elected SLLA President

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Randy Zielsdorf was elected President of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] in a Board of Directors organizational meeting held Tuesday morning, March 18.

Nominating Zielsdorf, Director Donna Stephan said, "I feel



Randy Zielsdorf

strongly that the President should be someone who has spent a year on the board . . . someone who knows what has gone on over the past year. I see Randy as someone who is cool, calm, and handles things well."

Asked by Bud Shaver what his priorities would be if elected President, Zielsdorf said, "We need to get serious about giving Seven Lakes a good facelift," noting that new developments planned for the surrounding area would bring increased competition for the sale of existing homes.

"I want to set up a priority list sooner than later," Zielsdorf said, "and walk through that priority list through the year. We need to walk through the list, and clean up everything."

"We are going to be held to a pretty tight budget," he continued.

"We haven't seriously sit down and asked ourselves whether our dues levels are right. Are they too high, not high enough, or just right. We need to look at neighboring communities" in order to better understand what level of dues is appropriate.

Stephan's motion was seconded by Sally Kindsvatter. Denny Galford then nominated Bud Shaver for the President's job. When the vote was called, it was Stephan, Kindsvatter, Zielsdorf, Gary Caulk, and Don Truesdell for Zielsdorf; Galford and Shaver for Shaver.

The remaining officer slots were not contested and were unanimously approved by the directors, making Kindsvatter Vice President, Stephan Secretary, and Galford Treasurer.

Zielsdorf made assignments for the other working committees of the Board, asking Galford to head up the Finance Committee, Truesdell to take Lakes & Dams, Shaver to handle Maintenance, Caulk to head up Security, and Kindsvatter to chair Community Standards.

Former Director Laura Douglass, who resigned from the Board just before the Annual Meeting, will be asked to continue to head the Recreation Committee, with Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane serving as the Board's liaison with that committee.

The Board voted to continue for the month of April the current membership of the Architectural Review Board and the Judicial Committee. These are standing committees whose chairman and membership are both approved by the Board as a whole rather than appointed by the President.

In a wide-ranging discussion the Directors discussed alter-

native times — and even alternative table arrangements — for the monthly work sessions, as well as the use of closed sessions — or meetings closed to the public but open to the press.

"One of my objectives is to change the way that Seven Lakes is running," Zielsdorf said. "We've long sense passed the time when we should be having Board members micromanaging. We need a strong community manager . . . I would like the

board to be strictly oversight and volunteering where we can be useful. So I want Dalton to be here for these discussions."

Director Shaver recommended rethinking how the Treasurer's report is presented to the membership each month, so that "people have a better general sense of where we are financially."

Board members agreed to meet again on Monday, March 24 at 8:00 am for a second organi-

zational meeting, during which they will review priorities for the community, finalize next year's Board meeting schedule, and, perhaps, finalize the membership of the Architectural Review and Judicial Committees.

Before adjourning, they entered a brief closed session for an update on the driving range lawsuit.

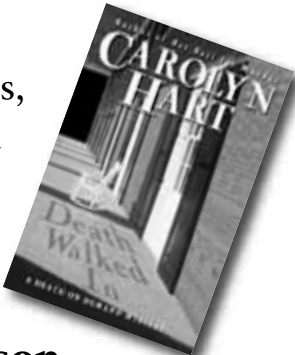
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# Westside reviews year's accomplishments

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Several key goals set by the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors last Spring have been accomplished, reported President Jim Haggard during the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, March 16. Most significantly, the goal to conduct business in a manner characterized by openness, collaboration, and transparency through a complete financial audit; establishing a communications committee; and conducting open work sessions.

Other primary goals reported as still in process or characterized as ongoing included implementing a long range plan with a supporting financial resources plan, reviewing the utilities and services infrastructure, updating the Rules and Regulations and Bylaws documents, and taking steps towards working in harmony with the SLLA, Seven Lakes Civic Group, and the Small Planning Area A Committee.

Haggard said development of a secure relational database to support SLWLA administrative functions is in the final stage of completion.

Speeding remains a high and as yet unresolved community concern, said Haggard. "We've made attempts at reducing speed limits...it's just something we'll keep working on and sooner or later we'll come up with a methodology to slow folks down

a bit."

Haggard reported efforts to select and implement a new postal delivery system are still in process, with the board awaiting notification from the United State Postal Service on the feasibility of curbside delivery within the community.

Three options have been dis-

cussed; curbside delivery, construction of new centralized mail houses, or postal service delivery off Seven Lakes West property.

Haggard said this is only the most recent attempt by the SLWLA board to request curbside postal delivery. "They've already told us 'no' several times, but this time we went through Senator Dole's [NC-R] office and we got a little more attention."

If approved, curbside delivery will require a covenant change, said Haggard. He reported the USPS District Manager is researching how the Pinewild community accomplished a changeover to curbside delivery five to seven years ago.

A resident spoke in favor of the change. "I live near the backgate," he said. "If I'm coming

from town the drive is an extra 6.4 miles for mail. Over a year the gas cost is considerable and there are hundreds of us doing this!"

Haggard responded that the USPS will only change to curbside delivery if the cost benefit is in their favor.

## Significant Events

Haggard said a lightning strike on the East Gate destroyed the system and it took several months to replace the system with a barcode system.

"This required an extraordinary effort from volunteers to create database files," said Haggard. "We now have absolute control over the bar codes which makes us a bit more secure but there are still some things that can be done."

Haggard said the reorganization and revitalization of the area representatives program is a key element in the communications committee methodology for emergency notification to people in the community.

The Lake Auman dam remediation planning is in progress, reported Haggard. "We closed the dam road and planning for remediation of the dam is well underway and hopefully once we get that out of the way we can see where we go from there."

Haggard said the western side

of Lakeway Drive was paved providing a balanced appearance at the park.

The ARC was restructured, "It took alot of effort this year. We now have a formal preconstruction process looking at topography and drainage plans to reduce erosion."

Haggard noted that committee minutes are available for review on the SLWLA website.

Also as a result of the financial audit, all association furniture and equipment was tagged this year for tracking and inventory control.

Health insurance of association employees was renegotiated and an insurance risk assessment of all Seven Lakes West common property was performed.

A prioritized list of long range projects was created, a Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] was established, and the Lending Library was reestablished and provided a permanent location in the Seven Lakes West Community Center.

"There were 357 users in Feb-

ruary," said Haggard.

## Future Challenges

Looking ahead SLWLA President Jim Haggard said he didn't know what would happen to the roadway after the dam remediation was complete. "I know a lot of folks want the dam road open again, but that will be a board decision."

Haggard also discussed the option of using a management company and that such a decision will need to be made in a very timely manner.

"We're going to have to begin a search for a replacement for Tony [Robertson] this year and the search will need to start in May."

Haggard said the incoming board will need to determine a common definition for financial terminology of operating surplus versus reserves. "We need a common frame of reference for money."

An update to community governing documents will need to be updated, reported Haggard. He cited the many changes and

(See "Year in Review" p. 39)

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# Mailhouse handrails incite Westside debate

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The unattractive handrails and deteriorating condition of the Westside mail house brought about a lively discussion during the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Work Session on Tuesday, March 11.

President Jim Haggard suggested that any major financial decisions regarding the mail house, including whether to install wrought-iron or aluminum handrails, should be delayed until the USPS responds to the latest community request for curbside delivery.

"We expect an answer in March," said Haggard. "For now, I recommend we stay the course, paint the railing as planned – and spend association money on more important things."

In a related discussion, Community Manager Tony Robertson reported that he met with Harold Jones, West End Post Master, to discuss obtaining a bulk mail permit. SLWLA Bylaws require Annual Meeting notices be sent First Class.

While a First Class permit is an option, according to Robertson, once a one-time application fee plus annual fees and postage are calculated, the total cost savings to the community is minimal unless the permit is used more than once per year.

## Treasurer's Report

"Overall we will come in under budget [this year]," Director Kathy Kirst reported.

She also acknowledged the work McKenzie Bullin, a high school senior, is providing to the community.

"Her parents have a business in Carthage and she is just very, very good in Quick Books," said Kirst.

Robertson agreed, "She's just a delight to work with and is very cooperative."

## ARC

Director Bill Mamel said due to water restrictions, landscape standards for new construction have been "relaxed." However, he said, once the drought improves a letter will be sent and builders will have a ninety-day window of time to complete landscaping per regulation.

Mamel also reported that during periodic inspections of new construction, "We have found construction techniques less than standard – where they've cut corners." In addition he said as the community grows, parking of construction vehicles on adjacent properties is a problem that will need to be addressed.

Ron Myers, developer of the Gateway II subdivision, met with ARC and provided depictions of proposed houses and site plans.

"Basically it's [the design] a semi-circle with twelve units...it looks good and does not violate covenants."

"We stressed to him that these should be a quality appearing buildings with quality landscaping," said Mamel. The Gateway II homes will be three-bedroom, two-car garage single family homes priced in the \$275,000 to \$295,000 range.

## Recreation

The Easter Egg Hunt has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 22, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at West Side Park Community Center Park.

Director Jo Nicholas reported that card tables have been purchased for the Community Center and sand was added to the Johnson Point recreation area.

Robertson said the pool manager for the past two years has agreed to return and that Moore County Public Works Director Dennis Brobst confirmed that the community may refill the pool.

Robertson thanked Nicholas for her work, "We've had some great functions and I've enjoyed working with you."

Mamel suggested a vision for the future should include, "REC should stand for Recreation, Education, and Culture. We can expand that position and increase responsibilities."

Robertson agreed and said that activities occur in the Community Center frequently.

"This building is used all the time. There's a meeting in every room every day – the building is doing what it was designed to do."

In a related discussion, Robertson said the office copier machine needed immediate replacement. The machine is leased, with one year remaining on the current contract.

"Typically these machines run \$13,000 to \$14,000 each if purchased outright," said Haggard.

With a loaner in place, Haggard tabled the decision for the new board.

## Security

A locked construction trailer was stolen from the Morgan-

wood subdivision, between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Friday, March 7. Moore County Sheriff's are investigating.

Director Blaine Rowland reported a vehicle, probably a four-wheel drive truck, was used to pull out a telephone pole barrier to gain off-hours entrance to the yard waste site.

In related discussion, Rowland recommended the community Security truck should be replaced. Recently the truck underwent \$325 in repairs to pass inspection.

"We need a new truck. Frankly, we are throwing away good money at a bad investment."

After a discussion of merits of leasing versus purchase, Haggard tabled the decision for the new board.

Speeding was again a topic of

much concern. Traffic calming suggestions included a speed hump or bump could slow traffic around the mail house and Lakeway Drive.

## Organizational Meeting

An Organizational Meeting for the incoming Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 26, commencing with an Executive Session from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, followed by an Open Meeting.

Haggard said he had provided each of the candidates with a handbook outlining goals, future challenges, ARC standards, a description of positions, repaving package, population projections, the lake management plan, calendar for 2008, and the status of 2007 goals.



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# Area A plan headed back to Planning Board

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

After hearing plenty of comment both for and against, the Moore County Board of Commissioners on Monday night, March 17, sent the proposed Small Area Plan for Area A back to the planning Board for revision, review, and recommendation.

The five commissioners had made clear their intention to do just that in a Thursday, March 13 Work Session, but Monday's Public Hearing had already been scheduled and advertised.

Each of the commissioners expressed concern about some elements of the draft plan, though the overarching issues appeared to be that, first, that they hadn't had enough time to study the document, and, second, that the Planning Board had not actually voted to approve the plan before forwarding it on to the Commissioners.

Area A is a 100-square mile area of the county centered on West End and Seven Lakes, and includes Jackson Spring and Eagle Springs. The Area A Committee has been working for more than a year to develop a Small Area Plan — a policy document that can guide development and preservation in the area.

It was developed by a 14-member Steering Committee chaired by Seven Laker Dave Kinney, working closely with the county planning department and gathering information from a variety of state and county sources — including the residents of Area A, who were given opportunities for input into the plan through a number of public meetings.

A copy of the draft plan is available for download on *The Seven Lakes Times* website.

Steering Committee member Dr. John Monroe and Jesse Wimberley presented the plan to the Commissioners, Monroe leading them through the goals, objectives, and strategies of the plan, and Wimberley providing the "heart and soul."

## Area A Presentation

The plan's four goals are:

- **Sustainable Growth**, defined as "growth that meets the needs of the current generation without jeopardizing the

needs of future generations."

- **Protect Water Supplies**, by protecting existing supplies from pollution and promoting conservation.
- **Sustainable Economic Development**, including encouraging commercial development in the Seven Lakes Business Village and other potential business clusters in Eagle Springs and Jackson Springs.
- **Preserve the Natural Environment**, including wetlands, open space, and working farms and forests.

