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Briefing from the 82nd



Major Thomas Earnhardt of the 82nd Airborne Division recently briefed the Seven Lakes Kiwanis on the War on Terror. He is shown here with Kiwanian Frank Hayes. [See page 2.]

Road project raises concerns

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

The Foxfire Village Planning Board has approved the Woodland Circle extension project, provided a way can be found to assess the owners of property along the new street for the cost of damage done to existing Village streets during road construction.

Reporting to the Foxfire Village Council during their Tuesday, July 8, meeting, Chairman Craig Ramey said the Planning Board had voted unanimously to grant conditional approval for the project

The twenty-four property owners directly affected by the project will be assessed the total cost to construct the 7,500 foot road including sewer and water lines. If constructed, the new road will connect Woodland Circle from where it currently ends at Eagle Drive. To protect the bidding process, the engineers'

estimate of total costs was not disclosed, however during previous council meetings potential costs have been estimated at \$1.5 million.

Ramey said the assessments should include funding that will be needed to repave and repair existing eastside village roads that will be damaged during construction; and that each individual property owner, if the council deemed necessary,

(See "Foxfire" p. 29)

Westside covenant change approved

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Westsiders approved by a comfortable margin a change to Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] covenants that removes an obstacle to curbside mail delivery in the community.

Secretary Ed Tuton announced the official results of the ballot during the Tuesday, July 8, Board of Directors work session.

Of the 1424 lot owners eligible to vote, 998 — or 70.08 percent — voted yes on the change, which required a 67 percent vote for approval.

The remaining votes were split among 228 members who actively voted against the change and another 198 who failed to vote and therefore fell into the "no" column by default.

The covenant change does not guarantee that mail will ever be delivered curbside in Seven Lakes West; that's a matter of ongoing negotiations between the Association and the US Postal Service. Instead the change simply deletes a line in the covenants that prohibited curbside delivery.

(See "Westside" p. 31)

Hearings likely on rail crossing plan

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Public hearings on a railway safety project affecting railroad crossings in Seven Lakes and West End are likely to be held in August — whether or not the Moore County Board of Commissioners endorses the project.

"These are state routes," railway safety consultant Danny Gilbert told *The Times* in a an interview on the project. "We don't have to have the concurrence of local government. To be good neighbors, we forwarded it to them. It's been about three months and they are still digest-

ing it, still figuring out what they want to do."

Gilbert is a Roanoke, Virginiabased consultant whom the North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT] has retained to spearhead the safety project.

As The Times went to press Thursday morning, County Manager Cary McSwain was scheduled to meet that afternoon with members of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors to discuss the project.

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West End woman arrested on forgery charges

Tonya Michelle Streeter, 32, of 121 Greenacres Drive in West End was arrested by Moore County Sheirff's deputies on forgery charges.

On April 4, the Moore County Sheriffs Office received a report of a fraud. Susan Lee Mountain from Temple, Georgia, reported that her mother, Mrs. Dorthea

Burnam from West End was deceased and that a check and Burnam's Walmart credit card was missing. Mountain also

been cashed and the credit card had been charged after her mother's death.

Streeter was arrested on June reported that the check had 6 and charged with financial card theft, obtaining property by false pretence, forgery, and uttering of a forged instrument.

Streeter received a \$5,000.00 unsecure bond and a first court appearance on June 12 in District Court.

Kiwanis briefed on War on Terror

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

Major Thomas Earnhardt of the 82nd Airborne was the speaker at the June 24 meeting of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club, and he spoke to a standing-room only crowd. A graduate of Eastern Carolina University, he has served for sixteen years, and is a veteran of three deploy-

ments to Iraq, and one to Afghanistan. He is now assigned to Special Airborne Operations at Fort Bragg.

Major Earnhardt spoke specifically about the "war on terror" and the importance of our winning it. Terror is a global problem. The enemy has stated Iraq and Afghanistan are their centers of gravity, and they have chosen to fight us there. He stated that we not only must, but we can, win this war.

We can win this war because our military has never been stronger, better trained, or better equipped, according to Major Earnhardt. He stated three things we must do to win this conflict.

- 1. Sustain the pressure. The "bad guys" are currently feeling the pressure and we cannot give them relief by easing up. This includes supporting the local politicians as they strive to establish a sound and free government.
- 2. Recruit, train, and equip an even better military.
- 3. Restore the faith of our nation. This is most important, especially with the media continually eroding the will of the American people with its negative coverage of the war and

persistent calling for an end to "this Disastrous War."

"We are making progress," said Major Earnhardt.

"The future of our country depends on our achieving victory over an enemy that is widespread and fanatical in their zeal to also win."

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



Tonya Michelle Streeter

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More water coming for Pinehurst, Seven Lakes

by Greg Hankins Times Editor

Water pulled from Harnett County's stretch of the Cape Fear River will soon be flowing from taps in Seven Lakes.

Moore County Public Utilities last week completed a new water line that connects the East Moore Water District's water system with the lines that serve Pinehurst and Seven Lakes. Ultimately, that connection will carry as much as 1.2 million additional gallons of water per day, increasing the total capacity of the Pinehurst-Seven Lakes system to 4.4 million gallons per day.

"That's running wide open,"

Public Works Director Dennis Brobst told *The Times*. "That's not a sustainable level of usage."

Brobst said that, though the pipes are now in the ground and the connections are made, there is still work to be done before new East Moore-Pinehurst connector begins to deliver Harnett County water.

The line must be flushed, sanitized, and pass a battery of state tests before it comes online. And power needs to be brought to a booster station that will pull water through the line.

"If we're online by August 1, that would be fine," Brobst told *The Times*.

More water for Seven Lakes?

While the new connection and the additional water it can carry undoubtedly benefits Seven Lakes, that water must still travel through a booster station on NC Highway 211 near West Pine Middle School. The one million gallon per day capacity of that booster station creates the upper limit on the amount of water the county can deliver to Seven Lakes.

A pump upgrade last year increased its capacity from roughly 825,000 to one million gallons.

Brobst told *The Times* that

bringing additional water to Seven Lakes remains at the top of the county's priority list, with a new line from the town of Robbins the preferred option. A comprehensive study of county water needs and options for meeting those needs recommended bringing water from Montgomery County to Seven Lakes, either through a new line from Candor down NC 211 or by a connection to Robbins, which is currently obligated to buy more Montgomery County water than it can use.

Brobst said the Robbins connection is the preferred option because the town has a mothballed water treatment plant and reservoir that could ultimately be brought into service to reduce the county's reliance on purchased water.

"Right now, we're just waiting on one piece of information from Robbins," Brobst said: the price the town will charge the county to pass Montgomery County water through its system. Longer term, the county and the town need to come to an agreement about how to work together to upgrade the water treatment plant.

Asked about timing, Brobst told *The Times,* "We had best get started if we want water

(See "Water," p. 28)

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Don Welch envisions a unified Seven Lakes

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

Newly-appointed Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Director Don Welch explained his decision to serve on the Board in an interview with The Times earlier this week.

"I am doing it simply because I have a commitment to the community and I couldn't hold that commitment and say no when they needed someone to fill the slot," said Director Welch. "I love and believe in Seven Lakes and the future of Seven Lakes is very, very important."

Director Welch was appointed to serve the remaining term of Donna Stephen, who resigned from the board in April.

Welch, a member of the Area A Steering Committee and Seven Lakes Civic Group, was appointed Director of Community Standards. His wife, Nancy, has served on the Judicial Committee and is a current member of the Community Standards Committee.

"I have a lot of visions for this place... a vision that Seven Lakes North, South, and West will eventually merge together into a community that includes all three and the business district," said Welch. "In Area A, we discussed for the entire county that when a community reaches a certain size it should be required to incorporate or become part of an incorporated area simply because the county cannot run a county

like a city without the community taking that responsibility."

Welch said Seven Lakes needs

to find ways to move closer together and eventually ways of sharing all the responsibilities



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"In my brief time on the board, my goal is to move closer towards improvements for the community, that is the whole concept of community," said Welch. "That's also the reason I took the chapel position."

A retired ordained minister, Welch is one of two ministers serving the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

'The chapel is a very valuable entity in this community. It's important to have a place that can be a meeting place for the community, a place of service that is concerned about the entire community - not just a church but a place of worship and service."

Welch said he does not feel

that community standards are in crisis, instead believing that most residents want the area to look good and maintain its value.

"Everywhere I've ever lived, you have some who for all kinds of reasons violate certain kinds of standards. It's just a matter of finding ways to help people to conform," explained Welch.

"When I moved here nine years ago someone said, 'Seven Lakes is country club living for ordinary folks.' And that's what Seven Lakes continues to be."

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Westside long range planning explained

by Roger Brooke & Bud Sales Co-Chairs

Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Long Range Planning

As part of an ongoing program to enhance communications with landowners, the Long Range Planning Committee offers the following background and procedural comments to aid in everyone's understanding.

Back in 2004, a long range planning questionnaire asked the membership what they considered important for improving Seven Lakes West. It consisted of about fifty items and asked for members to rate these items from one to four [with four being the highest]. 701 property owners responded [47%] with about two-thirds being residents at the time. A place for additional comments was included.

