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Don Welch joins SLLA Board

Northsider Don Welch has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA], to serve out the unexpired term of Donna Stephan, who resigned from the Board in April.

The SLLA Board unanimously approved Welch's appointment in a roll call vote during the Wednesday, June 25, General Meeting of the Association.

"I speak for the board, we are absolutely delighted that Don agreed to serve," SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf said after Welch's appointment was approved. "He was stricken with minor illness which prevented him from attend-



Don Welch

ing, but we are looking forward to his help starting with our next Work Session in July."

"This board needs all the spiritual help we can get!" Director Bud Shaver agreed.

Director Welch indicated he would be interested in chairing the Community Standards Committee, prompting the board to promote Director Sally Kindsvatter and her current Architectural Review Board [ARB] members from interim to permanent status. Kindsvatter will also continue to chair the recently created Beautification Committee.

Welch, an ordained minister,
(See "Welch," p. 31)

Little Dickens



Caitlyn, Brandon, and Emily Bjoraker adopted "Dickens" at the Montgomery Moore Animal Rescue Adopt-a-Thon on Saturday, May 31.

County raises taxes 2.9 cents

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

A modest 2.9 cent overall tax increase, expected to generate additional revenue of \$3.2 million, was approved in a 3-2 split vote by the Moore County Board of Commissioners on Monday, June 16. However, the county's \$80.2 million FY2009 Budget includes debt service on only \$40 million of the \$69 million in school and college bonds approved by the voters last November. That could mean another tax increase next year, when the remainder of the bonds are sold.

"The budget is fair and reasonable," said County Manager Cary McSwain. "Things that are cut are things that could be

deferred or done a different way."

Those cuts, totaling almost \$6 million from the original budget proposal, include a half percent reduction -- from 3.5 percent to 3 percent -- in county employee cost of living adjustments, a recommendation made by the Government Efficiency Committee. "We took a laser rather than a hatchet [to the budget]," said Committee Chairman Jim Westbrook.

The committee also suggested raising the county tax collection rate from 98.5 percent to 98.7 percent to better reflect the actual collection rate of 99 percent.

Commissioner Tim Lea expressed appreciation for the work of the committee and coun-

ty staff in reducing the budget but voiced concern that all alterna-

(See "Taxes," p. 30)

Westside 'outrage' needed?

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor

Moore County has been dragging its feet responding to requests from the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] and President Jim Haggard thinks it may be time for Westsiders to take some direct action to capture the attention of the county Board of Commissioners,

whether through a massive letter-writing campaign or mass attendance at an upcoming commissioners meeting.

West Side Landowners
Meeting
6/24

"Maybe I should be outraged that the Association is being

ignored but it seems this community has been ignored on other issues as well, not just the railroad crossing," Haggard said in his remarks opening the June 24 General Meeting of the Association. Titled "Viewpoint on Outrage" in the meeting agenda, Haggard's remarks were in part a response to comments by Long Range Planning Chairman Bud Sales during the public comment section of the June
(See "Outrage" p. 30)

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Seven Lakes offers two fireworks displays this Independence Day

Both the Seven Lakes and Seven Lakes West Landowners Associations will offer fireworks displays this July 4.

Lake Sequoia

The Northside fireworks will be shot over Lake Sequoia from Sequoia Point on the evening of July 4. The festivities are set to begin at dusk.

For those without a boat or a backyard on Lake Sequoia, the road that crosses the Lake Sequoia Dam is a popular vantage point for viewing the display. The dam will be closed to vehicular traffic from 8:30 to 10:00 pm.

Lake Auman

The Westside fireworks — also held the evening of July 4th — will be shot from Pine Island toward the Johnson Point recreation area. The display is scheduled to begin about 9:15 pm. The roadway across Lake Auman dam provides a good viewing platform, though revelers should confine themselves to sitting on the roadway — not on the rip rap on the face of the dam (which is rumored to host the occasional venomous snake!).

Early Times Deadline

The regular 5:00 pm Friday deadline for the next issue of *The Seven Lakes Times* falls on Independence Day, so we have moved the deadline up to Thursday, July 3, at 5:00 pm.

Only minor injuries reported in wreck near Southside gate

An early morning accident near the gates of Seven Lakes North and South left one vehicle on its lid, but no serious injuries were reported.

Trooper Robbie Terry of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, who investigated the Friday morning, June 20, accident, told *The Times* that both the Buick LeSabre and Ford F700 involved in the wreck were traveling northeast on Seven Lakes Drive. When the truck slowed to make the turn into the South Gate, the LeSabre did not slow, struck the truck, and turned upside down.

Wesley Vanore Brower, 45, of Jackson Springs, the driver of the truck, was not injured and was not cited for any traffic violations, Trooper Terry told *The Times*.

Coy Hale Richardson, 62, of West End, the driver of the

LeSabre, was transported to FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital for treatment of minor

injuries. He was cited for failure to reduce speed.



Coy Richardson's LeSabre wound up on its lid after colliding with a truck near the Southside gate.

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Caulk suggests protecting SLLA Common Areas

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

With looming big ticket items including dam remediation and maintenance and much-needed road repaving projects, Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Director Gary Caulk expressed concern during the SLLA Work Session held on Thursday, June 12, that future

boards may be tempted to cash in on community assets — namely selling off common areas.

"On the South Side, the common areas are only the roads, but the North Side has many common areas around the lakes, stables, soccer field . . . These are big assets to the community," said Caulk. "They give us our identity."

Caulk proposed a Conservation Easement be placed on all Seven Lakes common areas.

A Conservation Easement is

a legally binding contract which would require a vote from the entire community to initiate and also to dismantle.

SLLA President Randy Zielsdorf said currently the association is on shaky ground because

however, they would be prevented from selling it for residential subdivision.

Community Manager Dalton Fulcher advised the board that, as written, the covenants give the board the right to dispose of

any property.

"That's what scares me," said Caulk, "that a vote of four people is all that would be required to sell off the stables. That is twenty acres of prime property and I don't want to look at twenty-five houses there."

After much discussion, Ziels-

dorf agreed to bring the topic back before the board after seeking a legal opinion on the issue.

Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting

6/12

there are no legal descriptions of the community's common areas.

Director Sally Kindsvatter agreed a Conservation Easement may be a good idea but was concerned about tying future board's hands.

In particular, questions arose about the twenty-acre stables area.

Caulk explained that if the stables were placed under an easement, future boards could convert the land to other recreational uses other than horses,

Remember to obey boating rules

Any unpowered boat, such as canoes and kayaks, on Seven lakes Landowners Association lakes after sunset must carry a powerful flashlight that will allow other boaters to see these small craft.

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Board Notes

Don Truesdell
Lakes & Dams
Committee

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Commissioners have planning seats to fill

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

The terms of four members of the Moore County Planning Board, as well as one alternate member, expire at the end of June — including that of Southsider Dave Kinney. Though the Board of Commissioners addressed the issue of reappointments or replacements during their June 16 meeting, the majority voted to defer the decision until mid-July.

Planning Board member Paul Hodges has declined to apply for another three-year term; however, three other current members are eligible and have indicated they are willing to serve: Kinney, Richard Lea, and Aaron McNeill. Others who have submitted their names for consideration include Martha Blake of West End, Bernard Capstick of Pinehurst, former Planning Director for Moore County and for Aberdeen Giles Hopkins, and Seven Lakes builder Chuck Bolton. The three-year terms will expire in 2011.

Jim Westbrook, a member of the Government Efficiency Committee was placed on the list but withdrew his name, citing other more pressing committee obligations.

Nancy Roy Fiorillo will continue to chair the Planning Board while also serving as interim planning and development director for Guilford County. Fiorillo, who has served as planning director for both Moore and Cumberland Counties, was asked to fill the three-to-six month temporary position after the death of the previous director.

Commissioner Tim Lea made a motion to appoint Martha Blake to replace Aaron McNeill, but fellow Commissioner Larry Caddell put the brakes on his suggestion.

"It won't hurt to delay," Caddell said. "We're always talking about making sure we discuss things. I'm not saying I'm against anybody, I just want more time to discuss it."

Chairman Colin McKenzie sided with Caddell and, in a split vote, the board agreed to table all Planning Board appointments until their Monday, July 17 meeting. The commissioners traditionally skip their early July meeting date, which this year falls

on July 7, so they will meet next on Thursday, July 17.

Airport Authority

In another split vote during the June meeting, Commissioners Cindy Morgan and Tim Lea opposed approval of a gen-

eral management contract which will, in part, obligate the county to rebate the the Moore County Airport Authority an amount equal to the county's share of the sales taxes collected at the airport — as well as property taxes

assessed on aircraft housed at the airport.

The anticipated financial impact to county will be \$142,704 in Fiscal Year 2009, though the amount will vary from year-to-year based upon sales and the num-

ber of aircraft involved.

Group Health Proposal

Reading from a letter received from Kenneth Lewis, President of First Carolina Care [FCC], County Manager Cary McSwain (See "Commissioners," p. 25)

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CERT, still training, kicks off fundraising effort

The Seven Lakes Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] continues to receive training sponsored by FEMA and the Director of Moore County Public Safety.

The NC Forest Service provided the volunteer team one evening of classroom instruction in chain saw safety and maintenance, followed by a second evening of actual application of what the team had learned.

