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## County ponders 3.9¢ tax increase

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The Moore County Board of Commissioners may vote on a proposed 3.9 cent property tax increase as early as Monday, June 2. A public hearing on County Manager Cary McSwain's proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget, which includes the tax increase, was scheduled for Thursday Evening, May 29, after *The Times'* press time.

Though tax increases are never popular — voters have turned down both a land transfer tax and a hike in the sales tax in the past nine months — the

3.9 cents per hundred dollars of valuation is McSwain is recommending is far less than the seven to nine cent increase that many expected, a happy result that McSwain attributed in part to the improvement of the county's bond rating from Single-A to Double-A, which will get the county a better interest rate in the bond market. Also holding down the increase is a projected 3.5 percent increase in the value of property in the county's tax base.

The passage of nearly \$60 million in school bonds last year means that debt service — and

(See "Tax," p. 33)

## Honoring those who served



Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966 hosted a service at the Moore County Veterans Memorial in Carthage on Memorial Day, May 26.

## Area A Panel hosts Input Session Tuesday

The Moore County Planning Staff and Area A Steering Committee will host a community input meeting on the revised Small Area A Plan this coming Tuesday, June 3, at 7:00 pm in the Crawford Center of West End Presbyterian Church, at 324 Knox Lane in West End.

The Steering Committee met on May 13 to hammer out revisions to the draft plan aimed at answering concerns expressed by the Moore County Board of Commissioners, who must approve the plan before it begins to guide development activity in the area surrounding West End and Seven Lakes.

The text of the revised plan was expected to be available on the Moore County website on Thursday, May 29 and will also be posted at [www.sevenlaketimes.net](http://www.sevenlaketimes.net) as soon as it is available.

"We are especially interested in hearing from builders and members of the development community," Steering Committee Chairman Dave Kinney told *The Times*. But all interested community members are encouraged to attend the forum.

## Holly Grove PUD on hold

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

A 316-home development planned for Holly Grove School Road near Seven Lakes North is on hold, after developer Bill Beardslee withdrew his application for rezoning during a Moore County Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, May 19.

Beardslee, a New Jersey-based engineer who is a part-time resident of Seven Lakes North, had already seen the Commissioners turn down his rezoning request for a similar development near Cameron. In both cases, Beardslee was seek-

ing to have the properties rezoned to PUDs under the county's new subdivision ordinance.

Once a rezoning application is denied, the applicant must wait twelve months before bringing revised plans before the Board. Beardslee asked to withdraw his application for the Holly Grove School Road site so that he could continue to work with county planning staff to redesign the project.

Despite approval of the projects at the Planning Board level, Commissioners, new Planning Director Joey Raczkowski, and Public Works Director Dennis

Brobst all expressed skepticism about planting sizable new developments in spots where the infrastructure does not exist to serve them.

In an interview on Wednesday, Raczkowski told *The Times* that Beardslee's projects were "visionary" and "model developments for Moore County."

"The design exceeds our standard," he noted. "But we don't have the infrastructure available in those locations."

### Package plants

"Infrastructure," in this case means water and wastewater (See "Holly Grove," p. 32)

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# Women of 7 Lakes raise \$9,000 for Backpack Pals

Fourteen corporate sponsors, twenty-nine hole sponsors, and thirty-one teams of players joined the Women of Seven Lakes for a hugely successful second annual golf tournament to benefit Backpack Pals. Together with a generous contribution from the North Carolina Electric Cooperatives and Beacon Ridge Country Club, the Women presented Linda Hubbard, Volunteer Coordinator of Moore County Schools, with a check for \$9,000.

"We are pleased to support this tournament and Backpack Pals as it represents our core value of commitment to the community," said Nelle Hotchkiss, Senior Vice President Corporate Relations for North Carolina Electric Cooperatives. "We needed a good tournament this year with the economy and folks

have fun, so it's a win-win."

Other corporate sponsors included BVH Construction Services, Carroll & Associates, E. Lee Clark, III, First Bank, First Health of the Carolinas, Lakeview Construction Company, Lee

Electrical Construction, My Storage Space, Performance Anesthesia, PowerServices, Seven Lakes Chiropractic, Linda & Jim Terrill, Triangle Pet Shop, and Patricia & Conley Williams.

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Purser welcomed the golfers. "This event recognizes how community, home, and school work together in a partnership, and I am delighted to be a part of that," said Purser. "What is most important is that you are creating a legacy. You are teaching these boys and girls that community support is important."

Tournament winners were the following: 1st—Chuck Terrill, Jack Allen, Bill Schmidt, Butch Allen (56); 2nd—Jim Abbott, Rose Young, Craig Humphrey (58—won with a scorecard play-off); 3rd—Nikki Woodard, Keith Poindexter, Robby Suggs, Brandon Clewis (58); high—Jo

Nicholas, Sue Sikes, Janet Baker, Paula Hill (81).

Closest to the hole: #5-Bob Simpson; #7-Frank Guidice; #12-Roy Maness; #15-Andrew Lyons. The longest drive was won by Mickey Woodard for the men and Nikki Pelfrey for the women. The most accurate drive was won by Greg Zephyr. Many players also enjoyed prizes that were donated from individuals as well as local businesses.

The Women of Seven Lakes thank Dean Allgeyer and his staff at Beacon Ridge Golf and Country Club for their outstanding assistance with this huge event. Fun was had by all participants!



*Nelle Hotchkiss, Dean Allgeyer, Peggy McCallum, and Dr. Susan Purser*

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# SLLA Board approves records policy

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The value of a person can perhaps best be measured in their absence. Unable to work for the past two weeks because of surgery followed by illness, Assis-

tant Community Manager Chad Beane's absence created rippling effects that were felt throughout the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Open Meeting on Wednesday, May 28.

However, both Director Sally Kindsvatter and Community Manager Dalton Fulcher reported that Beane is doing much better and may return to work as early as Thursday morning.

"It's been really difficult without Chad. We know how much we really need him when he's not there," said Kindsvatter.

The previous board had adopted a new policy, which was also unanimously approved, requiring a five-day period and minimum copy fee for any document requested. Hudson and Florence both felt that policy was adequate.

In calling for a new policy, Galford said frequent calls and requests for invoices created "an intimidating work atmosphere and excessive duties for the staff and management. Additionally such demands could result in a disclosure of vendor's pricing and competitive business practices."

The new policy limits the existing five day procedure to prior year audited documents. Current financial documents and invoices, for the immediate pre-

(See "SLLA Meeting," p. 30)

## New SLLA Planning Committee wants input

A board-appointed committee has started work on a Community Plan for the Seven Lakes Landowners Association that will address these questions, "Where do we want to be in the next ten years?" and "How do we get there?" Committee members are Board President Randy Zielsdorf, Ed Massimo, Dick Kindsvatter, Cheryl Zielsdorf, and Ray Pardue.

Essential to the development of a meaningful plan for any community are inputs from a broad-cross section of its citizens. Today's demographics differ significantly from those of the early 1970's, when the relatively few Seven Lakes houses were weekend retreats for North Carolinians, and from those of subsequent years into the early 1990's when most of the residents were retired transplants.

Now, households are populated differently; ages range from newborns to residents in their nineties; and increasing numbers of young children and teenagers live here. The concerns, interests, and needs of the

community's residents vary widely as a result.

The committee wants input from as many North and South residents as possible, and encourages every resident to make his or her voice heard. As soon as sufficient numbers of residents express interest in

sharing their perspectives, they will be invited – singly or in small groups – to sit down in an informal atmosphere and express their views on how the community should look and function in the future. The contact to have your ideas heard is Ray Pardue at 673-6347.

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# Petty vandals pester Seven Lakes West

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Security issues were much on the mind of Westsiders Tuesday night — at least the small crowd of landowners and directors who gathered for the general meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association on May 27.

"Spring has brought a return of vandalism at Johnson Point, the pool, and the boat storage area," President Jim Haggard reported. Quick action from a property owner, gate security, and the Sheriff's office resulted in a quick arrest in a recent theft, Haggard, said, but the bulk of the problems don't appear to be about theft but rather about "damage for the fun of it."

The West Side currently has no roving security officer patrolling the community, though a citizen's patrol has been active. The Board voted at its last work session to take steps that will allow the compliance officer to operate as a roving security patrol, Haggard said, but "the Association has limited resources, so the community has to keep its eyes open. If you see something strange, something suspicious, call the Sheriff's Office and report it."

"Personally I am getting very, very tired of the vandalism," Community Manager Tony Robertson told landowners. "Every day something comes across my desk."

"It is all minor stuff, mischievous stuff," he added, noting that, if caught, the perpetrators would likely be looking at misdemeanor charges.

"But if we catch one of these people, we will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law," Robertson said, "Because we need to

I hear that members of the community give the security force a hard time," Haggard said. He added that the Board has instructed security officers to be "courteous but firm."

## Partying at The Point?

Later in the meeting, Directors Blaine Rowland and Mary Ann Fewkes related finding a half-dozen young people at Johnson Point well after hours on Sunday night, May 25. Though they claimed to be "fishing," only one fish-

ing pole was in evidence.

Shortly after the kids were asked to leave, Rowland and Fewkes found the same vehicles parked near the Lake Auman Dam. A call to the Sheriff's office produced two deputies, who checked license, took down names, and told the kids they

is something we need to look into."

During the public comment segment of the meeting, former Director Betty Milligan suggested the Board may need to revisit its reciprocity agreement with the SLLA. It was not clear from her comments whether she meant reciprocal access to amenities, reciprocal recognition of vehicle stickers, or both.

"When I was on the Board two-and-one-half years ago we had problems with teenagers

(See "Westside" p. 23)

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make an example of someone."

"Any tips received will remain confidential," he added. "We would appreciate anything that we get. We need to stop this."

Haggard reminded residents that security personnel can be effective only if residents cooperate. "It is troubling to me when

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# Kirst offers review of Westside finances

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Expenditures to operate the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Treasurer Kathy Kirst reported in her year-end financial review dur-

ing the Associations Tuesday, May 27 general meeting.

Overall Expenses were at 92.0 percent of budget, while income was at 97.6 percent of budget, leaving the Association with the happy prospect of adding a little

more to reserves than was expected when the budget was approved last year.

Westside reserves now total \$1,263,000.

Revenues failed to meet expectations for the year primarily

because of a fall-off in housing starts and the fees builders pay when starting a new project, Kirst said. There were a few more than thirty new homes started in Seven Lakes West last year, versus over one hun-

dred in Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Dues collections were actually slightly ahead of expectations.

The cost of exterior maintenance at the Pinnacles was twenty percent over budget, (See "Financial review," p. 25)



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# County panel proposes hike in water rates

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

A proposed new county water rate, with a thirty-four percent average increase, has the potential to bring in additional revenue of over \$2 million. Developed using recommendations made by a special county gov-

ernment efficiency committee, the plan was presented by Director of Public Works Dennis Brobst to the Moore County Board of Commissioners during a Budget Work Session held on Thursday, May 22.

"We took a blank slate and looked at the whole rate struc-

ture," explained Brobst. "We tried to set the rates so that those using a significant amount paid their proportionate cost: while we are recommending no increase to those falling into the lowest consumption bracket."