Wimberley said the cornerstones of the plan are the protection of water resources and open space. He noted that the headwaters of the stream systems that supply much of the county's surface water lie within Area A.

"The take home message of this plan is that the most conservative, the best insurance we can buy to make sure that not only we, but future generations, have the best standard of living we can buy, is to preserve what we have right here," he said.

Reverend Don Welch of Seven Lakes, another Steering Committee member followed Wim-

berly by saying, "I've been praying for all you commissioners for weeks now. I pray that you will honor not only the long hours and hard work but the research and study that has gone into the Area A study." The plan contains, he added a vision of "growth — responsible sustainable growth. A vision of neighborhoods that provide for quality of life. Beautiful developments that protect the environment. A marvelous vision."

"I pray for builders, developers, and landowners who will see the long term good of sensible development," Welch continued. "I pray you will not walk away from this plan or pick it to pieces."

## Public Comment

Members of the public commented on the plan both during a public comment period that opened the meeting and during the public hearing itself.

"Area A is under seige by developers," West Ender **Ruth Stoltling** of Save our Sandhills told the Board, displaying a map of proposed development — including a recently assembled 1400 acre tract near Foxfire. "County ordinances are needed to back up the Area A plan . . . Environmental impact statements should

be required for all big developments." The county must act quickly "before our way of life is gone forever, Stoltling said.

Historian **Ray Owen** of Southern Pines provided the Commissioners with a brief synopsis of the "Country Life" Movement of the early 1900s that both sparked and guided the early development of the Sandhills. After the War Between the States, Owen said, the area was desperately poor and, for all practical purposes, a near-desert, as residents had cut down nearly every tree in sight. A combination of government funding and private development led to the

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(See "Area A" p. 37)

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My platform rests upon some basic pillars. I want to share those with you. I hope they are your pillars too and that you will feel so strongly about them—as I do—that you will beat a path on Primary Election Day to mark Picerno on your ballot.

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# Flashing lights or more cellphone towers?

What looked like a simple move to increase the height of a 195-foot cellphone tower in Eastwood by 35 feet ran into a brick wall of opposition during the Monday, March 17, meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

The problem? Blinking red lights.

Commissioners Tim Lea and Jimmy Melton, both of whom served on the Moore County Planning Board when the county drafted its first cell tower ordinance, expressed strong opposition to the proposed tower height increase because the additional footage would, under Federal Aviation Administration Guidelines, require that the tower be fitted with a blinking red strobe light.

"We wanted to limit the height of towers to below 200 feet in order to keep the lights off of them," Melton said. "This was a goal. Now we are going to exceed this. The Planning Board met on this and we had a lot of objections to the lights."

"We looked at a variety of towers and decided to stick with monopoles under 200 feet," Lea added. "Most folks don't want a blinking red light in your backyard. I have real serious concerns about changing what was approved."

When Jill House, representing tower owner American Tower, told the commissioners that the increased height "is the most cost-effective way to provide coverage," Commissioner Lea retorted, "Cost-effective means it's the best for Alltel. It's not in best interest of people living in and around this tower."

Trying to explain her use of the term, House said, "This means Alltel will be able to get equipment on air much quicker. It depends on whether you would rather have a tower someplace else that would also likely have to be lit." She noted that only one person spoke against the increased tower height when it was reviewed and approved by the Planning Board and noted no one had signed up to speak against it in the Public Hearing hosted by the Board of Commissioners.

"That's because they called us," Commissioner Lea shot back. "We're trying to avoid having blinking red lights all around this county."

"One of the provisions in the county's ordinance would allow us to go up 22.4 feet," House said, "and that would have to be lit."

"We would like this to be a positive relationship," Lea replied. "We have tried to approve any footprint the cellphone companies have requested. Now you're going to try to use law to force us to do something that is not in their best interest."

The County's consultant on cell tower issues, Rick Edwards, told the Commissioners that technical data establishes the need for the tower extension. The alternative would likely be two additional towers.

Edwards said the County currently has only seventeen cell towers outside the municipalities and is significantly underbuilt. He predicted an explosion in tower requests and said wireless communications will likely replace the traditional wired telephone

system for both voice and data communications by 2020.

The federal government has ruled that local government cannot prevent wireless companies from building out their cellular networks, Edwards said, so the county's choice appears to be either higher towers or more towers.

Planner Debra Ensminger pointed out that some parts of the existing county ordinance would permit towers as high as 250 feet by right in certain areas — a fact which seems to surprise the commissioners.

After more discussion, the Commissioners approved a motion to table the American Tower request until their second meeting in April, with the proviso that the county's ordinance — and the tradeoffs between tower numbers and tower height — would be explored in a work session prior to that date.

## Other Business

In other business during their Monday, March 17 meeting, the Commissioners:

- Approved a resolution aimed

at ensuring the County's Commissioner Districts are realigned after the 2010 US Census to make them more nearly equal in population. Acting on a recommendation of the League of Women Voters of Moore County, the Board made a formal finding of fact that the current districts are substantially unequal. That sets the stage for a future Board to draw new lines once 2010 population data is available — likely in 2011.

- Held a Public Hearing on a three year extension of the period during which the county can issue bonds to pay for building out the East Moore Water District. The bonds were initially approved in a 2001 referendum, and were to be issued by August of this year. But the county applied for and was granted a three-year extension by the Local Government Commission.
- Received from Finance Director Lisa Hughes a draft set of County Financial Policies, something the Commissioners had requested during their planning retreat earlier in the

year.

- Approved, at the recommendation of the Major Capital Projects Task Force, the expenditure of up to \$25,000 for an update to an Inmate Population Projection Study for the county jail, as well as programming for the design of the facility. The contract is to be negotiated with the consulting firm Solutions for Local Government. Commissioners also appointed former Moore County Sheriff James Wise to the Task Force.

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# Average Foxfire water bill will rise \$2.00

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

"This has been a tough year for the Water Department," said Councilman Ed Lauer during the Foxfire Village Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, "but we're starting to see light at the end of the tunnel."

"Water rates must increase," said Lauer. "Rates increasing now will help generate revenue and encourage conservation," said Lauer.

The new rates, which go into effect April 1, will have the biggest impact on high usage accounts. "We tried to set the rates to impact people who use the largest amounts of water – approximately fifty to sixty-two customers. The average user will see an increase of \$2.00 per month," said Lauer.

Expensive new water lines extending into annexed areas depleted the Water Fund, however, special assessment will reimburse these costs. Lauer also reported the village will need to bring at least one additional well on-line – at a cost of \$140,00 to \$175,000 – to complete necessary radium remediation efforts.

"We have three well sites that look promising should we be in position to develop them – these would increase our production to thirty-six million gallons per year."

Lauer said the use of additional wells will resolve short-term water concerns but long term village needs will require a hook into the county water system. He estimated the cost to bring all three new wells on-line would be \$480,000 and to run a water line along Hoffman Road to connect to the county system at Rt. 211 would be approximately \$1.2 million.

A resident asked, "How much annexation can we stand?"

Lauer responded, "With any annexation, we would take into consideration water – that's the number one priority."

In response to a question of how the drought affected well capacity, Lauer said there was little effect and the village is fortunate because residents have been conservative and cooperative with water restrictions.

reported Village of Foxfire has \$420,000 on-hand in the General Fund; Water Fund is at \$16,000 with an additional \$35,000 earmarked for contractors deposits; Police Department at \$71,650; WEFD at \$26,000; Streets at \$12,000; \$6,000 for pool con-

rectify the problem.

"We've got new lines and have been annexing. The Water Department has done a fabulous job with the funds they've had," said Peckitt. "It's up to us to make sure they survive to the end of the year."

## Other Items

Thirty-three homes are for sale in Foxfire, according to the planning and zoning report. Twenty-four of the homes are located on the eastside with nine on the west. Mimi Ainsworth reported two building permits were issued for residential single family homes – both located in the Grande Pines subdivision. One addition permit was issued in the ETJ, and two accessory building permits issued in the village; one for a swimming pool and one for a fence.

Civil engineering drawings for the Woodland Circle extension are eighty percent complete, reported Tom Collins. Letters have been sent to the twenty-

eight affected homeowners and any questions should be directed, in writing, to Collins care of the village offices.

"The drawings contain every aspect of what the road will look like," said Collins.

Councilwoman Page Coker said the Country Club reported a good year and anticipate prom-

ising results with bookings this year. "They are pleased by the support of the community," said Coker.

Coker also reported that recent storms left many dead or fallen trees. She said homeowners have been very cooperative with having debris removed from their property.

## Foxfire Council Meeting

3/11

tract, and \$6,000 for park. Peckitt said the village has a total of \$47,000 left to spend on budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

"Our debt service is zero because we paid off our indebtedness," said Peckitt. "We can pretty much get the Water Department through the remainder of year without outside borrowing by taking funds from General Fund."

He explained that this will not

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## Finance Report

Councilman Wally Peckitt

# Board approves 300-home PUD near 7 Lakes

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

A 316-home, 131-acre PUD that backs up to Seven Lakes North cleared the Planning Board Thursday night and now awaits approval by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Southwick and Northington, two subdivisions along Holly Grove School Road proposed by Northsider Bill Beardslee, were recommended for rezoning by the Moore County Planning Board during their March 6 meeting. The projects will be placed on the Board of Commissioners April 21 meeting agenda for preliminary approval. Beardslee's application requested a zoning change from the current Residential-Agricultural [RA] designation to Planned Unit Development – Rural [PUD-R] for the 131-acre site. During an intense two-hour meeting, he responded to wide-ranging concerns from both board members and citizens related to potential negative impacts on water, schools, and traffic, and most significantly, the design and operation of the proposed on-site tertiary sewage treatment plant.

Acknowledging that his proposal is the first to seek approval under the county's newly developed PUD regulations, Beardslee said, "We not only meet the letter of the ordinance but also the intent." The project has been mothballed since last year, when a de-facto subdivision moratorium

went into effect for Small Planning Area A.

Beardslee also presented a proposed 425-unit subdivision in the western portion of the county, near Cameron, and was granted approval for a zoning change from RA to PUD-Rural. The Cambridge project sits on a 213-acre tract and includes single family detached homes, and three distinct styles of town homes. This development also includes an on-site tertiary sewage treatment plant.

Planning Board Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo and members of the Planning Board seemed to be in agreement that Beardslee's designs were well-executed and reflected the conservation-style goals sought by the new regulations. The only "speed bump," as Fiorillo called it, was concerns over the function, maintenance, and technology of the sewer package plants.

A single, privately-owned sewage treatment plant, enclosed in a self-contained building, rather than a system of individual septic fields, would not, according to Beardslee, emit offensive odor. Explaining how the enclosure, underground piping, and air scrubbers all work to eliminate odor, he described to the board a previous project developed with houses positioned within 150 feet of the plant. "There has never been a complaint," said Beardslee.

Each tertiary sewage plant is

expected to cost approximately \$1 million. The effluent water produced by the system will be reused within the development for irrigation purposes -- decreasing the burden on the county's water system.

Addressing a related concern, Beardslee said the plant is designed with a standby power system that will automatically power the plant in the event of a failure of the local power grid. If a power failure causes it to kick in, the backup system will also alert the state-required site superintendent and can, if necessary, notify local police, fire, or rescue personnel. Beardslee said it was very rare for a plant to be "down," for more than a few hours but explained that there is a certain level of redundancy and storage in the system. If a power failure exceeded backup capacities, the final failsafe is a standard septic bed.

Beardslee said in his thirty-five years of experience with these package plants, there has never been a catastrophic failure.

Seven Lakes Landowners

Association [SLLA] Director Donna Stephan asked whether excessive noise from the backup propane generators would be a problem. Beardslee responded that the plant structure, positioned on the far side of Holly Grove School Road, would deflect noise. Planning staff also suggested that a silencer around the generators could be added to their list of recommendations.

This list of recommendations, approved by the Planning Board, included a first-time-ever requirement for a developer to provide an extensive, privately-funded engineering study to determine if the county's existing public utilities water system has the necessary capacity to serve the subdivision. Other requirements included a stipulation that the development's Private Property Owners [PPO] association must operate and maintain the facility under state guidelines, if the county elects not to manage the plant -- which is the option Beardslee recommended. The rezoning approval also is con-

tingent upon the developer receiving all permits -- a process likely to take, according to Beardslee, at least a year.

The development plan, as presented to the Planning Board, did not address the impact on already-crowded local schools. Planning board member Dave Kinney of Seven Lakes South, in particular, expressed concern that schools were not addressed.