Terry Riddle, CERT Program Manager, said ongoing training is key to the team's success in an emergency here or wherever CERT is called to assist in Moore County.

To be as responsive as pos-

sible to an emergency, CERT membership needs to double; a Fall recruitment effort is planned. Anyone interested on being added to the Fall training list may call Riddle at 673-3776.

CERT also kicked off a Summer fundraiser to help toward the purchase of emergency equipment and supplies. The team is sponsoring a raffle for an American-made, brown leather Barcalounger donated to CERT by representatives of Barcalounger. For every five dollar donation, the donor receives six raffle tickets to win the Barcalounger.

Riddle and Bill Carl, CERT Field Leader, were very pleased

with the boost of \$1,000 received from the Lake Auman Sports Club and an earlier gift of \$100 dollars from Tracy's Carpet.

Their goal of \$4,500 to \$5,000 is the amount needed for an enclosed utility trailer and initial items like first aid supplies, medical gloves, radios, backboards, and tools. Once the trailer and initial supplies have been purchased, CERT will work toward acquiring chain saws, protective clothing, and other items with which each member should be equipped at all times.

A nicely-equipped CERT trailer and related equipment/supplies can cost up to \$7,500 to \$8,000. Riddle said he talked to a CERT team in Lee County whose communication system alone is valued at over \$11,000.

If anyone would like to donate or sell CERT a used 6' x 10' utility trailer with a side door, or if your club, business, or organi-

zation would like to learn more about CERT, please contact Terry Riddle at 673-3776.



Cert's Terry Riddle and Bill Carl accept a \$1,000 contribution from Charlie Flinchum of the Lake Auman Sports Club.



CERT members get training in the use of chain saws from the North Carolina Forest Service.

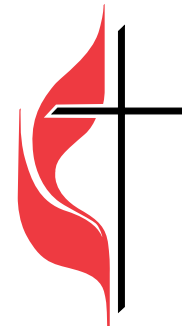
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Northside couple updates 7 Lakes cottage

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

Once upon a time, Seven Lakes North was a sleepy little weekend retreat. Tucked among hundreds of acres of forest and lakes, were small lodges and cottages built by neighboring city-folk escaping Charlotte, Raleigh, and Greensboro.

Twenty-eight years ago one of these little cabins came into being.

A contemporary home constructed on the quiet looping road Firetree Lane, the house slowly fell out-of-style, its proportions seeming to shrink as ever larger, more modern homes were built as Seven Lakes evolved into the present year-round bustling neighborhood we recognize.

"This is such a lovely community and we would see these older houses and think how nice it would be to pick a place and bring it up-to-date," said Carol King.

King and her husband, Bill McPherson, live right around the corner from the older contemporary structure and last Summer they finally got their chance.

Purchasing the home in August, the couple has spent

every season of the past year completely renovating the aging gem.

A general contractor and home inspector, McPherson was able to provide the professional eye for detail that the house required. The carport was enclosed and a two-car garage and foyer addition refresh the front of the home while a new second-tiered deck

was added to the back of the home. The kitchen was torn "down to the studs" and enlarged. Bathrooms received new sinks, flooring, and customized tile work, and McPherson replaced all the windows and screens.

"The only thing not touched by his hands is the roof," said King, "because it was only two years old."

King said they were motivated to purchase this home in particular after watching the adjacent home undergo a complete renovation the year before.

"This was our way of being good neighbors, by bettering the neighborhood," explained King.

Known as flipping in the real estate industry, the concept of renovating older homes located in desirable locations for resale has gone mainstream with several popular home improvement television shows that follow both amateur and experienced builders through this arduous process.

McPherson said the first step was to cut down ten or so trees in the front yard.

"With the trees down we could finally see the house and we thought, 'Wow, that's really pretty,'" said King.

The couple said the key to their success was never placing themselves on a deadline which allowed McPherson to focus on the details, rather than only the major projects.

"We just love this house," said King. "There's a little bit of us in each and every room, and we hope a house this pretty will be sold in a snap."



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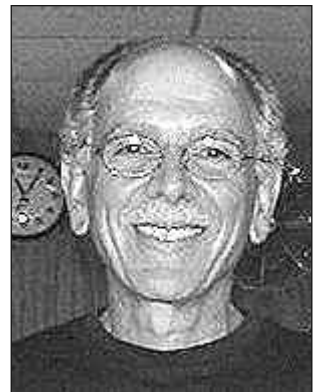
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Daniels celebrate fiftieth

Al and Annette Daniels of Seven Lakes West celebrated their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on June 14, with a renewal of their wedding vows and Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Southern Pines. The Daniels were married on June 7, 1958, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Daniels served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning from his tour of duty, he continued his college education at Fenn College, now Cleveland State University. Mrs. Daniels also graduated from Fenn College.

Mr. Daniels was a sales engineer and branch manager of the Cleveland office of Dresser Industries, and traveled in four states, while Mrs. Daniels taught school in both the Cleveland and Brecksville-Broadview Heights School systems. Both were involved in their children's scouting and sports programs.

All of the Daniels four children and their families attended the church ceremony celebration, followed by a dinner, which included friends, at the Lob-Steer Restaurant.

The Daniels children are David Daniels, with friend Heidi Gutgesell, both of Kailua, Hawaii;

Christine and Roberto Schroder, with their children Marie, Annika, and Max, of Vega Alta, Puerto Rico; Tom and Missy Daniels of Chicago, Ill.; and Tony and Teresa Daniels, with their children Keagen and Kamryn, of Rio Grande, Ohio.

The Daniels retired to Seven Lakes from Brecksville, Ohio in 1997. Now in their retirement, they enjoy taking photos for the Out & About section of the Southern Pines *Pilot* newspaper, as well as helping with committee work for the Arts Council of Moore County and The Weymouth Center. They also enjoy traveling and playing golf.



Annette & Al Daniels recently celebrated their fiftieth anniversary with family members.

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Award celebrates Ulansey's volunteer spirit

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

I never learned how to sit back and do nothing when there was an obvious need. I've tried, I just can't quit.

— Vivienne Ulansey

A tireless volunteer and groundbreaking psychologist, Vivienne Ulansey lived both a full and fulfilling life. A charter member of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program [RSVP], her dedication to Moore County children and seniors continues through the newly created Vivienne Ulansey Unsung Heroes Award.

enne Ulansey Unsung Heroes Award.

Sheila Henderson, a Backpack Pals volunteer from Pinehurst, was recognized by RSVP on Thursday, June 5, as the first recipient of the award. The award honors volunteers who perform routine tasks that do not typically garner recognition. In keeping with Ulansey's habit of tardiness, the award will always feature some type of timepiece.

"She was a liberated woman before there was a term for it," said Vivienne's son, Ray Ulansey.

"And she was 'the late Vivienne Ulansey' long before her passing," Ray continued, "She never showed up for anything on time so at her funeral, I stood outside for twenty minutes with her ashes so she could be late to her own funeral."

Ulansey began her career as a pediatric psychologist and was the first civilian and woman to be hired for an administrative post in an U.S. Army Induction Center. Later she helped develop the psychology department at Drexel University and, through her

position, was the first woman to anchor a medical show on what would become public television. She was considered a pioneer of new approaches in the practice of psychology and family therapy.

After moving to Seven Lakes in 1984, Ulansey retained her medical license but did not practice, instead focusing her time and talents with various organizations. Continuing her lifelong interest and membership in the League of Women Voters, she joined the Moore County chapter, and among her many volunteer roles also became a Guardian ad Litem, worked with the Dispute Settlement Center,

the Governor's Child Protection Team, the Moore County Nursing Home Advisory Committee, the PenPal Project, and RSVP.

"When my father passed two years after they moved here, she went from Leave it to Beaver mom to jet-set granny," explained Ray, "and filled her life with all kinds of activities."

In 2004, Ulansey won the North Carolina Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, presented by the Office of the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. She died the following year, leaving behind a rich and inspiring legacy of service.

Board gives Purser high marks

by Tim Lussier
Moore County Schools

The Moore County Board of Education has completed the yearly evaluation process for the Superintendent of Schools as required by the statutes of North Carolina.

Board Chairman Dr. Lorna Clack notes that, "Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser has again demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and ability in leading the school system to achieve goals in facilities, personnel, finance, and instructional growth, and program development for

our students."

At the conclusion of the review, the Board of Education voted to extend Dr. Purser's contract for an additional year to 2012.

The Board gives Dr. Purser high marks on her ability to clearly articulate the needs and concerns of the school system to parents, employees, the commissioners, and citizens in Moore County. Under her leadership the numbers of volunteers and citizens involved in our schools show tremendous growth.

The Board is grateful for this

genuine effort on behalf of boys and girls by so many people in our county.

The Board and Superintendent are busily involved in the implementation of Phase I of the plan to build new schools and renovate others as supported by the voters in the Fall 2007 election.

The Board appreciates the confidence the commissioners and the public have in Dr. Purser, the school leadership team and the Board of Education.

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7 Lakes Garden Club tour was a real treat

The weather continues to be much dryer than normal. According to weather forecasters, we are still in the critical drought category. Although following the Garden Club Tour last Saturday, showers of blessings came and according to my measurements some two inches of much needed rain fell.