Some of the items were related to covenant and regulation enforcement, several were for more amenities for our members, and several were for the projects that would benefit the community and its members. In reviewing these items, many have been accomplished and many are currently under study or are in progress. Some fall under the auspices of the SLWLA Board of Directors directly, while others of a more project-orient-

ed nature are pursued by Long Range Planning.

It is the responsibility of the LRPC to recommend, and the Board to provide, amenities and aesthetics for the community that will result in improving the property values for all of us. The LRPC also provides ongoing continuity to the Board, whose make-up, personnel-wise, changes on an annual basis. Real estate values are a function of supply and demand, and we certainly want to keep pace with other developments and insure that SLW continues to be a desirable place to live. Home buyers have to want to live in a community first, before they select a particular home in that community to purchase.

To that end, the LRPC has been meeting regularly to develop, debate, and evaluate many projects received from multiple sources. Some were feasible, some not. Some had a time and/or sequencing factor involved. Some involve covenant and/or regulation changes. Finally, a list of about twenty-five items was developed. We then developed a system to prioritize these items. These projects were graded as (1) being needed by the community, (2) would be nice to have, and (3) not needed now, but maybe later.

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From this list, the top eleven projects were selected. In addition, two other projects are not optional but are longer term in nature – the repaving of our roads over a period of many years, and the replacement of our dam valve sometime in the future. These thirteen projects were presented to the SLWLA Board earlier this year. A discussion of these items can be found in past copies of the Newsletter and the Seven Lakes Times.

Some of the items that are still on the original list, but prioritized at a lower level are [1] an upgrade to the recreational use of Pine Knoll Island, [2] an upgrade to the East Gate entrance, [3] selective perimeter fencing, [4] West Side Park beautification, [5] reverse 9-1-1 communications, etc., etc.

The LRPC is always open to more ideas, from anyone, which can improve our life styles, amenities, and aesthetics so as to improve our community and improve our real estate, and real life, values. In order to provide a structured procedure, please forward any ideas in writing to the SLWLA Board Secretary, who will get it to the LRPC.

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Jean Gibson, 77, died Monday, June 23, at her residence in Seven Lakes.

Mrs. Gibson was the daughter of the late Clifton & Mary Zimmerman of Winston Salem. She was a retired homemaker and resident of Seven Lakes for over twenty years.

Mrs. Gibson was preceded in death by her husband, Walter R. Gibson, and a sister, Jan Davis. She is survived by her daughters, Lynn McKibbin of Hampton, GA, and Carol Scemanenco of Cardiff, CA; her son, Roger Gibson of Safety Harbor, FL; brother, Clif Zimmerman of Orlando, FL; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines on Saturday, July 12, at 1:00 pm with the Rev. Don Welch officiating. A reception will follow at the Seven Lakes Country

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to First Health Hospice at 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or The American Cancer Society at 8300 Health Park, Suite 10, Raleigh, NC 27615.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes is serving the family.

James E. Johnson, 78, of Eagle Springs, died Thursday, June 26, at FirstHealth Moore

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A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 1, at Holy Way Holiness Church in Eagle Springs.

Kearns and Sons Funeral Service assisted the family.

Mary Ruth Clemons, 70, of Seven Lakes, died on Thursday, June 26, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Clemons was born in Peru, IN, to the late Elmo and Naomi Miller Short. She was a homemaker, loving wife, and mother. She was also a member of the Moore County Health

Mrs. Clemons is survived by her husband, Robert E. Clemons;

sons, Robert J. Cook, of Seven Lakes; James D. Clemons of Morehead City; Roger E. Clemons, of Wake Forest; daughter Pamela C. Green, of Danville, VA; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral liturgy outside Mass was conducted Monday, June 30, at Boles Funeral Home Chapel in Seven Lakes. The liturgy was conducted by the Rev. Deacon August J. Mirande.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

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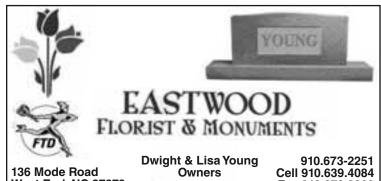
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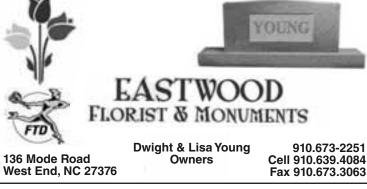
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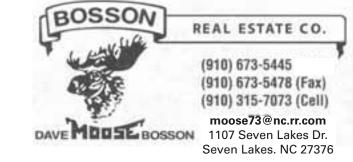
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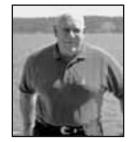
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Business Guild announces Golf Tourney

The 4th Annual President's Cup fundraiser golf tournament of the Seven Lakes Business Guild will be held on Saturday, August 23 at the Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club. The event will feature a Captains Choice format featuring three-person teams and a 9:30 am shotgun start.

Each team must represent a Guild member business and Guild members may be represented by multiple teams in the tournament. The "President's Cup" will be engraved with the winning team's name and will be held by the winning Guild Member business for the year. The entry fee of \$60.00 per player includes range balls, golf, oncourse refreshments, lunch, and prizes.

The proceeds from this year's tournament will be applied to the ongoing business village roadway project. The Guild is currently in the process of having the roads surveyed as the first step in converting them into public roadways.

At this time, the Business Guild and its members are providing all of the funds to maintain and improve the roadways in the Business Village. Playing in the tournament is a wonderful way to assist the Guild with their efforts to improve the roadways.

You do not have to be a Guild member to play in the tournament. Any of the guild members would be happy to have an extra team play for their business.

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Westsider leads new hospitalist program

by Laura Douglass Times Reporter

FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital and Pinehurst Medical Clinic [PMC] have agreed to combine their hospitalist programs, a move that will provide expanded coverage for hospitalized patients. Overseeing the program is Daniel Barnes, D.O., who serves as medical director of the Hospitalist Service at Moore Regional.

Dr. Barnes and his wife, Laura, moved to Seven Lakes West with their three children in 2004, in order to live closer to family, Barnes' mother and stepfather, Bonnie and Dr. Richard Pasko of Seven Lakes Chiropractic, two brothers, in-laws, and an aunt and uncle, have all settled in Moore County — many in Seven Lakes.

A doctor of internal medicine, Barnes spent ten years in the U.S. Army before joining First-Health. Moore Regional has had a hospitalist program for several years, but many of the internal medical physicians at PMC had continued to take care of their own hospitalized patients.

The merger of the two services will take place in phases over the Summer, with implementation to be completed by September 1

"Hospitalists are a more recent concept in medicine, developed over the last ten years," explained Dr. Barnes. "It is the fastest growing field in medicine."

Many hospitals have added hospitalist physicians to their staff simply because primary care physicians can't be in two places at the same time — in the hospital and in their offices seeing patients. Hospitalists only responsibility is caring for patients who are in the hospital. They provide around-the-clock care, seeing each patient as often as needed, and ensuring timely follow-up on tests and treatments. They do not have outside medical practices.

When hospitalist patients are discharged from the hospital, the hospitalist who admitted them sends detailed records to their primary care provider and arranges for any needed follow-up treatment or appointments with the primary care provider.

Barnes explained that hospitalist services allow primary care physicians to concentrate and

focus on clinic patients and increases accessibility for appointments. Conversely, hospitalists can be more efficient and have proven to shorten

lengths of stay in the hospital.

"Often studies will come back in the afternoon and we can get those results and potentially discharge a patient late in the afternoon rather than waiting overnight until the primary doctor can come in the morning," said Barnes. "We can respond to any unstable patients or emergencies in the middle of day, and revisit a patient as many times as necessary or meet with family members – it allows for more interactions."

"Our primary goal is to get people better," said Barnes.



Dr. Daniel Barnes



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Craft Workshops

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Chapter Coordinator Pat Weber invites all to join the Project Linus blanketeers on Wednesday, August 6, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Seven Lakes North Clubhouse, for a day of fun and creativity. There will be projects for every ability, even for those who have never participated in crafts before! Volunteers may set their own schedule, and pack a snack or lunch if planning to spend the day.

For more information, call Pat Weber at 673-1457.





Sandhills Methodist Circuit gets new pastors

On Sunday, June 29, Eagles Springs, Marcus, and Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches welcomed their new co-pastors, Revs. Myron and Barbara Dice. They were formerly assigned to Bethlehem United Methodist Church in west Sanford before their appointment here.

The Dices are like the circuit riders of the beginning Methodist church but they do not travel on horseback in order to provide the three churches with worship services on Sunday. They begin at nine o'clock at Pleasant Hill, then travel for ten o'clock worship to Eagles Springs, and then arrive in time for the eleven fifteen worship at Marcus.

"Serving the small rural community churches is our call," said the Dice's. "Many smaller churches need good pastoral leadership. We are thankful for this opportunity. It is our intent to love, support, and provide enriching programs so that the churches might grow."

The Dice's will commute from their home in Pinehurst to serve the three-point charge.

Myron Dice retired last Feb-

Alzheimer's -**Memory Loss** Caregiver **Support** Group

What is an Alzheimer's -Memory Loss Caregiver Support Group? A support group is a formal gathering of caregivers or family members of persons with dementia, to discuss issues relating to Alzheimer's – Memory Loss disease. It provides a safe, supportive environment for sharing feelings and concerns and for sharing successes and moments of joy.