The average water bill for a Seven Lakes customer will

increase \$3.00 per month, with irrigation rates increasing even more.

The efficiency committee recommended all revenue increases received from the increased rates should go into capital reserves.

"We have a system that has not been maintained as it should be, a wastewater treatment plant not at 100% capacity, and no means to raise rates each year to reflect current conditions," said Jim Westbrook, a member of the committee. "It appeared to us the county was in position

of catching up."

He continued, "The county is at a crossroads — there is a host of projects that need to be done for reliability and quantity for now and future growth."

Westbrook said the committee determined there was a three million dollar deficiency. "The question became where would the money come from for those needed repairs and restructuring?"

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## West End squad looks to expand Westside coverage

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

The fire tax budget request presented by West End Fire and Rescue [WEFR] generated questions from the Moore County Board of Commissioners during a Budget Work Session held on Thursday, May 22. The budget showed a slight increase in county funding, but a \$5,333 decrease in the fee that WEFR charges Foxfire Village for fire protection.

"There was a miscommunication on the numbers," Fire Chief Wayne Kennedy told *The Times*. "There was no decrease in funding from Foxfire."

Kennedy explained that West End Fire Department is one of three multitask departments in Moore County, and that complicates the accounting.

"That is, we provide fire, rescue, and EMS service," said Kennedy.

"In the shuffle of all the numbers some were not totaled all together. When we go on a fire

and rescue combined call, which gallon of fuel did we use for EMS and which for fire?"

The WEFR service district includes 102 square miles of rescue and EMS service, and forty-five square miles of fire protection.

"We would really like the privilege to serve the West Side for rescue and EMS," said Kennedy.

The West End Fire and Rescue station is positioned very close to the Seven Lakes West back gate, however, currently only their fire service district extends into the development.

"We have issues over the service zones and are more concerned over that than the budget," said Kennedy. "We're being overlooked."

Kennedy said his department is interested in being placed on the call list to respond to Seven Lakes EMS calls.

"All of us working together can do a whole lot more," he noted.



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# No tax increase in proposed Foxfire budget

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Foxfire Councilman Wally Peckitt presented his proposed 2008-2009 Budget to the Village Council during a Special Open Meeting on Tuesday, May 27.

"My objective, as I saw it, required walking a slight tightrope," said Peckitt. "One, I did not want to use undivided profit to balance the budget and, two, I did not want to increase taxes."

Peckitt explained that as orig-

inally prepared, the budget was \$23,000 short. However, delinquent taxes currently total approximately \$23,000.

"I am assuming we will collect this money in the next fiscal year so I have inserted those funds into the budget as rev-

enue — making the budget balanced without raising taxes," said Peckitt.

Councilwoman Page Coker, Director of Public Safety, questioned the four percent salary increase, one percent less than her request, and the \$5,000 life

insurance policy offered to employees.

"We don't offer a lot of perks and I want to do what we can for them," said Coker. "Everyday costs are going up and they devote everything here. They are not working for a big corporation with lots of benefits."

Mayor George Erickson agreed and discussion included researching other municipalities to see if the Foxfire life insurance benefit is comparable.

The proposed budget will be called for ratification at the Tuesday, June 10 monthly meeting.

## Village will borrow for water projects

Faced with a depleted water fund and several necessary projects, the Foxfire Village Council conducted a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 27, and unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the filing of an application to North Carolina Local Government Commission for

approval of financing.

In effect, the village may now seek borrowed funds to construct a required extension of the water line into a section of the Grande Pines development that is within village limits, complete a water study, and develop two new well sites to complete radi-

um remediation of existing wells.

Borrowing funds was considered preferable to a bond issue because there are significantly reduced costs for this type of debt service, because there is limited principal involved, and the ability of this debt obligation to be satisfied with assess-

ments to Grande Pines and increased water rates for water customers.

There will be no increase in taxes due to the approved contract.

## Arrests in drug store heist

Two men — one from New London and one from Denton — have been arrested in the December 2007 theft of hydrocodone pills from the Prescription Shoppe in Seven Lakes.

Cecil Clark Bailey, 29, of New London was arrested on February 11, and charged with felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, felony possession of stolen goods, two counts of trafficking in opium, two counts of conspiracy to traffic in opium, possession with intent to sell and deliver schedule III, felony

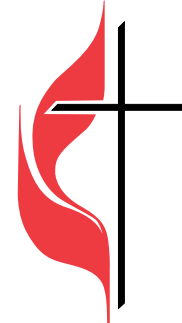
possession of schedule III, and felony conspiracy. He was given a \$75,000 unsecured bond and had a first court date of February 25.

Kevin Shawn Latham, 30, of 212 Garrett Street Denton was arrested on May 12 and charged with felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, felony possession of stolen goods, two counts of trafficking in opium, two counts of conspiracy to traffic in opium, possession with intent to sell and deliver schedule III, felony possession of

schedule III, and felony conspiracy. He was given a \$100,000 secured bond and was given a first court date of May 19.

The theft of 8400 hydrocodone pills was discovered in December when Moore County Sheriff's deputies responded to an alarm activation at the Prescription Shoppe.

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# Sheriff nabs man for 7 Lakes Village thefts

William Benton Hodges, 38, of 305 MacDougall Drive in Seven Lakes was arrested by Moore County Sheriff's Deputies on Tuesday, May 20, on charges stemming from a series of thefts and break-ins in the Seven Lakes Business Village.

Sheriff Lane Carter reported that, on May 8th, Preston Reid Stackhouse reported that someone had broken into two separate vehicles and stole the batteries and took gas from the tanks. He also reported that the two registration plates had been removed from the vehicles.

On May 9, an employee of Behavioral Healthcare of the Carolinas reported that someone had broken into the business and stole a laptop computer and accessories.

On May 17, William Adams reported that someone had broken into a building used for storage and had left behind three lap-

that fifty hanging flower baskets were stolen from Food Lion in Seven Lakes and four hanging baskets were stolen from the Log Cabin Country Store. Some of the hanging baskets were recovered along with the com-

puter. It was also discovered that someone had broken into a rear storage room of Pinemoore Construction in Seven Lakes.

Hodges was charged with six counts of felony breaking and entering, two counts of felony lar-

ceny, two counts of felony possession of stolen goods, four counts of misdemeanor larceny and four counts of misdemeanor possession of stolen goods. He was given a \$40,000 secured bond and a first court date of

June 2.

The North Carolina Department of Corrections reports that Hodges has a number of convictions on larceny and possession of stolen property dating back to 1986.



**William Benton Hodges**

top computers and a portable CD player. Deputies were able to determine that the items found inside the business belonged to Behavioral Healthcare of the Carolinas and that there had been an additional breaking and entering and the computers and CD player had been stolen.

During the investigation, the laptop stolen on May 9 was recovered. It was also determined during the investigation

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# Lakes & Dams is newest SLLA Committee

*[This is the first in a series of interviews The Times will publish over the next several issues profiling the work of SLLA Board members and their committees.]*

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

As the guardians of a primary community amenity and namesake to the surrounding village, the Lakes & Dams Committee of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] view their work as a crucial investment for the future.

"We're being proactive on the maintenance of the dams and by being proactive we are keeping Seven Lakes in a competitive position within real estate in Moore County," said Director Don Truesdell. "The proposed new developments in the surrounding areas do not have lakes and we do – and we always will!"

In 2007, the SLLA Board of Directors established the Lakes & Dams Committee. Previously, inspections and repairs of the dams had fallen under the Main-

tenance Committee's oversight. "In order to protect property values and ensure the integrity of the dams, the board felt was important to establish a distinct Lakes and Dams Committee," said Truesdell.

The committee meets the first Wednesday of each month and current members include Bill Gross, Bill Yarish, Don Fentzlaff, George Stahl, Jean Alfano, Jim Allen, JoAn Moses, John Paulson, Rodney Godwin, and Don Truesdell.

"We have four or five items on our plate this year to get done," said Truesdell. "Currently we are working with S&ME to complete Emergency Action Plans [EAP] for our five High Hazard dams as required by the state."

Truesdell said another project involves concerns about the condition and maintenance of Moore County Public Utilities pipes that run parallel along the road on each high hazard dam. In August 2007, the utility pipe on Lake Sequoia Dam broke and, according to Truesdell, the county is liable for damages or problems caused by these pipes.

Timber Lake Dam is another high priority project.

"We want to get a set of plans

and specifications for the remediation of Timber Dam. It's not classified High Hazard until houses are built downstream, but we've done nothing for thirty years and there is a lot of erosion," said Truesdell. "It will be beneficial to community – cheaper – if we can remediate the dam before it becomes reclassified."

The Lakes & Dams Committee is also developing a filing system with copies of all correspondence, procedures, and work orders including before and after-repair photographs; and soliciting a new laboratory to perform routine semi-annual water testing.

"We test for fecal coliform, biochemical oxygen demand, chemical oxygen demand, nitrates, phosphorus, and pH

levels – basically how much life the water can support," said Truesdell. "People are swimming and fishing all the time in our lakes and they need to know that we are concerned about water quality."

Truesdell said the committee's long-term goals include staying proactive and developing a strong ongoing relationship with S&ME.

"There are not that many people who have experience in these things [earthen dams] and there are 4,500 in the state," exclaimed Truesdell.

S&ME is a consulting engineering firm with 800 employees and three offices in North Carolina. The Seven Lakes project staff includes three graduate engineers, with one also serving as a flood plain manager and professional wetlands scientist.



Lakes & Dams Director Don Truesdell hits the books.



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**Geneva Tanner**, 75, of Eagle Springs, died Saturday, May 10, at her residence.

Mrs. Tanner is survived by three sons, Albert Tanner, of High Point, Charles H. Tanner, of Chicago, IL, and Eugene Tanner, of Eagle Springs; five daughters, Vivian McDonald, of High Point, Shirley Ann Tanner, Bertha M. Tanner, Chassie R. Tanner, all of the home, and Lillie Mae Jones, of Thomasville; a brother, L.C. Flowers, of High Point; three sisters, Mary McCormack and Annie Dunlap, of High Point, and Betty Polk, of Morven; twenty-five grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 17, at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church in West End. The Rev. P.A. McNair officiated. Interment followed at Gatewood Station A.M.E. Zion Cemetery in Morven.

R.C. Bostic Funeral Service in Candor assisted the family.

**John Robert White Jr.**, 79, of West End, died Wednesday, May 14, at Penick Village, Southern Pines.

Mr. White was born in Miami, a son of the late John Robert White Sr. and Della Beckham White. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. White retired as a civil engineer from Dade Co., in Florida. In July 1977, after his retirement, he and his wife, Margaret, opened John's Barbecue and Seafood Restaurant in Southern Pines.

In addition to his parents, Mr. White was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret.

Survivors include a daughter, Luann Thomas, of West End; four brothers, Paul White, of Live Oak, FL, George White, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Charles White, of Miami, FL and Richard White, of Porter, TX; three sisters, Mary Powell, of Carthage, Doris Hasty, of West End, and Barbara Knost, of Redondo Beach, CA; and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 17, at Aberdeen First Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Rev. Horace Warwick officiated. Burial and a ceremonial dove release followed at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

Boles Funeral Home in Southern Pines served the family.