Beardslee responded that he expected approximately twenty-five school-aged children would reside at Northington. The other subdivision, Southwick, the parcel located closest to Seven Lakes North, is proposed as an age-restricted development and would have no impact on school enrollment.

Except for concerns over schools and the sewage treatment plant, Kinney said, the plan translated the new ordinances very well. "This is not only the first [subdivision under the new code] but may be the best," said Kinney.

Board member Kim Von-  
(See "Holly Grove," p. 12)

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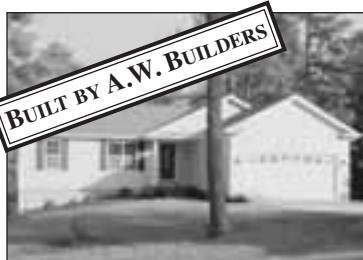
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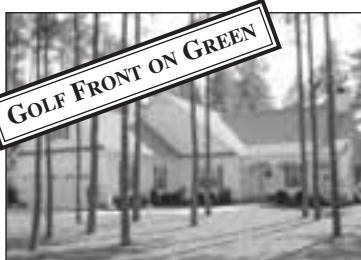
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# Land Purchase signals big development in the works

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

A Florida-based company has purchased ten parcels of land, totaling 1,442 acres, north of the village of Foxfire and east of Hoffman Road at a price just shy of \$20 million.

"Yes, we've heard all the rumors but at this point the council has no detailed information," said Foxfire Mayor George Erickson.

"Some of the land is in our Extra Territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] and the rest is in the county. Land in the ETJ could be annexed into the village but that would be at their request." He continued, "We do not do involuntary annexation."

Stonehill Pines, LLC purchased the acreage from a number of local landowners, assembling it

from tracts as large as 491 acres and as small as 1.4 acres.

Foxfire is in a good position to respond to this scale of growth, said Erickson, because the village took the initiative in 2002 and 2003 to draft and adopt Planned Unit Development [PUD] ordinances.

"The idea was as Foxfire began to grow that we would have the planning already in place," said Erickson. "The fact that we have a PUD ordinance will be an advantage – we tried to look to the future and as growth happens we can handle it."

Erickson said at this point the developer has not approached the Village Council with a plan but he said they are encouraging phased growth over a complete plan.

"Once we get some sort of a

presentation, if it comes, then we will deal with it under the ordinances we have," concluded Erickson.

Stonehill Pines, LLC is a Florida limited liability corporation that shares a Palm Beach Gardens address and registered agent with Stonehill Capital Group, LLC, developer of a 66-acre parcel on the intracoastal waterway at Vero Beach, FL.

Among the managing members of Stonehill Capital Group and Stonehill Pines, LLC are two companies headed by Camille Oliver-Hoffmann, President of the Oliver-Hoffmann Corporation, a noted residential developer in the suburbs west of Chicago. Ms. Oliver-Hoffmann is a noted collector of contemporary visual art.

## Little Miss Seven Lakes



Ciara Dew of Seven Lakes South was chosen Little Miss Seven Lakes for 2008. Her princess court are Sarah Nadzan of Seven Lakes West and Northsider Laurel Caddell. All three of these lovely young ladies participated in the Seven Lakes St. Patrick's Day Parade.

## Holly Grove

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Cannon, the lone dissenting vote on the rezoning vote, agreed, "You've bent over backwards in trying to accommodate us." VonCannon's sole objection was the lack of information available to the board regarding package plants, their use, and their potential problems. "This is difficult for me. I'm being asked to make a decision on something I know nothing about," she said.

Beardslee replied that the Planning Board was not approving the treatment plant, just the rezoning request.

Prior to their vote, the board added a final requirement for Beardslee to provide the Board of Commissioners with an unbiased, third-party engineering review of at least three comparable package plants located in North Carolina.

The Board of Commission-

ers will accept public comment on the proposed rezoning before voting on the request. If all goes according to plan, that public hearing will be held during the April 21 Commissioners meeting.

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# Purser seeks 7.6% hike in schools budget

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

"I bring the budget and recommendations forward with a great deal of work and thought," said Dr. Susan Purser in presenting the Superintendent's Budget to the Board of Education on Monday, March 10.

The proposed budget requests \$25.6 million, with an additional Capital Outlay of \$1.13 million. The \$26.7 million total represents an increase of \$1.9 million [7.6 percent] over last year's budget.

Acknowledging the support of the community and County Commissioners over the past year, she said initiatives in the proposed budget will "take us where we need to be for next year [when Bond Referendum funding will be available]."

A Public Hearing on the proposed budget was held on Monday, March 17. After the board's review, they will have time to make adjustments prior to the scheduled approval date of Thursday, April 3. If approved, the MCS Budget will go to the Board of Commissioners for review and approval.

"The biggest part of the increase, over a million dollars, is already defined by the opening of new facilities," said Purser. "And \$700,000 is for salary increases."

The North Carolina General Assembly sets the percentage for salary increases. Purser noted that the county must estimate the increase as the decision is not made until the legislature goes

into session in May. This year's budget anticipates a five percent increase for certified staff and four percent for others, the same percentages set last year. "If they set a higher percentage than we predict, the schools have to absorb the excess into existing budgets," explained Purser.

The theme of the 2008-2009 budget is "Building on our Progress," said Purser, with areas of focus on student achievement, staffing, facilities, curriculum, technology, arts, and athletics.

Two new school facilities will open in Moore County for the 2009-10 school year; a new elementary school in Area III and new middle school in Area I. Purser explained that prior to opening, these schools need to establish administrative support necessitating budget expenses this year.

Increased budget expense line items also included energy and utility costs, and maintenance expenses.

The proposed budget also provides for expanding school administrative and staff support to include hiring several half-time media assistants, additional months of employment allowing for year-round access to high school counselors, one month additional office support staffing at high schools, and five additional days of data manager support to each school.

Program additions to the budget include hiring two itinerant elementary health education

teachers, who will travel and serve all county elementary schools, to provide a curriculum and instruction in healthy living, puberty issues, and abstinence; funding for academic competitions; hiring a virtual school /distance learning facilitator at each high school; and two new IT positions.

## Southern Middle IB

With strong support from Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser, the Moore County Board of Education followed her recommendation and approved the minimum funding necessary to convert all academic program-

ming at Southern Middle School to the Middle Years International Baccalaureate [IB] curriculum. The split vote, held during the Monthly Meeting on Monday, March 10, reflected the divisive nature of this issue and associated financial concerns.

"Can we calculate real costs or fairness?" asked Southern Pines Town Council member Chris Smithson prior to the vote. "Southern Middle is the lowest scoring school in the county. IB is the one shining light drawing students in and retaining others." He continued, "The Facilities Master Plan reinforces the current trend of segregating . . . I am angry

when schools are re-segregating, angry that people don't want to live in my town because of schools, and angry when students do not score well on tests."

In an effort to respond to problems at Southern Middle, the board voted to create a partial-school IB magnet program several years ago. Frequent staff and administrative turnover brought the program under fire recently and Dr. Purser recommended the board select one of two possible courses of action; expand the IB program to the whole school, or disband it completely.

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# In memory of . . .

**Mortimer Nippes Eastburn**, 70, of West End, died Friday, February 29.

Mr. Eastburn was born in Philadelphia. He was a retired truck driver with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William Eastburn and Harrison Eastburn.

Mr. Eastburn is survived by two nephews, Matthew Eastburn, of Newark, DE, and Grant Eastburn, of Springfield, PA; and a niece, Mary Ellen Gardner, of Drexel Hill, PA.

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 8, at John G. Stretch Funeral Home in Haverstown, Pa. Burial followed in Westminster Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd.

**Ralph "Junior" T.H. Day**, 74, of Foxfire Village, died Monday, March 3, at his home after a short illness.

Mr. Day was born in Carlisle, PA, a son of the late Ralph T.H. and Margaret Dotter Day. He was a manager with Montgomery Ward, retiring after twenty-four years of service. He was also a member of West End United Methodist Church.

Mr. Day was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Day, of Lincolnnton.

He is survived by his wife of forty-five years, Mabel Day, of Foxfire Village; two daughters, Lori Southwick, of Northfield, NH, and Susan Day, of Foxfire Village; a son, Mark Day, of Apache Junction, AZ; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Thursday, March 6, at West End United Methodist Church. The Rev. Bruce Allen officiated. A graveside service will be held at a later date in Carlisle, PA.

Memorials may be sent to FirstHealth Hospice, or to West End United Methodist Church.

H.M. Colvin Funeral Home of

Fayetteville assisted the family.

**Lucile Clark Furgerson Comfort**, 85, died March 4.

Mrs. Comfort, a daughter of the late John Malcom Clark and Sallie Willis Clark, grew up in Jackson Springs and graduated from West End High School and Strayer Business College, Washington D.C.

In 1947, Mrs. Comfort and her family moved to Decatur, MS, where she began a banking career with the Decatur Branch of Bank of Union. She retired as a loan officer and branch

manager at National Bank of Commerce, Starkville, MS, where she had lived for thirty years with her husband, Lynn Dale Furgeson, until his death.

In addition to her first husband and her parents, Mrs. Comfort was preceded in death by her siblings, J.M. Clark, Harris Clark, Ella Mae Rabon, Sara Margaret Tilson, and Douglas Clark.

She is survived her husband, Hayes Comfort; two daughters, Lynda Hunter, and Sharon King; a brother, William Clark; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life was held Friday, March 7, at First United Methodist Church in Brandon, MS. A graveside service was held at Memorial Gardens Park in Starkville, MS.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Brandon, to Gilbert's Hospice, 106 Riverview Road, Flowood, MS 39232, or to the charity of one's choice.

**Gertrude Culler**, 88, died Tuesday, March 4.

Mrs. Culler was the youngest of five children born to Anna

Belle Blackwell, of Tryon. She lived in Seven Lakes with her daughter, Cheryl and her husband, Steve. While there, she made many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold "Sandy" Culler.

Mrs. Culler is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Jasinski and Sandra Tracy; and twin sons, Kevin Culler and Breck Culler.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 7, at Sechrest Funeral Home in High Point.

In lieu of flowers or donations,

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## Schools

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The motion was made and approved by majority vote to expand the program under the caveat that "all funding beyond the minimum be made in conjunction with the total budget process."



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**Robert T. Sullivan**, 83, U.S. Army Major [Ret.], of West End, died Thursday, March 6, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Sullivan was born in Dunkirk, NY, a son of Eugene and Florence Sullivan.

He graduated from high school in 1943 and joined the U.S. Navy and served in the South and Central Pacific battle campaigns of World War II. Honorably discharged in March 1946, he attended college at St. Bonaventure in Olean, NY, obtaining a bachelor's degree in history in 1951. In 1952, during the Korean War, he joined the U.S. Army and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and was stationed at Camp Indiantown Gap, PA. He retired in 1969.

After retiring from the army, Mr. Sullivan became an independent business man until joining the U.S. Post Office from 1976 to 1988. He then moved to a mountain retreat near Lake Lure in 1988. He eventually resettled in West End in 1992 to be closer to his children.

Mr. Sullivan was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice; and a sister, Jean Sullivan Hession.

He is survived by six sons Patrick Sullivan, of Winchester, VA; Thomas Sullivan, of Wake Forest; Michael Sullivan of Carlyle, PA; John Sullivan of St. Mary's, GA; Kevin Sullivan, of Raleigh; Robert Anthony Sullivan, of Wake Forest; five daughters, Mary Kathleen, of Salemburg; Elizabeth Roberts, of Apex; Susan Barkley, of West End; Barbara Jean Sullivan, of Raleigh; and Patricia Ann Blackwell, of Raleigh. Eighteen grandchildren also survive.

Mass was conducted at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Southern Pines on Monday, March 10. The Monsignor Jeffery Ingham officiated. Graveside services were held at Halcyon Hills Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mary A. Sullivan School Library Memorial Fund,

c/o St. Patrick Catholic School, 1620 Marlborough Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines served the family.

**Curtis "Bud" Speight Ruddle Jr.**, 78, of Seven Lakes, died Friday, March 7, at his home.

Mr. Ruddle was born in St. Augustine, FL, and was raised in Jenkintown, PA. He attended

Jenkintown High School, and was a member of the football, wrestling, track and baseball teams. He graduated from Lafayette College in 1951, with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Mr. Ruddle married his high school sweetheart, Margaret "Margie" Hobensack Ruddle,

and he began his 38-year career with the Philadelphia Electric Co., retiring in 1988, as vice president, eastern division manager. He and his wife lived in Newtown, PA, from 1954 to 1988. While there, they were active in the community, and were members of Newtown United Methodist Church. Mr. Ruddle served many years in volunteer leadership capacities at United Way and in the Newtown Lions Club.