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. For more information, call Fran at 673-5493.

ruary as the Executive Director of Quail Haven Village, a United Methodist affiliated continuing care retirement community after thirty-nine years in the field of aging. He had served Quail Haven for the past ten and a half years.

Barbara Dice brings many years of leadership training to the church setting. She has served in many capacities within the United Methodist Church including over ten years as a certified Stephen Leader. She also has Clinical Pastoral Education

training in her background. Most recently she served as a volunteer Chaplain for Quail Haven Village.

Both have spent their lives in lay ministry. It was three and a half years ago when Barbara was serving as volunteer Chaplain at Quail Haven Village that they both received the call to go into rural ministry.

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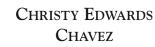
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WEE fourth graders go 'prospecting'

by Lisa Gorenflo West End Elementary

Fourth graders at West End Elementary School had a special treat when "Jim's Gems" of Aberdeen visited the school. The visit was part of the Rocks and Minerals Science unit.

Jim's Gems spoke with students first in their classrooms about rocks and minerals and showed them examples of polished gems such as amethyst, topaz, rubies, and pyrite. Then students got to go mining! Two troughs were set up on the tennis courts and students used screens to mine for the gems. Everyone found a vast assortment of gems that they got to keep and enjoyed the handson learning experience.





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Flamingo finds a home

by Ray Pardue Seven Lakes South

Two years of neglect and abuse at the hands of its owners ended happily for Farquardt D. Flamingo on June 30, when Dartmoor Lane residents announced a full recovery and complete rehabilitation. They obtained a Certificate of Airworthiness from the Federal Aviation Administration [FAA] on the same date.

Farquardt, from the island nation of Cyprus, was blown off course during its annual migration to Kenya three years ago, arriving tired, hungry, and disoriented in Seven Lakes South.

With their characteristic generosity, Dartmoor Lane residents rescued Farquardt and nursed it to a condition of glowing health. Owing to the unfortunate threat posed by a feral Chihuahua on their pleasant lane, they gave the bird to Winsford Circle residents in 2006, noting the special relationship between their two Southside neighborhoods.

Farquardt's fate took a cruel twist, however, as he was systematically and stealthily abandoned to a series of foster homes around the circle, each successive caretaker neglecting even the most fundamental of avian considerations, in favor of indifference and, in some cases, verbal abuse.

Farquardt has been placed with a carefully vetted couple on Winsford Circle, where it is adapting nicely. Its [the neutral term is used owing to Farquardt's ambiguous physical characteristics] sole complaint thus far is: "Although the food is pretty good, and they take me golfing, my foster parents unwittingly continue to confuse the name of my avian family with a Spanish dance of similar pronunciation."

Farquardt completing final approach, satisfying one of several requirements for an Airworthiness Certificate.

First Casualty donates van to Moore Humane Society

First Casualty Insurance ful for this kind donation." Group, Inc [FCIG] located in Yadkin Park in Southern Pines recently purchased from Bill Smith Ford Motor Company a new 2007 Ford van and graciously donated the van to Moore Humane Society [MHS].

Moore Humane Society has been looking for a van to replace their older one and FCIG was happy to step up to the plate.

"We are very happy to be able to donate this much-needed van to the Moore Humane Society and know that it will be put to good use," said FCIG Public Relations Director, Kim Kelly-

"Too often many non-profit groups that depend and operate solely on donations [material or monetary], are overlooked and we want to demonstrate through our efforts and commitment to Moore Humane Society, that we appreciate the work this group does for our community and the many animals they rescue, care for, and make available for adoption to loving homes."

"We encourage our community leaders, businesses, and individuals to join us in helping raise awareness and to recognize the hard work this group performs on a daily basis. Join us in their efforts of saving Moore animals."

Shelter Manager Michelle Queja said, "Having a van that is in good working condition is a very important part of our shelter operations and we are thank-

The van will be used for transporting animals to the veterinarian clinics for spay/neuter and other medical procedures.

Animals are also transported to off-site adoption events and to various speaking engagements around the community.



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Club hosts tennis camp

by Barb Horan Seven Lakes Tennis

The Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Center recently held a tennis camp for local children. Under the direction of Tennis Professional Bruce Adams, the children were treated to four funfilled afternoons of tennis and swimming.

Each child received a camp Tshirt and daily snacks. This well supervised camp was assisted by several of the tennis players from the Tennis Center. Three days of tennis were held at the Tennis Center Har-Tru courts and swimming was held at the Fitness Center.

The final day of camp was held on the Seven Lakes Landowners Association hard courts and campers swam in the outdoor pool following a good old fashioned picnic on Lake Longleaf.

The next session will begin on July 21.

There are only a couple of spots available, anyone interested can call the Tennis Center at 673-1096.



Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Campers

Electronics recycling day

The Towns of Aberdeen and Southern Pines, the Village of Pinehurst, and Keep Moore County Beautiful have scheduled a free Electronics Recycling/Paper Shredding Day for Saturday August 2, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the parking lot of the Aberdeen Wal-Mart store.

The purpose of the Electronic Recycling/Paper Shredding Day is to collect all types of obsolete and unwanted electronic devices so that they may go to a proper recycling facility where all usable metals, plastics, and parts can be extracted and processed. Those in turn can be used in producing other goods thus reducing what ultimately ends up in the landfill.

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Kiwanis learn about Monarch organization

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club welcomed featured speaker Lynne Nachie of the Monarch organization, during their June 3 meeting

Monarch is a former branch of the American Red Cross organization, but is now operating on its own, although performing basically the same services as it previously had done as part of ARC: namely support services for those individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse needs.

A non-profit organization, Monarch's mission is "to aid, support, and empower people with disabilities to achieve their goals to the best of the person's ability." The organization works with people in thirty-five counties across North Carolina. About 98% supported by Medicare, Monarch operates with a \$44 million budget which they use to support the disadvantaged from toddler age to the elderly. Super-

vised living facilities and broadbased counseling help are but two of the many services provided by Monarch.

Nachie was brought to the Kiwanis Club by one of its own

members who has had personal family involvement with Monarch, and was able to bring first hand knowledge of the wonderful service they supply to the community.



Lynn Nachie and Kiwanian John Greenfield

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The Moore County Chapter will begin a new class in September, meeting once a week at the Senior Enrichment Center on Hwy 15-501. This is a fun way of learning and making new friends at the same time.

Four qualified instructors are led by David Seiberling, who conducts the Moore County Concert Band.

Seven Lakes has been well-represented among the band members. For more information, call Carole Skau at 673-1381, Jan Gustafson at 673-4099, or Betty Milligan at 673-1462.



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ATL names Rider Director of Support Services

Accelerated Technology Laboratories, Inc. [ATL] is pleased to announce that Fred Rider has been promoted to the position of Director of Support Services. Rider has worked at ATL for ten years; he is a Microsoft Certified Professional and previously served as ATL's Quality Assurance [QA] Manager and Senior Software Engineer.

Rider has over thirty-five years of expertise in the software industry and laboratory automation. He previously worked in the US Air Force and Microsoft, prior to joining ATL. For almost a decade now, Rider has been supporting ATL's Fortune 500 clients with their Laboratory Information Management System [LIMS] implementations, both Sample Master® Pro and NeoMate® LIMS



Fred Rider

His responsibilities as Director of Support Services include management of support services operations with the goal of maintaining and growing ATL's worldclass customer service. In addition to overseeing the support team, Rider will also oversee ATL's LIMS University, with reqularly scheduled LIMS Boot Camps as well as a series of

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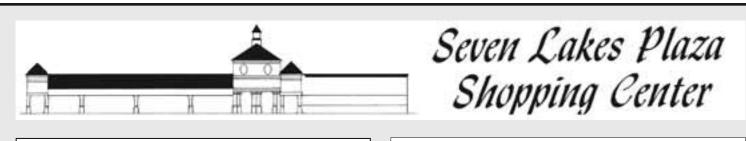
"My professional goal is to create the best possible infrastructure to support all of our clients" said Rider. "ATL's strong LIMS offerings and reputation for quality technical support is the perfect stage from which to do that."

ATL's president Don Kolva, P.E., MCP, said, "We are excited to have Fred's broad experience and wisdom in his new position. His application of technical innovations in managing customer support made him the obvious choice to lead our Support Division."

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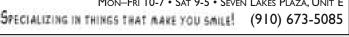
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Booth, and Ice Cream Booth. Lobsteer Inn is providing lunch.

Chris Thomas, WYBE TV News anchor and Star 102 Radio personality will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the day. Animals will be available for adoption during the day.

Solutions for Animals, Inc. [SFA] located in Hoke County, is a volunteer not-for-profit animal rescue and educational organization. It operates a no – kill facility with ample acreage for each animal to have plenty of space to romp and play.

Numbers are limited at SFA in order to socialize and better prepare each animal for adoption. All prospective adopters are screened and matched for compatibility.

The vision of Solutions for Animals is to decrease euthanasia at area county pounds and Humane Societies by elevating the status of animals in society through public education.