Let's continue to conserve our precious water and hopefully rain will continue.

Susie admits her first preference and concentration is on the backyard and her hard work proves it.

Jim and Freda Deaton, 320 Longleaf Drive in Seven Lakes West: Here is another well-kept home on a large lot near the Lake Auman dam. It's always a pleasure to visit this location where the main attraction is the vegetable and fruit gardens. The Deaton's grow most of the popular vegeta-

bles including tomatoes, beans, squash, cucumbers, peppers, and others. Their fruits consist of blueber-

ries, apples, grapes, etc. All of their plants, shrubs, trees, lawns, and flowers are beautiful, well-kept, and healthy.

Ken and Dottie Sparke, 111 Dartmoor Lane in Seven Lakes South: When establishing the landscape, Ken and Dottie decided to largely use pine straw with small grass strips. It is a simple, neat, and well-designed system. The shrubs are healthy, well-groomed, and shaped. There is a small flower garden in the front yard and a walkway to the backyard. A fenced-in vegetable garden is located in the back corner, where a variety of vegetables are growing. Also in the center backyard is an attractive water fountain which is a focal point of interest. Ken and Dottie have accomplished a lot in establishing their landscape in less than four years.

Tom and Helen Townsend, 116 Timber Land in Seven Lakes North: This landscape is very attractive with a well-placed front entrance featuring healthy shrubs and flowers. Here again Tom admits he tries to keep the premises looking good with low maintenance. The focal point here is the shady backyard with tall pine trees and large planting islands of annuals, perennials, and trees. The back entrance of the residence is edged with shrubs and flowers.

Elaine Girgis, 116 Overlook Drive in Seven Lakes North: Masses of impatiens, statuary, potted plants, hanging baskets, zinnias, hydrangeas, gardenias,

etc, greet you as one approaches this location. You will think you are in flower heaven. The home is surrounded by a beautiful green, well-maintained Fescue lawn. For a treat go upstairs on the deck and observe the flower plants there. Then, look down toward Lake Sequoia and

you will observe many containers and pots of beautiful flowers on and around the pier. Also, a beautiful vegetable garden consisting of numerous vegetables...lettuce, tomatoes, garden peas, potatoes, beans, and more. It's hard to believe but all this work has been done since April 16 by

Elaine and her friends and neighbors.

The Garden Club exhibitors should be thanked and congratulated for their hard work and preparation for the event. Gardening is a popular hobby in Seven Lakes and the surrounding

(See "Gardening," p. 10)



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

The Seven Lakes Garden Club Tour was held Saturday morning, June 21. The event was well-attended. Mary and I visited each location. The participant's landscapes were outstanding and beautiful in spite of the early and continued drought. The gardens will be discussed in the order in which we visited them. It's impossible to point out and describe each planting in detail but I will try to highlight some of the most interesting sights.

Ed and Betty Zebley, 520 Longleaf Drive in Seven Lakes West: These people had a beautiful and well-maintained lawn, healthy shrubs, gorgeous cannas, begonias, impatiens, hostas, annuals, and perennials. A well-designed and planted wet area was done by Betty featuring lichens and ferns alongside a running clear water stream, which has a bridge overlooking the area. There are several beds of annual and perennial flowering plants. It's a beautiful area.

Len and Susie Stanislawek, 102 Morris Drive in Seven Lakes West: The first observation was a well-kept and orderly front yard with an early blooming Crape myrtle. The area was covered with clean pine straw, and strips of grass surrounding the house. There is an archway to the backyard where paths head to small gardens of perennials and annuals everywhere. Also there are islands and paths with ornamental trees. There is a small enclosed [fenced] vegetable garden and attractive water fountain.

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West End Methodists welcome new pastor

The congregation of the West End United Methodist Church will welcome the Reverend Doctor Won Namkoong as the new Pastor of the West End church on June 29. Pastor Won received his BA from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in South Korea, his Master of Divinity from the Duke Divinity School, and his Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary

in Washington, D.C.

Pastor Won has served a number of churches in North Carolina, including Linden Parkers Grove United Methodist Church [UMC] in Fayetteville, Edgerton Memorial UMC in Selma, New Beginnings UMC and Avent Ferry UMC in Raleigh. He also served as the District Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District.

Pastor Won has been married for twenty-one years to Mee Young, and they have two children, Hyun [Esther] and Wook [Paul]. Esther has completed her sophomore year at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and Paul completed his freshman year at North Carolina State University.

Bruce Allen, who has been the Pastor at West End for the last six years, will become the new Pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Elizabeth-

town on June 29. Allen is a 1983 graduate of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Allen and his wife Sue have two adult children, Stephanie, a graduate of Meredith College, and Courtney, a student at Methodist University.

For additional information about West End United Methodist Church call the church office at 673-1371.



Dr. Won Namkoong

Gardening

(Continued from page 9)

communities. Let's keep the Sandhills clean, green, and beautiful.

Recommended vegetable plantings for June: all types of

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completing a marathon [26.2 miles] or a marathon and a half [39.3 miles] over the weekend of October 25-26. The Avon Walk – Charlotte is one of nine weekend walks taking place in 2008. Every walker commits to raising at least \$1,800 in donations, and each Avon Walk attracts several thousand participants from across the

country. The LeRoy's were inspired to take part in the Avon Walk – Charlotte because this disease came close to touching their lives. In December 2007, Michele underwent testing on a lump that was felt by her doctor. Thankfully, all of the test results were negative. While going through this trying time, they began doing research about breast cancer and came across the information on the Avon Walk website. Together they decided to help fight this horrible disease that affects so many men and women. Team Ta-Ta 911 has set a fundraising goal of \$4,000. To support Ta-Ta 911's fundraising campaign, donations may be sent to Michele and Paul LeRoy, 698 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376. All donations should be made to Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. On July 10, you can support their efforts by visiting Coldstone Creamery in Aberdeen from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. All proceeds from sales during that time period will be donated to the walk.

Funds raised by Ta-Ta 911 and the thousands of other Avon Walk participants are awarded by the Avon Foundation, a 501 c3 public charity, to advance access to care and finding a cure for breast cancer, with a focus on the medically underserved. Since the series was launched in 2003, the more than 75,000 participants in the Avon Walks have raised over \$200 million to sup-


port leading cancer centers, research institutions, and community-based organizations in the Walk regions and nationwide. For a complete list of Avon Foundation funding, visit www.avonfoundation.org For more information or to register for an Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, visit www.avon-walk.com or call 888-541-WALK.



Paul & Michele LeRoy

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**Paul Kenneth
Bunce III**

Pinecrest High School
Pinehurst, NC

Paul is the son of Cheryl and Paul Bunce II of Seven Lakes West. He is the grandson of Kenneth and Brenda Bunce of Fayetteville and Floyd and Nora Pratt of Young Harris, GA. Paul will attend Sandhills Community College and work full time at Lowe's Hardware.



Kayla Nicole Gielda

Centreville High School
Centreville, VA

Kayla is the daughter of Steve and Sherry Gielda of Clifton, VA. She is 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.



Erica Lang

St. Ignatius High School
San Francisco, CA

Erica is the daughter of Steve and Allison Lang of San Francisco, CA. She is the granddaughter of Rosemarie Lang of Clifton Park, NY and Richard and Dee Dick of Seven Lakes West. She graduated with honors. Erica will attend Bucknell University for dance.



**Savannah Dawn
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Savannah is the daughter of Cheryl & Paul Bunce II of Seven Lakes West and the granddaughter of Kenneth & Brenda Bunce of Fayetteville and Floyd & Nora Pratt of Young Harris, GA. She completed basic training and is a Medical Material Specialist at Lackland Air Force Base.



Roy Lang

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Roy is the son of Steve and Allison Lang of San Francisco, CA. He is the grandson of Rosemarie Lang of Clifton Park, NY and Richard and Dee Dick of Seven Lakes West. He graduated with honors. Roy will attend Cornell University and participate on the lacrosse team.



**Alison Michelle
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Alison is the daughter of Penny & Sean Smyth of Baton Rouge, LA, and the granddaughter of Mary & Bill Price of Seven Lakes West. The Class Valedictorian, a National Merit Scholarship finalist, and a member of the National Honor Society. Alison will attend Carleton College.



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Brittany is the daughter of Michael and Jennie Sullivan of Walnut Creek, CA. Her grandparents are Bob and Jackie Simpson of Seven Lakes West. Brittany is an artist and graduated with honors. She will attend Boston University in Boston, MA.



Gordon Taylor Toon

Pinecrest High School
Pinehurst, NC

Gordon is the son of Alan and Goldie Toon of Seven Lakes. He is the grandson of Ambassador Malcolm and Elizabeth Toon of Southern Pines, and Robert and Victoria Storms of Oldwick, NJ. He received an IB and AP diploma, and was a member of the National Honor Society. He will attend UNC-Chapel Hill.



Zane D. Purvis

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Zane D. Purvis, of Seven Lakes, is the son of Dr. W. Henry Purvis of Sanford and Carol Purvis of Bennett. He earned his Master of Science degree in Computer Engineering from NC State. He previously double majored in Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering, receiving a BS Degree in each field.

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In memory of . . .

