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Stephan resigns from ARB, Board

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Director Donna Stephan resigned from the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board [SLLA] Wednesday Night, a casualty of continuing conflict over the proposed development

could no longer work with a group of people who questioned her integrity and resigned from both the ARB and the Board of Directors.

Two weeks ago, Stephan published a letter in *The Times* questioning who should determine the fate of the old driving range. Believing that her letter undermined the agreement between the SLLA and SLCC, the Board

responded to the letter by offering Stephan three options: resign from her chairmanship prior to the Open Meeting; continue as chair of ARB but recuse herself from any discussion regarding the old range; or create an ad-hoc ARB committee, without Stephan's participation, to oversee any potential development of the old range.

"Does this board have any
(See "SLLA" p. 36)

Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting 4/30

of the Seven Lakes Country Club [SLCC] driving range.

Though a Superior Court judge ruled two weeks ago against a lawsuit aimed at stopping development of the old driving range, the issue continued to create division and controversy during the SLLA Open Meeting, held on Wednesday, April 30.

Stephan, who served as the chair of the SLLA Architectural Review Board [ARB], said she

Food Lion supports WEE



Food Lion Store Manager Joe Callihan presented a \$3,000 contribution toward the purchase of educational software to enthusiastic WEE students Ramsey Goodwin, Lauren Goodwin, Alyssa Drake, Timmy Drake, and Drew Goodwin in the school's computer lab. [See page 7]

Airport will get tax revenue for hangars

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

In the end, the airport got what it asked for: tax dollars to build new hangars.

The Moore County Board of Commissioners, meeting on Monday, April 21, voted to give the Moore County Airport Authority the county's share of sales taxes collected at the airport,

as well as the ad valorem property taxes the county collects on planes housed at the airport. Together, the two revenue streams amount to roughly \$150,000 per year — a figure that will grow if the airport is successful in attracting new pilots and their planes.

The commissioners have been debating whether and how to

support the airport authority's hangar project for several weeks. The Airport Authority has claimed it lacks the financial wherewithal to borrow the \$2 million needed to fund the project. They asked that the county either borrow the money to build the hangars or rebate the sales and property taxes in order to strengthen the Authority's finan-

cial position.

Other North Carolina Counties funnel airport-related tax receipts back to the airport operation, including, according to Chairman Colin McKenzie, in neighboring Lee County. McKenzie said in a statement during the Commissioners April 7 meeting that the county is obligated to rebate these taxes to the air-

port. That appears to be the case for sales taxes collected on the sale of aviation fuel; the rebate of those taxes is called for in documents governing the county's acceptance of state and federal grants for airport capital projects. County Attorney Misty Randall Leland told *The Times* that she has found no
(See "Airport," p. 40)

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County Club, Association prevail in lawsuit

A year-long controversy over the validity of an agreement between the Seven Lakes Landowners Association and the Seven Lakes Country Club regarding the fate of the old driving range was resolved in a Friday, April 19 ruling by Superior Court Judge Ripley Rand that found in favor of the Association and the Club, dismissing the complaint filed by Alan Shaw, Tom and Roberta Robinson, Chuck and Jane Leach, and Steve and Mary Hudson. [The Hudsons were recently dropped as plaintiffs in the suit.]

"Based on consideration of the record," the order, filed Friday morning, states, "the court

concludes that there is not a genuine issue of material fact presented in this case."

The judge then allowed the defendant's motion for summary dismissal, denied the plaintiffs' motion for summary dismissal, and dismissed the complaint.

The attorneys retained by an insurance company to repre-

sent both the Club and the Association had argued that landowners who are not members of the Club have no claim on Club property, including the old driving range. They had argued that the South Side restrictive covenants do not apply to the range and that the SLLA Board of Directors had the authority to enter into the Agreement

regarding driving range that they approved last summer.

Judge Rand's order does not specify which, but he clearly found one or more of these arguments convincing, issuing an order that clears the way for the Country Club to sell the driving range to a developer, a move that will first require a vote of the Club's membership.

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The next issue of The Times will be published on Friday, May 16; the deadline for that issue is Friday, May 9, at 5:00 pm.

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Dam Friends of Lake wants second opinion

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

The plans for repairing Lake Auman Dam are three weeks from being submitted to the state for approval, but a group of landowners wants the process stopped while the board seeks a second opinion with an eye to identifying a remediation plan that will allow the Lake Auman dam road to be reopened.

Westsider Jim Johnson, who ran unsuccessfully for a Board seat in the recent elections, made the plea during the public comment portion of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] general meeting Tuesday evening, April 22.

Reading from a letter that he also passed out to Board members, Johnson, who has an engineering background, asked that the Board "secure a second, technical opinion regarding the remediation considering all alternatives including maintaining the roadway as an open thoroughfare."

Johnson said he had previously contacted Board members on the matter as a concerned individual, but spoke Tuesday night on behalf of a group calling itself "Dam Friends of the Lake." When asked to provide names of the group's members, Johnson said he was unable to do that on the spot. He said the group had a membership "in the double digits."

"Other than speeding and heavy truck traffic concerns, no

substantive technical evidence has been presented relative to closing the road across the dam," Johnson said. "There are many high-hazard, earthen dams constructed with roadways across the berm in successful service today." He added that closing the dam roadway has caused "significant inconvenience" for many residents, "has adversely affected property values, compromised residents' safety, has divided the community, and has been an overall aggravation to many."

He urged the Board to secure a second opinion and present both that opinion and the recommendations of Dr. Dan Marks, who is designing the remediation plan that will be submitted to the state, to SLWLA landowners "for review and comments prior to Seven Lakes West getting committed to a remediation plan of action that may not be in the best interests of the total Seven Lakes West community and that cannot be reversed."

Johnson said his group does not agree with the Board's position that the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources [NCDENR] will provide a de facto second opinion in its review of the remediation plan.

Board members respond

Johnson and his group may be trying to recall a ship that has already sailed.

Director Mary Anne Fewkes,

who has responsibility for the dam, told Johnson that any new engineer brought in for a second opinion would have to start from scratch gathering data on the dam and its current condition - an effort that could well delay the project for two years. She said another engineer could not use Marks' information in developing repair recommendations. "We can't give Dan Marks' research to another engineer."

"Don't you own that information?" Johnson asked.

"That information was paid for by the community," Legal Director Ed Silberhorn replied, "but it is a professional engineer's information."

"You are coming at the eleventh hour," Fewkes told Johnson, "even past the eleventh hour. We as a dam committee have done everything we can to look at all alternatives with the engineers, who have done all that they can to produce a comprehensive document."

"There isn't a comprehensive document available," Johnson replied, noting that he had carefully studied the public file on the dam remediation project.

While running for a seat on the Board, Johnson had expressed

his concern that the Board needed a second opinion on dam remediation at Candidate's Night and in an interview with *The Times* — a point that was not lost on Board members Tuesday Night.

"During the election process, the dam was an issue," President Jim Haggard told Johnson. "I have not heard any of the three new Board members come and say that we have to stop this in its tracks. I think the community was satisfied."

"What's the reluctance for a second opinion?" Johnson asked.

"The Board has decided that Marks' recommendation is what we are going with," Haggard replied. "It is a settled matter."

And the Board has decided that the state will be the second opinion."

Presentation planned; road reopening possible

Earlier in the meeting, apparently anticipating Johnson's remarks, Director Fewkes said dam engineer Dan Marks will speak at a SLWLA General Meeting in June or July, once the design of the remediation plan is complete and has been presented to NCDENR for review.

"The decision about reopening the dam road and/or recreational use of the dam will be made after the remediation is done," Fewkes said. "We will have engi-

(See "Dam" p. 4)

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Board urges 'Yes' vote on covenant change

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

The Westside Board of Directors is urging landowners to vote "yes" on a proposed covenant change that would make curbside mail delivery possible in the community, President Jim Haggard told landowners dur-

ing the Tuesday, April 22, General Meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA].

Both the covenant change ballot and a sheet explaining it will be included in the Annual Dues packets, which are scheduled to be mailed out on May 1.

Language in the Seven Lakes West covenants that dates back to the early days of the community prohibits the approval of new roadside mailboxes once a centralized mailhouse has been constructed. The ballot simply asks landowners whether they favor deleting that language. Without the deletion, the Westside could not have curbside mail delivery, even if the US Postal Service agreed to it.

Deleting the paragraph will require a "yes" vote from sixty-seven percent of all landowners.

"The Board strongly supports deleting the mailhouse covenants to maximize our options going forward," Haggard said at the end of the April meeting. "The Board strongly suggests voting yes for the deletion — not as a vote on how delivery should be done, but to give us the option."

The offending paragraph, Legal Affairs Director Ed Silberhorn explained, is included in the covenants for Seven Lakes West lots, but not in the covenants of the Morgan Wood, The Pinnacle, or Beacon Ridge neighborhoods. However, the 2002 agreement that merged the Westside Associations requires that all landowners — no matter the neighbor-

hood — must vote on this proposed change.

Westsideers can look for the ballot as the last stapled page in the dues packet, Haggard said. The explanation sheet will be up front, following the President's cover letter.

tion the Association currently has on file for each landowner. This should save time by allowing registrants to correct wrong or supply missing information, rather than filling out a blank form from scratch.

In-person registration will begin on May 5, Community Manager Tony Robertson told landowners who attended the April 22 meeting. Registrations will be taken Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and by appointment at other times.

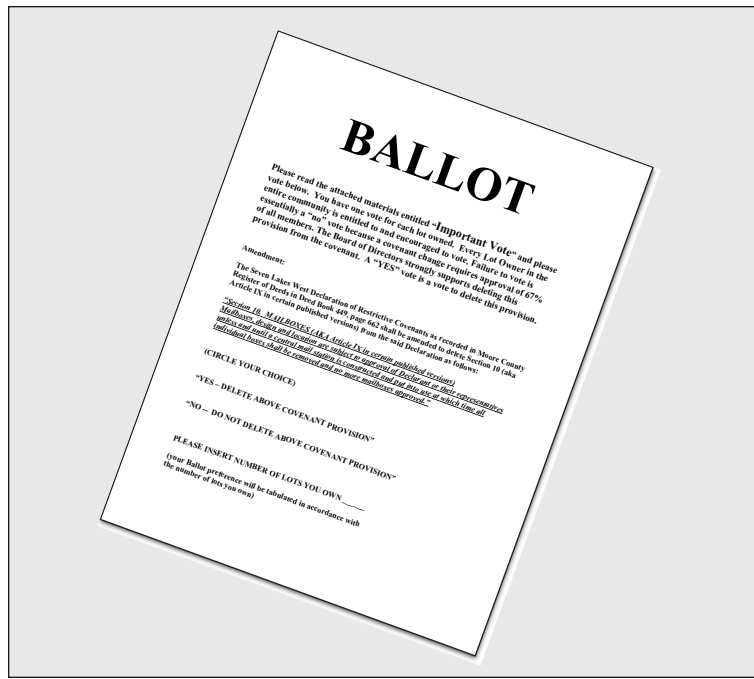
Whether landowners register in person or by mail, having the required information and documentation will be essential to (See "Westside" p. 38)

West Side Landowners Meeting

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Annual Registration

In addition to the mailbox ballot, those annual dues packets will include something new this year: pre-printed registration forms that contain the informa-



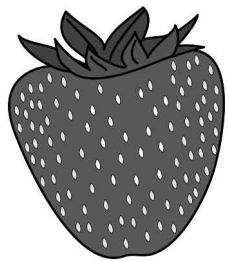
Have you voted? — Westsideers' dues packets contain an important ballot concerning mail delivery.

Dam

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neers come in a do a seepage analysis and then decide what to do about reopening the dam road."

Fewkes added that it may be possible for the repair to be completed "with a minimal reduction of lake level."



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Schools seek \$26.7 million from county

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Moore County Schools [MCS] is asking the county for \$26.7 million to fund operations and construction in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 — a 7.6% increase over last year's local funding request.

MCS Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser presented the County Board of Commissioners with the budget request during their April 21 regular meeting. In North Carolina, both state and local governments participate in providing funding for public education.

"We are about children, and everything that we do is about first, safety, and then the academic progress of our children," Purser told the Commissioners. She thanked the Board for supporting a "sizable" budget increase last year and noted that "there is seldom anything taken off the plate of the schools, but often more things are added."

Purser began with increases related to "stuff that we can't control," that is, programs already approved and underway and cost-of-living related increases. Those account for \$1.1 million of

the \$1.9 million increase that MCS is seeking from the county and include:

- Costs linked to the opening of new middle and elementary schools: \$37,000.

- Operating costs for new modular units at Union Pines and North Moore High Schools: \$50,000

- The local share of anticipated raises for teachers and other school personnel: \$700,000. Though the salary increase has not yet been set by the state, Purser said it is expected that teachers will get a five percent raise, while "non-certified" staff will get four percent.

- Funding for the second year of a three-year plan to increase supplements for athletic and arts instructors: \$50,000.

- Increased energy, utilities, and maintenance costs: \$230,000.