Solutions for Animals is open on Saturdays from noon to 4:00 pm. Companion animals are available during this time for adoption.

For more information and directions to SFA telephone, Betsy Ficarro, Volunteer Coordinator at 315-9560 or Cindy Bristow, President, SFA, at 875-7244.



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Jeff Etheridge

Garden was focus at WSL May Meet

by Carmela Chase Women of Seven Lakes

Jeff Etheridge, owner of Etheridge Landscape & Design Inc. was the guest speaker at the May meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes.

His presentation was titled "Designing and Updating Landscaping Designs and Planting for a Deer Resistant Garden."

According to Etheridge, the best time to plant is either the Spring or Fall. He emphasized the importance of building a good root system for your plants in order to achieve healthy growth. Mulch your plants well and water every five days or so for plants that are stable, and a

little more for new plants. Plants should not be overwatered and need only five to eight minutes of water, preferably in the early morning. Plants with similar moisture needs should be planted in the same areas to conserve water.

Etheridge prepared and distributed a list of trees, shrubs, vines, and flowers that are drought tolerant.

He then discussed the deer problem in the Moore County area and what you can use to minimize the damage that they can do to a garden. A question and answer time followed with many questions from the membership



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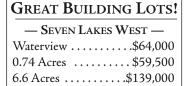
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- American Red Cross Health Safety Class Adult/Infant/Child CPR+AED - 8 am - 1:30 pm, Certification Fee \$55. Call 692-8571 for more information. All fees must be paid in advance and are nonrefundable, but fees may be applied to another course.
- Sandhills 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.
- Mixed Paper Recycling Drive - 9 am - 3 pm, Kangaroo Station in the Fresh Market Shopping Center, Southern Pines. Sponsored by Keep Moore County Beautiful, Inc. acceptable items include anything that is paper and household batteries, inkjet & laser cartridges, and cell phones. Information, 947-3478.
- Sunrise Theater 7th Annual Blues Crawl featuring Otis Taylor Band. Stop by the Sunrise Theater for our Blues Plate Special - BBQ Dinner. Only \$8.50 a plate! \$40.00 for the Otis Taylor concert at the Sunrise and admission to all downtown Juke Joints. \$25.00 for Otis Taylor Concert only. \$20.00 for a wristband for admission to the Juke Joints only. Tickets on sale at The Sunrise Theater office 250 NW Broad St., Southern Pines. 692-3611.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

• 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

Town Creek Indian Mound Day Camp, near Mount Gilead - on July 14-15 Students learn about the archaeology and the history of the Pee Dee Culture, and have

some fun! Workshops will incorporate science, social studies, language arts, mathematics, and visual arts. July 14th - ages 9-11, and July 15th - ages 13-15. Fee \$25 per participant, 15 participants each day. Registration forms available in visitor center. For more

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tion call 910-439-6802. NARFE Meeting - 10:30 am, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St, Southern Pines, Mitch Staub from FirstHealth will discuss steps to take when seeing symptoms of stroke or heart attack. National Active & Retired Federal Employees [NARFE] Sandhills Chapter 1895 welcomes all Federal, including USPS, active employees, retirees, spouses, and surviving spouses to monthly meetings. Vilma Geisert 215-5898, or George Sandoval 246-9881.

Sunrise Theater - movie "There Will Be Blood" 7:30 pm, starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Mary Elizabeth Barrett, Paul

Dano, Dillon Freasier, and Christine Ole-

> jniczak. 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 19

 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/Memorv Loss disease. Information, Fran Stark, Volunteer Facilitator, 673-5493.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

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- Bingo Night 6:30 pm doors open, Our Lady of the Americas, 298 Farmers Market Road, off of Hwy 211, East of Hwy. 220, near Candor. Doors open at 6:30 pm for hot dogs, nachos & cheese, popcorn, snacks, and drinks. Early Bird Bingo at 7pm sharp and Regular Bingo at 7:30 pm. Information 974-3051.
- Moore County Amateur Radio Society Meeting – 7 pm, Moore County Emergency Operations Center, Carthage. A review of our Field Day demonstration and planning for Fall activities including assistance with the Pinehurst Triathalon. Everyone interested in amateur radio is welcome to attend MOCAR meetings. Information, James Johnson at 910-400-3019.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

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MONDAY, JULY 21

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

TUESDAY, JULY 22

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

SATURDAY, JULY 26

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MONDAY, JULY 28

 Sandhills Natural History Society Meeting – 6:30 pm, Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd, Southern Pines. Potluck dinner and show and tell – bring a natural history related specimen, photo, or story to share. Visitors welcome. Information 692-2167 or visit www.sandhillsnature.org

 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 20

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, etc. Personal document and paper shredding also.

<u>MONDAY, AUGUST 4</u>

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

 Project Linus Craft Workshop - 10 am to 3 pm Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Our Project Linus Chapter is responsible for raising funds to purchase fabric and supplies needed to make blankets for children in need. Craft fairs are a great fundraiser for us. Please join us for a day of fun and creativity. Lots of projects with something for everyone to do. Bring a snack or lunch if you plan to stay all day. Pat Weber, Chapter Coordinator, 673-1457.

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West End students win MPO scholarships

The Moore Philharmonic Orchestra has announced the winners of the 2007-2008 Concert Season Scholarship grants. Eric Kopecky, Music Director and Conductor of the MPO said. "We are delighted that in just three short years our community orchestra Scholarship Fund has grown to the point where over \$2,000 is being awarded for 2007- 2008 season."

The MPO Scholarship grants are designated for use to attend summer music camp programs or to apply to private music lessons. Winners will receive up to \$600 for one of these two important educational programs.

Nainisha Chintalapudi has been studying the violin for three years under Shelly Johnson of West End. She will apply her scholarship towards private lessons. Chintalapudi is an eighth grade student at Sovereign Pines Christian Academy and resides in West End. She was selected for the NC Junior High All State Orchestra, and is also an accomplished pianist. This Spring she was selected as a finalist in the Weymouth Festival for Young Musicians. Chintalapudi is currently the president of the Moore County Chapter of the Home School Honor Society.

Kailtyn Johnson is an eleventh grade student at Pine Grove School and plays the violin. She is the current Concert Mistress of the MPO and has been a member since it was formed. She has played the violin for thirteen years and currently studies under Dr. Doris Powers of Chapel Hill and Mr. Eric Pritchard of the Duke University Ciompi Quartet. Her musical accomplishments include selection to the NC All State symphony and string orchestras, finalist in the Weymouth Festival for Young Musicians from 2001-2008 and as Concert Mistress of the Moore All County High School Orchestra 2005-2007. She plans to use her grant for private lessons. Johnson resides in West End.

Chase Johnson began playing the violin at age four and changed to Cello four years ago. He is a tenth grade student at Pine Grove School and lives in West End. Johnson plans to apply his grant towards private lessons with Leslie Alperin of Chapel Hill. He is the principle Cello in the Moore Philharmonic Orchestra. He was selected to the 2007 All State Symphony Orchestra, principle cellist for the 2008 High School All State String Orchestra, and Finalist for the Weymouth Festival for Young Musicians 2002-2008.

Kendall Bryant of Carthage is a ninth grade student at Bryant Academy Home School. She has been playing the violin for five years, and plans to apply her scholarship towards private lessons. Bryant has competed in the Weymouth Festival for Young Musicians and has been chosen as a first violinist in the NC Junior High All State Orchestra for the past three years.

Rebekah Lynn plays piano in the Moore Philharmonic Orchestra. She plans to use her scholarship to attend summer camp at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. Lynn is the pianist for Southside Baptist Church in Biscoe and has served as accompanist for both instrumental and vocal performers at churches in her community and in Pennsylvania. She also teaches piano privately. Lynn served in the music program as a missionary in Bangladesh in 2007. She is a home school student and resides in Biscoe

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The event will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 12 -13, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm in Carthage.

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the existing nursing care building and will include sixteen beds for rehabilitation and nursing needs. The new facility will help individuals requiring outpatient and rehabilitative therapy following surgery or cardiac com-

According to Thomas A. Smith, Executive Director of River Landing, the facility will be used by residents who are well enough to leave the hospital but still need some rehabilitative services to

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Artist Sarah Davidson with her mother Vicki

Student **Art Show**

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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



Artist Kealee Morris and her mother Michelle, who is the Art Teacher at West Pine Middle School

Peanut Butter Delight

Many years ago, in the school where I worked, the cafeteria made a delicious dish called Peanut Butter Delight. They told us that many of the ingredients were surplus products given by the government. I came across the recipe recently and would like to share it with you. It's something between a cookie and a candy.

Peanut Butter Delight

2 cups sugar 1/2 cup peanut butter (I prefer chunky)

1/2 cup milk

2 teaspoons vanilla

4 Tablespoons cocoa

1 stick butter

2 1/2 cups oatmeal Bring sugar, milk, cocoa, and butter to boil. Boil one minute.