Francis Zarodkiewicz, of Foxfire Village, formerly of Farmingdale, NY, died Tuesday, June 10. A funeral service will be held at a later date.

Mr. Zarodkiewicz was retired from Grumman Aerospace after forty-three years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Zarodkiewicz; two sons, Joseph and Paul; two daughters, Jacqueline, Andrea and Joan; two grandchildren; and his brother, John.

Crumpler Funeral Home of Aberdeen is assisting the family.

Doris Claire McGovern, 76, of Foxfire Village, died June 14, at her residence.

Mrs. McGovern was a long time resident of Foxfire Village. She was a graduate of Hunter College in Manhattan, NY, with a degree in journalism. She served her country for eighteen years, retiring from the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Operations Assistant with the Counter Intelligence division. Mrs. McGovern was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Pinehurst.

A funeral liturgy outside the Mass was held on Wednesday, June 18, at Boles Funeral Home in Pinehurst.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-five years Frank, three children, Thomas McGovern, Edward McGovern, and Pamela McGovern, and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations be made in her name to First Health Hospice 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst assisted the family.

Thomas C. Jacobs, 87, died Thursday, June 19. He was born in Cincinnati, OH.

He spent his retirement as a resident of Seven Lakes and was a member of Seven Lakes Country Club for 23 years.

Survivors include his wife Alice, of Seven Lakes; son, Tom Jacobs Jr, of Birmingham, AL; daughters, Julie Jacobs of Houston, TX and Leila Williams of Asheboro and his granddaughter.

Charles Toperzer, 94, of Seven Lakes North, died Friday, June 20, at FirstHealth

Moore Regional Hospital.

Mr. Toperzer was born in Farrell, PA. He lived the past eighteen years at Seven Lakes. He was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-two years Virginia Toperzer.

He is survived by three chil-

dren, Jeff Toperzer of Old Bridge, NJ, Chuck Toperzer of Garland, TX, Pam Roscoe, of Seven Lakes; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was conducted on Monday, June 23, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The Rev. James M. Labosky was the celebrant.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.

Arrangements were by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

Donald "Dutch" Henry Stromberg, 73, died on Saturday, June 21, after a long illness at Quail Haven Village in Pinehurst.

Mr. Stromberg was born in Chester, PA to Oscar Henry

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Stromberg and Lillian Schlosbon Stromberg.

He graduated from Swarthmore High School in 1953 and graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA in 1957 with a degree in Political Science and Economics. He was also a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

He worked for the National Security Agency as a Cryptanalyst and Data Systems Programmer in Washington, DC. After working for RCA and Xerox, he co-founded Infodata Systems Inc. in 1968. The company provided consulting services to government agencies, developed software products and offered

computer services to the broadcasting industry. In 1973, he founded Simcom Inc. a company that provided computer system consulting services to commercial and government clients and engaged in developing software for law enforcement agencies.

In 1986, he founded Golfnet Inc. [formerly Sumner Inc.] which provides golf handicap and tournament management services. He moved the company to Pinehurst, in 1998 and worked as President of the company until he sold it in 2006.

Survivors include his wife of forty-two years, Marcia Dixon Stromberg of Southern Pines; a daughter, Kristin Flechsig, of

Whispering Pines; a son, Erik Stromberg, of Seven Lakes West; a brother, Richard Stromberg, Williamsburg, VA; two sisters, Sallie Wallace and Deborah Stromberg both of Locust Grove, VA; and his grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church located at 350 E. Massachusetts Avenue in Southern Pines, on Tuesday July 1, at 2:00 pm. The Reverend John Tampa and The Reverend Meaghan Kelly will be co-officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that a memorial contribution be made in Mr. Stromberg's name and may be sent to The First Health Hospice Founda-

tion at 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or to the Alzheimer's Association at 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215 or online at www.alz.org.

Boles Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Jean Gibson, 77, died Monday, June 23, at her residence in Seven Lakes South. Services are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes at a later date.

Alzheimer's support group

What is an Alzheimer's – Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group?

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The first meeting of the Alzheimer's – Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group will be Tuesday, July 15, from 3:00 to

4:00 pm at the Chapel in the Pines.

The group will continue to meet the third Tuesday of each month. Fran Stark will be the Volunteer Facilitator.

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Mystery writer Carolyn Hart visits Kiwanis

by Frank Krohn,
Seven Lakes Kiwanis

In April, the nationally known writer of mysteries, Carolyn Hart, held sway at the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meeting. She was introduced by a longtime childhood friend, Mary Price, a resident of Seven Lakes West. Mary had a few tales to tell from their early childhood which provided a perfect lead-in for Ms. Hart.

Ms. Hart grew up reading Agatha Christy and Nancy Drew stories which seemed to supply a foundation for her own writings later in life. She started her career as a reporter, and soon found that she hated everything about the job except for the writing part. She had her first novel published in 1964, and is now writing her forty-second mystery story. She is one of the first American female writers of mystery stories. She finished her talk by reading a portion of one of her books to a captivated audience.

Invitations to the members of all the book clubs in Seven Lakes

swelled the attendance to wall-bulging proportions. After the meeting Ms. Hart had book signing session in the lobby of the Seven Lakes Country Club before going to Bookshop by the Lakes in the Seven Lakes business

center for another book signing session.
The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at Noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Visitors are always welcome.



Author Carolyn Hart with childhood friend — and Westside resident — Mary Price.

Seven Lakes Blood Drive is July 7

by Jack Lynn
American Red Cross

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SARL needs donations of books and any kind of animal figurines to sell at this sale, Donations are tax deductible. Please call 974-4468 or 638-1921, and leave a message if you have donations for this fundraiser.

June is adopt a shelter cat or kitten month...and we have both. SARL will be in the Cat Center at PetsMart in Aberdeen during the month of July. SARL has Russian blue mixes, grey tabbies, black cats, a Duluth calico, and white with silver longhair kittens which are eight to twelve weeks old.

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- **Moore County Amateur Radio Society Field Day** – 2:00 pm, Hillcrest Park, Carthage. MOCARS invite visitors to Field Day when amateur “ham” radio operators set up equipment in a remote location, using only emergency power, to test and make sure they are ready to provide critical communications when needed. Event continues through noon on Sunday, June 29.
- **SLCC Beach Party** – 5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 pm dinner, Seven Lakes Country Club. Cocktails in paradise and a buffet featuring chicken/beef kabobs, baked beans, potato salad, rice pilaf, green beans, green salad, fruit tray, and cake. Cammy-award winning DJ Chad Sain. Casual dress. Members all-inclusive \$24; non-members price is \$29.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

- **Sunrise Theater** – movie “Then She Found Me” 7:30 pm, starring Helen Hunt, Bette Midler, Colin Firth, Matthew Broderick and Lynn Cohen. Ticket \$7. 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. 692-3611.

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THURSDAY, JULY 3

- **Sunrise Theater** – movie “Patton” 7:30 pm, starring George C. Scott, Karl Malden, Michael Bates, Stephen Young, and Michael Strong. *Free Admission tonight only.* 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. 692-3611.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

- **Independence Day**

MONDAY, JULY 7

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Meeting** – 4 pm, Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Sunrise Theater** – movie “Priceless” 7:30 pm, starring Audrey Tautou, Gad Elmaleh, Vernon Dobtcheff, Marie-Christine Adam and Jacques

Spiesser. Ticket \$7 for adults, children 12 and under \$5. Film will continue through Friday, July 11. 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. 692-3611.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Work Session** – 8 am, West Side Park Community Center.
- **Foxfire Village Council Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

- **Seven Lakes Blood Drive** – 1 pm – 6 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The shortages remain critical due to low collections in disaster areas and the usual summer doldrums. As our older stalwarts diminish, younger shoulders are needed to keep our community's per capita contribution in the forefront. If you are healthy, over seventeen and at least 110 pounds, please mark the date and make your “Gift of Life” to those in need.
- **American Red Cross Health**

What's When Calendar

& Safety Class – Standard First Aid – 6 pm -9 pm, Certification Fee \$35. Call 692-8571 for more information. Class size is limited to a minimum of four or a maximum of ten participants. All fees must be paid in advance and are nonrefundable, but fees may be applied to another course.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

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

SATURDAY, JULY 12

- **American Red Cross Health & Safety Class** – Adult/Infant/Child CPR+AED – 8 am - 1:30 pm, Certification Fee \$55. Call 692-8571 for more information. All fees

must be paid in advance and are nonrefundable, but fees may be applied to another course.

- **Sandhills Animal Rescue League Book & Animal Figurine Sale** – 10 am – 4 pm, Fair Barn, Pinehurst. Benefit sale sponsored by Sandhills Animal Rescue League, sale of paperbacks, hardcover books, and animal figurines. [SARL] is selling paperback and hardcover books, and animal figurines. Donations are welcome and tax-deductible. Information, 974-4468 or 638-1921.
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SUNDAY, JULY 13

- **Big Band Sound: Dance** – 4 pm – 6:30 pm, Mint Juleps Club, Southern Pines. Eddie Barrett and the Goodman Legacy Orchestra are coming back. Eddie's big band sound has thrilled Chicago fans for years, and is now a popular part of the Sandhills music scene. Information, 603-7660.

