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## Fewkes named Westside Prez

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Mary Anne Fewkes has been named President of the Seven

traveling, her appointment was set to become effective on September 18, her expected date of return. Board Secretary Ed Tuton was appointed Interim Chairman through September 17 for the purpose of moderating the Work Session and any other meetings. Treasurer Kathy Kirst was

appointed to serve as Interim Secretary through September 17.

Fewkes was elevated to the post of President through a secret ballot of Directors that included

(See "Westside," p. 35)

### West Side Landowners Meeting

9/9

Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA], replacing Jim Haggard in that position. The Westside Board made the appointment during a Tuesday, September 9 Work Session.

Because Fewkes is currently

## SLLA would let part-timers vote

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

With strong support from the Board of Directors, an estimated 150 to 200 part-time residents of Seven Lakes will be able to vote in next year's election, if a revised By-law is approved later this month.

Meeting in Work Session on Thursday, September 11, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board agreed to simplified language, essential-

ly eliminating the term owner-occupant from voting rights, pending approval from legal counsel and a formal vote at

### Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting

9/11

the September 24 Open Meeting.

"Everyone who owns a home will get one vote – whether you

(See "SLLA," p. 33)

## Fun at the firehouse



Lindsay and Jack Douglass and Reilly Stromberg check out the UNC Lifeflight chopper at the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department Open House on Saturday, September 13. The Seven Lakes squad recently achieved an upgrade in their fire insurance rating and were commended by the Moore County Board of Commissioners. [See story on page 5.]

## Big price tag to open road

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

A petition with over seventy opposing signatures will probably not be needed to keep the gate closed on Shamrock Drive in Foxfire Village. Instead prohibitive costs will likely table any discussion of reopening the road indefinitely.

### Foxfire Council Meeting

9/9

An interior, residential road, Shamrock was gated almost thirty years ago in response to

commercial truck use and illegal street racing. Whether the gate should remain closed has been a recurring question.

Tom Collins, a resident and retired civil engineer who consults for the village on the Woodland Circle Extension Project, reported during the Foxfire Village

(See "Foxfire," p. 31)

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# Meet the Merchants is Tuesday, Sept. 23

Inclement weather forced the Seven Lakes Business Guild to postpone its Meet the Merchants night scheduled for last Tuesday, but the show will go on this coming Tuesday, September

23, starting at 5:30 pm.

Johnny & The Cadillacs will be on hand to entertain the crowd while they learn more about Seven Lakes and West End Businesses.

The annual event is held on the Commons in the Seven Lakes Business Village. Local businesses set up booths with information about their products and services. Many also offer giveaways or the chance to register for prizes.

There will be one dollar hot dogs and pizza available for those who need a little extra energy to visit all the merchant booths.

The idea is to give Seven Laker a chance to get to know their local merchants — and to give merchants a chance to say thank you to the community.

The Business Guild now counts more than sixty businesses among its members; those new to Seven Lakes might

be surprised to discover that there are so many local businesses offering the products and services they need.

Meet the Merchants always includes plenty of refreshments

and lots of activities for the younger set.

It's a great way to learn more about community businesses while enjoying an evening out with friends and family.

## Ethicist at Adult Academy, Chapel

Dr. Douglas F. Ottati will present a program on The Theology of Grace for the Adult Academy, to be held at the West End Presbyterian Church Crawford Center from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, September 28. Light refreshments will follow. Sponsored by West End Presbyterian Church and the Chapel in the Pines, the Adult Academy was founded to serve the community at large and all programs are open to the public.

Dr. Ottati, the Craig Family Distinguished Professor in Reformed Theology and Justice Ministry at Davidson College, is a very popular professor and teaches to overflowing class-

es. He is the co-general editor of the multi-volume series, The Library of Theological Ethics, and author of several recent books including Reforming Protestantism: Christian Commitment in Today's World, and Hopeful Realism.

Dr. Ottati will also preach at the Chapel in the Pines at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 28; and will be in the pulpit for the 11:00 am service at West End Presbyterian Church.



**Dr. Douglas F. Ottati**

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# Commissioners wary of fix for private road

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

Wary of using public funds to repair private infrastructure, the Moore County Board of Commissioners, meeting on Monday, September 15, tabled a proposal from County Manager Cary McSwain aimed at garnering state emergency relief funds to repair a bridge leading to the small Riverbend community in Eastern Moore County. The item is on the agenda for a special meeting of the Board called for Thursday, September 18 (after press time for this edition of *The Times*.)

The community of seventy to eighty homes lies off Lobelia Road — Route 690 — in the extreme eastern tip of the county, and has only one road leading into it, McSwain told Commissioners. Six inches of rain dropped by Tropical Storm Hanna washed out that road where it passes over a creek, the manager said, leaving no access for

fire trucks, EMS, or Sheriff's officers.

Working with the North Carolina Department of Forestry, county personnel installed one temporary bridge, and then another, when the first proved unsafe. McSwain said he had been working to find a way to obtain state emergency funds to effect a permanent repair and had learned from the State Division of Emergency Management that the Board of Commissioners must proclaim a state of emergency as a first step in the process.

If the Governor then decided to approve the use of state funds to replace the bridge, a twenty-five percent match would be required from the county, McSwain said.

That was the point that raised concerns among the five Commissioners.

"The thing that causes pause and concern is that, if we do this for this development, then,

when anything happens in any other development, are we going to step up then?" Commissioner Tim Lea asked. "I want to help these folks anyway we can, but I don't want to face this prob-

a big problem with it."

McSwain said he believed funds collected by the Riverbend landowners association could be used instead of county funds for the twenty-five per-

cent match, but he had had conflicting reports on the ability of the association to come up with the funds. Lea moved to approve the emergency proclamation with the proviso that the association

fund the matching funds, but then withdrew his motion when Assistant County Attorney R. Ward Medlin suggested the county may bear some continuing liability if it were involved in bringing state funds in to the project.

McSwain downplayed the liability risk and noted that the proclamation was simply the first step necessary to see whether the Governor would approve the use of state funds for the bridge replacement.

"The proclamation just puts the wheels in motion," Commissioner Jimmy Melton agreed. "This doesn't obligate us to anything."

But other board members remained skeptical. Ultimately, on a motion from Lea, the Commissioners unanimously agreed

(See "Commissioners," p. 30)

## Westsiders appointed

Westsiders Carolyn Mealing, Mary Price, and Pauline Taylor were all appointed to three year terms on the Moore County Aging Advisory Council by the Board of Commissioners during their Monday, September 15 meeting. The fifteen-member Council advises the Director of Aging and acts as an advocacy group for older county residents.

lem everytime a dirt road washes out in a private development."

"I feel sorry for them," Commissioner Larry Caddell agreed, "but when you start setting precedents . . . If they can come up with the matching funds, I don't have

cent match, but he had had conflicting reports on the ability of the association to come up with the funds.

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# Seven Lakes VFD improves insurance rating

On August 22, the long awaited rating packet arrived from the Office of State Fire Marshal indicating that the Seven Lakes Vol. Fire Department was successful in improving their rating to 6/9E.

The new rating goes into effect on December 1, 2008, and should significantly lower homeowner's insurance rating in the Seven Lakes Fire District.

For the past several years, Chief Calvin Loy, with the backing of the Board of Directors,

pushed officers and members of the department to diligently prepare for a North Carolina Rating Response Survey for the purpose of lowering the fire insurance classification.

New equipment was purchased, maintenance of other equipment was required, detailed record-keeping, and many, many hours of training were all necessary to prepare for the survey.

In May, inspectors spent three days in Seven Lakes, checking records and equipment, and the

department performed several time-based water exercises with assistance from automatic aid departments including West End, Eagle Springs, and Eastwood. The inspectors also toured the fire district, observing both residential and commercial areas and various water supply sources.

The members of the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all residents for their support.



**Seven Lakes Firefighters** demonstrate their technique during the Open House on September 13.

## It's a fun day for the dogs

Have you always wanted to try an agility course with your border collie or race your speedy terrier? Maybe your poodle has a cute costume that might win a prize for Best Dressed Dog. Or perhaps your lab is aces at catching Frisbees.

Grab your little star and head out for a Fun Dog Activity Day to show off your dog's skills and support a good cause at the same time. Scheduled for Saturday, September 27, at Sunninghill Farm, 1650 Youngs Road in Southern Pines, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, the event will benefit the Companion Animal Clinic Foundation which supports the Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic of the Sandhills in Vass.

Terrier trial practice will begin at 10:30 am, with races to follow at 11:00 am and again at every

half-hour. There will be an agility demonstration at 11:30 am with agility participation scheduled for noon. Fun and games contests will take place from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. An obedience demonstration is scheduled for 12:30 pm with obedience participation to follow. There will also be a retriever demonstration with Amy and John Dahl.

The fee of \$10.00 per car and \$5.00 per class will go to support the spaying and neutering of companion animals. To date,

the Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic has performed over 2,700 procedures helping to eliminate unwanted animals. The Companion Animal Clinic Foundation is dedicated to eliminating pet overpopulation in the Sandhills by supporting the Spay Neuter Veterinary Clinic. To sign up for terrier trials, call Clive Rose at 692-1095. Fun classes, call Peggy Baldwin at 246-6311. General information, call Wendy Preble at 245-3056, or Cynthia Williams at 245-1230.

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# Board asks for PUD ordinance revision

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

One minor and one potentially major amendment to county PUD zoning ordinances were recommended by the Moore County Planning Board during its Thursday, September 4 monthly meeting.

Looking to ensure adequate staff time to review Planned Unit Development [PUD] proposals, the Board, including two newest members Seven Lakes-based builder Les Murray of Big Sky Construction and Realtor Tom McGinnis of Seven Lakes West, approved extending the application deadline from thirty to forty-five days; and more substantially, requiring PUD applicants to provide documentation of preliminary water and sewer approvals that conform to Public Utilities policy.

"This is a good addition," said Chair Nancy Roy Fiorillo of the water and sewer documentation. "We had some subdivisions come before us and this kind of a requirement will help us."

Several recent developments, including subdivision applications for properties within Small Planning Area A drew criticism

because they were located in areas without existing water or sewer lines. In particular, Southwick and Northington, a proposed community that, if built, will abut parts of Seven Lakes North also came under close scrutiny by county planners because it included an on-site tertiary sewage treatment plant.

Small Planning Area A was back on the table again during the meeting during Planning Director Joey Raczowski's report.

"Pinehurst wants to know about the effect of Area A [plan] on the Rt. 211 corridor and looking for joint activity where Area A meets their jurisdiction," said Raczowski. "They are, and we are, starting to look at a general invitation for partnership."