**Edward Thurlow Young**, 83, of Seven Lakes West, died Wednesday, May 14, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Young was in Union, ME, a son of the late Quincy and Orabelle Weed Young. Mr. Young served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After his time in the military, he furthered his education and became a mechanical engineer.

Mr. Young is survived by his wife, Beradine Young; two sons, John Young, of Foxborough, MA, and William Young, of Rootstown, OH; five daughters, Nancy Mahone, of Bowdoinham, ME,

Deborah Young, of Greenville, SC, Kathleen Evans, of Clayton, Linda Young, of Augusta, ME, and Carol Young, of Peaks Island, ME; two sisters, Dorothy Merrifield, of Thomaston, ME, and Arleen Williams, of Tortwood, OH; and twelve grandchildren.

A Mass was held Monday, May 19, at Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Church in Candor.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Nancy Wuichet Stein**, 81, formerly of Seven Lakes, died Saturday, May 17, at the Inn at Quail Haven Village, Pinehurst.

Mrs. Stein was born and raised in Dayton, OH. She and her husband Ned moved to Seven Lakes

in 1986.


She was a master gardener and managed a garden center in Centerville until retirement. She was involved in many volunteer organizations in the Seven Lakes area.

Survivors include her husband of fifty-seven years, Ned Stein; a son, Michael of Kettering, OH; a daughter Christina, Johnson, of Oakridge, TN; three grandchildren; a sister Alice

Theall of Greensboro; a brother Tony, of Berkley, CA; a brother and sister-in-law Kathy and Jerry Streithorst and Dick and Doris Stein. Memorial services will be held Sunday, June 1, at 3:00 pm at West End Presbyterian Church, with a reception to follow.

Memorials may be made to Sandhills Horticultural Garden, Sandhills Community College

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Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines is serving the family.

**Brenda Faye Black**, 57, of West End, died Tuesday, May 20, at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Black was a native of Moore County, a daughter of the late Glenn Black and Viola Thomas Black. She was employed by Ingersoll-Rand, Southern Pines.

She is survived by a daughter, April Smith, of West End; a son, Dereck Black, of Cary; a sister, Barbara Duke, of Creedmore; two brothers, Lee Black and Johnny Black, both of Carthage; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 23, at Culdee Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Wayne Greene officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Fry and Prickett Funeral Home of Carthage assisted the family.

**Daniel Alexander Jarvis**, 27, of Aberdeen, died Tuesday, May 20, at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Mr. Jarvis was born in Dahanu, Saudi Arabia, a son of Lawrence Hugh Jarvis Jr. and Darleen Frances Jarvis.

Mr. Jarvis graduated from Cooperstown Central School in June 2000.

He worked as an office manager for Stover Homes NC. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving overseas and abroad, beginning with basic training in Fort Benning, GA, and then special training at Fort Gordon. He was also stationed in Korea and at Fort Bragg.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Elizabeth H. Stoiber; and his paternal grandparents, Lawrence and Patricia Jarvis Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Angela R. Mabe Jarvis; a brother, Michael Richard Wilson, of Acworth, GA; three sisters, Tracy Lyn Wilson, of Vista, CA, Patricia Elizabeth Jarvis, of Cooperstown, NY, and his twin sister, Heather Kathleen Carr, of El Paso, TX; his parents, Lawrence Hugh Jarvis Jr. and Darleen Francis Jarvis, of Cooperstown, NY; and his grandfather, Frederick A. Stoiber, of Winter Haven, FL.

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

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Daniel A. Jarvis

Scholarship Fund, c/o Cooperstown Central School, 39 Linden Ave., Cooperstown, NY 13326.

Boles Funeral Home of South-

ern Pines is assisting the family.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual National Cancer Survivors Day

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# The Class of 2008 - High School



**Lanie Anton**

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Lanie is the daughter of David and Joan Anton of Davis, CA. Her grandparents are Marjorie and Harold of Seven Lakes. She was a member of the downhill ski racing team, and the dance team. Lanie will attend California State University at San Luis Obispo to major in Sociology and Criminology.



**Kathryn Marie Ballenger**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Katie is the daughter of Michael and Lynn Ballenger of Seven Lakes North. Her grandparents are Doris Ballenger of Holden Beach and Mrs. Billie Brown of Greensboro.

Katie will attend Appalachian State University.



**Holden Bradley Cheek**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Holden is the son of David and Jerry Cheek of Seven Lakes. His grandparents are Jackie Ingram of Seven Lakes, Pete & Beckie Cheek of West End.

He will attend Sandhills Community College for Engineering and will transfer to UNC-Charlotte.



**Brittany Renae Cullifer**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Brittany is the daughter of William H. Cullifer & Lynn B. Cullifer of Seven Lakes North. She is the granddaughter of Ann H. Cullifer of Leland, NC & the late William V. Cullifer & the late Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Brendell. Brittany was a member of Pinecrest Choral. She will attend Appalachian State.



**Kayla Nicole Gielda**

Centerville High School  
Centerville, VA

Kayla is the daughter of Steve and Sherry Gielda of Clifton, VA and the granddaughter of Larry and Brenda Yates of Seven Lakes South. Kayla was a member of the National Honor Society, the Yearbook staff, and co-captain of the Dance Team. She will attend the University of Tennessee.



**Joey Guy**

Asheboro High School  
Asheboro, NC

Joey is the son of Steve and Lisa Guy. His grandparents are Tom & Joanne Guy and Tom and Mary Snead of Seven Lakes.

He played varsity football, was an honors student, and President of the Habitat for Humanity student board.

Joey will attend UNC-Chapel Hill.



**Coby Ryan Kavanaugh**

Pinehurst High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Coby is the son of Dr. Barry & Penny Kavanaugh of Seven Lakes. He is the grandson of Odell & Iva McMahan of Lexington; Lee & Donna Barnhardt of Ft. Myers, FL and Barry Kavanaugh, Sr. of High Point. Coby will attend UNC-Chapel Hill as a Pre-med student.



**Kelsey Jean Leach**

Pinehurst High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Kelsey is the daughter of Kelly Leach of Seven Lakes North and the granddaughter of Ron & Wynn Raines of Whispering Pines. She was active in varsity basketball, Leo Club, and National Honor Society. She will attend Forsyth Technical College in Winston-Salem to study Nuclear Medicine.



**Jessica R. Maples**

Battlefield High School  
Haymarket, VA

Jessica is the daughter of Michael & Isabel Maples of Haymarket, VA. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Maples & the late Gene Maples of Seven Lakes West & Richard & Marie Sykes of Pinebluff. She was a member of varsity lacrosse, cheer leading, Nat. Honors Society. She will attend Virginia Tech.



**Morgan Wallis Maples**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Morgan is the daughter of Tim & Tracy Maples of Seven Lakes West and the granddaughter of John & Wallis Green and Virginia Maples. She played varsity soccer, was tennis captain, National Honor Society, Key Club, & student body V.P. She will attend UNC-Chapel Hill.



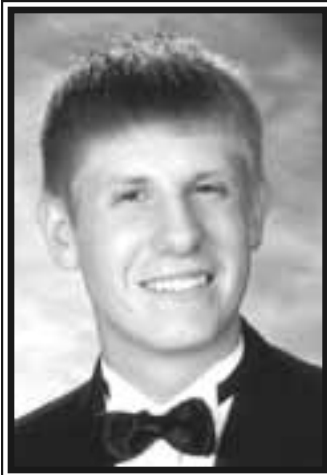
# The Class of 2008 - High School



**Emily Renee Michael**

Union Pines High School  
Cameron, NC

Emily is the daughter of Bobby & Linda Ferguson and David & Lynda Michael of Seven Lakes. Her grandparents are William & LaRue McCrimmon, James & Judy Mabe, William & Linda Parke. She was a member of the swim team and received an athletic & academic scholarship to Campbell University.



**Benjamin Minich**

Caravel Academy  
Wilmington, DE

Benjamin is the son of Meg and Thomas Minich of Wilmington, DE. He is the grandson of Peg Hart of Seven Lakes North.

Ben was an honor student, played on the soccer and golf teams and ran cross-country. He is an Eagle Scout. He will attend the University of Delaware.



**Brittany E. Newsham**

Woodlands High School  
College Park, TX

Brittany is the daughter of Kent and Helen Newsham of Woodlands, TX. She is the granddaughter of Lois Newsham of Seven Lakes South.

She graduated from the Academy of Science and Technology of Woodlands High School with honors. She will attend Texas A&M as a Pre-med student.



**Haley Pearson**

Caldwell Academy  
Greensboro, NC

Haley is the daughter of Keith & Vicki Pearson and the granddaughter of Tom & Joanne Guy of Seven Lakes.

She is interested in photography, drama, soccer, wildlife preservation & inner-city missions. She will attend University of South Carolina, Columbia. She received a Cooper Scholarship.



**Sarah Ann Pickett**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Sarah is the daughter of Harold and Donna Pickett of West End and her grandparents are Wilbur and Ann Calcutt of Pinehurst. She was the President of FBLA and the recipient of an FBLA Scholarship to Byran School of Business at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



**Diana Evelyn Rabstejnek**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Diana is the daughter of Joe and Heidi Rabstejnek of Seven Lakes North. She is a IB diploma candidate and was a member and President of the National Honor Society. Diana will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill as a NC Teaching Fellow to study elementary education.



**Bradley T. Thwaites**

Pinehurst High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Bradley is the son of Dr. Brian & Kathryn Thwaites of Pinehurst. His grandparents are Jerry & Patt Lewin of Seven Lakes West & Rev. Edward and Nancy Thwaites of Denver, CO.

He graduated from the IB program, was member of the tennis team and will attend UNC-Chapel Hill.



**Tiffany Marie Wenerd**

Pinecrest High School  
Pinehurst, NC

Tiffany is the daughter of Michael & Barbara Wenerd of Seven Lakes West. She is the granddaughter of Joseph & Gina Piper of Seven Lakes West & Herb Wenerd of Philadelphia, PA. She was a member of National Honor Society & a NC Teaching Fellow recipient. She will attend Western Carolina University.



**Katie Woloshin**

Shawnee High School  
Medford, NJ

Katie is the daughter of Michael and Donna Woloshin of Medford, NJ and the granddaughter of Ed and Nancy Steelman of Seven Lakes West.

Katie will attend James Madison University in Virginia to major in business.

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See the box on page 2 for our address, location, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, etc.

# The Class of 2008 - College



**Lauren Elizabeth Brown**

Penn State University  
PA

Lauren is the daughter of Amy & Jeff Brown of Harwood, MD. She is the granddaughter of Bruce & Dot Macdonald of Seven Lakes West. Lauren graduated Cum Laude with a BS degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management. She has accepted a position with ARAMARK Corporation.



**Devon Scott Graham**

North Carolina State University  
NC

Devon is the son of Ronnie & Lynne Graham of Seven Lakes West. His grandmother is Vera Breazeale of Hickory. Devon is an honors graduate with a BS degree in political science with a concentration in law and criminal justice. He will pursue a graduate degree in law in the fall.