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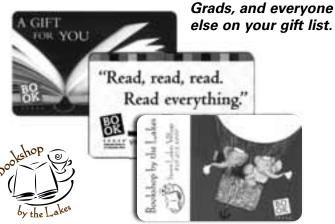
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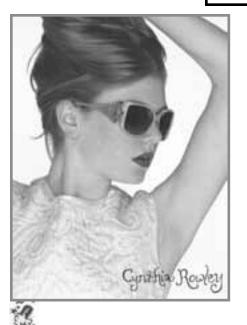
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Kiwanis get the scoop on Physical Therapy

by Frank Krohn Seven Lakes Kiwanis

On June 17 the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club hosted Ray Metzger, PT, from Appalachian Physical Therapy, Inc. as its speaker.

As a physical therapist, Metzger works with all people who are striving to rehab injured members of one's body, but also to help reduce the chance of injury that could lead to serious problems and, perhaps, extensive physical therapy at a later time

His particular "specialty" is working with golfers of all ages who are trying to play this rather difficult game but find that their muscles and joints just don't want to respond to the physical rigors of the golf swing appropriately.

Metzger had the crowd out its seats on several occasions in an effort to demonstrate several aspects of what the golf swing requires of one's body.

Beacuse Metzger was talking to a room full of golfers, many of his topics sparked a great deal of interest.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at the Seven Lakes Country Club noon. Everyone is always wel-



Ray Metzger with Ed Schroeder, President of Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club.

New therapy replaces only part of arthritic knee

Some people who have arthritis on only one side of their knee are now choosing to have a partial knee replacement instead of replacing the entire joint.

Arthritis of the knee, which is the wearing away of the cartilage that covers the bones in the joint, usually starts on the inside of the knee. Replacing just that inside portion can have several advantages, according to Jason Guevara, M.D., of Pinehurst Hip and Knee Center.

"Patients typically have half as much pain and recover twice as fast," Dr. Guevara said. "This is the least invasive of all joint replacements. I have seen patients throw away their canes in as little as three days after surgery."

Partial knee replacements often allow patients to move more naturally and to have greater range of motion. In some patients, a partial knee can prevent or postpone the need for a total knee replacement.

Dr. Guevara says partial knees have been available for about forty years. Until recently, however, they weren't designed to allow for smooth, wide-ranging motion, and they had a success rate of only seventy to eighty percent. By contrast, about ninety-two percent of total knee replacements are still working properly after fifteen years.

"I had wanted to do partial knees for a number of years, but I didn't like the seventy to eighty percent success rate," Dr. Guevara said. "Now there is a new partial knee that has a success rate that is identical to the total knee."

The new device, developed by Biomet Orthopaedics, is called the Oxford partial knee implant. Unlike older types of partial knees, the Oxford has moveable plastic bearings that act as cushions, reducing wear and allowing for smoother, more natural movement.

"If you want to keep the maximum range of motion in your knee, then the Oxford is the gold standard," Dr. Guevara said.

Only a small number of people with arthritis in one or both knees are good candidates for a partial knee replacement. One of those was David DuBois, M.D., an emergency department physician at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. He had arthritis on the inside of his right knee.

Last July, Dr. Guevara removed the affected portions of bones in



Dr. DuBois' joint and implanted an Oxford partial knee. Dr. DuBois, who is fifty-two, was in the hospital for two and a half days. He returned to work six weeks later.

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Is your family prepared for a hurricane?

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's [NOAA] Climate Prediction Center announced today that projected climate conditions point to a near normal or above normal hurricane season in the Atlantic Basin this year. The prediction was issued at a news conference which urged residents in vulnerable areas to be fully prepared for the onset of hurricane season, which began June 1. In addition, the 2008 outlook indicates a sixty to seventy percent chance of twelve to sixteen named storms, including six to nine hurricanes and two to five major hurricanes.

While Moore County is not as vulnerable as coatal counties, hurricanes — and the tornadoes that they often spawn — have caused substantial damage in Inland counties across the Piedmont.

The American Red Cross urges the public to renew hurricane preparedness, sensing that it may not be top of mind after two uneventful hurricane seasons. It is recommended that everyone dust off their disaster supplies kit and get better prepared now for a variety of disasters such as hurricanes and the high winds, flooding and tornadoes that may accompany them.

"By taking three basic preparedness actions you can get "Red Cross Ready" for disasters and other emergencies 1) Get a kit, 2) Make a plan, and 3) Be informed," said Mary S. Elcano, Acting President and CEO of the American Red Cross. "The Red Cross is also here to help you get prepared for specific disasters like hurricanes. Even if you took action to prepare last hurricane season, it's important that you revisit and update your communication plan and check your disaster supplies kit for expired items."

The American Red Cross recommends the following preparedness actions:

Get or assemble a disaster supplies kit

Gather enough emergency supplies to meet your needs. A portable kit, stored in a sturdy, easy to carry, water resistant container should have enough supplies for three days. The Red Cross also recommends having at least two weeks worth of supplies at home and to keep a smaller kit in the trunk of your car. Check your kit and replace the stock every six months. Whether you purchase a kit or choose to build your own, your kit should include:

- A three-day supply of water [one gallon per person, per day] and ready-to-eat nonperishable foods, such as tuna fish, peanut butter, crackers, canned fruit, juice boxes, etc.
- A manual can opener
- A battery-powered or handcrank radio, flashlight, and plenty of extra batteries
- A first aid kit and reference guide
- Prescription and non-prescription medication items
- Copies of important documents, including birth certificates, insurance policies, and social security cards
- Cash [ATMs and credit cards won't work if the power is out]
- Special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members
- A change of clothes for everyone, including long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and sturdy footwear
- One blanket or sleeping bag per person
- Emergency tools, including

tools to turn off utilities

- An extra set of home and car keys
- An extra pair of glasses or contact lenses, extra batteries for hearing aids
- Pet supplies

Prepare a Personal Disaster and Evacuation Plan

The American Red Cross urges each and every household to develop a household disaster plan.

- Meet with your family to create a plan. Discuss the information you have gathered and why it is important to prepare for a disaster.
- Identify two meeting places; one right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire, and one outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.
- Be sure to make advanced preparations for your pets. Be aware that pets may not be allowed in shelters. Contact hotels, motels, family members, and animal shelters to see if they would allow pets in a disaster situation. Keep a contact list of "pet friendly" locations. If you are asked to evacuate, take your pets with you.

- Choose an out-of-area emergency contact person. During or after a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance, especially if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service. Family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know your emergency contact person's phone number and email address.
- Tell your family about the Safe and Well web site accessible at all times via http://www.redcross.org/. The Safe and Well Web site is an Internet-based tool that allows those directly affected by a disaster to let their loved ones know of their well-being. People within a disaster affected area are able
- to select and post standard "safe and well" messages. Concerned family members who know the person's phone number [home, cell, or work] or a complete home address can search for the messages posted by those who self-register.
- Show and explain to each family member how and when to turn off the water and electricity at the main switches. Turn gas off only if instructed by local authorities. Remember, if the gas is shut-off, only a professional can turn it back
- Plan your evacuation route. Use local maps and identify alternate evacuation routes

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Pope John Paul II gets new principal

Rick Kruska has been named the new principal of Pope John Paul II Catholic School in Southern Pines, Monsignor Jeffrey Ingham, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, announced.

"The selection committee, headed by Dr. James Gaddy, and I felt that in Kruska we found the best candidate to foster the environment we have created here at Pope John Paul II Catholic School for the holistic growth and development of our children," said Ingham.

Kruska currently serves as

Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Oakland, which consists of forty-seven elementary schools and nine high schools.

He will be moving to Southern Pines with his wife Cathy, also an educator. This month he completed his Doctorate of Education from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles with a dissertation focusing on financial models of Catholic education.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Northridge in Psychology, and an Executive MBA from Southern Methodist University

Kruska began his career in education in 1973. Since that time, he has taught in public high schools, Catholic elementary schools and Catholic high schools, and served a fifteen year stint as a high school football coach. He also has been a Catholic elementary and Catholic high school principal.

While at St. Mark School, Kruska applied his business acumen to issues of finance and enrollment, resulting in a twenty percent increase in students within one year.

Between assignments within different educational settings, Kruska's brings to his new job over a decade of experience as a business leader. He has been president of X-Cel, vice president of communications and marketing companies, and a senior executive for Nokia, where he managed an international staff of forty.

While education is his passion, he most enjoys partnering with parents in the development of their children as these young people mature into future

leaders while growing into moral and spiritual adults.

"My family and I are very excited to become members of the Southern Pines community," said Kruska.

"We are looking forward to contributing to the Catholic and civic communities. My hope is that we can continue to build an excellent educational environment surrounded by a loving, caring adult community...a place where all children can achieve their full potential."

Hurricane

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from home, work, and /or school. Know where you are going and how you plan to get there before you leave home.

Be informed

- Find out what types of disasters are likely to occur in your area and how to prepare for each.
- Find out how local authorities will contact you during a
 disaster. Listen to local media
 broadcasts or NOAA Weather Radio for the latest storm
 conditions and follow the
 advice of local authorities.
- Contact your local American Red Cross chapter for details about community disaster education presentations that may be arranged or are available in your workplace, school, or community organization.
- Get trained in CPR and first aid so you will know how to respond to emergencies in the event that help is delayed.
- If you are told to evacuate, do so immediately. You may choose to evacuate sooner than alerted if you think you may need additional time.