Member Dave Kinney said such a partnership would be "a good move" and reminded the Board that a major change initiated by the Small Planning Area A Steering Committee was to define and restrict strip malls.

"That was one of their questions," responded Raczowski.

## Equestrian District

Agreeing that planners will need to take a closer look at

Moore County's horse country in the future, the Board unanimously approved removing the existing ten-acre minimum lot size necessary to qualify as a horse farm in the county's Equestrian District.

"I know the horse people wanted that ten-acre minimum, but it is really just a suggestion, because it is difficult to enforce," said Fiorillo. "They wanted large acreage but did not qualify for

exemptions for true agricultural uses. I understood why they want it to protect the value of their land."

## Home-based Businesses

County zoning ordinances currently allow home occupation of an industrial or commercial nature on lots greater than 20,000 square feet — about one-half acre.

Raczowski reported that many

of these smaller lots are located in densely populated areas and that heavy traffic and noise may cause problems and hardships for other residences within those communities.

He recommended the Planning Board consider limiting the size of accessory buildings — which could be used for home occupations — or implementing other safeguards to prevent invasive use of such structures.

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# Purser: Back-to-school is smooth sailing

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Describing the opening of the school as one of the smoothest years ever, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Larry Upchurch reported 12,270 students enrolled in Moore County public schools for the 2008-2009 academic year. That is sixty-two students under state projections and sixty-four children less than last year's enrollment, however, there was a net gain of 100 bus riders.

Moore County Schools operates 137 buses, traveling just over 6,000 miles per day.

"The student body has decreased somewhat which helps us as we look at managing our growth," said Upchurch during his report to the Board of Education on Monday, September 8. "There is some decrease, but if looked at across the board we won't have a long relieve."

Upchurch said the decrease will not impact support from the state.

## Pinecrest IB/AP

During the Public Address portion, in a repeat of last month's meeting, several Pinecrest High School parents took the opportunity to express displeasure over limited Honors curriculum options and the decision to combine some Advanced Placement [AP] and International Baccalaureate [IB] courses.

"Diluting both programs is not the answer," said Pam Dunlap. "AP is very flexible and costs much less than IB. Since the implementation of IB, I have seen a decline in the number of AP classes and at the same time, little interest in IB diplomacy."

According to one of the speakers, only ten students out of the Pinecrest total enrollment of 2,000 currently participating in the IB diploma program.

"It makes better sense to turn the focus from IB to challenging Honors and AP classes," she said. "We don't need more choices just better ones."

The Pinecrest IB program was initiated in 2003 and has graduated three classes of diploma candidates. A comprehensive pre-university program of study, Moore County also offers a very successful Middle Years IB program at Southern Middle School.

Earlier this year, the Board of Education approved converting the entire school to Middle Years IB and opened a Sixth grade academy to assist students with reaching academic goals necessary to succeed in the program.

## MooreFit

"How can we teach wellness if we don't walk the talk?" Dr. Anita Alpenfels, Executive Director for Human Resources asked members of the School Board.

She reported that body mass index [BMI] readings taken from First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, and Ninth grade students in Moore County exceeded North Carolina averages.

In response to this and other ongoing health concerns, Moore Fit, a fitness challenge designed to improve employees health was initiated by the county's three largest employers; Pinehurst Resort, FirstHealth, and Moore

County Schools. The program's goal is to inspire and encourage health and wellness throughout the community.

To date, there are 2,740 total MooreFit participants, of which 1,161 are Moore County Schools employees.

## Legislative Update

Between May and July, the

NC General Assembly ratified 229 bills, ten of which pertained to K-12 education, reported Chief Finance Officer Mike Griffin.

Significantly, House Bill 933, also known as the Jessica Lunsford Act of North Carolina, requires notification when a sex offender moves within one mile

(See "School board," p. 8)

## WEE Fall Festival

West End Elementary PTA hosts Fall Festival 2008

On Friday, October 3 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm, the West End Elementary PTA will host a Fall Festival with activities for everyone! Come out and enjoy the food, games, and prizes and support the PTA in this fun-filled fundraiser!

Pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, and more will be on sale in the food court. Games and activities will be held in the gym and on the grounds around the school. There will be a cupcake walk, face painting, and lots of games where everyone wins a prize! Look for a

large inflatable jumping house as well as an inflatable obstacle course for kids of all ages!

WEE will also offer bingo, a silent auction, and a \$75 gas card raffle with tickets on sale that evening for \$1 each. The dunking booth is always a main attraction as students get the chance to see Principal Waller, or their favorite teacher, make a splash!

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# Volunteers needed for WEE playground fix-up

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Hidden behind the school, out of view from passerby, but heavily used and loved by the younger students at West End Elementary, the K-2 playground is currently undergoing a much needed facelift. A recent walk-through inspection by concerned parents and staff resulted in a detailed list of deficiencies, safety concerns, and proposed solutions.

Several problems, such as a dead tree needing removal and steps and railings which need replacement, will be brought to the attention of the Moore County Schools Maintenance Supervisor.

visor.

"We are looking at short and long term maintenance," said WEE Principal Johnnye Waller. "And identifying the things the county can work with parents on."

Additional deficiencies and safety concerns noted include erosion control and cutting back woody overgrowth, as well as peeling paint and loose equipment, lack of shade over the preschool sandbox, no handicap accessibility, an undefined walking path, and a poorly functioning water fountain.

A volunteer work day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 20 from 7:00 am to noon,

with a few minor construction projects and landscaping work on the agenda. Volunteers should bring work gloves, sunscreen, yard tools, drinks and snacks, and a smile and helping hand.

"We're trying to make the playground more appealing – to make things more enjoyable and safer for the children," said Waller.

She said contributions to the renovation project are welcomed. Specific needs include three new picnic tables, crushed gravel to fortify the hillside and walking trail, sandblasting equipment and labor to prepare the playground for repainting, lumber and experienced Bobcat operators to assist with strengthening a slope and/or building a retaining wall, and monetary donations or services to help with other improvements.

For more information, contact Johnnye Waller at 673-6691, or Brian & Sue Povish at 400-5062.



**West End Elementary's K-2 playground will get a needed facelift on Saturday, September 20. You can help!**

## School board

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Dr. Purser said during the first days of school, she visited each

campus and was surprised by the number of students with food allergies.

"This is very much a growing issue," said Purser. "Each one of our schools has children severely impacted by food allergies...This is not an inconvenience but a matter of life and death for some of these children."

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# Pinecrest debaters win at Nationals

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The Forensic League National Championship is a weeklong competition. This is the first time since 1993 that a national championship in any category has been won by a North Carolina school. During the Public Forum, 241 teams debated the topic, "Resolved: United States policies since 9/11 have substantially reduced the risk of terrorism."

Coached by Libby Carter and Robert Sheard, Potter and Frye emerged as the only undefeated team after sixteen rounds. Each received \$6,000 scholarships.

Carter was also presented the Coaches' One Diamond Award

during the tournament, an award based upon her years of service to the National Forensic League and the accomplishments of her students. In total, the Pinecrest team qualified nine students to the competition and won the School Excellence in Debate award.

"Participating in debate has made these students very recruitable for college," said Carter. "I have colleges from all over the country calling me and also schools from all over inviting our students to competition. Everyone wants to have the national champions debate in their tournaments!"

Potter and Frye presented Moore County Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Purser with the 2008 national trophy, to be displayed at the Central Schools Offices in Carthage.



Allie Smith

## Smith racks up the wins

Placing first in vault with a score of 9.55, Allie Smith, daughter of Steve and Tammi Smith of Seven Lakes South, bested a field of seventy-two gymnasts, competing in Level IV, last Saturday, September 6, at a meet in Cary.

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**Josephine "Jo" Indiano Schenna**, 87, formally of East Rochester, NY, died Thursday August 28, at her residence in Seven Lakes. A mass of resurrection was held Saturday, September 13 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church of East Rochester, NY. Interment followed at White Haven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Schenna was preceded in death by her husband of forty-five years, Girardo Lawrence Schenna.

She is survived by a son, Anthony Schenna, of Vancouver, WA; daughters, Gerriann Ronsen, of Buffalo, NY, and Bobbi Andolina, of Webster, NY; sister, Rose Vincent and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Jerome's Catholic Church at 207 Garfield Street, East Rochester, NY 14445 or the Boy Scouts of America at P.O. Box 152079 Irving, TX 75015.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

**Shirley Lambert**, 61, of West End, died Tuesday, September 2, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 6 at Boles Funeral Home in Southern Pines.

Mrs. Lambert was born to Chester and Wilma Chaloupka of Tacoma, WA.

She is survived by her husband, Samuel J. Lambert; a son, Jeffery Lambert of Springfield, MO; a daughter, Julie Peterson of St. Robert, MO; her mother, Wilma Chaloupka, of West End; a sister, Victoria McNulty, of Billerica, MA; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to North Carolina Gelbvieh Association, c/o Mick Ainsworth, 1613 Derby Road, P.O. Box 154, Jackson Springs NC 27281, to the Shirley Lambert Endowment Fund.

**Dr. Jon Roy Standahl**, 65, of Seven Lakes, died on September 5. Funeral services were held Monday, September 8, at West End Presbyterian Church. Pastor Larry Lyon conducted the service.

Dr. Standahl was born in Oscaloosa, Iowa, the son of Dr. Roy and Genevieve Standahl.

He received a Bachelor's

Degree from the University of Virginia, a Master's Degree from Florida State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

He was a licensed psychologist in Minnesota operating a

business, Human Technologies, for over twenty years. In 2002, he moved to Moore County as a Clinical Director of Psychology at Samarkand Manor in Eagle Springs. In 2005, he opened his private psychological services

practice in Southern Pines.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Paschal Standahl; sons, Bergin of Milan, MN, Ben of Minneota, MN; daughter, Ann Moore of Prescott, AZ; step-daughter, Lorri Barrier-Jones;

sister, Diana Standahl Eagon of Nokomis, FL; brother, Jerry Standahl of Franklin, VA; and grandchildren, step-grandchildren.

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Arrangements were handled by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

**Arthur J. Passman**, 81, of Seven Lakes, died on Monday

September 8, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. A funeral mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Saturday, September 13. Father James M. Labosky officiated.

Mr. Passman was the son of the late Arthur J. Passman, Sr. and Margaret McDermitt Passman of New York City, NY. He was a graduate of Bishop Laughlin High School. He served in

the U.S. Army and attended both Princeton & NC State, earning a degree in Electrical Engineering from Brooklyn Polytech University.

He was a member of Tau Beta Pi engineering society.