**David Jackson**

Berklee College of Music  
Boston, MA

David is the son of S. David and Chary Jackson of Foxfire. He is the grandson of Ray and Pauline Taylor of Seven Lakes West.

David received a BA degree in Music Education.

He will pursue a position teaching English in Japan.



**Mayer M. McKinley**

Fayetteville State University  
Fayetteville, NC

Mayer is the daughter of Beckie Allen of Troy and the granddaughter of Jack and Mary Allen of Seven Lakes South. Mayer graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. She was awarded an honors and academic scholarship. She will pursue a Masters degree.



**Ryan M. Weber**

Elon University  
Elon, NC

Ryan is the son of Ron & Rosemary Weber of Seven Lakes West.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Business. He was active in SGA.

Ryan will pursue a Masters degree in Psychology and a career in Industrial Organizational Psychology.



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9 Tomato Basil Soup ♥  Meatloaf Dinner	10 Broccoli-Spinach Soup ♥  Chicken Parmesan Dinner	11 Black Bean Soup ♥  Beef Enchiladas Dinner ♥	12 Crab & Shrimp Bisque ♥  Dijon-Crusted Tilapia Dinner ♥	13 Creamy Chicken Alphabet Soup  Swiss Steak Dinner
16 Roasted Corn & Tomato Soup ♥  Baked Spaghetti Dinner	17 Goldie's Chili ♥  Herb-Roasted Turkey Dinner	18 Summer Minestrone Soup ♥  Vegetable Manicotti Dinner ♥	19 Curried Carrot Soup ♥  Ginger Beef Stir Fry Dinner ♥	20 Manhattan Clam Chowder ♥  Poached Salmon Dinner ♥
23 Mushroom & Wild Rice Soup ♥  Shepherd's Pie Dinner	24 Beef Barley Soup ♥  Chicken Enchiladas Dinner	25 Chilled Cucumber Soup  Eggplant Parmesan Dinner ♥	26  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>CLOSED</b></div>	27  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"><b>CLOSED</b></div>

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by Joe Kristek  
Seven Lakes West

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## Chapel offers class for Alzheimer's caregivers

This Summer, the Outreach of the Chapel in the Pines will begin a support group in Seven Lakes for Alzheimer's or other related memory loss diseases.

If you are now caring for a person with Alzheimer's or any kind of memory loss disease or if you are interested in learning to become a caregiver to a friend or neighbor suffering from memory loss, The Alzheimer's Association will offer Caregiver Training on Thursday, June 19, from 1:30

pm to 4:30 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Reservations are not required.

In order for the Alzheimer's Support Group to be a success, we will need persons to relieve caregivers so they may attend the once a month meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a Caregiver, please contact Fran Stark at 673-5493.

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- **Weymouth Woods: Bird Walk** – 8 am, Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd, Southern Pines. Meet at Visitor Center parking area for a two-mile hike to look for newly arrived summer and transient visitors from the tropics. Have you ever seen a yellow-throated warbler, blue-gray gnatcatcher, northern parula or summer tanager? Bring your binoculars and learn more about these winged wonders.
- **Pick a Pooch Adoption Party** – 10 am – 4 pm, Merchant's Area, Seven Lakes Business Village. Sponsored by Montgomery Moore Animal Rescue, a weekend of outdoor fun and pet adoptions. Event continues on Sun, Jun 1. Adoption fees waived for senior people and senior dogs. Celebrate Hammer's birthday with a Hammer Time cake at 2:00 pm, Saturday. Preview pets at [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1**

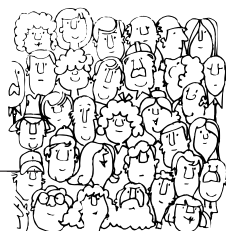
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**MONDAY, JUNE 2**

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 4 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **NAMI Education and Support Meeting** – 7 pm, First Health Moore Regional Hospital, Conference Center Room A. Guest speaker: Dr. Fernando

## What's When Calendar



- **Eddie Barrett and Goodman Legacy Orchestra** – 4 pm – 6:30 pm, Mint Juleps Club, 155 Hall Ave, Southern Pines. Eddie's Big Band sound, part of the Sandhills music scene. Information, 603-7660.

Cobos, M.D, FirstHealth Medical Director, Substance Abuse & Outpatient Services.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4**

- **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 for volunteers who would like to become adult tutors. Tutor training continues on Jun 9, 11, 16, 18, 1 pm – 4pm. Registration (910) 692-5954 or e-mail [pamm-clc@nc.rr.com](mailto:pamm-clc@nc.rr.com).

- **Artists League of the Sandhills: Pot o' Gold Show** – 6 pm – 8pm, Exchange Street Gallery, Aberdeen. Opening awards and reception, all are welcome. Exhibit through Jun 26, 12 pm to 3 pm, Mon - Saturday. Information, 944-3979.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7**

- **FirstHealth Blue Jean Ball** – 6:30 – 11 pm, Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Barbecue buffet and live music. Tickets \$50. Reservations: 695-7510.

- **Seven Lakes Dance: Annual Recital** – 7 pm, Aberdeen Elementary School. A free program, come watch the Seven Lakes Dance troupes and classes perform their annual recital. Information on classes and upcoming Summer Dance Camps, Marcie Miller at 673-1263.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8**

- **National Cancer Survivors Day Celebration** – 3 pm – 7 pm, The Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Sponsored by FirstHealth of the Carolinas, program begins at 4:00 pm followed by a Southern-style picnic dinner. All cancer survivors, as well as their families, friends, and caregivers are invited to attend.

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### MONDAY, JUNE 9

- **Moore County Board of Education Meeting** – 7 pm, Schools Central Office, Carthage.
- **Sandhills Photography Club Meeting** – 7 pm, Christ Fellowship Church, Midland Road and Pee Dee Road, Southern Pines. Competition of Photo Journalism. Information, visit [www.sandhillsphotoclub.org](http://www.sandhillsphotoclub.org)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 10

- **Last Day of School: MCS Traditional Calendar**
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 8 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- **Seven Lakes Computer Club Meeting** – 3 pm, Game Room. Corrine Walls, computer instructor at Sandhills Community College and WEE, will demonstrate MS Word 2007, which has a drastically redesigned interface. Visitors are most welcome; both novices and advanced.
- **Foxfire Village Council Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 12

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Work Session** – 8:30 am, Game Room.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 13

- **Foxfire Blood Drive** – 1:30 pm – 6 pm, Foxfire Country Club. Sponsored by the American Red Cross, for an appointment call 692-8571.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 20

- **BookGroup by the Lakes** – 7:00 pm, Coffee Scene, Seven lakes Business Village. Join our discussion of Michael Chabon's *The Yiddish Policemen's Union*. 673-5900.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- **Flag Day**
- **Foxfire Child Identification Program** – 10 am – 11:30 am, Town Hall. Presented by Village of Foxfire Police, bring children for Child Identification kits including finger printing.

### MONDAY, JUNE 16

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

### THURSDAY, JUNE 19

- **Alzheimer Caregiver Training** – 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. Sponsored by The Alzheimer's Association, reservations not required. Information, Fran Stark 673-5493.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 21

- **Golf Capital Chorus Garage**

**Sale** – 8 am, 12 Shenecossett Lane, Pinehurst #6. The Golf Capital Chorus annual garage sale raises funds for charitable giving. Pinehurst #6 is north of traffic circle, take first right beyond main entrance to Shenecossett.

- **Seven Lakes Annual Garden Tour** – 9 am – 1 pm, Seven Lakes North, South, & West. Your opportunity to visit beautifully landscaped garden in the communities of Seven Lakes North, South, & West. Directions will be available at entrance gates. Rain date is June 28.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 24

- **League of Women Voters Meeting** – 11:30 am, Longleaf Country Club, Southern Pines.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

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

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# Beacon Ridge Men host Wounded Warriors

Beacon Ridge Country Club provided the golf and members of the Men's Golf Association team provided the lunch for fourteen American heroes.

Organized by Westsider Jim Schrum, the men's team invited soldiers in the Wounded Warriors Project at Ft. Bragg to participate in a tournament earlier this month.

The Wounded Warriors Project is a non-profit, national organi-

zation dedicated to assisting men and women of our armed forces who have been severely injured during the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other locations around the world. Through various programs, the project provides services to severely injured service members during the time between active duty and transition to civilian life.

Assigning one soldier to each

foursome, Schrum said both team members and the servicemen enjoyed a perfect round of golf.

"It's nice to sit back and not worry about the difficulties in the world, even for just a few hours," said AJ Alston. An Alaskan-native and carpenter by trade, AJ Alston joined Schrum's foursome. "We just really appreciate this."

On being called a Wounded Warrior, Alston was humble, "These guys here are the heroes - I am just doing my job, I volunteered for it."



Ron Daly, Jim Schrum, with Wounded Warrior AJ Alston and Mike Schorr

## June 20 Golf Tourney will benefit Wounded Warriors

A benefit golf tournament to support the Wounded Warriors Project will be held on Friday, June 20 at Beacon Ridge Country Club. Check-in at 8 am, with a 9 am shotgun start. Lunch, prizes, and awards will follow. Game is captain's choice step aside, entry fee is \$75.00 per player for lunch and golf. Hole sponsorship is \$100.00 and includes recognition on course and in program.

For more information and registration, contact Steve Auditore at 673-3059, email [stevebogeyman@yahoo.com](mailto:stevebogeyman@yahoo.com) or by mail 5512 Seven Lakes West, West End, NC 27376.

## Gospel & Ice Cream - Sunday

The West End United Methodist Church will be hosting an Old Fashion Gospel Sing and Ice Cream Social at the West End church on Sunday, June 8 at 6:30 pm. The event will begin with gospel music performed by the West End United Methodist Choir, and conclude with the serving of ice cream and other treats.

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# Young Lakers to play at Cooperstown, NY

by Dana Garner

Three young men from Seven Lakes will live out a dream as they travel to the home of baseball this August to participate in a 96-team national baseball tournament.

Dalton Bullard, Jackson Maples, and Matt Epley are all members of the Sandhills Lightning, a local twelve-year old traveling baseball team made

up of players primarily from Moore County. The Lightning is one of the top twelve-year old teams in North Carolina and consistently defeats teams from larger NC metropolitan areas.

In order to test their abilities on a national level and to provide a wonderful experience for these young men the Lightning will be playing in a 96-team national tournament in Cooperstown, NY,

August 16-23. The tournament will include teams from all across the country and will be played at the Cooperstown Dreams Park, a twenty-three field facility in the heart of the birthplace of baseball.

The players are currently actively involved in fundraising for the trip and just recently gave away \$1,000 to Seven Lakes resident Wes Janz, as the grand prize in a raffle. The team will also be hosting a golf tournament at National Golf Club the afternoon of June 30. Information on the golf tournament and sponsorship opportunities are available by calling Barry Embler at 315-8265 or Berry Epley at 919-770-0681.



Seven Lakers Jackson Maples, Matt Epley, and Dalton Bullard.

## Stork visits Bradshaws



Ryan and Misty Bradshaw of Seven Lakes North, along with new big brother Ethan, proudly announce the birth of Emery Ann Bradshaw on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:58 am.

Emery weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces, and was twenty inches long.