MONDAY, JULY 14

- **Sunrise Theater** – movie "There Will Be Blood" 7:30 pm, starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Mary Elizabeth Barrett, Paul Dano, Dillon Freasier, and Christine Olejniczak. Ticket

\$7 for adults, children 12 and under \$5. Film will continue through Wednesday, July 17. 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. 692-3611.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

- **Alzheimer's/Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group** – 3 pm – 4 pm, Chapel in the Pines. A safe, supportive environment for caregivers or family members of persons with dementia, to discuss issues relating to Alzheimer's/Memory Loss disease. Information, Fran Stark, Volunteer Facilitator, 673-5493.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

- **American Red Cross Health & Safety Class** – Dog and Cat First Aid – 6 pm - 10 pm, Fee is \$25 or \$40 with Pet First Aid Kit. Call 692-8571 for more information. Fees must be paid in advance and are nonrefundable, but may be applied to another course.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 19

- **8th Annual Dog Wash and Fun Festival** – 11 am – 5 pm, Carolina Horse Park, West Hoke County. A benefit for Solutions for Animals sponsored in part by Five Points Pet Resort, warm water Dog Wash \$5.00, nail trim by professional groomer Elaine Reaves \$5.00. Rabies vaccinations provided by Animal Health Center, P.A. for \$6.00. Lunch by Lobster Inn, ice cream, prizes, and fun.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

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

SATURDAY, JULY 26

- **American Red Cross Health & Safety Class** – Standard

First Aid + Adult CPR/AED – 8 am – 2 pm, Certification Fee \$60. Call 692-8571 for more information. All fees must be paid in advance and are nonrefundable, but fees may be applied to another course.

MONDAY, JULY 28

- **Moore County Board of Education Meeting** – 7 pm, Schools Central Office, Carthage.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

- **American Red Cross Health & Safety Class** – Infant/Child CPR – 6 pm -9:30 pm, Certification fee \$40. Call 692-8571 for more information. All fees must be paid in advance and are nonrefundable, but fees may be applied to another course.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- **Electronics Recycling & Paper Shredding Day** – 10 am – 2 pm, Wal-Mart parking lot, Aberdeen. *Free event;* recycle computers, monitors, VCR/DVD players, stereos, microwaves, power supplies, rechargeable batteries, vacuums, telephones, pagers, laptops, keyboards, power cables, non-hazardous medical equipment, printers, copy/fax machines, cell phones, transformers, scanners, portable electronic devices, servers, ink/toner cartridges, remotes, modems, projectors, cameras & paper.



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Bowyer receives FirstHealth nursing award

Jennifer Picerno Bowyer decided to go into neonatal intensive care nursing for a special reason: Her son was born prematurely and spent a month in the Clarke Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital with eating and breathing problems.

Bowyer graduated from the R.N. associate degree program at Sandhills Community College in May and was recognized as the graduating student with the highest potential for professional success during a pinning ceremony held at the Village Chapel on May 9. The award is presented annually by the FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital Auxiliary.

"Jennifer loves learning and new challenges," said Star Mitchell, director of the nursing program at Sandhills Community College. "She is outstanding in theory application and easily applies nursing knowledge to new experiences. Her peers seek her out to help with clinical questions, and she's a critical thinker who demonstrates maturity with peers and decision-making. Patients, families, and nursing staff all find her to be exemplary in her care."

Bowyer says she recalls hear-

ing the criteria for the graduating nurse's award being read just before it was presented and thinking, "Man, that would be an awesome award." Seconds later, she was accepting it as her own.

"I felt honored," she said. "There are so many good students who worked hard in our class, and I felt honored. It gives you an extra boost in confidence to think

that other people think you're doing a good job. It makes you want to do better."

Bowyer, who will be doing a nurse apprenticeship in the Clarke NICU until she takes her nursing boards on June 10, grew up in Carthage and graduated from Union Pines High School. A daughter of Nick and Jan Picerno of McLendon Hills in West End, Bowyer lives in

Aberdeen with her husband, Brandon, and their children, Juliet [9], and Brandon Jr. [4], the NICU "graduate."

She said she was touched by the kindness of the NICU nurses as they cared for her son and that she wants to do the same for other parents facing the same situation.

"The nurses there were just really great," Bowyer said. "They touch peoples' lives every day in a way that's out of the ordinary."

Also recognized by the Auxiliary during the pinning ceremony was Laura Flinchum Keown, who received an award for being the first-year nursing student who has made consistent accomplishments in scholarship and clinical performance.

"Laura has consistently performed at the top of her class in the classroom and clinical area since she started the program this past fall," said Mitchell. "Faculty and students have commented on her compassion and sensitive approach to nursing care, and she is recognized as a leader within her peer group, going out of her way to help other students. She is a strong, outstanding student, and we are proud to have her as one of our students."



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The Itty Bitty Troupe members, Hailey Scott, Amanda Jones, and Alexa Giovanni, competed for the first time this year. Their lively jazz dance entitled Girlfriend, was awarded one gold and two high golds. They also received two second overall places in all mini duet/trio categories. This troupe was honored with the Cutie Award at Applause.

The Beginner Troupe members, Jordan Hogan, Emily Lewis, Veronica Batson, Charlotte Herbst, Kate Marris, Miranda Miller, Amanda Jones, and Sarah Rabstajnek, competed for the first time in the recreational division.

Their tap dance Bombshell Stomp, received gold awards.

The Intermediate Troupe members, Kirsten Alvarez, Carly Baker, Amanda Felix, Amy Felix, Samantha Laurita, and Mary Kathryn Hurst, competed in the recreational division with their tap dance Goodbye. The Intermediate Troupe was awarded three gold recognitions for their performances as well as third place overall in the recreational division small group category at Showstoppers.

The Junior Troupe members, Roxanne Batson, Erin Dean, Briana Goodwin, Katie Kearns, Brittany Keyser, Samantha Matthews, and Sydney Turner competed in the competitive division with their tap dance Smooth Criminal. The Junior Troupe was awarded a gold and two high gold recognitions as well as a fifth place overall within all Junior small groups at Applause. This group also competed with their hip hop dance Takin' it Back, which was awarded two golds and a high gold.

This dance also received a fifth place overall at Showstopper.

The Senior Troupe members, Brittany Cullifer, Katie Ohara, Katie Ritter, and Lauren Seawell, competed in the competitive division with their tap dance Black Betty. The Senior Troupe was awarded three gold recognitions and received a second place overall within all Senior small groups at Applause.

The Junior and Senior Troupe members, along with Interme-

diate Troupe member Samantha Laurita competed in the competitive division with their large group jazz dance entitled Heartbreaker, winning three gold awards. This group also performed a large group tap dance Throw it on Me, which was awarded a gold and two high gold recognitions. They also achieved second place overall at Applause.

Seven Lakes Dance has been named a finalist for the presti-

gious National Dance Cup. The dancers will be competing one last time, this year, at Hectors Dance Caravan in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

All dancers are students at Seven Lakes Dance under the directions and instruction of co-instructors Marcie Miller, LeAnn Garrison, and Lauren Kicklighter.

For information on classes and upcoming Summer Dance Camps, call Marcie Miller at 673-1263.

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League study paints portrait of Moore poverty

by Laura Douglass
Times Reporter

An ambitious three-year study of the impact of poverty on children in Moore County and how this poverty affects society was conducted by the Moore County Chapter of the League of Women Voters with the results presented by committee co-chairs Barbara Farr and John Reagan during the May 20 meeting.

According to the study, 20.5 percent of Moore County residents live in poverty – a threshold established as a family of four with an annual income of less than \$21,000. However, the committee determined that a family of four in Moore County actually needed an income of \$40,965 [a \$19 per hour working wage] to live comfortably enough to not require assistance. Families falling between these two income levels would not qualify for assistance and were defined by the committee as working poor.

The study identified different aspects of poverty and categorized them as generational or situational. A key concern was understanding that children with insufficient nutrition, living in substandard conditions, often fall victim to a sense of hopelessness, or as Farr defined it, “a poverty of spirit.”

“If the results of poverty are left to run loose, the economic impact is substantial,” said Farr. “Moore County is resource rich and no one should be without assistance.”

While detailing the many government and non-profit agencies involved in assisting families, the study also brought to light a

startling high teen pregnancy rate.

In Moore County last year, there were 147 pregnancies reported with teenaged mothers – a fifty percent higher average than the national level.

“Most pregnant teens are from low income homes,” said Farr. “And most often, living conditions are substandard.”

Committee member Carolyn Mealing identified education as the key to survival and to breaking the cycle of poverty – with education between the ages of one and four especially critical.

“There are hundreds of five year olds entering Kindergarten without skills and they may never catch up,” said Mealing.

The study concluded that more vocational training, Sex Education curriculum in schools, support of early education programming, and mentoring and intervention with young mothers were ways to educate and, therefore, break the poverty cycle.

A related topic of discussion was the effect of crime and juvenile justice on youth. With one of out one hundred adults in jail, the incarceration rate in the United States is seven times higher than France and Germany. The

majority of offenders are from lower and middle income families.

Committee member O’Linda Gillis, President of the Moore County Chapter of NAACP, quoted a study conducted by the NAACP Southern Poverty Law Center indicating that poor children of color were being pushed out of school and in to jail. She said that black youths are held four times the rate of white youths and that, on a national average, black students are failed or suspended at three times the rate of white children.