He was also a member of the American Legion, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus St. Anthony's Chapter and he taught for the Litera-

cy Council for both McCain Prison and Samarcand Manor Youth Correctional Facility.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Passman.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-four years Rosemary Fallon Passman; son, Jim Passman of Ogden, UT; daughters,

Marianne Fuller of Bull Valley, IL, and Patty English of Trout Valley, IL; sister, Dorothy Michna of Long Island, NY; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

## Tuesday Tutors needed

Tuesday Tutoring is a supportive afterschool initiative which provides one-on-one homework assistance to local Hispanic children in grades Kindergarten to Eight grade. Sponsored by West End Presbyterian Church, full time and substitute tutors are still needed, as well as volunteers to assist with transportation.

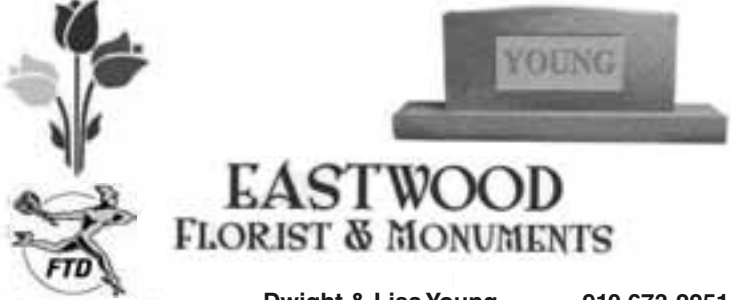
Thirty-one students from West End Elementary and West Pine Middle are currently enrolled in the program. While most can

speak English, their parents do not. The program provides a structured once-a-week setting for the children to complete homework. Sessions are held each Tuesday, for an hour and half immediately after school.

Developed by Anna Stevens and former Westside resident Norma Walter, the program is coordinated by Judy Kuhlberg of Seven Lakes West and Northsider Noreen Sawyer.

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# Thomas Paulson ready for deployment to Iraq

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Somewhere towards the end of September, Lance Corporal Thomas Paulson said he'll reach his new post, "out in the middle of nowhere Iraq."

The younger son of Northsiders Nancy and John Paulson, Thomas is actually headed for Al Asad Airfield – a large airfield with a regional detainee facility. Though trained as a Forward Observer, he explained

that his unit is part of a larger task force of military police and during his seven-month deployment he will serve as a prison guard.

During a two-week pre-deployment leave, Paulson told *The Times* that he was enjoying his military experience and has spent a great deal of time in training.

"After Basic, I attended Advanced Basic then went to school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and then Coronado Naval Base in

San Diego," said Paulson. "I attended two schools to complete training for my job."

While in Iraq, Paulson said he will not leave the airfield. Accommodations are two-man rooms, but with a post exchange store, gym, and Internet access, he joked, "It's kind of a little bit like home with a scenery change."

Paulson is but one of several young men from the West End and Seven Lakes communities who enlisted in the U.S. Marines Corps following high school graduation in 2005 and 2006.

Eric Meares, son of Brian and Susan Meares of Jackson Springs, is also currently serving in Iraq; as is his friend since Kindergarten, Joe Hogan. The younger son of Elaine Hogan

and Bruce Hogan, both of Seven Lakes North, Joe is stationed in Ramadi, Iraq, with a Combat Logistics Battalion.

Bruce Hogan said Joe thanks everyone for their well wishes and prayers. During his downtime, he stays busy working out and completing on-line course work so that he doesn't fall too far behind in college. Hogan com-

pleted his freshman year at NC State before being called to active duty from reserve service.

Andy Correll, son of Lee and Andrea Correll of Seven Lakes North, has returned from overseas with a rapid deployment unit and is currently undergoing additional training in California.



Lance Corporal Thomas Paulson

## Free Beginner Shag Lessons

The Seven Lakes Shag Group is offering free beginner shag dance lessons at the West Side Park Community Center upstairs.

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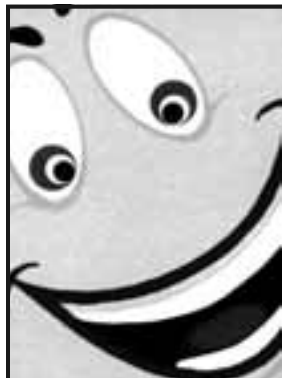
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# Curves offers nutrition and health workshop

Nutrition and health will be the focus of a two-hour workshop featuring Emmy-Award winning journalist and fitness expert Donna Gregory, hosted by Curves - Seven Lakes on Saturday, September 27, from 10:00 am to Noon.

Gregory, a certified yoga and aerobic instructor in Apex, has worked as a reporter, writer, and producer with television stations in Illinois, Oklahoma, and North Carolina, including WRAL

and NBC 17 in Raleigh, as well as with MSNBC. She is currently a freelance correspondent for network newscasts.

"Tell folks to come dressed to move!" Gregory said, referring to next Saturday's workshop at Curves, which will include a physical movement component as well as information on health,

nutrition, and mind body techniques.

Gregory currently lives in Apex, where she and videographer-husband Gregg Hoerdemann work to incorporate healthy eating and exercise into their daily routines and those of their three children. Hoerdemann's parents are Seven Lakers Marty & Donna Hoerdemann. Donna Hoerdemann is on the Staff at Curves-Seven Lakes.

An interest in movement and fitness runs deep in the Gregory Hoerdemann family, which includes a college wrestling son, one daughter who is a two-sport high school athlete, and a third-grader who studies singing and dancing at the North Carolina Theatre Conservatory. Though his preferred sport isn't clear yet, Gregory says her one-year-

old son Everett is an "athlete-in-training."

When Gregory is not reporting on-air or teaching aerobics, she volunteers with the Wake County Center for Volunteer Care. She is a member of the Wake County Council on Physical Fitness and a member of the North Carolina Theatre Board of Directors.

Excited about the opportunity to host Gregory at Curves-Seven

Lakes, owner Karyn Greco told *The Times*, "We are so lucky to be able to offer this opportunity to area residents."

Gregory's workshop will be held at the Curves studio in the Seven Lakes Plaza Shopping Center on Saturday, September 27, from 10:00 am to Noon. The event is free; everyone is encouraged to attend.

For more information call 673-1006.



Donna Gregory

## Snakes, Birds, and Butterflies

Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve is offering the following programs this September:

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**Birds, Blooms and Butterflies** – Sunday, September 28 at 3:00 pm. September at Weymouth Woods means lots of blazing stars, blue chaffseeds, asters, goldenrods, and many other Fall wild flowers. Take a closer look, not only at the flowers, but the creatures that visit them – butterflies and birds.

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# Faith Baptist Church building new sanctuary

by Laura Douglass  
Times Reporter

Growing from seventeen members in 1999 to 120 today, Faith Baptist Church, the little red brick church on Carthage Road, are midway through construction of a new sanctuary to house their growing church family.

Pastor Tony Connor and his wife of eighteen years, Jan, started their ministry in a machine

shop in Carthage, moving later to the Grange Building on Carthage Road, before finally settling into their present facility in 2003.

"While we were in the Grange, we saved money for a couple years. The land right beside it became available and we were able to buy eight acres with cash," explained Connor. "Then we proceeded to save to build

and then built the current church with the plan to add out front. Then we moved right into this phase."

"Everything we've ever decided to do, God has blessed us and we've been able to do it."

Connor described his church as an independent Baptist church with a young and outgoing membership.

"It seems everyone who walks

in the door has a couple kids...and rarely do people visit and not stay," said Connor.

With approximately forty-five percent of the membership being youngsters, Connor said parents asked if he would be able to provide a Christian-based education option. He was – and did. The Faith Baptist private school opened its doors this month.

Currently eleven students are enrolled in the school, which is only open to members of the church family. Jan Connor works with the younger children using a book-based program, while Pastor Tony works with students in grades three to twelve using distance learning on-line cur-

riculum.

"We did this purely because we love children," said Connor. He is also proud of their very popular Wednesday night program for children with crafts, Bible learning, various activities and playtime.

"The kids love it. They truly enjoy themselves," said Connor.

Faith Baptist also offers a women's group and a relaxed Bible Study once a week.

"We have programs for everyone," said Connor.

Once complete the new addition to the building will be used for worship services and will seat 260 people, while the existing facility will be repurposed

(See "Church," p. 15)



The Faith Baptist congregation gathered on July 27 to break ground for a new sanctuary.

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# Church launches ambitious capital campaign

by Jim Johnson

*Our Lady of the Americas*

These are exciting times at Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Church, located in Candor, on Farmers Market Road — the only Catholic Church in Montgomery County. The church has approximately 350 families, split nearly fifty-fifty between Latinos and Anglos. Our Lady of the Americas was originally established in Biscoe in 1990. The new church building, which is visible from I-74/220, was dedicated in 2006.

The new church worship and activity center was built to more effectively respond to the needs of the congregation. As the Parish

continues to grow, additional funding is necessary to maintain support of the pastoral needs of the community, to continue religious education and expand community outreach programs. To this end, the parish is imple-

menting a Capital Fund — 2009 drive to assure the future of Our Lady of the Americas and reduce the Parish debt.

The theme of the campaign is "Capping the Cornerstone...Defining our Future".

Each family in the Parish will be asked to be involved in reaching the \$500,000 goal.

Detailed information explaining this fund drive will be mailed to each parishioner family in September 2008. The support

of everyone is vitally needed and will be most appreciated. Father Ricardo Sanchez sends his blessing to the community and each and every parishioner, young and old, towards achieving this objective.

## Church

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for use by the school and children's programs, as well as a fellowship hall.

"We're not a church governed by me or a set of deacons. The membership makes decisions — its family oriented and everyone has their vote and say," said Connor. "We just want to portray Christ and be a New Testament church. We are a very loving and that's a lot of the reason it's grown the way it has."

Faith Baptist Church is located on Carthage Road near the intersection with Beulah Hill Church Road. Sunday school begins at 10:00 am, followed by Sunday worship services at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Bible study is held on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, as is the Wednesday night children's program.

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# 'Living Wills' is topic at Women of 7 Lakes

by Pat Weber

Women of Seven Lakes

"If you cannot speak for yourself, do others know what health care treatments you would and would not want?" guest speaker Becky Russell asked the Women of Seven Lakes during

their Thursday, September 4 General Meeting. Russell, a grief counselor and social worker with FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care, said discussing health care decisions and expressing your medical wishes with loved ones can provide a valuable

opportunity to reflect and share what you believe is important.

She distributed four forms that are available to assist with determining and documenting your wishes: Health Care Power Of Attorney, Living Will, Do Not Resuscitate [DNR], and the MOST form [Medical Order Scope of Treatment.] The MOST form is a new document and is available only through a physician. [Additional copies of the forms can be obtained during the October General Meeting.]