The remainder of the increase requested by the schools includes a wide range of programs that represent an expansion in services and an increase in local support for the MCS mission, Purser told Commissioners. They include:

- Adding 2 health teachers for the whole system.

- Moving from a halftime to a fulltime music instructor at North Moore, responding to the requests of students, who want to see the choral music program at the school expanded.

- Starting a dropout prevention pilot program at Southern Middle School, patterned on the successful effort at the three county high schools.

- Adding personnel to expand English-as-a-Second-Language [ESL] support for parents. Purser said all communications from the MCS to parents is translated into Spanish: "In order to support children must be able to communicate with parents."

- Adding personnel or personnel hours in a number of areas: media center assistants, guidance counselors, office support, custodial staff, assistant principals, information technology, and distance learning.

The budget request includes capital outlay of \$1.1 million, which Purser said represents no increase over last year.

The Commissioners, as is customary, accepted the request,

but did not debate its merits or vote on approval; that will likely come in a future session.

Taller Cell Tower Denied

Also in their April 21 meeting, the Commissioners denied a request from American Tower to extend the height of a 195-foot cellphone tower near NC Highway 15/501 and Juniper Lake Road to 230 feet.

The company argued that, if it could not increase the height of this tower, it would need to build two additional towers nearby in order to meet consumer demand for service.

Commissioners Tim Lea and Jimmie Melton had expressed concerns in an earlier meeting that the increased height would require that the tower be lit, creating light pollution that they would prefer to avoid.

The company was seeking to rezone the tower location from RA-40 — a residential zoning district — to RA — a rural district

— because the current tower is a "non-conforming use," meaning it currently sits in a zoning district which would not, under current zoning regulations, allow the tower.

Planning Director Joey Raczowski provided a detailed review of both other tower locations and zoning in the area surrounding the current tower location. Raczowski said approval of a rezoning request should, under state law, consider all the possible uses of a property allowed under the proposed zoning. Given the proximity of the tower location to built-up areas, Raczowski argued, the proposed rural zoning was inappropriate. His staff report recommended against approval, and the commissioners voted unanimously to accept that recommendation and deny the request from the tower company.

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Humphrey is WEE Teacher of the Year

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

To the delight of West End Elementary students, Mary Susan Humphrey, a fifth grade science and social studies teacher was awarded Teacher of the Year honors.

"She's just really a delight," said Principal Johnnye Waller, "and the children cheered when we announced her name."

A teacher at WEE for eleven years, Humphrey and her husband live in Seven Lakes North. They have three grown daughters; two in college and a recent graduate.

"This is the first time I've been selected as Teacher of the Year and it's quite an honor," said Humphrey. Her class further surprised their favorite teacher with a bouquet of flowers.

In addition to her homeroom students, Humphrey said her classes are really enjoying a current study unit on plant and animal interdependence.

"We're taking a field trip to the zoo and studying how ecosystems work — figuring out how plants and animals must depend on each other."

Humphrey said another recent unit of study was a seven week program focused on force of motion and students had the opportunity to work with a retired

GM executive.

"He came in and helped them design and build their own cars to test run," said Humphrey, "They loved it and were very involved."

Humphrey said science is very

popular with students but that she also teaches social studies. This Spring, the students will be studying the 21st century and learning about the economy, politics and the upcoming election, and technology. Then on



Teacher of the Year Mary Susan Humphrey shows off some of her classroom's computer technology.

June 9, Colonial Day will feature reenactors and a historically accurate encampment, right on the grounds of WEE.

However, no matter which subject Humphrey is teaching, her students benefit from her knowledge of SMART board technology.

As the custodian of the only SMART board on the West End Elementary campus, Humphrey said she continues to learn new ways to use this interactive computer technology.

"The kids pick it up so quickly and are just awesome at it," said Humphrey. "There is so

much you can do with it."

Similar to a wall-sized computer touchscreen, SMART boards are becoming more common in Moore County high school classrooms. Humphrey qualified for a grant to receive the SMART board by participating in a training class last summer. An expected purchase of handheld devices for students will further enhance learning.

"Students can sit at their desks and interact with the board — this will be much easier and provide more interaction in a twenty-five student class," said Humphrey.

Correction

Sanford Contractors of Sanford provided the recent contribution of paving and gravel to the West End Elementary School Ballfield, not Sandhills Contractors. *The Times* regrets the error.

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Smith is Assistant of the Year

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A native of Moore County, Brenda Smith has lived either in or around Carthage for her entire life. An assistant teacher at West End Elementary, Smith said she was surprised and pleased to be chosen Assistant Teacher of the Year.

"The best part of teaching is that I learn a lot from them," said Smith. "I like their inquisitive

minds and you never know from one day to the next what they will come up with."

Smith has assisted Kindergarten teacher Peggy Overton for two years and worked in Moore County Schools for fifteen years.

With an average Kindergarten class size of twenty students, Smith said her days are filled helping the children complete Center Work, which includes math, language arts, science,

art, writing, housekeeping, book and listening centers, blocks and builders, and explorations components.

Each school day also includes a special activity curriculum such as music, art, library, computer lab, or physical education classes, as well as recess and nap-time.

Married for thirty-three years, Smith has two grown children and an eleven-month old grandson. She said she has really enjoyed her time working with children.

Food Lion donates \$3,000 for computer aided learning at WEE

Students at West End Elementary will benefit from a new tutorial computer program thanks to a generous gift of \$3,000 from Seven Lakes Food Lion. Study Island is designed to assist children in grades two to five, based on individual needs. The program will be used in the school computer lab and also includes a parent component that can be accessed from home.

Food Lion Store Manager Joe Callihan was pleased with the PTAs decision to purchase Study Island, saying, "Food Lion is adamant about supporting the educational needs in the community. We have formed a really good partnership with West End Elementary and hope to continue to provide support whenever they need anything."

[See photo on Front page.]

BackPack Pals Tournery



Serving on the Women of Seven Lakes committee for the 2nd Annual Tournament for the benefit of BackPack Pals are Pat Weber, Sponsorship Chair and Jo Nicholas, Publicity Chair. The Captains Choice tournament will be played on Friday, May 16 at Beacon Ridge. Lunch is set for 11:30 am followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Entry Fee is \$65.00 per person. To enter, call Ginger Finney at 673-1330, Jo Nicholas at 673-3604, or Linda Hubbard at 947-2342.



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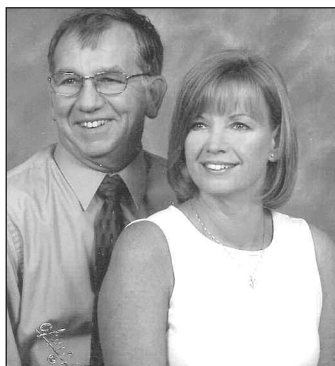
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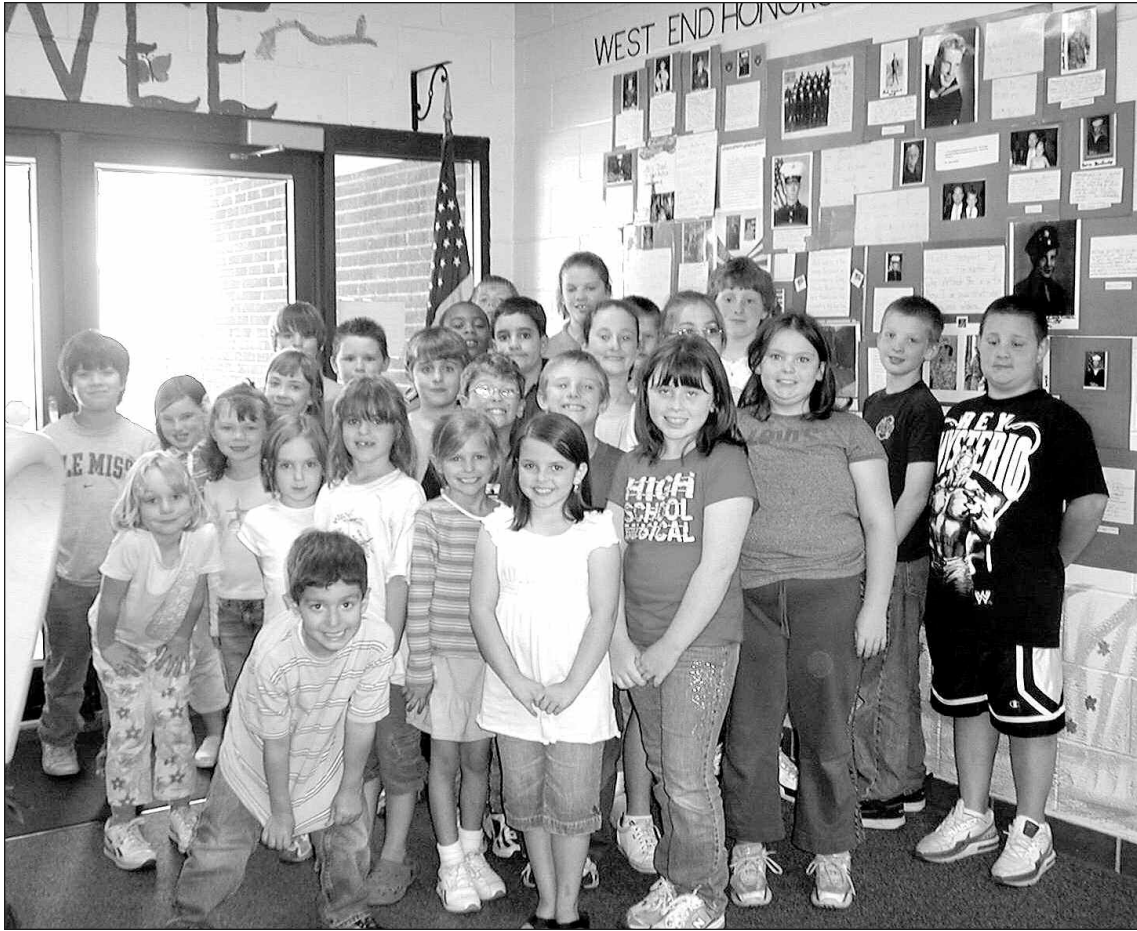
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According to Principal Johnnye Waller, the wall has been very popular with both visitors and students. The project was initiated by teachers Carnetta Bell and Stephanie Thurow.

WEE students who participated in the Military Honor Wall project included Mack Clark, Leigh and Carson Thurow, Hayden Smith, Katelyn Chisholm, Ashley Reiter, Sarah and Jake Nadzan, Ava Mullin, Abigail Watson, Nicholas Chappell, Delylah McDonald Thomas, Austin Hubbard, Isaiah Martin, Mackenzie Stuart, Savannah Morgan Mabe, Tyler McBride, Aric Gunther, Jordan Blake, Bailey and Tanner Benton, Ashlyn Fitzgerald, Tabitha Talbert, Kenneth Christian, Luke Meares, Christina Cobose.

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Westsider is Virtual Public School teacher

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Stephanie Thurow spends her days teaching Digital Communications to public school students from all over the state, yet rarely leaves her home. A North Carolina Virtual Public School [NCVPS] certified teacher, Thurow is on the cutting edge of 21st century learning.

"This is a new way of learning — using a global technology — no matter their zip code, students can take classes," said Thurow.

Using the Blackboard computer program platform, NCVPS provides courses of study that may not be available in a local district. Taken on-line from home or during school hours within a computer lab classroom, students may select from a broad range of topics. All classes are taught by certified teachers, and as a public school program, the courses are free of charge.

Now in its third semester of existence in Moore County, virtual learning attracts students wanting to catch up as well as those wishing to move ahead of their peers.

"The on-line program is available to students 24/7 and the curriculum is the same as it would be if taken in a traditional classroom setting," said Thurow.

With rising NCVPS enrollment numbers, Moore County Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Pursor proposed budget request for

next year includes funding to hire several new Distance Learning Facilitators. These facilitators provide guidance and assistance within the county's high school computer labs — rooms which potentially serve thirty or more students per class, each studying a different topic.

Explaining how these classes are not self-paced, Thurow said students follow a set curriculum and interact directly with their teachers through email. Study

options include General, Honors, and Advanced Placement [AP] courses in foreign languages, SAT prep classes, and traditional math, science and English subjects.

Thurow's course, Digital Communications, falls under the CTE category which includes commerce, technology, and entrepreneurship courses. Focused on teaching technology skills, Thurow guides her students through PDA applications,

speech recognition software, as well as use of common business computer programs and writing skills.

A virtual teacher for three years, Thurow said she enjoys the flexibility of the NCVPS program which allows her to spend more time with her children, Leigh and Carson, and husband, an

active duty service member.

Residents of Seven Lakes West since last Summer, Thurow said they love their new community.

"We absolutely love it — the small town atmosphere. Everybody knows everybody and that's what we like, it's very friendly."



Stephanie Thurow

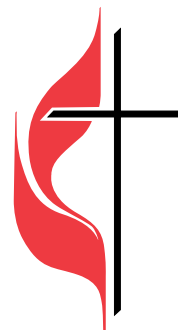
God's Gang meets at Doubs Chapel Methodist

God's Gang is coming to Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church. It will be the coolest place for the youth of the church and local community to learn about the love of Jesus!