“Often what you have are students acting out of frustration because they can’t keep up and get the special education that they needs,” said Gillis. “Poverty makes the situation worse – we, the NAACP, talk to the parents and give them guidance. These parents are often working class, some may have no job and another may have three jobs.”

Presenting the committee’s conclusions and suggestions, Mealing said, “Poverty has a significant impact on children in Moore County. Poverty establishes a spirit of complacency and hopelessness from which many may never catch up socially or

educationally with their peers.”

Suggestions for appropriate action included contacting state legislatures and urging them to continue to increase minimum wage and to pass the child healthcare bill. Other suggestions included restoring federal funding for Medicaid food stamps, urging state legislatures to remove the prohibition on teaching Sex Education in schools, and

to increase funding for preschool programs eliminating waiting lists for children.

During the question and answer period, an audience member strongly advocated that agencies and organizations should also focus on intervention and education of parents of teenagers, and that young fathers must be called upon to accept responsibilities as well.

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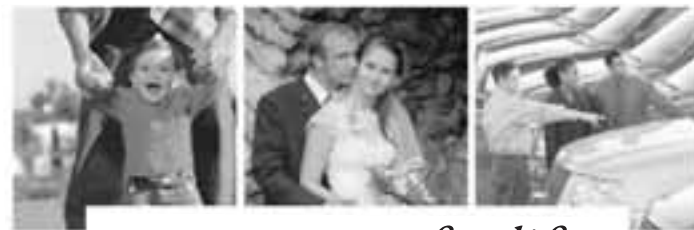
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Morris, Gillian Munro, Mikayla Niewald, Sophie Romaine, Pierce Strayer.

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Editorial

Appoint Kinney – and Bolton

The Moore County Board of Commissioners should appoint Dave Kinney of Seven Lakes South to a second term on the Moore County Planning Board — and invite Seven Lakes builder Chuck Bolton to join Kinney on that panel.

The terms of four Planning Board members are set to expire at the end of the month. Three of those members, including Kinney, have said they will gladly serve another term; the fourth, Paul Hodges, will be resigning from the Board.

That creates an opportunity for the Commissioners to reappoint Kinney, who has been one of the Planning Board's hardest-working members, and to appoint Bolton, a well-respected, talented, and experienced homebuilder.

Kinney has been most visible as the Chairman of the Area A Steering Committee, where he has worked hard, with the assistance of planning staff and outside facilitators, to make sure that a wide range of views are represented and that the public has had plenty of opportunity for input. The result is a solid plan that lays out accurately the key issues raised by continued development in southwestern Moore County.

But Kinney worked just as hard — if less visibly — on the recent updating of the county's zoning and subdivision ordinances. Few members of the Planning Board put in as many hours fine-tuning those ordinances as Kinney.

It's no secret to anyone who regularly attends Planning Board meetings that the panel is split among members who strongly support land-use planning, controlled growth, and strict standards for development and other members who see most land-use and zoning regulations as unwarranted infringements on the property rights of landowners and developers. Other members come down someplace in between those poles.

Kinney is definitely in the "pro-planning" camp, and that may make some in the development community uneasy. But Kinney has proven himself willing and able to work collegially and productively with fellow Board members like Ron

Jackson and Aaron McNeill, who sit on the other side of the ideological spectrum.

Beyond that, the residents of Moore County have clearly expressed their desire that Moore County's continued growth be controlled growth, smart growth, planned growth. This county still suffers from the legacy of its historically weak zoning and subdivision ordinances: poorly laid out subdivisions with narrow rutted dirt roads, built on substandard soils that can't support septic systems, with wells that run dry when the weather turns droughty.

In public forum after public forum, Moore Countians have made clear that they want well-planned, orderly growth. Dave Kinney is just the guy to help keep the Planning Board headed in that direction.

Seven Lakes builder Chuck Bolton has also expressed a willingness to serve, and the Commissioners should jump at the chance to appoint him. Bolton has built some of the finest homes in Seven Lakes West — and all over the county, for that matter. He and his company, Bolton Builders, Inc., are respected members of the Seven Lakes business community, with deep roots in the area. Bolton is an active member of the Moore County Home Builders Association and will provide the Planning Board with a wealth of real-world, on-the-ground experience.

Seven Lakes is the largest unincorporated community in the county — and the center of the county's fastest-growing area. Though the housing market has slowed, there are still a half-dozen development proposals in the wind within a half-dozen miles of Seven Lakes. It will be the Planning Board's responsibility to study, understand, and help shape those developments to meet the needs and the desires of Moore Countians, while respecting the needs of developers to create profitable projects.

That makes it all the more appropriate that the Commissioners take this opportunity to give the Seven Lakes/West End community a stronger representation on the Planning Board by appointing both Dave Kinney and Chuck Bolton.

Bears, and tigers, and Thiesmanns?

Somewhere out there — and when I say 'there,' I hope that I'm not referring to my own backyard — is a young black bear. According to recent news reports, this wayward traveler has been spotted roaming the backwoods and still waters of the Sandhills. Wildlife officials suggest this is no big deal and I should not be alarmed.

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s'mores to compensate for the utter lack of other creature comforts, I harbor a deep, instinctual fear of big furry things that go bump in the night. On many a hike, Darling Hubby and I were blessed to share the landscape with a wild bruin or two, only to find myself a few short hours later scrambling into our tent now haunted by that same vision.

Back home in Seven Lakes, we seem to shelter an amazing assortment of Carolina critters; some wild, some domestic. Two feet, four feet, no feet — all seem to congregate beneath our pines. However, much to hubby's dismay, we've learned that the next few months will be devoid of another much feared and cherished Summer time predator, Tiger Woods.

After a decade or so of watching him ruthlessly stalk the links, often wearing the blood-red of a kill, Tiger seems like family. Well, at least the distant cousin we all

wish we had.

I'm guessing he's more likely to spend the warmer months Wii-habing with a more appropriate cosmic cousin, say Bill Gates.

I hear Billionaire Bill has some extra time on his hands too these days, though Gates and the former Miss French have said they

will now focus their mighty intellect and serious cash towards solving third-world health concerns.

Tiger's gimp knee may have to wait.

I once saw another athlete's surgically-altered knee up close and personal. Let me just share, it was not a pretty sight. Way back in 1986, former Redskins Quarterback Joe Thiesmann took his kids to a Maryland water park. After each slippery slide, he would lurch upright, wave to the gathered crowd wherein I stood agape, and then half-drag his mutant knee-less leg back uphill for another go.

I can only hope while Joe betters his golf game in retirement, he has taken to wearing pants more frequently. In fact, let me pull back out that list of things I don't want to see this Summer; Tiger doing anything, Thiesmann wearing knickerbockers on #2, and black bears loitering in my yard.

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'Advocates' seek better communication

We are pleased to announce the formation of a group called the Advocates. This group has been formed because many feel that there is a need for an organization whose sole purpose is to augment existing lines of communication between the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors and the residents.

For whatever reason, the Board's monthly work sessions and open meetings are sparsely attended. It may be disinterest or simply a lack of available time. We hope that it's the latter.

Whatever the reason, we suffer from a lack of the many wonderful ideas which many of you may possess but which for one reason or another, you may be reluctant, unwilling or unable to share. In short, we suffer from a

lack of "brainstorming," one with the other.

The Advocates will listen with care to any positive

behalf of others, have been formed as an informal but permanent organization whose sole objective will be to

listen to the residents and augment the existing lines of communication between our elected Board of Direc-

tors and the Landowners.

Membership

An opinion and policy free entity, our membership may be comprised of any resident, owner or renter, who wishes to take part in our deliberations and present our findings or your suggestions to the Board. Only active Board members are precluded from membership.

Mission Statement

The Advocates, who by definition are those who plead on



Your Turn

Ron Erskine
Seven Lakes North

Thanks from the Sandsharks

Dear Editor:

The NC Open Water Swim was held in Seven Lakes North on June 7 and 8 at Lake Echo. This event was hosted by the Sandhills Sandsharks Swim Team. Over 450 swimmers and their coaches, family, and friends were involved in this event.

The Sandsharks would like to express our deepest appreciation to the residents and staff of Seven Lakes who graciously allowed the use of this beautiful community and lake for this swim.

Lake Echo made the perfect venue for our swim and we received many compliments on the beauty of the lake and friendliness of the community. The staff was extremely helpful in getting everything set up and assisting the Sandsharks to coordinate the many aspects of the NC Open Water Swim. The success of this swim was made possible with the help of this wonderful community.

The Sandhill Sandsharks Swim Team is a non-profit organization for the area whose primary goal is to teach and promote swimming for all ages and abilities in the Sandhills area.

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the Board as well as the named contributor will be a vital part of the process.

Meetings

The Advocates will meet the second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 am in the conference room of the North/South Landowners office and/or at other intervals or locations if such appears necessary.

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Art Fair was great success

Dear Editor:

The West Pine Middle School and West End Elementary School Art students had their work highlighted at the Kids Art Fair. The event was held on May 6 at West Pine Middle School. The Kids Art Fair was a display of the children's artwork presented in double matted frames making each work look like a masterpiece. All works were available for purchase with a percentage of the funds raised

going to the art rooms.