After their retirement, he and his wife moved to Seven Lakes, and became active in the community. He was a member of Chapel in the Pines.

He was an active tennis player and enjoyed competing in area tennis tournaments. He served for many years organizing and refereeing at local and

nationally ranked senior tennis events for the USTA in Seven Lakes, Pinehurst and other venues in the Southeast. Mr. Ruddle also volunteered for many years with Toys for Tots and Meals on Wheels.

He was a local author of the regular *Seven Lakes Times* piece titled "Fishin' Tips," where he offered advice and anecdotes from his years of fishing with his family and friends. Throughout his column, Mr. Ruddle espoused the value of teaching young people the art of fishing and the joy of spending time together. He also published two fishing books containing his stories and fishing philosophies, and enjoyed speaking to the public on the topic.

He was preceded in death by

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## Farewell

It seems that there are times when we can all be lowered to some form of emotional depth. Whether it's the loss of a family member, or a deeply admired friend, or someone we didn't know whose role in our society was greatly admired.

Shared humanness is the

put aside. It lingered as the life of my friend faded.

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Yes, Bud, when you declared "foot fault" as a tennis referee around the county, players became properly humble.

They all knew you were doing your job the

essence of those feelings. We instinctively put ourselves in the position of others, attempting to imagine the stress that may be involved.

Recently, I went through an experience I simply could not

way it should be done.

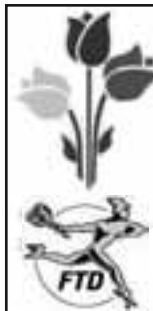
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his parents, Curtis Speight and Anola Thweat Ruddle.

In addition to his wife of 56 years, he is survived by one son, Jerry C. Ruddle, of Doylestown, PA; two daughters, Ann Ruddle White, of Southern Pines, and Susan Ruddle McLean, of Hillsborough; two sisters, Dorothy A. Ruddle, of Lumberton, and Barbara Ruddle, of Clinton, and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 15, at The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. A reception was held following the service at Seven Lakes Country Club.

Memorials may be sent to Chapel in the Pines, 2125 Seven Lakes South, Seven Lakes, NC 27376, or to the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

**Marvin Richard "Dick" Painter**, 72, died Thursday, March 13, at his home in Seven Lakes.

Mr. Painter was born in Jefferson City, MO. He lived in Zanesville, OH from 1959 to 1990, then moved to Waukesha, WI, and retired to Seven

Lakes, where he and his wife have lived for more than eight years.

Mr. Painter was a veteran of the US Army and spent thirty-nine years with Cooper Industries. He loved jazz, golf, bowling, and reading.

He is survived by his wife of forty-eight years, Patricia Painter; daughters, Brenda Tubaugh and Carol Shuey; eight grandchildren, and five great-grandsons.

A memorial service was conducted at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines on Monday, March 17. The Reverend Donald Welch and Reverend Fran Stark officiated.

Memorials may be made to The American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

**Jane W. Arnold**, 74, a former resident of Seven Lakes, died Thursday, March 13, in an automobile accident. A memorial service was to be held on Wednesday, March 19 in Atlanta, with Reverend Dana Everhart officiating.

Born in Hudson, OH, to the late Robert and Gladys Wattleworth,

Mrs. Arnold is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Franklin John (Jack) Arnold, Jr., MD; sons Jack and his wife Judy of Norcross, GA; Robert and his wife Janelle of Akron, OH; Michael and his wife Alicia of Charlottesville, VA; and daughter Kathryn Arnold and her husband Phillip Nissen of Atlanta, GA; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert M. Wattleworth of West Bend, WI.

Mrs. Arnold received her BS and RN from the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in 1956. She and Jack were married on July 11, 1956. After supporting her husband while he finished medical school, and raising four children, she earned her Master's Degree in Nursing and then shared her passion for the nursing profession with students at the Aultman Hospital School of Nursing and Walsh College in Canton, Ohio.

The Arnolds retired to Seven Lakes where Mrs. Arnold was actively involved with the landowners' association, published the Winsford Circle

newsletter, and played golf regularly. In 2005, they moved to Jefferson, GA.

Visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com) to send condolences and sign the guest register. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family will be accepted to construct a memorial garden in her name near the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, where interment is planned.

**Florence Lacher**, 92, of Mars Hill, and formerly of Foxfire Village, died Friday, March 14, in Madison Manor Nursing Center, Mars Hill.

Mrs. Lacher was a native of La Grange, IL, and had lived for several years in Foxfire Village before retiring to Mars Hill. She

was a daughter of George and Mary Aileen Jenkins Brown. Mrs. Lacher was active in the Republican Women's Organization and a member of the Foxfire Country Club.

Mrs. Lacher is survived by her husband of sixty-four years, Richard Lacher; three daughters, Katherine Pierce, of Boston, MA, Elizabeth Farnsworth, of Lincoln, VT, and Deborah Griffin, of Dade City, FL; one son, Douglas Lacher, of Blowing Rock; one sister, Barbara Flaks, of LaGrange, IL; and five grandchildren.

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



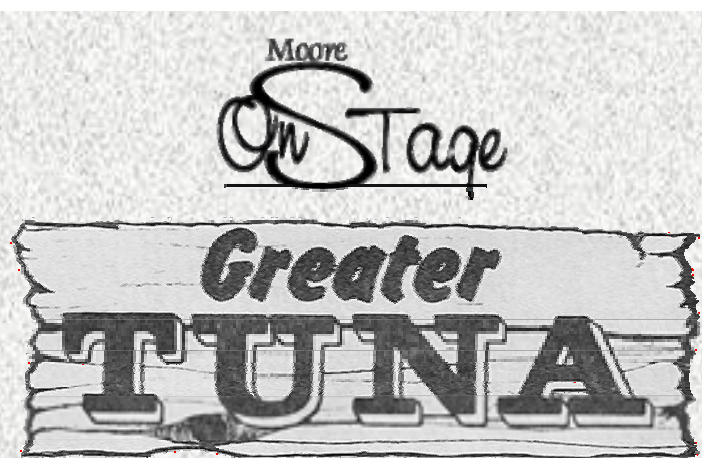
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# Chuck Drake brings expertise to Salon 7

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

There's a new face in town ready to treat your face to just the right amount of color and pampering. Cosmetologist Chuck Drake of Salon 7 is a hair stylist and skin care specialist with an impressive resume.

A guest makeup artist with Lancome, Drake has done hair and makeup for television commercials and movies in the Miami area, for Bergdorf Goodman fashion shows in NYC, and has

studied in England at the Vidal Sassoon school.

"Most people need help choosing foundation colors," said Drake. "Our skin tone is either cool or warm. Finding the right shade is very important as is finding a compatible blush color for your skin tone."

Drake said he prefers mineral makeup because it is healthier for the skin and does not contain fillers, binders, or fragrance. "You can actually sleep with it on your face," explained

Drake, "and I like the natural look."

Frequently called upon to apply makeup for special occasions, Drake said he encourages anyone who would like tips on how to make up eyes, lips, or with help finding the proper placement for blush on the cheek, to give him a call.

"Eyebrow shaping is huge," said Drake. "A lot of people don't have the proper shape for their face shape – and this can make a huge difference."

Drake also strongly encour-

ages proper skin care and sun protection. "Sun is the main source of aging on the skin."

At Salon 7, Drake can apply a mild chemical peel, which he says is preferable over microdermabrasion. The half hour process is effective in smoothing out wrinkles, plumping up skin, and will allow moisturizers to penetrate more effectively.

Drake said current hair style trends are a bit longer with long layers and low maintenance. "People don't want to spend a lot of time on their hair."

A hair color specialist, Drake said shine and dimension, instead of highlights, are very natural and healthy looking. He also cautioned against using shampoos with a lot of raw protein, such as those formulated for body-building. "They will build up and make your hair dry and dull."

Drake is available for appointments every other Thursday and Friday at Salon 7. He can be reached at 673-1967.



Chuck Drake of Salon 7

## Taste of Town is March 31

by Betsy Oliver Mikula  
Women of Seven Lakes

The Women of Seven Lakes will hold the Fourth Annual Taste of the Town at the West Side Park Community Center on Monday, March 31, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

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Raffle tickets prizes include gift certificates from Café Iano, Squire's Pub, Moe's Grill, Tripp's, Pine Crest Inn, Italian Table, Bonefish, Chili's, Beefeaters, Bavarian Brathaus, Outback,

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# A busy month for 7 Lakes EMS

The month of February proved to be a busy month for Seven Lakes EMS. The statistics for the first two months of 2008 are:  
Total calls responded: 52  
Total ambulance responses: 28  
Total ambulance transports: 6  
Average response time: 4.72



## Standing Watch

Robert L Haan

minutes

The interesting trend here is that our call volume increased approximately twenty percent while our average response time decreased by approximately ten percent.

It is difficult to determine which factors influence better response times. There are many factors that are beyond our control.

Perhaps there were more incidents in February where the distances were shorter.

Traffic density is also a factor in how quickly we can arrive on the scene. Regardless of the distance or traffic density, we must travel at a safe speed and drive carefully. All of your emergency services are constantly reminded that appropriate safe driving is imperative. We appreciate drivers who yield to us.

One factor that we are all able to influence is the ability to quickly find the location. We have maps and directions which enable us to locate the streets along with our knowledge of the

roads. We waste considerable time locating a specific address because there is no uniform location for house numbers and many residents have neglected to prominently display their house number. This is particularly difficult at night. Each home should have at least three-inch high reflective numbers at the foot of the driveway that can be read by cars coming either way down the street. This not

only helps us to find the specific location but it also allows us to determine if we are going the wrong direction down the street.

Probably the biggest reason for the increase in call volume can be related to high incidence of the flu. The hospital and area nursing homes have all noted increased cases of the flu.

The flu is transmitted in two ways. The first is by airborne contact which means that when someone with the flu virus breathes, coughs, or sneezes on you, there is a high probability that they will share it with you. We all need to remember not to get too close to our friends when holding conversation and we need to temporarily avoid hugs and kisses. The second way that flu is transmitted is by indirect contact. This is from the objects that we touch. We need to wash our hands frequently, particularly when we come home from shopping or attending any public function.



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**FRIDAY, MARCH 21**

- **Good Friday**
- **Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes Northside Park. Bring your own flashlight for a fun and challenging Egg Hunt. All are welcome.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

- **SLLA Easter Egg Hunt & Party** – 11 am, Seven Lakes Northside Park. Gather eggs, visit with the Easter Bunny, and enjoy refreshments and fun. All are welcome.
- **SLWLA Easter Egg Hunt** – 2 pm – 4 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Eggs for hunting divided into three age groups, prizes, activities, photos with the Easter Bunny, and refreshments. Don't forget to bring your basket.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23**

- **Easter Sunday**

**MONDAY, MARCH 24**

- **Sandhills Natural History Society Meeting** – 7pm, Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd, Southern Pines. Lisa Fields will present a program on the wildlife, people, and culture of St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. Visitors are

welcome. Information, 692-2167 or visit [www.sandhill-snature.org](http://www.sandhill-snature.org).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**

- **SLWLA Organizational Meeting** – 9



am, Seven Lakes West Community Center. An Executive Session, closed to the public, will be held from 8-9 am.

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes: Grande e Piccolo** - 1 to 4 pm, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church building, Seven Lakes Dr. Grand Opening of Grande e Piccolo. Local photographers and artists are encouraged to display framed works, both large and small format. Information, call Carol at 673-0356 or Helen Pardue at 673-6347.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27**

- **Moore County Republican Men's Club** – 6 pm – 8 pm, Country Club of North Car-

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- **Bookgroup by the Lakes** – 7:00 pm. Join Bookshop by the Lakes for a lively discussion of *Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez. Held at the Coffee Scene.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

- **Fourth Annual Taste of the Town** – 5 – 7pm, West Side Park Community Center. Sponsored by The Women of Seven Lakes, event will feature wonderful, eclectic foods presented by many popular dining establishments in the area, including; Beacon Ridge Country Club, Coach Light Café & Wine Bar, Elliott's, Little River Country Club, Moore Delights Personal Chef Services, Rhett's Personal Chef & Catering, Seven Lakes CC, Smithfield's Barbecue, Table on the Green, That's A Deli, and Wolcott's. Wine, beer, coffee, & dessert included. Cost \$20/person. Proceeds benefit First Health Hospice & Palliative Care. Gin-

ger Finney 673-1330, Sandi Carl 673-7711.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1**

- **Meet Mystery Writer Carolyn Hart** – Lunch at SLCC, 11:30 -12:30 sponsored by Seven Lakes Kiwanis, Seven Lakes Bookgroups and Bookshop by the Lakes. Ms. Hart will talk about her new book *Death Walked In* and how she became a mystery writer. Lunch is \$12. Send check made payable to: Pat Weber at 2041 Seven Lakes South, Seven Lakes, NC 27376 or call Marcy at Bookshop by the Lakes for more information at 673-5900.
- **Bookshop by the Lakes** - 1:00 - 2:00 pm. The Bookshop is hosting Carolyn Hart for her book signing. Come by and pick up a copy of her great "Death on Demand" mys-

teries. Over 12 titles to choose from.