The gang will meet at 5:30 pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Young people, grades 5 - 8, will meet to break bread, receive the Word during the "Rap Session" and "Word-Life," and

enjoy the Rumble Room where the kids run off some steam while enjoying activities and games that enhance the lesson for that week.

Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church is located at 1444 Doubs Chapel Road in West End. For more information, contact Tara Ritter at 947-1957; Paula Garrison at 947-5954, or Debra Black at 215-0553.

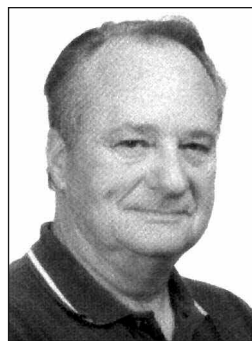


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Leaving A Legacy

Jean and Mary Jane Souweine, as leaders of the Foundation of FirstHealth's Legacy Circle, work tirelessly to bring the finest health care to our community. Their motto in life is: "Never Give Up Hope. Give Hope to Others."

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Soon after they arrived, a long-time supporter of the Foundation invited them to join the Scroll Society, a group which Jean later chaired. As he learned about the hospital, Jean devoted more time to it by serving on several FirstHealth Boards. As Helen Simpson, another Foundation leader, says, "Once you become involved, you become educated and understand all that's happening here at FirstHealth, and you turn around and become more involved. And for that, you are richer for the experience."

Even when tragedy strikes and inner chaos takes hold, practicing the art of giving can help to bring order and beauty.

In 1998, the couple celebrated a milestone—ten years earlier Mary Jane had been diagnosed with breast cancer after discovering a lump in her breast. "After two mammograms proved inconclusive," Jean recalled, "we were told by the doctor to return in six months. We could wait and hope for the best, or heed the advice we heard at a seminar on breast cancer, 'Don't ever wait.' We immediately got a second opinion and three weeks later Mary Jane had a mastectomy." Through a free community education program, Jean and Mary Jane had learned what they needed to do to save her life. They learned, too, that through action there is hope.

The importance of education and hope in the face of cancer inspired them to approach Kathy Westover, President of the Foundation of FirstHealth, for help in establishing an anonymous endowment for the "Promise of Hope" lecture series. This free, ongoing community education program would focus on prevention, diagnosis, and new treatment options for

life-threatening diseases, and perhaps more importantly, it would offer hope.

The first lecture was in the Fall of 1998 and focused on cancer, an illness one in three people will have in their lifetime. Discussions of sentinel lymph node mapping in the diagnosis of breast cancer, considered cutting-edge technology at that time; prostate cancer, the most common malignancy in men in the U.S., and comprehensive genetic cancer risk assessment, followed.

Ira Byock, M.D., nationally-known pioneer in the field of hospice and palliative care, and Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D., one of the earliest pioneers in the mind/body holistic health movement and the first to recognize the role of the spirit in health and the recovery from illness, brought the message of hope the Souweines wanted to share. After hearing Dr. Remen, a woman said, "The 'Promise of Hope' series is a blessing I will never forget."

If life is to be sustained, hope must remain.

Inspired by Dr. Byock's presentation about the critical importance of hospice and quality end-of-life care, Jean and others became concerned about FirstHealth Hospice's financial ability to continue serving the community. Memorial gifts could no longer sustain the expanding patient numbers and programs. With the increasing demand for Hospice services, the rising cost of palliative treatment, and a flattening of Medicare reimbursement, FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care experienced a \$450,000 revenue shortfall in 1998.

Everyone involved with Hospice determined it was time to do something. "So we started organizing the Hospice Challenge," Jean said, "to increase the Hospice Foundation's endowment of \$2.5 million to \$10 million."

Their love story began over five decades ago when Jean Souweine, newly arrived from Belgium, met Mary Jane Hutchens, from High Point. They had never seen each other before, never spoken. Even so, Jean knew in his heart that they "were waiting for each other."

The life they've shared has been filled with joy as well as sorrow; but most of all, it has been filled with hope. It is hope Jean and Mary Jane offer others by helping to bring quality health care to the community through Jean's tireless leadership, their generous philanthropic support, and with their endowment of the "Promise of Hope" lecture series. As Jean reflects on his years of service to the hospital, he says simply, "I have had a lucky life, it was time to give something back."

Jean's "lucky life" in the U.S. began in 1951, when he met and fell in love with Mary Jane, a fellow student at UNC-Chapel Hill. They married after graduation, a month later he was drafted into the Belgium Army. After his service, the couple moved to High Point where Jean began learning the supermarket business from his father-in-law, George Hutchens, founder of Big Bear Stores and Food World.

In 1959, Jean and Mary Jane returned to Europe to introduce the "self-serve" concept to his family's store in Brussels. They returned five years later to High Point where they raised their four daughters and Jean continued with the family business. A few years after their company merged with Harris Teeter in 1984, Jean retired; and he and Mary Jane moved to their vacation home in Pinehurst.

Hope arouses, as nothing else can arouse, a passion for the possible.

"No one likes to talk about death but sometimes it's something you just have to do," Jean said. "Asking people to support a charitable organization they may know little or nothing about isn't always easy." Jean and Helen Simpson, co-chairs of the "Hospice Challenge," along with more than 70 other volunteers, started an education program to tell people about Hospice. "Individuals from different communities hosted receptions in their homes to explain Hospice services," Jean said. "The real value of those receptions was to provide people with in-depth information about the organization that may one day help their families or someone they know. Reaching individuals on a personal level through receptions, one small group at a time, strengthened the community and made Hospice more than a building or a service. It has become an organization for the community, supported by the community."

The Hospice Challenge, which successfully concluded in 2001, was "the most exciting campaign of all," Jean said. Because members of the community came to understand that Hospice brings hope to patients and their families, no one seeking the services of FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care will ever be turned away.

Hope is one of those things in life you cannot do without.

Today, as leaders of the Foundation's Legacy Circle, Jean and Mary Jane continue working tirelessly to bring the finest health care to the community, inspired by the lesson they learned on what was perhaps the darkest day of their lives, when they heard the diagnosis of cancer:

"Never give up hope. Give hope to others."

Moore County students take to the net

Moore County Schools recently received the highest rating at North Carolina Virtual Public School/Learn and Earn Online [NCVPS/LEO] for enrollment, performance, and Distance Learning Advisor [DLA] participation in email, wikis, and conference calls.

NCVPS and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro I-School [UNCGi] offer a wide array of classes that students at middle and high schools can take. Both schools utilize the Internet-based Blackboard platform in order to provide students course access. UNCGi is part of the LEO program.

Blackboard is also utilized at many institutions of higher learning, including NCSU and UNC-Chapel Hill to provide online classes. Therefore, taking one of these classes in high school prepares students for 21st century learning.

NCVPS classes count for high school credits with varying weights as students can take Advanced Placement [AP], honors, and college-prep level courses.

UNCGi classes carry high school and college credit, as well as honors-level weight. Students who take a UNCGi class will also receive a UNCGi tran-

script, which would be sent along with the high school transcript when the student applies to col-

lege.

These classes are offered to the student free of charge as

Literacy tutor training

The Moore County Literacy Council offers twelve hour workshops for volunteers who would like to become adult tutors. Volunteers are required to attend a one-hour Orientation prior to a training session.

Upcoming sessions:

Orientation on Wednesday, May 7, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm; Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana, Southern Pines.

Tutor Training on Tuesday, May 13 & Thursday, May 15 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sandhills Coalition, 1500 W Indiana, Southern Pines.

Orientation on Wednesday, June 4, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana, Southern Pines.

Tutor Training on June 9, 11, 16, 18 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Emmanuel Youth House, 385 E Indiana, Southern Pines.

Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of materials. If you are attending the full day classes, please bring a lunch.

Please register by the week prior to the session. Registrations may be made by phone (910) 692-5954 or e-mail, pammclc@nc.rr.com.

long as the cooperating high school has the technological capacity to meet student needs.

For more information on either of these schools and classes, visit www.ncvps.com and <http://ischool.uncg.edu>.

Registration is already open for these classes, so students who are interested should contact their school's DLA to sign up and obtain necessary paperwork. Parents can also call the school and ask for the DLA for more information. At Union Pines High, the DLA is Lisa Ragland, Sherry Cameron at Pinecrest

High, Johnna Davis at North Moore High, and Melinda Gooden at Pinckney Academy.

Other counties in North Carolina who won the 21st century highest rating included Beaufort, Buncombe, Carteret, Chapel Hill, Catawba, Cherokee, Central, Chowan, Cumberland, Dare, Duplin, Franklin, Greene, Guilford, Harnett, Henderson, Iredell, Statesville, Johnston, Lexington City, Lincoln, Nash-Rocky Mount, Onslow, Perquimans, Robeson, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Union, Vance, Wake, and Watauga.

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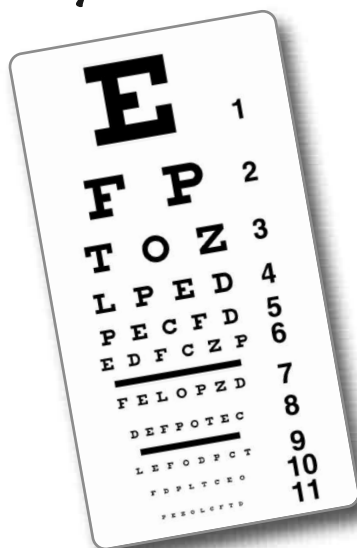
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Foxfire women plan anniversary celebration

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Prior to retiring to Foxfire, Krebs and her husband lived mainly in Central and South American countries where he worked for the U.S. Foreign Service, including two years as an Ambassador [1974].

The oldest living president, Krebs is one of the three women who founded the Foxfire Women's Association, a social group who provide charitable contributions to organizations throughout the county.

Past recipients have included Habitat for Humanity, Sandhills Children's Center, and First Health Hospice.

"We are very proud of our organization," said current President Jordan Johnson.

"This community is a wonderful place to live, and we thank all of our members and presidents for their many years of service."



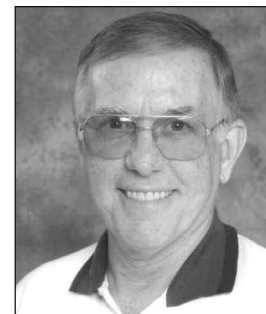
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Clarice Terry Downs, 85, of West End, died Monday, April 14, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Mrs. Downs was a member of Love Grove A.M.E. Zion Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Ruth McRae, Wanda Gillespie, of West End, and Gerlene Cotton, of Pinehurst; two sons, Calvin Downs, of West End, and Michael Downs, of High Point; seventeen grandchildren; thirty-nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 18, at Love Grove A.M.E. Zion Church in West End. The Rev. Judy Bowden officiated. Burial followed in West End Community Cemetery.

David Barnett Sutherland, Jr., 88, of Fuquay-Varina, died on April 15.

Mr. Sutherland was born in St. Louis, MO, to Rachel and David Barnett Sutherland. He attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, graduating with a degree in Naval Architecture in 1941, when he went to work for Fairbanks Morris in Beloit, WI.

In 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy and was assigned to a shipyard in Portland, Oregon, where he worked as an inspector in the construction of escort carriers. After World War II, the he moved his family to LaGrange, IL, where he worked for the

Elliott Co. as a sales engineer. In 1951, he was called to inspect ships under construction for the U.S. Navy in Bay City, Michigan. In 1953, after the Korean War, he moved his family to Detroit, in 1956, he became Vice President of sales at the Matthews Boat Company in Port Clinton, OH and in 1975, he worked as personnel manager for Ares, Inc. at nearby Erie Industrial Park.

He retired in 1985, he and his wife Nancy moved to Seven Lakes. He was an active member of the Seven Lakes community, serving on the SLLA board, volunteering with the Kiwanis Club, and Meals-on-Wheels. He and Nancy lived in Seven Lakes until June of 2004, when they moved to Windsor Point in Fuquay-Varina.

He is survived wife of sixty-four years, Nancy Thomas; three children: sons, John Sutherland;

Jim Sutherland and daughter Jean Myers; his sister, Anne Smith, and brother, George Sutherland; nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Saturday April 19, at the Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church, 308 N. Ennis Street. Memorial donations may be made to The Nature Conservancy or The National Historic Trust.

Richard Matthew Kemple, 63, of West End, died Sunday, April 20, at his home, following a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Kemple was a parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinehurst, and was the owner of All Things Sacred Catholic Bookstore, Southern Pines. He was a member of the third degree of the Knights of Columbus, and a life-long fan of the New York Giants.

Mr. Kemple was a native of

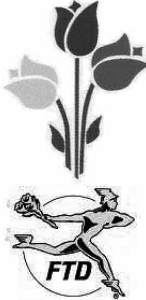

New York City. He and his wife moved from New Jersey to Moore County in 1987.