After all the hard work setting up the show, it was fun to see all of the excitement and smiles as children, parents, and grandparents found their child's work of art: a lifetime treasure.

Art teachers Michelle Morris from West Pine Middle and Jill Hartsell from West End Elementary would like to thank all those that helped make this such a nice fundraising event including the West Pine Orches-

tra which played throughout the show, parent and student volunteers, teachers, Seven Lakes Baptist Church for helping with tables and the custodians at West Pine. A special thanks to Jeff Cole for all his help. Parents also donated refreshments and snacks which were served by the students. You made this such a nice event for everyone.

Sandi Burrell
Seven Lakes North

Sandhills Classical adds High School

Brad Johnson, Headmaster of Sandhills Classical Christian School, announced the addition of a ninth grade curriculum to the school beginning with the 2008-09 school year and future plans to add another grade each year culminating with a twelfth grade class for the school year 2011-12.

Currently the school offers preschool through the eighth grade.

"These are exciting times for the parents, students, teachers, and staff of SCCS," said Johnson, "I am proud to be a part of the foundation for a full preschool through twelfth grade school based on basic integrated curriculum from a Christian worldview and am humbled by the outpouring of support from the church and community."

The newly formed Rhetoric School will be strong in Science, Math, and the Language Arts.

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The SCCS mission is to provide excellent classical education founded upon a biblical worldview. All subjects are taught as part of an integrated whole, with the Scriptures at the center of the lesson.

Currently, the school has a ten to one student teacher ratio, and classes test an average of

two years above grade level on standard achievement tests.

Founded in 1999, SCCS has continued its expansion in response to the needs of the

local community.

For more information, call Jennifer Stroud or Brad Johnson at 910-695-1874, office@sandhillsccs.org

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by Betty Mangum
Candidate, NC House

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I am recommending the following:

- Combine the local water systems into a Moore County System which provides and distributes water equally for all households and businesses from our three river basins. This move is vital because it assures citizens that we will all have water. This would also be very helpful when we have drought conditions and when there are contamination problems.
 - Upgrade waste water plants, our storm water plans and sewer systems.
 - Secure the necessary state permits through DENA that would allow additional uplinks, pipes and output.
 - Build a larger reservoir.
 - Educate the community on water usage, i.e. drinkable water not suitable for washing cars or watering lawns but encourage reusable water for this task.
 - Acknowledge that families need water to bathe, wash clothes, flush toilets, run appliances and mop floors etc.
- To encourage water conservation:
- Ask County Commissioners to provide rebates to businesses and home owners that use low water use appliances and fixtures.
 - Provide free county audits to assist citizens to identify leaks
 - Provide tax credits for purchasing rain barrels, owning low use fixtures, appliances, or have water reclaim systems that assist with their watering.
 - Encourage gravel driveways for new and older homes.
 - Provide tax rebates for homeowners and home /commercial builders that use low water appliances and utilize green

structures.

If elected, I will work to provide the necessary NC State Assurances via Legislative Laws, and with State and Federal Agen-

cies and will work locally with Town, County Officials, and Chamber /Business Leadership to address the water issue in Moore County. Our water serv-

ice and water issues can be solved when we all work together for the good of all.

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Outrage

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10 SLWLA Board work session.

Noting that a letter from the Association to County Manager Cary McSwain and Commissioners Chairman Colin McKenzie had sat for months without an answer, Sales said "I'd like to see this Board express some outrage at that."

The letter in question asked the Commissioners to support a North Carolina Department of Transportation plan that would tap federal funds to upgrade the rail crossing at the Westside entrance, as well as other crossings from Seven Lakes to West End. The project would close two crossings; McSwain recently told Haggard that some folks have objected to those closures.

"So the situation is as follows," Haggard said. "A request by an

Association representing more than nine hundred homes is blocked by some folks that don't want one of the West End railroad crossings closed."

Haggard said the conclusion that leads him to is that "the county doesn't view the Board of Directors of this Association as a viable voice in the county — the only clout this Board has is within the confines of Seven Lakes West."

"If my assessment of the situation is correct," Haggard continued, "then this Board can be outraged all it wants and the county will continue to ignore our concerns; however, the members of this community vote, pay taxes, and should be a force to be reckoned with should they become outraged."

Haggard recommended to avenues for expressing community outrage: "Write a letter to the county indicating your dissatisfaction — I suspect if the county got several hundred letters it might get their attention." Or, "Go, in mass, to a county commissioner's meeting and let them know what you think."

"In my mind, either one, or both, of these actions will gain more of a response from the county than any outrage this Board might attempt to display," Haggard concluded.

Dam Presentation Scheduled

Environment Director Mary Anne Fewkes told Landowners during Tuesday's meeting that the

plans for remediation of the Lake Auman dam are under review by the state — and that the Association's dam engineer Dr. Dan Marks will make a presentation on the planned repairs during the July 22 General Meeting.

It appears that the remediation technique selected — an ultrasonic vibrating beam that allows grout to be injected in to the structure of the dam — will allow repairs to proceed without significant lowering of the water level in the lake, Fewkes said.

Marks has submitted detailed plans to the state and met with the Raleigh-based state engineers who must approve the plan. An early August approval is hoped for, which could allow the work to begin in late August or early September. The work will be undertaken by a contractor selected in a sealed bid process overseen by Marks. The repairs are expected to take two to three months to complete; the dam will be closed to foot and bicycle traffic during that time period.

Fewkes said detailed plans for the remediation are available for review by landowners in the Community Center, though no copies may be made.

Boating safety

Fewkes made a few comments regarding boating safety, though she noted, from looking at the group who attended Tuesday night's meeting, that the folks who need to be reminded of lake safety rules were probably not present.

Noting the upcoming July 4 fireworks display, Fewkes said boats attempting to launch at Johnson Point that evening must be equipped with the proper red, green, and white safety light.

Among other rules she highlighted were the following:

- No towing of tubers or skiers except in the ski area.
- Towing must be done counter-clockwise and both a driver and observer must be present in the boat.
- Boats must be equipped with life jackets and other safety equipment as laid out in US Coast Guard regulations.

Pee Dee Electric

Noting that he had received several calls concerning the mess that Pee Dee Electric is making along Longleaf Drive, Manager Tony Robertson said he had been in regular contact with Pee Dee engineers and had

received assurances that, once all work is complete, the company will return and re-seed and re-straw roadsides.

Pee Dee is burying many of their lines that serve the West Side, as well as increasing the voltage those lines can carry and moving to ground-mounted rather than pole-mounted transformers, Robertson said.

Recreation

In addition to reminding landowners that the firework display will begin at about 9:15 pm on July 4, Recreation Director Karen Milligan announced that the annual Margarita Night will be held this year at Johnson Point on September 12 and will feature a live band.

Tickets are \$15 and excess proceeds will be contributed to the Community Emergency Response Team.

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Taxes

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tives and options had not been explored. In particular, Lea argued against maintaining a fund balance -- the county's "savings account" -- that amounts to 24 percent of operating expenses.

"Even if we went two years without a tax increase, we would only reduce it to sixteen percent," said Lea. "There are other alternatives rather than increasing the tax rate, and I don't feel I can support this while we have other alternatives."

Commissioner Larry Caddell agreed that "when it comes to raising taxes, nobody wants to do it." He continued, "But I am very impressed that we went from 6.9 to 2.9 -- four cents is a very long way."

Lea said the seven to eight cents originally discussed was based on the full \$69 million school bond debt service. "We've only floated \$40 million; to pay for the rest are we looking at a four cent tax increase [next year]?"

McSwain said the county could always do better and he felt with short and long term planning, and money in capital reserves, he did not expect a huge increase would be necessary to satisfy the debt.

Commissioner Cindy Morgan offered no comment but joined Lea in opposing the budget.



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Welch

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is a longtime resident of Seven Lakes well-known in the community for both his work in the pulpit and his community involvement.

Currently, Welch is one of two ministers serving the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

He has served in the past as Associate Pastor for West End Presbyterian Church and Interim Pastor for McDonalds Chapel Presbyterian Church.

Along with former Westside President Bill Mamel, Welch founded the monthly Seven Lakes Forum, and he is a member of the Area A Small Area Plan Steering Committee.

A native of Kentucky, he pas-

tored many churches before "retiring" to Seven Lakes, and also held a number of high-profile positions in the world of higher education, including serving as Assistant Dean at Duke Divinity School, his alma mater; Dean of Students at Wofford College in Spatanburg, SC; and President of Scarritt College in Nashville, TN.

Reciprocity agreement

President Zielsdorf presented the Board with a revised Letter of Understanding with the Seven Lakes West Landowner's Association [SLWLA], a document signed annually by the presidents of the SLLA and SLWLA that clarifies and defines the reciprocal agreement between the two associations.

Several changes were discussed, in particular a paragraph that would close off automatic access to the West Side for vehicles bearing SLLA stickers after dark, and do the same for vehicles with SLWLA stickers attempting to enter the North

and South Side gates in the evening.

"Basically, if you have a SLLA sticker you won't get an automatic wave in [after dark]; you'll have to stop for a pass," explained Zielsdorf. "They are not saying you can't come in; you just have to stop and state a reason for being there and be invited in by someone."