- **Dirt Gardeners Workshop: Water Wise & Fire Ants** – 8:30 am – 1 pm, Weymouth Center for the Arts, 555 East Connecticut Ave in Southern Pines. Bryce Lane will speak on Water Wise Gardening, and Sarah Ivy will present information on dealing with Fire Ants. Cost of workshop is \$20 per person. Registration is limited to 80 people. Call 692-6261.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2**

**Moore County Literacy Council: Volunteer Orientation** – 1 pm, Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana, Southern Pines. One-hour Orientation session is required for volunteers prior to the twelve-hour workshop training to be held April 9, 10, 16, and 17 from



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### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

- **Women of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 1 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Shelley Rodriquez, Director of Prancing Horse, a non-profit organization, will present her experiences about the center, their plans for expansion, and work to improve the physical and emotional well-being of special needs populations by providing a safe environment for therapeutic horseback riding. All are welcome.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5

- **SLCC Game Show Network Night** – 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner, Seven Lakes Country Club. Here is your chance to be a contestant on "Seven Lakes Feud," "Chain Reaction," or the "Not so Newlywed Game." Choice of chicken breast with Balsamic glaze and twice baked potato, or beef tips in burgundy sauce served over buttered noodles, vegetable medley, salad, and rolls, with apple pie a la mode. All-inclusive member cost \$22.50, non-members is \$27.50. Reservations 673-1100.

### MONDAY, APRIL 7

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 4 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

- **Does Christian Science Really Heal Sickness and Sin?** – 7:30 pm, Sandhills Horticultural Gardens Visitors Center, SCC, 3395 Airport Road, Southern Pines. Sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist with featured speaker John Q. Adams III, CSB, of New York City. All welcome for event. Information, 692-7759.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 3 pm, Game Room adjacent to SLLA offices. Brian Hudson, The PC Doctor, presents "Keep It Simple." With Spring cleaning season here, you might as well include cleaning up the computer. Hudson will tell you how. All guests are welcome

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

- **Understanding Hospice** – 3 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. First Health Hospice and Palliative Care will make a presentation on Understanding Hospice. This event is open to all North, South, and Westside residents. Fran Stark, 673-5493.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- **Moore County Planning Board Meeting** – 6 pm, Carthage.

### MONDAY, APRIL 14

- **Sandhills Photography Club Meeting** – 7 pm – 9 pm, Christ Fellowship Church, Midland Road and Pee Dee Roads, Southern Pines. Featuring a Digital Competition, subject is "Humor." Guests welcome. Information: [www.sandhill-sphotoclub.org](http://www.sandhill-sphotoclub.org)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- **League of Women Voters: NC & County Candidates Forum** – 7 pm – 9 pm, Seven Lakes West Community Center. LWV, the Moore County Chapter of the NAACP, and the Seven Lakes Civic Group are sponsoring the forum. Come and meet the candidates for the NC Legislature and the Moore County Board of Commissioners. Audience questions encouraged. Information, Linda Tableman at 673-2059.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

- **SLLA Work Session** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

- **Women's Wellness Workshop** – 9 am - 1 pm, Seven Lakes Health and Fitness Center. Workshop cover all aspects of wellness; fitness and nutrition, spirituality, emotional health, and self expression. Guided interactive activities with leaders Dr. Nadene Peterson of Counseling Professionals, Marjorie Nurnberg of the Seven Lakes Health and Fitness Center, and artist Ann Campbell. Cost \$30 per person. Space limited to fifteen. Information and registration, 673-3209 or 910-603-4554.
- **Pet Responsibility Day** – 10 am – 3 pm, Southern Middle School, Aberdeen. Celebration featuring agility, Frisbee-catching, and pointing dogs demonstrations. Dogs & cats looking for forever homes, pet-related booths and information, parade, face painting, music, ice cream, and Houses for Hounds Building Bone-

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- **Kid's Tennis Carnival** – 1 pm - 2:30 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Facility. Program includes a tennis lesson, snacks, and a can of "goodies!" Sponsored by the SLCC Tennis players & Moore Tennis Association. Program under the direction & supervision of SLCC Tennis Professional Bruce Adams. Reservations 673-1096. No charge.

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 6 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

- **League of Women Voters** – 11:30 am, Longleaf Country Club, Southern Pines. Cary McSwain, Moore County Manager, will present Current Events in County Government. Public is welcome. Cost \$12 includes luncheon. Reservations call Charlotte 944-9611.

### Seven Lakes West Easter Egg Hunt March 22, 2:00 - 4:00 pm West Side Park Community Center



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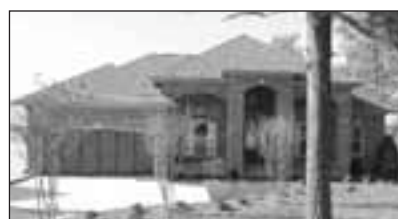
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# Spring: The gardener's favorite time of year

Spring is here, with the changing of time, days are longer, the weather is warmer, and showers have blessed us earlier during March. The daffodils and other bulbs have emerged and bloomed. The birds are actively working and singing; thereby adding to the presence of the coming of a new growing season.



## Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

The showers have improved soil moisture and the lake levels. According to observations made by using a soil sampling tube, moisture levels from recent rains have penetrated to a depth of eight to twelve inches in our Seven Lakes sandy soils, which is quite an improvement in months. We are still under water restrictions and should abide by the information given us.

Many avid gardeners have indicated they are cutting back on their plantings of annual flower beds and vegetable garden plantings to comply with our water shortage.

Questions relative to pruning always come up during March. . . when and how much should I prune my Crape myrtles and other shrubs?

There are basically three size types of Crape myrtles. Standard [regular] when allowed to grow naturally will reach fifteen to twenty feet, with a spread of four to six feet. Dwarf-type will reach eight to ten feet in height and three to five feet in width, and miniature or myrtle type will grow from two to three feet tall.

First determine which type of plant you have. Do you want to keep it small, medium, or a large shrub or small tree? Crape myrtles respond favorably to light, medium, or heavy pruning. Some gardeners do not prune at all and allow the plant to grow naturally. If you decide to prune it severely, thin out enough branches so that sunlight and air can circulate freely through the plant. This helps control or prevent mildew and aphids. If you severely cut the plant back, leave pencil-sized or longer branches to support heavy flowering and seed panicles.

It's also time for pruning fruit

trees, blueberry shrubs, everything except early flowering shrubs such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellia japonicas, flowering quince, forsythia, and dogwoods. These should

be pruned following blooming or flowering.

Rose growers, don't forget to prune your hybrid teas, florabundas, and old-fashioned plantings.

### Suggested jobs for March:

Apply pre-emergence crabgrass control on your lawn before dogwood trees reach full bloom.

If moisture permits consider planting perennial herbs. They do well here in the Sandhills.

Be on the lookout for moles and voles. There are several treatments sold under various trade names on the market.

Inspect damage on pine, pecan, and dogwood trees for borers and if present, control them with the chemical combining permethrin at the recommended rates. It is sold under various names.

Apply post-emergence broadleaf weed control for dandelions, wild onions or garlic hewbit, chickweed, oxalis, and other winter weeds.

Fertilize your Summer lawn when new growth begins. In the absence of a soil test analysis recommendation report, use five to ten pounds of a slow-release lawn special per 1,000 square feet.

March vegetable planting suggestions: asparagus crowns, beet, carrot, kale, kohlrabi, mustard, peas [edible pod and garden], radish, rutabaga, spinach, swiss chard, turnip seeds, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, leaf

and head lettuce plants, onion sets, and plants also Irish potato cuttings.

Many of us are greens lovers. You might want to try a small spot or bed of your vegetable garden to grow a broadcast seed mixture of cress, mustard, kale, kohlrabi, radish, spinach, Swiss chard, broccoli, and turnip seed. I have found this combination very productive as a March planting.

Some area gardeners like to plant an early planting of sweet corn during March to miss the first-generation or early flight of

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# Kiwanis dish up the hotcakes to 600-plus

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

The 2008 Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club was held May 1 at West End Elementary School. This annual event is the major fundraiser for the club and is always well-supported by the community. Just over 600 people were served the usual fare of pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee.

Scout Troop #91 provided several scouts who did a yeoman's service helping to serve the patrons and also assisting in the cleanup chore. WEE Principal Johnnye Waller was a real

asset, working throughout the morning from 6:00 am until everything was cleaned up at about noon.

The winner of the 50-50 drawing was Bob Bazin who fattened his wallet by some \$336. Proceeds from this event make possible all of the community involvement of the club throughout the year, which wouldn't be possible without the wonderful support of the Seven Lakes community. Thank you to all who came out for this affair.

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



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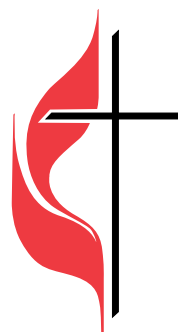
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## Shake, rattle, & roll in the St. Pat's Parade

"There aren't any seatbelts so you'll have to hold on," hollered my handsome escort. I say hollered because the roar of ancient Army machinery left us no choice.

Yes there I was . . . ready to send off the merry band of green that is our annual St. Pat's Parade when I received an unexpected invitation to ride in an honest-to-goodness Willy.

I can only say that I now know why the actors on MASH always had a slightly terrified, deer in the headlights look, whenever one of these four-wheeled beasts was alongside on screen. Who could possibly care about enemy fire, or director's instructions, with these grunting, grinding

missiles flying around camp?

Not that the hurky jerky ride was completely unfamiliar. My Darling Hubby can be seen, or better yet heard, roaring around our fine neighborhood in Willy's not so much improved offspring, t h e



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

mighty Jeep Wrangler. At seventeen years old, I can't tell what will be louder – her engine or

hubby's heavy metal music selection of the day.

This week Jim noticed a new ping emanating from his beloved red devil and promptly called our trusty auto medic. The official diagnosis: the catalytic converter is disintegrating.

Yeah, along with everything else!

Thankfully what we're talking about here is HIS car, not mine. A

chick through and through, I hear catalytic converter and think, "Sure and what else is

broke, my flux capacitor?"

I mean, really, do I actually care how my car works or just that it does work. Kathy and Phil could tell me my van needs fresh squirrels to power the a/c and I wouldn't question it.

Not that this would surprise them – I know because on my last visit, these trusty medics produced a part from the Mommy-mobile saying, "This is what this is supposed to look like [cue fresh replacement] and this is how yours looks."

Hmm, mental note: brown and black crud equals bad.

The Lord gives us each a place in this world and I assure you, my place is not near machinery or weaponry.

Which brings us back to Laura's Great Willy Adventure and the complete lack of safety equipment. Actually forget seatbelts, this old jeep didn't even have doors!

So off we went, my chauffeur and I, working hard not to run over the marching procession of honorable vets to our fore, or crush small animals and children lining the parade route to our aft. Cruising the dam was a breeze but uphill grades proved challenging.

Luckily that spry Willy was as trustworthy as the Great Generation that spawned her kind, and my courageous escort piloted her with, if not ease, at least aplomb.

## New range reflects bad decision-making

Dear Editor:

As a twenty-year member of the Seven Lakes Country Club, it has not been easy being a dissenting voice over the driving range issue. If truth were told, being outspoken on this matter has cost us a number of budding friendships. At times it has been a very lonesome walk along a very long road; but there is no question, we would once again make the journey.

It appears the members of our Country Club have been misled

by their Board of Directors, in particular Denny Galford and Dick Weber. At a number of informational meetings presided over by these two gentlemen, members were informed that the new range would cost the Club approximately \$125,000, and those funds would come from the sale of the existing range.

Members were also shown a beautiful architect's rendering of the proposed new driving range. Armed with this information, members voted to

approve the new driving range. At this point in time, one has to wonder why our membership is so complacent over this new range, considering the following:

- It is rumored the cost for this new range is significantly over budget.
- If these rumors are correct how could the original cost estimate be so far off?
- Why aren't the members formally kept abreast of the cost of this project?
- Why did this project ever move forward with the outcome of the lawsuit still undetermined, and the uncertainty that the members would approve the sale of the old driving range by the required two-thirds majority?
- Why didn't our Board ever give serious consideration to other alternatives offered by its members?