Russell recommended keeping original copies of your health

care documents in a safe place and sending duplicates to your doctor, attorney, hospital, and dependents or loved ones.

The next Women of Seven Lakes meeting will be held Thursday, October 2 at 1:00 pm in the West Side Park Community Center. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, Wendy Quinn of the FirstHealth Foundation will present an upbeat discussion of breast health and shared experiences. Please join us as a member or as a guest. All are welcome to attend.



Becky Russell

## Pick a pig with the Women of 7 Lakes

The Women of Seven Lakes will sponsor a Pig-Pickin' Barbeque on Thursday, November 13 at West Side Park Community Center. This is their Fall fundraiser and will include many events for your pleasure. The Fashion Show is courtesy of Phoenix Fashions and Susan Marks will provide a really good look at holiday fashions. Several Seven Lakers will have crafts for sale, so bring your Christmas list and get your shopping started early! Of course, an array of raffle prizes will be available to win.

The luncheon will be catered by Pik-n-Pig from Carthage, so bring your appetites! Plan to stay for the afternoon and play cards and games. Reservations are being taken for tables. The cost is \$18.00 per person. For reservations, call Laura Douglass at 673-1817; or you may call Tinkie Petterson at 673-1742 for more information.

Plan to attend this wonderful event and support your club, The Women of Seven Lakes. Put Thursday, November 13 at 11:30 am, on your calendar now. All are welcome!

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# Emergency Response team wants members

by Terry Riddle  
7 Lakes West CERT

Seven Lakes West CERT [Community Emergency Response Team] wishes to thank all those in the community who purchased raffle tickets for the Barcalounger donated by Kristie and Larry Elliott. Over \$3,000 was raised toward the purchase

of medical and tactical equipment and a trailer to house those items. On Labor Day, Kristie Elliott drew the winning ticket: April Cauthen of Seven Lakes West is the proud winner and her husband is the happy user.

The recent threat of unwellcome visits from Hanna, Ike, and Josephine has highlighted

the need for more volunteers to be a part of SLW-CERT. In a true emergency, our community would need the help of more than the twenty volunteers currently serving in CERT. We need you!

To become a CERT volunteer, an individual must complete seven two and a half to three-hour training sessions. The training is scheduled at a time that best fits the schedules of potential team members, either weekdays, evenings, or Saturdays. Tentatively the next training session is scheduled for the February-March 2009 timeframe.

During an emergency, CERT members do house-to-house searches to identify and help victims, clear roads, communicate needs to and assist first responders. If you would like to learn more about being a CERT volunteer for Seven Lakes West, please contact Terry Riddle at 673-3776 or Bill Carl at 673-7711. Your reward is the satisfaction of knowing you can help if needed. All CERT members must be eighteen years or older.



Kristie Elliott and Seven Lakes West CERT member Pat Sammann pull the ticket to find the raffle winner.



CERT Raffle winner April Cauthen of Seven Lakes West



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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

- **WEE K-2 Playground Restoration Work Day** – 7 am – noon, West End Elementary School. Join parents and friends of West End Elementary to help restore the K-2 playground. Scheduled are a few minor construction projects and landscaping. Volunteers should bring work gloves, sunscreen, yard tools, drinks and snacks, and a smile.
- **Walking and Wagging Dog Walk-a-thon** – 9 am, Cannon Park, Pinehurst. Benefits Moore Humane Society, 3K dog walk, dog costume & talent contest, music, pick-a-prize auction, adopt-a-thon, low cost rabies vaccines, micro-chipping, arts-n-crafts, face painting, & kids photos with their canines. Admission free; \$15 registration fee for 3K. First 100 receive T-shirt & goody bag. Pre-reg-

istration forms available [www.moorehumane.org](http://www.moorehumane.org)

- **Moore County Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk** – 10 am, Southern Pines Park. Registration at 9 am, ribbon cutting at 10 am. All proceeds support Alzheimer's Association. Walkers & volunteers are wanted. Information, 695-

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

- **Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church 154th Homecoming** – 11 am, Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Jackson Springs. Worship leaders will be co-pastors Myron and Barbara Dice with Potter's Will providing special gospel music. Following worship, dinner on the grounds will be held. Everyone is invited.

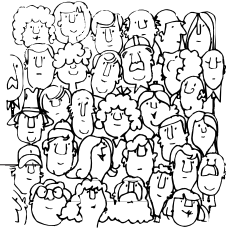
• **Weymouth**

**Woods: Snakes of the Sandhills** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Snakes are creatures of great beauty to some and absolute dread to others. Learn to recognize venomous snakes and non-venomous.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

- **Breast Cancer Awareness Golf Tournament** – Beacon Ridge CC. Sponsored by BR Ladies Golf Assoc. for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Lunch following

## What's When Calendar



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• **SLCC**

**Barn Dance Country Night** – 5:30 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club. Have you ever watched line dancing and wish you knew how to do it? Now is your chance to learn. You do not have to be a member to attend. The Countryside Kickers/Fred & Ro Lord will teach "beginners" line dancing, intermixed w/couple's and shag dancing. Cocktails 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm country buffet. Member's \$26 inclusive; Non-Members \$31. Reservations 673-1100.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

- **Master Gardener Training** – 9:00 am – 12 pm, Agricultural Center, Carthage. Classes cover practical aspects of gardening and landscaping emphasizing sustainable and organic methods. \$65 materials fee. Classes held Tuesday & Thursday mornings through November 18. Space is limited. 947-3188.
- **League of Women Voters Luncheon Meeting** – 11:30 am, Table on the Green, Midland Country Club, Pinehurst. Speaker, Steve Bouser, Editor of The Pilot. Public is welcome to attend. Lunch \$12. Reservations, 944-9611.
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association General**



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### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- **Project Linus Blanket Workshop** - 10 am-3 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Fall and winter months always increase the demand for Project Linus blankets. Help make blankets for children in need in the Sandhills/Moore County area. Fleece tying, blankets to be inspected, and Project Linus labels to be sewn. Flannel blanket kits and quick quilt kits ready to check out & take home for completion. Pat Weber 673-1457 or weberconsult@nc.rr.com
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association Open Meeting** – 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- **Junior Tennis Tournament** – 4 pm, Seven Lakes Country Club Tennis Facility. Limited to sixty-four entries in four flights, event continues Saturday and Sunday. Tournament is USTA sanctioned. Participating players will be from North Carolina or South Carolina.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- **Weymouth Woods: Bird Walk** – 8 am, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. Join the ranger for a 2 mile hike to look for birds. Bring binoculars, field guides, bug spray. Meet at

Visitor Center.

- **Fall Planting of Drought Tolerant Plants Workshop** – 10:30 am – 12 pm, Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road. By the Pinehurst Conservation Commission & The Greenway Trail Committee, emphasis on drought tolerant trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covers. Open to the public, no charge. Information, 295-1900.
- **Fun Dog Activity Day** – 10:30 am – 2:30 pm, Sunninghill Farm, 1650 Youngs Road, Southern Pines. Event benefits Companion Animal Clinic Foundation. Agility and obedience demos. \$10 fee/car, \$5 fee/class. Information, Wendy Preble 245-3056, or Cynthia Williams 245-1230.
- **Cooking with Carmela** – 1 pm, West Side Park Community Center. Learn to make easy, elegant, make-ahead breakfast and brunch Dishes Cost \$12.50. Registration, 673-5314.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- **Weymouth Woods: Birds, Blooms and Butterflies** – 3 pm, Weymouth Woods, Southern Pines. September at Weymouth Woods means lots of blazing stars, blue chaffseeds, asters, goldenrod, and many other Fall wild flowers. Take a closer look, at the flowers, & the creatures that visit them – butterflies and birds.
- **Ushers Anniversary: Belford Baptist Church** – 3 pm, Belford Baptist Church, Windblow Road, Jackson Springs. Rev. Daniel Scott of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rockingham is the guest speaker.
- **Adult Academy: Theology of Grace** – 4 pm, West End Presbyterian Church Crawford Center, West End. Sponsored by West End Presbyterian Church & the Chapel in the Pines, Dr. Douglas F. Ottati of Davidson College will present a program on The Theology of Grace. Light refresh-

ments. Open to the public.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- **Literacy Council: Tutor Orientation** – 1 pm, Emmanuel Episcopal Church Youth House, 385 E Indiana in Southern Pines. 12 hour workshops for volunteers to become adult tutors. Tutor training workshop held Tuesday, October 7 & Thursday, October 9, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration, 692-2954 pammcl@nc.rr.com

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

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# Lawn maintenance in the Sandhills

Rainfall and frequent showers have graced the Sandhills during the past three weeks. During Tropical Storm Hanna, according to my rain gauge, we received some five inches rainfall and following Hanna another 1.5 inches were measured.

These showers were desperately needed and have greatly improved soil moisture levels and significantly raised our lakes levels. This has renewed and rejuvenated interests in landscape gardening.

## Lawn Maintenance

Numerous questions have been asked about lawn maintenance:

Should I completely renovate it by starting over, spot reseed now; re-sod, or spot sod? Most have decided what type of lawn they desire, a Summer one or a permanent year-round one if possible. A beautiful year-round lawn requires considerable time, work, and attention to details such as abundant water, enough fertilizer, and control of weeds, diseases, and insects. Here are a few suggestions which hopefully will be of assistance.

First, obtain soil samples: it's a free service. Information and soil sampling kits are available from the Moore County Cooperative Extension Service. Their office is located in the Agricultural Building in Carthage. Once you have collected samples, return them to the Extension Office which will send them to the NC Department of Agriculture Laboratory in Raleigh, where samples will be analyzed for limestone and fertility needs. The results will be mailed to you within a month.

In the absence of a soil test, and if your lawn hasn't been limed within a three-year period, use fifty pounds granular, powdered, or finely ground Dolomitic limestone per 1,000 square feet of lawn.

**Bermuda grass:** Mowing height should be raised a half inch to protect it from Winter injury only if the lawn will not be over-seeded with Rye grass. If you plan to over-seed, mowing height should remain the same. Fertilization should be reduced to half to one pound per 1,000 square feet which means if you are using a 10-10-10- lawn spe-

cial broadcast, five to ten pounds per 1,000 square feet prior to the first frost.

**Zoysia grass:** Should be treated similar to Bermuda grass, however, fertilized less. Two and a half pounds to five pounds rate the same analysis as Bermuda per 1,000 square feet is enough. It is recommended that one not over-seed Zoysia with Rye grass although few desire to

be applied at this time. Use potassium at the rate of 4.5 pounds which you can obtain from 0-0-22 or two pounds of 0-0-50 per 1,000 square feet of lawn. Do not over-seed Centipede grass because it will kill, severely damage, or destroy the stand.