He was preceded in death by a son, Matthew; and a brother, William Kemple, of Augusta, GA

He is survived by his wife of

forty years, Barbara Kemple; two daughters, Susan Kemple, and Lynn Young; three sons, Marc Kemple, Michael Kemple, and Brian Kemple; and sixteen grandchildren.

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Memorials may be sent to the Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic School, Southern Pines.

Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines assisted the family.

Alonzo Goldston Jr., 48, of West End, died Sunday, April 20, at Seven Lakes Assisted Living.

Mr. Goldston was born in Montgomery County, a son of the late Alonzo Moore and Novella Goldston.

He is survived by several brothers and sisters; and two daughters, of Troy.

A memorial service was held Thursday, April 24, at McLendon Funeral Home in Ellerbe.

Jean Frances Willshaw Hett, 82, of Seven Lakes North, died Saturday, April 26, at her home.

Born in Staten Island, NY, a daughter of the late Albert A. and Jean E. McDevitt Willshaw, Hett was an executive secretary for several companies including Chase Manhattan Bank and the former U.S. Metallic Packing Company of Rosebank. She was a member of the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband of sixty years, Robert David Hett of the home; sons Robert Michael Hett, of Melbourne, Australia, and David Michael Hett, Asbury, NJ; three grandchildren; and two sisters; Carol Domenico and Frances Willshaw both of New Jersey.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, April 30, at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in the Rosebank section of Staten Island, NY. Burial followed in the Moravian Cemetery in Staten Island.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Thelma Williams Wallace, 93, died Tuesday, April 29, at Sandy Ridge Assisted Living in Candor.

Mrs. Wallace was a native of Moore County, a daughter of

the late Watson and Alma McLean Williams.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H. Taft Wallace; a sister Evelyn Baldwin; brothers Donnie, Clarence and Tracy Williams; and step-mother, Myra Blue Williams.

She is survived by sons William "Pete" Wallace, of Westmoore, and Ricky Wallace, of Carthage; daughters Vernell W. Kennedy, Carthage, and Rebecca (Becky) W. Gilmore, of Seven Lakes; sisters Aileen Faucett of Brown's Summit and Ruby Coleman of Asheboro; ten grandchildren;

nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held Thursday, May 1, at Unity Grove Baptist Church, where she was

a member. The Rev. Terry Warren and the Rev. Kenneth McNeill officiated. Burial followed in Tabernacle United Methodist Church cemetery.

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DA Krueger briefs Kiwanis on illegal aliens

by Rollin Tomberlin
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Maureen Krueger, District Attorney for Moore County, impressed the Seven Lakes Kiwanians with her presentation regarding illegal aliens and

their economic effect on North Carolina.

"Even though the subject may be considered politically incorrect to discuss by some," she said, "I am concerned that our American traditions may be jeopardized

by them."

Each year 70,000 to 150,000 farm hands immigrate into the United States. Most never return to their homelands. It is estimated that 300,000 "illegals," — mostly Hispanics — currently reside in North Carolina and represent roughly ten percent of our total population.

"Although we are a small state, we rank eighth highest in number of illegal aliens," Krueger said.

"In addition to itinerant farm hands and cheap construction labor, a new element has developed here — Mexican gangs. These are well-organized operations and a real factor in the drug trade.

The gangs are mobile, profit-oriented, and extremely violent. They demand lifetime commitments from their members, including mothers and their children," she stated.

"Further, due to the unique nature of their formation, these are very difficult for the authorities to infiltrate. People think

Mexican gangs would not be a problem in our community. Let me tell you this: we know they exist in Moore County."

Although Mexican illegals represent just ten percent of North Carolinians, they account for thirty percent of our service requirements in schools, public medical needs, and social services, Krueger told the Kiwanians. On the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list, seven fugitives have Mexican connections.

Hispanic drivers are three times more likely to be involved in an auto accident than others, according to Krueger. They account for eighteen percent of auto collisions in North Carolina.

Until recently, the state only asked that a pay-stub receipt, a paid utility bill, or the like be shown as proof of residence in North Carolina. With such flimsy evidence, any illegal could apply for a driver's license.

So-called "Document Labs" are a new phenomena discovered on the internet, Krueger explained. These provide forged

Social Security cards, driver's licenses, and Green Cards at nominal costs.

Krueger said that, illegal citizens or not, the courts of North Carolina are mandated to provide full legal services to every Hispanic arrested. These include an attorney and a linguistic expert, if requested. Our laws, plus the complexities of integrating the various departments of state, federal, and immigration, make it very costly and time-consuming to process these aliens through our legal systems.

Krueger closed her remarks requesting that everyone get behind major changes in our bureaucratic handling of illegal Hispanics.



Moore County District Attorney Maureen Krueger with Kiwanian Frank Hayes and Investigator Mike Kimbrell.

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The Security Committee feels that the answer to this problem is simple, residents need barcodes. The committee looked at three possible solutions; continue selling barcodes for \$15.00 each, reduce the

price of barcodes to \$5.00 each, or include two barcodes with the dues and each one thereafter will be \$5.00. Their recommendation was to reduce the cost to \$5.00 each.

Now that the committee has spoken, I would like to get your opinion. Please contact me by phone at 673-2516, or email at garycaulk@yahoo.com

where fifty to seventy percent of the vehicles are residents that do not have barcodes – just stickers. When the guards are trying to deal with guests, residents that only have stickers must wait in line.

At the South Gate after 7:00 pm, those residents with stickers must enter the inside lane and the guard on the Northside must

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Board Notes

Gary Caulk
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board

Candor Methodists hold Raffle

Candor United Methodist Church are raffling three prizes; 1st prize is a 32" LCD flat screen television from Best Buy; 2nd prize is a handmade quilt donated by Doris Lewis; 3rd prize is a \$100 gift card. The drawing will be held on May 16. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5. Information, 571-1097.



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7 Lakes EMS gains members

Seven Lakes EMS' annual chicken dinner was again a great success this year.

On Friday, April 18, we sold 690 dinners until we ran out of chicken about twenty minutes short of our planned closing time.

We apologize to about a dozen or so people who were disappointed and had to be turned away. We also thank all of you who turned out to make this event a success.

We enjoyed seeing all of you and were happy to serve you in this non emergency event.

The first quarter of 2008 was a busy one for Seven Lakes EMS with a crescendo of calls. January had forty, February had fifty-two, and March had sixty-two calls for the month. General illness and the flu accounted for a lot of calls and hopefully now that we are out of the winter months, it will slack off a bit.

I have had several people mention to me that they hated to call us because we are so busy. We appreciate everyone's concern for this but this should not be a consideration when you are feeling ill or injure yourself. The welfare of everyone in the community is our first concern.

Seven Lakes EMS is getting more help. We have had three new members join us since the first of the year. Mark Chambers lives on the South Side and comes to us with paramedic credentials from Mississippi. Bruce Macdonald and Chuck Ridenour live on the West Side and are presently attending a medical responder class in Vass.

We also appreciate the help that we have received from neighbors

when someone has needed to go to the hospital and there was a spouse that could not be left alone.

This has happened a few times since the first of the year and the response from the community

has been great. Seven Lakes is a caring community!

The medical tip for this month is if you have chest pains that last longer than five minutes or pain that keeps recurring, call 911.

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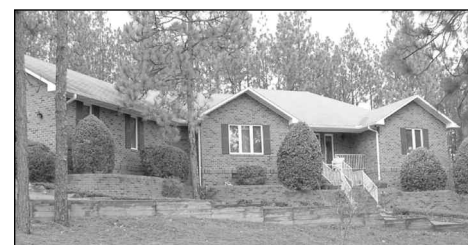
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Vision Van to visit 7 Lakes

by Jerry Genaw
Seven Lakes Lions Club

Area residents will be offered free eye screening when the North Carolina Lions See the 21st Century Vision Van visits Seven Lakes on Saturday, May 10. The van will be in the Seven Lakes Food Lion parking lot from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Dr. Keith Poindexter, his eye care professionals and Lions Club volunteers, will man this \$250,000 state-of-the-art mobile screening unit. It will provide screening for visual acuity and a variety of eye diseases and disorders. Some of these maladies

can have serious consequences and often provide no warning symptoms.

Early detection is the mission of the van and may prevent the loss of sight.

The Seven Lakes Lions Club is sponsoring this screening. Residents of all ages are welcome, but persons under eighteen must have a parent or guardian provide written consent for the screening.

The van is owned and operated by the Lions of North Carolina through the North Carolina Lions Foundation. It travels throughout our state visiting

communities at the request of local Lions Clubs.

The van was purchased in June 1999 with funds raised by individual clubs and grants from Lions Clubs International and the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation. Assistance in equipping the vehicle was provided by the Duke Eye Center.

Since June 1999, more than 70,000 North Carolina residents have been screened and more than 36,000 have been recommended for follow up eye care. In addition, more than 64,000 school children have been screened in their schools.



The Lions Club Vision Van is coming to Seven Lakes on Saturday, May 10.

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As a Moore County native, property owner, business man and family man, I have a vested interest in our county. We are facing serious issues that need serious solutions – determining how to fund capital building projects, ensuring that all areas of Moore County always have an adequate water supply, managing growth without losing Moore County's unique rural character and encouraging economic development that will bring good jobs to our county. I understand these issues. I have experience and am committed to finding solutions that will be good for **all** the people in Moore County.

I need your vote on May 6 to continue serving you!

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FRIDAY, MAY 2

- **Seven Lakes 7K & May Follies** – 8 am – 4 pm, Seven Lakes Northside Park. A day of fitness and fun to benefit Northside Park playground. 7K race, one-mile fun run, jumping castle, bocce and horseshoe tournaments, Hot Shot basketball, merchandise tents, & demonstrations. Info: Laura Douglass 673-1817, Amanda Keller 673-3892.
- **Auction, Chicken/BBQ, and Gospel Music** – 11 am – 7 pm, Doubs Chapel United Methodist Church, 1444 Doubs Chapel Church Road, West End. Good food, toe-tapping music, and the chance to win or bid on a real treasure! Chicken and BBQ plates by Rick's Catering of Laurinburg, \$7.50. Musicians Max and Wayne Livengood, Eddie Ingram and family, and Fine Blue Line will provide the best in bluegrass gospel: 3 pm to 6:30 pm. Auction/raffle 7pm, tickets \$5. Eddie Parris 690-3958, Scott Ritter 947-1957.
- **Foxfire Women's Association 30th Anniversary** – 11:30 am, Village Green. Join honorary guest Esther Krebs, one of the organization's founders, in celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of FWA.
- **WEE Spring Fling** – 5 pm – 8pm, West End Elementary School. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled evening. Games, BBQ sandwiches, 50/50 raffle, dunking booth, cupcake walk, inflatable obstacle course, and much more!
- **Run for the Roses Wine Tasting Event** – 6 pm – 9 pm, Fair Barn, Pinehurst. The Sandhills Children's Center and Sam Zahran & Sons, Inc. will host a Kentucky Derby themed evening to benefit Sandhills Children's Center featuring amazing wines, delicious food. Tickets \$50/guest. Information 692-3323.
- **Methodist Women's Salad Supper** – 6 pm, Fellowship Hall of the West End United Methodist Church. Proceeds will go to Mission Projects and the Food Pantry. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Adults \$8, \$4 children 12 and under. Tickets, Trudie Vaughn at 255-6158 or Angie Thingstad at 673-3691.
- **Literary Feast** – Weymouth Center, Southern Pines. A biblio-banquet feast and raffles to

benefit Moore County Literacy Council. Tickets \$50, raffle tickets for Wine Dinner party for eight, at Elliott's on Linden, for \$25. Information, 692-5954.

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Shot basketball, merchandise tents, and demonstrations. Information Laura Douglass.

- **Mixed Paper Recycling Drive** – 9 am – 3 pm, Kangaroo Station in the Fresh Market Shopping Center, Southern Pines. Sponsored by Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc.

- **Pick Nick at the Point** – 4pm – 7 pm, The Point at McLendon Hills. Meet Nick Picerno, candidate for Moore County Board of Commissioners and

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- **Black and White Dinner & Dance** – 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm, Westside Park Community Center. Catered by Goldie's Gourmet, Glenn Davis pro-

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- **Trinity Music Academy Concert** – 7 pm, Trinity United Methodist Church, corner of Russell & Blair Streets, Troy. Final concert of the season, Performers and singers from the Opera Company of North Carolina, Charlotte Opera Company, & Asheville Opera Co. Adults \$12, Youth \$6. Tickets, Marie Dunn 910-576-4186.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

- **Weymouth Woods: Yellow Hammers and Wood**

Cleavers – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd, Southern Pines. Learn to identify all eight species of woodpeckers in NC. Short hike follows.

- **Eddie Barrett & Goodman Legacy Orchestra** – 4 pm – 6:30 pm, Mint Juleps Club, 155 Hall Ave, Southern Pines. Eddie's big band sound, is now a popular part of the Sandhills music scene. Information, 603-7660.