Could the answer to the above questions be poor business management decisions?

There is one other major issue that now needs to be addressed. Do any of the Club Members recall a mosquito infested swamp

in the architect's rendering of the new driving range?

Once these wetlands were delineated by the Army Corp of Engineers our Board should have immediately cancelled this project. This is but another example of a failed business management decision. The appearance of the new driving range is a disgrace to Seven Lakes South and an extremely poor reflection on the Country Club.

The purpose of the present lawsuit is to protect our restricted covenants and preserve the entrance to Seven Lakes South.

If we lose this suit, and the sale of this land is put to a membership vote; let the architect's rendering of the new driving range stick in your mind; as drawings can often depict only what the seller wants you to see.

Preserving our restrictive covenants is paramount, and the day may actually come that the Seven Lakes Community might just be grateful for the actions taken by some of its members in the summer of 2007.

Chuck Leach  
Seven Lakes South

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## Not the club for us

Dear Editor:

As regular visitors to Seven Lakes South for the past eighteen years we are appalled at the appearance and location of the new driving range.

The Board of Directors made a very poor business decision in the relocation of this range without considering topography. Hitting uphill over an extremely unattractive marsh is most unap-

pealing.

We were considering relocating to this area but have decided to look elsewhere.

It is apparent that decisions made by the Country Club board appear to be very poor management assessments which are reflecting negatively on all the members.

Nancy and John Suglia  
Newton, New Jersey

# A hand for Principal Johnnye Waller

Dear Editor:

My wife and I write this letter today in support of the principal of West End Elementary School, Mrs. Johnnye Waller.

You have read in *The Times* a few letters talking about Mrs. Waller in an unfavorable light. This is absolutely not the truth.

My wife and I have found Mrs.

Waller to be a breath of fresh air, and we are extremely happy having her as the principal of West End Elementary. We have found that when you need to talk with her that her door is always open, she is eager to listen, and she will do what she says.

I look forward to seeing her

smiling face every morning when I take my daughter to school, and she always says hello no matter what the weather conditions are.

A principal's job is not easy. You have teachers to work with, parents to deal with, and with Mrs. Waller case over 500 children that she is responsible for.

Mrs. Waller is responsible for everything that happens on school property. She has had to make some tough decisions this year.

The majority of parents of West End Elementary students are happy with her work, and hopes she stays for many years

to come.

Mrs. Waller is a great asset to our community. Let us support her, and let her take care of the important job that she has – the responsibility of our children.

*Michael & Deirdre Florence  
Seven Lakes North*

## Gratitude from cast & crew

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the West Pine Middle School, Director Marcie Houseman, and the cast and crew of *Mulan, Jr.*, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our sponsors. Their generous donations are covering the cost of lights, costumes, enlarging the stage, materials for the set, and new microphones. Performances are scheduled Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29 at 7:00 pm.

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also.

We would like also to say thank you to the area residents who sent donations at the end of 2007. I have been very busy and have not sent handwritten 'thank you's' for them. SARL can always use monetary donations and we are grateful for your contin-

ued support.

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Again, thanks for all the support whether financial or otherwise to everyone who loves dogs or cats. Remember they give unconditional love to you no matter what!

Lou Atkins  
SARL Founder

## Credit where credit is due

Dear Editor:

I always enjoy the writings of Barb Horan. She is truly a great advocate for tennis. However, I must take exception to something she wrote in the March 7, 2008 issue of the *Seven Lakes Times*. Ms. Horan wrote, "SLCC is the only tennis club to have two teams at the same level!"

The Lawn and Tennis Club in Pinehurst has 13 USTA teams this spring. Of those teams, two are 3.0 adult ladies' teams, two are 3.5 adult ladies' teams, and three are 4.0 adult ladies' teams. The remaining teams are adult men's teams and senior teams.

As a tennis enthusiast and a resident of Seven Lakes, I am

thrilled to see that tennis participation is on the rise here, as it is in other parts of Moore County. As a member of one of those other ladies' teams at The Lawn and Tennis Club, I appreciate the opportunity to set the record straight.

Susie Campbell  
Seven Lakes West

## March Blood Drives

The past few weeks have proved challenging for blood collection due to illness. Many donors have been unable to donate due to flu and flu-like symptoms.

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McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church will hold Easter morning worship services at 7:00 am and 11:00 am led by

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# NC Counties are 'creatures of the state'

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

In North Carolina, all power of the government resides in the state and is delegated to local governments. As "creatures of the State," counties and municipalities become, in effect, local offices of the state government, according to Dr. Gordon Whitaker, School of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill, who quite literally wrote the book on North Carolina governing bodies, titled "NC Local Government and the General Assembly."

Whitaker was the introductory speaker for the Moore County Chapter of the League of Women Voters Civics 101 course. Now in its eight year, the seven-week class is open to the public and offers a unique opportunity to meet local officials in an informal setting and to learn about county and town governments, and the democratic process.

The two general types of local governments – counties and municipalities – must do what the state legislature demands, explained Whitaker. North Carolina government districts also allow for several special purpose government entities, most commonly found as school districts, or water and sewer districts.

According to Whitaker, this highly decentralized system of government which requires counties and municipalities to enforce state laws and pay for services "with little or no control over how much or what it does," should encourage voters to carefully choose their elected state officials. He explained the rationale being that local services will enforce state laws and respond to citizens in a more sensitive and efficient manner.

In Moore County, the Board of Commissioners are the local legislative body. Along with the County Manager Cary McSwain, the commissioners are responsible for adopting a balanced budget and providing the money

for everything the county wants to do – and has to do. Beyond state mandated services, each county may determine which optional local expenditures are needed, e.g. libraries, recreation programs, planning and zoning.

Unlike other regions, the State

of North Carolina funds basic teacher salaries and monies for rural road maintenance and construction. Whitaker explained that many counties went bankrupt during The Great Depression, forcing North Carolina to bankroll some basic services.

Most counties, including Moore, supplement these salaries and state funding does not cover facilities or maintenance of schools.

Slightly over half of the population of North Carolina resides in one of the state's 560 municipality districts. According to Whitaker, the rate of town incorporations has been fairly constant at about ten per year.

"Our population is growing fast and collections of people who want to incorporate are growing up, many in places where rather than be annexed they decide to have their own," said Whitaker. "This is called Defensive Incorporation."

Whitaker explained that North Carolina has annexation-friendly laws created to allow municipalities to expand.

"There is no recourse against annexation for those who object," said Whitaker. "Annexation doesn't require a referendum, and cannot be upset by a petition."

Whitaker said Extra Territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] areas, a one to two-mile wide band outside of city limits, "help with preparation for annexation." Residents in an ETJ district don't vote or pay city taxes but are subject to regulations, and planning and zoning.

"North Carolina is arguably one of the most prosperous states in the United States," said Whitaker. "Clearly we are doing something right." He continued, "This is one of the places where people choose to live – a place they move to and move their businesses to. North Carolina public policy does provide a reasonably good quality of life."

## Join Civics 101!

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters, participation in Civics 101 is open to the public. Individual session fee is \$5.00 per person; cost of seven-week course is \$25.00 and includes reference materials and a copy of Dr. Gordon Whitaker's book "NC Local Government and the General Assembly."

Upcoming sessions:

Tuesday, March 25 – Moore County Finance with Director Lisa Hughes, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, April 1 – Board of Elections with Director Glenda

Clendenin, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, April 8 – Board of Education with Chair Dr. Lorna Clack, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, April 15 – The Court System with Magistrate John Wright, District Attorney Maureen Krueger, Judge Jayrene Maness, and Catherine Graham, Clerk of Superior Court, 5 to 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 17 – Visit County Jail with Captain Eddie Johnson, 9 am to noon

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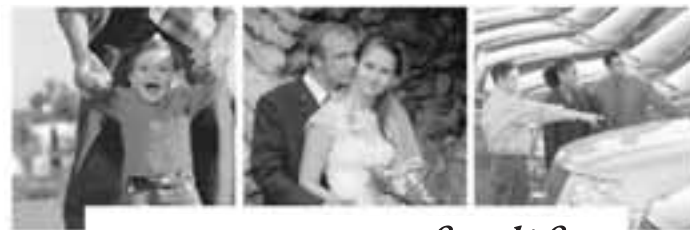
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# Gardeners get tips on plant grouping

by Dale Schmidt

Seven Lakes Garden Club

Attendees of the Seven Lakes Garden Club March meeting were recipients of an extremely informative and entertaining program about arranging and caring for container houseplants.

Carol Dowd of Botanicals Fabulous Flowers & Orchids demonstrated many tricks-of-the-trade for creating beautiful plant groupings and flower arrangements. Dowd represents the fourth generation of the family's horticulture business located at 129-B East Pennsylvania Avenue in Southern Pines where they offer an abundance of houseplants as well as outdoor plants, and flower arrangements.

"We create container gardens for our customers -- that is a major part of the business in

Spring and Fall," said Dowd. "Of course, word-of-mouth regarding the business has really brought about more customers."

Her container creations are extremely unique. "I like my look," she said. "It's not average. You might call it 'out-of-the-box' so far as creativity is concerned."

Dowd said that her plantings offer more of a natural look, "because things are used right out of the garden, and we use unusual things that no one ever heard of before. We place the items into the containers as well as use them elsewhere."

When Dowd creates an artistic planter, she incorporates orchids along with other houseplants. "If a customer orders a container, for example, I might use Chinese evergreen, ivy, variegated leaf calathea, and silver

bay," she said. "The orchid is placed in the center to create a dramatic effect, or just off to one side. It all depends on what we think is visually attractive."

The garden creations do not contain a lot of filler. "We use real flowers as much as possible," Dowd said. "I like lots of flowers, and especially those that remind me of an English garden."

She continued, "Flowers are about fifty-one percent of the container, and orchids fill the rest. We use unusual varieties, as well as standard types," she said. "Some of the orchids we use are phalaenopsis, catalpas, dendrobiums, lady slippers and oncidium. Our favorite is melanopsis, or the pansy orchid. It has a nice smell and is very popular."



Maggie Doe; Carol Dowd, Owner of Botanicals Fabulous Flowers & Orchids; and Carmella Chase.

## Berger at Computer Club

by Betsy Oliver Mikula

Seven Lakes Computer Club

Guest speaker Sandy Berger presented a discussion on the Vista operating system to the Computer Club of Seven Lakes at their meeting on Tuesday, March 11.

Berger was as thorough and knowledgeable as ever. What makes Sandy so great to listen

to, is, that with all her expertise, she has the talent to explain things simply so all can understand.

There was a very good attendance because her reputation is well known. Berger has been involved with computers since the 1970's and her knowledge has grown as technology has grown. She is the owner of Compukiss, keep it sweet and simple, and author of several books, one of which has recently been translated into Hebrew.

Her website, compukiss.com greeting: "Welcome to Compu-KISS, a computer and technology site created especially for those who didn't grow up with computers. Remember, you are never too old to learn!"

This was the first meeting where names of attendees were drawn for prizes. Each month there will be two or three items for the drawing...software as well as books, etc.

The Computer Club next meets on Tuesday, April 8, for a

presentation by Brian Hudson, The PC Doctor, and yes, he does make house calls." Hudson's topic will be "Keep It Simple." With Spring cleaning season arriving soon you might as well include cleaning up the computer. Hudson will tell you how. All guests are welcome.



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# Todd Pusser at Lions

by Jerry Genaw

Seven Lakes Lions Club

The Seven Lakes Lions Club hosted Todd Pusser at their meeting on Thursday, March 6. Pusser is recognized as one of the world's best wildlife photographers. His articles are featured in many top magazines and have appeared in publications around the world. Pusser also thrills Moore County residents with his annual pumpkin carving display each October.

His presentation was a rare opportunity to see and hear one of the best in his field. Pusser spoke of his travels around the world and within North Carolina in search of whales, sharks, snakes, and other creatures. His projects have taken him to over thirty countries and into every ocean basin on earth.

In 2005, Pusser was honored as the BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year, in a competition that received more than 17,000 entries

from fifty-seven countries and is considered the most prestigious wildlife photo contest in the world.

In 2006, he received a first place award in the National Wildlife Photo Competition another major competition that received over 12,000 entries from around the United States.

The Seven Lakes Lions meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6:00 pm in the West Side Community Center.