**Tall Fescue:** Perhaps the most commonly grown permanent or cool-season grass in the Sandhills, Tall Fescue requires part to full shade, adequate water, and has moderate tolerance to hot weather and drought. Tall

Fescue should be mowed at heights of 2.5 to three inches during the growing season. September is a good time to make the first application of fertilizer, however, it is recommended to take a soil sample before fertil-

(See "Gardening" p. 23)



## Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

do it. Over-fertilization and over-seeding often damages the stand.

**Centipede grass:** Continue to mow to a height of one inch. A few weeks before frost, around October 15, raise mowing height to 1.5 inches. No nitrogen should

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# Digital TV is coming! Are you ready?

by Betsy Mikula

Seven Lakes Computer Club

By law, on February 17, 2009, full power TV stations in the United States will stop broadcasting on analog airwaves and transition to broadcasting in dig-

ital only. Digital broadcasting will improve picture and sound quality and enable additional channels.

After a summer hiatus, The Computer Club of Seven Lakes resumed its meetings on Tues-

day, September 9 with a discussion of digital television by featured speakers Leonard Utley and David Little from Best Buy.

Their challenge was to explain the transition to digital television technology and what you

would need to know before shopping for a digital television. Utley and Little explained how digital television is received on personal computer as view live TV, record live TV, and stream video from internet.

There are three ways you can prepare for the digital transition: Buy a converter box [The government has a converter box coupon program that allows each household to receive up to two coupons, worth \$40.00 each, to apply towards the purchase of the converter boxes]; subscribe to cable or satellite service; or buy a TV with a digital tuner.

There was a lively discussion throughout the meeting with excellent questions asked...and expert answers received. [However, this poor writer failed to

follow all the intricacies of the topic.]

If you already have cablevision or satellite, you do not have to do anything. The transition will be automatic. The only people who will have to do something are those who use an antenna or rabbit ears.

On February 17, 2009 digital television will replace most analog over-the-air broadcasts. Will you be ready?

## Gardening

(Continued from page 23)

izing. Generally a lawn special, such as 10-10-10, at ten pounds per 1,000 square feet in mid-September will keep the grass growing throughout the Winter. September is also the time for re-seeding, spot seeding, sodding, or improving your Fescue lawn.

It is recommended that Bermuda, Zoysia, and Centipede seeding, sodding, renovation, and improvement of Tall Fescue lawns be done during the early Spring, after the danger of freezing weather and frost.

### Other gardening tips:

September is a good time for controlling those bothersome broadleaf weeds in your lawn and other spots in your landscape. There are several weed killers in your garden center, sold under various trade names; Image, Weed-B-Gone, atrazine, Benvel

D, and many others. Follow all labels specifically and keep the products out of our lakes.

If you plan to relocate any shrubs or small trees this Winter, root prune them now to make the move less stressful.

September is the time for testing and treating grub worms. Testing for grub worms can be performed by cutting and digging under the sod. If they are present, eight to ten in a square foot of sod, treatment is necessary. It's time to treat because they are small and near the surface of the

soil. Sevin is the most readily available, safest, and recommended to do the job.

Check your houseplants and repot any that are root-bound. Doing it now will give the plants a little more time to grow new roots and become established before they are moved indoors for Winter.

**Suggested vegetable plantings for September:** mustard greens; onion seed, sets, or plants; radishes; lettuce; spinach; and other leafy green seeds.



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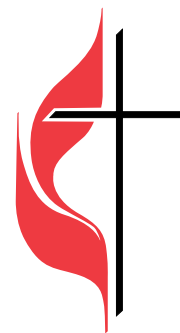
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# Rev. Dr. Namkoong speaks at Kiwanis

A most interesting speaker, the Rev. Dr. Won Namkoong, pastor of the West End United Methodist Church, was the featured guest for the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meeting held on Tuesday, September 9.

Born in Korea, up through his high school years he was exposed almost entirely to Buddhism and Confucianism. During a stint in the Army from 1978-81, Dr. Namkoong was baptized as a Christian and his life took a turn in a different direction. After college he originally wanted to serve in the Federal Govern-

ment, but after passing the very difficult written exam for government work, he failed the oral exam because of statements favoring democracy. It was at that time he felt a call to the ministry, and enrolled in a seminary in Korea. After three months in the Seminary he dropped out when he discovered that the head of the school had embezzled much of the school's funds.

After working for a power company in Korea for eight years, Dr. Namkoong worked his way to the states and ended up at Duke Divinity School in 1993. After

graduation he served in churches in North Carolina, eventually becoming a District Superintendent. He preferred the work in local churches, however, and subsequently was transferred to his current assignment in West End.

Dr. Namkoong has a wonder-

ful sense of humor, and his doctoral dissertation was written on, of all things, "Humor in the Pulpit." His philosophy in life rests with the cultivation of strong and permanent relationships with spouse, family, friends, self, and God. His humor and happy disposition was evident through-

out his talk, and he captured the attention of the entire audience. Sunday mornings at his church must be joyful occasions.

The Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Seven Lakes Country Club. Visitors are always welcome.

## 7 Lakes Chapel in the Pines Rummage Sale is October 18

Make plans to shop at the "New to You" rummage sale sponsored by the Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, to be held Saturday, October 18 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. All proceeds benefit the Community Christmas Fund to purchase gifts for needy families in Moore County and food vouchers for Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter meals.

Donations of house wares, jewelry, sporting goods, computers, televisions, toys, and more are needed. Clothing items must be clean and sized. Trucks will be available to pick up large items of furniture. Please deliver all donations to the Old West

End Gym on Friday, October 17 between 7:30 am and noon.

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# Methodists celebrate 154th Homecoming

On Sunday, September 21, Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church will celebrate its 154th Homecoming.

Worship leaders will be Myron and Barbara Dice, Co-Pastors with Potter's Will providing special gospel music beginning at 11:00 am.

Following worship, a dinner on the grounds will be held. All persons are cordially invited to this historic celebration.

In about 1820, Pleasant Hill's first church was a small building located on the land owned by Tabathia Copeland near Jackson Springs.

The structure of the first church was of logs, and had one wooden window and one glass window. It was also used as the

Ritter School.

This gives the church the distinction of being the oldest church in the Sandhills Circuit and was originally known as Fair Promise.

In 1854, Jesse Thomas donated two acres of land for the church. The present Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church was planned in size and height by the Rev. Woolsey for acoustical reasons.

The church was built with two

doors, one for the ladies and one for the men to enter. The ladies sat on the right side of the church while the men sat on the left side.

A church cemetery was developed in 1863 with Mary Jane Thomas being its first person to be laid to rest.

In 1917, the first Biscoe Circuit was organized for the following churches: Biscoe, Candor, Star, Marcus, and Pleasant Hill. Today

all of these churches are a part of the Sanford District of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Churches.

In 1946, two more acres of land were bought from Murphy Cole. As part of this purchase, he donated an additional three-fourths of an acre for additional cemetery space.

Several Sunday school rooms were added along with a Fel-

lowship Hall in 1958. A vestibule was constructed in 1966.

Currently Eagle Springs, Marcus, and Pleasant Hill make up the three-point charge known as the Sandhills Circuit. Regular Sunday worship at Pleasant Hill begins at 9:00 am, Eagles Springs at 10:00 am, and Marcus at 11:15 am. Youth meet at Marcus at 6:00 pm every Wednesday.

## Smorgasbord! Get your ticket!

The West End United Methodist Church Women will hold their Annual Fall Smorgasbord Dinner at the West End church on Friday, October 24 at 6:00 pm.

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And here's the kicker – Cooper isn't number one or even two, he's kid three!

So allow me to stop for a moment and give props, that is proper respect, to Coop's 'rents for not adhering to the old standby: you know, hundreds of pictures of your firstborn and a few of the second. Heck, any kids after that are lucky to find a photo predating their first day of Kindergarten.

Though by week's end, I expect my friend's new little bundle of joy will exit the hospital ward like a hounded paparazzi darling, shielding himself from flashbulbs with his baby blanket before diving into a waiting limo — or minivan, as the case may be — another hapless victim of modern conveyance and convenience.

Yes, I blame technology.

Once upon a long lost time, say about ten years ago, film was an expensive, precious, and finite resource. For most events, you had twenty-four shots or less to get your picture right: a bar set way too high to assure success. Trust me, with a shelf full of family albums featuring timeless

moments forever documented with half-closed eyes, turned heads, and open mouths, I speak from experience.

The purchase of my first digital camera freed me from the misery of scrapbooking yet another lousy photograph, or worse, developing print after print of the inside of my purse. Yeah, yeah, yeah, I know — put the lens cap back on! But that early digital, while handy, had a very limited memory.

Not that this was a bad thing.

Digital gadgets have evolved to store hundreds of images. Kids born into today's media savvy, digitally-mastered universe will have their every milestone documented and Photo-

shopped to perfection. Red eyes, corrected; sky not blue enough, no problem; blurry image, delete.

It kind of makes me wonder

straggly red hair, and a standard issue horrid school uniform. Maybe some historical revision is in order — get rid of the dress, straight-

en the hair, airbrush the knees and freckles . . . voila.

On second thought, perhaps not: I'd probably

end up looking like an Olsen twin.

Instead I think I'll just busy myself surfing my email — 108 photos to go.



### Laura's Learning Curve

Laura Douglass

about that iconic Kindergarten picture. Will they be so memorable if they aren't so inherently bad?

Mine reflects a tomboy's existence, with an overabundance of freckles on skinny bashed knees,

## Decision to hire CAS was a good one

Dear Editor:

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] has executed a management contract with Community Association Services, Inc. [CAS].

Following a short transition period, much of the operating work now done by our volunteer board directors will be handled by CAS personnel. Thus the board can remain very active while concentrating on: a) respon-

sibility for member interests, and b) corporate governance. I hear strong landowner endorsement of the CAS contract, along with a bit of apprehension relating to certain contractual possibilities.

In the last SLWLA monthly meeting, I was able to pass on the experience of a neighboring community which has been, and still is being, served by CAS, hoping that it might allay any reservation our people might

have for the change. A member of that association's board, a family friend, described their working relationship with CAS as very favorable. She stated that their board is now relieved of operating work and can focus on appropriate board functions without any compromise of control.

Their experience with the CAS manager, who will now be assigned to us, is rated tops in professional quality, performance, and integrity. While regret-

ting their loss of Joan Frost, they are happy for her as she

assumes the challenges of managing the affairs of Seven Lakes West, the largest of any of the ten other communities of similar

nature in Moore County. She feels we are quite fortunate to have Joan assigned to us.