- **Holocaust Remembrance Day Program** – 4pm, Temple Beth Shalom, corner of Jackson Springs Road and Hoffman Road, Foxfire. Sandhills Jewish Congregation offered a brief memorial service followed by Adjunct professor at

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MONDAY, MAY 5

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- **Project Linus Workshop** – 10 am – 3 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Bring your sharp scissors, needles, and thread. Make a fleece blanket or sew on labels. If you are not interested in making a blanket, come help with one of the crafts being prepared for the Holly Arts and Crafts Fair in Pinehurst. Pack a lunch or snack if you plan to spend the day – it's a great way to see your neighbors. Pat Weber 673-1457.
- **Moore County Literacy Council Orientation/Tutor Training** – 1pm, Emmanuel

Youth House, 385 E Indiana, Southern Pines. A one-hour orientation followed by twelve hour workshop. Tutor training continues on May 13 & 15, 9am – 4 pm; Sandhills Coalition, 1500 W Indiana, Southern Pines. (910) 692-5954.

- **Adult Academy: Let's Talk about Death & Dying** – 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Westside Park Community Center. Sponsored by West End Presbyterian Church, The Chapel in the Pines, and The Seven Lakes Forum, series opens with "Isn't It Time We Talked - An Overview of Dying in America," Speaker is Jeanne S. Twohig, Deputy Director of the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life. Reservations not required, no charge. Don Welch 673-6701.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- **Seven Lakes Garden Club Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Melissa Watford, a Health Education Coordinator with FirstHealth of the Carolinas, will provide a n

educational program about "Gardening for Health and Healthy Eating." Also, there will be a "plant exchange."

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

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- **Lions Club: Free Eye Screening** – 9 am – 3 pm, Seven Lakes Food Lion parking lot. Dr. Keith Poindexter, and Seven Lakes Lions Club volunteers will offer free eye screening for visual acuity and a variety of eye diseases and disorders. All area residents are welcome.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- **Weymouth Woods: Fire in the Pines** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd, Southern Pines. Discover the role fire plays in shaping the longleaf pine plant and animal communities.

MONDAY, MAY 12

- **Moore County Board of Education Business Meeting** –

7pm, Central Schools Office, Carthage.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 8 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- **Computer Club of Seven Lakes Meeting** – 3pm, Game Room. Laura Gingerich, instructor at SCC, will speak to the members about the Software program Quicken. Visitors welcome.
- **Moore County Choral Society Wine Gala** – 7 pm – 9pm, The Fresh Market, Southern Pines. Tickets \$25. All proceeds benefit the Choral Society. Information or tickets, Sandra Parsons at 215-8063.
- **Foxfire Village Council Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- **Adult Academy: Let's Talk about Death & Dying** – 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Westside Park Community Center. Rev Pam Hudson, of FirstHealth Foundation to lead discussion on

"Learning How to Talk to One Another about Death and Dying." No charge. Information, Don Welch at 673-6701.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:30 am, Game Room.
- **Women of Seven Lakes Bridge Awards Luncheon** – 12 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club. Tickets \$14 per person, mail checks for a complete table before May 9 to Tinkie Petterson, 1021 Seven Lakes North, Ginny Rowland 673-7710, Tinkie Petterson 673-1742.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- **Women of Seven Lakes 2nd Annual Golf Tournament** – 11:30 am lunch, 12:30 pm shotgun start, Beacon Ridge Country Club. Benefits Backpack Pals program in Moore County Schools. Entry Fee \$65/person. Call Ginger Finney 673-1330, Jo Nicholas 673-3604, or Linda Hubbard 947-2342.

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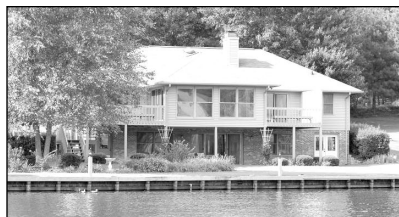
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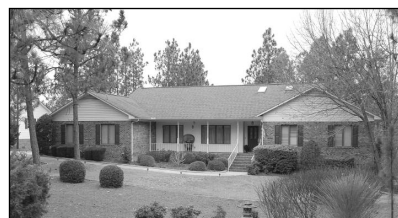
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Dozens of prizes will be raffled in support of the Seven Lakes 7K & May Follies. With all proceeds benefiting the Northside Park

Playground, \$1 dollar raffle tickets will be available on Friday, May 2 from 3pm to 8pm, and Saturday, May 3 from 8am to 4pm.

Tickets will be on sale in the North Clubhouse area.

Raffle tickets may be purchased for individual items or randomly entered for drawings.

Generous donations of raffle item have been provided by Mike's Tire and Auto, Bookshop by the Lakes, Seven Lakes Kennel, Master Kleen, Lakeside Square Barber Shop, The Outlet, Frogtown Pottery, The Clothes Horse, Players Sports Café, Rainbow Cycles, a Lilly Pulitzer

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Tennis Camp

by Barb Horan
Seven Lakes Tennis

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center is currently taking Tennis Camp applications. As in the past there will be two sessions, the first Session will be June 23 - 26, the second Session July 21 - 24. The cost is \$60 for each session.

These well supervised tennis sessions and include both tennis and swimming. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt and snacks will be provided. Thirty-two campers will be accepted for each session. Daily sessions are from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. You can pick up applications at any of the Mail Houses in the Seven Lakes communities or call the Tennis Center at 673-1096.

All programs are under the direction and supervision of SLCC Tennis Professional Bruce Adams. For further information or to sign up, please call the Seven Lakes Tennis Center at 673-1096.

Wounded Warrior Tourney

A benefit golf tournament for the Wounded Warriors Project will be held on Friday, June 20 at Beacon Ridge Country Club. Check-in at 8:00 am, with a 9:00 am shotgun start. Lunch, prizes, and awards will follow. Game is captain's choice step aside, entry fee is \$75 per player for lunch and golf. Hole sponsorship is \$100 and includes recognition on course and in program.

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Orchids were on the menu at Garden Club

by Dale Schmidt

Seven Lakes Garden Club

Linda Thorne of Seagrove Orchids spoke at the April Seven Lakes Garden Club meeting, providing a succinct Orchids 101 course of general care and growing techniques for all levels of orchid enthusiasts.

She displayed two tables of beautiful orchids grown from seeds at her green house in Seagrove. Attendees could connect with Thorne's love of orchids and with this new information are more at ease about growing orchids.

Linda Thorne holds the position of training coordinator and is an American Orchid Society [ASO] judge at the judging center in Greensboro. She is also the International Phalaenopsis Director for the Piedmont Region, and Treasurer for the Slipper Orchid Alliance.

Her interest in orchids served as a means of stress relief from her job in Washington, DC, until eight years ago when she turned her hobby into a working dream and made the decision to start an orchid nursery in Seagrove. "I never feel that I am going to

work when I enter my greenhouse," said Thorne. "I feel like I am going to the most relaxing place on earth."

She manages hundreds of orchid flasks and performs seed propagation and cloning in her onsite laboratory. Her first orchid hybrid was made in 1997 and many of her babies have flowered since then. Seagrove Orchids has received forty-seven AOS awards. Many of them are in recognition of excellent culture. You can visit her on the web at www.seagroveorchids.com



Linda Thorne is flanked by Garden Club board members Andrea Schmidt and Marge Lambert.

May Red Cross Blood Drives

by Jack Lynn

Good news and bad. The good news is a thankful welcome to five new donors: Mike Ballanger, Katie Boston, Marilyn Dotto, Andre' Graindorge, and Connie Zeller.

The bad news is that they comprised ten percent of the total forty-nine unit collection from fifty-five presenting donors. It is sobering to reflect on the early 1990's drives when our collections exceeded the seventy-unit goal from a much smaller population.

May Blood Drives

Friday, May 9 – 2:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter Day Saints, US 15-501 North in Pinehurst. Appointment, call 245-7022.

Monday, May 19 – 1:30 pm - 6:00pm, Moore County Red Cross, 244 SW Broad Street in Southern Pines. Appointment, call 692-8571.

Tuesday, May 20 – 10:00 am - 2:30 pm, First Health Fitness Center, 170 Memorial Drive in Pinehurst. Appointment, call 715-1800.

Thursday, May 22 – 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm, Penick Village, Penick - North Bldg in Southern Pines. Appointment, call 692-8571.

Monday, May 26 – 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm, Belk's Department Store at Pinecrest Plaza.

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Editorial

Don't Forget to Vote May 6

With the number of ads for candidates gracing the airwaves in Moore County and the rest of North Carolina, it would be hard to forget that the Primary Election will be held this coming Tuesday, May 6. But this is such an important primary, we thought we'd remind you anyway.

A lot of the national media's attention is, of course, focused on the Democratic Presidential race — and this is the first time in a long time that North Carolina's presidential primary has garnered this much attention. It's usually all over before they get around to us.

But there's plenty of other excitement to be had at the ballot box next Tuesday.

Two seats on the Moore County Board of Commissioners are in play, with Nick Picerno and Nancy Roy Fiorillo seeking to replace retiring Chairman Colin McKenzie in the District II seat, and Tim Sloan challenging incumbent Tim Lea for the District IV seat.

These are all Republicans, and, absent an independent challenger in the Fall, the May primary will determine who wins these seats. So it's especially important for Republicans and unaffiliated voters to take a look at this race.

Also in the Republican Primary, both the State House and Senate seats are up for

grabs. Cindy Morgan, currently a county commissioner, is challenging Senator Harris Blake for his District 22 seat, and District 52 incumbent Representative Joe Boylan faces a challenge from both Lane Toomey and Jamie Boles. The winners in both these contests will face Democratic opponents in the Fall.

Plus there's a Governor's race, a US Senate race, a quarter-cent county sales tax — it's a long list, and one that should persuade you to educate yourself and participate.

If you'd rather avoid the lines on Primary Election Day, you can vote this Friday or Saturday at any of three one-stop voting centers in the county — one conveniently located at the Old West End School Gym.

Those who haven't yet registered to vote will be out of luck trying to cast a ballot on May 6, but they can both register and vote early at these centers.

Here are the locations and hours of operations. The One Stop Voting site at the Moore County Agricultural Center will be open on Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Sites at the Moore County Airport in Southern Pines and at the Old West End School Gym will be open on Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

China: from junks to laptops

Darling Hubby and I play dumb little games to satisfy our inner geek. A favorite, that I lost this week, is guessing what will be on the cover of National Geographic magazine. This being the only brown-paper wrapped publication to which we subscribe: my defeat was compounded by the most obvious of answers: China.

Once upon a time, the People's Republic was simply a mild topic of interest to me after

spending a collegiate year studying Chinese Literature. Or when discussed in family folklore, after we

learned that a certain relative was not a Far East economist for the State Department but was, in fact, a covert CIA agent. A well-kept secret for thirty years, I could tell you more but then I'd have to kill you!

Harking back to the days of Colonial British rule, my only firsthand experience with China was several days spent in Hong Kong — one of which happened to be my tenth birthday. Always trying to put a positive spin on our globetrotting adventures [read: eating strange food in even

stranger places], my parents assured me that not every kid gets to celebrate a momentous event aboard a Chinese junk — and no, I don't mean I was floating around on a lead-painted Wally World toy, but instead one of those gorgeous sailing yachts.

Fair enough to call it a once in a lifetime opportunity the junk was cool, but traveling with a group of American kids, deprived after

from the Red One's soaring economy.

Curious, I researched one of my most valued and certainly well-used possessions; my laptop. Turns out I own a piece of US engineered technology built on a machine manufactured in . . . you guessed it. I wonder how you say "Hey dude" in Chinese?

Not that this would be the first awkward phrase or slogan translated from one language to another. I expect IKEA had slow sales for their desk, the Fartfull. Not to mention one of my favorite marketing blunders: Mexico's reluctance to embrace the Chevy Nova — which translates "No go."

And of course I can't overlook the hilarity that ensues each time I purchase a new battery-operated toy for my kids. The unrepentant dork that I am, I have to resist the urge to pull out a red Sharpie and correct all the grammatical errors on the enclosed instructions.

Not one to only cast stones, I imagine my own words and humor may not translate into Mandarin. Though I'd wager Laura's Learning Curve would sell well in that market — I just need to rename it Laura's Happiness Rising Arch of Gold . . . do you want fries with that?



Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

a two year stint as guests of the Shah, we were vastly more impressed by the sight of an actual McDonald's restaurant.

Here in the now, with several decades and a couple thousand miles between me and that junk, ironically I find China surrounds me, quite literally. My closets and cupboards spill forth an array of toys, clothes, and dishes, all firmly stamped with that ubiquitous country of origin. A victim of low cost hype, "Watch out for falling prices," I seem to be in plenty of good company judging

Suit outcome is good news

Dear Editor:

As a former SLLA Board member, and one of four, along with Randy Zielsdorf, Don Truesdell, and Laura Douglass, who voted to strike the agreement with the

Country Club, I am pleased with Judge Rand's decision to dismiss the complaint in favor of the Association and Country Club. Whether the old driving range property can be subdivided into residential lots or not, was the central issue from the beginning. Nothing in the Association's agreement with the Country Club, a vastly misunderstood document by too many residents, should be viewed as an indication of any preference as to the ultimate fate of the range. There simply is none!