## New Eagle Scouts



Two scouts from Troop 98, Douglas Clark [center left] and Wesley Huddleston were presented with Eagle Scout Awards by Asst Scoutmaster Billy Barber [left] and Scoutmaster Dwane Parsons [right]. The ceremony was held at the West End Presbyterian Church on December 2. Senator Harris Blake presented certificates from the NC General Assembly and the Marine Corps League presented Good Citizenship Awards. Both scouts currently attend Pinecrest High School.

## Kiwanis woodworking



One of the many ways in which Kiwanis Clubs interact with their communities is the woodworking projects they sponsor in conjunction with local Elementary schools. The projects are almost always with the kindergarten classes, and consist of helping the children assemble pre-cut pieces of wood into such things as birdhouses, race cars, and airplanes. The children not only enjoy the activity, but also come away with the pride of having actually made something by "themselves." Here John Shaughnessy and Ed Schroeder work with students at the West End Elementary School.



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# West End School announces Honor Roll

Principal Johnnye Waller and the faculty of West End Elementary School announce the following students have been named to the distinguished list and honor roll for the second nine weeks grading period.

## Distinguished List

**Fourth Grade:** Maddie Burrell, Jena Cardenti, Jack Carpenter, Cassie Deberry, Nicholas Dove, Lauren Goodwin, Riley Hamilton, Lane Henslee, Chloe Hoffman, Ethan Horne, Sydnie Kavanaugh, Abby Keller, Christian Lance, Mackenzie Lewis, Zach Martinez, Kealee Morris, Gillian Munro, Connor Nicholson, Mikayla Niewald, Leydy Renteria, Sophie Romaine, Pierce Strayer, Paul VonHardenberg, Michelle Wenerd.

**Fifth Grade:** Chynna Baldwin, Bailey Benton, Isaac Brewer, Bobby Capps, Nick Cobos, Logan Crisp, Andianna Davis, Alysha Gaffney, Carmen Love, Jacob Nieves, Ashford Oliver, Leslie Rodriguez, Brittany Tanner, Christina Temple.

## Honor Roll

**Fourth Grade:** Madeline Anderson, Katie Bachman, Shelby Baker, Naythan Batalla, Veronica Batson, Dylan Blake, Allie Britt, Dy'Avion Brower, Samuel Cantrell, Jake Castro-Giovanni, Nick Chappell, Keneth Christian, Kelsey Collins, Tommy DeLaunay, Karlyn Ferguson, Mayra Fernandez, Hannah Florence, Melissa Garcia, Kain Godwin, Hunter Goodwin, Meghan

Hamilton, Amalia Harsany, Nikolas Heard, Noah Hoffman, Ellis Hudson, Chris Jiang, Evan Jingle, Lauren Mabe, Carson Maples, Hunter Martin, Brent McDowell, Thomas McNeill,

Miranda Miller, Dylan Mead, Stevie Pappas, Sean Pollard, Anna Pope, Austin Sanders, Nathaniel Skoog, Christian Stepnoski, Joshua Strickland, Helen Szewczak, Sammy Turner,

Hunter Williams, Sam Williams. **Fifth Grade:** Anna Bridgman, Connor Cheek, Matthew Clark, Amy Felix, Grayson Fowler, Breanna Holden, Seth Horney, Austin Hubbard, Jacky Jiang, Rebekah

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Tutor Training will be held April 9, 10, 16, and 17 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana in Southern Pines.

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# Moore OnStage brings 'Greater Tuna' to Sunrise

Moore OnStage is ready to change the pace a little from rock 'n roll to just downright funny. "Greater Tuna," the next production opening at the Sunrise Theater on March 28, is a day in the life of the third smallest town in Texas.

Two actors quick change through twenty different characters as they epitomize the small town antics of what we like to call "rural" America. Actually, some of these characters might even be familiar to us right here in Moore County.

The two actors [Don Bridge and Tom Dalton] have a lot of experience on the stage and will bring all of the citizens of Tuna, Texas, to life with their humor, costume changes and voices.

Bridge is most recently familiar to our audiences as the Lubbock, Texas DJ, Hipockets Duncan in Moore OnStage's recent hit, "Buddy Holly." He also played Greg in "Sylvia," The Duke in "Big River" and numerous characters in SLT's production of "A Christmas Carol." Dalton is new

to our stage, but is familiar to the Temple Theater audience.

He recently played in last year's comedy "See How They Run" and was the building super in "Love, Sex and the IRS." Dalton also is the Director of Education at Temple Theater and has a Masters in acting as a Shakespearean actor.

Don Bridge will be directing this show along with his wife Lisa,

who as a team, compliment each other with their quick wit and clever staging as was illustrated in the opening show of Moore OnStage's season, "Tintypes."

Since it is truly one of the funniest plays ever written, don't miss it. "Greater Tuna" opens at the Sunrise Theater with a wine reception hosted by Billy Ertter from Hair Biz at the Cottage on March 28, at 7:30 pm and con-

tinues on March 29, April 3, 4, and 5 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 30 and April 6 at 2:00 pm.

All seats are reserved, call for reservations 692-7118. Please do not call the Sunrise Theater for information or reservations. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for students 18 and under. Mastercard and Visa are accepted.



**Don Bridge**, pictured here in the recent production of "The Buddy Holly Story," will once again play a Texas DJ in Moore OnStage's upcoming production of "Greater Tuna."

## Game Show Network Night at SLCC

Seven Lakes Country Club is proud to present Game Show Network Night on Saturday, April 5. You have watched similar shows on television, but now is maybe your chance to be one of the contestants on "Seven Lakes Feud," hosted by Brenda and Ed Massimo; "Chain Reaction," hosted by Darlene and Bill Wiebking; or the "Not so Newlywed Game," hosted by Sue and Gordon Zeller.

A scrumptious menu is planned for your dining pleasure. A choice of chicken breast with

Balsamic glaze and twice baked potato, or beef tips in burgundy sauce served over buttered noodles, vegetable medley, salad, and rolls. Dessert will be apple pie a 'la mode. The all-inclusive cost for members is \$22.50, and non-members is \$27.50.

The festivities start with cocktails at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and games at 7:30 pm. If you are single or a married couple, this will be a fun night for you.

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## Area A

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as a special rural place," he said, "and the Country Life Culture is our legacy brand."

"As you review the plans for Area A, and development in our region, I ask you to consider what it is that makes us special, and weight its economic potential just as any CEO would do in the corporate world."

"No great wave of sameness need sweep over this place," Owen added.

Area A Steering Committee member **Leonard Tufts** urged the Commissioners to "Accept our report. It represents a consensus of the members as to what Area A needs." Tufts said the "most critical recommendation is the adoption of an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance, which would require that developers establish that the county has adequate water, roads, schools, and other infrastructure to meet the needs of those who would live in proposed developments.

### Public hearing

**Rob Evans** of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture told the Commissioners that the state has already acquired 200 acres in Area A for preservation and plans to acquire additional acreage to be preserved in a natural state.

Area A resident **Benford Graham** question the plans recommendation that private irrigation wells not be allowed in major developments and subdivisions that are served by public water supplies. He asked whether using well water for irrigation might not help ease the demand for treated water.

**Bruce Sorrie** of the states Natural Heritage Program reminded Commissioners that Area A includes unique ecosystems and endangered species of both state and national significance. Area A includes "the largest and best quality block of Longleaf pine remaining in the whole Sandhills region outside of Ft. Bragg and the Game Lands — which is why we are so keen on protecting it," he said.

**William Arthur Williams** of Eagle Springs, a member of the Voluntary Agricultural District Board, spoke in support of the Area A plan.

Planning Board member **Ron Jackson**, a builder, said he

would have had liked to have more time to study the Area A plan at the Planning Board level, noting that he personally had had only two days to look at the plan before being asked to vote on it. He said the open space and setback requirements suggested in the plan were too restrictive and could prevent land from being developed. "You're taking someone's value of their land away from them," Jackson added.

Speaking a second time, **Ruth Stolling** of Save Our Sandhills also suggested that more time was needed to study the Area A plan, which "has already been shortchanged by the way it is being presented. The Commissioners didn't have enough time. The Public has little or no time to examine the plan." Stolling said the key points in the plan will need to be backed up by ordinances.

**Earl Ingram** of the Lake Diamond community told the Commissioners that the Area A plan represented "high but reasonable standards. We need high standards, because if we do not start with high standards we will get a product which is mediocre or unsatisfactory. I don't see anything in this plan which can cause harm to anyone . . . The people who live in Area A made the input into the plan. Those people deserve consideration of their input, and I urge you to approve this plan and allow the process to begin to allow staff to prepare ordinances necessary to get the ball rolling."

**Densel Williams** of the Moore County Home Builders Association said he was present to serve "as a conduit between our industry and the good work citizens are trying to do. There are several people from our industry here tonight who have had to lay off people and are worrying about keeping their doors open . . . We are concerned about more regulation because more regulation right now certainly means there will be more people out of work."

Williams said he was not clear on the legal standing of the plan and whether it will create a second set of rules that the planning staff will need to administer. He suggested that Seven Lakes, if it wants a different set of development standards than the rest of the county, may need to incor-

porate in order to achieve that.

Seven Lakes builder **Bill Reaves** thanked the Area A Steering Committee for their work, but asked how the Area Plan fits into the Countywide Land Use Plan approved in 1999. "This plan suggests concerns with growth outpacing infrastructure," Reaves said. "But infrastructure was never pro-

vided in this area. It should have been done 20 years ago."

Noting the open space and setback requirements recommended in the plan, Reaves said "Most property under this is going to become unusable or unbuildable. Are you going to pay for the value you have taken?" The plan may include "some good ideas and good

intentions, but has it been vetted," Reaves added, asking the Commissioners to "review and consider seriously."

**Joe McDonald** of Save our Sandhills asked whether it is time the county required environmental impact statements from developers, a requirement already in place in Chatham

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## Area A

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County. He said his key concern was making sure that natural habitat for wildlife is preserved.

Former Planning Board Chairman **Harry Huberth** of Southern Pines said he wanted to clarify two issues. "This plan is strictly a guideline, a recommendation. No rules or ordinances are created by accepting this plan. It is a vision — a vision of the people you charged to come up with a vision."

Secondly, Huberth said, "There have been implications that certain groups were left out of this process." Noting that he was charged with recommending

prospective members for the Area A Steering Committee, Huberth said he and then Planning Director Andrea Surratt, "contacted every group that we could think of that would have any interest in this process and almost begged them to come to the table. We needed those groups who feel they have been disenfranchised to get involved in the earliest stages of this."

**Frank Hayes** of Seven Lakes recounted his family's migration from an overcrowded Brooklyn to Great Kills by the Sea on Staten Island. Once a bridge was built connecting the Island to Brooklyn, he said, developers moved in, lot sizes shrank, and con-

dos were built, walling off the shore.

"You have to watch what you do when the builders want to build," Hayes said. "This is just a little warning. We have a beautiful place here. I love it. I hope it can stay pretty much like it is."

### Commissioner comments.

After hearing from the public, each of the Commissioners commented on the plan.

"I don't think we are ready to act on this," Commissioner Tim Lea said. "This needs to go back to the Planning Board." Though he said ninety percent of the plan was fine as it, "ten percent needs some tweaking. Lea men-

tioned that he had specific concerns about setbacks from wetlands and restrictions on private wells.

Commissioner Cindy Morgan said she thought the Committee had done a "wonderful job" but had "no problem giving folks who haven't seen it some time to look at it."

Commissioner Larry Caddell said he would like to have the Planning Board officially approve the plan before the commissioners vote on it — an issue that the Commissioner had discussed in their Thursday, March 13 work session. The official minutes of the February 7 meeting in which the Planning Board voted on

the plan show that it was not "approved" but rather "forwarded" to the Commissioners. Planning Board Chairwoman Nancy Roy Fiorillo told Commissioners on Thursday that the Board had not intended to "do it that way."

Turning to specific concerns with portions of the plan, Caddell said, "I have four little issues. If that's all I can come up with then that's not bad . . . Let's send it back to the Planning Board and give them a chance to vote yeah or nay."

Noting that he had read through the plan four times, Commissioner Jimmy Melton

(See "Area A," p. 41)

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# Westside Annual Meeting

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the board.

Board secretary Ed Tuton verified that balloting procedures for the election followed the Bylaws and that all required supporting materials, including the budget, were distributed to lot owners six weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The 2009-2010 Nominating Committee members are Ed Cockman, Betty Milligan, Mary Price, and Michael Shapiro.

ident.” Ragland continued, “If the new board is only half as good, we are in very good shape.”

**Volunteer Recognition**

SLWLA President Jim Haggard reported the board struggled with narrowing the list for volunteer recognition this year.