Let's give Joan [pronounced Joanne] a warm welcome as

she takes the reins.

Also, I propose a toast to our dedicated directors and their foresight and professional efforts to make Seven Lakes West's future even brighter than ever.

Our support is earned and always helpful.

Gus Danielson  
Seven Lakes West

### Letters to the Editor



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## Happy for the slip!

Dear Editor:

We would like to openly thank Mary Anne Fewkes for her dedication to the evolution of Johnson's Point Marina. We have been on a waiting list for three and a half years, finally made it to the top, and have our boat docked safely in the marina.

Boating, fishing, and socializing are among our greatest pleasures in life and what brought us to Seven Lakes West after reading about it in *NC Boating*

*Lifestyle* magazine. Now many of my friends and colleagues are green with envy.

I ask and encourage anyone who does not use their boat routinely [or ever], to call Mary Anne and surrender the slip. This will definitely bring great joy and satisfaction, to the anxiously awaiting boating families, that we experienced this summer.

Darrin and Lisa Cutrell  
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ing that place just below your dog's left ear, though the last pooch you had was twenty years

awake, without thinking about, or doing, anything. Try it.

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## Why outsource landscaping?

*Dear Editor:*

I believe it's time to take a look at our maintenance dept that Bud Shaver is overseeing.

Shaver says that his people are too busy to do landscaping, etc. Sally Kindsvatter wants landscaping done by outsourcing it.

Yet our budget lists two departments within maintenance: streets & grounds and clubhouse & grounds. Below is the breakdown of the combined budget that our community manager furnishes.

Total Budget (both depts.)	\$303,695
Salaries, bonuses, FICA, IRA, Health Ins.	\$205,345
Balance	\$98,350
Utilities	\$17,300
Gasoline	\$11,000
Debris Yard	\$24,000
Fire Works (July 4)	\$6,950
Balance	\$59,250

Maybe Treasurer Denny Galford can explain to Shaver and Kindsvatter why we spend two thirds of the maintenance budget on employee salaries, bonus-

es, etc. for how many employees (four full time and three part time?) And all they can do is mow the grass?

We have spent money on the gazebo's at the lakes to be refurbished by an outside source. The North and South side guard houses were repainted, etc. by an outside source. We paid for this!

This leaves less than \$40,000 for every day items such as telephones, supplies, repairs, etc.

Two thirds of the maintenance budget goes to employees yet all they can do is mow grass? Why can't they landscape, plant, etc.?

Is Mr. Shaver advocating shutting down maintenance and outsourcing all of this? Again, this is a lot of money for mowing the grass isn't it?

I haven't seen Mr. Galford or Mr. Shaver come forward with the above information for the landowners. They say they want things open, above board, and they don't have anything to hide. You be the judge!

I'm very sorry I missed the last open meeting. I was told Mr. Galford had a scarecrow doll to

show off. It must have been real entertaining.

I simply ask, don't we need to get our expenses in line before talking about raising our dues?

*Steve Hudson*  
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This is the second of a two-part workshop presented by Master Gardener Volunteers Dolores Muller and Mike Zihal. They will provide information on plants that survive best when planted in Autumn and that do well in the dry conditions of the Sandhills. The emphasis will be on trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covers.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 27 from 10:30 am to noon in the Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road. The event is open to the public at no charge. Please arrive early because setting is limited. For information, call 295-1900.

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## Sports Club makes donation to CERT

The Seven Lakes West Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] held its second social with spouses and interested guests on September 3. Terry Riddle, CERT Program Manager, was presented an additional gift of \$500 from Ron McGaughey, a member of the Lake Auman Sports Club Board.

Because of the support from the Lake Auman Sports Club, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association, and the recent raffle, CERT was able to purchase a utility trailer on September 11. The team will now quickly move forward to ensure it is properly equipped should the community or other areas in

Moore County need assistance in disaster recovery and/or search and rescue.

Riddle said that it had been a long road and the support received made it possible for those who have volunteered to make a difference. Riddle and Bill Carl, CERT Field Manager, are also looking for significant growth in CERT membership in the community. There will be a recruiting drive this Fall for training in February – March 2009.

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Board

recently provided significant assistance to CERT by making it a committee under the board, providing CERT a number of benefits that it would have otherwise had to pursue on its own.



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# Dishner named Club Manager at CCNC

The Country Club of North Carolina [CCNC] has filled a key position of its executive team with the hiring of Seven Lakes resident Kathee Dishner as club manager. Dishner came to CCNC in July after eleven years as vice president of operations for Signet Golf Associates in Pinehurst, a golf management firm. Prior to that, she was resort manager at Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club for ten years.

Dishner, a resident of Seven Lakes West, was among nearly three dozen candidates interviewed for the club manager position. She impressed the club's leadership with her extensive background in manage-

ment, attention to detail, and team-oriented approach to operations.

"We had several criteria in mind — excellent communication skills, high integrity, and a good background from a knowledge standpoint. Kathee was outstanding in all categories," said Dick Schwob, chairman of the house committee. "We felt she would bring to the Country Club of North Carolina exactly what we wanted in terms of a club manager, and we've been excited and elated with her performance so far."

Dishner joins a senior management team that includes CFO Joann Phillips and director of golf Jeff Dotson. In her new role, she oversees clubhouse operations, member relations, the food & beverage department, maintenance, housekeeping,

the pool & tennis center, and security.

"The Country Club of North Carolina is steeped in tradition and has a stellar reputation," said Dishner. "I feel very fortunate to be working for such a prestigious club."

Dishner said she is most excited about focusing on one facility after directing operations at a number of golf clubs throughout the Southeast for Signet Golf.

"I've been in the Pinehurst area twenty-two years and this is the right fit," she said. "It allows me to utilize my hands-on approach to management for a

single organization as opposed to spreading it across several golf clubs."

A Virginia native, she holds a degree in communications from James Madison University. She and her husband, Jess, have two daughters: Brandee [26] and Brittney [20].

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**Kathee Dishner**

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"Easy, Elegant, Make-ahead Breakfast and Brunch Dishes for You and Your Guests" is the theme for Saturday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m.

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The cooking programs are held at the Westside Park Community Center in Seven Lakes West and are sponsored by the West Side Recreation Committee.

Registration will begin on Thursday, September 18, and continue until the program is filled. Registration is limited.

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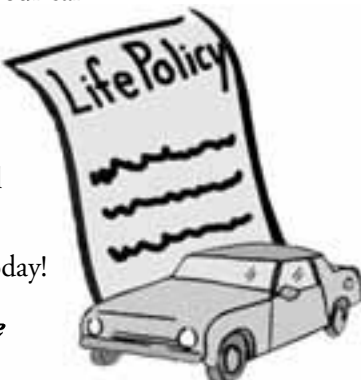
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# Commissioners

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to table the motion until the Manager and County Attorney could confer on the matter further.

The fact that the matter was on a Special Meeting agenda for Thursday suggests the Manager will once again seek Board approval of the proclamation.

## Seven Lakes VFD Applaud-ed

Earlier in the meeting, the Commissioners formally recognized the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and the Eagle Spring Fire Department for improving their fire insurance ratings, which should lead to lower insurance rates for homeowners in the departments' service areas.

The Seven Lakes Squad improved their rating from a seven to a six. According to data provided in the Commissioners meeting packets, that could translate into a fifteen to twenty-percent premium reduction.

The Commissioners commended "the dedication and hard work of the men and women of the Seven Lakes Volunteer Fire Department."

Seven Lakes Fire Chief Cal Loy, accepting the commendation on behalf of the squad, thanked the Board of Commissioners for "supporting our budget requests over the years so that we have been able to purchase equipment and improve our rating." Loy said he hoped the Board would continue to support future requests, so that the squad could continue to improve and make the next step to a five rating.

The Eagle Springs squad improved its rating from a nine to an eight.

## Other Business:

In other business during it's Monday, September 15 meeting, the Moore County Board of Commissioners:

- Approved an amendment to the county's Fiscal Year 2006 Scattered Site Housing Grant Program, which provides for repair or replacement of sub-standard housing for low-income residents. The allocation federally-funded grant was modified to allow the county to relocate a fifth family under the FY 2006 Grant.
- Called a public hearing for Monday, October 6 on a conditional use rezoning that of a five acre site on US 1 from Highway Commercial (B-2) to Heavy Commercial (I-2). Planning Director Joey Raczkoski said the goal was to allow an organic fruit packer to occupy an unused building in time to satisfy holiday orders from retailers. The Planning Board has not yet considered the rezoning request, but will do so in a special meeting on the morning of October 6.
- Approved an amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance

affecting the make-up of the Subdivision Review Board, which includes in its membership representatives of various county departments, e.g., public health, planning, etc. The revised ordinance would allow departments to be represented by alternates in SRB meetings when the regular representative is unavailable.

- Approved an amendment to

the by-laws of the Aging Advisory Council to extend the term of Board members to three years instead of two years.

- Appointed five new members to the Aging Advisory Board, including Carolyn Mealing, Mary Price, and Pauline Taylor of Seven Lakes West. Also appointed were Lois Holt of Southern Pines and Jewell

Vest of West End. Three additional members are expected to be appointed during the October 6 Commissioners meeting.

- Deferred two recommended appointments to the Library Board of Trustees because both recommended appointees had served more than the two terms of office called for in the Library by-laws.

## Course will help families of those with mental illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Moore County [NAMI-MC] is offering the eleven-week "Family to Family" course beginning Tuesday, September 23. The course is free for family members of close relatives with mental illness.

Attendees will learn of all current information about the severe and persistent mental illnesses, up-to-date information about medications, and current research. They will also gain empathy by understanding the subject, lived experiences of a

person with a mental illness while learning in special workshops about problem solving, listening, and communication techniques.

Attendees will be given strategies for handling crises and relapse, all the while learning how to cope with the worry, stress, and emotional overload of being a caregiver. They will be given guidance on locating appropriate support and services within our community, and informa-

tion on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand services.

Teachers are Marianne Kernan, NAMI-Moore County President and Ellen Airs, co-chairs of NAMI-MC's forthcoming Pathway to Awareness Weekend.

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# Foxfire

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Council meeting on Tuesday, September 9, that reopening the road would require \$10,000 in legal fees to remove the existing injunction; \$10,000-\$15,000 to complete a traffic study; \$15,000-\$20,000 in project design costs; and an estimated \$394,500 to widen Hoffman Road for turn lanes, installation of overhead lighting, new signs and road striping, and rebuilding 500 feet of roadway at the South Shamrock entrance.

"When this [proposal] was brought to my attention by people who want the gate open, I thought it was my duty to research the issue," said Councilman Vic Koos. "This question comes up all the time and it's time to make clear if the village wants to open the road what has to be done."