With the verdict, the question of disposition of the old range can be put precisely where it belongs,

in the hands of the Club membership. For those residents who are still unfamiliar with the agreement, I urge you to request a copy from the Board and see where the action taken by the former Board will protect the Association, retain friendly terms with the Club, and allow their members to determine the ultimate use of the old range.

It's nice to be vindicated, and I wanted you to understand that the best interests of this community have always been my highest priority in all of my Board votes. Good luck.

Edward Nuti
Seven Lakes South

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Very curious beasts, these humans . . .

Innate and insatiable curiosity is one of the most invaluable assets one can have throughout the course of a lifetime.

Discovering good news about something or somebody can be one of the most refreshing of moments.

It would be difficult not to be impressed by someone whose life has been filled with achievements not with just the aim of keeping the wolf from the door

but to keep learning and applying lots of it to help uplift the spiritual capability with which we are blessed but are so often just too "tied up" with the pace of modern society to spend much effort in thinking beyond the horizon.

Granting the achieving is a noble undertaking, it seems that we should also save time to look around us and re-appreciate the beauty of members of our fam-

ilies, the fine qualities of friends and neighbors, the bounty of surrounding trees, flowers, and bodies of water, plus the calming effect of lovely sunrises and sunsets.

It's clear that these are not the only beacons worth remembering, however.

Sometimes small incidents can breed deep and emotional effects.

Surely we've all gone home

from some social gathering feeling on top of the world just because someone in the group took a few seconds to pat us on the back [literally] for something we said.

Now that's something we can remember forever!



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

Nick Picerno has expertise the county needs

Dear Editor:

Often we do not know whom to vote for, lacking candidate information and the county's status. As a new resident, I lacked data about our county. I studied the County's financial statements. They show:

- Population [83,933] is growing only about two percent yearly since 2003.
 - School enrollment is growing two percent yearly since 2003 [less than 1,000 more students since 2003].
 - Personal income is under \$36,000 for 2005, growing five to six percent yearly.
 - Average age is 44 and the same for five years.
 - County employees are working hard. They remain 615 +/-.
- What are problems facing us?
- Property taxes increased

\$8 million [25%] in four years June 30, 2007 and up \$9 million [22%] this year over 2007!

- Sales taxes rose \$6.5 million [55%] for four years ended June 30, 2007. Another increase predicted.

- Major capital spending is imminent: schools \$54 million, Sandhills Community College \$15.5 million, public safety complex \$13.5 million, government center \$10.6 million, and jail \$25 million. Those total \$118 million. Major water and sewer projects appear needed.

Only Nick Picerno understands the magnitude of such spending on our taxes. Only Nick Picerno

opposes sales tax increases. Such taxes never go down. Nick was born, raised in Moore County and his family all live here. He started a successful business in Moore County bringing good jobs here. He planned and financed the growth of the business and paid off debt. He can manage money. He can find alternate ways to accomplish mandatory projects, reset others, and keep taxes within reason. We do not need another government trained employee steeped in planning. We need a small business person now. Pick Nick!

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Stites family says thanks

Dear Editor:

The members of Keith Stites' family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Seven Lakes family for the love shown to them during and after Keith's illness.

His passing was made more bearable due to the many acts of kindness from those who knew and loved him. We are eternally grateful.

Cindy Stites
West End

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Fiorillo is a master at 'art of the possible'

Dear Editor:

I met Nancy Roy Fiorillo ten years ago when she was the county's Planning Director leading the successful effort that created the county's first Land Use Plan. I was impressed with the manner in which she handled people's differing ideas.

During the next few years, before her move to Cumberland County as Planning Director,

we had many discussions on issues that could affect the Seven Lakes community.

As important as the outcomes of our discussions is the fact that she always listened---listened while looking at me not at something off in the distance behind me.

With the commissioners' decision in the Spring of 2006 to undertake small area planning,

I got involved in identifying candidates for the Area "A" steering committee. At the time Nancy had retired. With the possibility of the process expanding to other areas of the county and an opportunity to do something for a better future, she readily agreed to serve on that committee. As chairperson of the Infrastructure Sub-committee, her contributions in developing the Area "A"

Plan were outstanding. Her extensive background and understanding of how the county government works, and should work, were invaluable in developing a plan that is truly forward-looking, incorporates innovative ideas and pushes the envelope realistically but avoids being labeled "the impossible dream".

Nancy is now chairperson of the county's Planning Board. As

a member of that board, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her. She goes beyond what is generally accepted and practiced in listening to all members of the board and to hearing from the public with genuine interest and respect.

It's been said that politics is the art of the possible. Her way of addressing sticky issues and working with people to achieve the possible clearly says she is the candidate of choice.

A vote for Nancy Roy Fiorillo for County Commissioner is a vote for both expertise and experience, for both interest and respect for her constituents, all citizens of Moore County, a vote for a forward-looking commissioner and a better future for all. She gets my vote. She deserves your's too.

*Dave Kinney, Chairman
Area "A" Steering
Committee*

Toomey offers skills, experience

Dear Editor:

May 6, the preliminary voting day, is almost upon us and voters must make their decisions regarding a wide range of national and local political candidates. Most county voters now recognize that the true political power within the county rests with the county's elected state legislative leaders.

This year Moore County voters have three choices for the position of House of Representatives.

One, an owner of a hair salon, our current representative, who has yet to display a respectable vestige of any legislative ability or leadership.

Another, a mortician who over the years has provided compassionate services to the community but whose claim for office is that he now has the time, but is sadly lacking in needed previously demonstrated adminis-

trative or financial skills.

The third, a North Carolina native and a civil engineering distinguished graduate from the Virginia Military Institute, now retired after twenty-six years of distinguished military service during which time he obtained a Master of Science in Civil Engineering and became a licensed NC Engineer [a skill sadly lacking in the NC House of Repre-

sentatives]. During his military career his assignments included many requiring administrative, personnel, and financial skills dealing with millions of taxpayer dollars and those from other cultures.

Currently he is employed by General Dynamics as a civilian Senior Military Plans Analyst.

There is no question in my mind that Lane Toomey is the

only qualified candidate for the position as Moore County's House of Representative.

*Bud Shaver
Seven Lakes North*

*[General Manila [Bud] G. Shaver (Ret.), a longtime
Seven Lakes resident, was a
candidate for the District 52
House seat two years ago.]*

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Tim Lea, Nick Picerno deserve your vote

Dear Editor:

There is no one in Moore County that has attended the County Commissioners Meetings for the last 19 years as I have, and had the opportunity to observe the Commissioners in the decisions that are made.

It is time for all of us to make the right decision, and I want to encourage all of the Moore County Residents to carefully make their decisions, not on who you know, or who your friends are recommending that you vote for, but to carefully evaluate each candidate for County Commissioner, who will have the authority to effect our future in the decisions they make.

With the tremendous Capital

needs of this county, approximately \$177 million not including \$105 million in interest on the debt, we need to make the right decision as to who will be the stewards of our Taxes.

I have observed Commissioner Tim Lea for the past 3 ½ years, and having known many Commissioners over the years, I would classify him without reservation, to be one of the best that I have had the opportunity to observe. He is prepared, he is knowledgeable, he is concerned for the good of the county, he is honest, sincere with an integrity that is unquestionable.

He was born and raised in Moore County, and has been involved in many Moore Coun-

ty functions before becoming Commissioner. I have also observed his ability as Chairman of the Moore County Schools Technology Committee.

Despite the criticisms of other newspapers, he is the far above their political agenda and does not submit to their divisiveness. My vote is for Tim Lea.

I am also impressed with another Moore County native, Nick Picerno. He is concerned with the direction our County is headed and the way that our Taxes are being spent.

He is a conservative, as is Tim Lea, and I will also vote for Nick and recommend that all of my fellow Moore County residents will make the same choices.

*Elton C. Turner
Vass*

Fiorillo’s a friend of Seven Lakes

Dear Editor:

All Seven Lakers want positive progress for their community. On Tuesday, May 6, I urge you to vote for Nancy Roy Fiorillo for County Commissioner. Nancy knows all about Seven Lakes. She is interested in our community and will offer the constructive guidance needed to bring about this positive progress.

Go to her website www.VoteForNancy.org to find out about her experience and accomplishments which are many and outstanding. As an officer in The Garden Club, The Seven

Lakes Civic Group, and Seven Lakes Village Beautification, I worked with Nancy when she was Moore County Planning Director and kept in contact with her. It is a memorable experience to work with someone who is “blue chip-five star” in every way. For Seven Lakers it is our special opportunity to elect a new commissioner, Nancy Roy Fiorillo, who will serve Moore County and Seven Lakes with dedication, integrity, and grace.

*Terry Hunt
Seven Lakes North*

Fiorillo’s experience is what county needs

Dear Editor:

I’ve known Nancy Roy Fiorillo since she worked on zoning for the County. We were very impressed by her ability to work with us and to respect our wishes. She has all the credentials she could possibly need for the job of Commissioner. She knows the entire County like the back of her hand, and she is well aware of our problems.

Her extensive background training, and her business experience make her an ideal can-

didate. Add to that her ability to calmly work with people. She has earned the respect of everyone I know who has had the pleasure of working with her.

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Fiorillo and Lea are best choices for 7 Lakes

Dear Editor:

Nancy Roy Fiorillo is by far the best qualified candidate for County Commissioner to represent Seven Lakes and Area A.

Nancy has a lot of experience

in leadership positions in Moore County government, both as an employee and as a dedicated volunteer. She will not require any on the job training to become an effective County Commission-

er. She has participated in many commissioners' meeting and has represented the county in a number of inter-county and state planning forums. Nancy is the only candidate running for Com-

missioner who has spent the last eighteen month in numerous meetings listening to the citizens of Seven Lakes and Area A presenting their concerns, current problems, and our visions

for the future development of our area.

While you are voting for Nancy also vote to re-elect Commissioner Tim Lea. Tim has an outstanding record and grasp of the issues facing Moore County. Tim was the only sitting Commissioner who took the time to attend the Water Issue Forum put on by the Seven Lakes Civic Group at the West Side Community Center last month. Oh yes, Nancy was there, too. Vote for Nancy and Tim on Tuesday, May 6.

Ray MacKay
Seven Lakes West

Time for a change in NC Senate

Dear Editor:

Change seems to be the buzzword in politics this year and I believe we need a change in the North Carolina Senate.

Moore County Commissioner Cindy Morgan is a catalyst for change. Her record is impressive

and she has shown time and time again that she can make tough decisions and work effectively with others to get things done. Cindy will bring our voices to Raleigh and address our concerns on illegal immigration, our tax dollars, government

accountability, health care and rising costs, and our local development and resources.

Too many politicians go along to get along. Only few ever become true leaders. Cindy Morgan will be that leader. I'm voting for Cindy Morgan because

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Farewell & thanks to two great volunteers

Dear Editor:

In January of this year, Sandhills Animal Rescue League had to say goodbye to our first two volunteers. Jean and Cynthia D'Andrea started back in 2002 and have now moved back to Connecticut to be near family.

Jean and Cynthia were always there when needed for adopt-a-thons, fundraisers, and they made the difference in many kittens and cats lives by fostering and getting them ready for "forever" new homes. Cynthia had just the right touch for baby kittens to settle in and become sweet and cuddly. She

made hundreds of cat nip bags for SARL to sell at events or to give with each kitty adoption. Jean was the chef extraordinaire when it came to grilling our all-beef hot dogs, sold at merchant's events each Spring. Jean also faithfully chauffeured Cynthia to events.

We miss them very much and wish them the very best in this new chapter in their lives. I am sure their church and the school in Robbins, where they also spent many volunteer hours, are missing them too.

Lou Atkins
Sandhills Animal
Rescue League

Holocaust remembrance

Adjunct professor at Mars Hill College and Holocaust survivor, Dr. Walter Ziffer, will be the guest speaker at Temple Beth Shalom's Holocaust Remembrance Day on Sunday afternoon, May 4 at 4:00 pm. The event will begin with a brief memorial service, followed by Dr. Ziffer's presentation "Witness to the Holocaust."

Holocaust Remembrance Day is a time for remembrance, education, and advocacy on behalf of the six million Jews, and five million non-Jews throughout Europe, who were killed by the Nazis from 1933 to 1945. It is a day that has been set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and to serve as a reminder of what can happen

to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign.

Walter Ziffer is a Holocaust survivor who was born into a German-speaking Jewish family, converted from Judaism to Christianity, became an ordained Christian pastor and professor in Christian seminaries, and then returned to Judaism. He is an adjunct Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Mars Hill College, as well as a freelance writer and author.

This presentation is made possible through a grant from the NC Humanities Council's Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. The NC Humanities Council is a nonprofit foundation and state

affiliate of the national Endowment for the Humanities.

The program is open to the entire community to join with the Sandhills Jewish Congregation in observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day on May 4 at 4:00 pm at Temple Beth Shalom.

Temple Beth Shalom is located at the corner of Jackson Springs Road and Hoffman Road in Foxfire.

For further, information call 673-5224 or visit the Sandhills Jewish Congregation's website at <http://sandhillsjewish.org/holocaust.html>.