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# Maintenance crews deserve a lot of credit

The weather during the past month has been rather variable with temperatures in most instances below normal and a number of showers having graced us. Meteorologists tell us we have been reclassified from severe drought area to moderate classification status. Hopefully, we may receive more frequent showers and drought conditions will continue to improve.

Let's continue to observe our watering restrictions. Watering at the correct amounts and time is very essential for establishing and maintaining plant growth and development.

This Spring it has been observed that the flower and grass areas, particularly the North and Southside gates of Seven Lakes haven't been up to par during the Winter and Spring, until now. No doubt the reason for this situation is largely due to the no watering policy. Also annual flowers were not planted in the Fall by the Garden Club. The Winter was dry and the grass in each area suffered for lack of moisture.

Some have suggested that the maintenance personnel of Seven Lakes North and South should do more work in all areas. I am amazed and surprised at the many jobs and responsibilities that these workers face.

To mention a few; mowing the right-of-ways on all roads and streets, maintaining roads including signs, keeping parks clean, cleanup of trash and debris on roads and lots, areas cleaned and mowed around mail rooms, pruning of shrubs and trees, keeping landowners office and surrounds presentable, liming and fertilizing properly lawns and trees, keeping equipment repaired, running, and serviced, minor repairs in and around lake dams, cleanup of beaches, solving drainage problem areas, solving odd jobs for members, and many, many, more tasks. We have a good group of maintenance workers. Let's give them the help and support they need.

Bud Shaver, as a board member, has taken on the responsibility of evaluating overall maintenance and ascertaining where improvements can be made. He has solicited help from the Seven Lakes Beautification Commit-

tee, Seven Lakes Garden Club, and his landowners committee. Hopefully, the findings will assist the hardworking maintenance group in their work.



## Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

On Saturday, May 10, the Seven Lakes Garden Club planted annual vinca at the North, South, and Westside entrance beds. These plants are growing well, look good, and greatly improve the appearance of these areas.

### Gardening tip reminders:

Pinch the tips of your chrysanthemums once they reach the height of four to six inches. By pinching them back monthly,

until early July, they will produce bushier and better plants.

If you haven't fertilized your azaleas and rhododendrons or other spent blooming evergreens, feed them with a slow release acid plant food. Also prune all finished blooming evergreen plants. Do it at the desired

size before new bloom buds appear.

Check your vegetable plants, lawn, shrubs, and trees regularly and if insects are present, use the proper insect control methods.

Sow seeds of zinnias and other annuals in garden, beds, or other desirable locations in the yard for beauty. Pots of petunias, geraniums, lantanas, and begonias are very attractive,

colorful, beautiful, and decorative around any place.

The practice of dead-heading [the removal of spent blooms] from annuals and perennials make plants bloom longer and more attractively.

Now that plants have been established and the soil is warm, mulch your vegetable garden, shrubs, and flower beds to conserve moisture and will control grasses and weeds.

Use a herbicide treatment in your landscape when it becomes necessary and you become tired of pulling and digging weeds and grasses.

Many have reported imported fire ants around your landscape.

There are several recommended chemical controls. Some of the common names include Safer-brand Fire Ant Killer, Spectracide, Fire Ant Plus, Over and Out, Extinguish, Distance, and others. Check with your chemical dealer and follow all package directions carefully.

Suggested vegetable plantings include:

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# Westside meeting

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from the Northside" Milligan said. "We asked some teens not to come back into our community. We asked security to prevent teenagers from coming through the gate" unless they provided the name of the Westsider they were visiting.

"Our community has grown," Milligan said. "Maybe we need some some stricter rules and regulations. "If we don't start controlling the problems that are now developing are going to continue to have problems."

## Speeding

Both Security Director Rowland and Infrastructure Director Ray MacKay discussed measures underway to help reduce speeding in the community.

MacKay explained that he will be implementing portions of "the Shepard Plan," suggested by Director Ron Shepard and approved by the Board in a May work session. Several new speed limit signs will be installed in locations around Longleaf Drive, stripes will be painted across the roadway to highlight stop sign locations at Gateway and Lakeway Drives and the Community Center. A crosswalk will be marked from the Community Center to Otter Drive and the existing crosswalk from the Pinnacles to the mailhouse will be repainted.

Rowland reported that he has obtained from Pinewild detailed information on their process that allows the Landowners Associ-

ation to issue speeding tickets to residents. He has consulted with the Sheriff's Office on the appropriate radar equipment to purchase, and determined that SLWLA Security personnel will not need to be certified as radar gun operators in order to implement the program.

Rowland will be working with Legal Director Ed Silberhorn to develop language for the Rules and Regulations that will include due process protections and allow the program to be implemented.

Chuck Spellman, who lives near the back gate, reported during the public comment segment of the meeting increasing problems with folks rolling through the Gateway Drive stop sign, as well as unauthorized access to the community by folks on ATVs and four-wheel drive vehicles.

## Registration

The annual registration process has been proceeding smoothly, Haggard reported, though only forty-nine percent of landowners have registered. After June 1, the group of volunteers handling registration at the Community Center will no longer be on duty, which may mean a longer registration process for those who have delayed getting it done.

Haggard noted that the new community database has been providing data on the registration process in almost real time. For example, so far, \$532,000 in dues have been collected. Of

those voting on the proposed covenant change to allow curbside mail delivery, 72 percent have voted in favor. Just over 1,400 vehicles have been registered.

Director Fewkes noted that 70 percent of boats have already been registered. All boats must be reregistered and get new stickers, she noted. As of June 1, boats that do not have this year's boat stickers will not be allowed on the lake.

## Other business

Also during the Tuesday, May 27 Westside general meeting:

- Director Fewkes said final plans for the dam remediation were to be submitted to the state by week's end. She noted that Dam Engineer Dan Marks will be charged with making sure the remediation is done properly — "I don't think anyone else has his expertise." She said Marks does not have time to field phone

calls from individual Westside landowners — and the Association will not pay for Marks to answer such calls.

- Fewkes reported that several landowners saw a sea plane exit the cove near Sunset Point on Sunday evening, May 25, around 6:30 pm, and take off from the lake. Sea planes are not allowed on the lake and Fewkes is seeking any information about the owner of the plane or its tail numbers, which can be used to contact the owner and the sea plan owners association.

- Don Smith and Ed Cockman have volunteered to coordinate the Lake Patrol, Director Fewkes reported. Those interested in volunteering can contact either of them directly.

- Community Manager Tony Robertson is still looking for volunteers with pontoon boats to help move equipment and people to and from the island in connection with the July 4 fire-

works display.

- Resident Gus Danielson is still looking for volunteers who can help make phone calls to encourage participation in the covenant change ballot to allow curbside mail delivery.

- The Recreation Committee has scheduled a Kick off pool party on Saturday, June 14, with snow cones, snacks, volleyball, and basketball, Director Karen Milligan reported.

- During the public comment segment of the meeting, John Hoffman encouraged Directors to find a mechanism that will allow more public input into priority-setting by the Long Range Planning committee — perhaps through a poll of the membership. President Haggard said it could be very difficult to provide landowners with enough background information on projects to allow them to respond o such a poll in an informed way.

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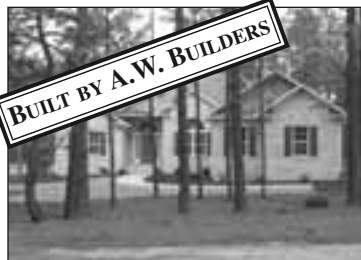
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## Financial review

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because costs have risen but, under an agreement that merged the Westside landowners associations, the SLWLA has not been able to raise the fees paid by owners. That will change in the coming year, Kirst said.

Spending on Johnson Point was only two-thirds of expectation, largely because of the contribution made by volunteers in handling various repair and main-

tenance projects.

The addition of a compliance officer — a position not in the FY2007-2007 budget — resulted in security expenses running about six percent over projections.

In the areas overseen by Infrastructure Director Ray MacKay, Operations and Maintenance were seven percent over budget but Roads were sixteen percent under budget, largely

because of deferred pavement patching.

Recreation was two percent under budget, thanks to lower cost for fireworks. Kirst pointed out that recreation activities often bring income to the Association that is not reflected in the line item's performance to expense budget.

Spending on Westside Park was right on budget, with overages in utilities, and pool and

playground equipment offset by savings when a proposed walking trail was not built.

Administrative expense was four percent under budget because of lower than expected legal fees and the loss of one member of the office staff.

Reductions in the variable rate West Side Park mortgage brought Mortgage Interest in 6 percent under budget.

Delay of the installation of a new filter at the dam, combined with lower than expected costs for Lakeway Drive repaving brought Capital Projects in at 26 percent below budget.

Kirst said the Long Range Planning Committee and Finance Committee had jointly reallocated the nearly \$1.3 million in Westside reserves. The breakdown is now as follows: Roads - \$335,000; Dam - \$419,000; Capital Projects - \$371,000; West

Side Park - \$38,000; and Contingency - \$100,000.

"This gives Long Range Planning a starting point," Kirst said, so that they can look at upcoming projects and answer the question, 'How much do we need on an annual basis to get there?'"

"Looking forward, we have a challenge this next year," she added. Income is projected to increase 6.5 percent, while expenses are expected to grow by nearly 30 percent. "That difference will have to be very closely managed," Kirst said.

On top of that challenge, she noted, the community needs to begin building reserves in order to be in a position to address big ticket items — like the repaving of Longleaf Drive — that will have to be undertaken in the future.

## Stephan's seat still vacant

The question of who will serve the remaining year of Donna Stephan's term on the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors remains unresolved. Stephan resigned from both the board and as Chair of the Architectural Review Board [ARB] during the April 30 Open Meeting amid continuing controversy over the fate of the Seven Lakes Country Club's old driving range.

Immediately following the board's regularly scheduled Work Session on Thursday, May 15, President Randy Zielsdorf called a Special Open Meeting to discuss and potentially appoint a replacement board member and ARB Chair. SLLA Bylaws stipulate that the next highest vote recipient in the previous election should be given first consideration; however, the board may appoint any qualified person.

In March, ten candidates pursued seats on the board. The top three; Bud Shaver, Sally Kindsvatter, and Gary Caulk, won seats through the vote, while Denny Galford was appointed to serve the one-year term remaining after Director Laura Douglass' resignation. The next highest vote recipient is Ron Erskine. Zielsdorf indicated that the board had given him consideration, though it was unclear whether Erskine's name was included a final list of six names presented to the board for consideration.

Zielsdorf said the remaining candidates in the election were not included in the list because of the low vote tallies each accumulated in March. Prior to the Special Open Meeting, Zielsdorf had asked members of the board to submit additional names of qualified persons.

"There was some discrimina-

tion because some very qualified members were not included because they are members of the Seven Lakes Country Club and active golfers," said Zielsdorf. "We already have four members of the club serving on the board."

Zielsdorf said six names were agreed upon and the directors were instructed to rank the names in preferential order. The list of names was kept confidential and Zielsdorf said the highest ranked member had been contacted and politely declined the offer.

"The second individual is out of the area and I have not been able to reach them," said Zielsdorf.