Currently, the gate can only be opened by Foxfire Police during an emergency. The Council discussed whether the manual gate could be improved by installing a solar-powered electric lock. However, Councilwoman Page Coker reported police and emergency vehicles opt to travel the longer open road route rather than chance a gate malfunction which would delay response time.

Koos responded that, if the gate were going to remain, he wanted to ensure it functioned properly and would open in the event of an emergency.

Resident Jack Olsen suggested if the gates remain, they should be remodeled using a similar design as stone entrances at Reynwood and Grande Pines.

"That gate is tragic! It should represent the image of Foxfire," said Olsen. "I have no problem with the gate but it should be looked at as an asset rather than a liability."

Mayor George Erickson said that any action on whether to open the gate at this juncture will be voted on during the Tuesday, October 14 meeting.

During Public Comment, Ruth Holroyd requested that the petition, containing the original signatures of those opposing the project, be included in the meeting minutes. Councilmen Ed Lauer and Wally Peckitt argued such an attachment was redundant and unnecessary because the petition would be placed on

file alongside previous documentation on the Shamrock gate. However after discussion, the Council granted the request in a 3-2 split vote.

## Progress Energy

A thirty-year franchise service agreement between Foxfire Village and Progress Energy, formerly Carolina Power & Light, will expire in November.

"Progress just celebrated 100 years in business and we come to you with a history of service," said Community Relations Manager Andy Honeycutt.

Attending the meeting along with two regional executives, Honeycutt requested the Council approve a new sixty-year service agreement — a long term investment that he said is frequently approved by municipalities and a length of time which provides for strong lenders and financing options.

"We operate a \$9 billion dollar budget. This business is very expensive and our assets are expensive and require maintenance by highly trained personnel," explained Honeycutt.

The Council approved the

sixty-year agreement unanimously, including all restrictions and conditions as drafted in the original contract.

In a related discussion, Village Clerk Janice Thomas has identified eighty Foxfire utility customers whose accounts had been incorrectly coded as residing outside corporate limits. Municipal customers are eligible to receive benefits of gross receipts and as such, these accounts may apply for a three-year drawback on taxes, amounting to a total of \$10,000 in unplanned revenue.

## Annexation

Preliminary resolutions for three areas requesting annexation received unanimous support from the Council. [A final vote will be conducted during a Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24.]

The largest parcel requesting annexation represents thirteen property owners in the Grande Pines subdivision. The other two areas correspond to four rural tracts; one in Reynwood Vista, the other located at Richmond Road South.

A resident asked what would be the ramifications of adding these lots and homes to the Foxfire Water System.

"Slim to none," responded Lauer. "100 homes annexed would not have an impact now....We've never used our total capacity of village water."

Lauer said the Council was vigilant and would not jeopardize any member of community through annexation.

"We've already made arrangements that . . . if we can no longer . . . continue to grow, then we will join the county [water system]," said Lauer. "We're not looking at this blind."

Councilman Peckitt said tax revenue from the annexed properties would exceed any expenses incurred by the village.

## Finance

Two resolutions necessary to progress with financing the Woodland Circle Extension project were approved by the Council. Specifically, the resolutions detailed a declaration of official intent to reimburse the maximum principal amount not to exceed \$2.6 million; and authorization to apply for a financing agreement.

"The proposed contract is necessary because property owners [on Woodland Circle] have petitioned the village to complete road paving and utilities with the understanding that they will be assessed for all expenses," said Peckitt. "There will be no increase in taxes [resulting from the project]."

Project Manager Tom Collins

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## Foxfire

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reported the public bid opening would be held in mid-September with at least nine competitive bids expected.

If the bids are higher than the engineers estimate, a number held secret during the bid process, the project will be halted for review.

In response to a concerned resident's question, Mayor Erickson reiterated that all costs incurred for the project, whether the road is built or not, would be assessed to the property owners directly affected by, and who requested, the extension.

Peckitt reported the General Fund at \$148,678; Water Fund at \$72,556, plus \$266,000 earmarked for water with \$134,547 restricted for construction of a new well.

### Zoning

Zoning Administrator Mimi Ainsworth reported twenty-seven homes for sale plus nine condominiums or townhouses listed. Three permits were issued last month; one in the Extra-territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] for a carport, the other two for fences.

### Park Committee

Appointed in 2004 to serve as chair of an Ad hoc committee charged with applying for a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund [PARTF] grant, Jack Olsen recommended the Council formally disband his group

and reorganize an official Park Committee with appointed members and a clearly defined mission statement.

"The success of the Village Green is more than any of us imagined," said Olsen. "More people are getting more use out of it...the park is a real asset to the community."

Olsen said his committee felt it was the appropriate time for the Council to hire a Parks Director, a position that could identify and assemble expenses and a budget.

"Right now we have the Village Green and the pool area and some pocket parks. I want to have it all coordinated by one person and suggest a fee schedule be drafted for outside groups to use our facilities," said Olsen.

He also recommended that a process or parks foundation should be formalized to accept contributions.

Olsen reported last year's PARTF application would be resubmitted, however, he said the committee was not confident that a new application for a Phase 2 project at the Village Green was worth pursuing.

"We looked at the survey from last year and the next biggest thing people want is a community center," said Olsen. "With a maximum grant of \$500,000, the committee didn't feel we could undertake the project. You won't get an awful lot of building for that amount of money."

### Planning Board

On behalf of the Planning Board, Craig Ramey requested the Council review two ordinances, one concerned fuel tanks and the other for upkeep of properties, and also recommended implementing changes to the PUD ordinance.

Specifically, Ramey reported some confusion in the ordinance where three districts were stated but could, in fact, apply to all ten districts.

Amendments to the PUD ordinance will be voted on during a Special Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30 pm.

## Golf Capital Chorus concert tickets on sale

The Golf Capital Chorus will present its annual show at 7:00 pm on Saturday, November 1 at the Pinecrest High School Auditorium.

Director Bruce Blanton will lead the chorus as it performs traditional barbershop songs like "Aura Lee" and "Kentucky Babe," and more up tempo arrangements like "Down by the Riverside" and an Armed Forces medley.

Popular quartets and the Pinecrest High School Glee Club will also perform.

The annual show's theme is "Neighbors and Friends," and

will include a performance by featured guest quartet, Vocal Spectrum, the 2006 International Gold Medal Champions.

The Golf Capital Chorus has raised nearly a quarter of a million dollars in the past, all donated to local charities.

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SLLA Work Session

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live in Chicago or Seven Lakes,” said Community Manager Dalton Fulcher during a brief presentation of the proposed changes.

However, the By-law revision will have no effect on the existing requirement that candidates to the Board of Directors be full-time owner-occupants.  
“This change simplifies the process and is easy to understand. There won’t be any questions about who can or can’t vote,” said President Randy Zielsdorf.

**Donations**  
Picking up on a suggestion made last year, the board approved another change that will affect the 2009 election and registration process. Originally proposed as a way to raise funds for the Northside Park playground, the Board agreed to include a line on the dues registration form giving landowners the option to contribute additional funds towards the association.

“I like the idea,” said Director Sally Kindsvatter reminding the Board that the Seven Lakes Country Club fountain in the lake was a memorial gift. “We should have a fund. It does not have to be specific, but we have had requests...The gift is not to the association but to the people of Seven Lakes.”

Treasurer Denny Galford said he did not want to solicit funds but was amenable to accepted donations.

Director Don Welch agreed.  
“I think there are persons who believe our dues are so small and they want so much more for this community that they are willing to make a donation for such-and-such,” said Welch. “Adding a line [on registration forms] won’t cost the Board anything and will provide an opportunity not present now.”

Fulcher said registration was a busy time for office staff but agreed any additional work could be handled and that he would revise the form to allow for contributions.

**Drainage**  
An interim drainage policy drafted by ARB Chair Sally Kindsvatter, Maintenance Director Bud Shaver, and Fulcher received preliminary approval as policy, pending legal counsel review, during a Special Open Meeting vote which was conducted immediately following the Work Session.

The newly drafted policy is very similar in language to a previous one, revoked by the former board in an effort to limit association liability of undeveloped lots with poor drainage.  
“Basically it says we don’t have any responsibility to correct natural drainage problems,” explained Kindsvatter, “but we do have responsibility for controlled drainage from common or recreation areas. When a landowner has bought a house, he tacitly accepts conditions that were present when the house was bought.”

A full draft of the policy is posted on the website and will be published in the Interlake.

In related discussion, the Board discussed road curbing requests and how modifications to the road affects drainage.

“Curbing changes the contour and where water goes,” said Kindsvatter. “People need to be aware that putting in or removing curbing changes water flow.”

Director Gary Caulk agreed and said, at his request, curbing was put along the road in front of his house and later caused major drainage problems in his yard.

Shaver recommended that, prior to commencing work, landowners should be briefed

by staff or the Maintenance Committee on potential problems or issues that may arise if the water flow is altered.

Fulcher said approximately

eighty percent of curbing requests are for installation across driveways to prevent gravel from washing away, rather than long curbing areas which would affect

drainage.  
The Board agreed that all curbing requests should be documented and reported in case  
(See “SLLA,” p. 34)

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drainage problems result at a later date.

## Devonshire storm drain

A large storm drain on Devonshire Avenue, near the Chapel in the Pines, was installed to control drainage but, as described by Kindsvatter, "That ugly thing looks like a fortress!"

Fulcher said he will work with the builder to reduce the size of the drain without compromising function.

"It's a safety problem and an appearance problem," said Fulcher.

## Vandalism and Security

Frequent petty vandalism continues at recreation areas in Seven Lakes and the Board discussed various ways the association could respond, including a proposed reward system and prosecution through Judicial Committee and the court system.

"The majority of kids here are good," said Shaver. "But there are a half dozen or so who aren't."

He reported that the swimming ladder at Sequoia Point was recently ripped off maliciously twice in a ten day period.

"Don't tell me people don't know who is doing this," said Shaver. "The community needs to be informed. This costs maintenance time and money to go out and replace. So be advised, if we catch your kid, you will be notified and in an awkward position!"

The Board also discussed options of how to handle verbal abuse of security staff and whether limits could be placed

on allowing minors to call guests into the gates. Community rules and regulations stipulate that landowners are responsible for their guests.

Fulcher said that the gate guards would not be able to enforce whether the caller was an adult or minor.

Zielsdorf asked Caulk to have the Security Committee review and make recommendations on

rules and policies.

"I want to know what kind of teeth do our security people have," said Zielsdorf.

## Older Homes

Zielsdorf said he has been contacted by several residents and builders who would be interested in purchasing and renovating older, cottage-size homes that were popular in the early

years of Seven Lakes development.