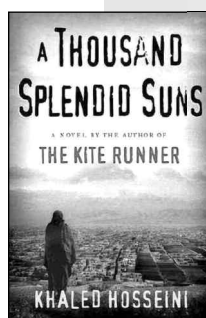
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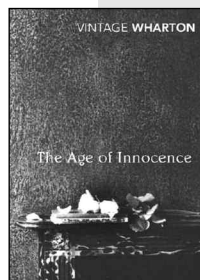
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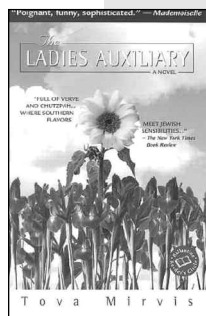
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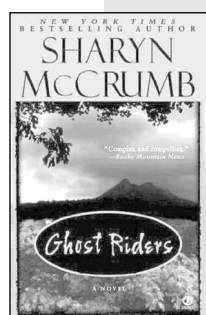
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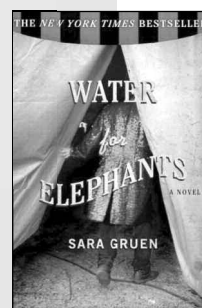
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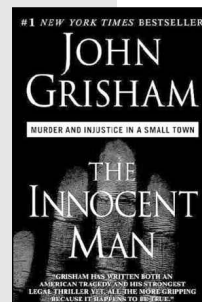
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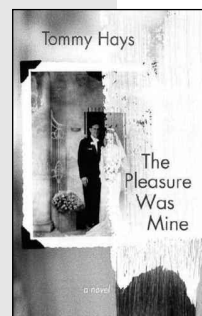
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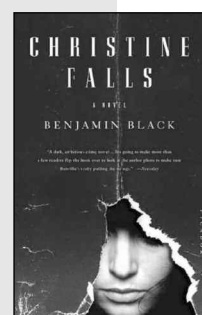
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Seven Lakes Kiwanis to celebrate 25 years

by Frank Krohn

Seven Lakes Kiwanis

On May 13, at a special dinner at Seven Lakes Country Club, the Seven Lakes Chapter of Kiwanis International will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary. Several dignitaries will be in attendance to help in the celebration and share in the awards presentations.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Club was founded in 1983 by Jay Stemmer, after Jay and his wife moved to Seven Lakes in 1981. Stemmer first joined the Kiwanis Club of Southern Pines, but soon recognized the need for a local club in Seven Lakes.

Prior to locating in Seven Lakes, Stemmer worked as a Prudential Life Agent in Clark, New Jersey, a small town near Elizabeth. He served as Mayor

of Clark, a part-time job, while running his business. Later, he was elected to be one of the three county councilmen.

In the new Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club chapter, along with assignments of committee chairmanships, project manager jobs, and the like, Stemmer served as president on two separate occasions. His work was recognized as exemplary by the Kiwanis state organization and he subsequently achieved the job of Carolina District Lieutenant Governor. Stemmer celebrated his fiftieth year of active membership in 2004.

Acknowledging his service as over and beyond the call of duty,

the Carolina District recently bestowed their Carl B. Hyatt award on Stemmer. This is the highest and most prestigious award that can be achieved by a Kiwanian.

Stemmer, in particular, will be further recognized for his leadership at the May 13 meeting. The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club has

grown into one of the most active chapters in North Carolina for its participation in community affairs. The community owes Stemmer and the local chapter a debt of gratitude for his contributions.

The chapter meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. All are invited.



Kiwanis Past President Jack Fetzer with Jay Stemmer.

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Pinecrest choirs take national honors

The Pinecrest High School Chamber Ensemble and Sotto Voce both took first place in Heritage's "Festival of Gold" National Choral Competition April 11-15 at Orchestra Hall in Chicago, IL, based off the performance of last year's Sotto Voce and Chamber Ensemble in San Francisco.

This year's Sotto Voce and Chamber Ensemble competed against nineteen other choirs across the country, making a total of twenty-one. In addition to the two groups from Pinecrest, there was a choir from Raleigh and Durham that also represented North Carolina in this year's Heritage "Festival of Gold" in Chicago. The other choirs that participated in this event came from Idaho, Wisconsin, Ohio, Nevada, Tennessee, North Dakota, various parts California, and Florida.

The scoring was based on a scale of 100 possible points. Pinecrest's thirty-member Sotto Voce received an average of 95.33 points and finished in first place in their division of Women's Choirs.

Chamber Ensemble took first place in the Chamber Choir division with an average score of 96.33 points. Based solely on points, Chamber Ensemble and Sotto Voce were the top two scoring choirs of all twenty-one participating.

"The preparation that went into this trip was extremely intense and demanding on many levels...emotionally, musically, and physically," said Pinecrest High Choral Director James Brown. "Both Chamber Ensemble and Sotto Voce had extra rehearsals scheduled outside of class time to prepare them. Each group had at least seven mandatory rehearsals on Saturday mornings or afternoons to prepare, as well as ensure a strong representation of the devotion to high-quality music making in choral music at Pinecrest."

In addition, Brown brought in Dr. Jeffrey Ward and Dr. Daniel Bara, Director of Choral Activities at East Carolina University, to work with both choirs as they prepared for this competition.

The students participating in the Honors Choir from Pinecrest were Lauren Bonville, Matt Carriker, Ashlee Covinton, Kate

Davis, Kelcie Frye, Caroline Gallagher, Bradley Gibson, Erin Hennings, Alease Jeffries, Auriel Jeffries, Ruth Jones, Brenton O'Hara, Alexis Oxendine, Rachel Stewart, Stephanie Vaughn, and James Villone.

Pinecrest High's Sotto Voce is a women's ensemble consisting of 28-32 singers in grades 9-12. This group explores choral literature from all periods of music, as well as literature by women composers. Chamber Ensemble is a mixed group of thirty-three men and women in grades 10-12. This group performs in the community on a regular basis at social functions, as well as church services in

the area. Chamber Ensemble serves as an outreach to educate and share choral singing.

A total of fifty-four students and ten adults took part in the trip. Serving as chaperones were Christina Bayless, Cindy Floyd, Vickie Fogleman, Virginia Gallagher, Melanie Oxendine, Sandy Stewart, and Mark Vaughn.

Pinecrest Choral Program will be presenting Soneto de la Noche [Sonnet of the Night], their Spring Concert Saturday, May 17, at 7 pm and Sunday, May 18, at 4 pm in the Robert E. Lee Auditorium. Presale tickets are available from the Arts Council of Moore County at the Campbell House, Southern Pines.



The Pinecrest High School Chamber Ensemble took first place in the Chamber Choir division in Heritage's "Festival of Gold" National Choral Competition in Chicago, IL, recently.



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SLLA Meeting

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thoughts on the difference between a conflict of interest and an opinion?" queried Stephan.

Continuing with a prepared statement, Stephan said she believed her loyalty to the community and the decisions of her committee will stand the test of time. She said her primary responsibility was to the landowners and that new construction continues to improve and will increase the value and investment of all homes in Seven Lakes.

"All builders and developers were treated equally and fairly," said Stephan.

Stephan apologized to all who had voted for her and asked that landowners take the time to look over their own homes with a discerning eye towards improving appearance. She also asked that the board consider the interests of all landowners and thanked her committee members for their work, including Mark Widman, Bob Darr, Edie Starkey, and Sally Kindsvatter.

Stephan presented a formal resignation letter to President Randy Zielsdorf, shook his hand, and exited the meeting — taking a sizeable crowd of supporters along with her.

Director Bud Shaver immediately asked to be recognized by the President. "I had no axe to grind; she [Stephan] did a good job. The problem was the letter she wrote."

Shaver continued, "In the eyes and mind of the SLCC board, she violated the agreement and as far as they were concerned they could null and void the agreement — that's what this is about."

The agreement between the SLLA and SLCC boards concerning the driving range, signed last Summer, included language requiring that the Club's membership vote on whether to sell the old range to a developer and that any potential residential development would fall under ARB guidelines.

"This board had to control what is going to happen there," said Shaver. "She [Stephan] would be viewed by any developer as a potential litigant. We asked her to recuse herself and stay as chair but she chose not to."

Director Sally Kindsvatter also

addressed Stephan's resignation, "It's too bad that a simple letter in *The Times* has snowballed into this avalanche. I feel very badly about it; but, the fact remains, it is vitally important to our community what is built there."

Kindsvatter said she was opposed to construction on the old range, but felt it was a matter for the courts to decide. Now that the court has spoken, she said, it is time to move forward.

"I said, if elected, I promise to do everything I can to make this corner the best it can be — the most beautiful it can be, and I still believe that. I believe it can be beautiful but the only way is for the builder and ARB to work together, to trust each other, and to have the same goal and objective." Kindsvatter continued, "If the developer thinks the ARB Chair is subject to not liking the idea of development even being there, it destroys the whole working relationship right off the bat."

"I hated this, Donna is a very good friend of mine," said Kindsvatter. "We asked if she would just recuse from this little area and it may not even come up this year, but she didn't want to do this. I felt that I needed to vote with the majority because I really feel it's in the community's best interest."

Former President Don Truesdell was the last director to specifically address the issue. Reflecting on his involvement in the agreement, Truesdell explained how he was once firmly convinced that the association could fight development of the old range. As he accumulated materials, Truesdell said he realized the evidence did not support his argument.

"I am very grateful that the board had the courage to sign the agreement. We would have lost a lawsuit against the club and it would have cost the community," said Truesdell. "It's been a very divisive issue because some hotheads have not been able

to separate evidence from emotion."

Truesdell's comments were met with a brief ovation.

Appointment postponed

After discussion, the board agreed to postpone voting for a new ARB chair until May when a Special Open Meeting would be scheduled following the May Work Session.

Zielsdorf thanked his fellow members for entrusting his leadership and expressed hope for the coming year. "We have a good group of directors who are serious about looking into infrastructure and long term maintenance issues."

Zielsdorf introduced a new format for Open Meetings, mov-

ing the public comment portion to the beginning of the meeting and including an agenda item for a Community Manager's Report. He asked board members to stay a few minutes after each meeting allowing time to speak candidly with association members. Addressing concerns that those in the last rows were unable to hear discussion, a new seating plan was tested. Zielsdorf also presented copies of the agreement, signed by the SLLA/SLCC boards, to the new members of the board so they could more fully understand this controversial issue.

Public comment

Amanda Keller asked for the
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support of the board and community for the Seven Lakes 7K & May Follies events, to be held Saturday, May 3.

"Whatever money we raise for the playground is funds that we do not need to use from our working budget," said Keller. With over 400 runners, twenty vendors, and various activities scheduled all day, Keller said the Recreation Committee expects a large crowd. "We need help! Our committee has eight members and we need more volunteers — whether it's an hour or all day, we need you."

Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane said traffic around the community would be heavy and asked landowners to be patient and to watch for 7K and one-mile racers. Both races will be held Saturday morning, between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. All other activities will be held at Northside Park.

Northsider Jim Allen asked the board to reconsider to recent decisions; their mandate that committees must be chaired by board directors, and changing the day and time of monthly Work Sessions.

"I feel these decisions limit participation from the community," said Allen.

Former Director Steve Hudson also expressed concern with the board's decision to change the Work Session time. Hudson applauded the decision to renew the appointment of Denny Galford to fill the vacant seat left by Laura Douglass' resignation, and asked the board to take it one step further and correct the Work Session decision.

"The perception is that you don't have to follow the Bylaws," said Hudson. He asked the board to lead by example and change the Bylaws to reflect the decision to change the meeting time.

Hudson also said he hoped the

board had reprimanded Community Manager Dalton Fulcher for his decision to reimburse expenses by Truesdell, presented without receipts.

Security

Security Director Gary Caulk recruited three local law enforcement agents to serve on the Security Committee; William Guilford, a former Deputy Sheriff and current Resource Officer with Moore County Schools; Brian Edwards, an eleven-year veteran detective with Southern Pines Police; and Michael Tew, a Pinehurst officer with fifteen years experience.

"Between the four of us we have eighty years of law enforcement experience. Each of us has a different background and we'll be able to pull from that," said Caulk.

In particular, the committee is looking at barcodes. With over 1,000 registered landowner vehicles having stickers but not barcodes, Caulk said the congestion problem around the gates would be resolved if all residents used the outer barcode lanes.

"The guest lane can only hold four to six vehicles and then you're sitting on Seven Lakes Drive, sharing the road with dump trucks and logging vehicles, and other cars," said Caulk. "The problem is not the guards, it's the barcodes."

Caulk said the committee suggested three resolutions: continue selling barcodes at \$15.00 and initiate a campaign for more participation; drop the cost of barcodes to \$5.00; or give two barcodes with each dues and sell additional barcodes at \$5.00. The committee prefers alternative two, reducing the price to \$5.00, but Caulk said he is interested to hear the opinions and concerns of landowners [see page 17].

Other concerns include a rec-

ommendation for Roving Patrol officers to patrol the lake, using association-owned watercraft. "This will provide seven-day coverage at no extra cost," explained Caulk. The committee suggested patrol officers and gatehouse guards also be trained in First Aid, to assist first responders including EMS and the Fire Department.