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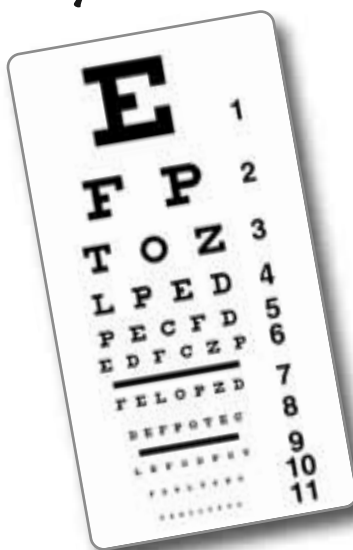
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## Editorial

# Kids = Geese

Seven Lakes West is having a vandalism problem, which seems to be linked to a kids-hanging-out problem, which may also involve a kids-hanging-out-and-drinking-beer problem. A lot of the action appears to be centered on Johnson Point.

This is not unusual; Seven North had the same problem a couple of years ago, in spades. They used parking lot curfews, lighting, roving security patrols, and a couple of underage-drinking busts by local law enforcement to bring the situation under control.

The West Side can do the same. The lights and roving patrol will cost some money; and the Sheriff will have to be convinced that he needs to devote some manpower to an underage drinking bust. But, it can be done.

Unfortunately, some folks seem to be getting sidetracked from those proven approaches to controlling kids-hanging-out-problems by focusing on wrong-side-of-the-tracks issues.

Two Westside Directors roused a half-dozen kids who were "fishing" after hours at Johnson Point last Sunday night, and then had the Sheriff's office roust some of the same kids after they moved their party to the Lake Auman dam. Empty beer cans were in reportedly evidence at the scene. One of the kids was a Northsider and all three vehicles involved had Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] stickers. So far so good.

But the report of that incident prompted a suggestion that it might be time to end the reciprocity agreement between the SLLA and Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA]. It wasn't clear whether the idea was to dump just the agreement that provides for reciprocal access to amenities, or to have the gate guards stop opening the gate for SLLA members.

Either way, it's a really bad idea — and it won't fix the problem.

Seven Lakes has a whole host of outstanding organizations — from the Women of Seven Lakes to the Sailing Club and Garden Club — that include members from both sides of town. Having to deal with visitor passes when these groups gather would be a ridiculous waste of time and a major hassle at the gate. So, it would be just plain silly to revoke the mutual recognition of vehicle stickers.

Whether SLLA members can swim in the Westside pool and whether SLWLA members can participate in Northside water aerobics has nothing whatsoever to do with kids drinking down at the Point (whether the "Point" in question is Johnson Point or Sequoia Point). So ending the reciprocal use of amenities will

have no impact on the problem at hand.

If the two sides of town want to go their separate ways on that issue, fine. But it will not solve the problem of kids-behaving-badly.

The kids we are talking about are 16-to-25-year-olds, with maybe a few younger or older folks around the fringes. They all go to the same high schools and the same community colleges, work and eat at the same fast food restaurants, come home from the same amazingly liberating college campuses to the same stultifying summer at home with the 'rents.

These kids live on the North Side, the West Side, in West End, Eagle Springs, Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and probably Biscoe and Sanford. They don't much care which side of the tracks folks live on; they just want to hang out with other kids, maybe sneak a beer or two, maybe hook up with a member of the opposite sex — or, failing that, maybe mess up some public or private property in order to release the pent-up energy.

This all means that Seven Lakes West's kid problem is probably going to get worse as school lets out, absent college students return reluctantly to the nest, and summer boredom sets in. If the West Side wants to fix its kid problem, it needs to act smart and act fast, and not get distracted by the stickers on the offenders' windshields.

The SLWLA should follow the SLLA's successful example: impose and enforce a 11:00 pm parking curfew on all community property; light up Johnson Point, and the dam area, if necessary; convince the Sheriff that he needs to get officers with breathalyzers on the scene to make some busts when the call comes in.

Who's going to make the call? The expensive roving security officers that will be absolutely necessary to make the plan work — to spot the kids-behaving-badly, write down license plate numbers, and call the Sheriff.

It worked at Sequoia Point, and it will work at Johnson Point.

The West Side will not fix this security problem, or the host of other minor infractions recounted at every monthly meeting, until it quits trying to fix the problem on the cheap and invests in regular, professional, roving security patrols.

Unfortunately, the kind of security Westsiders want comes with a price tag.

As for the kids, kids-behaving-badly are like Canada Geese. You can't eliminate them; all you can do is make them uncomfortable enough in your neighborhood to move their party someplace else.

# School's (almost) out!

"Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la...." Oops, right sentiment — wrong month. Maybe I'll look instead to Alice Cooper for inspiration and belt out, "School's out for Summer, school's out forever!" — though if you peruse these Opinion pages maybe you'll agree that the correct cel-

the threshold of the big 4-0. Perhaps it's because Darling Hubby and I stretched that youthful glow out to ridiculous lengths, like a dwindling string of Silly Putty, that we now take such joy in reliving all the pleasures of childhood with our brood: especially the school countdown.



## Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

Not that those hard-working teachers aren't feeding that frenzy each day by X'ing off days on the calendar.

bratory tune is probably "99 bottles of beer."

Yes indeed Lakers, Summer is here and school bells from NC State to Pinecrest to West End and those atop scores of other fine institutions of higher learning will soon rest quiet while our roads, parks, and waters buzz with the excited sound of freedom.

A freedom defined by that ever-so brief moment in time when we enjoy an unbridled, innocent sense that the world is our oyster . . . the last day of school.

After taking the scenic route through my twenties — an adventuresome journey with lots of turns, twists, and Twinkies — I went from the surreal life to real life in my thirties, and now sit on

Every afternoon, my darlings scurry off the bus announcing that magic number . . . eleven days left, ten days left!

Like an eminent shuttle launch, I can already see the white cloud of smoke curling up around their ankles. By the final day, the fevered pitch of excitement is guaranteed to alight into a volcanic spew.

I say, verily, beware the tenth of June.

For my money though, being an adult just can't compare. Sure I look forward to vacations — but that enthusiasm is equally tempered with the knowledge that the week will inevitably end in an avalanche of dirty laundry, spent energy, depleted funds, and great piles of unopened mail.

(See "Laura," p. 27)

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# Why vote now on Westside covenant change?

Dear Editor:

Several members have asked why we choose this time to request a vote of the membership to amend the covenant by removing ban against curbside mailboxes. Why not wait until we get a yes from the USPS? Then we could ask the membership for a "yes or no" vote on the amendment when home delivery was a possibility.

This proved to be the wrong path to take for two reasons.

First, over the past four years, a committee headed by Gus Danielson met on numerous occasions with the UPSP Greensboro District Manager to request that they consider home

mail delivery for Seven Lakes West. On three separate occasions the answer came back "No." Six months ago Gus' committee, with the assistance of a representative of Senator Dole's office, met with the DM again and presented evidence that, of the eleven gated communities in this area, only the Seven Lakes community had been denied home delivery. The USPS District Manager agreed to review their request and promised an answer by March 31 of this year. After that date came and went, his office was contacted, only to discover that he'd retired shortly before the promised date. No editorial comment necessary.

Effectively, this means that Gus' committee is back at square one and would have to start the lengthy process over with a new District Manager.

The Long Range Planning Committee decided that it was prudent to determine if home delivery was even possible before beginning another long process and asked the Board to include the ballot for removal of Section IX together with an objective "pro and con" discussion of home delivery versus central mail house/s in your May billing statement.

The second reason for taking this step involves our current mail house on Lakeway drive and the private, unguarded railroad crossing at Route 211. Any objective observer would have to agree that this twenty-year old building is both shabby and poorly placed for the safety of our members. The entrance for Pinnacle and the new subdivision across from it intersect here.

Further, a recent traffic study shows that over 4,000 vehicles cross the railroad tracks daily [and SLW is only half built out]. Lakeway is a very busy road. It

also showed that forty-six percent of those approaching Route 211 from SLW, turned right. When this RR crossing is upgraded to a public, guarded crossing, this should also lead to a dedicated "right turn only" lane at 211 to improve traffic flow. But by making the right lane a "right turn only" lane, the center lane would become "straight and left turn."

Unfortunately there isn't enough room for the stacking of vehicles waiting for the light and the right lane would become blocked, defeating the whole idea. Therefore, at some point we'll need to expand and improve this commercial portion of Lakeway by moving the guard house 100 yards or so west and completing

a new entrance which compliments and improves our property values.

Our old mail house needs to go at some point in the foreseeable future. We can't defer this planning forever.

The Long Range Planning Committee joins the Board of Directors in urging all Seven Lakes member to vote "yes" to amend the Covenants by deleting the section prohibiting home delivery.

*Bud Sales, Co-chair  
Long Range Planning*

## Laura

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In fact on a day-to-day basis, it seems the only tangible benefit to adulthood is eating potato chips for lunch, at least when no one is watching.

All those other adult perks come with baggage. You get to set your own bedtime, but work and bosses determine when the blasted, 'stop-that-ringing-noise' alarm goes off. You get to pick your spouse, hopefully, but your mother – his mother – the travel agent – and the caterer all seem to get the final word on wedding plans. You get to pick what vehicle to drive, sort of.

Let's see, I need a car that

seats at least half a baseball team, is easy to load, and can tow a camper a few weekends out of the year.

"I know what you are looking for, ma'am. You want the minivan, right?"

Wrong! No, dear car dealer, I want the zippy little two-seater, in red, with the convertible top but . . . hhmph! "Okay the van. Does it come in red?"

Alas, at least my Mother Earth-size cruiser came with a moon roof and a reasonably hip sound system so I can blast my past:

"Sometimes I wonder what I'm a gonna do, but there ain't no cure for the summertime blues."

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# Civic Group, Guild missing an opportunity

Dear Editor:

To understand this letter, please read the "Proposal for a Seven Lakes Village Community Services Committee" [see page 29].

Here's the story of what happened.

Last Fall, we were given the opportunity to present the proposal before the Garden Club, Kiwanians, Lions, and Women of Seven Lakes, and answer their questions. They were receptive and interested. We did not ask for commitments. We hoped all of these organizations and The Seven Lakes Civic Group and Business Guild would agree to meet, make suggestions, changes, and whether to go forward. After all, the proposal was just that – a proposal – intended as a first step in an effort to offer minimal representative governance for Seven Lakes Village.

As a gated community, we could not incorporate but Seven Lakes Community Services could combine our talents, could create a way to speak with "one voice" to our governing body, the county, and could help to solve problems such as village roads, standards, guidance for growth, infrastructure, etc.

During this period, after a conversation with David Kinney, President of the Civic Group,

we sent the proposal to him and waited several weeks for a promised return call. Instead a letter arrived turning it down. We think Mr. Kinney should reconsider his position and should now present the proposal before the Civic Group Board [which has not been done].

We welcome an opportunity to discuss Community Services directly with them as we did the other organizations in our Seven Lakes. We believe the Civic Group should be the natural leader to promote Community Services.