Kindsvatter said she had just one question, "Why? Why is this necessary?"

Director Denny Galford picked up her thought, "This will be a disadvantage to our members. If they have vandalism, their roving patrol should handle it. We are one large community."

Director Bud Shaver disagreed with Galford's comments. "It's their land. It's their association. If this is what they want, it's wrong for us to fight it. They have a problem, but let's not be retaliatory."

Director Gary Caulk, who heads the SLLA Security Committee, suggested that Seven Lakes North and South gates

should remain open to all Seven Lakes residents.

"We're not going to lock them out. They are our friends and neighbors and I don't want to get in that battle," said Caulk. "Westsiders are welcome here, day or night."

Kindsvatter said she felt the request was one-sided, "It's divisive. We're trying to work together and be friends and just that one thing is a sticker in your foot."

After discussion, the board agreed that while the SLWLA board could enforce their right to close the gates, that the SLLA board would not sign the agreement as written.

"By signing, it looks as if we condone the decision, and right now we have don't have any board members who approve," said Zielsdorf.

He agreed to ask SLWLA Pres-

ident Jim Haggard to prepare a final draft omitting the paragraph in question. Other changes to the revised letter were mostly minor and included a clarification that only members of each association could use their own lakes, beach, and point areas.

Another new item was an agreement that would allow each association to use the other's offices for a period of time in case of an emergency. Those changes were approved unanimously.

Sequoia Dam to be closed during fireworks

In response to several requests, Community Manager Dalton Fulcher recommended that the Board consider closing Lake Sequoia Dam to vehicle access immediately before, during, and after the annual Fourth

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West Side

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Public comment

Bill Berger, who described himself as relatively new resident, made several suggestions, the first of which is that the Association might consider filing suit against the county Board of Commissioners to force action on the railway crossing issue. While not completely discounting Berger's suggestion, Legal Director Ed Silberhorn said that he didn't "think the time was ripe" to pursue that course of action, preferring to exhaust other adminstrative remedies first.

Noting some confusion on the part of adult children visiting from out of town, Berger raised the perennially relevant question of why the sign at the entrance of Seven Lakes West says "Beacon Ridge." After some appreciative laughter from the crowd, Director Ray MacKay explained that the entrance is owned by the developer not the Association, and noted that a previous developer had chosen to market the community as "Beacon Ridge" rather than "Seven Lakes West."

Finally, to appreciative applause by the crowd, Berger noted that the American flag at the gate should be lit at night.

Chuck Spellman, who had registered strong complaints about unauthorized entry and off-road driving near the back gate, thanked Security Director Blaine Rowland for responding immediately to Spellman's concerns.



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SLLA Meeting

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of July fireworks display.

"The reason for the request there are so many kids getting in and out and coming between cars," said Fulcher. "It's very dangerous!"

Kindsvatter agreed that safety should be the priority.

"We take our grandchildren, and there are kids running around and cars moving. It's dark, and we're lucky no one has been run over. I'm absolutely in favor of this."

The board agreed to close the dam from 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Residents will be encouraged to park in approved areas along road shoulders, the soccer field, and the main community parking lot.

Judicial Committee, Voting Rights

Undertaking several administrative action items, the board unanimously approved continuing the terms of Judicial Committee members Dean Charles, Dave Kinney, Frank Krohn, and Ed Chapman. A fifth committee member has yet to be announced.

The board also approved changes to the By-laws which provide lifetime voting rights to a resident owner-occupant who may have ceded ownership of his home to other family members. For example, aging parents may transfer the title to their children, and now will still retain their voting rights as long as they live in the home.

The previous wording of this section of the By-laws was challenged during the last board election.

Other revisions define when a member is in Good Standing, and clarify the difference between the terms "member," "owner," and "owner-occupant."

Security Committee

Security Committee Chair Gary Caulk reported that June had been a very busy month.

"Everything that could break, broke. We repaired the gates, some aging equipment, our patrol car was in the shop three times, the patrol boat had some issues — and now has many new parts and accessories."

Caulk said the gates have been experiencing very high activity levels and encouraged

residents to call ahead for guests, "We're looking at 6,000 guest passes this month!"

Director Shaver fumed that within a day of installing new stop signs, many were defaced with graffiti, and that the freshly painted shelters had similar vandalism.

"We have a problem with vandalism and residents that speed. A lot of these problems are from our own people that live here."

ARB Committee

ARB Committee Chair Sally Kindsvatter requested board approval for several additions and revisions to ARB guidelines including enlarging the minimum garage size and requiring a final inspection by an ARB representative prior to reimbursement of the builder's Compliance Fee. The changes were approved unanimously.

Kindsvatter reported three new houses were approved this month; two were spec homes. The committee had also placed one new house on hold for approval because it was determined to be too similar in appearance to the neighboring residence.

She reported that seven alterations and additions were approved and the committee declined a request to postpone landscaping of a new home until next Spring. Kindsvatter said the committee gave the homeowner until October 30 to complete the landscape.

Kindsvatter said that, after a lengthy discussion with Tom Eilert of Lakeview Construction, a controversial drain located on

Devonshire Lane would be taken care of by Lakeview within the next few weeks.

"Everyone was very friendly and I think it was a good meeting," said Kindsvatter.

Lakes & Dams Committee

Lakes & Dams Committee Chair Don Truesdell reported that a citation had been issued for violating lake rules. His committee will be discussing appropriate

penalties for infractions.

"Our rules ensure the safe operation of all boats," said Truesdell. He said all boat owners are required to sign a form stating they have read and understand lake rules.

Truesdell said committee members met with representatives of S&ME and Hobbs & Upchurch to discuss their recommendations. Specific recommendations include only mowing dam

embankments twice a year to encourage root growth and decrease erosion damage caused by the mowing equipment.

"I know people will be unhappy with the appearance [of unmowed dams] but they will have to understand this is what we must do," said Truesdell.

Other recommendations were to remove underbrush from dam
(See "SLLA Meeting," p. 33)

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SLLA Meeting

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embankments and to reseed and fertilize; install additional piezometers; and conduct video inspections of dam conduits.

Truesdell said seepage identified at Little Juniper Dam will be monitored and the complete survey of all dams should be complete by July 11.

"Maintenance of the dams is of utmost importance," said Truesdell. "I recommend the board should not embark on any other capital expenses until we get a handle on dam remediation."

Under action items, the board approved a policy to pump water to Little Juniper Lake under certain conditions: when Lake Longleaf and Big Juniper are overflowing; and if Little Juniper is more than six inches low and Longleaf is less than four inches low.

The policy requires the pump on/off switch to be kept under lock, with access only to authorized Seven Lakes employees.

The Board approved increasing the contract to Hobbs & Upchurch by \$2,260, to complete dam surveys.

Maintenance Committee

Maintenance Committee Chair Bud Shaver said he confronted a landscape contractor emptying yard waste at the debris site. Shaver reminded residents that only members may use the debris site, contractors must take yard waste — even waste gathered from SLLA homes — off site.

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MGP

Contractors caught violating the rule will not be allowed to work in Seven Lakes. Shaver encouraged homeowners to make sure landscape contractors understood the rule.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee Chair Denny Galford said he had met with Security to discuss gates and barcode costs, and with Recreation to discuss May Follies, fundraising, and other issues. He also presented a letter from Cincinnati Insurance detailing their expense of \$93,091 defending the SLLA in the lawsuit filed by D. Alan Shaw and others.

Fulcher that reported dues collected in May met expectations, totaling \$869,000. He said expenditures are two percent over, which is normal during the May-July period.

Galford said he received two requests for financial records,

and added that records requested by former Treasurer Steve Hudson would be withheld until the Hudson completed a section of the request form that states the reason for his request.

Recreation Committee

Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane reported that two horses were willfully removed from the stables and later found a considerable distance away, near the Auman family's peach orchards.

"This looks like foul play. This was not negligence — the fence was intentionally taken down, the horses led through, and the fence put back," said Beane.

He said the Sheriff's Department was investigating .

Beane reported Summer recreational programming was going very well with over 55 swim team members and good Day Camp attendance.

Community Standards

Director Sally Kindsvatter was tapped to continue chairing the Beautification Committee, which the Board added to the list of committees for this year.

Kindsvatter reported that the committee is working to clean up the boat storage area and suggested residents should claim any unmarked trailers or other items. Abandoned boats, trailers, or other items will be sold.

"I feel strongly that public areas need to look good," Kindsavtter said. "We don't need to look like Pinehurst's expensive country club areas with huge amounts of shrubbery and flowers, but there is nothing worse than landscaping with dead plants or an empty space."

Kindsvatter and Shaver are working together to solicit bids from landscape contractors to maintain common areas at gate entries, mailrooms, and North

Clubhouse.

Public Comment

During public comment, Northsider Charlie Oliver urged board members to read the six-page summary drafted by dam engineer John Eddy.

"Our dams are vital to this community. We're called Seven Lakes."

Oliver expressed appreciation for the recent work completed by the Maintenance Committee and for the work of Chad Beane and the Recreation Committee.

Director Shaver responded, thanking Oliver for his years of service to the country and asked him to be patient.

"You've talked about a number of things — you and the rest of the community — but keep in mind we've been in office for ninety days. We're addressing these things — we're working on it."



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