Know what to do if a Hurricane Watch is issued

- Listen to weather updates from your battery-powered or hand-cranked radio.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, hanging plants, bicycles, toys, and garden tools; anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Close all windows and doors.

- Cover windows with storm shutters or pre-cut plywood.
- If time permits, and you live in an identified surge zone, elevate furniture or move it to a higher floor to protect it from flooding.
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank.
- Check your disaster supplies kit to make sure items have not expired.

Know what to do if a Hurricane Warning is issued

- Listen to the advice of local officials, and leave if they tell you to do so.
- If in a manufactured home, check tie-downs and evacuate as told by local authorities.
- · Secure your home by unplug-

- ging appliances and turning off electricity and the main water
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and glass doors.
- Do not use open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.
- If power is lost, turn off appliances to reduce damage from a power surge when electricity is restored.

For more information regarding how individuals and families can prepare for disasters or to purchase emergency preparedness and first aid kits, visit http://www.redcross.org/ or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

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OPINION

The joys of the warmest season: 'Bummer'

month, I'd have said the four seasons of North Carolina are Fall, Winter, Spring, and Drought.

After yet another drenching storm, I think I need to rework my logic. Especially now that I can hardly dash from car to house without scaring the neighbors with hooting and wild-arm waves as I run through a gauntlet of blood-sucking critters. It seems the blessing of moisture has awakened swarms of hungry insects along Pine Cone Court.

I know, take Summer and add a dash of bug — I'll just call this year's warm season "Bummer."

Not safe even in my own bed, a few days ago a creepy-crawly

If you had asked me last tick abandoned Darling Hubby in favor of my sweeter offerings: though at least its' two foot jour-

ney didn't make the news.

I just read today about a plane that was delayed for six hours after a tick was discovered aboard.

Talk about group hysteria! Let me just hedge a guess that no one on the flight crew grew up in the woods or living on a farm. Regardless, the stowaway arachnid and its two pals presumably met a common fate, flushed

down the drain. Albeit a stainless steel contraption filled with chemical-blue water.

Laura's -**Learning Curve**

Laura Douglass

At least that's what I would've done — though spending time in those ridiculously small airline restrooms is high up on my list of reasons why I don't fly. Of no help to my predicament is one former senator's antics which have

disinclined me to use on-ground airline facilities either.

No matter. At the present cost of fuel, I'm not going anywhere these days. Well that's not entirely true. I slugged out the seven hour drive to see grandma once already this Summer, with plans to repeat in a few weeks.

Visiting the glorious Delmarva Peninsula takes me to another place famous for arthropods crabs in this case. Though there are ticks and spiders aplen-

A Maryland-native, you'd expect Old Bay seasoning would run in my veins. In truth, I can't stand picking crabs or the smell of steamed shrimp but my kids

and I enjoy other shore pastimes . . . catching lightning bugs, eating saltwater taffy, and people watching along the boardwalk.

My pink princess is simply amazed that entire boardwalk shops are devoted to selling nothing but candy. Seven-year old Jack prefers to sink his quarters, stacks upon stacks, into those old-fashioned SkeeBall games.

Me, I'm the gal sitting over there on a park bench wishing those sand-filled days would never end.

So here's to a long and happy Bummer, may yours be great

You can help improve 7 Lakes Village roads

For many years the Business Guild has had a goal of having the NC Department of Transportation take over and perpetually maintain the village roads. Before this can happen, three criteria must be met:

- Resolve the question of ownership of the roads - and that was accomplished two years ago with title being granted to the Village Roads Association, a subsidiary of the notfor-profit Business Guild;
- · Roads must be fully surveyed and declared "public" - and that's being done now thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor;

standards – and the results of last year's testing indicates they do not.

The primary issue then is how to pay the estimated \$2.5 million cost of replacing the paved roads so as to fully meet DOT standards.

Last year, we began discussions with the County Manager about the possibility of grant money. So far, that's been unsuccessful but we continue to press him to continue searching.

An alternative approach for the short term is oil & gravel, an approach that involves first patching pot holes and repairing edges, then applying the oil [a • The roads must meet DOT thin asphalt] and gravel, and,

finally, rolling. The benefit of oil treatment of the most heavily & gravel is an additional fiveto-ten years of life, buying time to find some way to pay for bring-

ing the roads up to standard. It effectively seals "alligator" cracks, the maior cause of pot holes.

If you aren't familiar with oil

& gravel, Deadman's Curve Road was done a year ago. It's just west of the business village on

The Business Guild Board of Directors has decided to move forward with the oil & gravel

trafficked 2,000 feet of roads. This would include MacDougall



Your Turn

Phil Cook Rick Harris & Dave Kinney

from Seven Lakes Drive to Grant, Grant to North Trade, and North Trade back to Seven Lakes Drive.

Now the immediate issue becomes how to pay for this first step, estimated to cost \$10,500...if done very soon. The Business Guild has been raising money for the roads with community events such as the highly successful Chili Cookoff in April and more recently, with generous donations from several business owners. They have raised almost \$5,000, almost half of the amount needed.

As has been written in The Seven Lakes Times on several occasions, better roads benefit all of us, the entire community.

Recently two other organizations have added their voices to the need for better roads. The Area A Plan clearly states that the business village is the best location in the area for economic development, for commercial growth "of the kind we want, where we want it".

Ray Ogden, Executive Director of Partners for Progress, the organization responsible for promoting economic development in Moore County, supports improving the roads to achieve retail and business growth.

We earnestly hope that each one of the Seven Lakes organizations - the landowner's associations, the civic organizations. and others - and many residents will contribute to this project. We certainly hope more businesses, particularly those located on the most heavily trafficked section of roads, will con-

Please send your generous contribution to Seven Lakes Area Business Guild, Community Development Fund, Box 6530 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes, NC 27376, Remember to note on your check "for roads". As a not-for-profit organization, your contribution is tax deductible. If you would like a receipt, just let us know.

> Cook, Harris, & Kinney are officers of the Village Roads Association



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Elements of Life

in the history of a life.

Centuries take a pretty long time, but the compiling elements of them disappear in a flash as each waiting day stands ready to move into its place in our lives, along with that ticking clock in the hallway.

Do we need to do something outstanding each day to keep our self-respect? Of course not.

Yes, each day is a tiny fabric Indeed, we all need repetitive periods of respite, recovery, renewal. Taking a little time to regather our lives - purposefully interrupting the sometimes unnecessary pressures we place upon ourselves.

> This idea might not fit each and every person, but why not decide to donate, let's say, an average of four minutes each day to just dropping into that comfortable

stuffed living room chair and thinking of nothing in particular. Very relaxing. We all need donothing little periods scattered through our existence, regenerating bits of energy to face what's next. Indeed, pauses from tension-producing episodes are veritable tonics, helping us retain the balance we all require in reserve.

I can almost feel my blood



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

pressure gently dropping a notch or two as I

> peer out the window and watch that bird gently swaying on that branch.

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Change of pace. A needed but sometimes bypassed element of living.

'Advocates' now available via email

Friends and Neighbors,

By this time you may have read the letter on page 27 of the June 19 issue of The Times in which we announced the formation of a non-political and non-partisan entity named the Advocates.

You will also have noted that our sole purpose is to augment lines of communication between you, the resident and our elected Board of Directors.

It occurs to us that we were remiss in not including an email address as a contact. The Advocates also have a "Comment Form" which may be sent to any landowner via e-mail as an attachment and which he or she may then use without having to physically pick up or deliver such a form at or to the Landowners office.

If at any time, you would like to have this form sent you directly, simply e-mail us at rerskine@nc.rr.com and we will be delighted to oblige.

You could then fill it out at your leisure or as ideas come to mind and return it to us via e-mail for Advocate processing and subsequent presentation to the Board. We'll simply call it an old fashioned town meeting without the town hall or, a "brainstorming session" via e-mail.

We merely ask that your comments be impersonal in nature. Lavish praise where praise is due or express concerns if concerns exist.

All comments should have the betterment of the community as their objective, for that is our goal as well.

Also be assured that while we may be able to identify the respondent by the e-mail address, his or her name will not be disclosed if the form is left unsigned.

> Ron Erskine Seven Lakes North On behalf of the Advocates

Clean roof's a thing of beauty

Dear Editor:

Kudos to the Chapel in the Pines for leading the community in cleaning the roof of the Chapel. From black stained streaks to a clean "cared for" look is the result.

It is the hope that all home owners will look at their roofs and do whatever is necessary to maintain their investment and to improve the appearance of their neighborhood. Most stained roofs need to be cleaned. Some need more - to be replaced.

Kudos to the Presslers and Killmeyers for leading the roofreplacement effort.

Seven Lakes is approaching its fortieth birthday. But, we don't

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have to look it. Clean roofs and new roofs go a long way toward maintaining our property values and our community's appearance, eliminating one of the more visible signs of aging.

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Water

(Continued from page 3) coming down from Robbins to Seven Lakes by next summer."

Lakers are conserving

Though the East Moore connection will bring a significant capacity increase to the Seven Lakes-Pinehurst system, "we are still asking folks to conserve," Brobst told *The Times*.

Stage 2 Mandatory Water Conservation measures are still in effect, limiting irrigation to two days per week in the evening or very early morning hours.