“Every time I came up with a name,” said Haggard, “to honor for their volunteer work, I would think of another name and another.

er. So this year, rather than honor one person we decided to honor the whole community!”

A four-page parchment document detailing almost 300 names and more than twenty-three committees, teams, and categories, was distributed at the Annual Meeting held on Sunday, March 16. It read, “A grateful and appreciative thank you to all those members and friends of the SLWLA who, through their efforts over the past year, have

improved the quality of life for all of us.”

Haggard said the enormous list was incomplete and he thanked the office administrative support volunteers and offered an apology to anyone inadvertently left off the list.

“I find this community and the volunteers in it are priceless,” said Haggard.

The three outgoing directors were also honored during the meeting. Instead of plaques,

ornamental trees are planted in their name along Lakeway Drive.

A Kawanza cherry tree has been planted in honor of Jo Nicholas, Hugh Beckwith, and Bill Mamel. A Southern magnolia has been planted in honor of last year’s outgoing board directors, Jim Meikle, Betty Milligan, and Virgil Reid.

## Westside Results

Silberhorn	628
Shepard	518
Milligan	479
Johnson	222
Kuhn	206
BUDGET	
For	474
Against	206

Westsidiers approved the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget by a better than two-to-one margin, despite objections earlier this year that the Board had failed to adopt \$100,000 in budget cuts it had identified.

Bill Judge and Skip Ragland took the opportunity during the public comment portion of the meeting to acknowledge and thank the retiring board for their work this year. “In the past year our board has exhibited a wonderful amount of integrity and congeniality – and all of us appreciate it. We especially appreciate the work of our pres-

## Year in review

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amendments over the past year.

“We need to make sure we have a reasonably concise document that we can understand,” said Haggard.

The NC Department of Transportation is attempting to obtain approval for and funding of an upgrade to the SLW railroad crossing, reported Haggard. He explained that the railroad has a liability if someone is hit but that an upgrade with lights and traffic arms will require closing other

nearby crossings.

“That doesn’t sit well with folks, but we have not quite 4,000 crossings each day,” said Haggard. “There are some huge downsides if we don’t get these issues addressed.”

Haggard said the association database is nearly complete, however, a database administrator – either volunteer or hired – is necessary to maintain and update the information.

A section of perimeter fencing was installed with funds from

this year’s budget, but a large area remains that residents would like to see fenced.

“Speeding may come to overshadow all other issues,” said Haggard in concluding his report. “Two people have been hit at

the mail house and Longleaf and the entry and exit roads are increasingly dangerous due to high rates of speed.”

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# SLLA Annual Meeting

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they were not bound by the decision.

However, no motion to rescind the replacement resolution was ever offered, and Galford's name was presented by President Don Truesdell along with the top three vote-getters.

## Committee Reports

President Don Truesdell called the Annual Meeting to order at 3:00 pm, thanking a large crowd of landowners for taking the time to attend — despite several important televised sporting events taking place that afternoon.

"In spite of the turmoil, we have been able to achieve a lot

## SLLA Election Results

Shaver	270
Kindsvatter	243
Caulk	228
Galford	150
Erskine	119
Roscoe	96
Hudson	91
Nuti	55
Hermann	48
Florence	32
Total Voters	457

for our community," Truesdell said, noting that the operating expenses budgeted for the upcoming fiscal year are \$124,483 lower than operating expenses for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. Cash reserves are expected to end the year at \$395,000, up \$92,000 from last year, he added.

"We do face, however, two big unknowns," Truesdell continued, explaining that the cost of dam maintenance and road repairs are both unknown but both expected to be substantial.

"In all probability, we will be facing difficult choices such as a dues increase and/or a reduction in services and amenities," he

added.

Truesdell said another positive development during the past year was an agreement reached with Seven Lakes Country Club that would place a residential development built on the old driving range under the authority of the Southside covenants. The agreement also provides a buffer strip between that property and Seven Lakes Drive that will prevent any buyer from opening up a new entrance to the southside. It also provides for the creation of covenants that will ensure the Seven Lakes Country Club golf course remains a golf course and cannot be developed for other purposes.

Truesdell then asked the other

Board members to present reports on their areas of responsibility.

**Bylaws.** Director Ed Nuti said two years of effort had resulted in the reformatting and updating of Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. Nuti thanked Ray Pardue and George Stahl for their assistance in the effort.

**Maintenance.** Nuti said he work in the maintenance area had focused on some key projects rather than the day-to-day activities of the crew. The maintenance area was cleaned up and hazardous materials appropriately labeled. A new maintenance building was purchased, but has yet to be erected.

(See "SLLA Annual," p. 41)

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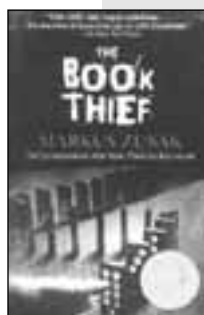
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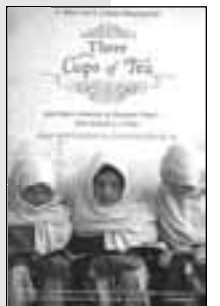
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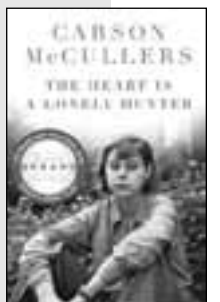
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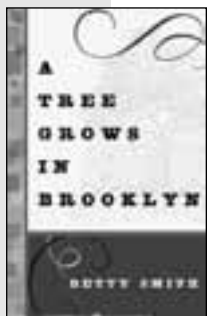
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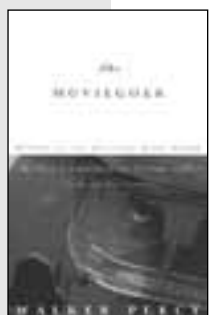
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# SLLA Annual Meeting

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**Community Standards.** Director Randy Zielsdorf said the work of the Community Standards Committee is challenging because many of the SLLA's rules are difficult to enforce. "We made some progress with boat parking, contractor sites, and mini-motocycles," Zielsdorf said. In addition, a streamlined process for handling rules infractions was implemented. Zielsdorf thanked his committee members, who included Ray Pardue, Jim Lorion, Cheryl Zielsdorf, and Judy Wood.

**Architectural Review.** Director Donna Stephan reported that her committee had approved twenty-six new homes in the past year, including thirteen on both the North and South Sides. Thirty-eight alterations and additions were also approved. Noting that the Moore County Planning Board has recently approved a new 316 home subdivision to be built to the east of Seven Lakes North on Holly Grove School Road, Stephan challenged landowners to improve the curb appeal of their homes in order to compete with the "spanking clean new homes" that will be built in the new development.

"Unkempt property, run-down housing, mildew on roofs, boats with bright-colored tarps, cargo trailers, dump trucks parked outside houses, garage doors open as if the house is yawning for long periods of time, and more all adversely affect our image as a community," Stephan said. "We are all impacted and these things should be recognized as having a negative affect on community values."

Stephan thanked the landowners who served on her committee over the past year, including Jane Leach, Mark Widman, Joanne Guy, L.C. Bowling, and Sally Kindsvatter.

**Finance.** Treasurer Steve Hudson offered some advice to the

new Board members who were about to be elected, encouraging them to become familiar with both the Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. "The new board is not bound by the old Board's agreements," Hudson said, referring specifically to the budget for the upcoming year and to the agreement concerning filling the seat vacated by Director Douglass' resignation.

Hudson thanked Finance Committee members Jack McCarthy and Norm Ihrig "for the many

hours they devoted to the finances of the community.

Through February 25, Hudson reported, SLLA revenues stood at \$1,222,000, with expenses of \$973,000. Though the only department running over budget is the Board of Directors itself, Hudson said it appears that the cost of debris disposal will finish the year considerably over budget.

**Security.** Director Michael Florence said his security report would be brief, "which is a good

thing." He said SLLA security begins at the gates, includes the roving patrols, and also depends on landowners keeping an eye on each others' homes and property.

**Recreation.** Former Director Laura Douglass noted that her resignation had been effective the previous night and said she intends to continue to work for the community's benefit. Douglass thanked Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane, as well as Recreation Committee members Amanda Keller, Sharon Bialer, Jackie Wells, Tammi Smith, Lorraine Faggone, Melissa Pozzi, Deirdre Florence, and Nancy Weinstroth, as well as "the many other volunteers who've selflessly helped out at events and various activities throughout the year."

She mentioned a number of events and projects the committee completed this year, including the Seven Lakes 7K and May Follies Fundraiser, which will be repeated this year on May 3; a new surface and ornamental plantings for the Fitness Trail at Northside Park; a skateboard demonstration night that brought out lots of young people

and parents, a new pool fence, and, soon-to-come, a new surface for the pool deck.

**Lakes & Dams.** President Truesdell reported on the activities of the Lakes & Dams Committee, which was formed in May and has been working to create a proactive maintenance program for the community's dams.

A comprehensive engineering report on all the dams was obtained and a game plan for maintenance was laid out that includes surveying all the dams, conducting a video observation of all the spillways to check for leaks, update the hydraulic and hydrologic analyses on each dam, developing an emergency action plan, and developing a plan for the repair of Timber Dam.

The committee is currently interviewing engineering firms to undertake the next phase of the work.

## Service Awards

The meeting concluded with the presentation of service awards to the outgoing Board members: Steve Hudson, Ed Nuti, Michael Florence, and Laura Douglass.

## Area A

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said he believes "in protecting our environment," and that "there's not a builder in the audience that is out to destroy our county."

"I'm suggesting we send it back to our Planning Board," Melton said. Addressing objections from the home builders, he added, "Get off your duffs and work with this team and bring us something we all can work with."

Chairman Colin McKenzie said he had a list of ten questions that he would like to have

answered about the plan.

Commissioner Lea made a motion that "we send this back to the Planning Board for further review, and that the review include a work session that would allow feedback to the process and the document itself, and that the Planning Board approve the plan and come back to us at a future date."

The motion was unanimously approved.



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### Seven Lakes & Foxfire Market Comparison

January 1 to March 15 (2007 vs. 2008)

2007 SOLD LISTINGS						2008 SOLD LISTINGS					
	HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	LISTING COUNT		HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	LISTING COUNT
North	LIST PRICE:	\$329,900	\$172,800	\$229,258	\$207,032	North	LIST PRICE:	\$250,000	\$139,900	\$182,083	\$176,400
	SOLD PRICE:	\$320,000	\$164,000	\$221,070	\$202,032		SOLD PRICE:	\$226,000	\$135,000	\$173,733	\$170,950
	DAYS ON MARKET:	446	58	179	76		DAYS ON MARKET:	552	93	219	177
South	LIST PRICE:	\$249,000	\$163,000	\$208,500	\$211,000	South	LIST PRICE:	\$239,900	\$149,900	\$206,566	\$229,900
	SOLD PRICE:	\$249,000	\$156,500	\$204,500	\$206,250		SOLD PRICE:	\$235,000	\$140,000	\$201,633	\$229,900
	DAYS ON MARKET:	109	42	70	58		DAYS ON MARKET:	263	32	132	102
West	LIST PRICE:	\$925,000	\$189,000	\$477,494	\$409,000	West	LIST PRICE:	\$399,950	\$210,000	\$320,475	\$352,950
	SOLD PRICE:	\$925,000	\$170,000	\$463,083	\$395,000		SOLD PRICE:	\$395,000	\$208,000	\$305,500	\$332,500
	DAYS ON MARKET:	447	39	185	155		DAYS ON MARKET:	281	38	137	77
Foxfire	LIST PRICE:	\$329,000	\$184,000	\$242,977	\$239,900	Foxfire	LIST PRICE:	\$349,980	\$239,900	\$285,613	\$269,500
	SOLD PRICE:	\$317,000	\$170,000	\$235,510	\$237,000		SOLD PRICE:	\$345,000	\$225,000	\$273,083	\$261,750
	DAYS ON MARKET:	243	55	142	140		DAYS ON MARKET:	385	77	163	118

### Currently Active Listings

	HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	LISTING COUNT		HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	LISTING COUNT
North	LIST PRICE:	\$389,000	\$136,500	\$220,982	\$222,500	West	LIST PRICE:	\$1,890,000	\$174,500	\$504,771	\$364,500
	DAYS ON MARKET:	276	5	114	109		DAYS ON MARKET:	497	5	141	102
South	LIST PRICE:	\$359,000	\$169,000	\$257,486	\$249,000	Foxfire	LIST PRICE:	\$699,500	\$199,000	\$329,696	\$314,000
	DAYS ON MARKET:	162	3	61	45		DAYS ON MARKET:	616	31	181	123