We also ask The Seven Lakes Area Business Guild to reconsider their negative response to the proposal. We were given [reluctantly] a few minutes of their time. We hoped they would "keep an open mind" and awaited a response. Their reply was indirect and impersonal with a letter to the editor of *The Times*. We deeply appreciate the supportive letter in the same issue by Barbara Horney and the positive attitude of individual businesses who liked the idea.

The proposal clearly states that the Guild is given representation equal to all of the combined organizations. We were puzzled by their adamant opposition over sharing the increasing burdens of a growing and

more complex Seven Lakes. We wonder if they want any citizen involvement and by default they control our village. We know of no other towns in our state where the merchants are in sole control of a town governance.

Five years ago a small group of residents came together to ask, "What can we do to improve the landscape in our village?" At the end of that meeting a brand new Seven Lakes Village Beautification Committee was created and ready to start its first project: flower beds at the West-side entry corners. We overcame the obstacles of getting water and money, and DOT and railroad approvals, etc.

Every year we have worked to make our village better just as our brother and sister organizations volunteer their efforts to benefit the Seven Lakes community.

Look around and you see the improvements along Route 211 and Seven Lakes Drive – trees,

plants, annuals, ongoing maintenance, "Welcome" signs, Dollar General, Exxon, the "Zen" rock garden, and more. This came about because of the generous donations of residents and organizations, the help of county planners, and the thousands of hours of dedicated work by volunteers.

But, it became increasingly apparent to us that if Seven Lakes Village were to become what it could and should be, much more was needed than what our group or any one group of individuals could provide. Seven Lakes Village should not be an island separate from the residents, nor should the gated communities, North, South, and West, be isolated from their village.

The Community Services Proposal was an attempt to bring all of us together for the common good.

Unless we join hands and cre-

ate something like Community Services, our Beautification Committee must "put on the shelf" any further work in the village such as our dreams of creating a canopy of trees throughout the village or working with the NC State School of Design, or planting pocket parks, or trying to upgrade standards in Seven Lakes Village.

We hope to continue to maintain the existing flower bed, pay for grass cutting, and plant annuals along the Route 211 right-of-way.

Again, thank you – residents, organizations, merchants – for your generous support.

*Barb Keiffer, Linda Geiger,  
Terry Hunt, Dodie Maier,  
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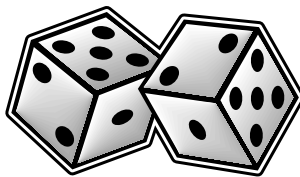
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# Proposed Seven Lakes Village Committee

[This is the original proposal for a Seven Lakes Village Community Services Committee, proposed by members of the Seven Lakes Village Beautification Committee. Please see their letter on page 28.]

**Proposal:**  
**Seven Lakes Village Community Services Committee**

**Objectives:** The committee will work with the Moore County Planning Department to implement the proposed Village Tomorrow zoning ordinance. The committee will act as a clearinghouse and sounding board in gathering, discussing, and disseminating information regarding village-county issues.

**Structure:** There will be twelve members on this committee with twelve alternate members, a representative group from the merchants of Seven Lakes Village and community organizations [Beautification, Civic, Kiwanis, Lions, Seven Lakes Garden

Club, and Women of Seven Lakes]. Each of the six community organizations will select an officer as its representative and one member as an alternate. The Merchant Guild will choose six members and six alternates to represent their group. There shall be co-chairmen, one from the merchants and one from the organizations to be chosen by a majority vote from each separate group of six at the first meeting. The elected boards of each gated community [SLLA and SLWLA] may designate a board member to be an observer without voting rights. Operational details such as functions and sub-committees can be decided by the group.

Why a Community Services Committee?

Many residents and merchants do not understand the difference between the Small Planning Area A and Village Tomorrow. Small Planning Area A is a forward-looking plan which will offer direction in the overall growth

of a large area in Moore County and its impact, although important, is indirect and long term on the village. The focus of Village Tomorrow is on the business area only and looks at the immediate and specific need for zoning.

There is no elected governance in Seven Lakes and it is clearly recognized that this will not change. However, our community is on par with Aberdeen in population, is growing rapidly, but has no mechanism for the most rudimentary governance. The Seven Lakes community needs an entity to interface with the county in the limited but important exchange, zoning adoption, and oversight.

The Moore County Planning Department will find it more efficient to work with a cohesive "core" group. Currently the county planners talk to builders, citizens, and merchants on an ad hoc basis and no one seems to know what the other is doing. In fact, there is not village enti-

ty which collects, exchanges, and makes the public aware of information about new buildings, new businesses, etc. Instead there is scattered information and misinformation.

The merchants and residents are interdependent. What would merchants do without customers? In fact, an attractive village with upgraded zoning and adequate shopping will bring in more customers who prefer the convenience of local shopping. The major asset of most residents is

the value of their homes and the village can add to or detract from that valuation. The Community Services Committee provides a structure which will bring together residents and merchants in a working relationship that fosters communication and collaboration among all of the members. This will be of long lasting benefit to Seven Lakes Village and will enhance the objectives of every participating organization.

## CCC reports results of poll on driving range

**Dear Editor:**

We promised the residents of Seven Lakes North & South that we would tabulate and report the results of the CCC survey carried on page 11 of the May 16 issue of *The Seven Lakes Times*.

Eighty-Seven (87) residents replied as of May 26th. and when tabulated, their response to the five questions asked were as follows:

1. 89% of those who replied felt that they were not given sufficient opportunity to express their views regarding the use of the old range for high density housing.
2. 90% felt that developing the range for this purpose would have a negative impact on property values.
3. 89% prefer a park or open space to housing.
4. 32% of those responding were Country Club members.
5. 55% resided on the North side and 45% on the South side.

We wish to thank those who responded and feel that in total,

your replies represent the feelings of the community.

Hopefully, our elected representatives, both present and future, will take note of your response and make greater efforts to ascertain the feelings of their constituents prior to making decisions that have such an impact on us all.

*Jim Allen, Dave Davies, Ron Erskine, Jim Gunderson, & Charlie Oliver  
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# SLLA Meeting

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ceding month, will be provided in an open forum for review after the regular monthly Open Meeting.

"The new procedure will save time and allow monthly statements to be internally reviewed for accuracy first," said Galford. "Full disclosure is and always has been the policy of the association," said Galford.

Prior to the vote, Director Bud Shaver expressed support of the policy.

"This board is trying very hard to accomplish a lot of things. We're not trying to hide anything; we're trying to set up procedures that make sense and do not put our employees into difficult situations."

During the Finance Report, Galford said all expenses, both capital and operating, came in \$10,000 less than the budgeted figure for the fiscal year ending

April 30, 2008. Income for the year was reported at \$1,252,000; \$24,000 over the budgeted figure.

Finance Committee members include Galford, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher, Jerry Grout, and Gil Jones. Galford said other members have been invited, including previous committee member Jack McCarthy, who declined to participate.

Galford said the committee will be formalizing several policies developed by former Treasurer Steve Hudson and that his committee is working on a community comparison report.

"We're looking at how the cost of living in Seven Lakes compares to other communities in the greater Moore County area."

## ARB Committee Restaffed

During the May 28 meeting the Board appointed Tony Bornhorst, a commercial construction

employee, to the Architectural Review Board [ARB].

Director Sally Kindsvatter was named Interim ARB Chair during a Special Open Meeting held on Thursday, May 15. The chairmanship was left vacant last month when Donna Stephan resigned from the SLLA Board.

The Board has yet to fill Stephan's Board seat.

Shaver and Director Don Truesdell nominated and seconded Kindsvatter to serve as Interim

ARB Chair. She had previously served on the ARB Committee under Stephan and currently serves as Community Standards Chair.

Kindsvatter accepted the nomination and requested the board approve the list of committee members recommended by Stephan prior to her resignation. Northsider Bob Darr and Southsider Edie Starkey were approved unanimously by the board. The only remaining mem-

ber of the previous ARB Committee, Mark Widman, a resident of Seven Lakes North, was reapproved unanimously.

Kindsvatter reported in Wednesday night's general meeting that the ARB Committee had met twice in less than a week to catch up on projects.

Two custom houses were approved, along with one spec home; as well as several alterations, fences, and tree removals.

(See "SLLA Meeting," p. 31)

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# SLLA Meeting

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Kindsvatter said the committee was in the process of developing an ARB manual to distribute to builders, outlining existing rules and regulations for construction.

As part of the process, her committee identified three regulations that needed further clarification; she recommended the policy stipulating foundations should be brick be updated to include stone, to require a two-car garage rather than the existing 300 square foot garage requirement, and to develop a certificate of completion requirement for builders prior to reimbursement of any funds from the existing \$1,500 compliance fee.

Though the board seemed to be in agreement with these recommendations, the vote was tabled until June so that an exact policy could be developed during discussion at the next Work Session.

## Community Standards

Kindsvatter said the members of the newly formed SLLA Beautification Committee "have been wonderful!"

With only three days notice, the committee was able to clean, weed, mulch, and replant the garden beds and common area leading to the Northside pool.

Committee members include Angela Terry, Frank Hayes, Joanne Guy, Barb Keifer, Terry Hunt, and Barb McElroy.

## Security

Summer is a busy time for security, reported Director Gary Caulk. He asked that residents and their guests carry their membership or guests cards at all times when using the stables, pool, basketball courts, or lakes. Caulk said security would be completing random checks over the busy Summer season.

## Lakes & Dams

The board unanimously approved expenditures of \$39,500 to S&ME for dam projects including development of Emergency Action Plans [EAP], and \$25,000 to Hobbs & Upchurch for dam surveying work. Both projects are state-mandated and funds will be drawn from the dam reserve account, which currently totals

\$100,000.

## Maintenance

"Am I satisfied with how things are," questioned Shaver. "Hell no, and neither is Dalton, but we cannot change overnight. It's going to take time, and my goal is develop a written standardized procedure for maintenance."

With a department short one full-time employee, Shaver requested a Closed Meeting to discuss personnel. Specifically, Shaver is researching whether a replacement employee should be a mechanic.

"Association assets should be properly maintained. I don't know if we'd be better off with a mechanic, but we will be looking into it."

## Recreation

Caulk said the new pool decking surface was complete, fencing around the pool was being brought up to new code, a new diving board would be installed

this week, new umbrellas were ordered, and all shelters and picnic tables were on schedule to be cleaned and painted.

A Registration Night for all Summer programming, including Day Camp, Sports Camp, Swim Lessons, and Stingrays Swim Team, will be held Monday, June 2, from 3 pm to 8 pm at Northside Pool.

On June 7, the annual Open Water Swim competition on Lake Echo will close that dam to traffic from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Friday Night Teen Nights at the pool begin June 13, and Summer Day Camp begins Monday, June 16.

## Small Planning Area A

Dave Kinney said interested residents should attend the Small Planning Area A meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, at 7 pm at the Crawford Center of West End Presbyterian Church.

"This is the last solicitation of public input and the meeting

emphasis will be answering questions by builders and developers," said Kinney. "This is their final crack."

## Seven Lakes Blog?

During Public Comment, Ray Ulansey suggested each director should develop a blog, that is an on-line forum, moderated by staff, where residents could express their ideas.

"A place where we can make suggestions, express ourselves – a forum other than in the newspaper," said Ulansey.