"If we ignore these old homes, it's going to get worse. It is the incremental decay [of the community] that I worry about," said Zielsdorf.

Director Don Welch said the Board's role should not be direct involvement but rather to encourage interested parties to place enterprising advertisements in the newspaper.

## Bids for landscaping of common areas

Kindsvatter reported for the

Beautification Committee, an Ad hoc committee created last Spring in response to poorly maintained common areas. The group replanted and maintained the entrance flower beds to the Northside Pool and have cleaned up the landscape areas of Sequoia Point.

Kindsvatter said the committee has three quotes, ranging from \$5,000 - \$8,000 to replant shrubs and trees at Sequoia Point. She also reported that she has received a bid that would include all landscaping and maintenance.

(See "SLLA," p. 35)

## Nominating Committee wants younger folks

Newly appointed Nominating Committee Chair Bud Shaver, of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board of Directors, is looking for a few good people to serve.

"We need some diversity on this committee," explained Shaver. "The board is operating extremely well: we're attacking many things and are making some slow headway but trying to find additional people willing to run is difficult," said Shaver.

Charged with recruiting and determining candidate eligibility, the Nominating Committee is a short-term obligation through the Fall and early Winter.

Shaver said he is especially interested in speaking with younger Seven Lakes residents who would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

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five votes for Fewkes, one for Ron Shepard, and one abstention.

Tuton noted that, in his capacity as Interim Chairman, he would be voting only when necessary

to break a tie.

Haggard resigned his post and his seat on the Board this

past weekend, in an email to his fellow directors, saying he was resigning for personal rea-

sons.

"I feel we have an outstanding Board," Haggard told *The Times* in a brief interview, "and I have the highest respect for each of our Directors."

"But it's become clear this year that the chemistry just isn't quite right on the Board," Haggard continued. "The only way I knew to change the chemistry was to remove myself from the Board."

Haggard was elected to the Board in March 2007 and promptly elected President; he was re-elected to the post in April of this year.

Fewkes was elected to the Board in March 2006 and has served as its Lake and Environment Director since then. She was elected Vice President in April 2007 and was re-elected to the post in April 2008. Her

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big dams.

Director Don Truesdell said that much of the equipment used for maintenance is aging and will require substantial capital funding in the future to replace.

"We need to fundamentally address the issue of whether to continue to perform this work in-house or get out of the maintenance business altogether," said Truesdell.

Treasurer Denny Galford suggested the Board should meet for a long-term planning session to prioritize goals prior to making any decisions.

"All these little projects add up," said Galford. "Has the Board of Directors really analyzed whether shrubbery is more important than [renovating] mailboxes where there is dirty carpet and spider webs, or is it more important than a playground or walking path?"

Andy Lowe, a member of the Maintenance Committee, recommended the Board should engage in a cost study comparison of in-house versus outsourced work prior to making decisions. This type of study was most recently conducted by Truesdell in 2005, at which time he found that using in-house staff was more cost effective.

### Lakes & Dams

"My goal with Lakes & Dams is to complete a project list of what needs to be done...before discretionary items are approved we should have a long range budget in place for dams," said Truesdell.

He also recommended that three new safety rules should be implemented and enforced: Prohibit overnight beaching of boats; Restrict lake swimming to the beach and gazebo areas of Sequoia Point; and Prohibit diving from community property, except at designated area of pool.

### Other news

• Carolyn Follansbee of Seven Lakes North was recommended to the Judicial Committee by Chair Dave Kinney. The board will vote on her appointment during the September Open Meeting. An alternate committee member seat remains vacant.

• Northsider Ron Erskine addressed the board regarding an incident on Lake Sequoia involving a boater who may have been under the influence of alcohol. Security Director Gary Caulk said he had a full report; and, because the matter could result in legal proceedings, he recommended the board go into Closed Session immediately after the Work Session to discuss the incident.

• The Board approved a policy to provide a key for the SLLA patrol boat to county emergency

services including police, fire, and rescue. In the event of an emergency, such access would allow for a much shorter response time, explained Security Director Gary Caulk.

• Fulcher reported two of three anticipated bids were received for paving Yorkshire Court in Seven Lakes South. Resident Steve Smith had addressed the Board during the August Open Meeting requesting that the approved project, which had been stalled for many months, be prioritized. Fulcher said the new bids were considerably less than those received last year.

• Welch proposed amending the rules and regulations to place restrictions on utility trailers. He recommended modeling the policy language on the existing boat trailer restrictions.

• Shaver acknowledged and

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current term on the Board expires in March; she will be eligible to run for re-election to a second three-year term.

## Board statement

The Board voted to accept Haggard's resignation with regret during the Work Session and issued the following statement to that effect:

*The Board today at its regularly-scheduled Work Shop Session accepted with regret the resignation of Jim Haggard from the Board.*

*The Board expressed its appreciation to Jim for all his efforts on behalf of the Association. Ron Shepard, speaking for the Board during the discussion, thanked Jim for leading the Board in overcoming many challenges and for his tireless efforts.*

*Ron also praised Jim for forming a Board with excellent teamwork and harmony and said the future united efforts of the Board would be his legacy.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Tuton, Interim Chair*

## Replacement Director sought

Karen Milligan noted that it would be the Board's responsibility to name a new Director to serve out the eighteen months of Haggard's unexpired term and suggested inviting interested community members to let the Board know of their interest in serving.

The Board agreed that those interested should submit a resume to Tuton and noted that the director appointed would likely take over Fewkes responsibility for the Lake and Environment.

## Proposed Covenant Change

The Board tabled further action on a proposed covenant change that, if approved by two-thirds of the membership, would allow the conversion of Association-owned residential lots to public use. Director Tuton said the Board had received a significant amount of communication from members opposed to the change.

"I haven't heard anybody comment positively," Director MacKay added. "It seems to me we ought to table and take it to the

membership."

Noting that she serves as the Board's liaison to the Communication Committee, Director Milligan suggested that the committee host a community forum on the proposal. "We would be able to bring out all of the facts," Milligan said. "Some of the things that are being bandied about are not exactly the most accurate."

"It is a miscommunication to say that this Board is proposing a covenant change," she added. "The communication is that we are holding a discussion about this topic."

Director Silberhorn noted that the Long Range Planning Committee, which had proposed the idea to the Board, "kind of in hindsight wish they had gotten community feedback before coming to the Board."

After additional discussion the board asked the Long Range Planning Committee and Communication Committee to work together to host a community forum that would present accurate information about the proposal and gather input from members.

## Butterfly Court drainage

## problems

Infrastructure Director Ray MacKay told his fellow directors that he and Legal Director Ed Silberhorn would be meeting later the same day with residents of Butterfly Court -- a low-lying lakefront street that has been perennially plagued with flooding during heavy rains. MacKay said a pump system designed to alleviate the problem is working but cannot keep up with the flow of water into the area in times of heavy rains like those that accompanied Tropical Storm Hanna.

Noting that the pumps function

adequately during normal rainfall, Silberhorn said the rain from Hanna was "an extraordinary event." "We'll help them, but they need to help themselves as well," Silberhorn added.

MacKay said he would be weighing various options with Butterfly Court landowners and would bring back possible fixes and recommendations for Association participation in those fixes to the Board at a later meeting.

## Not a retirement community

MacKay shared with his fellow  
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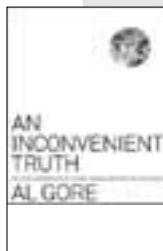
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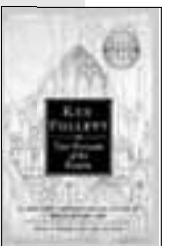
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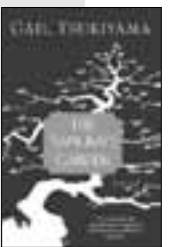
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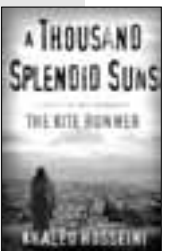
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directors a summary of data on the ages of Westside household members collected from landowners during annual registration over the past five years.

Recreation Director Karen Milligan noted that the data show that only forty-one percent of Westsiders are over the age of sixty, while nearly sixty percent are younger. Suggesting that represents a “dramatic change” over the past ten years, Milligan added, “This is not a retirement community; we have a good mix of people. We need to have programs and resources that cover the wide range instead of just a certain age group.”

**Other Business**

In other business during the September 9 Work Session, the Westside Board:

- Agreed to make the Community Emergency Response Team [CERT] a committee of the SLWLA Board. This decision creates a legal structure which will give CERT non-profit status and cover them with the Association’s liability policy without requiring that CERT become its own non-profit corporation.
- Learned from Treasurer Kathy Kirst that work is underway to transfer Association financial and member information to Community Association Services, Inc. [CAS], the company that has been retained to handle SLWLA administrative tasks beginning October 1 and provide a community manager beginning January 1. Legal Director Ed Silberhorn reported that the contract with CAS has been finalized and signed. Kirst noted that payments to CAS will begin only after the SLWLA Board is satisfied that the company has Association records “in good order.”
- Upon a recommendation from Silberhorn, agreed that he should work to draft a bylaws amendment that would provide for enhanced public comment opportunities when the Board must make decisions on “material major events,” e.g., singularly important items like the dam remediation and the hiring of a community management company.
- Heard from Security Director Blaine Rowland that he was working with Winston-Salem-

based Fence Builders to obtain an estimate for repairs to the gate actuator equipment at the front and back gates. Rowland said the use of plastic downspouts as gate arms may have damaged the lift mechanisms.

- Approved the revised Architectural Standards that have been in the works for some months. Director Ron Shepard said he had not received additional comment from the membership since the Board gave preliminary approval to the draft standards during its August work session. The rules will now be presented to the developer for comment.
- Asked the Communications Committee to mount an information campaign designed to discourage landowners from dumping yard debris on nearby vacant lots, which is a violation of the rules and regulations.
- Agreed to allow a Westside resident who is a Doctor of Phar-

macy to use space in the West Side Park Community Center to offer flu shots to residents. Community Manager Tony Robertson, who bought the proposal to the Board, said the shots would be free for Medicare recipients and would cost \$30 for those not covered by Medicare.

- Heard a suggestion from landowner Alan Terruty that builders of finished but still vacant houses be required to pay full landowners dues on those homes after a certain period of time. There was some confusion over the number of completed homes that are, in fact, exempt from paying dues. Later in the week, Director Ray Mackay told *The Times* that only vacant homes newly-built by a builder with developer rights qualifies for exemption from paying full dues and that he had been able to find only three homes that currently qualify for that exemption.



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