Caulk said the committee is also studying the security camera system, the gates, and SFI.

"Are we getting our money's worth — are they doing their job?" asked Caulk. "We don't know but we're going to be looking into it."

Finance

Treasurer Denny Galford chairs the Finance Committee, which includes Community Manager Dalton Fulcher, Jerry Grout, and Gil Jones.

He reported an audit will be

performed next week and the committee has reviewed recommendations of the prior Finance Committee.

"Many [recommendations] are very good and we will formalize

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moving smoothly through the process, he noted. "If you mail it in and do not have the required information, it will be returned until you get it right," Robertson said. In person registration will take place in the Activity Room, downstairs in the West Side Park Community Center. The forms and documents of in-person registrants will be checked at the first registration table; only those with everything in order will be able to move forward in the process.

After the document check, registrants will move on to a second table where they will obtain membership cards and windshield stickers, but not gate barcodes. Noting that most folks already have barcodes for the gates — which do not expire — Robertson said no gate barcodes would be issued during registration.

A third table will handle boat registration. Both Robertson and Director Mary Anne Fewkes stressed that boat registrants must have proof of \$100,000 liability coverage — and that a simple homeowners policy will not cover boats with engines of greater than 60 horsepower. Those more powerful boats require a separate boat policy. Only Seven Lakes West lot owners and renters may register a boat, Fewkes said. And would-be registrations need to make sure their dues are up to date on all the lots they own.

Fewkes encouraged boat owners and other users of the lake to visit the Seven Lakes West website to read a brief explanation of the requirements of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission as they apply to users of Lake Auman.

Noting that the waiting list for boat slips at Johnson Point now includes more than 100 names, she said some folks had responded to that demand by subletting their slips, which is unfair to those on the waiting list and against community rules. Enforcement of that rule will be stepped up this year.

"Those folks with a boat slip will have a special number on their boat decal," Fewkes explained. "The security person will be checking boats in slips. Slip renters have signed an agreement not to sublet. If you are

subletting and get caught, you will lose your slip."

Community Emergency Response Team

Terry Riddle briefed landowners on the Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] during the April General Meeting, and asked for both donations and volunteers to help outfit and explain the recently certified team.

Riddle said stocking a CERT trailer with emergency equipment ranging from blankets to chainsaws could cost \$7,500 or more. "We're not looking to raise that tomorrow, but we would like to work toward that," he added.

Noting that the current team includes 20 volunteers, Riddle said that vacations, holidays, illness, and so on mean 25 percent to 30 percent of those volunteers are likely to be away from the community when a disaster strikes. "I would like to have another twelve to fifteen people raise their hands and go

through the training and join CERT," he noted.

Riddle explained that the CERT concept was born in Los Angeles, as the fire department evaluated their response to a disaster. Six hundred ordinary citizens had shown up to help; ultimately one hundred of those were injured and became victims themselves.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency picked up on the concept in 1994, and the Bush Administration gave it a funding boost by establishing the "Citizen's Corps" in 2003. Moore County's Public Safety Department is working to establish CERT units throughout the county.

The Westside team includes two light search and rescue teams — one on each side of the lake, a triage team, and a communications team. Should, for example, a tornado touch down in Seven Lakes West and scatter trees all over the streets, the search and rescue teams will

work in parallel to clear roadways, working their way toward the community center. Once Emergency Services professionals arrive on the scene, they will look to CERT members to learn where their help is most urgently needed. As the EMS professionals take over the management of the scene, the CERT members will assist as needed.

Riddle shared a long list of items that the CERT unit would ultimately like to assemble to make sure they are well-prepared for an emergency. The list included a trailer, generator, portable work lights, extension cords, tools, shovels, axes, ropes, bottle jack, fire extinguishers, chain saws, a back board with spider strap, iron pry bars, gas cans, hip packs, radios, blankets, and tarps. He said the team had already received a number of donations.

Landowners who want to make a donation — or to find out about being included in the next round

of CERT training — can contact Riddle at 5523 Seven Lakes West or terryriddle@aol.com.

Recreation

Recreation Director Karen Milligan said that work is under way to get the West Side Park Pool ready for its Memorial Day opening. Last year's pool manager, Leslie Fish, will return to that post this year. Though the complete rundown of pool hours of operation won't be available until mid-May, Milligan said that the pool will be open until 9:00 pm on weeknights, allowing families to enjoy an after-dinner swim.

A Children's Summer Kick-Off Party is planned for June 10, the last day of school, and the Lake Auman Sports Club has a luau planned for September 13.

The Recreation Committee is exploring offering a variety of classes at the Community Center in areas including tennis, Tai Chi, swimming, and water aerobics. She encouraged resi-

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them as policy."

Galford said he would be making changes to the monthly financial report distributed to landowners and asked that anyone with experience on Quickbooks should feel free to contact him. "Our staff is doing a fine job but we just adopted this system six months ago," said Galford.

Community Standards

Director Sally Kindsvatter said Community Standards Com-

mittee members are Ray Pardue, Jim Lorion, Nancy Welch, Nancy Blythe, Mike Roscoe, and Mary Ellen Krohn. She explained that prior to sending out notices of rules infractions, her committee decided to "look at our own house," and toured Northside Park, specifically around the pool and common areas, and Sequoia Point recreation areas.

"Frankly, we were dismayed by the total lack of care in some of these areas and decided it was

more than our maintenance staff could handle, especially in the short term," said Kindsvatter.

Working closely with Maintenance Director Bud Shaver, Kindsvatter said they decided to appoint a Beautification Committee with members Terry Hunt, Joann Guy, Al and Linda Geiger, Debra Temple, Angela Terry, Barb McElroy, Frank Hayes, and Jim Caudill.

"We came up with a short term plan and a long term plan," explained Kindsvatter. In the

short term, the maintenance staff and Beautification Committee will focus on getting the pool area ready for Summer, and later on addressing the landscaping around the mailrooms and front entrance gates.

"We hope we can really spiff this place up and not have to spend a lot of money doing it," said Kindsvatter.

The Community Standards Committee also voted to no longer allow contractor signs, except for new construction, and will be working to clear junk,

broken trailers, and debris from the boat storage area.

Kindsvatter said the committee is exploring the idea of charging residents a storage fee but have not made a decision on what fee is appropriate. She welcomes feedback from the community.

Maintenance

"What an elephant I've got!" said Maintenance Director Bud Shaver. He explained his committee has decided to meet bimonthly and are concentrating
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dents who are interested in classes to respond promptly when a notice goes out. Some classes have had to be cancelled because there wasn't enough interest expressed early on to justify the expense.

A new layer of environmentally-friendly bark has been spread on the children's play area, and a new bike rack will soon be installed.

Public Comment

During the public comment segment of the meeting, Jim Johnson, representing a new group called "Dam Friends of the Lake" asked the Board to consider obtaining a second opinion before moving ahead with repairs to the Lake Auman. [See story on page 3.]

Chuck Spellman, Wendy Fisher, and Charlie Flinchum all

addressed the Board on problems with speeding in the community. President Jim Haggard and Security Director Blaine Rowland explained that the Board is exploring the possibility of having SLWLA security personnel enforce speed limits with radar equipment and having the Judicial Committee levy fines payable to the Association.

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on what is required now and in the future to safely and effectively maintain Seven Lakes in a cost effective and timely fashion.

Responding to a question from Director Kindsvatter, Shaver replied that there are not enough people within the maintenance department to accomplish all the tasks. "Taking a long range view, are we going to hire more

staff or contract stuff out? I don't know, but if you want this place to look like CCNC you're going to have to pay for it."

The board unanimously approved hiring a paint contractor, for \$2,280, to power wash, prime, and paint all recreation shelter/gazebos and picnic tables. The bid includes painting the maintenance shed below the pool and replacing some

rotted fascia boards on the shelters.

Lakes & Dams

Director Don Truesdell said the Lakes & Dams Committee is investigating two problems; oversized boats and motors on Lake Echo, and the need to hire a new vendor to test lake water quality. He reported that Echo Dam repairs cannot be approved by the state without an emergency action plan.

"We need to draft emergency action plans for all of our high hazard dams," said Truesdell.

Four of five consulting engineers contacted by the committee submitted fee schedules, and Truesdell said the committee recommended hiring SNME because they were competitive and could start immediately. The board approved unanimously.

Truesdell said four of the community's high hazard dams and Timber Dam needed to be surveyed and his committee recommended hiring Hobbs & Upchurch to provide surveying

rather than the consulting engineering firm to reduce cost.

"We'll get more value for our money," said Truesdell.

Long Range Planning

President Zielsdorf chairs the LRP Committee, along with members Ray Pardue, Ed Massimo, Cheryl Zeilsdorf, and possibly another member may be added.

Describing his task as a "baby elephant," Zielsdorf said he expects each board member to participate in at least one or more meetings.

Manager's Report

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher reports that bills for dues have been mailed, and ten percent of the budget has already been collected. He said an order to replace eighty Stop signs, on hold for the new fiscal year, would be placed and that the addition to the maintenance building was under construction. Fulcher reported that grading work had been completed on the playground, lake testing for water quality was scheduled for the week of May 5 – 12, and the pool resurfacing project was underway.

County

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In other business, the commissioners:

- Passed a resolution calling on the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to include all of Moore County in the Eastern Deer Season region. Currently, the county is split between two regions, which means that deer hunting season starts a month later in the area West on US Highway 1 and North of NC Highway 211. Hunters supporting the change

pointed out that Moore County has the highest density of white-tailed deer in the state and could benefit from a longer hunting season.

- Approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$40 million in education bonds, including \$32 million for Moore County Schools and \$8 million for Sandhills Community College. Finance Officer Lisa Hughes said the bonds will be sold in May.

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Airport

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agreement or statutory language that would obligate the county to give the airport tax revenues on planes housed at the facility.

As the Commissioners have debated the airport's request over several meetings, Commissioner Tim Lea has argued that the county has consistently provided the airport with funds in excess of the \$100,000 in sales and property taxes the Authority is seeking.

In an attempt to demonstrate this, County Finance Director Lisa Hughes and County Manager Cary McSwain provided a financial summary entitled "County Revenue to Airport Authority" during the April 4 commissioners meeting. It showed the county spending an average of more than \$200,000 on the airport over the past six years.

"Over the last five years, the county has returned all the sales tax and all the ad valorem property tax to the airport authority," Lea said. "These are county taxpayers' dollars used to support the airport."

During the April 21 meeting, McKenzie and Commissioner Larry Caddell both attacked the report, pointing out that the bulk of the spending was debt service on projects the county undertook when it was managing the airport, before the creation of the airport authority.

McKenzie noted that the report included payments related to the county's purchase of the airport, payments for the construction of a set of T-Hangars that predates the Airport Authority, and construction of a fuel farm — again, a county obliga-

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tion. The Chairman also noted that all these debts have now been paid off, and so do not provide any reliable guide to future county spending on the airport.

Referring to the financial report, McKenzie said, "Everything on there is paid off. As far as I am concerned, the paper was improperly presented, as revenue to the airport. That is absolutely false."

Turning to the benefits the Airport Authority has provided to the county, McKenzie asked Finance Director Hughes how much federal and state grant money the authority has won for the county and much money the county had to cough up as a local match in order to receive those funds.

Hughes said the authority had won nearly \$15.8 million in grants with a county contribution of a bit more than \$600,000. Those grants have funded capital projects that improve the airport — which remains county property.

"I've never had a report given to me that I was so disappoint-

ed in," Commissioner Caddell said, making the motion to rebate sales and property taxes to the airport in order to provide a reliable revenue stream that the Authority can take to the bank in order to finance construction of the new hangars.

Commissioner Lea pointed out that the four commissioners present at the April 4 meeting [Caddell was away] had voted unanimously to ask the airport authority to investigate the possibility of allowing a private investor to build and lease out the new hangars, paying the authority rental on the ground they occupy. He asked what had come of that idea.

Airport authority attorney Thomas Van Camp replied that he had discussed the idea with the airport's consultants, who strongly discouraged the idea, because of a loss of control over the lease arrangements. Van Camp said, as an attorney, he was uncomfortable with the idea for the same reasons.

Both Lea and Hughes con-

tended that the airport has sufficient cash flow from operations to borrow the money to build the hangars without additional tax revenue from the county. Van Camp disagreed.

In the end, McKenzie, Cad-dell, and Commissioner Melton voted to support creating the new revenue stream to the airport. Hughes had suggested — and Van Camp appeared willing to accept — tying this flow of cash directly to the construction of the new hangars, capping

the amount at the actual debt service related to the project and terminating the flow of tax dollars when the hangar loan is paid off.

Despite prompting from Lea, Caddell did not include that cap in his motion, instead committing the county to move tax dollars to the airport regardless of the status of the hangar project.

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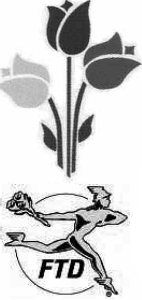

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