He also suggested association meetings should be streamed on the website allowing members to listen at their convenience. Ulansey said he would volunteer time and technical expertise toward assisting with his recommendations.



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# Holly Grove PUD

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treatment. Both the "Cambridge" development, near Cameron, and the "Northington/Southwick" development near Seven Lakes depend on the installation of a central wastewater treatment package plant rather than individual septic systems for each residence. The wastewater would be treated to high standards and then allowed to seep back into groundwater in a drainage field and through using the treated water for irrigation in the developments.

Beardslee had proposed that the county establish an authority that would eventually take over and manage these "package plants," but Public Works Director Brobst told the Commissioners "my department would not want to get involved in that. There is no economy of scale to operate them."

"We don't want to get into a situation where the county is getting into the business of maintaining these systems," Commissioner Tim Lea agreed, during the Public Hearing on the Cambridge development.

The alternative would be to have a homeowners association take ownership of and responsibility for management and maintenance of the plants. But that idea also met with skepticism on the part of county officials. The technical task of monitoring the system daily could be contracted out, Brobst explained, and then added, "My question is: who is going to maintain the fund balance, who is going to send out the bills, who is going to cut off the sewer service to their neighbor when they don't pay the bill?"

He noted that the county is in the process of replacing a small, older wastewater treatment facility in Vass with a pump station to carry the waste to the larger county facility in Addor instead of with a new plant simply because operating the small plant is too expensive.

"It's a steel in-ground tank and they just have finite lives," Brobst said, noting that the life expectancy of that part of the system would be 15 to 20 years.

Noting that life expectancy, Lea followed up with "If we approve this we are setting precedents for future boards to have to deal with this — and for all the

taxpayers of Moore County to have to ultimately be responsible for this."

Commissioner Larry Caddell noted that, in his homeowners association, "We have trouble getting them to mow the grass. You have to sue your neighbors because they won't pay \$100 per year!"

Interviewed on Wednesday, Brobst explained that small wastewater systems have problematic economies of scale. Whether the system is large or small, it has to be monitored by a certified technician on a daily basis. Though that's a task that can be contracted out, the cost of the service, in a small system, is spread among far fewer homeowners and can result in very expensive sewer rates.

"My personal opinion is that a treatment plant of that size is too small to be cost-effective to operate," Brobst told *The Times*. "If you have a group that is basically volunteers responsible for managing and maintaining the plant, that may not be ideal."

"These homeowners associations vary," he added. "People change, leaders change, the continuity may not be there."

"There are a lot of issues that need to be addressed before Mr. Beardslee gets a positive recommendation from my depart-

ment," Brobst concluded.

## Denial recommended

Moore County has no water lines in the vicinity of Beardslee's proposed Cambridge development, and Planning Director Raczkowski noted that the county had no plans to extend water to the area in the near future. The developer was proposing purchasing water from Lee County to supply homes in subdivision.

Quoting the Moore County Land Use Plan and the PUD ordinance, Raczkowski said they call for: "The efficient provision of and use of public services and utilities," carefully managing "development in rural areas by requiring developments to be served by water and or sewer services," assuring "that an adequate quantity of water is available for growth," directing "growth towards urban service areas that can provide the adequate infrastructure," and recognizing "that urban like sprawl in rural areas increases the costs of services for everyone."

Based on what he judged to be a poor fit with those mandates, Raczkowski recommended that the Commissioners deny the application for rezoning associated with the Cambridge development.

Beardslee pleaded with the Commissioners to allow the project to move forward, saying it was caught in a Catch-22: "You want to see verification that we have the water, but Sanford won't go forward without the zoning approval. Without the zoning approval it ties our hands moving forward. If we get zoning and the necessary density from you, we can go on to Sanford. Just allow us to proceed. I don't know how we are going to move forward. I don't know how we are going to get out of that Catch-22."

Nevertheless, Commissioner Lea made the motion to deny the application "based on the recommendation of the Planning Director, and because the development is not in harmony with the area." With a second from Caddell the motion passed unani-

mously.

The Board then opened a public hearing on the Northington/Southwick projects on Holly Grove School Road, and it quickly became apparent that things were headed in the same direction as with the previous application.

Beardslee asked to withdraw his application so that he could rework it in consultation with the Planning Staff. Because the public hearing had already been opened, his request to withdraw required a vote by the Commissioners, who all voted in favor with the exception of Chairman Colin McKenzie.

## Next steps

How Beardslee can reshape the project to overcome objections is not clear, but Public

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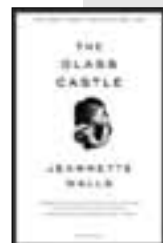
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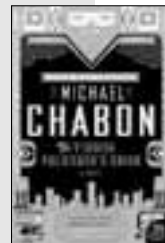
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Tax increase

(Continued from front page) the interest rate on that debt — are of increasing importance to the county's need for tax dollars.

McSwain's proposed increase would raise the overall county tax levy from 47.5 cents per hundred dollars of valuation, which includes three cents designated for the support of advanced life support services, to 51.4 cents. In addition, property owners pay a fire district levy that varies by district. The fire tax in Seven Lakes is 4.2 cents per hundred dollars of valuation; West End's is 6 cents. The manager's proposed budget includes no increase in the tax rate for any of the county's seventeen fire districts.

If the manager's budget is approved, Seven Lakers will see their tax rate increase from 51.7 cents to 55.6 cents per hundred, a 7.5 percent increase.

General Fund spending up 11.7%

McSwain's proposed budget includes an overall increase in General Fund spending of \$8.5 million or 11.7 percent, bringing the total budget to \$80.5 million. This total does not include

the various operating budgets of departments that are accounted for independently of the general fund, for example, Public Utilities, which depends on revenue from the payment of water bills to fund its operations.

There are eleven of these "enterprise" funds in the county's overall budget, ranging from Social Services to the Moore County Transportation Service. Those add an additional \$53.9 million to the FY 2008-2009 budget, bringing overall county spending to \$134.4 million, a projected increase of 7.9 percent, or \$9.9 million over the current fiscal year.

The manager's budget includes the transfer of \$1.9 million into a capital reserve fund, part of which is required to fund the

education bonds and part of which will begin to fund the County's plans to build a Governmental Center in Carthage.

School Budget Cut

According to the Manager's budget message, spending on schools and the community college amount to 46.5 percent of the county's general fund budget.

McSwain's recommended budget fails to fund the full request from Moore County Schools [MCS], who were looking for a local contribution of \$25.6 million to their operating budget, an eight percent increase, by the county's reckoning. The County Manager instead recommended a five percent increase, which comes to \$24.9

million. MCS asked for \$1.1 million in capital funding — the same as last year, but McSwain recommended reducing that to \$934,000.

The proposed budget provides Sandhills Community College [SCC] with their full operating request of \$4.2 million, but eliminated \$75,000 in capital spending SCC wanted in order to purchase an activities bus.

Budget, fund balance growing

Data provided in the County Manager's budget message shows that Moore County's general fund budget has grown from \$57.1 million in FY 2004-2005 to the \$80.5 million proposed for the coming year — an average annu-

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(Continued from page 32) Works Director Brobst told *The Times* that his department is scheduled to meet with the developer soon.

Planning Director Raczkowski told *The Times* that his planning staff is currently researching whether the county, under state law, can develop regulations for the operation and maintenance of private wastewater treatment systems. Currently only the state licenses such systems.

"We are researching how can we ensure that anyone connected to one of these systems has some safeguards for the future," he said. "I have seen cases where they can fail; and, when that happens, it's understandable that the citizenry looks to government to address the problem. Moore County is taking the proper steps to make sure we are protecting our citizens."

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**OUR NEW LOCATION IS 1100 SEVEN LAKES DRIVE, SUITE D**  
(Directly across from Food Lion in Peachtree Center)



**102 PINENEEDLE DR, SL NORTH • \$169,000**  
Super Nice All Brick Home! 3Bd/2Ba split Bd plan with living rm/dining rm combo. Large master with walk in closet. Very well maintained home with screened porch & all appliances & patio furniture included. A must see!



**106 HASTINGS • 7Lks SOUTH • \$335,000**  
Golf front! Tons of space in this 4 Bd/3Ba home with lower level walk out basement; complete with workshop. Very open floor plan, split Bd plan and super large kitchen. Formal dining and Carolina room. Hardwoods, tile, & fenced back yard.



**5 CUMMINGS CT, FOXFIRE • \$239,000**  
Excellent Value! This 3Bd/2Ba home with bonus rm has curb appeal & a stylish interior. Hardwoods, tile, crown molding, chair railing, 9 foot ceilings, fireplace, under counter lighting & much more. Large, level lot with irrigation!



**8 BURNING TREE PL, FOXFIRE • \$289,900**  
Super golf front & cul-de-sac location; 10th hole of west course. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths Beautiful low maintenance yard. Move In Ready!



**186 FIRETREE, 7 LAKES NORTH \$238,500**  
Outstanding Renovations and great value! Move in Ready. Completely new kitchen, hardwoods, tile, and carpeting. New Carolina room & updated baths. A Must See.



**6 GREEN VALLEY LN • FOXFIRE • \$329,000**  
New Golf Front Construction! 4 Bd/3 Ba with approximately 2600 sq ft & full walk out basement. One of a kind brick & shingle craftsman cottage with open floor plan, island kitchen & breakfast bar, granite, wide pine flooring & custom cabinetry. Lots of space for the dollar!



**13 WILDWOOD LN, FOXFIRE • \$354,000**  
Gorgeous New Construction! Golf Front 3Bd/2.5Ba on the 9th tee. Formal dining rm, great rm, large master, hardwoods, granite & rear concrete patio. Large lot on quiet cul-de-sac. Excellent floor plan!



**102 SWEETBRIAR • 7Lks NORTH • \$155,000**  
Excellent value! 3Bd/2Ba home offers a wonderful cathedral wooden ceiling in the living room; complete with built in bookshelves and brick fire place. Third bedroom opens to the enclosed sun room. Nice view of Lake Longleaf from patio. Detached workshop w/ heat & air.

## OUTSTANDING HOMESITES

**1 Meadow Ct., Foxfire Village East**  
Golf Front, Level Building Lot approx. 0.7 ac. Build your dream home overlooking the 17 tee box. **\$49,000**

**46 South Shamrock, Foxfire**  
.7 acre level lot with golf view of 2nd & 3rd holes of west course. **\$55,000**

**TBD Beacon Ridge Drive, Seven Lakes West**  
Fabulous Golf Front building lot with great views **\$63,000**

**TBD Andrews Drive, Seven Lakes West**  
Double Water View Lot! Priced to sell and perfect for building your dream home. **\$140,000**

**161 W. Devonshire, Seven Lakes South**  
**\$38,600**

**121 Harwich, Seven Lakes South**  
1.25 acre golf front lot **\$69,900**

**Lot 4 Foxfire Road**  
Beautiful 10 acre tract with lots of trees. Sandy Run Creek runs through the rear of property. **\$222,000**

**TBD Beacon Ridge Drive, Seven Lakes West**  
Fabulous Golf Front lot with great views **\$63,000**

**Great Building Lots in Aberdeen!**  
Six level building lots on Colonial Ave. **\$8,000 each**

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