"Seven Lakes is hanging in there," Brobst said, referring to conservation efforts. "They've been doing a lot better than Pinehurst."

County data shows that, dur-

ing the last week of June, Seven Lakes' water usage hovered around the target 700,000 gallons per day. It crept above the target level just prior to the fourth of July holiday and then fell over the past few days in the wake of some healthy rain showers.

Rainfall in Seven Lakes for the first six months of the year is 4.3 inches below average, according to statistics collected by Moore County Public Utilities, with most of that deficit the result of an exceptionally dry May and June. US Geological Survey Streamflow data places southwestern Moore County in the "severe hydrologic drought" classification.

Of even greater concern is a continuing decline in the ground-

water level, which the county records at its Pinehurst Well #9.

A July 3 reading shows a drop of a foot in the past two months and

pegs the groundwater levels at its lowest point in two years.

Shue makes Sergeant



Public Safety Director Page Coker presented Patrolman Chad Shue with his recently earned Sergeant's badge and insignias. Residents of the Village joined in this celebration held at the Foxfire Village Town Hall on July 1.

Above: Foxfire Village Mayor George Erickson, Public Safety Director Page Coker, Police Chief Mike Campbell, Sergeant Chad Shue, and his wife Suzanne.

Volunteers sought

Waste Reduction Partners [WRP] is seeking part-time retired, volunteer engineers to perform energy and water efficiency assessments at businesses, industries, and public facilities throughout central and eastern North Carolina.

Assessors provide on-site consultation, technical writing, research, and technical assistance on environmental and energy management topics. Volunteers should have industrial or facilities management experience with good com-

munications and computer skills. A stipend is provided and expenses are paid.

The WRP program is administered by the Triangle J Council of Governments. WRP provides waste, water, and energy use reduction assessments throughout the state.

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Foxfire

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should post a payment bond to secure their portion of the project cost.

Civil engineer Scott Matthews provided a detailed estimate of the number of truck loads needed for clearing, hauling, excavation, totaling approximately 2,000 trips along Woodland Circle and Eagle Drive.

Foxfire resident Tom Collins, who is overseeing the project, said the eastside roads were not designed to handle construction traffic.

"Planning and Zoning has a very good understanding that something needs to be done to protect this cost that will occur," said Collins. "The damage that will occur should not be the responsibility for all of Foxfire – the cost should be in the assessment of those affected. The value of affected properties will increase because of this road."

Ramey said the Planning Board explored two options; an impact fee for each truck load or a total estimated cost for repairs to existing roads. He estimates \$60,000 to \$100,000 for repairs and suggested they be added as a one-time fee.

Mayor George Erickson said the village attorney is researching the issue of impact fees and how to proceed.

Resident Pete Thingstad expressed concern over using load figures to estimate costs because of varying truck sizes. "The estimate for road repair should be based on square yardage of road being used – how many square yards are involved in the access road."

He also suggested asking the contractor for a bond to protect the roads.

Collins said a labor and performance bond would be included in the project.

"We tried to protect the village as best we possibly could by limiting traffic to two roads. That will increase the truck traffic and cause more damage to those roads but it's not the contractors fault that he is put in compromising position to protect roads that are underdesigned," said Collins.

"There is no simple answer to what we should or shouldn't do. The existing roads don't meet minimum specifications and when we run construction traffic, they'll get torn up and we'll charge money to fix them up to what specifications?"

Collins said the estimated cost to bring all eastside village roads up to the current standard, which the extension project will meet, was \$3.5 million.

Councilman Wally Peckitt asked what options would be available if the project costs were beyond what the assessed property owners were willing to approve.

Collins said if costs were fifteen percent or more greater than the engineers estimate, the project would be put on hold and reviewed.

"If it runs fifteen percent higher than what we think, I'd bring in the property owners and ask them – so they have every opportunity for input. This project is at their request and it's affecting them."

To date, the village has incurred approximately \$200,000 in expenses related to the project.

Streets

Councilman Vic Koos said any road repairs to Woodland Circle would be placed on hold until the extension project is complete, however, other areas will be repaired as needed.

Koos said he is very disappointed with how village common areas look and has hired a new mowing contractor. The Gilbert Brown Company will take over as of August 1, and Koos asked residents to be patient until then and to address any concerns regarding the mowing contractors directly to him.

Koos said minor repairs were made to the Village Green Park Park restroom and the Fitness Trail has been re-graded. He anticipates drains or ditches will be constructed to correct storm run-off problems on the trail.

Planning and Zoning

Zoning Administrator Mimi Ainsworth reported twenty-seven houses for sale: twelve on the West Side, fifteen on the East Side. Two permits of occupancy were issued, in addition permits were also issued for two fences, a deck, an accessory building, and a pool.

An updated Village Fee schedule was unanimously approved, however the council agreed to amend the cost for a fence permit at a later date. Looking to surrounding communities for guidance, Mayor Erickson said the new schedule is in accordance with accepted costs.

Councilman Ed Lauer defended the increased fees. "The infrastructure in this town is coming apart – we are living on borrowed time. The only way to pay for improvements is through taxation or fees, and fees must be

commensurate with replacement costs."

"For example," demonstrated Lauer, "If we get 100 new residents, we need a new well which costs \$200,000. So how much do we charge those customers for a hook-up fee? We need to charge \$2,000 but until recent-

ly we had been charging \$1,000."

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"We break out costs so we can recoup; those fees do not affect anything already built," said Lauer.

Finance

Councilman Wally Peckitt (See "Foxfire," p. 30)



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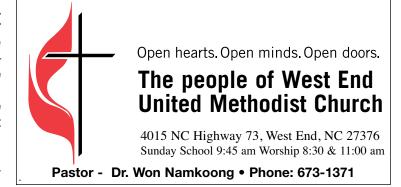
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Railroad

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The Plan

The proposed safety initiative, stretching from Gateway Drive at the entrance to Seven Lakes West to Edgewood Terrace in West End, would upgrade some crossings while closing others. Edgewood is a small crossing on the south side of West End that is one of two entrances into a small residential area. That crossing would be closed under the current plan.

Traveling on NC 211 toward Seven Lakes from there, the major crossing where NC 73 intersects NC 211 just before the old Stanley furniture plant would receive a major upgrade, with enhanced signals and safety gates. Though it is not formally part of the rail safety plan, Gilbert said he was fairly confident that NCDOT would also install a traffic signal at that intersection.

Foxfire

(Continued from page 29) reported the General Fund at \$237,000; Water Fund at \$62,000.

The village was approved for a \$461,000 loan for water projects, which will be received from BB&T Bank.

Public Safety

Councilwoman Page Coker congratulated Foxfire Police Office Chad Shue for his promotion to Sargeant and said a Community Watch brochure would be distributed to all residents in the next few weeks.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Erickson reported Time Warner was undergoing an internal "spin off" of service which would not impact business policy or practice for village customers.

Public Comment

A resident expressed concern that many new homes were installing their mailboxes very close to the edge of the road.

Members of the Foxfire Property Owners Association [FPOA] were recognized and thanked for coordinating a very successful and well-attended Fourth of July celebration.

Still moving up NC 211, on the other side of the old Stanly plant is Mode Road. The crossing on that street would be closed, creating a dead end street. The intersection where Mode Road, NC 73, and NC 211 come together, at the traffic signal in West End, would be upgraded to make it easier for large trucks traveling north on NC 211 to make the right hand turn onto NC 73.

On past the West End Post office, there is a crossing on Knox Lane that leads to the

West End Cemetery and West End Presbyterian Church. Original plans suggested closing that crossing instead of Edgewood Terrace, but, after Gilbert and NCDOT representatives met with church and cemetery officials, West End Fire and Rescue, and others, plans were changed and the crossing on Knox Lane will be left open.

The next major crossing along the route is at the traffic light in Seven Lakes. That crossing, despite handling more than 4,000

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ARC Standards approved

Architectural Review Director Ron Shepard asked for and received preliminary Board approval of revised Architectural Standards during the July 8 work session. The document is now open for comments by Association members and will require

at least one additional Board vote for approval. Copies are available for review at the West Side Park Community Center.

Shepard said the revision includes some major changes — particularly in spelling out enforcement procedures — that have been vetted by both SLWLA Legal Director Ed Silberhorn and the Association's attorney. The role of Architectural Review Committee [ARC] members as

volunteer "observers," as opposed to licensed "inspectors," is also clarified.

Among other changes is a "no-exceptions" prohibition of above-ground propane tanks and a requirement that driveways surfaces be constructed of materials that will not wash onto streets during storms.

The compliance fee/deposit that a builder must pay to begin construction of a home on the

West Side will be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Previously, when a builder had a large number of homes under construction, the total fee required was capped at \$6,000. That cap will be removed, requiring a \$2,000 deposit for each home, no matter how many a given builder has in the works at one time.

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Shepard said he expected some feedback from the mem-

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Railroad

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vehicle crossings a day and providing access to Seven Lakes West and a number of businesses, is a private crossing, owned by the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway [ACWR]. Access across it is leased from the railroad.

NCDOT plans call for making this a public crossing and then upgrading it with new signals, safety gates, and lane reconfigurations.

County approval sought

After NCDOT officials met in January with representatives of ACWR, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA], West End Fire and Rescue, and other West End groups, the Association took on the assignment of soliciting an endorsement of the project from the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

But a mid-February letter to Chairman Colin McKenzie and County Manager Cary McSwain generated no response, and SLWLA leaders discovered in an April meeting with McSwain that he had no recollection of receiving the letter. With still no response from the county by June, SLWLA Manager Tony Robertson contacted McSwain and was told that the partnership that owns the old Stanley plant had objected to the closure of the Mode Road crossing. The county, McSwain said, was working with NCDOT to see if a crossing elsewhere in the state could be closed in lieu of closing the Mode Road crossing.

That disappointing response prompted SLWLA President Jim Haggard to conclude that the SLWLA Board of Directors carries little weight with the county; he suggested Westside residents make their feelings on the issue known to the Commissioners either through a letter writing campaign or through attendance en masse at a Commissioners meeting.

Perhaps in response to some

letters from Westsiders, McSwain had his assistant contact SLWLA Manager Tony Robertson earlier this week to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Westside Board.

Gilbert told *The Times* that the county had not contacted him, or, to his knowledge, the NCDOT Rail Division, about the idea of closing a crossing elsewhere in the state in lieu of one of the closings proposed for West End. He was openly skeptical of the idea.

Why close crossings?

Gilbert told *The Times* that the West End crossing safety project involves closing some crossings because its \$600,000 to \$800,000 cost will be substantially funded through grants from the Federal Highway Administration.

"You have to meet cost-benefit ratios to use federal funds," Gilbert said. "There is a finite amount of money and there is competition for these funds. The ones that show the best cost-benefit ratio are the ones that get funding."

"You get the greatest benefit by upgrading some crossings and eliminating others," he said. "Once you close a crossing, you never have to put out the money it would take to upgrade it. The key is eliminating low use or redundant crossings."

"This is a good project," Gilbert told *The Times*, adding that he was confident it could be funded. "But I'm concerned about how it is lingering on. It's been going on for a couple of years now. Eventually, we just have to go on to another project."

"But this is probably their [Seven Lakes West's] only chance to get a public crossing."

Gilbert said NCDOT's Citizen Participation Unit would likely schedule public hearings on the proposed closures of Mode Road and Edgewood Terrace in mid August.

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(Continued from page 31) bership that would require tweaking the plan and estimated that obtaining final approval would take 60 to 90 days.

Support for CERT

The Board approved a donation of \$500 from this year's budget to support the purchase of equipment and a utility trailer by the Community Emergency Response Team [CERT], and, in addition, pledged to provide \$1,000 in on-going support in next year's Association budget. The Board had deferred acting on a CERT request for support in both the May and the June Work Sessions.

CERT needs to raise more than \$5,000 to purchase a trail-

er and equip it with emergency supplies. The raffle of a donated Barclounger had raised \$1,700 as of June 30, President Haggard reported. The Lake Auman Sports Club has donated \$1,000 to the effort, and the Recreation Committee has pledged a donation of \$1,000 from the proceeds of Margaritaville and other events.

Boat covers

Lake Director Mary Anne Fewkes reported that she had received an inquiry from a local company interested in marketing "touchless" boat covers in the community for installation on lakefront docks. The SLWLA rules and regulations currently prohibit "covers or boathouses on boat slips or lifts."

Board opinion was divided on the virtues of the touchless covers. Ray MacKay said they would likely be more attractive than some of the worn and faded traditional covers currently in use. But both President Jim Haggard and Ron Shepard noted that a touchless cover appropriate for a tall pontoon boat or ski boat with a superstructure would be very large and visually intrusive.

Fewkes and Shepard were asked to convene a subcommittee to develop a recommendation to bring back to the board.

SLLA/SLWLA Reciprocity

The Board met in Executive Session after the open meeting to discuss, among other things, the proposed reciprocity agreement with the Seven Lakes Landowners Association, which provides members of both Associations with reciprocal use of amenities and recreational programs, and also allows for members of each Association to freely enter the other's gates.

A Westside proposal to limit free passage through the gates after dark met with a chilly reception from SLLA Board members during that group's June General Meeting.

President Jim Haggard told *The Times* that, after the Executive Session discussion, the SLWLA Board asked that he, along with Directors Fewkes and MacKay meet with members of the SLLA Board "to finalize the SLLA/SLWLA Letter of Under-

standing," and "to clarify any misunderstanding surrounding community entry."

Roving patrol equipped

The Board approved the purchase of equipment for the roving security patrol, including night vision binoculars, walkietalkie capable cellphones, a spotlight, and a light bar for the SLWLA pickup truck. The goal was to provide everything necessary to allow patrols to begin as soon as possible. Still under investigation is how best to replace the aging Association vehicle, with both the lease of a new vehicle and the purchase of a used one under review.

The Board also approved the (See "Westside," p. 33)

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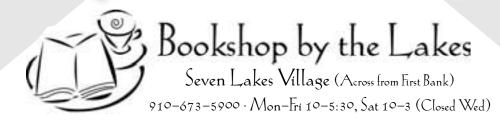
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installation of speed humps at the entrances to the Westside mail-house, in order to slow traffic and perhaps prevent an accident.

Director Blaine Rowland reported that the Speeding Committee is finishing up a proposal to the Board that would allow the Association to use radar equipment to identify and fine speeders internally.

Ron Shepard asked whether it would be worth investigating the cost of hiring Sheriff's deputies to do the job. Robertson noted that the Association had done just that for a limited time in the past, at a cost of \$30 per hour. Shepard asked to have the cost of using that strategy compared to the cost of internal radar enforcement and ticketing.

Directional signs

Infrastructure Director Ray MacKay said he had received a number of complaints about signs at both community entrances announcing the closing of the roadway across Lake Auman Dam beginning in September — last September. MacKay removed the signs, but asked for and received Board approval to modify them to note the road closure while eliminating the date.

MacKay also received approval for new directional signs near the entrances that would help newcomers and prospective buyers of homes and lots locate particular series of lots.

Interest on dues payments

Haggard reported that 92 percent of Westside landowners have completed the 2008-2009 registration process, noting that compliance saw a sharp uptick after second notices were mailed. Those who failed to register prior to July 1 were charged interest on the unpaid balance through July.

When mention was made that a handful of residents chose to pay their dues in four quarterly payments, both Shepard and Kirst said those members should be charged interest for the privilege of not paying the entire sum upfront. The consensus weighed against implementing interest payment retroactively for FY08-09, but Kirst said she would develop a policy to put

in place next year.

Other reports and action

Dam remediation. Director Fewkes reported that SLWLA Dam Engineer Dan Marks has contacted four companies to solicit bids on the remediation for the Lake Auman dam that is currently under review by state regulators. Fewkes said she hoped state approval would be forthcoming by the end of August.

She said Marks continues to be comfortable with the \$300,000 budget for the project, though "we won't really have a true sense of the cost until we get something back from the companies."

Association management. SLWLA Board members met on June 30 to hammer out revisions to a proposed management contract with Community Association Services, Inc.; the revised document was sent to the management company. A special

meeting of the Board with CAS President John Stone will be scheduled in the near term to give Board members a chance to ask questions about the company and its approach to taking over administration of the West Side

Office staffing. The Board voted to extend for another month the use of a half-time temporary clerk in the SLWLA office. SLWLA Manager Robertson said the presence of someone in the front office to greet visitors and answer the phone has freed both he and Denise Duncan up to do their work, while providing a more professional environment in the office.

Recreation. Recreation Director Karen Milligan said tickets for the September Margaritaville event are currently on sale in the landowners office.

The Recreation Committee purchased two twelve-by-twelve

canopies to be used for outdoor events, she noted, adding that she is looking into having the tents marked with the Association logo and then allowing residents to check them out free of charge for their own events. A similar arrangement may be possible for use of three youth life jackets the committee pruchased for use during this summers swimming lessons.

Manager's Report. SLWLA Manager Tony Robertson reported that the July 4 fireworks display "went off without a hitch," though he was only at the last minute able to find volunteers with pontoon boats who could bring the fireworks crew off the island. He thanked Joe Kristek, Mike Finney, John Winton, Chuck Ridenhour, and Dennis McLoughlin for their assistance in ferrying folks back and forth from the island.

Other Business

In other business the Westside Board:

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- Discussed concerns about the safety of a communications tower on SLWLA property which is used for Moore County communications equipment. Ray MacKay was asked to write the county about adddressing the problem.
- Discussed a large, open drainage culvert between two Otter Drive properties which has uncertain ownership but poses a safety hazard. The Board agreed that the problem needed to be addressed but deferred action until ownership issues had been sorted out. During the public comment segment of the meeting, Gerhard Hergenhahn said the Board should act immediately to correct the extremely dangerous situation and sort out who is ultimately repsonsible for the cost later.

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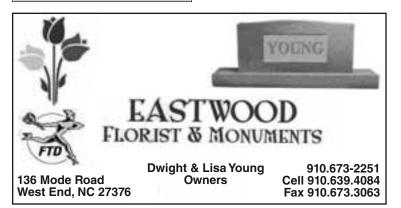
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